

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.)

NAPIER.

April 19. President in the chair. Attendance, 19. Resolved to hold weekly prayer meeting for the Prohibition movement. Manifestos distributed. Report of Convention given by Mrs Chellev.

May 2. 19 present. Arrangements made for 6 o'clock closing, most members working hard for same. Letter sent to Mr Hill, congratulating him on his election to the Mayoralty of Napier. Union delighted at having a temperance man at the head of civic affairs. One new member joined.

May 16. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Martin's. Rev. Rice, vicar of St. Augustine's, addressed the gathering on "Temperance In All Things." A hearty vote of appreciation passed to Mr Rice for his encouraging talk. New member enrolled. Hostess thanked for entertaining.

May 17. Regular fortnightly meeting held. President in the chair. Attendance splendid. Letter received from our Mayor, stating that it will afford him great pleasure to render all the help in his power for the moral, social, and industrial uplifting of the people. Mrs Neal, delegate to the Provincial Convention, gave her report. Mr Darling, organiser of district for six o'clock, spoke.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

May 8. Monthly meeting held, Mrs Paisley presiding, 67 present. Mrs Pate, delegate to Convention, gave a most interesting report. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address on the Strength of the Nation movement, urging all present to pray unceasingly for its success. Mrs Liddell gave a recitation. Afternoon tea provided.

N.E. VALLEY.

April 24. Full attendance. Mrs Peart presided. Miss Begg (Secretary) read her report of Convention. Satisfactory reports of the early closing lists were given, also earnest request for prayer on behalf of our campaign. Three new members.

LOWER HUTT.

May 1. The President (Mrs Ballantyne) in the chair. The delegate read her report of Convention, which was well received. A welcome was extended to Miss Cole, late of Feilding, who has come to reside at the Hutt. Two new members. Home meeting arranged for, and Miss Powell invited to give a short address.

WAITOA.

May 16. Home meeting at Mrs Black's, six present. One new member. No new subscribers "White Ribbon." Manifesto Fund collection, 10s.

KAIAPOL.

April. Mrs Laishley (Vice-President) presided. Mr Blazey was appointed to represent the Kaiapoi Branch on the Canterbury Band of Hope Union. Decided to invite sympathisers to become subscribers to the Band of Hope. Resolutions of sympathy with six families were passed. Seven members each promised to secure an additional subscriber to the "White Ribbon." An article was read by the Secretary describing the glorious achievements of "our boys" at Gallipoli. Resolved to place on record the Union's grateful appreciation and admiration of the sublime self-sacrifice and devotion to duty shown by the Anzacs on Gallipoli. A resolution of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Rev. P. W. Fairclough.

NEW BRIGHTON.

May 17. Good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Don gave a splendid address, which was appreciated by all present. The Manifesto and leaflet were read, and have been sent to all public houses and churches. A dozen copies of Convention number of "White Ribbon" were sold. Two of our members were elected on the School Committee. Four new members were initiated.

LOWER HUTT.

June 5. Mrs Ballantyne in the chair. Decided to start a Y. Branch and L.T.L. as soon as a suitable leader would undertake the work. Mrs Shearer was asked, and is considering it. Decided to have a library; 10s voted to start it. Secretary to interview Petone President re a combined deputation to Mr Wilford for six o'clock closing.

WANGANUI.

May 1. A splendid attendance. Mrs H. Smith (President) in the chair. The Union, on the motion of the President, decided that we work for the Red Cross under the Order of St. John Red Cross Ambulance Brigade. Decided that Thursday afternoons, from 2 to 5, was most convenient to members, the afternoon to be named "White Ribbon Day." A great deal of discussion arose from this proposal, several passing their opinion for the necessity of all work to be given under our own letters (W.C.T.U.).

HAWERA.

May 31. Mrs Bone presided, 26 present. Decided to start a L.T.L. Mrs Curtis was appointed Superintendent, and the following will assist:—Miss Maunder, Mesdames Gilling, Tait, and Bone. Petitions for early

closing were returned well filled. Mrs Peacock appointed Corresponding Secretary. Regret expressed at the departure of Mrs Browne. Decided to distribute Manifestos. Afternoon tea served.

AUCKLAND.

May 9. Mrs Taylor presided. Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr L. J. Bagnall. Mesdames Darby and McLean appointed delegates to No-License Council, and Miss Dewar and Mrs Parkinson to the Auckland City Electoral Body. Mrs Nelson appointed "W.R." Agent. Mrs Smeeton addressed the meeting on the National Prohibition Campaign. Deputation waited upon Auckland Presbytery, and asked for help and support. Special week of prayer commencing May 21. Addresses were delivered daily by Revs. Watson (Anglican), Bailey (Baptist), Inglis (Presbyterian), Bellhouse (Methodist), and Brigadier Carmichael (Salvation Army). Meetings were well attended.

PALMERSTON NORTH Y's.

May 17. Meeting at Mrs Crabb's to form a Y branch. Attendance fair. Mrs Napier gave an address. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Vice-Pres., Miss Moore; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands; Rec. Sec., Miss Lumly; Treas., Miss Ferguson; Press Sec., Miss Pegler. All girls over the age of fourteen are heartily welcome to join us.

WARKWORTH.

May 31. Fair attendance. Mrs Arrwood presided. Decided to work up mothers' meetings, also to canvass for 6 o'clock closing. Decided to nominate Mrs Roose and Mrs Buckinham for seats on School Committee. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Morrison in the loss of her son.

OXFORD.

April 27. Votes of thanks to all who had assisted at refreshment booth at the Show. Message received from Mrs Don urging all members to refrain from any participation in lotteries or raffles. Decided to purchase a fresh set of temperance wall sheets. Decided to amalgamate the Bands of Hope; to arrange a Cradle Roll afternoon; to hold a Lady Liverpool gift afternoon. Decided to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Railways:—"That the members of the Oxford W.C.T.U. strongly protest against the carriage of alcoholic liquors on trains when so many necessities are prohibited."

May 2. A few members journeyed to Mrs Bunn's, about 15 miles from the township, and held a meeting; 15 were present. Mrs Ryda spoke upon the W.C.T.U., and Mrs Gainsford upon the beautiful life of Frances Willard. Five new members enrolled, five children upon Cradle Roll, and seven new subscribers to "White Ribbon." Afternoon tea was served, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mrs Bunn.