

that has been done by Mrs Moir, and prays for the safe return of her husband, Major Moir, who is serving in Egypt with our forces.

WOODVILLE.

As urged by Convention, a prayer meeting was held on May 25th. Earnest prayers were offered up to God for peace and goodwill to be on the earth again. Mrs Cole resigned as Secretary, and Miss B. Galbraith, of Gladstone Road, Woodville, was appointed Secretary. Decided to get to work at once with the K.K. Pledge cards.

ASHBURTON.

Our ordinary meeting was held on May 11th, attendance good, Mrs W. K. Watson in the chair. Circular letters were received from Mrs Lee-Cowie on "Peace and Arbitration," and Mrs Jones re mothers' meetings. The President requested each member willing to contribute to the maternity fund for wives and widows of the fallen to purchase and make one or more garments monthly. Mrs T. E. Taylor, of Christchurch, addressed the meeting on Cradle Roll work. The aims and the object of the work was dwelt upon, and mothers urged to study the question fully, that they may teach the children the effects of drink and impurity upon the human system. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for her helpful address.

OXFORD.

May 25. Meeting held in the Coronation Hall, Mrs Ryde presiding. Attendance good. Earnest prayer was made on behalf of all who are suffering through the war. A motion of sympathy was passed to Mrs Lyons in her sad bereavement. Decided to hold our next monthly meeting in the evening, and ask Miss Powell to be present. The Treasurer presented the completed Show balance-sheet, which was adopted. The Secretary to write to the Rev. Holloway for having the intercessory service printed, to Rev. S. Lawry for his excellent address, and to Mrs Gainsford, senr., for lending her organ. Our Union wishes to protest against the granting of a totalisator permit to the Oxford Racing Club, the Union maintaining such a thing is to the detriment of the morals of the district. Mesdames Gainsford, Hawke, Thompson, Gillespie, Gundry, and Clark elected sick visitors. Miss Caverhill gave report of the recent No-License Council. Decided to hold a gift afternoon on behalf of the Red Cross fund. Mesdames Anderson, Hawke, and Thompson to arrange same. The Senior Band of Hope was held in the Coronation Hall, Mrs Coning presiding, attendance good. The Rev. Bain addressed the Band of Hope, which was much enjoyed by all.

May 18. A Cradle Roll meeting was held, Mrs Gainsford presiding.

Dr. Bagley addressed the mothers on nursing sick children and nursing babies. Three new and first babies were initiated.

RAKAIA.

This district was visited by Mrs Mowlem in October last, but the attendance at the meeting was very small, only four joining, Mrs Boag being elected President. Latterly Miss Powell has spent several days in visiting, raising the membership to fifteen. At a meeting held in the Church of England Schoolroom on June 4th Miss Powell further organised the Union, and Mrs W. Lee was elected Secretary. Mrs Breach was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent, she having, in connection with her nursing home, exceptional opportunities of enrolling the babies. All the members present undertook to circulate the Kitchener pledge, and arrangements were made for inaugurating a Band of Hope on 25th inst.

CHRISTCHURCH.

May 12. Meeting held. Mrs J. McCombs presided. A statement of accounts in connection with the Belgium Harvest Festival Tea Booth was received. The takings were £279. The profits, amounting to £275, have been handed over to the Belgium Harvest Festival Committee. Mrs J. McCombs was appointed Superintendent of Prison Work. Decided to give a tea and concert to the inmates of the Jubilee Home on June 3rd. Delegates attending Dominion Convention read interesting reports. Mrs Stewart also gave a report of Canterbury Prohibition Council Convention.

The Union met on May 26th, in accordance with the resolution passed at Convention, as a day of prayer for peace and guidance. Mrs D. McKee gave a sympathetic address, and a large number of members joined in prayers for sympathy and guidance for all those suffering through and by the war. A resolution of sympathy was passed with Mrs Sapsford, whose son was killed in action at the Dardanelles. Decided to form a working party to make comforts for our soldiers. In connection with this a social will be held at the W.C.T.U. Rooms on Saturday.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

The usual monthly meeting held on May 7th, the President in the chair; attendance good. Committees were formed to work the Kitchener Pledge Campaign, also to organise Miss Bisson's meetings. Miss Sorley elected Vice-President.

May 21. Special prayer service for our soldiers at the front, was largely attended. Rev. M. Aspland gave the address.

May 14. Miss Bisson and Mrs Crabbe visited Territorial Camp. The Kitchener pledges were given out, and talks given to groups of men. In the evening Miss Bisson spoke at Terrace End, and 18 signed

the pledge. Three new I.T.L. Legions have been formed, at Terrace End, Fitzherbert, and West End. On Saturday, Cuba Street Legion met. Miss Bisson spoke on "How children can help the Empire," and taught them a new Kitchener pledge chorus (tune "Tipperary"). At 7.30 about 400 were present at the open-air meeting in the Square, when Miss Bisson challenged the Trade as unpatriotic. We marched, headed by the Salvation Army Band, to the Barracks, where the Mayor (Mr J. Nash) presided over a good audience, and a resolution in favour of the campaign was carried unanimously. Many pledges signed. Mr E. Crabbe presided over the open-air meeting in the Esplanade Gardens on Sunday afternoon, Miss Bisson speaking from the band-stand. As a result, a letter, signed by nearly 40 business and professional men, was sent to the Mayor, asking the Patriotic Committee to give effect to the resolution. So far nothing has been done, and we await developments.

WINCHMORE.

April. Sister Moody-Bell paid us a short visit. Besides attending the monthly meeting, Sister Moody-Bell gave her popular lecture in the hall, also an address to the school children on "Thrift." In May Miss Powell visited Greenstreet and Winchmore, and held meetings at both places. At Greenstreet five new members were gained. Winchmore members have now decided to hold their meetings alternately, at Greenstreet and Winchmore. A Band of Hope and Bible Class are being successfully carried on by the efforts of our W.C.T.U. workers.

NEW BRIGHTON.

May 25. Prayer meeting was held. Prayers offered up for peace and guidance in regard to the present war.

June 2. Our annual meeting was held. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Decided to work the "One Win One" campaign thoroughly. Mrs McCombs gave an interesting and instructive address on different works of our Unions. Songs and a recitation were contributed. Afternoon tea was dispensed. One new member was initiated.

WANGANUI EAST.

Meeting held on Friday, May 28th. Mrs Andrew occupied the chair. Correspondence was received from Mrs X. Jones (Supt. Mothers' Meetings), also from Mrs Lee-Cowie (Supt. Peace). Three new members were initiated. An intercessory service was held. The Revs. Blair and Ambury addressed the meeting. Members of the Union led in earnest prayer for peace and guidance in this great European struggle for liberty. Attendance was good. Meeting closed with "Abide With Me" and the Benediction.