

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.)

PAKIRI.

Jan. 27. Yearly election held Jan. 3. The meetings are opened with singing, Bible reading, and prayer. Reports read and adopted. Mrs Rennie, President, re-elected; Mrs Wyatt, Vice-President, re-elected; Sec., Mrs Gozar, re-elected; Treas., Miss Dyer, re-elected. Decided to hold a social afternoon on the 7th February, and invite non-members.

BLUFF.

Feb. 1. A good attendance. Mrs Valentine was elected Superintendent of Notable Days and Home Meetings, and Mrs Donaldson was re-elected as Parliamentary and Press Secretary. Arrangements were made for the re-opening of the Band of Hope in March. Decided to hold the Harvest Festival early in April, and make a special effort to pay off some of the debt at present resting on the hall.

LOWER HUTT.

Feb. 5. The President (Mrs Balantyne) in the chair. Address by Mrs Houlder on "The Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U." Afternoon tea was provided. Solo and recitation given. Decided to hold a special meeting on February 10th to consider resolutions, etc., for Convention. One new member enrolled.

INVERCARGILL.

Feb. 5. President (Mrs Baird) in the chair. Thirteen members present. Miss Powell gave an interesting account of her work throughout the Dominion. Sister Moody-Bell, who was present, having just returned from the West Coast, told of the great need for workers there. Mrs Baird reported on the work of the boys and girls who entered for the Temperance Essay Competition. She stated that the competitors showed considerable knowledge of the subject. Decided to hold our social on the first Tuesday in April.

WANGANUI.

Feb. 1. The President presided. Six letters were read in answer to those sent to the mothers of fallen soldiers, and Mrs Bott was appointed to the position of War Correspondent, to write these letters of sympathy. The following ladies were appointed to office:—"White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs W. Grant; Literature, Mrs Mara; Sick and Hospital Visitor, Mrs Dunstall. Mrs Upton was appointed as our delegate to Convention. A splen-

did address was then given by the Rev. Blamires upon the drink traffic and the war. He warmly congratulated the women of the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand for their practical work for the mine-sweepers. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Blamires. One new member was initiated.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 1. Mrs Crabb presided and laid before the meeting plans for the year's work, which will be discussed fully at a later meeting. The Treasurer, Miss Hodder, reported that the accounts showed a credit balance, and that £800 had passed through her hands during the year, a great deal of which was raised through patriotic efforts. Relief work-room in the Square will be open again on Tuesday. Mrs W. G. K. Kenrick was elected a Vice-President.

GREYTOWN.

Jan. 29. President in the chair. Mrs Boucher (Treasurer) appointed as delegate to Timaru Convention. A vote of thanks to Mrs Devonport, Masterton, for donation towards expenses of delegate to Convention.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Feb. 7. Mrs Houlder presided. Attendance good. The following resolution was carried:—"That steps should be taken to provide for the registration and inspection of homes in which deaf and blind persons are boarded." The following were elected Superintendents:—Good Citizenship, Mrs Evans, M.A.; Railway Boxes, Mrs Brierley; Home and Notable Days, Mesdames Bott and Dennett; Backblocks, Mrs Brown; Patriotic, Mrs Mounter; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Logan and Spearman; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Boxall; Flowers for Factories, Mrs Boxall; L.T.L., Mesdames Wright, Webb, and Cummins; Evangelistic, Mrs Wright; Work Among Seamen, Mrs Cummins; "White Ribbon," Mrs Webb; Tea Committee, Mesdames Bott, Mounter, Bates, and Brierley. Mesdames Mounter and Brown were elected delegates to Convention. Arrangements were made for holding Willard Day on February 21st. One new member was initiated.

ASHBURTON.

Feb. Mrs Lill presided. Attendance moderate. Votes of sympathy with bereaved and sick members. Miss A. C. Watson elected delegate to Convention, and Miss Rene Oakly Y delegate. Resolution passed demanding equality of punishment for all criminal offences against boys and girls. Two new members. Mrs W. J. Brown elected Treasurer. Superintendents were elected: Bible-in-Schools and Good Citizenship, Mrs W. T. Lill; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Matthews; Evangelistic, Mrs G. Miller; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs E. Buchanan; Moral Education, Mrs Jameson; Work Among Young People, Mesdames A.

Pollock and Robinson; Flower Mission, Mrs Ferriman and Miss A. C. Watson; Press and Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Trevurza; "White Ribbon," Miss Butterick; Work Among Seamen, Mrs G. Bowman; Notable Days, Mrs W. J. Brown; Literature, Mrs E. McEwen; Social, Mrs J. Thompson; Rest Tent, Mesdames McEwen and McKenzie; Union Letter-writer, Miss Trevurza. £1 10s voted by Executive to testimonial to Mr T. D. Taylor, in appreciation of services as Editor of "Mail" and "Guardian."

WANGANUI EAST.

Feb. Mrs Duxfield presided. The reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were received and adopted. The Secretary's report showed a membership of 68 and 9 honorary members. This was an increase during the year of 22 and 6 respectively. Excellent reports were received from the various Superintendents of the Cradle Roll, "White Ribbon," Moral Education, L.T.L., Maori Work, and Literature sections. The L.T.L. work was especially pleasing, there being 135 members in the Matheson Street Branch. A vote of sympathy with Mr and Mrs Andrew and family in their recent bereavement was passed by the members standing in silence. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett; Vice-Pres., Mrs McLeod and Mrs Blair; Superintendent of Departments, Mrs Duxfield; Moral Education and Literature, Mrs Marshall; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Melvin; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walpole; Home Meetings, Mrs Larking; Red Cross Work, Mrs Andrew; Narcotics, Mrs Duxfield; Maori Work, Mrs Paterson. Votes of thanks for use of buildings and help given.

URENUI.

Dec. 19. Attendance good. Miss Gaustad presided. Decided to advertise in "White Ribbon." The Agent reported four new subscribers.

Jan. 23. Monthly meeting held at Mrs Sawry's, Miss Gaustad presiding. Received Maori literature on "Health" and "Helps for Mothers." Decided to ask Maori Missionary to distribute it. Passed resolution of sympathy with the Hick family in their loss of our late member, Mrs Hick. Afternoon tea was provided by the hostess.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Feb. Mrs Allen presided. Mrs Booth appointed delegate to Convention. Decided to hold Home Meeting this month. Mrs Napier gave a very helpful and inspiring address.

OTAMATEA.

Feb. 5. Annual meeting. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Toko Keepai on the loss of a little girl; also towards our President, Mrs Karena, Mrs Toko Keepai's mother, who has lost a son