

against the publication of evidence in connection with assault cases on women and children, and in other cases of a similar nature, believing it to have an unwholesome and degrading influence on the minds and morals of our young people."

PONSONBY.

May 9th. in Queen's Hall, Mrs. Vickers presided. Mrs. Field (Nelson) was present, and gave a short address on "How Nelson Won the Banner," home meetings, and the circulation of a magazine called "The American Mothers Help," which occasions frequent visits to readers' homes. These were the chief factors towards success. Then they had a most energetic President in Miss Atkinson. The charming presence of our visitor was much appreciated by our little Union. A consecutive reading of Mrs. Cole's address to the Convention brought our meeting to a close.

INVERCARGILL.

May 7th, two new members were enrolled. The successful establishment of a "Y" branch was reported. A deputation from the Housewives' Union, Mrs. Forde and Miss Lang, invited the co-operation of the Union with their body. They pointed out that both organisations aimed at social improvement, and that while each had some distinct activities, others were common to both. In the discussion, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Jamieson, and Miss Hodgkinson spoke of the inadequate provisions for the health and comfort of girl workers in factories and offices. Decided that in this and kindred directions it would be a gain for the two bodies to assist each other. Mrs. Lee-Cowie stated that a substitute had been found to carry on the work of the Evangelistic department during her absence in Australia, and that the weekly prayer meetings at Amethyst Hall would be continued. Heartfelt sympathy is felt with Mrs. Lennie in the bereavement she has sustained by the death of her husband.

June 4th. Miss Jamieson wrote reporting a visit to the Inspector of Factories re sanitary accommodation and provision for heating in work-rooms. The first requisite is provided for by by-law, but arrangements are admittedly unsatisfactory. The Inspector stated the law made no provision for heating. Since the matter was brought up by the Union, two business firms have installed heating apparatus. Miss Jamieson proposed to write to Dr. Valentine to ask for leaflets on the prevention and treatment of consumption. Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Baird reported that they had written to the Municipal Council remonstrating at the tram service being made the medium of liquor trade advertisements. Though the Council declined to take action, many of the members agreed with the view of the W.C.T.U. that in a No-License town municipal services should not be made to encourage the sale of drinks. It was resolved to write to Mr. Ell to express appreciation of his circular to Civil Servants against gambling. The establishment of a branch of the Union at Nightcaps was discussed. It was resolved to celebrate White Ribbon Day by a special meeting at Amethyst Hall. Miss Hodg-

kinson read a paper on "How the Suffrage Helps Women," which was generally appreciated.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Farewell Social given to Mrs. H. Mowlem, late President, now leaving for Australia. Mrs. A. E. Whitehead, President, presided, and spoke most eulogistically of the work of Mrs. Mowlem, saying she had been both energetic and go-ahead, and a true friend to all. On behalf of the members Mrs. Whitehead presented Mrs. Mowlem with a silver fruit dish and dressing-case. In her reply, Mrs. Mowlem thanked the members heartily for their present, and emphasised the need there is for the work of the W.C.T.U. to be thoroughly carried on. Each member should do her duty, and take a share in making an easier and purer path for the children. Six new members were initiated. Mrs. McDonald stated that the Union was started in Palmerston four years ago with a membership of 16, and now it possessed 60. Eleven of the first members were still in the Union. The President urged the necessity of increasing the membership. This year they wanted 150, and so capture the handsome banner now in the possession of the Nelson Union, which is held by the Union enrolling the greatest number of members.

MORRINSVILLE.

May 9th, the anniversary meeting of our Union was held. A number of our members have left the district, including our Treasurer. A letter was sent to the late Rev. Reed's widow, Te Aroha, he having been called home so suddenly. Resolved that a concert be held early next month in aid of our funds; a committee was appointed. Resolved two members visit the Private Hospital weekly; also a copy of the "White Ribbon" paper be sent monthly to the Hospital.

UPPER HUTT.

May, in the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Whiteman in the chair, one new member enrolled. Regret was felt at our Secretary leaving New Zealand after the good work she had done. Three families relieved with clothes, and a letter of sympathy to Mrs. J. Cottle on the loss of her husband. Mrs. Routley promised to act as Secretary pro. tem.

OTAKEHO.

March 20th, Miss Gamlin presided. Mrs. and Miss Smith resigned positions held owing to their departure from the district. Mrs. Aitken was elected Treasurer, Mrs. Memoery Superintendent Maori Work, Miss Fleming reporter "White Ribbon."

May 18th, Miss Gamlin presided. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brown, from the Hawera Union, were present. Mrs. Martin gave an interesting address on the Convention held at Palmerston. Mrs. Membery was appointed delegate to Kaponga. It was proposed that the Union meet every third Friday. We are unanimously in favour of bare majority. Decided to see what can be done in regard to boys getting spirits at clearing sales. Not in favour of the Sports Protection League which has been formed.

NORMANBY.

May, in the Club Rooms, Mrs. A. Thompson presiding. Decided to hold a Band of Hope meeting about the end of June, to assist the Maori Deaconesses by collecting old linen for use in their work among the sick, and also to collect old literature for distribution in the back-blocks.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Several Home meetings have been held, and new members secured. We had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Barnado's representative (Mr. Lee) at a combined meeting with the Newtown Branch. Mrs. Peryman gave a splendid address on "The Social Equality of Woman" at the May meeting. A lively discussion followed. Mrs. Atkinson, President, presided. Mrs. Peryman was elected a Vice-President of this Branch.

TUAKAU.

May 20th, Mrs. Hunter, President, in the chair. Interesting letters were read from N.Z. Corresponding Secretary on the duties of a District Union; and absent member. Mrs. Deeble was appointed Superintendent Notable Days. Decided to hold an "At Home" June 12th, to celebrate White Ribbon Day. President read Miss Powell's paper on "Medical Temperance."

TAURANGA.

May 6th, special meeting, at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Hammond. Miss McNeish, Organiser, gave an account of the work done elsewhere. She also suggested work our Union might undertake forming Unions among the Maoris, Band of Hope, and distributing literature in the back-blocks. It was decided to discuss these at the next meeting. Miss McNeish brought forward the matter of our being made a District Union. Not having had any intimation from the N.Z. Secretary, it was decided to defer to a future date.

AUCKLAND.

May 8th, Mrs. Thorpe, Vice-President, in the chair. Mrs. Field (Nelson) was present, and spoke a few words about the work of the Union. A short address was given by Mrs. Pacey, President of the Women's Crusade, on the good results of that campaign, and urging that it be not allowed to drop. Several members spoke in highest terms of the Crusade work. Decided to have a special Executive meeting to formulate a plan of action. Mrs. Darcy Hamilton was appointed to act for our Union in the Housewives' Union.

May 22nd, Mrs. Pudney presiding. Recommended the Executive should confer with the Rev. J. Dawson and report to our next meeting re Crusade work. Mrs. Bendley read her excellent paper entitled "What Next," prepared for the Convention at Dunedin. It was felt to be exceedingly timely and helpful. One new member was welcomed.

RANGIORA.

April 26th. Mrs. Metherell, read a detailed and interesting paper on the work done at the Convention, and said what an inspiration it had