

AUCKLAND.

May 12. Meeting held, over 60 members present, Mrs Cook presiding. Mrs Savage, of Onehunga, gave an address on "Prophecy," and afterwards answered many questions. Resolved:

(1) The members of the Auckland W.C.T.U. sympathise very deeply with the relatives of the brave New Zealand boys who have fallen or were wounded at the Dardanelles, and are proud of the heroism and splendid fortitude displayed by our noble New Zealanders in their first baptism of fire, which proves they are worthy sons of the great Empire whose honour they have gone forth to uphold.

(2) The members of the Auckland W.C.T.U. view with indignation and horror the cruel murder perpetrated by the Germans upon 1300 innocent men, women, and children in connection with the sinking of the "Lusitania," and extend their heartiest sympathy to the bereaved relatives, especially those of our own city.

(3) Now that the large centres of population have declared for the closing of business premises at 6 p.m. daily and 1 p.m. on Saturdays (or one other day of the week), it is the opinion of this meeting of the Auckland W.C.T.U. that the hotel bars should close at the same hour as other places of business, and we urge the Government to grant this request in the best interests of the people.

May 26. Mrs Thorpe presided. Decided letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs Ogilvie and Mrs Rowe, of Grey Lynn. Resolved that a special meeting be held on Monday, June 14, in aid of the Auckland Women's Navy Relief Fund. Mr W. Richardson presided, and offered a few suggestions re political work. The meeting was then thrown open for prayer for peace and guidance in the present struggle.

OTAUTAU.

April 23. A pay-up social was held in the Town Hall, Otautau. Good attendance. Four new members initiated. Mrs Brown, our President, gave a splendid address on the recent Convention. Mrs J. T. Brooker sang a solo, and Mrs Bailey read a paper on "W.C.T.U." Supper and singing of hymn brought a pleasant evening to a close.

May 13. The monthly meeting held. Correspondence re wall sheets was received. Decided to hold next Band of Hope meeting on 7th June, also to hold a prayer meeting in conjunction with the Methodist Church on May 25th, when prayers that the Allies might be strengthened and a righteous peace soon prevail. President read the "Win One Campaign" in "White Ribbon."

WANGANUI.

June. Meeting in Trinity Parlour. Good attendance, presided over by Mrs Blamires. On Empire Day a

splendid meeting for prayer. Four local ministers present. Revs. McKenzie and Williams gave stirring and helpful addresses. Decided to work hard in gaining signatures for the K.K. pledge. We have also heartily taken up the "Win One" campaign, and hope thereby to get many more new members. Our Union nominated two members for School Committee and one for Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, our Treasurer (Mrs Siddell) being re-elected on both Committees. Most of our members are very busy knitting for the soldiers.

WELLINGTON.

A very successful "pay-up" social held on May 20th. A good attendance of members and friends. Rev. J. Dawson (chairman) introduced Dr. Platts-Mills, who gave a most interesting lecture on the "Ancient and modern conceptions of the child and its relation to the State." Dr. Platts-Mills traced the infant life problem from the very early days to the present time, and amongst other items of interest said that, "unfortunately, side by side with high death-rate amongst infants, we have now a low birth-rate. In several European countries, as in Australasia, the greatest argument for the protection of infant life is found in the steadily decreasing birth-rate. It is interesting to note that amongst recent statistics, the only European State to show an increase is Bulgaria. This very fact of the low birth-rate has proved a blessing, because it has led to a determined campaign on behalf of child welfare throughout the whole civilised world, so that countries, States, even municipalities, are now vying with each other in the grand work of reducing the death-rate amongst infants, or, as it is called, infantile morality." Dr Platts-Mills was listened to attentively, and frequently applauded, and received a hearty vote of thanks. The following ladies helped to make the evening very enjoyable by singing and reciting:—Mrs Richardson and Mrs Castle, and the Misses Cummings and Warburton.

WAIKAURI TAKIWA AROPAOO.

I tu te mitini a te roopu wahine karaitia o Aropaoa na te perehitini i whakapuare himene 39 ki nga weteriana na te koea himene ka mutu. Ka wha haerea nga take tuatahi he patai na te perehitini ki nga mema kei te pehea nga mema honore whaka utu kei pai matou ki o matou nei noho a nga take tuarua mo nga ripoata whakautauete hekeretari ho rekau itu kua heraruaru te take tuatoru ko nga kohikohi atau kua oti tenei he whaka paunga tenei mo nga kohi tau o nga mema Pai Paratine, 2s 6d; Mata Paratene, 2s 6d; Hietu Tatana, 2s 6d; Rupe P. Meinata, 2s; Moni takoha ngaro Reihana 1s, Parateen Hemana 1s, Ata Hone 2s, Mini 2s 6d. me tuku takoha tatou mo a tatou hoia whakaaetia ana ete roopu ki nga

takiwa seven parcels me tu kite patrioti work in raising funds me tu ano ta tatou roopu ate paunga o nga ra o hurae whakaaetia, ete roopu ng mema o te roopu i noho 12 nga tamariki 16 nga kai karakia 4 nga taitana ariki 13 ka mutu nga take o te nei mitini whaka kapia ano na Paratene Hemana i whakamutu himene 23 nga weteriana na te koea o arapaoa i waiata.

PROMOTED.

It is with great sorrow that we have to record the death of one of our members, Mrs W. Lemon, of Edendale. She was one of the first to take up the work there. She also helped to canvas the town for the forwarding of Bible in Schools. I believe she gave the best and full strength of her life to training her family for God, and her greatest wish was to see the liquor traffic abolished, and to win souls for Christ. Her memory will be graven deeply in the hearts of those who worked with her, and who loved her for her fine character and gentle manner. Our heartfelt sympathy is with her sorrowing husband and family of 8 young children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—Once again Convention has honoured me by appointing me N.Z. Superintendent of "Press" Department. I would again urge that every Union appoint a local "Press" Superintendent, whose duty is to report all meetings in connection with their Union to their local paper and our own "White Ribbon" paper. I need hardly say that in this way the cause we all have so much at heart can constantly be kept before the public. Will each Union begin right away, and kindly send me their report at the close of the year. With best wishes.—I remain, yours for service,
A. DUXFIELD.

Okoia, near Wanganui,
May 31st, 1915.

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