

ceived from the Rechabites to attend their annual social. Mrs Peter Dick gave a very helpful address on "Lessons to be drawn from the present war." Members were urged to obtain signatures for the petition to be presented to Parliament asking that hotel bars be compelled to close at 6 p.m. daily.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Reports steady progress. Organised last February with six members, and we now have a membership of 23, all very keen to help in the work. At June meeting Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed us on the Public Health Amendment Act, making clear to many points they had overlooked or not understood. A resolution was passed strongly protesting against compulsion in any form, and urging the fullest facilities be given to any who voluntarily come forward for treatment of venereal diseases. Mrs Bruce Wallace was appointed our Cradle Roll Superintendent. Decided that members give out temperance literature to country residents going out by afternoon trains each Saturday. Decided that a concert be held in August to raise funds for our work, and that the matter be left in hands of our President and Secretary, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Myers. Mrs Aitken, 110, Earn Street, was elected Secretary.

GISBORNE.

July. 27 members present. Mrs Walker's resignation was accepted, the following resolution being passed unanimously:—"That this Union, recognising the valuable work that Mrs Walker has done for it in the past, deeply regrets that she has found it necessary to sever her connection with it, and wishes to place on record its appreciation of her services." Members promised to do their best to obtain signatures to the petitions re closing hotel bars at 6 p.m. Decided to post K.K. pledges to each member of our next contingent leaving here. A vote of sympathy was passed to two of our members who have lost sons at the war. Regret expressed at the departure of Dr. Porter, who is leaving for Scotland. Being T. E. Taylor Day, the article from the "White Ribbon" was read. Afternoon tea provided, and a collection of 17s 1d taken up.

GREYMOUTH.

T. E. Taylor Day commemorated by a social open meeting. Rev. J. Rogers, M.A., gave us a most interesting and thrilling address on "Drink and the War." Miss Henderson's letter to the Moderate League was in our local papers yesterday. Decided to hold a rally at the Methodist Church on Sunday, Rev. Mr Patchett to speak of Mr T. E. Taylor. A member proposed, "That we ask the N.Z. Alliance if there are rooms or hall in the towns near camps where the troopers may get refreshment and amusement other than by going to the hotels.

HAWERA.

July. Large attendance, including friends from Manaia. T. E. Taylor Day was commemorated. An outline of his life and public work was read aloud from the "White Ribbon" by Mrs Kenrick, who added a few remarks. Mrs Blamires added an appreciation. Afternoon tea followed. One new member joined, and one transferred from the Normanby Branch.

NGAIO.

Good attendance at Mrs Henry Barnes's residence on July 9th. Decided to circulate the petition for early closing of hotel bars throughout the Dominion. Mrs Peryman (President) gave a short address on "Our Union: What it is, and What it is Doing."

MOSGIEL.

July. Mrs Bedford in the chair. Mrs Don, N.Z. President, gave an interesting and stimulating address dealing with the resolution forwarded by Miss Roberts re clause 4 of Public Health Amendment Act, the Shops and Factories Act, and various other important matters. Mrs Pinfold elected Secretary. Vote of thanks to Mrs Don.

OPOTIKI.

Successful Sale of Work realised over £20. Miss Bisson, of Manchester, addressed the Union on Thursday, and her talk was greatly enjoyed. Thursday night a public meeting in one of the big halls. Mr J. P. Murray presided, and the local ministers took seats on the platform. Drawing room social held at Mrs W. B. Gow's. Miss Bisson spoke. Six new members joined. Saturday night open-air was planned, but the weather hindered. Mass meeting in Alhambra Theatre on Sunday night. Mr J. B. Gow took the chair. At the close some signatures for K.K. pledge were secured. Miss Bisson was a source of inspiration to the cause.

KAIKORAI.

July. Attendance small. Resolved: "That this Union express its regret and surprise at the statement that the Government of New Zealand do not intend to restrict racing or withhold permits. This Union also regrets the flagrant manner in which the law is broken in reference to art unions and raffles for patriotic purposes." One new member was proposed. A district canvass for early closing of hotel bars was done during the week, but owing to short time at our disposal, did not get the number of signatures we would have liked.

DUNEDIN.

August. Mrs H. H. Driver presided. A letter was read from the Secretary of Women's Political League, Auckland, dealing with the case of Alice Parkinson. It was unanimously agreed by the members to obtain signatures to the petition to be presented to His Excellency the

Governor that the sentence for life be commuted. Resolved to send a K.K. pledge and a copy of Earl Roberts's prayer for soldiers to each Otago member of the next contingent. Attention was drawn to the "Follow the King" column, which appears in the "Evening Star" every Saturday. Members were urged to send copies to any likely to be influenced. Mrs Driver reported that a consignment of clothing would be leaving for the West Ham Mission in September, and urged members to assist this needy work. Unanimously resolved: "That the Dunedin Women's Christian Temperance Union, which has consistently assumed a hostile attitude to all forms of gambling, feels itself compelled to enter a most emphatic protest against the lotteries and raffles which are now being resorted to in connection with the Queen Carnival. We have often denounced the gambling associated with horse-racing, and prepared the largest petition ever presented to Parliament for the abolition of the totalisator. We feel, therefore, that we should be untrue to our principles if we failed to raise our voices against the gambling spirit which is at present rife throughout the Dominion. We rejoice that the members of our Union are taking an active part in all the patriotic and philanthropic movements which are on foot, but deeply deplore that methods are being employed in connection with these movements of which we cannot but disapprove. We cannot admit that the end justifies the means. We feel that our young people are being made familiar with gambling, and fear they will acquire a vicious habit, which will cling to them long after the Carnival is over. We feel, too, that the moral sense of the community is being perverted so that they fail to see the essential immorality of gambling. We rejoice that some of our ministers have already warned their people against the peril to which they are exposed by these tempting lotteries, and earnestly trust that all will adopt a similar course. We appeal also to all parents to guard their children against the injury which may come to them through the spirit of gambling which lotteries and raffles are likely to foster within them.

TINWALD.

July 14. Monthly meeting held. Mrs Stevenson presided. Attendance good. Mesdames Tremain and McKay were appointed to attend the Provincial Conference at Timaru. One of the Cradle Roll members was made a presentation on the occasion of her birthday by the President. Meeting closed with prayer.

MATAURA.

August. Union busy working to get a box of clothing ready to send before winter to Dr. Barnardo's Home. The local paper refused to print letter to Moderates, saying it was libellous. We considered that we did not have sufficient knowledge of contagious diseases to interfere in anything that