No. 471.—Petition of HANNAH Scully, of Levin.

PETITIONER prays that she may be paid the compensation that would have been due to her husband had he been retired from the Police Force of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

14th September, 1904.

No. 25.—Petition of H. Sanson and 11 Others (and 20 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule). PETITIONERS pray that full inquiry may be made into the care taken by Returning Officers in respect to the safe custody of ballot-papers, &c.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of these petitions has been quite recently fully reported upon by this Committee, they recommend the petitions be referred to the Govern-

ment for consideration. 28th September, 1904.

SCHEDULE.

No. 323.—Cuba Street Methodist Church, Palmerston No. 394.—Officers Women's Christian Temperance Union, Auckland. North. S. Smith and 2 others. 395 W. Gibson and 7 others. -C. Porter and 3 others 438.-358. ,, 387.—E. D. Patchett and 6 others. 388.—W. Ready and another. 389.—Hope of Christchurch I.O.G.T. Lodge. 439.-449. -Auckland Province No-license Council. 450.-390. 391.—W. Grigg and 10 others. 392.—Eden Electorate No-license League. of Temperance. Christchurch Prohibition League. -Session, Knox Church, Auckland. 452.—Reviving Stream Lodge of Good Templars 563.—J. Officer and 2 others.

No. 9.—Petition of JAMES STUBBS (and 212 similar Petitions as per attached Schedule). PETITIONERS pray that the importation into, or sale of liquor in the Cook Group of islands may not be permitted, &c.

1 am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of these petitions is being dealt with in the Licensing Bill now before the House, the Committee recommends the petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th September, 1904.

SCHEDULE. 10.—E. Newham and 2 others. No. 125.—W. McAra and 2 others. No. 126.—R. Taylor and 6 others. 127.—E. H. Taylor. 30.—Auckland Province No-license Council.
31.—Auckland Total Abstinence Society. -W. H. Bennett and 4 others. -C. Waterhouse and another. 128. R. Litten and another. -D. Hind and another. -Mariners' Pride Lodge, I.O.G.T. 129. 130. -Young People's No-license League of Christ-A. H. Smith and 3 others. church. 132. P. C. Paterson and 3 others. Canterbury Band of Hope Union. ,, -Women's Christian Union, Christchurch. R. Crov 133. 52.—Canterbury Christian Endeavour Union. 53.—East Belt Methodist Church, Christehurch. Southbridge Presbyterian Church. 142. Little River Methodist Church. H. Armstrong and 26 others.
 Poihipi Mokaia Kohere and 10 others.
 J. East and another. -James Little and 3 others. 144. -E. J. Butler and 3 others. 145.- I. Bloor and another. -W. J. Williams and 2 others. -C. Gordon and 9 others. 148.—C. Catton and 21 others. 149.—J. Somerville and 76 others. Emma Crump and another. -John Dukes and 13 others.
-W. Taylor and another,
-T. H. Lyon and another. J. O'Dowd and 25 others. 60.-W. Martin and 28 others.
J. W. Bull and 25 others. 151.-Congregation of St. John's Church, Welling-152. 153.—F. Stafford and 27 others. N. Hall and 2 others. A. Spence and 10 others. -N. Han and 2 others.
-New Hope Lodge, I.O.G.T., Westport.
-Congregation of Westport Methodist Church.
-J. Glassey and 37 others.
-James Thomas and 15 others. 155. Arch Hill Methodist Band of Hope. Howick Presbyterian Church. Hobsonville Church. 156. 157. 73. Newton Branch of the Salvation Army. 78.—Barnes I from a and 12 others.
79.—R. Prouse and 2 others.
80.—Rev. J. Wrigley and 2 others.
81.—Otahuhu Band of Hope.
82.—Otahuhu Methodist Sunday-school. 159. -Women's Christian Temperance Union, Auckland. Mount Eden Baptist Church. Baptist Band of Hope, Ponsonby.
-St. John's Band of Hope, Ponsonby.
-Congregation of Baptist Church, Ponsonby. -J. H. Harper and 3 others.

-E. Drake and 4 others.

-Waimate Temperance Reform Union.

-Waimate Young Men's Bible Class. 162.-163.--Congregation of Daptist Chilers, re-W. Higginbottom and 3 others,
-E. C. Feltham and another.
-Reviving Stream Lodge, I.O.G.T.
-R. Ferguson and 3 others.
-W. J. Osborne and another. 165. 116.-117.—Presbyterian Church at Waihao Downs. 118.—Members of Waimate Church. 119.—Rongotea Primitive Methodist Church. 166.-167.-168. T. A. Harris.
J. Johnston and another.
W. Trueman and another. -J. H. Blackwell and 2 others. 169.-121.—G. Gray and 2 others. 170.--J. Day and 4 others. -C. Dalleston and 2 others. 122.--P. Wilson and 2 others. 123.--G. Bond and 2 others. 173. -J. W. Hunter.