

NEW PLYMOUTH.

April 26. Mesdames Valentine and Kibby, Delegates to Convention, read their report. Seven members of this Branch were present at Convention. Miss Mayo, W.C.T.U. Organiser, has been in this district, and has secured a large number of new members. Five new members were initiated at the last meeting. The Loyal Temperance Legion has been formed, and members are now being enrolled.

TE KUITI.

April 11. Owing to inclemency of weather, attendance was small. The President, Mrs Edgar, occupied the chair, and gave an interesting account of Hamilton Convention. Resolved that a deputation wait on the Mayoress (Mrs Line) to ask her to call a meeting, with the object of forming a Plunket Society in Te Kuiti. Decided to hold a monthly social afternoon, each member to bring a friend who is interested in the W.C.T.U., also helping to make and renovate clothing for charitable aid.

CARTERTON.

May 3. Poor attendance. Mrs Peryman presided as Mrs Every was unavoidably absent through sickness in her home. A discussion took place regarding the Provincial Convention, which is to be held here in September next. Reference was made to Dr. Armor's visit to this town.

TURAKINA.

March. We held our first meeting for the year at Mrs Clark's residence, there being eight present. Mrs Wilson spoke on the necessity of voting and getting others to vote out the drink traffic, quoting Billy Sunday and his ideas of the drink. Death has claimed one of our gentleman members in Mr D. R. Perry, and our hearts go out in sympathy to his widow and family.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Nov. 22. Attendance good. Mrs Cleghorn, President in the chair. Secretary, Mrs Wallis read the report of the year's work. Treasurer, Mrs Finlay, read the balance-sheet. Miss Andrews reported on the Cradle Roll. Mrs Pratley on the Band of Mercy and L.T.L. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Cleghorn; Vice-Pres., Mrs Pratley; Treas., Mrs Finlay; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wallis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hudson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Joint Supts., Cradle Roll, Mrs Cook and Miss Andrews; Joint Supts., Band of Mercy and L.T.L., Mrs Hudson and Mrs Adcock. Final arrangements for Garden Fete, which duly came off, the splendid sum of £21 12s being raised, which goes to Headquarters Fund.

March 28. Opening meeting of the year. Mrs Cleghorn, President, in the chair. Poor attendance. Decided to each bring some piece of work to be sold later at Sale to augment Fighting Fund. One new member enrolled.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

April 11. Mrs Paisley presided over a good attendance of members. Four new members were enrolled. Members are active to add to their numbers and arouse interest in view of the forthcoming poll.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

April 12. Mrs Neal presided. Good attendance of members. Mrs Tims (Christchurch), Mrs Field (Nelson), and Miss Taunt (New Plymouth), were welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Williams gave a very interesting report of the recent Convention at Hamilton. Mrs Don addressed the meeting, speaking of the plan of campaign for the year in regard to Mrs Mary Armor's visit to our Dominion, and also of the Memorial Headquarters, which we hoped would be an accomplished fact in the future. Mrs Don then gave a graphic recital of her thrilling experiences at the World's Convention in London.

April 26. Mrs Neal presided. Miss Earnshaw sent in a report of a successful meeting in Dargaville, and a Union formed with 35 members. Mrs Hollis, President of Waihi Union, and her daughter were welcomed to the meeting; also Mrs Shanley, Greytown, and Mrs Nichol森, Dannevirke. Mrs Hollis gave an interesting short account of the work at Waihi. Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of Mesdames Ward, Ostler, and Vickers in their sorrow. Our Union mourns the loss of these saintly members. Resolved that we heartily support the movement for the formation of Community Clubs for Senior Cadets. Mrs Cook gave an interesting account of her impressions of Convention, and dealt with the resolutions passed. In connection with the proclamation sent out by Convention, the following resolution was passed:—"That the Auckland Branch of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. declares its approval of the proclamation sent out by Convention, and will strive to work for the promotion of universal peace along the lines suggested therein.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

April 19. Four new members were received. The resignation of our President, Miss Helyer, was received with very great regret. Miss C. E. Kirk was appointed to take her place, Mrs Evans taking the position of Corresponding Secretary, rendered vacant by Miss Kirk's promotion. Mrs Caughley, our Convention delegate, gave a most interesting report of the work done at Convention, and made us all wish we had been there. We had the pleasure of a brief visit from Mrs Lee-Cowie, who was just in time to pin the bows on the new members.

MANAIA.

April 11. The President in the chair, 13 present. Two new members

joined, and one baby's name added to the Cradle Roll. There were two ladies nominated for the School Committee. Mrs Bennett read a very interesting report of the Convention, held in Hamilton, and received a very hearty vote of thanks.

RIVERTON.

April 28. Heavy and continuous rain prevented most of the members from attending the meeting. Decided to open the Band of Hope next week, and to interest the children in the essay competition. After some discussion, the members present agreed that part of the Band of Hope funds in hand might be suitably spent in advertising the competition in the local and Invercargill papers. So far, no notice of the N.Z. Alliance prizes has appeared in any paper except the "White Ribbon" and "Vanguard," and it was thought that advertisements in the daily papers would reach many children who never come into touch with the Band of Hope or W.C.T.U. The notices have since been published.

SAWYER'S BAY.

April 25. President (Mrs Cleghorn) in the chair, 15 present. Letter read from Mrs Tiffany, of Oamaru, also a condensed copy of her report of Convention. Our heartiest thanks are due to her for her kindness in sending these on to us. Mr Faulkener gave an address on "The Temperance Movement," and was thanked. The President urged all members to do all they could by prayer and work for our great fight for Prohibition this year. A dainty supper concluded a very pleasant evening.

Y's Column.

AUCKLAND.

Feb. 16. Successful social. Mr Foster presided. Musical items rendered. The Chairman stressed the wonderful opportunity that lies with us this year. Mrs Lee Cowie addressed us, dealing specially with public speaking. A competition and supper closed the evening. Eight new members initiated.

March 7. Present 25. Presiding Mr Foster. Report of successful open-air meetings given. A choir to sing at them is being formed. Mr Mills urged greater loyalty to our cause. Mr Foster added a few words. We must have knowledge of facts, and must earnestly and constantly pray. Three new members.

April 4. 35 present. Mr L. Foster presided. Report was given of our open-air meetings on Friday nights in Fort Street. Resolution carried protesting against Spain's action in connection with Iceland. An inspiring address was given by Mrs Don, who drew her illus-