

## 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.)

### HENDERSON.

July. Our finished quilt was on view. By its means we had raised £26 for our Patriotic Fund.

August. One new member received. Temperance work among children, and Parliamentary reform discussed.

September 30. Several members of Auckland Union visited us. Mrs Cook, their President, gave an address, and Miss Dewar gave us some helpful and practical information. Three new members initiated.

### KAIKORAI.

Sept. 20. Mrs Don gave us an address urging the necessity of women police. Mrs Martin gave a short Bible reading. Letter of sympathy in her illness to be sent to Mrs Pinfold. One new member received.

### PALMERSTON NORTH.

Following articles sent to mine-sweepers:—34 jerseys, 24 pairs pants, 43 scarves, 46 mittens, 1 knitted coat, 2 knitted waistcoats, 120 pairs sox, 85 undershirts, 117 balaclavas, 1 tin chocolate, 60 comfort bags, each containing Testament, needles, thread, buttons, shaving soap, and a writer's companion.

### HAWERA.

Sept. 28. Special Franchise Day meeting; a very good attendance. Mrs Dr. Sloan read a most interesting paper on "Has the Enfranchisement of women made any material difference in N.Z. politics?" Mrs Blamires also spoke.

### N.E. VALLEY.

Sept. 28. Decided to hold our annual meeting fourth Tuesday in October. A very fine address was given by Rev. S. Morrison on "Women in War Time." Mrs Reekie sang "God's Garden."

### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Sept. 15. Two new members enrolled. Mrs Helyer reported that amount collected for Patriotic Fund was £85 12s 1d, an average of £1 per member. Mrs Remington gave an account of the Provincial Convention. Three large cases of goods were forwarded to London for mine-sweepers.

### WANGANUI EAST.

Sept. 15. Special meeting to celebrate Franchise Day. Attendance excellent. Christmas gifts for the soldiers "at the Front" were brought

by members and Okoia friends. Paper on "Women as Citizens" was read. Musical items, afternoon tea, and collection of one guinea completed the programme.

Sept. 29. As the day was very wet, it was decided to hold over report of Provincial Convention till next meeting.

### AUCKLAND.

Sept. 13. Social to bid farewell to Miss Evans. An address and hand-bag were presented to Miss Evans, and high appreciation expressed of her seven years' faithful service as Organiser and Secretary. Miss Rimmer sang. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a collection taken up for N.Z. Fund.

Sept. 26. An appeal made for woollen comforts for mine-sweepers. Reported that £50 had been collected for our Patriotic Fund. Mrs J. W. Taylor was appointed Secretary. Decided to hold District Convention on October 25th.

### DUNEDIN.

The October meeting took the form of a social afternoon to celebrate Franchise Day. Mrs Peryman gave a very interesting address, which was much appreciated by those present. A vote of sympathy was passed for all those lately bereaved through the war. Four new members were initiated.

### MORRINSVILLE.

It is long since we reported to the "White Ribbon," but our Union has kept together. On September 20th Mrs Garroay addressed a meeting on the work of the W.C.T.U. At the conclusion seven new members were initiated, and we hope for a still further increase of members.

### GREYMOUTH.

Sept. 26. Letters of sympathy sent to three of our members, to Mr and Mrs Smith on the death of their daughter, to Mrs Liggie on the death of her husband, and to Mr Green on the death of his wife. Reported that Band of Hope work is progressing in Greymouth and Cobden. Cobden Band of Hope donated £2 to our Patriotic Fund.

### HASTINGS.

Sept. Meeting held to provide comforts for mine-sweepers. Nurse Walton gave a fine address, and a musical programme was rendered. Afternoon tea was served. As a result of this meeting 70 articles were despatched to the mine-sweepers.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

September 21. Mr Opie kindly consented to judge the temperance essays. Decided that a deputation from our Union wait upon the School Committee to arrange for bible reading in the school. Miss Goodwin read a report of the Provincial Convention. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave a very interesting address on Franchise Day, and was heartily thanked for it.

### FEILDING.

Sept. 7. Decided to co-operate with the League to form a Young People's Legion. Franchise Day to be celebrated by an "At Home" at Mrs Mercer's, Mrs Crabbe to address us. Many gifts sent to mine-sweepers through the Palmerston North Union.

### NGAERE.

Sept. 5. Mrs Phillips gave a report about the starting of a L.T.L. by Mrs Duxfield at Bird Road. Decided to forward £6 10s to the Red Cross work. Half a dozen comfort bags were handed in. Two new members received.

### NELSON Y's.

September 5. Good attendance, one new member. Miss Simmonds was appointed Secretary, and Miss H. Small assistant. Decided to hold a concert in aid of the Organising Fund.

### OXFORD.

August 29. Decided to hold a Birthday Social in place of next monthly meeting, and ask Rev. J. Paterson to address the meeting. Mrs Ryde appointed delegate to the Provincial Convention. The Y's are to hold a social in October. Vote of thanks to Methodist Trustees for use of building. Mrs Ryde addressed the Junior Band of Hope. At the Senior Band of Hope a resolution of sympathy passed with Mr and Mrs McCaw in the loss of their son and brother killed in action.

### BLENHEIM.

September 5. Reported that many garments had been made for our soldiers. A parcel of woollens sent to the mine-sweepers, and £37 collected for our Patriotic Fund. Also that several new members have joined us lately.

### WHANGAREI.

September 5. A short address given by our President. Decided to send a delegate to the Provincial Council. Decided to recommence our bi-weekly visits to the Public Hospital.

### GISBORNE.

September. Franchise Day celebrated. Letter read from a former member saying how she watched the "White Ribbon" for news of the local Union. Rev. Wills gave an address, Mrs Hooper a recitation, and Mrs Malcolm read the article on advertising from the "White Ribbon," as it was so good. Collection of £1 10s.

A meeting addressed by Lady Stout passed the following resolutions:—(1) That the women of Gisborne, at this meeting, view with indignation the failure of the Government and Parliament to give any adequate consideration to the numerous communications from societies, representative women and public meetings throughout the country, protesting against the clauses of the War Regulations Bill that affect women. (2) That the placing of absolute power to deal with these matters in the hands of the Governor-in-Coun-