

lorry, and had to walk where the lorry could not go through the mud.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.—Oct. 4. Decided to join in the Peace Demonstration on Armistice Day. A Garden Party in aid of the Willard Home to be arranged. Two new members for the Cradle Roll. Franchise Day meeting was addressed by Rev. J. Paterson, who spoke most inspiringly and helpfully on "Constructive Citizenship." Votes of thanks passed, and arrangements made for local canvassing. The Bring and Buy Stall disposed of all its goods.

WAIMATE.—Sept. Good attendance, presided over by Mrs Roy. Arrangements made for holding Street Sale. Decided to order four sets of Temperance charts. Four members appointed to relieve at Rest Room for the month. It being the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the granting of the Franchise to the women of the Dominion, the President read a most interesting paper on "How We Won the Franchise, and what We have Done with it," drawing attention to the long list of humanitarian laws that had since been placed upon the Statute Book. Two things we have failed to do, and they are, carrying prohibition and getting women into Parliament. Afternoon tea brought to a close an interesting and instructive meeting. Copies of "How We Won the Franchise" given to all present. Local paper published full report of paper read.

WELLINGTON.—Oct. 3. Cradle Roll Afternoon, when the mothers and the children on the Cradle Roll were entertained. Mrs Mowlem, President, welcomed the visitors, after which a programme of songs and recitations was given by a number of the young people present, and thoroughly enjoyed by the adults present. Afternoon tea was handed round, and the small guests were amused with games and the distribution of toys, books, sweets and paper caps. Three new members were initiated, and several babies were added to the Cradle Roll.

ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK.

Once again we remind ourselves and would remind our children of the need of kindness to those who cannot speak for themselves, and whom we call our dumb friends. From October 25th to the 31st, Animal Welfare Week is to be observed. We hope every L.T.L. will have a lesson on this; that our Unions will study it during that week; that teachers and leaders everywhere will learn themselves and pass on to others the many ways in which we can stop cruelty to dumb animals. We may profitably study how our manner of living, the food we eat and the clothes we wear, are prepared at the cost of suffering to those who are weak and unable to defend themselves. Also, it is well for White Ribboners to study the question of vivisection, and seek information as to whether the Righteous Ruler of the Universe ordered health to man as the result of suffering to His animal creation.

Sunday, 28th, is Animal Sunday, when it is hoped ministers and Sunday School teachers will bring the matter before their scholars. Full particulars can be had from Mr Forbes, Wansbeck Street, Oamaru.

HOME AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS. AN APPRECIATION BY A FELLOW WORKER.

Dear Sisters,

It is drawing to the end of another year. What have Unions done as regards Home meetings? I see by reports in "White Ribbon," that some have done splendid work in my department, for, by Home meetings, they gain more members, and that is what we want. We are once more at the eve of another election, and I would urge upon White Ribboners, and all readers of the "White Ribbon," to work their utmost to gain votes for prohibition. Speak to everyone you come in contact with. Do not be shy, pray for strength and courage to attack the foe; the Liquor Party uses all sorts of means to gain their end, so, dear sisters, let us buckle on the armour and go forth. Let us pray and work that this year shall be our victory. Oh! to think what a happy place New Zealand will be when the liquor evil is banished from our beautiful country. Then we could drive our motors without fear of meeting motorists under the influence of liquor. Then there is the ever-increase in the drinking among our young folks. What an awful shock it must be to a mother when her daughter is brought in drunk after a dance; I know that does happen. Mothers! God has placed a great trust in your hands; so much depends on the home training a child gets. I would ask all mothers to read that beautiful little leaflet, "An Appeal to Mothers;" they would find it a great blessing.

I read an article in the daily paper yesterday, entitled, "The Unemployment in New Zealand." The Liquor Party seems to think that when prohibition is carried, it will increase unemployment. Not so, dear sisters, when prohibition is carried. Look! what will be saved that is now wasted! Don't believe a word the Trade says or writes, for they are strangers to the truth. Again, dear sisters, go forward in faith and prayer to victory.

M. OLSEN,

Dom. Supt.,

Home and Mothers' Meetings.
"The Manse,"
Norsewood.

More alcohol, higher death rate.—
Fisk.

The Kaiapoi Branch has recently lost one of its most active and earnest workers, Mrs Stewart, who for many years has been in the forefront of the battle waged against the Liquor Traffic. Service was the keynote of her life, and was the law of happiness to our late friend and comrade.

It was chiefly through her perseverance that our Rest Room and Temperance Hall was built.

For a time Mrs Stewart was Recording Secretary for the Christchurch Branch, and did yeoman service during the first years of the Great War in collecting clothing, packing, and sending it off for the Belgian refugees, and also in organising efforts to raise money for the Union's war funds.

Her energy and enthusiasm were great, and we deeply regret that the earthly activities of our late comrade are ended. At the general meeting of the Christchurch Union Miss Henderson spoke of the great loss sustained in the passing of Mrs Stewart, and proposed a vote of sincere sympathy with the bereaved husband.

FACTS, NOT FANCIES.

The first-aid division of the American Red Cross does not approve of the use of alcohol either as a stimulant, a tonic, or a therapeutic agent.—Lt. Col. C. Connor, Medical Corps, U.S.A.

Dr. Charles Mayo, in Presidential Address to American Medical Association in 1917: "Medicine has reached a place where alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, being replaced by better remedies."

Arthur Hunter, Actuary to New York Life Insurance Company: "It is certainly proved that total abstainers are longer lived than non-abstainers."

"Alcohol paves the way for germ, organic and vice diseases."

Statistics of 43 American Life Insurance Companies, showed liquor business was hazardous for health. Workers in breweries had a death rate 52 per cent. above normal.