

sweepers. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave us an evening on "The Strength of the Nation Movement." Some new members were gained.

ONEHUNGA.

Sept. 13. Delegates elected for the District Convention. Several parcels and £3 11s were collected for mine-sweepers. One parcel of warm clothing was donated by the elder girls from the Public School, Onehunga. Miss Weymouth gave an address. Our membership now stands at 43.

HAWERA.

Sept. 27. Franchise Day celebrated. Miss Maunder presided; 22 present. Mrs Bone reported a total of £60 for mine-sweepers. Mrs Curtis reported the success of the first meeting of the L.T.L. Fine address by Rev. H. B. Gray. A solo by Miss Simpson. Afternoon tea, and a collection of 16s 9d.

NELSON.

Sept. 11. Franchise Day celebrated, Mrs Watson presiding. One new member. Resolved to invite Mrs Cowie to visit us from October 6th to 8th. Mrs Claude Graham was heartily thanked for her address on "The Initiative and Referendum." Mrs Emmett reported £7 13s and a number of garments collected for mine-sweepers. Mrs Brown reported £21 9s 1d collected for the Y.M.C.A. Decided to hold Sale of Work on October 17. Following resolutions were passed and forwarded to Hon. A. L. Herdman:—(1) "The members of the Nelson Branch of the W.C.T.U. have read with grave concern the report of the trial of the man Ebzery in Dunedin, and feel strongly the inadequacy of the sentence imposed, which is hardly likely to act as a deterrent to others. They are also indignant that any New Zealand Judge should for a moment consider it desirable to send such a man amongst our young boys in the Forces." (2) "That the Secretary be directed to forward to the Minister for Police an article from an English paper, showing the recognition which women police have received in Britain, and the work they are doing there; and to express the hope that he will ere long see his way to appoint women police in the chief cities of the Dominion."

AUCKLAND.

Aug. 22. Mrs Cook presided. Union joined with Auckland City Prohibition and Temperance League in sending circular to the Premier and members of Parliament of the electorate. Resolution: "That the members of the Auckland W.C.T.U. heartily endorse the recommendation of the Efficiency Board with regard to the liquor traffic, and earnestly request the Government to bring into immediate effect." Action of Executive

endorsed re forming branch union at Edendale, also retaining the services of Miss Weymouth till the end of the year. Miss Weymouth reported on the work of the Y's, which was very satisfactory. Decided that the young people take the Soldiers' Club, January, 1918. Decided that Miss Powell be asked to speak at the afternoon session of the District Convention.

Sept. 12. Good attendance, Mrs Garraway (Vice-President) in the chair. The unveiling of the "French memorial" to take place at Erin Park September 29th. Miss Powell addressed the meeting on "Our Work in the Country," and a hearty vote of thanks was passed. Five new members from Grey Lynn were welcomed, also Mrs Austin of Morrinsville, and Mrs Sweetman, from Greymouth.

Sept. 26. Mrs Cook presided. Final arrangements made for District Convention, Wednesday, October 10th, 1917. Morning and afternoon session and evening meeting in St. David's Hall. Loyal Temperance Legion demonstration, under the leadership of Miss Weymouth. Miss Dewar reported meeting of Joint Committee British Red Cross and Order of St. John, an appeal for funds. Union to have a stall at the Ferry Buildings, Friday, October 19th, members to kindly help by sending donations of saleable articles. Mrs W. Taylor reported that donations and comforts for brave mine-sweepers were coming in satisfactorily. Mr McDermott gave a full and interesting account of the business deputation and monster procession to Parliament in Wellington re six o'clock closing. Mrs Cook congratulated Mr McDermott on the success of the movement, and members united in singing "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow."

RAKAIA.

Sept. 13. Mrs Boag presided. Mrs Ross was appointed to collect clothing, etc., for the mine-sweepers. Mrs Ford is getting a box put in the station waiting-room, which Mrs Liddington will keep filled with leaflets, etc. Mrs Lee-Cowie's poem, "The Cry of the Mothers," was distributed at all the churches on September 2nd. Mrs Ross and Mrs Hopwood were accorded a vote of thanks for representing the Branch at the Provincial Convention and for their report. Two "White Ribbon" new subscribers were reported for the month.

GREYTOWN.

Sept. 18. Special meeting at Mrs Whincop's, President in the chair. Mr Hornsby, M.P., wrote promising to vote for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. Four subscribers for "White Ribbon." President gave an interesting account of Feilding Convention.

Sept. 28. President in the chair. Mrs Whincop wrote resigning her position as President, on account of ill-health. Resignation accepted with regret and sympathy. Member from England heartily welcomed. Decided to hold a social on November 8th.

WAIPUKURAU.

Sept. 10. Good attendance. Reported that a cheque of £50 had been given to the Union for mine-sweepers. Members agreed to make garments for mine-sweepers. Mrs Harris was appointed organist. Afternoon tea.

PETONE.

Aug. Meeting took the form of a birthday social to our esteemed President on her 84th birthday. All the ministers of the town were either present or sent congratulations, and members of the District Union were present. A good programme of music. Afternoon tea, at which the President cut the cake.

Sept. 4. Decided to take a turn at the Red Cross shop in two weeks' time.

PAKIRI.

Sept. 6. Fine day, attendance good, Mrs Rennie in the chair. Mr Mander, M.P., wrote promising to support 6 o'clock closing. Decided to send for copies of "Defeat or Victory" for distribution; also to make a special collection for mine-sweepers.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Sept. 20. Mrs Crabb presided. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address. She spoke of the victory secured for early closing. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Cowie. Mrs Crabb moved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Rev. Dawson on the victory he had worked so hard to secure. Decided to call our hostel "Willard House." We hope to have the opening ceremony on October 11. Patriotic Society donated £100 to furnishing the hostel.

Sept. Usual meeting. Mrs Crabb presided. Decided to give the leaders of our five L.T.L.'s representation on the Senior Executive. Mrs Houlder spoke of the Feilding Convention. The Convention expressed indignation at the very inadequate sentence passed in the recent white slave case in Dunedin.

DUNEDIN.

Sept. Public meeting to protest against the inadequate sentence passed upon Ebzery and Parker in the White Slave cases. The need of education was strongly stressed.

Oct. Reported that as an outcome of public meeting, a combined deputation from W.C.T.U. and Y.W.C.A. waited upon the Education Board, asking them to co-operate in getting sex hygiene taught in schools. The Board resolved to ask the Department to appoint teachers to give instruction in sex hygiene in the public schools.