

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Aug. 10. Mrs Nalley (President) presided over a large attendance. Correspondence from Mrs Nimmo re sailors. It was decided to meet the Central Union Executive at an early date. The matter as to the advisability of holding a District Convention is also to be considered. Mrs McGregor, our Notable Days Superintendent, gave an interesting paper on the life of the late T. E. Taylor, and his last words were noted: "Prohibition was worth living for; yes, dying for." Our L.T.L. is making good progress under Mrs Fairbairn, superintendent, and a number of children have been enrolled at each meeting.

MANAIA.

Aug. 10. Mrs Patterson presided, 18 members present. Decided to send £1 to Mrs Nimmo for work among sailors. One lady gave an interesting five-minute speech. There were four new members received, and 15 names for the Cradle Roll. Decided to hold an evening meeting at the Parsonage on August 25th.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Aug. 3. Mrs Hiett in the chair. Very interesting, live meeting, in spite of disappointingly small attendance. Two apologies for non-attendance received. Miss McCallum, a visitor, of Auckland W.C.T.U., was welcomed. Resolved unanimously to send letter to Mr A. S. Adams congratulating him on his appointment as Crown Prosecutor. Letter received from Prime Minister, stating that matter of better lavatory accommodation on trains was under consideration. Decided to send copies of following resolutions to Prime Minister and local M.P.'s:—(1) "That this Union strongly protests against the system of indentured labour existing in Samoa, and urges Parliament to abolish it there without delay." (2) "That this Union notes with marked disapproval that one of the largest jam factories in New Zealand has had to close down temporarily owing to shortage of sugar, while the breweries of the Dominion maintain their average output of beer, thereby using a large quantity of sugar." Resolved to hold an "At Home" to raise funds with which to assist Mrs Nimmo in her work among seamen. Mrs Hiett gave a short outline of, and eulogised this work. Mrs Driver gave an interesting account of her work in connection with the proposal to offer prizes to the children of the public schools for essays on temperance. Mrs Driver's work much appreciated.

NGAERE.

July 6. At Mrs Boyd's. Attendance good. Decided to commemorate T. E. Taylor Day by having an evening for honorary members. Mrs X. Jones's resignation accepted with regret. Mrs Morison elected to fill her place as President. An interesting letter from

Mrs Don was read, also "a few thoughts on prayer" by Mrs X. Jones.

July 27. A social evening for honorary members was held at Mrs Morison's residence. A good musical programme was contributed by members and friends. Mrs Morison presented our President, Mrs X. Jones, with a lady's hand-bag as a slight token of esteem from the Ngaere Union. Mrs Jones replied, thanking members, and expressing regret at leaving Ngaere. Three new honorary members were enrolled.

Aug. 3. Meeting held at Mrs Hann's. Resolved to send protest to Parliament against indentured labour for Samoa. An article from the "White Ribbon" on the World's Convention, London, was read by Mrs Brown.

GREYMOUTH.

Our monthly meetings have been held regularly, also the mid-monthly prayer meetings, attended both by members and visitors.

Frances Willard Day.—A well-attended meeting. A fine address was given by Mrs (Canon) Carr on Women Missionaries. Collection for World's Missionary Fund.

White Ribbon Day.—A good gathering of members and friends. Musical items were well rendered, and an excellent address given by Rev. T. N. Cuttle, which was a help and an inspiration to all. Seven new subscribers and one new member gained; also £1 sent to Maori Fund.

Aug. The Sailors' Rest work is going on well. Our caretaker and his family make the boys welcome and to feel at home. Many letters of thanks and appreciation have been received.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Sept. 2. Attendance fair. A paper on "Concentrated Work" was read by Mrs Bott. Resolved: "That the Wanganui District W.C.T.U. join with the Dominion officers in strongly opposing indentured labour in Samoa." The street stall realised £12 0s 9d in aid of Girls' Hostel. Vote of thanks to all who had assisted. Successful Gift Evening at Mrs Cardwell's on September 4th.

BLENHEIM.

Sept. 7. Good attendance of members. Mrs Richards (President) in chair. One new member was initiated. Decided that members undertake to write papers on various subjects, interesting, educative, and up-to-date. Mrs Brierley to write on "Sabbath Observance" for October meeting. Each active member pledged herself to try and obtain one new member for our Union. Secretary reported having forwarded £20 to Save the Children Fund at Nelson.

LEIGH.

Sept. Fair attendance, two visitors present. Mrs Matheson in the chair. Appeal received for funds to supply comforts to seamen. Union resolved

to make an effort to raise funds for the Auckland W.C.T.U. Hostel. Proposed and seconded to offer first, second, and third prizes for the three best essays on "Temperance," pupils in the 5th and 6th Standards of the five nearest schools being allowed to compete. The essays are to be on exhibition at the Presbyterian Bazaar. Proposed to canvass the district to collect children's clothes to send to Auckland for children in needy circumstances.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Aug. 19. Combined meeting with Y's. Decided to send donation to Mrs Nimmo for sailors' work, also to collect reading matter for the Sailors' Rest in Port Chalmers. The Y's then held a discussion on "Equal Pay for Equal Work," Miss Grono taking affirmative, and Misses Glanville and Olds the negative. The vote was in favour of equal pay. Letter of sympathy sent to Miss Greta Finlay, who was too ill to be present.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Aug. 11. Mrs Napier presided. Letter of thanks for donation of £3 3s to Prize Competition Fund. Decided to hold special silver coin meeting to help work among seamen. Committee appointed to look after Fanny Cole Memorial Fund. Mrs Clay appointed delegate to Provincial Convention. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Loughton on the death of her son.

Aug. 25. Silver coin meeting in aid of Work Among Seamen. Mrs Miller (President of Sailors' Institute) gave an interesting address upon work done in Lyttelton among visiting seamen. Resolution against increase of racing permits passed unanimously, to be sent to ministers and local M.P.'s.

HAMILTON.

Aug. 5. Eighteen present, when Mrs Morton presided. Resolved that this meeting send a letter of protest to Parliament against the use of indentured labour in Samoa. President and Treasurer visited Te Kuiti Branch and gave satisfactory report. Mrs Hercus then gave a very impressive address on "A Christian Woman's Influence and Responsibility in the World To-day." Executive met on 10th, and decided that this Branch send a letter to Parliament strongly protesting against the 38 additional permits for race meetings to be brought forward by Mr Hunter.

Oh! ask not thou "How shall I bear,
The burdens of to-morrow?"
Sufficient for the day, it's care,
Its evils and its sorrow,
God imparteth by the way,
Strength sufficient for the day.
—Lines found in General Gordon's
bedroom.