

## MOSGIEL.

March. Attendance very fair. Business: It was agreed unanimously to forward on to Secretary El Is to help on the fund re Women's Rest Room at Exhibition. As we are affiliated with the League of Nations, it was agreed that the Secretary write to ask a speaker to come out and address our meeting on June 15th. Mrs Bedford then gave a most inspiring address, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

April. Attendance excellent. A letter from League of Nations Union saying Mrs Hanan would address June meeting. Report of Convention given by delegates. Solo by Miss McLeod, "Jesus Understands," was much enjoyed.

## JOHNSONVILLE.

April 30. A large number of members and friends assembled to hear the Secretary's report of Convention, to which she had been a delegate. Resolved to ask Mrs Peryman for an address for next meeting, to take the form of Peace meeting; also resolved to ask for Mrs Don to address a public meeting here on her tour of North Island. Our meetings in future are to be held on the third Thursday in month, alternate in Presbyterian and Methodist School-rooms. Mrs Hosking gave a short address on Temperance and Advancement, following up report of Convention. Mrs Halliday sang a solo, and afternoon tea was provided.

## OTAHUHU.

May 7th. Mrs Williams, our District Secretary, from Auckland, kindly came out and gave us the report of Convention which was held in Dunedin; it was very interesting and helpful to all those who were present.

## PETONE.

April 7th. Mrs Murgatroyd, (President) in chair. Fair attendance; one member transferred. Arrangements were made for "round-up" of members who do not attend the meetings. A supply of "White Ribbons" to be obtained, and distributed for this purpose.

April 15th Social afternoon given by Mesdames Thoms and Bowie; Mrs Murgatroyd, presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with our Premier in his illness, also to Mrs Maasey, who is passing through a trying ordeal, and to a member who has recently lost her mother. Miss Avison gave part of her Convention Report consisting chiefly of reminiscences of Mrs Don's and Miss Henderson's travels. Miss Avison also reported that during Convention, mention was made of the increase of drinking amongst women and young people. Solo by Miss Davis; Pianoforte solo, Miss Burrows; afternoon tea was served. Literature distributed.

## LANNEVIRKE.

Mar. Usual ceremonies were followed by discussion re-funds for our current needs. Resolved to have a special gathering. A musical evening, held March 11th, with excellent music, etc., stirred the interest of our folk. Mrs Peryman's address on W.C.T.U. Influence evoked enthusiastic admiration—a successful evening—for us.

April. Usual meeting superseded by a Public afternoon gathering which took the form of a Reception to Envoy Swartz, U.S.A. Her eloquent devotional address was well received by a crowd of over a hundred—mostly ladies. Into her discourse she skillfully wove a thread of pleading, urging the need for our best efforts to be utilised in everything worth while. Miss Weston, our most junior member, handed Miss Swartz a bunch of flowers composed of blooms from individual members of the Union, and entwined with our emblem—White Ribbon—and expressed our welcome in a sweet little speech. Afternoon tea added a touch of heartiness to a successful gathering. Miss Swartz's Prohibition address at night was an eloquent tribute to the success of "Dryness" in U.S.A.

May 5th. 19 members; 4 visitors. A busy meeting. Report of Envoy Swartz meeting. Correspondence received from our District Union Secretary. Questionnaire considered. Resolved: (1) To obtain information re National Council of Women before voting for or against affiliation; (2) To invite District Union to hold Convention in Dannevirke; (3) Proceed with arrangements for Miss

Burl's visit; (4) To ask to be included in Mrs Don's itinerary.

## TIMARU.

April 23rd. Special meeting. Decided that Mrs Norrie, as President of District Union, go to Annual Meeting of New Zealand Alliance, and that Timaru Branch would pay expenses. Mrs Norrie explained that the meeting had been called to urge the women to vote for women standing for different public positions. Arrangements were made for Pay-up Social, Tuesday, 28th, when the Y. girls would be guests of the Union.

Apr. 28th. Pay Up Social—great success; Sailor's Rest filled. Mr Woodward entertained several seamen in drawing room upstairs till supper time, when they joined the company. Several musical items were given and much enjoyed; and Mrs Norrie and Mrs Hague, reported on Convention.

## TAKAPUNA.

Apr. 7th. Fair attendance. Miss Mills was elected to the Immigration Committee. A motion of sympathy was passed with a member who is lying seriously ill, also one with relations of the late Mr Mactier. Mrs Fulljames gave a most interesting report on the 40th Convention, lately held in Dunedin, for which she was passed a very hearty vote of thanks.

## ASHBURTON.

Apr. 6. Mrs Lill presided. Good attendance. Fifteen minutes were spent in prayer and intercession for God's blessing on the work of the coming Campaign, and a helpful time was experienced. Decided that a letter of sympathy be forwarded Mrs G. McAllister, in her unfortunate accident. A cordial welcome was extended to Mrs X. Jones of New Plymouth, which was graciously acknowledged. A very helpful and inspiring address was given on "Prayer, and the necessity of keeping in vital touch with Jesus Christ," by Rev. A. G. Irvine. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

May 5th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Mrs Lill presided over a small attendance of members. The President explained that the "Drawing Room" gathering arranged for April 16th, was postponed owing to the heavy rains. Decided that a letter be sent Mrs S. H. D. Perryman, expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the members with her, in her present indisposition. Interesting reports of Dunedin Convention were submitted by Mrs A. Hight, and Mrs J. Thompson, who were heartily thanked. The thanks of the Union were accorded Mrs H. Stone, and Mrs J. Thompson, for wreaths placed on the Soldiers' graves, and Troopers' Memorial, on Anzac Day.

## SUMNER.

May 5th. Good meeting in spite of the rain. Mrs McCombs, in the chair. Two special meetings were reported as having taken place since last ordinary meeting. The first, in April, to hear Mrs William's account of work of Convention, when there was a large attendance and keen interest; and the second was a very successful drawing-room meeting at Mrs Peek's residence, The Spur, Redcliffs, when Mrs Williams gave an address on May 1st. Mrs Ogier reported 6 new subscribers to the White Ribbon, congratulations offered. One new member initiated. Arrangements were made for a public meeting on May 7th in Town Hall, also for proposed drawing room meeting Redcliffs about May 26th. Sub-Committee of five set up to draw up programme for Young Peoples meeting next month.

## CHEVIOT.

April 4. A small, but enthusiastic, meeting. Mrs Ferguson presiding. Mrs Bowen's resignation of Treasurer received with regret. President read letters from Miss Henderson, which were listened to with great interest. The meeting closed with the Benediction, after which afternoon tea was served.

## PONSONBY.

April 16. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a good attendance. Special prayers for our work and workers throughout the Dominion offered by members and our President. Reported that the S.S. Union Building Fund table sales were so far a great success, the average sales being £19. An appreciative letter from Mr Massey's Secretary was read

in reply to a letter of sympathy from our Branch. The importance of securing the immigrants for Church and Prohibition was again brought before us, and every member is urged to do all they can to meet and encourage those strangers when they come to Auckland. Our President gave us a very beautiful and helpful address on "Purity." A most helpful meeting closed with prayer.

## HASTINGS.

April 23. President (Mrs Harper) in the chair. Fair attendance. Mrs Boshier, Convention delegate, presented report, and answered questions relative to Convention. She also gave report of interview with Nurse Maude, of Christchurch, relative to establishing a district nurse here. Decided to vote surplus from "At Home" to start a "Banner Fund." Plans for Peace Day discussed, next meeting to be held on that day. Mrs Harper entertained the Union at afternoon tea.

## SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

April 14. Fair attendance of members and Executive, Mrs Fairbairn (President) in chair. Most of meeting occupied by full and comprehensive account of Miss McCallum's report (as delegate of above Branch) on work of Convention. She gave an account of work general, new and important items brought up and discussed by the various speakers, eloquent speeches of visiting lady delegates, the grand reception given Mrs Don (New Zealand President) and Miss Henderson on their return from travels, and Mrs Don's oratorical account of her experiences during those travels. Mrs J. D. Campbell sang a pleasing solo artistically. The meeting closed by according the representative a hearty vote of thanks for her worthy report, and to Mrs Campbell for her favour. Afternoon tea served.

## TAURANGA.

April 26. Tauranga was visited by Miss Jessie Buris in April. She was met on arrival by Rev. Frost, Mrs Carlton Smith, and several of our White Ribbon members, and, needless to say, she worked very hard indeed while here in connection with the various churches. An "At Home" was also given her in the supper room of the Town Hall by the ladies of Tauranga, for which our White Ribbon members were directly responsible.

## HENDERSON.

April 16. We held our first meeting of the year to-day. Ladies came from Heienville W.C.T.U. in the morning to spend the day with us. At 2.30 we had our meeting in the Presbyterian Church, when Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a very interesting but brief account of her world tour. We had a good laugh at some of the things she told us, at others our hearts were deeply stirred; specially was that so when we heard of the baby girls and widow women of India and Ceylon. We pray that some of our young people may feel called to the work. Mrs Lee-Cowie also asked for our prayers and sympathy on behalf of the mission she is taking at East Street, Auckland, to commence next month. We do pray God will greatly bless her efforts. Our Secretary was asked to write letters of sympathy to Mrs Greenwood, who has recently lost her husband, Mrs Grainger and Mrs Coop, whose children are suffering from infantile paralysis, and Mrs Hartnell, who is sick herself. Three new members were enrolled. Afternoon tea brought a very happy day to a close. We thank all our friends for their visit.

## OPOTIKI.

April 9. Fair attendance. Mrs Thompson presided. Secretary read a letter acknowledging, with thanks, a donation given by the Union towards special expenses in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition at Dunedin. The meeting decided to hold a stall for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Mesdames T. and C. H. Fleming supplied afternoon tea. Benediction closed a profitable meeting.