

domestic courts, as well as children's Courts. Miss Kirk explained the work of the W.C.T.U., and urged those present to join up with the Union. Four new members gained, and we hope others also will join. Mrs Anderson our President, was in the chair. The Rev. Wearne welcomed our Union, and said how pleased they were to have us with them. Afternoon tea.

MANAIA.—Aug. At Mrs Hansen's. Poorly attended. Letter of thanks from Willard Home. Decided to ask for Temperance Wall Sheet. Reported £1 had been sent to the Organising Fund. A vote of sympathy in her long illness with Mrs J. J. Patterson, for many years President, was passed. Decided to make enquiries as to several newcomers to the district being on the roll. Next meeting to be held at Mrs Robinson's.

MAKOTUKU.—Aug. 14. Five members present, presided over by President, Mrs Fothergill. A letter was read from Miss Olsen, who was to have given us a paper on "T. E. Taylor," but who was hindered through her car being out of order. Miss Heaton to be invited to annual meeting. Afternoon tea.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Aug. 15. Mrs Bycroft presided, good attendance. Decided to send delegate to District Convention if possible. Decided to buy charts for local schools, teachers being agreeable. Decided to hold Social Afternoon September 5th, and invite ladies of the district.

MOSGIEL.—Aug. 21. Attendance very good. Letter on "Anti-Gambling;" "Prohibition in America," by Dr. Cherrington also read. Arrangements for Convention.

Sept. 5. Drawing-room meeting at residence of Mrs Sparks; 13 present. Mrs Brown sang. An address by Mrs Brown, of Wingatui, on "Higher Services," was much appreciated. Votes of thanks to speaker, hostess and soloist.

MT. ALBERT.—Aug. 9. Mrs Bruce reported that Mrs Brodie's evening meeting had raised 10s. to help the funds. Mrs Lee-Cowie was nominated for the position of District President, and Mrs Hill elected delegate to the District Convention. Decided to send a remit to Convention, asking that the Censorship of moving pictures be tightened, as some very objectionable features had been witnessed in one mentioned by a member. Meeting closed with a Pay-Up Social, and Mrs Karlson and Mrs Laird's songs were much appreciated, as was the afternoon tea.

NAPIER.—Sept. Mrs Rupecht gave a short report of L.T.L. which she is leading at Taradale. Officers are elected and all is going well with 40 members. Mrs Leask had spoken to the children, advising the need of avoiding the use of alcohol in any form. Mrs Hull read some Scientific facts in regard to car drivers. Mrs Leask reported having written to Mr Mason, M.P., also Mr Maddison, thanking them for their support in regard to the resolution framed some months back re six day week for hospital nurses. Letter of thanks received from Probation Officer for parcel of clothing. All arrangements made for Cradle Roll Party, which is to be held first Saturday in October. Mrs Hull appointed delegate to District Convention.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Aug. 29. Mrs X. Jones in the chair. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Sole and Mrs Frederick. Mrs Reed's resignation as Evangelistic Superintendent was received. Over £20 was cleared at the Mart, held recently for the Seamen's Rest Fund. Pay-Up Social to be held. The report of District Convention was read, and a vote of thanks passed to Mrs Jemieson. Mrs Baker, of Hurworth, spoke of her Band of Hope work. Meetings are held every fortnight at Hurworth, Mongorei and Koru. Miss Sole, Hospital Visitor, gave her report. One new member joined.

NORMANBY.—Aug. 14. President in the chair; eleven members, four visitors. Miss McLay gave a splendid address on "The Origin and Progress of the W.C.T.U.," all members being helped by her encouraging words. President and Mrs Bevan reported attending the Taranaki Provincial Convention. Hearty vote of thanks accorded Miss McLay. Afternoon tea brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

N.E. VALLEY.—Aug. Well-attended; Mrs Peart presided. Mr Hilliker set forth the advantages to be gained by New Zealand if prohibition be carried, and was heartily thanked. Articles from "White Ribbon"

read on "Medicated Wines" and "Sunday Observance." Four delegates appointed to District Convention.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.—Aug. 21. The members of the Y. branch entertained the North Invercargill branch, and presented a very enjoyable programme of music and recitations. Miss Matheson, Y. President, occupied the chair. A thoughtful address on "Habits" was given by Sister Janet, and was listened to with marked attention. The members of the North Baptist Bible Class were present, and were cordially welcomed by the North President, Mrs Macartney. At the close, supper was handed round by the North members.

ONEHUNGA.—Aug. 9. Annual Pay-Up Social. Treasurer arranged programme. Mesdames Parker, Lamond and Thompson elected delegates to District Convention. Pamphlet on "Gambling" from Mrs Pirritt, read by Secretary. Items were rendered by Misses Creamer and Smith and Mrs Appleton. Miss Cole, lately returned from Missionary work in India, gave us an account of her work among the women there, and something of their lives and religion, showing their need of the Gospel of Jesus and its blessings. Vote of thanks to Miss Cole and performers. Afternoon tea.

OTAHUHU.—Sept. 6. The President in the chair. In spite of the terrible wet afternoon, 16 present. Rev. T. H. Eccersall gave a most interesting talk on "Educate, Advocate, Agitate." He said that these were the three factors to win prohibition, and we women could do it if we wish by doing these three things.

OTAUTAU.—Mrs J. N. Brown, who has been President of the Otautau W.C.T.U. for the past 17 years, has been compelled to hand in her resignation owing to ill-health. Members were exceedingly sorry that such should be the case, and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation. Mrs E. Harrington, the new President, waited on Mrs Brown at her home in Hulme Street, and presented her with a suede bound copy of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems, expressing regret at Mrs Brown's illness and best wishes for her speedy recovery to good health again.

OTAKI.—Aug. 8. At President's residence. Miss Lee presided; fair attendance. President regretted that a severe cold prevented Dr. Irwin Jones from giving his address on "Social Welfare Work." Scientific fact re Drug Menace read, also paper on "Vice of Gambling." Decided to supply charts to three schools. President to interview Doctors and Dentists, with a view to obtaining permission to place copy of "White Ribbon" in each waiting room. Acceptable cup of tea dispensed.

OXFORD.—Aug. 22. Decided to hold Birthday meeting in September, and to invite Y. Branch and other friends. President gave report of District Executive meeting, and read a brief extract on "The Evil Effect Alcohol has on the Digestive Organs." Donation to Willard Home received. Deep regret that Miss Neil is ill in Oxford Hospital.

PAEROA.—Aug. 8. A Cup and Saucer Social; 28 members and friends present. A cabinet for storing cups and saucers was made by Mr H. V. Cocks, at the cost of the material only. A vote of thanks to be sent to him for same. Agreed to bring the September meeting forward to the 7th, on account of Miss McCorkindale's visit to Paeroa on that day. The Waihi Branch to be invited to meet her at Paeroa. Twelve White Ribbon numbers were given away. The collection covered the cost of three dozen cups and saucers, also the cabinet. Two new members were inducted.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Sept. 7. Considering the heavy rain there was a good attendance. The President, Mrs Ferguson, was in the chair. Proposed to get a set of the Scientific charts to show to the different schools when asking them to use them. Next meeting, October 5th, to be observed as Maori Day. Decided to hold a Street Stall September 29th, for the Organising Fund. Mrs T. Young delegate to District Convention. The Reverend McArthur spoke for the Alliance and their need for workers. Mrs Kingston read a paper on "Franchise Day," which was most interesting, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Good business was done at the Bring and Buy table.

PAPANUI.—Aug. 9. Mrs Simpson presided; good attendance. A letter received

from Superintendent of the Anti-Gambling Department, urging all interested to put forward all their efforts to prevent the growing facilities for gambling. Mesdames Smith and Bond delegates to the District Convention.

PAPAROA.—Aug. 10. Mrs J. Hames presided, good attendance. A letter of acknowledgment was received from the Prime Minister, regarding the "Burgess Case," informing us that the representations submitted had been carefully noted, and had been forwarded for the information and consideration of the Hon. Minister of Justice. Mrs J. Cliff read the paper dealing with "Anti-Gambling." Mrs J. Hames gave a splendid report of the Dominion Convention, giving much useful information, also making us realise the importance of our work. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Hames. The Medical notes were read by Miss J. Wilson. Members decided to form a Branch of the Birthday League. Resolved that the financial year of this Union end on the 31st of December.

PETONE.—Aug. 7. Eleven members present. Mrs Carter presided. A quarter of an hour was spent in prayer for help in our campaign for Prohibition. Regarding delegates for Wellington District Convention, also charts for schools, they were held over until September meeting. Members stood in silence for a while, in memory of the passing away of one of our sisters, Mrs Collins, who entered into her rest on August 6th.

PONSONBY.—Aug. 16. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Mesdames Paterson and Wakeley were appointed delegates for the District Convention. Mrs Kasper gave a beautiful talk on "The Spirit of True Motherhood." Mrs Paterson sang a suitable solo.

Sept. 6. Attendance good, very wet afternoon; Mrs Lee-Cowie presided. Final arrangements were made for entertaining the delegates for the District Convention. Mrs Cook, Dominion Superintendent for Bible-in-Schools, gave a very eloquent address on this important subject.

REEFTON.—Aug. 7. Held at "The Manse," Mrs Webb presided; ten present, one new member. Mrs Webb read a paper on "Alcohol and the Blood" from Miss Harband. Mrs Campbell reported eight more subscribers to White Ribbon. Afternoon tea.

Sept. 4. Mrs Webb, President, presiding; ten ladies present. Mrs Webb read papers on Anti-Gambling and a cutting from paper, which was enjoyed by all. Decided to send two delegates to Greymouth for Conference, to be held on October 10th. Benevolent. Afternoon tea.

STRATFORD.—Aug. 24. Good attendance; Mrs Phillips, President, in the chair. Three most successful Home meetings were held during Miss McLay's stay in Stratford. Several new members gained. Miss Lilley elected Superintendent of Home Meetings. Mrs Rogers was appointed "Box" Secretary. A member kindly donated a chart to the Public School here. Social arranged for Franchise Day, and Hospital Tea arranged.

TAKAPUNA.—Sept. 6. Mrs Morgan Richards presided. Mrs Williams spoke on forthcoming Convention, and President urged all members to attend. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Souster.

TAUMARUNUI.—Aug. 21. Miss McLay was welcomed. Attendance small, one new member, making seven already for the Campaign. We greatly appreciated Miss McLay's visit, and so did our young folk, whose Club she attended.

TAURANGA.—Aug. Very fair attendance. Happy to say our President was able, once more, to preside at our gathering. Matters relating to affairs, both local and general, were discussed. Afternoon tea handed round.

TE KUITI.—Fair attendance. Very good address by Miss C. M. McLay. She stressed the importance of prayer and of having a Cradle Roll. Decided to purchase charts. Afternoon tea provided. Invited Miss McLay to return and address Band of Hope, and visit prospective members.

THAMES.—Aug. 7. Fair attendance, presided over by Mrs Richmond. Decided to donate four sets of Temperance Charts to the local schools. Arrangements made for Miss McCorkindale's visit in September. A paper on "Anti-Gambling" was read.

Sept. 3. Very good attendance, presided over by Mrs Miller. A Committee formed to