

was re-affirmed at the meeting that the present system of Compulsory Military Training be abolished, and that a system of compulsory physical training take its place.

**DARGAVILLE.**—May 20. A well-attended meeting; Mrs. Page presided. Miss McLay was with us, also members of other branches being present. A most instructive address was given by Miss McLay, for which she was heartily thanked. Pledge repeated.

**DUNEDIN.**—June 4. Mrs. Hiatt presided, and reported having drawn the attention of the Mayor and Councillors to an objectionable hoarding. Resolution passed, drawing the attention of the Mayor to the fact that boys of tender years are allowed to enter licensed hotel bars for the purpose of selling newspapers, and asking if anything could be done to prevent this, commenting on the action of the St. Kilda Borough Council on receipt of a letter from the Good Templars Grand Lodge. The following resolution was passed:—"We note the action of the St. Kilda Borough Council with regard to drinking in dance halls and cabarets in their Borough, and we trust that they will be unanimous in their efforts to prevent this grave and growing evil." Mrs. Don drew attention to the report of the conduct of certain hotels in this city; the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting of the W.C.T.U. deplores the habit of mixed drinking in hotels as reported in the "Evening Star" of June 3rd, and would urge the Minister of Justice to see that this habit be stopped." This resolution to be sent to the Minister of Justice. Mrs. Don gave a full report of the Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Alliance. Mrs. Sharpe read a report of the Annual Meeting of the Otago Band of Hope Union, the name to be changed to "Youth, Temperance, and Band of Hope Union," so as to embrace all Youth work. Mrs. Downing reported on the Annual Meeting of Women's National Council.

**EPSOM.**—May 22. Mrs. Benfell presided; good attendance. Cradle Roll Afternoon for mothers and children. Besides the usual attendance of members, we had four mothers and fifteen children, and others sending apologies of absence through sickness. Mrs. Kasper gave a most instructive talk from the word "Alcohol," taken letter by letter, and also gave particulars of her work in the L.T.L. Department. Two young friends who came with her gave their "Watchword," and also a recitation. Refreshments for all, and games for the children, and each child receiving and wearing a paper cap, which caused amusement. A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. Birkitt, one of our members, whose death had occurred suddenly. As next meeting would be "White Ribbon" Day, decided to have a paper on the subject, followed by discussion on the "Power of the Press."

**EDEN.**—May 21. Mrs. Fenton presided over a good attendance. Sympathy was expressed with members, including the President, who were absent, owing to sickness. A letter from the Dominion President (Mrs. Taylor) referring to Headquarter's finance and the scheme set out for organising work, was received. Major Gordon gave a very impressive address on the "Need for more Parental Control and Religious Home Training," the only foundation for a fence at the top of the hill, instead of an ambulance at the bottom. Afternoon tea.

**FENCOURT.**—May 8. Pay-Up Day; Mrs. Lea presided; good attendance. Mrs. Lea gave short and inspiring address upon "The Value of Prayer." Miss Norman appointed Secretary, pro. tem. In response to Mrs. Taylor's letter, decided to make effort for Million Shilling Fund at an early date, Treasurer very busy collecting fees. Afternoon tea.

**FEILDING.**—June 5. Good attendance; President in chair. The Scientific fact, "Is Alcohol a Tonic," was proved most decidedly not. Mrs. Spence, "Y." Superintendent, reported having formed a branch, and two meetings have been held. Miss C. M. McLay will be here on the 16th inst., to inaugurate the Union. Mrs. Pack reported on a District Executive meeting held in Palmerston. Mrs. Peryman sent a paper, urging us to do our utmost to increase the circulation of "White Ribbon." Mrs. Reeve offered to take six extra copies for distribution.

**GORE.**—May 27. President in the chair; good attendance. Mrs. T. Stevenson was re-appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. Mrs. Johnston appointed Organist. In response to a suggestion from the Ministers' Associa-

tion, it was decided that the four schools participating all give a few items at each meeting, instead of giving the whole programme alternately. W.C.T.U. suggest to ministers that, if possible, there be a Band of Hope Committee in each Church to assist in this work. The Temperance essays in the local schools are being arranged for July, the subjects being "Physical Fitness," "Alcoholic Accidents" and "Temperance and Crime." The delegate gave the report of Convention, and the President thanked her, saying it was very comprehensive.

**HAWERA.**—May. Mrs. Emmitt presided over a nice gathering. Mrs. Young gave a very instructive and interesting address on "Peace." During the month, Mrs. Ashton entertained members of the Union to an Afternoon, when a collection was taken up for local work, and on Monday afternoon, May 26th, quite a large gathering met in the Methodist Bible Classroom to say goodbye to one of their oldest members, Mrs. T. Tait. Mrs. Emmitt presided, and made a presentation on behalf of the Union. Mrs. Phillips spoke very highly of our guest's work in the Union for a number of years, and urged her to carry on the good work after she had got settled in her new home at New Plymouth. Mrs. Exley also spoke of the valuable assistance we had always received from Mrs. Tait, and then presented the guest of honour with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Miss Bates also spoke on behalf of the Prohibition League. Singing and elocutionary items were rendered, and a sumptuous afternoon tea was handed round by the ladies, and a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

**HASTINGS.**—May 16. Cradle Roll Social Afternoon, organised by the Superintendent, Mrs. McArthur. Forty children present and 29 mothers. Mrs. Hickmott, President, extended a welcome on behalf of the W.C.T.U. The following items were contributed:—Songs, Mrs. Rashleigh, Miss Campbell, Miss Nina Anderson; Recitations, Miss Violet Batt, Miss Helen Linyard, Master Noel Anderson; Dance, Little Shirley Howard, Miss Batt; Flute Solo, Miss Enid Lusher; Pianist, Mrs. W. J. Anderson. Afternoon tea was dispensed. The Treasure Hunt gave much pleasure to the little ones. A Birthday Chair was occupied by two of the children, in turn, while the greeting, "Happy Birthday to You," was sung. The Cradle Roll was increased by four. Votes of thanks to helpers.

May 23. A well-attended meeting; Mrs. Hickmott, President, in the chair. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Sutherland. Mrs. Darby was presented with a Badge of Honour for securing twelve new members; four apologies received. One new member. Special meeting was arranged for "White Ribbon" Day; members were asked to get new subscribers. Afternoon tea served.

**HAVELOCK NORTH.**—May 23. Good attendance; 3 apologies. Scientific fact given. President spoke on several important facts of Convention. Prayer meeting for Peace Day. Meeting arranged for "White Ribbon" Day. Miss McLay's visit in June referred to.

**HENDERSON.**—May 21. Mrs. Platt presided. Mrs. Lee-Cowie gave a very interesting talk upon her Campaign in Victoria. We were also thrilled to hear of W.C.T.U. work in India. We farewelled Mrs. Cowie, and gave her our very best wishes for happiness in her new home. Afternoon tea served.

**INVERCARGILL SOUTH.**—May 20. By no means trivial was the address given by Mrs. E. C. Smith (Gore) styled "Trifles." A gratifying number were present. Members from the North branch were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Fairbairn. Mrs. Smith showed both incidentally and illustratively how mere trifles, some small, some large, in actions or words, had been the means of framing famous and brilliant characters and lives. Feeling reference and wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mrs. Pasley. Musical items by Mesdames Lee and Cook, and a solo by Mrs. Bain. Afternoon tea. Votes of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Fretwell to the speakers and the performers, were given.

**KUMEU.**—May 14. Attendance of ten members and one visitor; Mrs. R. Cates in chair. Miss L. M. Farrand elected Secretary and Treasurer, pro. tem. Mrs. Brambley's resignation accepted with regret. Mrs. and Miss Brambley heartily thanked for their valuable work

as Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting adjourned to join with other ladies of the district in a Social Afternoon to bid farewell to Mrs. and Miss Brambley.

**KAIAPOI.**—May 28. The President, Mrs. Burnett, in the chair; very good attendance. Two visitors from Belfast cordially welcomed. Miss Blackwell made a feeling reference to the work of her mother for the Union in the early days of Kaiapoi. She then read a most interesting paper written by her mother. Afternoon tea was served, and Miss Blackwell spoke about Departmental work, most particularly about four Departments: (1st) The Devotional, as our Motto is "For God, Home and Humanity," therefore God is put first in our work; (2nd) Temperance; (3rd) Good Citizenship; (4th) Peace and Arbitration. Mrs. Rinaldi was elected as Superintendent of the Good Citizenship Department.

**KAIKORAI.**—May 27. Mrs. Orr in the chair. Warm welcome extended to Mrs. Ryan, late of Epsom. Temperance fact read by Miss Dobson. Mrs. Orr reported the success of Jumble Sale held at her house. Clothing, etc., left over from the Sale, forwarded to organizations working in the interest of the needy in the city. Decided to send £2 10s to Million Shilling Fund, and two guineas to Mr. F. G. Cumming. Afternoon tea served.

**LOWER HUTT.**—June 28. Present, 21, and President in chair. Welcome extended to Moera Union members who have decided to combine with us. Delegate appointed for District Executive, Mrs. Drury, of Linwood Union, gave paper on "Advancement of Peace." Mrs. Lopdell thanked speaker. Mrs. Spencer gave another section of Annual Convention Report for the benefit of those who could not attend the special afternoon of April 8th. Benediction.

**LEVIN.**—May 9. Mrs. Cummings presided; good attendance. Miss Jones opened the meeting with a solo, after which the President gave a very helpful talk from the first chapter of Acts. "White Ribbon" Day was discussed; each member was asked to study the "White Ribbon," and so make the meeting more interesting. Extra "White Ribbon" papers have been distributed. Afternoon tea served.

**MASTERTON.**—June. Mrs. G. Ross presiding; smaller attendance than usual. Decided to hold Social function Tuesday evening, 17th June, in order to celebrate 21st Anniversary of No-License in Masterton. Mr. Jas. McGregor to be asked to give outline of early Campaign days and to cut Birthday Cake. Bring and Buy Stall for members. Secretary to enquire about exercise books for school children, with Temperance fact printed in. A paper, "What Do You Read," was read, and proved a most helpful article. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Russell and Miss Tankersley.

**MAKOTUKU.**—May 13. Five members present; Mrs. T. Fothergill in the chair. Meeting held at Mrs. Cantwell's residence; time was spent in sewing articles for the Willard Home. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs. Cantwell.

**MAUNGATUROTO.**—May 21. Pay-Up meeting, held at Manse, all members present being financial. Rev. T. Flower opened meeting. Pledge repeated; Temperance fact read. Secretary read Auckland District report for April, also report of Conference at Whangarei, which she had attended. Short programme followed. Mrs. F. Cullen and Miss Edna Cullen contributing solos, and Mrs. H. Flower and Mrs. Pasley reading. Afternoon tea dispensed.

**MOSGIEL.**—May 21. Good attendance; Mrs. A. Wilson presided. All very pleased to see Mrs. Bedford present, although not in official capacity yet. Mrs. Leech, of Dunedin, gave us a most interesting and instructive address on "The League of Nations."

**NELSON.**—May 13. Mrs. F. W. O. Smith in the chair; good attendance; and gave another report on Convention. A vote of thanks was passed for her comprehensive and very interesting report. Mrs. Watson, a delegate to the Temperance Conference at Christchurch, gave an interesting account of it. Short discussions on Compulsory Military Training. One new member; one welcomed from an Auckland branch. A very interesting afternoon.

May 19. "Peace Day;" President in the chair. Mrs. Smith and Miss Cooke read papers on "The World's Peace;" Mrs. Smith also read Mrs. Evans' paper on "World's Peace." A member sang two solos; much enjoyed. The Country Produce Sale and