

## 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.)

### AUCKLAND.

April 4. Attendance large. Mrs Lee-Cowie outlined the scheme for securing National Prohibition during the war. Mrs. Cowie announced that cables had been sent to Mr Lloyd George, Hon. Massey, and Sir Joseph Ward. Seven new members.

April 25. Preceded by a prayer meeting. Letters of sympathy sent to bereaved members. Miss Weymouth reported having received a letter from Bishop Averill introducing her to clergy and laity in his diocese, and bespeaking support for her in her temperance crusade. One member from each Branch Union appointed Special Committee for campaign work.

May 21. Mrs Taylor gave a full report of Convention, and was heartily thanked for same.

### STRATFORD.

April 4. Unanimously resolved: "That a letter be sent to the President of the A. and P. Association asking that the liquor bar and travelling shows of a doubtful character be excluded from the Stratford Annual Show. Six o'clock petitions being freely signed, and opinion expressed that the time is ripe for a mighty effort for total prohibition.

May 2. Resolved: "That the Stratford W.C.T.U. invite the Christian women of all denominations to meet in the Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoons to pray for the abolition of the drink traffic." Two members transferred from other Unions.

### DUNEDIN.

April 3. Mrs Adams presiding. Fair attendance. The need of putting women on School Committees was emphasised. The members were urged to take interest in the municipal elections, and return members opposed to the liquor trade.

May 1. Splendid attendance, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Attention called to Municipal and School Committee elections. Mrs Hiatt spoke of necessity of securing new subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Arrangements made to distribute the Manifesto.

### NGAERE.

April. A number of members assembled to say "Good-bye" to Mr Dyson Ellis, who was going into camp on active service. On behalf

of Union, the President presented Mr Ellis, who is an honorary member of the Union, with a wristlet watch, and wished him God-speed.

April 3. L.T.L. meeting to be arranged. Delegate's report of Convention read. Decided to make up flannelette garments for Red Cross.

May 1. At Mrs Wickham's. Nine present. Arrangements for canvassing with early closing petition. Paper from "White Ribbon" read by Miss Ellis.

### TAKAPUNA.

March 5. Mrs Fulljames (President) introduced Miss Weymouth, who gave an address on the Social Evil. Letter of thanks from Navy League for parcel of 49 garments for mine-sweepers.

April 5. Mrs Duxfield spoke on work among young people. A programme of aggressive work was decided upon.

April 17. Home meeting at Mrs Penning's. Address by Miss Powell.

May 3. Mrs Fuljames in chair, 13 present. Mrs Penning read report of Convention.

### MATAURA.

Feb. 23. Paper on Liquor Traffic read by the President. Letter from a soldier at the Front telling of the evil drink does there. Mrs Reid (former President) made a life member.

March 30. Address on temperance work given by Mr Poole.

### NO NAME GIVEN.

March 15. Six members present, Mrs Lees in the chair. The President read article on temperance work. Discussion on L.T.L. work. Final arrangements for meetings postponed till next meeting.

### NORMANBY.

March 13. Home Meeting at Mrs Barkla's. Address by Mrs Blamires. Five new members. £13 raised at refreshment tent, to be used for comforts for the boys at the Front. Afternoon tea served.

April 11. Nine present. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Cocker. Report of Convention given by delegate.

### GREYTOWN.

April 24. Mrs Whincop presided. Mrs Banks gave a report of Convention. Mrs Lee-Cowie was asked to send copies of Manifesto for National Prohibition. Two new members for "White Ribbon."

### KAIAPOL.

March 28. Letters of sympathy passed. Agreed to ask for proxy on the Canterbury Band of Hope Union. Two prizes offered for boy and girl who gain most recruits during the session. Miss Elsie Gawith's prize essay in March "White Ribbon" was read.

### MORRINSVILLE.

April. A visit by Miss Powell greatly enjoyed by all. Glad to report a revival of interest and an increase of membership from 6 to 20.

### TIMARU.

March 27. Mrs Brooker presided. Attendance, 33. Successful Cradle Roll picnic reported; also good month at the Seamen's Rest. Regret expressed at the resignation of Mr and Mrs Good, and Mr Moulton, a returned soldier, placed in charge of the Rest.

April 24. Mrs Rule gave a full and most interesting report of Convention. Reports received from hospital visitors. Reported that new caretaker has entered upon his duties at the Sailors' Rest.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

March. Special meeting, Mr C. M. Luke presiding. Mrs Lee-Cowie spoke on 6 o'clock campaign in N.S.W., and of temperance work in other parts of British Empire, and regretted that New Zealand had done so little to reduce the hours of sale of strong drink. Mrs Ballantyne spoke of mission work in Papua. Votes of thanks to the speakers heartily carried. Mrs Bott sang two songs during the evening.

May 3. Mrs Houlder presided over a good attendance. Mrs Dennett gave a good report of Convention. Decided that Mrs Evans speak on the resolutions of Convention at our next meeting. Superintendents elected: Home Meetings and Notable Days, Mesdames Wright and Bott; Cradle Roll, Mrs Logan; Backblocks and Sabbath Observance, Mrs Boxall; Railway Boxes, Mrs Briarley; Good Citizenship, Mrs Evans, M.A.; Evangelistic, Mrs Wright; Literature, Mrs Houlder; Patriotic Work, Mrs Mounter.

### WANGANUI EAST.

March. Mrs Duxfield presided. President read an article on "Russian Savings Under Prohibition." Rev. Radford delivered an address on the Prohibition movement, and then presented prizes for Temperance essay to (1) Ernest Walpole, (2) Edna Andrew, (3) Elaine Hair. Delegates appointed to annual meeting of Prohibition League. One new member.

April 27. President in chair, 16 present. Reports on 6 o'clock closing petition very encouraging. Members urged to procure new subscribers to "White Ribbon." Manifestos distributed, and all decided to help. One member transferred, and one new one. Mrs Napier spoke fully on Strength of Nation Movement, and received a hearty vote of thanks.

### HAMILTON EAST.

March 16. Branch inaugurated by Miss Powell. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Snow; Sec., Mrs Ogilvie, Firth