

up by our Invercargill young people. Three new members and two by transfer all help to swell the number on the White Ribbon Roll.

#### MOSGIEL.

April. Meeting held. Attendance good. Mrs Bedford, president, our delegate to the Convention, gave a report of some length, and spoke especially of the work carried on by the different departments. Mrs Bedford urged members to do their best for the "win one" campaign. A cordial welcome was extended to Mrs Pinfold, who comes to our branch from Kaitiaki. Resolved that the members of this branch express their gratification at the determination of the King, and of the Cabinet Ministers, and other leading citizens of England, to banish liquor from their homes during the currency of the war, and at the remarkable anti-liquor uprising therefrom; believing that the drink traffic in retarding our successful prosecution of the war, the Union expresses the hope that Mr Lloyd George will be successful in his proposal for national prohibition during the currency of the war. At the close of the meeting Mrs McDonald, White Ribbon Superintendent, made an appeal to the members on behalf of the "White Ribbon," with a result of four members becoming subscribers.

#### INVERCARGILL.

May meeting well attended. A splendid report of Band of Hope work was given by Mrs Garrett, Supt. Resolved to again offer prizes for Temperance essays by children in the public schools, and to urge our auxiliaries to do the same. Resolved to resume evening meetings during the winter for the convenience of those who cannot attend in the afternoons. All members of Union are asked to observe May 24th as a day of special prayer for peace. Mrs Nicholls (Temperance Organiser) came to the meeting and explained the working of the K. of K. pledge. One new member was initiated. We are very gratified that Mrs Cruickshank (one of our members) has been elected a member of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board by a large majority.

#### BLUFF.

April 18th. Monthly meeting held. Attendance good. Mrs W. Johnston presided. The sympathy of the Unions goes out to Mrs Moody at this time, and our prayer is that God will comfort and sustain her in her sad bereavement. Mrs Clements, President of the Edendale Union, was welcomed and told us of the work done by her Union. A report was received from Miss Gainsford, who represented us at Convention. Decided to present each of the young men leaving Bluff for the front with a pocket Testament. One new member received. Our Band of Hope has commenced its session, and two excellent meetings have been held. This year our "Harvest Festival" in aid of our Hall funds was a great success. The amount taken was £15.

#### TAKAPUNA.

The first meeting for 1915 was held at Milford on Thursday, May 6th. Miss Evans spoke about the Patriotic Pledge, and the day appointed for prayer; it was decided to hold a meeting at the Methodist Church in the afternoon on May 24th. Miss Dewar asked all to do what they could to increase the membership during the coming year.

#### WANGANUI.

May. The monthly meeting held. Mrs Blamires presiding. Attendance good. Mr McKenzie gave us a splendid report of the business done at Convention. We are arranging for a visit from Miss Bisson. We have also arranged for special meetings, Empire Day. Decided that each member give one pair of socks to the soldiers.

#### ONEHUNGA.

April. Very successful meeting held. Mrs Logan, President, presided. The secretary read the Report of the N.Z. Convention, sent by Mrs Glen, of Christchurch, who acted as proxy for our Union. The President, Mrs Logan, outlined the platform of work undertaken by the W.C.T.U., and made an earnest appeal to those present to join the Union. Five new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

#### MATAURA.

Monthly meeting held on April 30th. Attendance only fair owing to very stormy weather. President occupied the chair. Very interesting paper by Mrs Spence, "Drink and the Children," was read. President spoke of several matters brought up at Convention. Discussions took place re some of them. Decided that the May meeting be devoted to prayer for Peace.

#### NGAERE.

May. Meeting held at Mrs Morrison's. Good attendance. Decided to hold a prayer meeting on May 24th. Honorary members urged to attend. Decided that a letter of congratulation be written to the Normanby Union on their success in winning the banner. One of our Y. members took to provide comfort-bags for sailors. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Jones, our delegate, for her excellent report of Convention. Mrs Stott presented a large parcel of children's garments to the Superintendent of the Flower Mission.

#### PAHIATUA.

May 6th. Monthly meeting held, Mrs Neal, President, in the chair. Mrs Godfrey, delegate, gave her Report of Convention. Letters read from Mrs Crabbe, Miss Henderson, and Mrs Upton. Decided to hold a "Peace" Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening, May 27th. The following motion was passed: "That this Union views with thankfulness the lead shown the Em-

pire by the King and leading statesmen in banishing intoxicants from their respective households, and expresses the hope that Mr Lloyd George will be successful in his proposal for the national abolition of the drink traffic during the war, believing that such traffic is a greater menace than German guns."

#### OTAMATEA.

I tu te huihui a te roopu wahine Karaitiana Otamatea kite hoooro aorteroa ia Maehe 20 o nga ia o tenei Marama. Pehitini kia ora e te tuhi me nga mema i hui mai ki tenei mitini. Kia Puere te whare mo nga take. (1) Kote koha marama. (2) Kote whakamarama o te Pehitini mo te moni o te timitini i whakaturia ei ete roopu wahine Otamatea hei awhina ma ratou mote whare, karakia, kia whiriwhiri kia pehea tona takotonga he mea tuku te take kia Rev. Te Tuhi. Kaati whakamarama tenei ate Tuhi ara me tona miharo mete mihi hoki kite roopu wahine mo taratou, whakaro mote whare karakia. Heoi kotana kupu tenei nui atu o hoki nga mate ototatou whare karakia, Kote whakaora. E nga wini mete puta i waho mete wanihi iroto ara me tahi atu mate ote whare. Kua kite katoa nei hoki iatou kutere kia ora nga kupu. Kote tu ake he whakapai ki nga whiriwhiri kinga i ake au ete Tuhi koi ano hoki tena Pehitini heoi ano etu ake he whakapai mo nga take kua oti ake nei inga hoa mema atae atu hoki kia koe ete Tuhi. I Awe heoi kua oti ake nei te take inga mema kia penei te ngaronga monga moni hoia nei hoki i whaii matou e Te Tuhi kia tae mai koe hei hoa mo matou. Kite whiriwhiri ite tikanga moto tatou whare karakia, heoi kotahi take i whiriwhiri ano mote taha kinga. Pakeha mote haere mai ki roto ite whare karakia Weteriana karakia ai ko tana take ki hai i pahitia ite mitini Pehitini whakamarama atu kia E. Te Tuhi mote moni Kotahi pauna i ate Roopu wahine o roto o Pouto i haere nei i roto i nga Ripouata taratou awhina mote whare karakia ite tunga o te timitini ate roopu wahine Otamatea, heoi kotana moni kohore ano, kia tae mai kite roopu wahine o konei koati pahitiana me tonu taua moni.

Rev. Te Tuhi (kaati kia ora te roopu) kote take nei mote tahi kura wihi kia whakaturia he mea pai hoki tenei mo wa tatou tama ki katoa pena kataea e koutou e te roopu te kimi te take mahita kua wiki i roto ano etahi ano onga mema karaitiana heoi whiriwhiri ana ete roopu a whakaturiana ko taukurei noa a pei mahita kura mote kura wiki monga tamariki kotahi te mema hou i whakaurungia e matou ko Aatawiri Waiano ite matou huihui. Ka hiki te mitini kia ora ka kimitia o onga himene ka inoa ate Tuhi mate atua tatou katoa emanaki.

Taukura T. Neke.

Katu he mitini ma te roopu wahine Otamatea a te whaka paunga o nga ra o te marama nei whiriwhiri mo etahi