

PAHIATUA.

Sept. 13. Half-hour prayer meeting. The President (Mrs Neal) gave a report of the Provincial Convention, held at Feilding. Following resolution passed:—"The members of the Pahiatua W.C.T.U. desire to send an emphatic protest against the inadequate sentence, passed in Dunedin, on the man Ebzery, described as a 'brothel keeper of the worst type.' Further, the Union considers him to be a menace to the young people of the Dominion, that he should have had a life sentence, and not allowed the honour of serving his country as a soldier.

Sept. 24. Afternoon drawing-room meeting. Mrs Neal presided. The Mayoress (Mrs J. D. C. Crewe) gave Mrs Lee-Cowie a charming welcome. Apologies received from the Presidents of the Mothers' Union and the P.W.M.U. Mrs Lee-Cowie's address enjoyed by all. Two new members. Collection for Maori Fund, 16s 6d.

Sept. 24. Evening meeting. Mr J. D. C. Crew (Mayor) presided. Very wet night, so country friends not represented. Representatives from the various churches warmly welcomed. Mrs Lee-Cowie, who gave a fine address on "The Strength of the Nation Movement." One honorary member gained.

Oct. 4. Mrs Neal presided. Mrs Godfrey conducted the prayer meeting. Resolved to again make Christmas comfort bags for sailors. Reply received from Minister of Justice re resolution passed last month. The President read a paper on "What New Zealand Has Gained Since 1893."

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Oct. 4. Mrs Houlder presided over a good attendance. Mrs Cummins gave an interesting and comprehensive account of the Provincial Convention lately held at Feilding, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Lee-Cowie's lecture on the "Brides of Different Nations" was reported, which resulted in benefiting the Union to the extent of £5 19s 3d. The following ladies, Mesdames Houlder, Boxall, Wright, Cummins, Mounter, Dennett, and Bott, who worked so hard to make the produce stall at "Paddy's Market" a success, were pleased that the sum of £28 10s was realised by their efforts. Mrs Judson's letter was read explaining Good Citizenship for those younger members who are not so familiar with the work of the Union.

ASHBURTON.

Oct. Mrs J. Millar, V.P., presided, and referred to the victory won in securing six o'clock closing, and the claims upon all to manifest a spirit of thankfulness therewith. Mrs G. Bowman was appointed Superintendent Work Among Seamen, and it was decided to hold a "gift" afternoon on October 16th in aid of same. Votes of thanks and appreciation were pass-

ed to those who had helped to make Convention a success, letters to be sent as follows:—His Worship the Mayor, in according a civic reception; Mrs H. G. Chapman, in assisting with reception programme; Mrs W. T. Lill, in generously providing luncheon to delegates; and Trustees, for use of Baring Square Church. A paper, showing the evil effects of alcohol on mothers, was read, and briefly discussed, and the meeting terminated.

FITZROY.

Aug. 24. Mrs Haywood presided. Good attendance. Reports of work given. Social evening arranged for September 19th. Two new members joined.

Sept. 19. Successful social evening in hall. Interesting address by Mrs Blundell; also attractive musical programme.

Sept. 28. Meeting poorly attended, owing to difficulty in obtaining place for meeting. L.T.L. to stand over.

TIMARU.

Oct. 2. Mrs Rule presided, 21 members present. Thanksgiving for 6 o'clock closing. We sang Doxology. Votes of condolence to Mrs Kavannagh on the death of her son, to Mr Sibby on the death of his wife, one of our members. Mr Moreton reported a quiet month at the Sailors' Rest. Our delegates gave a report of the Provincial Convention. Mrs Rule urged members to work hard for prohibition, and not to be satisfied with early closing.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Sept. 26. Franchise Day celebrated. Mrs Taylor presided. Attendance large. Thanksgiving for 6 o'clock closing. Vote of sympathy to Mrs D. Sykes upon the death of her son in France. Rev. J. Patterson gave a very interesting and educational address on woman's vote and the many ways in which it might be used to promote better conditions in municipal and political life. Miss Roberts also spoke of the difficulties experienced by women in their busy lives being able to use their vote intelligently, particularly country women. Afternoon tea and a collection brought the meeting to a close.

HAMILTON.

Sept. 6. Fifteen members present. Mrs Jones presided. The following resolution was passed, and to be forwarded to the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and Mr Young, M.P.:—"The Hamilton W.C.T.U. respectfully urges the Government to introduce legislation to effect the curtailment of the hours for the sale of alcoholic liquor by requiring that hotel bars be closed between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m." Decided to hold the District Convention in Hamilton on the third Tuesday in October.

MOSGIEL.

Sept. 12. Attendance good. Mrs Findlay presided, and gave an address on "Trusting." Decided to advertise for donations for the mine-sweepers. Resolution of appreciation for the faithful work of our Secretary, Mrs Eccersall, was passed, also a vote of sympathy to Mrs Findlay. Afternoon tea dispensed.

N.E. VALLEY.

Sept. Mrs Peart presided. Rev. Evans gave a splendid address on Isaiah 34:8. He congratulated all temperance workers on the recent victory for 6 o'clock closing. Attendance good. Collection of £3 for mine-sweepers, also parcel of warm clothing.

MANAIA.

Sept. 11. Mrs Tait presided, and 21 members were present. Three new members and six honorary members were initiated. A report was made on the L.T.L., which has reached a membership of nearly 70. Copies of "Defeat or Victory" were given to members for distribution.

MATAKANA.

Aug. 21. Cottage meeting at Mrs A. Roke's. Mrs Witten presided, and gave a short address. Rev. Young, from Auckland, gave a stirring address on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Nation." Mrs Roper gave a musical item. Mesdames A. and E. Roke provided refreshments. Two new members were initiated, and two hon. members joined. A collection of 14s was forwarded to the Strength of the Nation Movement.

GISBORNE.

Sept. 25. Celebration of Franchise Day. Good attendance. Short papers read on women's work and influence in the present crisis of the world's history. Appreciative words were spoken of Mrs Sievwright's good and faithful work in the interests of women, and a record of the same was moved. Mrs East reported a successful collection of £50 in aid of the mine-sweepers. A letter of thanks to Mrs Lee-Cowie for the good work she was maintaining in the Temperance cause. Mrs Walker moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting considers that in view of the present conditions which are forcing so many women and girls into the labour market in competition with men, it is more than ever necessary for all women's societies to unite in the demand that equal work should receive equal pay." On the motion of the President, a vote of deepest sympathy was accorded to the Rev. Mr Wills on the severe loss he had sustained in the death of his wife.

MARTON.

Meetings have been held regularly, and work done. Money and gifts were sent to Mrs Nimmo for mine-