

Y's Reports.

ARAMOHO.

Sept. 11. Most successful Gift Social, over 120 present. Fine programme of musical and elocutionary items. The Wanganui Orchestra assisted, also a ventriloquist amused the audience. Refreshments were handed round, and games indulged in. Votes of thanks to all who had assisted. One new member.

Sept. 28. Sale of Work by District Union. Our Y's had charge of Novelty Jubilee Stall and a Laundry Basket. Proceeds £12. We are grateful to all who assisted.

AUCKLAND.

Oct. Social evening, musical items and refreshments. Collection for mine-sweepers of over £2 10s. Mrs Napier gave us a few words of help and encouragement. Sorry to report resignation of our President, Miss Parkinson. It was accepted with deep regret, and Miss I. Sussex elected President. Three new members.

PAPATOETOE.

Oct. 1. A new Y Branch formed by Mrs Napier. Mrs Napier addressed a well-attended meeting, and 30 responded to her appeal for members. Officers were elected: Pres., Miss M. Sanderson; Sec., Miss M. Barton; Treas., Miss H. Hallbery. Four officers of the Auckland Y Branch were present, and their offer to take next meeting was accepted. Mrs Ashley appointed Superintendent. Refreshments closed a most successful meeting.

OXFORD.

June 10. The Y girls entertained Nurse Chappel at tea. In the evening Nurse Chappel gave a most helpful address. One new member was enrolled.

August. Attendance, 13 members. Chief business to arrange for concert. Letters of greeting were sent to Invercargill and Hastings. Miss J. Gainsford elected delegate for Convention to be held in our township September 3rd and 4th. Concert held August 17th. Good programme given by the members. Supper provided.

WANGANUI.

Sept. 28. Two members passed on to the Senior Union. Silent vote of sympathy passed with two members who have lost a brother at the war. Satisfactory returns from our stall at the Sale of Work in conjunction with the Senior Union for mine-sweepers. Miss Cruickshank, principal of the Girls' College, gave an inspiring address on "Christian Citizenship," which was much enjoyed. A vote of thanks and appreciation was accorded the speaker.

L.T.L. Reports.

ARAMOHO.

Aug. 31. A good attendance. The Company Rule was gone through. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Duxfield. Two recitations were given, "What Have We Done To-day?" by Vera Gilmore, and one by Jack Whitlock. An interesting lesson, "The Soldier's Resolve," was also given. One new subscriber to the "Young Crusader" was reported.

Sept. 14. The Company Rule and Responsive Exercises were gone through. An interesting lesson was also given by Miss Burnett. The Band of Mercy pledges were given out.

HAWERA.

Officers for 1918 are: Pres., Adelaide Wilkie; Sec., Joyce Gilling; Treas., Doris Swadling; Steward, Charlie Curtis; Supt., Mrs Curtis.

July 12. President in chair; 13 members present; one joined. Recitations and song were given. Mrs Curtis gave a reading.

July 26. 17 present; two new members joined. A piano solo, recitation, song, and a blackboard talk on the effect of alcohol on the blood by Mrs T. W. Gilling filled the programme.

Aug. 9. President in chair; 10 members; two others joined. Recitations were given by members. Mrs Gilling continued the series of blackboard lessons, dealing with the nerves of the skin, and how alcohol affects that part of our body.

Aug 23. 26 members present; two others joined. Recitations were given. All repeated the 26th Psalm, and Mrs Curtis gave a reading. Mrs Don, N.Z. President of W.C.T.U., paid us a visit, and gave a very interesting talk on "Water," which was enjoyed by all. The Company Rule is recited at each meeting, also the Motto and Salute given.

ARAMOHO.

Sept. 8. E. Bathgate in chair. Instructive lesson, "Hiawatha," by Miss Burnett. Band of Mercy pledges given out, and 14 signed them.

Sept. 22. Good attendance, President presiding. Pledges, Salute, and Rally Cry. Practised Young Crusader songs. Recitations and dialogues by members.

Manaiia L.T.L. sets its budding poets to work, and the following "strictly original" couplets are from their pens:—

"I swear by all that's sacred
Not to partake
Of beer or wine or whisky,
Or any other fake."

"Without being told you would not think
How many evils are due to drink,

For most of the evil and most of the crime
Drink is responsible half of the time."

"Little drops of water,
Little drops of rum,
Take the cash of many,
And the lives of some."

News of the Unions.

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GISBORNE.

Sept. 24. Franchise Day. A good attendance. An excellent paper given by Mr Rowley, head master of the town school, on the subject of "Reforms in our Educational System" (address printed in full in our daily papers). The following resolution was moved by Mrs Walker, and unanimously carried:—"That this meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union strongly supports the N.Z. Educational Institute in its demands from the Government for certain most necessary reforms and extensions in the educational system of New Zealand, so that this country may hold its own with other nations in the efficiency of its people. It especially desires to emphasise the immediate need for improved and up-to-date school buildings and playgrounds, and compulsory continuation classes in daylight hours." Tea was handed round, and a collection taken up for the N.Z. Treasury. A day was appointed for a street collection on behalf of mine-sweepers.

PAKIRI.

Aug. 15. Social and Sale of Work in aid of Mine-Sweepers' Fund. Proceeds £28. Rev. Orchard gave an address. Mrs Turtley, who is leaving the district, was presented with an auto-album, and Mr Turtley, who is going into camp, with a pocket Testament. Supper and the National Anthem closed a pleasant evening.

N.E. VALLEY.

Sept. 26. Mrs Peart presided over a well-attended meeting. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Donald and Mr Callender. Mrs Peart gave an account of Area Council Conference.

BALCLUTHA.

August 27. Mrs S. W. Currie presided, and introduced Miss Weymouth, Organising Secretary, who gave a splendid address on the work done by various branches of the W.C.T.U. A Union was formed with 14 members, and two "White Ribbon" subscribers were gained.