

Should I Be a Total Abstainer?" Mrs Baird, of Invercargill, to be judge of essays. Mrs Bridgman passed on a message from Mr Hopkins, Organiser for the Alliance in Southland, to try by personal influence to win two votes for Prohibition. Sept. Meeting poorly attended. Resolved that Mrs. Hanan be invited to attend our November meeting to give her address about the League of Nations. The annual appeal from the Willard Home was received, and it was agreed, that a parcel be packed as usual a notice to be sent to the three churches. Mrs H. Niven, our "White Ribbon" Agent, gave out free copies of the magazine for distribution.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

(July. Stale news.—Ed. "W.R.") August. Attendance small. Mrs McGregor presided. Mrs Finch, of Gore, gave a very fine address on "The Influence of Christianity on the Lives of Women." Motion of sympathy passed to the family of Mrs Dawson, one of our very old and faithful members. Mrs McGregor reported that instead of a wreath, she had taken a beautiful bow of white ribbon to be placed on our late sister's coffin in the name of the Union.

WAIPUKURAU.

Sept. Meeting to receive report from delegate to District Convention. Report considered very satisfactory. Decided to hold a shop early in November, as our local funds are very low. Band of Hope still in a healthy condition, over 40 children attending regularly.

HENDERSON.

Sept. 9. Mrs Platt presided. Letters read from Mrs Judson on League of Nations. Willard Home, asking for help with left-off clothing, letter received; also from Mr Stanton, asking for help in the way of refreshments at an Alliance rally to be held in Foresters' Hall, Henderson, on September 30th. Members only too pleased to help as much as they can. Vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs W. Wright on the death of her sister; also vote of congratulation to Mrs Hart on her recovery from illness. Our delegate to District Union Conference not being present, our President and Secretary gave us a brief outline of the matters discussed there. They were specially impressed with the talk of Adjutant Gordon, who so strongly condemned the public dance and picture theatres in our cities. Many tales of girls' downfall did she tell, feeling those places were the beginning of their fall. Mrs Stuart gave a recitation, much enjoyed. Mrs Williams read a paper on the last two verses of Rom. 8. The prizes we gave to school children and Young Citizens for best essay on alcohol were then passed round.

ONEHUNGA.

Sept. 11. Auckland District Convention held here this day. Mrs Johnson was appointed reporter to "White Ribbon," and her report is elsewhere. We had a fine day, and splendid gatherings. Lunch was catered for by the Onehunga Union, while the visitors were our guests for tea.

RANGIORA.

Sept. 26. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. A resolution of sympathy with the Rev. W. H. Howes and family in their recent bereavement was passed. Decided that the prizes given by the W.C.T.U. for essays on Temperance be presented to the successful competitors at the break-up of the Borough School. Mrs James, "White Ribbon" Agent, made an appeal for more subscribers to the "White Ribbon." She also read a report of a W.C.T.U. meeting which she had attended in Oamaru. Arrangements were made for collecting the subscriptions in connection with the Organising Fund. The Secretary read a report of the District Convention recently held at Sumner.

BIRKENHEAD.

Sept. 18. Good attendance, Mrs Le Roy in the chair. A letter was read from one

of our members who, although unable to attend the meetings, is working for Temperance among those with whom she comes in contact. Miss Carter gave an interesting report of the District Convention. Some points in it are to be discussed at our next meeting. Afternoon tea. A vote of thanks to Miss Carter closed an interesting meeting.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Sept. 18. In the absence of the President, Miss M. S. Powell (Vice-Pres.) occupied the chair. Mrs Shacklock and Miss Powell reported upon the District Convention held at Oamaru. Arrangements made for a "Bring and Buy" social to raise our quota for the Organising Fund, Dunedin members being asked to repeat the dialogue given at Oamaru, "How not to do it, or the way to kill a Union."

PUKEKOHE.

Sept. 3. Fair attendance. Mrs Horne appointed delegate to Auckland District Convention. Our day of meeting has been changed to the first Tuesday in the month. Nurse Boyd and the Plunket nurse wrote us a paper on "The Child and Alcohol," neither nurse being able to be present, Mrs Mead read the paper. A hearty vote of thanks to the nurses was carried by acclamation.

TE KUITI.

Sept. 9. Mrs Edgar in the chair. Good attendance. Letters received and read re Gaming Bill from Hon. W. Massey, J. C. Rolleston, M.P., and Bollard, M.P.; also letter from Willard Home. A subscription of 10/- was voted to this cause. Letters received from Hamilton and Morrinsville re Convention; also from the Alliance re appeal to young women. The Dorcas Committee distributed clothing to several people. Afternoon tea served.

NORMANBY.

Sept. Annual meeting held at Mrs W. Gane's, Mrs Scott in the chair; 14 present. Two initiations. Reports were read and adopted. Election of officers for ensuing year, no change except Treasurer. President read an account from the "Times" of the cordial receptions given everywhere to Mrs Don and Miss Henderson. A dainty afternoon tea was served by our hostess, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

AUCKLAND.

Sept. 9. Mrs Cook presided. The Ladies' Committee of the Young Citizens' League wrote drawing attention to the harmful effect on the young minds of the pictorial advertisements of the picture films, and asking our co-operation in bringing the matter before the proper authorities, requesting that the censorship of the picture films be extended to these advertisements. The members expressed their hearty sympathy and co-operation. Greetings were received from Mrs Don in a letter to our President. Delegates were appointed to the Auckland District Convention. Mrs Fulljames made an appeal for clothes for the Maori children in the North. Members were requested to bring garments to the next meeting. Mrs Moody gave a most interesting address on how the Franchise was gained in New Zealand. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Moody. A collection was taken for the N.Z. Treasury. It was decided to ask Mrs Peryman to print a condensed account of how the franchise was gained in leaflet form, so that they might be passed around to women who do not know of the hard work and opposition which the pioneers of this movement met before the Bill was passed.

APITI.

Oct. 2. The President (Mrs Gill) occupied the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, a paper was read on "Child Welfare in its Political Aspect," by the Secretary. This paper dealt with the laws that had been passed for the protection of child life and happiness and the promotion of education during the last hundred years and contrasted the lot of the present day

child with that of past generations. It also stressed the need of removing from their path that which has been the greatest hindrance to health and happiness, strong drink. The recent newspaper reports regarding drinking at dances and other places of amusement were fully discussed by those present, and a committee was formed to inaugurate a Band of Hope among the children.

PONSONBY.

Oct. 2. Mrs C. H. Taylor presided. Good attendance. A large number of parcels were brought in for our Willard Orphan Home at Palmerston North. A letter was read from Mrs Judson in reference to a meeting to be held on October 21st to promote the work of the League of Nations. A motion of protest from our members against the Mayor and Council for allowing liquor to be used in the Town Hall. We all feel that this thing should not be permitted. Decided to bring the matter before the N.Z. Alliance. Report of District Convention was then read by Mrs Hodgkinson. Afternoon tea.

PENROSE.

Aug. 28. There was a very good attendance. The President (Mrs Smith) presided. Mrs Stevens gave a very interesting paper on "Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U.," by Mrs Crabb. Vote of thanks passed to speaker, then the meeting closed with prayer. One new member.

Sept. 27. Owing to so much sickness, there were only three members. Mrs Smith presided. Mrs Ashby, who had come over to read us a paper on Convention was asked to read it. It was very interesting. We were very sorry that all the members did not hear it. Vote of thanks was passed to speaker. Meeting closed with prayer.

SYDENHAM.

Oct. 2. Small attendance. Mrs Sirett presided. A report of Convention was read by the Secretary. Mrs T. E. Taylor was the speaker for the afternoon. Afternoon tea was served.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Report received. Too faintly written to be read. Please write in ink.

MAORI UNIONS.

OTAMATEA.

Dear Mrs Peryman,— Greetings to you in the Name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Angels. I now have the pleasure of submitting to you for publication in the "White Ribbon" the monthly report of the Otamatea Union.

The meeting took place in Mrs C. Palkea's house on October 1st. The President (Mrs K. Pihema) was in the chair. The meeting was a happy one, and there was a good attendance of members present. A letter was received from Mrs Fulljames asking for an appointed day when she could meet the Presidents of each centre. It was resolved to reply to the letter, asking Mrs Fulljames to appoint a day for the meeting.

The Rev. P. K. Palkea was present at the meeting, and he asked the Union to call a meeting when he could deliver a special address to the young people on Prohibition; and he also promised to give a lecture on "No-License."

The Otamatea Union is gratified to report on the conduct of the young people in this settlement, as far as strong drink is concerned. We attribute this fact to the great work that Mr Ratana is doing amongst the Maori people.

There is a special case we wish to mention, and that is one of our own young men, Rata Wiape. The young man was a source of great trouble to this Union and to the people of this settlement as a whole. In short, he was a great drinker, or rather a heavy drinker. But since Mr Ratana began his work here, this young man has become a total abstainer from strong drink. This is one of the many cases of the young