

## 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.)

### NELSON.

June 13. Mrs Watson presided. Report of Convention given by Mrs Hill. Letter-writers appointed to those who are out of touch with the Union and to those who have lost relatives by the war. White Ribbon Day observed, and collection of 12s 6d for Maori Fund. The second Manifesto distributed among members.

June 25. Petition for 6 o'clock closing presented to Mr Field, M.P. A large attendance of Temperance workers and the general public. Mr Field expressed his entire sympathy with the petition, and promised to give it all the support possible. A deputation from the W.C.T.U. then waited upon Mr Field re the appointment of women police, which also was favourably received. Dr. Ada Paterson, medical school inspector, gave an address on Medical Work in the Schools. There was a good attendance, in spite of bad weather, and a very interesting address was listened to with closest attention and deep interest.

### MANAIA.

June 20. Mrs Parkinson presided. Owing to illness, Mrs Patterson resigned as President, and Mrs Tait was elected to the position. Mrs Parkinson reported that lists of signatures for 6 o'clock closing had been sent in. Miss Parkinson was elected Secretary.

### FITZROY.

June 29. Mrs Douglas, District President, presided. Mrs Hayward elected President, and Mrs Gray Secretary. Decided to join New Plymouth in their Red Cross effort. One new member. Mrs Kibby elected delegate to Provincial Convention.

### GREYTOWN.

June 26. President in the chair. Correspondence from Superintendents and officers. Reported that a deputation had waited on Mr Hornsby, M.P., re women police. He promised to support that, and also to vote for 6 o'clock closing.

### MOSGIEL.

May 2. Manifesto for Strength-of-Nation movement received, and arrangements made to distribute it.

June 13. Letter received from Mrs Judson re Peace and Arbitration Department. Resolved that in view of the fearful war at present raging, and of the fact that we are fighting in

defence of the right, this branch of the W.C.T.U. considers the time inopportune for the circulation of the pamphlet on "International Relationships." Mrs Calder entertained members at afternoon tea. Six new subscribers for "White Ribbon."

### NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 9. Strength of Nation movement. Ministers waited on, and expressed sympathy. Manifestoes distributed, and second one inserted in morning paper.

May 30. At request of Patriotic Committee, agreed to give a Mart Day.

June 13. Reports given. Deputation to Mr Okey, M.P., re women police.

June 27. Deep regret expressed at the death of Mrs Legg, and a resolution of sympathy with her family passed.

### HAWERA.

June 28. Mrs Bone presided; 14 present. Mr Bone presented the Union with 100 copies of "Defeat," which were distributed. Miss Maunder and Mrs Gilling appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Decided to meet for prayer every Wednesday afternoon.

### NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

June 28. Mrs Peart presided. Rev. Griffith gave a very helpful address, speaking on the book "Defeat."

### WANGANUI Y's.

June 25. Eighteen present, and two new members initiated. Mrs Upton gave a reading on the life of Frances Willard. Three new subscribers to "White Ribbon." Miss E. Lipper appointed Superintendent for the Cradle Roll.

### RICHMOND (NELSON).

June 13. Mrs Fittal presided. Attendance good. Mrs Judson, of Nelson, gave a report of Convention. Manifestoes distributed, and members were urged to take an interest in municipal elections, and to discourage raffling at patriotic bazaars. Four new subscribers to "White Ribbon."

### AVONDALE.

June. Combined meeting of W.C.T.U. and Mothers' Union. Address on "Social Evil" by Miss Weymouth. Forty present. Mrs Morton presided. The speaker pointed out how much drink was responsible for the Social Evil. Afternoon tea was served.

### AUCKLAND.

June 21. Meeting held at Mrs Parkinson's to form a Y. Union. At a former meeting held in the same place arrangements had been made for starting a Branch. Miss Weymouth gave an address upon the work of Y. Branches, and officers were elected: Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Sec.,

Miss Hazel Patterson; Treas., Miss Emily Crowe; Vice-Pres., Misses Cook and Dorothy Parkinson; pianiste, Miss Scott. 15 members initiated.

### ASHBURTON.

June 21. Mrs Watson presided. A large attendance of old and new members. Brief addresses were given on the duties and privileges of membership. The enrolment service was read, pledges signed, and 45 bows were adjusted. Cup of tea passed round.

July 3. T. E. Taylor Day. Attendance good, Mrs Watson presiding. Reported that a deputation had waited upon their member re women police, and he had promised to support the measure. Votes of thanks to Mr Ferriman for giving our Union the honour of being the first New Zealand Union to possess a life member. Rev. F. Oldrieve spoke on the life of T. E. Taylor. 15s collected for Maori Fund.

June 9. Mrs Lee-Cowie opened her mission by open-air on Saturday evening. A service at Willowby on Sunday morning, united meeting of Bible Classes at 3 p.m., service at Baring Square, followed by an "after church" rally. 98 names were handed in as future members of our Union, and to unite in supplication for the complete overthrow of the liquor traffic.

### MARTON.

June. Petitions for 6 o'clock closing taken round by members, with good response. A maternity bag made by Union, and handed over to District Nurse.

### TAURANGA.

July. Mrs Hammond's resignation accepted with regret. Mrs Turner to start L.T.L. at her earliest convenience. Decided to hold Cradle Roll meeting next month. Two new members admitted.

### CAMBRIDGE.

May 1. Mrs James presided. Attendance good. A special meeting held in May re 6 o'clock closing petitions.

June 18. A large and representative deputation waited upon Mr Young, M.P., and presented petitions with 1235 signatures. The member promised to give all the help he could in the matter.

July 3. Mrs Shepherd presided. Mrs Cook, Purity Superintendent, spoke upon her department.

### WANGANUI EAST.

June 29. Mrs Duxfield presided over a full meeting. Votes of sympathy passed to Mr and Mrs Knuckey and Mr and Mrs James in their bereavement, and to Mrs Jarman and Mrs Grace in their illness. Arrangements were made for a Home Meeting, also for a White Ribbon Guild in