

## NGAERE.

April.—At the residence of Mrs. X. Jones. We were pleased to have as visitor our old President, Mrs. Wickham, who is on a visit from Auckland. Decided to meet with the No-License League on Friday to make arrangements for polling day.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

March 14.—President in the chair; a fair attendance. Mrs. Emmett read an article, "The Cost of Prayer." Mrs. W. Grant appointed W.R. Agent, and Mrs. P. Warwick Press Reporter. Arrangements were made to help on polling day. Mrs. Davis, from Morrinsville, was welcomed. Mesdames H. Smith and Collier appointed delegates to Convention.

## BALCLUTHA.

Mrs. Napier, speaking under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., gave an able and eloquent address on "Temperance" in the Borough Chambers on the evening of March 12th, and spoke of the wonderful work achieved by the women at Home, and the manner in which they had risen to their responsibilities. She concluded with a stirring appeal to every woman to turn out on polling day and help to get rid of the liquor evil.

## MASTERTON.

April 1.—Mrs. Devonport presided over a fair attendance. Final arrangements made for polling day. An "At Home" to be held at Mrs. S. F. Beard's in May. Votes of condolence to Mrs. Jas. Elliott, all members standing.

## INVERCARGILL.

April 1.—A large and enthusiastic meeting. The first part of the meeting was devoted to prayer for the forthcoming poll. Mr. Hughes spoke a few helpful words, and on behalf of the union Mrs. Macalister presented Mr. and Mrs. Hughes with a cheque as a mark of appreciation for their untiring efforts as organisers. Editor of the "Southland Daily News" to be thanked for his leading article of March 31st.

## WANGANUI EAST.

March.—Sincere vote of sympathy with Hon. G. Carson in his protracted illness. Silent vote of sympathy with Mr. Brewer and family in the sad loss of his wife. Mesdames Andrew and Dowsett appointed delegates to Convention. All N.Z. officers nominated for re-election. Special meeting called for April 9th.

## NEW BRIGHTON.

An intercessory meeting presided over by Mrs. Hall; attendance good. Mrs. Jory, of Auckland, gave a most interesting talk, and was heartily thanked. Annual picnic held in the Domain and much enjoyed.

April 3.—Special meeting, attendance good. Mrs. Hall appointed delegate to Convention. Names given to help on polling day.

## HAWERA.

March 14.—Decided to assist on folding and addressing leaflets for distribution throughout the district. Miss Maunder appointed delegate to Convention. After the meeting, the ladies adjourned to see the prizes distributed to the L.T.L. by Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Young.

## TIMARU.

March 25.—Mrs. Rylands Brown presided; 26 members present. Special prayer for success on April 10th. Mrs. Woodward reported that 49 men had paid 159 visits to the Sailors' Rest. Two socials had been given. Final arrangements for Cradle Roll picnic. Votes of thanks to those members who had arranged social at Sailors' Rest.

## ASHBURTON.

March 27.—Meeting took the form of a public reception to Mrs. Kinton Parks. There was a large attendance, and the Mayor presided in the unavoidable absence of the Mayoress, and extended a cordial welcome to our distinguished visitor. Mrs. Parkes delivered an interesting address on "How the Women of England Won the Vote." A vote of thanks to the speaker and a cup of tea concluded the meeting.

April 1.—Combines prayer meeting with the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Following notice of motion was moved for discussion at next meeting: "That in the interests of the W.C.T.U. as an undenominational body it is advisable that the meetings be held in a public hall." Arrangements made for drawing-room meeting to be addressed by Mrs. Peryman.

## WHANGAREI.

March.—A very successful meeting. President in the chair. Rev. Lambert gave a very fine address. Several musical items and a recitation were given, and afternoon tea handed round. It was unanimously resolved: "That the members of the Whangarei Branch of the W.C.T.U. will earnestly exhort women throughout the Marsden electorate who have the highest welfare of their children and homes at heart, to vote for National Prohibition on April 10th."

## TAURANGA.

March 19.—Annual meeting took the form of a social. Good attendance. Mrs. Christian presided and gave a stirring address "Terrors of the Night." Mrs. Laybourne was presented with a handsome gift from the members, all wishing her every happiness in her new home in Christchurch.

March 29.—A social to welcome Mrs. Lee-Cowie—a very large attendance. President in the chair. No questions were asked.

## LEIGH.

March.—Good attendance. President in the chair. One new member, two visitors present. Paper read referring to the coming poll. Committee formed to organise a Thanksgiving Service and Welcome Home Social, to be tendered to our soldier boys, when the last have

returned. Decided to send 15s. to the Rodney Prohibition Campaign Fund. Two more subscribers to "The White Ribbon." Afternoon tea was kindly provided.

## WAKEFIELD.

February.—A very fair attendance. One new member and two new subscribers to the White Ribbon. The great need for prayer was spoken on, and the noon-day hour was emphasised.

March 5.—A small attendance. After the meeting we met Mrs. Lee-Cowie who gave a fine address in the evening to a good audience.

April 1.—Nine members present. We were pleased to have Mrs. Field, of Nelson, present with us. Mrs. George Wastney, of Wakapuaka, is to represent us at Convention. Mrs. L. Fowler was appointed Corresponding Secretary and Reporter to "White Ribbon."

## NELSON.

February.—Annual meeting. Officers elected:—President, Miss E. Chappell; Vice-Presidents, Misses Hayes and Sutherland; Rec. Secretary, Miss D. Knapp; Cor. Secretary, Miss F. Hayes; Treasurer, Miss M. Phillips; Assistant-Treasurer, Miss R. Hay; W.R. Agent and Reporter, Miss Thompson; Literature, Miss F. Hayes. Miss Sutherland was appointed delegate to Convention. Two new members.

March.—President in the chair. Arrangements made for helpers for polling day. Two interesting papers read. Two new members.

## ARAMOHO.

March.—Arrangements made to take part in Peace Procession. Decided to ask Wanganui Ys to co-operate. Our L.T.L. is to take part in the forthcoming children's "Victory" demonstration. Mrs. Bathgate appointed our delegate. One new member and one for cradle roll.

## Y's Reports.

## INVERCARGILL.

March 3. Monthly meeting. Question box evening, which proved very interesting. Members decided to make overalls for Children's House soon to be started in Invercargill.

## SAVE THE BABIES.

Three thousand five hundred babies die in Chicago each year from "preventable" causes. Geo. R. Sims found in England an infant mortality of 123,000, and 475,000 cruelly neglected children in a single year. In 90 per cent. of the cases it was a history of habitual intemperance in one or both parents.