

realises the necessity for keeping in touch with the working of the movement and informed of all amendments, etc., in connection with the Act."

### NGAERE.

Nov. 5, annual meeting at Mrs. Morison's. Reports for the year showed a membership of 39 (including 11 honorary) and a Cradle Roll membership of 84. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Morison; Secretary, Mrs. A. Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. K. Tarrant. Superintendents of departments—Cradle Roll, Mothers' meetings and Purity combined, Evangelistic and Flower Mission, Anti-Gambling, Savings Bank, and Good Citizenship. Mrs. Duxheid, of Hawera, gave a short address, which was much appreciated.

### NORMANBY.

Oct. 17, Miss Maunder in the chair. Letter read from our Constable, in reply to a resolution passed at September meeting re young men under 21 years of age receiving drink on licensed premises. A good paper by Miss Powell, on "Alcohol, its Action on the Brain," was read. Thanks are due to Miss Maunder and Mrs. Twigg for visiting our branch.

### NELSON "Y's."

Oct. 30, annual meeting, fair attendance. The Secretary's report showed a membership of 46, an increase of 21 for the year. Credit balance, £5 5s. 5d. A very successful concert was held recently, and greatly helped our funds. Officers elected:—Superintendent, Mrs. Israel; President, Miss D. Hunter; Vice-Presidents, Misses Hayes and Phillips; Secretary, Miss Grove (re-elected); Treasurer, Miss Rankin (re-elected). It was decided to have an "At Home" with the mother Union about the end of the month.

### UPPER HUTT.

Oct. 10. Mrs. Neal, District Secretary, paid us a visit and read a paper on "The Franchise," written by Mrs. Peryman, N.Z. Cor. Sec. A good discussion followed.

### TUAKAU.

Oct. 23. First Convention held. Morning session opened with hymn and prayer. After a welcome to delegates the reports were read from Papakura and Pukekohe. A very useful paper was read by Mrs. Bendely on "Union Work and its Broader Views" which was much appreciated. Noontide prayer was offered. In the afternoon an "At Home" was held. Mrs. J. M. Saunders gave some of her personal experiences of slum work. Mr. W. Spragg spoke on the Bare Majority question, after which the following resolution was unanimously passed: "This Convention, recognising the injustice of the three-fifths handicap under which we work, approves of the Democratic Vote Campaign inaugurated by the N.Z. Alliance, and

pledges itself to heartily co-operate in the movement." Waiuku, Papakura, Pokeno, and surrounding Districts were represented. In the evening a public meeting was held. The Rev. N. Turner spoke of the evils of the liquor traffic, and Mr. W. J. Speight followed with an address, "How We Can Help to put this Great Evil Down." Musical items were rendered. Considering the bad state of the roads and weather, the attendances were good.

### RANGIORA.

Oct. 18. An instructive paper on the work of the District Convention at Kaiapoi was read by Mrs. Haden, who with Mrs. Withers had represented Rangiora. Decided that a "pay-up" social be held in November, and that Mrs. Harrison, from Kaiapoi, should be asked to give an address.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Oct. 17. Home meeting in Constable street rooms. Mrs. Garland gave an interesting address on the Bible in Schools movement. Mrs. Garland said this system had been tried in Australia and Tasmania, and found effective. It throws the responsibility of religious instruction in State schools on the individual parent, and neither the State nor the Church will have any power to compel any child to receive religious instruction contrary to the will of the parent. Mrs. Garland asked all to loyally support the whole scheme.

### HAWERA.

Sep. 25. Miss Maunder presided. Mrs. Kenrick read an instructive paper on "How We Got the Franchise."

Sep. 26. Business regarding Rest Tent for Show occupied meeting. Decided to have a collection box, and distribute suitable literature. Message of sympathy passed to Mrs. Robert Browne (Sec.) in her recent trying illness.

Oct. 22. Hearty welcome to our President (Mrs. Duxfield) on her return. Interesting letter read on "Good Citizenship." Proceeds from the Franchise entertainment to be sent to the N.Z. Treasury. A letter sent inviting Dr. Dunn to address us at an early date.

Oct. 11. Three new members. A hopeful report on Local Organising Fund was given. Useful information was given (on blackboard) of the Prohibition vote at Norsewood. During the month our electorate (Egmont) has returned a member pledged to vote for bare majority for both No-License and Dominion Prohibition. Or, in the event of that failing, to do his best to procure 55 per cent, and to work, speak and vote for No-License and Prohibition as long as he lives. This lowers the majority of the "other side." A rousing article on "Britain's Shame" (from the "Hawera Star") describing England's attitude on the opium question and De Sun Yat Sen's appeal was read. Vote of

sympathy was passed to Mrs. Allison, who is very ill.

### NIGHTCAPS (SOUTHLAND).

Oct. 2, in Presbyterian Church. One of the members was asked to consider taking up the management of the Cradle Roll Department. The first meeting for the children is to be held in the Public Hall at the end of October.

### ALEXANDRIA.

Oct. 1, in the public school. Mrs. Blue presided. Secretary intimated that at a special meeting Mrs. E. Terry had been elected delegate to the Dunedin Convention. After disposal of correspondence, the reading of the Education paper was continued, followed by discussion.

### TIMARU "Y."

Oct. 7. Two new members were initiated. Decided to give a concert at the Old Men's Home. Also decided to assist the mother Union in the Refreshment and Rest Tents at the annual Show.

### OPOTIKI.

Sept. 12, in St. John's Hall. Decided to send a delegate to the Auckland District Convention. Superintendent of Cradle Roll gave notice of commencement of this branch of the work.

### WAIMATE.

Sept. 18, Franchise Day celebration. President of the N.Z. Alliance (Mr. Wesley Spragg, of Auckland) and the Rev. John Dawson were the speakers. Mr. Spragg spoke on "The Franchise," Mr. Dawson on "The Pledge - Taking Campaign," explaining it and urging us to work to get the people to sign the pledge. Mr. George Dash presided. Three new members were initiated.

### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Oct. 3, special meeting in Wesley Church Schoolroom, Cargill road. Mrs. McPherson is departing for Wellington shortly. About 50 ladies were present to show their appreciation of our sister, whose presence has so often cheered us, and who has rendered valuable assistance as Treasurer to our branch. Mrs. Dick spoke shortly of the work being carried on at headquarters, and voiced the feelings of the Union in her tribute to Mrs. McPherson.

### WANGANUI.

Nov. 1, in St. Paul's Hall, Mrs. J. Smith in the chair. Reported that parcels of clothing had been sent to Invercargill to the Home for Women and Children. The ministers will be asked to preach a Temperance sermon on Nov. 10th. A paper on "The Three-fifths versus the Bare Majority" was read by one of the members. The sum of one guinea was voted to the N.Z. Treasury. It was proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Ross on the sudden illness of her husband.