

Parliament," be a recommendation to Convention. Mesdames Stewart, Keetley, and Chapman were appointed delegates to the Prohibition Convention. It was agreed that we hold a social at an early date to organise the Prohibition Committee. Social Committee for September: Mesdames Barrett, Keetley, and Morland.

DUNEDIN.

Aug. 23. An enjoyable concert to raise funds for next year's Dominion Convention.

Aug. 16. Union gave a concert to the inmates of the Benevolent Institution. Sweets were passed round during the evening.

Sept. 2. Pay-up social. Songs were rendered by Mesdames J. Scurr and Marcelli; duet, Mesdames Plaster and Dreaver; recitation, Miss P. Hutton. Attention was drawn to the case which came before the Police Court last week, where a girl of 19 years admitted that her step-father was the father of her two illegitimate children. The Union felt that it showed the need of raising the age of consent to twenty-one years. The Union stressed the need for segregation of the sexual degenerate.

EPSOM.

Aug. 14. Mrs Neal presided. Letters were received from Remuera School Committee and headmaster of Cornwall Park School, accepting framed peace message, to hang in the school. Decided to observe August 28th as T. E. Taylor Day. We were very grieved to hear that Mrs Muncaster, our visitor from Nelson Union, had passed away. A silent vote of sympathy was passed. Papers from Mrs Lee-Cowie on Temperance Work were read.

Aug. 28. Mrs Neal presided. District Convention to be held at Onehunga. Mrs Garratt and Mrs Stewart appointed delegates. A silent vote of sympathy was passed on the passing away of Miss Katterfield's father. Mrs Miller, from Ponsonby Union, was welcomed. Our President read a paper on T. E. Taylor. Two new members were initiated.

CARTERTON.

Aug. A good attendance. Mrs Every presided. A letter was read from the Willard Home, Palmerston North. Decided to send a parcel of clothing. A most interesting speech on the evils of moderate drinking given by the Rev. Courtney C. Weeks at the annual meeting of the National British Women's Temperance Association, was read by Mrs Every. Mr Weeks said the whole trend of scientific knowledge went to show that an individual could have a larger, more creative life without alcohol than with it. There was nothing that threatened the home life as alcoholic indulgence was doing. As he looked out into the State he saw alcoholism constituted one of the greatest national scourges. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Udy and Smith.

N.E. VALLEY.

Aug. 30. Very successful "Bring and Buy" social. Proceedings opened in the afternoon by Rev. George Miller, and afternoon tea provided. Stalls displayed good assortment of useful articles, which had been donated, and good business was done. Evening again saw good attendance, and fine programme given. Supper provided at a small cost, and practically everything for sale disposed of. Committee with very satisfactory balance in hand of £21 12s. Proceeds to go toward the expenses of Dunedin Convention, to be held in 1925.

RIVERTON.

Sept. 1. Mrs Gray presided. Twelve present. Letters read from Hon. W. E. Massey and Sir Francis Bell, promising full consideration to protest re gambling facilities, etc. Telegram also read from our Member, Mr J. C. Thomson. Decided that we advertise our meetings in the "White

Ribbon." The annual report of Willard Home read and discussed. Owing to other efforts being arranged for the present, left with individual members to do what they can. Decided to hold Band of Hope social on September 26, "Y" members to be invited. The Band of Hope continues to flourish, the public meeting being well attended last week. Two prizes were given, one for the best story by the senior members, and one for the best recitation by the juniors.

RANGIORA.

Aug. 29. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. President announced that the essays on Temperance had been written by Standards V. and VI. in the local school, and were being judged. Mrs J. McCombs, of Christchurch, gave a short account of the trip taken by Mrs Don and Miss Henderson to America. She afterwards addressed the meeting on the medical aspect of Prohibition, basing her remarks on the contents of a pamphlet issued by the Government. The address, which was listened to with marked attention, was a telling indictment of the effects of alcohol on the human system. The economic aspect of the liquor question was also touched on, and the great need of Temperance teaching in the schools was emphasised. The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Aug. 12. Meeting opened by our President, Mrs Lillcrap; good attendance. Decided to hold District Convention on 24th September. Mrs Walker read letter stating that Mrs Ross, an esteemed member and friend, who passed away, had left a legacy of 1500 to the Central Union. Mr Featherstone gave a very interesting address on the work of the White Cross League. Two very interesting letters were read by our President from Mrs Don and Miss Henderson, and we were pleased to hear they were having such a lovely time in America. A wreath was sent to our dear friend and member, Mrs Ross. One new member joined.

ONEHUNGA.

Aug. 14. A wet day, but a very good attendance for our Pay-up Social. A programme of music and recitations. Rev. Cook gave a cheering address. A hearty vote of thanks to our Treasurer (Mrs Mushet), who arranged programme and to those who gave the various items. Letter from District Secretary read accepting our invitation to hold the Auckland District Convention in Onehunga this year on September 11th. Committee to meet to make all arrangements for same. Mesdames Jamieson and Ashby appointed delegates to Convention. Resolved to provide the luncheon and a sit-down tea for the convenience of those attending the Convention. Collection be taken at luncheon to defray expenses. Mrs Jamieson is Convenor for Hospitality. One new member gained by President since former meeting and one by the Cor. Secretary.

WAITARA.

August 15. Mrs Andrews presided; 10 members. Report of District Convention was read. Letter re the "Peace Message" was discussed. Members were urged to support Bible reading in schools. Mrs Andrews was warmly welcomed back as President for duration of present year. Wired Legislative Council urging support for women Justices of the Peace. Decided that the Rev. Goswell be asked to address September meeting.

BIRKENHEAD.

Aug. 21. Good attendance. Mrs Le Roy (President) in the chair. Discussion on rest rooms for mothers, and peace papers in schools. Mrs Morrin and Miss Carter were appointed delegates to attend the District Union Convention on September 11th at Onehunga.

LOWER HUTT.

Aug. 27. Fair attendance for wet day. President in chair. Secretary reported sending telegrams re women Justices. Decided to hold Sale of Work early in October, and to have a stall to receive clothing for Willard Home. Greetings sent to Mrs Dunstall for her Golden Wedding. Delegates to Petone Convention were arranged. Mrs Crawford read an excellent paper: "The W.C.T.U.—Its Aims and Objects." Afternoon tea. One new subscriber to "White Ribbon." Secretary reported Miss Bradshaw visited 46 homes, 6 joined and paid subscription, 3 promised to join, 8 promised to attend. We are indebted to Miss Bradshaw for the days of hard work. Inquiries to be made re Temperance Charts on school walls.

WARKWORTH.

August. Mrs Thornley in the chair. A motion of sympathy with Mrs Carran in her recent bereavement. Decided to procure a copy of the "Peace Message," and to have it framed for presentation to the school, with the expressed wish that the Headmaster would read and explain it to the children, so that they may have ever before them the great ideal of a world peace. Mrs Green sang a solo, which was much appreciated. Mrs Phillips read a paper on "Liberty—Remembering How Much It Enters into our Daily Life." She took first liberty in our spiritual life. In speaking of the abolition of slavery, the Rev. Hammond had remarked in the Sydney Town Hall that "as England was 100 years ahead of the U.S.A. on the question of slavery, now the U.S.A. is 100 years ahead of England on the drink question." Mrs Phillips spoke of Liberty in regard to national life, and also in reference to Prohibition. The address was listened to with much interest, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs Phillips for her very interesting paper. Mrs Ruprecht and Mrs Thornley each promised a short paper for next meeting.

OTAHUHU.

August 7. Canon Mason was to speak, but just about half an hour before the meeting he was called away to a very sick person, so he could not come. We just read the report and dealt with the correspondence, and the President pronounced the Benediction. We hope at our next meeting in September to have the honour of hearing Mrs Smeaton.

TAURANGA.

August. President in chair. Pay Up Social fairly well attended. A most animated discussion was held on various matters of interest. Two numbers of "The International Woman Suffrage News" to hand. Decided to procure 100 circulars from Alliance. Refreshments dispensed. "All Round the World" sung, and meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction.

FEATHERSTON.

Aug. 11. At the residence of Mrs Arch Clark. Fair attendance. Mrs Clark presided. Meeting opened and closed with prayer. Mrs Holdcroft and Mrs Sadle were appointed delegates to attend Convention at Petone in September.

HENDERSON.

Aug. 20. Mrs Platt presided over a very fair attendance. Miss Duncan appointed delegate to District Convention on September 11th. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs W. Wright on the loss of her dear, aged mother. Treasurer to send subscription of 2d per member to District Fund. Essays of school children and Young Citizens were read, every one agreeing that they were very good indeed. Mrs Platt and Miss Duncan to present prizes to the winning boy and girl at school. Mrs Hart read an interesting extract from one of Gough's essays. Decided to ask Mrs W. Wright to conduct Bible Study next month. Mrs Stuart also to read a paper.

MAUNGATUROTO.

August. Mrs Wright presided. Ten members and two visitors present. An interesting and instructive paper was given