

## News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

### PETONE.

March 7. Mrs Rouse presided. Attendance good. It was passed that Mrs Burd (as delegate of Petone Branch) vote as she thought best for the benefit of all members at the Conference.

March 22. At Home. 26 present, amongst whom were ladies from Lower Hutt, Mrs Rouse (President) in the chair. Speeches were given by Rev. Todd, Mr Grinstead, and Mr and Mrs Collins. Songs were sung by Mesdames Franklin and Ewen, and Misses Rogers and Colton. Recitations by Mrs Cole and Miss Gladys Ashby. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs McPherson, who was given a very hearty vote of thanks.

### SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

March 14. Meeting held in Amethyst Hall, Mrs Pasley presiding. Attendance good. The coupon scheme was explained, and it was agreed to take up this work, and Mrs Smith was appointed coupon collector. Decided to adopt the One Win One campaign for this year. Three new members were initiated and welcomed, making our roll number 43. A most helpful and interesting article on "Individual Influence," written by one of our boys in Egypt, was read by one of the members, and was followed by an earnest address bearing on the same subject by the President.

April 11. Mrs Pasley presided, 20 members present. Mrs Morrison was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. Mrs Hunter gave her report of Convention, which was exceedingly interesting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her. Four members were nominated as candidates at the forthcoming School Committee election. One new member was welcomed. The President reported having secured suitable space in tram cars for Union advertisements at a reduced rate, satisfaction being expressed at the result of her efforts.

### WANGANUI Y's.

Miss Powell and Mrs Don organised a Y. branch of the W.C.T.U. at Wanganui on March 20th. The officers elected were: Mrs Matthews, Pres.; Miss T. Chisholm, Cor. Sec.; Miss D. Campion, Record. Sec.; and Miss D. Twembo, Treas. Thirty-nine members were enrolled. Decided to hold meetings at Trinity Parlour 1st Monday in each month; 3rd Monday to be given to the Orphanage for

the purpose of sewing for the children. A "Flower" superintendent was elected to distribute at the hospital. Several members offered to help canvass the town for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. A very bright future is anticipated for our Y branch.

### WARKWORTH.

Thursday, 30th March. Mrs Hamilton presided over a large attendance. Mrs E. Morrison, as delegate, gave her report of the Wanganui Convention. She was able to urge the necessity of nominating capable women to stand for election on school committees. Also Mrs Cowie's Dominion Patriotic Scheme was greatly approved of. Mrs Southern pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting closed.

### MATAURA.

March 31st; the President in the chair. Correspondence from Dr Barnardo's home re receipt of box. Our Union forwarded £9 collected for Patriotic Fund, and Y.M.C.A. work. Word was received from Minister for Defence that our telegram, re shouting intoxicants to returned soldiers would be considered. Decided to start working up material for a box for mission work.

### STRATFORD.

At our usual monthly meeting on Thursday last we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Powell. After our President (delegate to Convention) had given a short outline of some of the business done there, she called upon Miss Powell to address us, promising to give more Convention news at next meeting. Miss Powell arranged for social afternoon, suggesting that friends who were not members of Unions be the guests. Two new members were enrolled.

### WHANGAREI.

April 4th. Mrs Whalley (Vice-President) in chair. Arranged that secretary should write Hikaurangi Union, re Miss Evan's visit. Also arranged that Executive meet Tuesday, 11th, to arrange for entertainment of Miss Evans. The secretary to write letter of condolence to Mrs McLeod, in her recent bereavement. Miss Griffen, who has lately returned from U.S.A., kindly gave a short and interesting address on "The Great National Convention," held at Seattle, showing the powers of the Women's Temperance Work there.

### FEILDING.

February meeting rather small. Telegram sent to Hon. Allen re resolution against shouting for soldiers. Letter of thanks from Palmerston Union for donations from our members to the Patriotic stall at the Palmerston A. and P. Show.

March meeting well attended. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, gave a splendid and helpful address. She told of the origin, and many branches

of work, homes for friendless girls, old people, etc., where needy cases were relieved. Tea was handed round. Many were added to our members. Miss Powell was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. During Miss Powell's visit, several drawing room, and missionary meetings were held. She visited many homes, and we hope to do better in the future.

March 30th. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed a large and appreciative audience on the influence of mothers on their children, and the progress of the temperance movement. She referred to many of those who had gone to the front who were ruined for life by immorality and strong drink. New members were added to our Union. At a public meeting held in the evening, Mrs Lee-Cowie spoke on "The War and the Liquor Traffic." Reference was made to prohibition in Russia, Canada and America; also the 6 o'clock closing of hotels in Australia.

### GREYMOUTH.

April 27. Attendance good. Report of Convention was received from our proxy, Mrs Brown, and most hearty thanks were tendered to her. Rev. E. D. Patchett gave us valuable assistance and encouragement. Congratulations to be sent to our Borough Council for the work of inspection, etc., now being carried on. Cards were given out for our Patriotic Fund, and also paper for signature re early closing of hotel bars.

### NGAERE.

Mrs M. T. Phillips, delegate, gave a very interesting report of Convention. She also explained the great patriotic effort being made by the W.C.T.U. to raise funds for work amongst our soldiers, and distributed collecting cards.

May 3. "All Round the World" sung. Our President absent, owing to her husband being ill. Mrs Morrison (V.P.) took the chair. Miss Powell spoke in her usual happy manner on the work to be done during the coming year. Mrs Phillips reported having received many signatures to 6 o'clock closing petition.

### WANGANUI DISTRICT.

April 7. Sister Moody-Bell kindly took the chair in the unavoidable absence of President and Vice-Presidents. The accounts and balance-sheet of Convention, resulting very satisfactorily for the local Union, were presented by the Treasurer. Various letters of thanks to be written, including one to Mrs Morrison, acknowledging kind gifts. Mrs Heatley was appointed Superintendent Good Citizenship, also empowered to work the petition (we are expecting) for 6 o'clock closing. One member (Mrs Siddells) is standing for re-election on School Committee. The question of electing a Maori Superintendent was held over till next meeting. There is a large field for work here,