

## PAHIATUA.

Oct. 15. Special meeting to discuss the Social Hygiene Bill. Mrs Neal presided. Resolutions passed: 1st, Asking the Government to withdraw the Bill, and place the matter of social hygiene before the women's societies of the Dominion; 2nd, asking the Government to establish farm colonies, and to inaugurate a course of lectures on social hygiene; 3rd, Endorsing the opinion of the British Royal Commission as to the means to be used to stamp out venereal diseases.

Nov. 1. Mrs Neal in the chair. Arrangements made for Mrs Crabb's visit on November 15th. Our M.P., Mr G. Harold Smith, when acknowledging the receipt of copies of resolutions, said: 'I cordially agree with the resolution which endorses the opinion of the British Royal Commission. I feel that sane education of boys and girls at the right age on sexual hygiene and morality is absolutely essential.' Resolved that we apply for copies of "Social Diseases," by Dr. Platts-Mills. Mrs Bendely's letter read and discussed. Our members are strongly in favour of securing the services of a Provincial Organiser for one year. Captain Mrs Huston, S.A., gave an inspiring address.

## BLUFF.

Oct. 16. Willard Hall crowded for final meeting of Band of Hope. Rev. Fowles presided, and gave an address. A fine programme was contributed, and over fifty prizes were presented. Hearty vote of thanks to all who had assisted to make the session a success.

Nov. 2. Good attendance. Reported that 39 articles and a sum of £4 16s had been sent to mine-sweepers. Decided to offer three prizes for essays on temperance wall-sheets.

## DEVONPORT.

Sept. Fair attendance. Miss Powell spoke in a bright, breezy way about our work and how to do it. Three new members.

Oct. Mrs Cranch in the chair, 16 members present. Mrs Budd gave a thoughtful and helpful talk on Joshua, 14th chapter. The keynote of her address was "The Unfinished Victory."

## HAWERA.

Oct. 11. Special meeting. Social Hygiene Bill discussed. Following resolution passed and telegraphed to Hon. G. W. Russell:—"The Hawera W.C.T.U. strongly protests against the compulsory examination and detention clauses in the Social Hygiene Bill."

Oct. 25. Miss Maunder presided. Mrs Bone reported formation of a Young People's Union. Decided to offer prizes to school children for temperance essays. Letter of sym-

pathy to Mrs Strack in her sad bereavement. Articles read on the evil of State Control.

## TIMARU.

Oct. 30. Mrs Rule presided. Attendance good. Report of Sailors' Rest received. Two large parcels of goods sent to mine-sweepers. Mrs Liddle and Mrs Brooker hospital visitors for the month.

## WAIPAWA.

Sept. 26. Social in aid of mine-sweepers. Attendance large. A good musical programme, and refreshments were provided. Rev. C. A. Foston occupied the chair, and spoke of the work and needs of the mine-sweepers. Articles to the value of £32 were despatched to Mrs Nimmo.

## PORT CHALMERS.

Oct. 8. Annual meeting. Secretary read report of year's work, and Treasurer the balance-sheet. Both were adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Johnson; Sec., Miss Monson; Treas., Mrs Walker. Vote of thanks to Mrs Peryman for help given during the year.

## ASHBURTON.

Oct. 16. Special "gift afternoon" in aid of the British mine-sweepers, combined with a farewell to our President, Mrs W. K. Watson. A very large attendance. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Harle and Mrs D. McKenzie in their recent bereavements. A short programme. Mrs Lill referred to the splendid work done by Mrs Watson during her term of four years as President of the Union, and on behalf of the members presented her with two dozen stainless knives and a handsome cameo brooch, also a brooch each to Mrs Watson's little daughters. Eulogistic speeches from representatives of the Branch Unions and others were made, and Mrs Watson responded gratefully to the kind things said and the presentations received. £2 2s in cash and 30 articles of apparel were handed in during the afternoon for the mine-sweepers.

Nov. Mrs G. Millar presided. Good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Sage and family, also Mrs J. Dalley, in their recent loss. A notice of motion was moved as follows:—"That this Union consider the advisability of meeting twice a month in future, one meeting to transact business, the other educational." Decided that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Broom for the splendid work done in connection with Band of Hope. The sum of £4 was voted to the Organising Fund, and £1 to the Strength of the Nation Movement. Pastor J. M. Innes delivered an address on the need of efficiency in physical, mental, and spiritual life to-day, and how to attain the same, and was heartily thanked.

## LOWER HUTT.

No. 6. Annual meeting. Good attendance. The Secretary gave a report of the year's work. Several public meetings have been held, one addressed by Mrs Napier, and two by Mrs Lee-Cowie. A Home meeting was arranged for Miss Powell, also a Cradle Roll "At Home" held. The membership of Union and Cradle Roll have been almost doubled this year. A large parcel of comforts was collected for the mine-sweepers, also parcels sent to lonely soldiers. The Treasurer reported a credit balance for the year. All officers re-elected except the Treasurer. Three new members initiated.

## EDEN.

Oct. 17. Miss Wilson in the chair, 13 present. A resolution was passed thanking the Hon. G. W. Russell for the Social Hygiene Bill, and asking him if he could include compulsory examination before marriage of both men and women. A report of the Convention held in Auckland on October 10th was read by Mrs Scanlen. Miss Weymouth gave a report of model L.T.L. meeting held on the evening of October 10th. One member from another Union and one new member received. Copies of "Defeat or Victory?" distributed.

## WAKAPUAKA.

Nov. Annual meeting, nine members present, also four from Nelson Union. Mrs Wastney presided. After election of officers, Mrs Knapp gave a short address of encouragement, and was followed by Mrs Judson, who distributed pamphlets on "Social Diseases," asking us to see that all our members received them. She also invited all members to attend the coming District Convention to be held in Nelson.

## S. DUNEDIN.

Nov. 1. Public meeting. Musical programme. Mrs Napier gave an interesting address on the work of the B.W.T.A. among soldiers, with special reference to the work of a Y. branch consisting of 280 young business women.

## SAWYER'S BAY.

Nov. Annual meeting. Decided to donate 10s to Maori Fund, 15s for school prizes, 10s to trustees of church where meetings are held. Following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Allan; Sec., Mrs Booth; Treas., Mrs Mains. Superintendents: Cradle Roll, Miss Austin; Home Meetings, Mrs Horn; L.T.L. and Band of Mercy, Mrs Prattley; "White Ribbon," Mrs J. Perry.

## OTAMATEA.

I tuano he huihuitanga matenei roopu wahine karaitiana Otamatea iroto ite whare o te tabi onga mema o Mereana Peraniko ite 28 onga ra Oketopa ite 11 o'clock ite ata. Nato matou Pehitini na Rutera Karena i