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TAURANGA.

Good attendance. President in chair. Several booklets were presented to our Union by Mr Sheffield, a most kind and helpful thought, for which we thank him. Our Treasurer was desired to forward our capitation fee of 2nd. Refreshments were dispensed, and Mrs Black closed the meeting with prayer. The Band of Hope held its first meeting for this session on July 3rd. There was a good attendance, and every promise of a great deal of good being done.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

July 14th. Good attendance of members and executive. The President (Mrs Fairbairn) took the chair. President told the meeting of the District Executive's visit to Otautau recently, and the enrolling there of five new members. The meeting also was very grateful to the Town Council for forwarding to the Hon. J. G. Coates (Minister of Railways) their objection to the advertisement over the main entrance to the railway station. Decided to hold a jumble sale on Aug. 19th. Two new members initiated. The two delegates who attended the Convention of the Southland Area of the N.Z. Alliance gave traceable and definite reports of the session. Towards the close of the meeting, Pastor Brooke spoke exquisitely, and with applicable significance, on 'Paul the Apostle.' A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the delegates for their reports, also Pastor Brooke for his earnest address.

CARTERTON.

August. The coming of Mrs Don to Carterton had been looked forward to with keen interest by the Union, and also the public meeting. July 15th, Mrs Don arrived, and in the afternoon a most enjoyable afternoon and intercourse was held at Mrs Every's residence, for the Executive, to meet Mrs Don. Her experiences in America and New Zealand were very interesting to hear. Two solos were rendered, and afternoon tea was served, which brought the afternoon to a close. Then the public meeting at night was fairly well attended, the Rev. Howes in the chair. Mrs Don's address on how America has prospered since Prohibition, and the effect it has had on the people generally, I am sure, will bring more votes for New Zealand. The part about her visit to the different schools, and where the slums once were, and how the children have had benefit in every way appealed to the people. Then figures were dealt with, and comparison, till the end of her address, kept the public held with interest. The decorations were a novelty, as a large white bow had been made and placed in prominence, and looked very effective, and the platform was a mass of flowers. Two solos by Mrs Trask and Miss Masson were rendered. The speaker was accorded a vote of thanks by the Chairman, and the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

OAMARU.

July 13th. Mrs J. J. Clark (President) occupied the chair. Mrs Scott gave an address. Mr Russ, New Zealand Alliance Organiser, in a few appreciative words introduced Mrs Pasly, of Invercargill, and also apologised for Mrs Grocott's absence. Mrs Pasly expressed her pleasure in meeting the women of the W.C.T.U. They were engaged in great work that would benefit humanity and glorify God. We must not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Pasly for her very inspiring address. One new member was initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

HENDERSON.

July 29th. Mrs Platt presided. Good attendance. Secretary read letter asking for support at drawing room meeting to meet Mrs Don on the 24th. inst. Several members promised to go and take cakes, etc., to help with afternoon tea. Afternoon was then spent in reading articles from W.R., several members taking part, and a good discussion followed. One lady brought a copy of W.R. June, 1922, and reminded members of a prayer in that number, for those who write, saying we need to specially pray for those who write for our daily papers this year as

much as in 1922, that they may use their powers in the cause of truth and righteousness. Our President again stressed the need to support our paper, and get it into as many homes as possible. Three new subscribers were obtained, and a very interesting afternoon closed with Benediction.

SUMNER.

July 7th. Entirely a business meeting, mainly finishing arrangements for the Young People's Social on July 9th. A quantity of correspondence was dealt with, and Mesdames Peek and Martin appointed delegates to Prohibition Area Conference.

August 4th. T. E. Taylor Day. Routine business was dealt with. Mrs McCombs reported that the Young People's Social had been an emphatic success, about 200 attending, and Rev. Coursey gave a most earnest address. Miss Henderson gave a brief account of the Area Conference. It was resolved to send at least one delegate to Timaru Convention. A unanimous resolution was carried in favour of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. Decided to invite Mr Piggott, the Canterbury Area Organiser for the Prohibition Campaign, to address our meeting on September 1st. Mrs McCombs then gave a very fine outline of the work of the "Past leaders of the Prohibition movement," with special reference to T. E. Taylor, and made an earnest appeal to us to carry their work on to a successful issue. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs McCombs was carried.

MOTUEKA.

Owing to heavy rains, we were unable to hold our meeting for June.

July 29th. Attendance of eleven. Miss Cresswell in the chair. We were privileged in having Mrs Field and Miss Cooke (two Nelson members) visit us on this occasion. Their object was to discuss the advisability or otherwise of holding Convention in Blenheim this year, also ways and means of sending delegates. One new member was initiated.

WAIMATE.

21st. Anniversary of W.C.T.U. The July meeting took the form of a large birthday party, over 70 members being present. Miss Smart gave a summary of the formation and progress of the Temperance movement in Waimate since 1904, recalling memories of many old friends and workers. It was our privilege to have present with us three ex-Presidents, Mrs Grahame, Mrs Stewart, and Mrs Nash. Mrs Roy presented each of these ladies with a ribbon badge, with date of office printed in gold letters, attached to a small bouquet of flowers, our President, Mrs Kippenberger, being likewise honoured, at the same time making a few well chosen remarks upon past workers and members. Tea was served, at which a large cake was cut and handed round to the members. After which a musical programme was enjoyed for an hour. One new member was initiated.

MANAIA.

July 21st. Miss Patterson in the chair. Ten present, weather very wet. Discussed Mr Isitt's Bill, and any help the Union could give. Accounts were passed for payment of the expenses of Mrs Don's visit, which resulted in a gain of four honorary members. One new members name was given in at this meeting. A letter of thanks from the Willard Home had been received. Decided to send a donation towards the creche at the Dunedin Exhibition. It was reported subjects had been chosen for the essay and the five minutes speech prizes which the Union is giving the Young People's Club; "Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body" for the first, "N.Z. Drink Bill" for the second. Arrangements were made for giving supper at the next week's meeting for the Club. This has been held since, and of ten entrants for the speech, Mr Harold Willis again won the first prize. A report of Waitara Convention was given, and afternoon tea handed round.

BLUFF.

July 22nd. A most successful social afternoon to celebrate the clearing of the debt on the new piano. The hall looked very pretty with a fine display of autumn flowers. Solos were tastefully rendered by Mesdames Richards and Adair. Two competitions arranged by Miss Mitchell added much to the brightness of the afternoon. A dainty after-

noon tea was served, after which Mrs Jas. Walker was presented with an autograph book in appreciation of her special services to the piano fund.

RANGIORA.

July 31st. Good attendance. Correspondence re Mr Isitt's Bible in Schools Bill was read. Decided to write to Mr Budds and the Prime Minister urging them to support the Bill. Mrs H. Taylor and Mrs McKechnie were appointed delegates to the District Convention in September. One new member was initiated, and the President welcomed Mrs Carson, who has joined our ranks from the Cheviot branch. As July 27th is recognised by the Union as the T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, interesting extracts relative to his life and work were read by various members.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

The North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. met on August 5th, Mrs T. E. Taylor presiding over representatives from Christchurch, New Brighton, Sumner, Sydenham, Opawa, Spreydon, Papanui, Riccarton, Belfast, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Oxford, Sefton, Cheviot, Tempelton, Springston, and Greymouth. A number of encouraging reports were read of active work, and a large number of home and young people's meetings held in town and country districts. Mrs Taylor reported on her meetings held at Akaroa and Little River in July, and Miss Henderson that a Union had been formed at Westport by Mrs W. J. Williams, who is holding meetings and organising on the West Coast. Miss Henderson also reported a meeting at Weedon's, when twelve women had joined up with the Templeton Union.

Mr J. I. Royds, President of Alliance, spoke during the morning on the work and objective of the Alliance, and asked for the help and co-operation of the several Unions whenever possible. A large number of the silent vote cards were taken by the members of the Executive.

The following resolution was passed:—"The Executive of the North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. express their indignation that no action has been taken in the direction of prosecuting the licensee of the Occidental Hotel, who supplied liquor to two young girls, who were subsequently charged at the Police Court.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the family of the late Mrs Morley Palmer, one of the most active workers in the Opawa Union, and for many years a subscriber to the "White Ribbon" paper, and member of the Christchurch Union. Regret was also expressed on the passing of the Rev. Huffadine, and a vote of sympathy passed with the family.