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News of the Unions.

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GREYTOWN.

Jan. 31. President in the chair. Attendance fair. Mrs Cox appointed Treasurer and "White Ribbon" Agent, and Mrs Quinn Vice-President. Arrangements were made to hold two "At Homes" to enable a delegate to be sent to Convention. Decided to start the petition for 6 o'clock closing at once.

PAHIATUA.

Feb. 1. Mrs Neal presided. Correspondence dealt with, and Convention business discussed. Resolution passed urging Minister of Justice to appoint women police. Letter of thanks from Dominion Superintendent for our gift of 50 comforts and 50s and 40 needle books for the Sailors' Christmas Fund.

FEILDING.

Feb. 1. Miss Moore presiding. Resolved that a delegate be sent to Convention. Resolved that the L.T.L. hold its first meeting on Monday, February 5. Decided to approach the members of the Prohibition League re 6 o'clock closing petition, and also to bring the matter of Sabbath Observance under the notice of the League.

OXFORD.

Jan. 31. President in the chair. Motions of sympathy were passed with Mrs Fenwick in the death of her father, with Mrs F. Baxter in her illness, and with Mrs Bain and Mrs Long. Letter from Miss Henderson dealing with anti-shouting and liquor at sales. Resolved to knit socks and to hold a "Gift Afternoon" later on for the Lady Liverpool Fund. Letters of thanks received for socks and scarves sent to mine-sweepers, and for box sent to Belgium and British poor. Resolved to cater for the A. and P. Show in April. Mrs Comyns elected delegate to Convention.

Christchurch Union wrote asking for contributions for their Red Cross sale, Mrs Comyns undertaking to pack and forward donations left at her home.

CAMBRIDGE.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting, Mrs Shepherd presiding; 18 present. £10 sent to Red Cross and Children's Hospital Fund. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street, Treas., Mrs Bryce; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. Reeves; Purity, Mrs Cook; "White Ribbon," Mrs Watson. Vote of thanks to retiring President carried by acclamation.

MATAURA.

Feb. Special meeting. Miss Powell spoke. Resolved "That it is important that women protectors should be appointed without delay to attend all Courts in the interests of women and children, and that they have the authority of J.P.'s." Resolved: "That this meeting urges upon the Department of Justice the necessity of appointing women police, thus profiting by the experience of other countries where the experiment has proved a great success." Mrs Poole was elected President, and all other officers were re-elected. Mrs Bigwood appointed visitor for absentees. Letter of thanks for past services to be sent to Mrs Reid. Members agreed to meet 15 minutes earlier for a short prayer meeting.

WARKWORTH.

Dec. Annual meeting held at Mrs Hamilton's residence. Superintendent's circular re Moral Education was read and discussed, especially in regard to girls in and about training camps. It was thought that tactful women police could do a great deal of good. Mrs Hamilton appointed delegate to Convention. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Attwood; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Morrison, Southern, and Boyle; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Jones; Reporter, Mrs Tiplady.

PONSONBY.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting. Reported that Mothers' Day, though arranged hurriedly, was very successful, for which thanks are due to the Secretary of Band of Hope Union. Miss Dewar visited us with literature, and asked each one to do their best to make the coming Convention

a success. We are looking forward to meet them with much pleasure, and trust it will be a memorable Convention. All officers were re-elected. A member of long standing, and over 80 years of age, brought a pair of socks knitted by herself, to be sent to some friendless soldier.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 6. Splendid attendance, despite rough weather. President (Mrs Hiett) in the chair. Six o'clock closing petitions were discussed. Letters were read from Hons. Herdman, McNab, and Hannan, in reply to letters sent re the appointment of women police. Treasurer reported having paid in 13s 6d to Patriotic Society, balance (after paying expenses) of collection taken up at recent conference re appointment of W.P.

HENDERSON.

Jan. 17. First meeting for 1917, Mrs Gilbert presiding; fairly good attendance. During the past year £40 has been raised, chiefly for patriotic purposes. The membership roll has increased considerably. Mrs Fenny is doing good work in connection with Cradle Roll. Discussion on State Control of Liquor Trade. Prayer and Benediction closed meeting.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Meeting held in Constable Street rooms. Mrs Houlder presided over a fair attendance of members. The notices of motion to be brought before Convention were all discussed. Mr Dawson was present to bring the 6 o'clock closing petition before the members, and urged all to do their best to complete the work done during the last two years, and make this third petition outnumber all others. Arrangements were made for Willard Day, when Mrs Bannatyne is to address the meeting.

KAIAPOI.

Jan. 31. Social to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Union. Attendance large. Secretary reported that six prizes had been given to school children for essays on "Temperance in Regard to the War." That the W.C.T.U. had entire charge of the Band of Hope, of which Mrs Laishley is president; 130 children have signed the pledge; the attendance has averaged 315. Twelve prizes have been given the children for attendance, punctuality, recitation, and singing. The Union's rooms are still the head-