

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.)

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 18. Annual meeting. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Annual report showed 242 members, and stated that much work had been done in getting signatures to the petition. The following officers were elected:—Sec., Mrs R. Day; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop; Treas., Mrs Paterson; Assistant Treas., Miss Gordon; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Blyth, Wicks, Paterson, Misses Henderson and Roberts. Election of President was deferred. Reports from auxiliary Union were read. A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of those members of Parliament who supported the Bill to provide full electoral rights to women, regretting that others failed to keep promises made in connection with the Bill during the recent session. A vote of sympathy was passed with all members who had lost friends during the recent epidemic.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Dec. 20. Annual meeting, Mrs A. R. Atkinson presiding. Annual reports and balance-sheet read and adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Cor. Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss Helyer; Treas., Mrs Helyer; Hygiene, Mrs McDonald; Literature, Mrs Caughley; Work Among Seamen, Mrs Nimmo; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Evans; L.T.L., Mrs Stevenson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Remington; "White Ribbon," Mrs Port. Several letters were read by Mrs Nimmo from sailors who had received warm clothing from the stocks sent home by the W.C.T.U., and all spoke in most grateful terms of the gifts received.

RAKAIA.

Dec. Mrs Boag presided. Wire sent to Premier asking for hotel bars to be closed during peace celebrations.

Dec. 19. Annual meeting, Mrs Lill (District President) presiding. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Boag; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Ross. Reports read and adopted.

WAIHI.

Dec. 12. Poor attendance, owing to influenza. Vote of sympathy passed to relatives of late Mrs Roberts, an honorary member of our Union. Officers all re-elected. Resolved to meet early next year on account of Prohibition poll. Resolved to increase our membership, and endeavour to arouse interest in our work.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting. Votes of sympathy with Mesdames Blamires and Redpath, who had lost sons through the recent epidemic; also to those who had lost sons through the war. Mrs Bott was thanked for her services as letter-writer. Report read and adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs J. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Upton and Emmett; Cor. Sec., Mrs Bott; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKenzie; Treas., Mrs Siddells; Evangelistic and Literature, Mrs Mara, senr.; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs H. Smith; Hospital and Sick Visitor, Mrs Dunstall; Pianistes, Mesdames Macalister and Emmett.

HAWERA.

Dec. 19. Annual meeting, Miss Maunder presiding. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs J. S. Young; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bone, Gray, Dixon, Liver-edge, and Miss Maunder; Cor. Sec., Mrs White; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs Best; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Tait; Supt. Y.P. Branch, Mrs Bone; Maori Work, Mrs T. Tait; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bischoff; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs Best; L.T.L., Mrs Curtis; Literature, Mrs Tonks. Decided to ask the Salvation Army to co-operate with our Union in taking charge of the Rest Tent at the Show, which is to be held in February.

NELSON.

Dec. 10. Mrs Watson presided. The annual report and balance-sheet were read by the Secretary and Treasurer, and reports given of the departments for Literature, Good Citizenship, Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Back Blocks, also of the W.R. An interesting address, given by the Rev. E. Patchett, briefly reviewing the position as regards the Prohibition Campaign. Report of Mine-sweepers' Fund showed £23 10s given in cash, and goods to the value of £12. Voted for the Organising Fund £5; for the Maori Fund £3. Election of officers postponed till February. The following resolution was passed:—We members of the W.C.T.U. would express our deep thankfulness at the prospect of the restoration of peace; and we trust that such satisfactory terms may be arrived at as shall tend to render that peace permanent. Also resolved that the Nelson civic authorities be congratulated upon the way the recent epidemic had been dealt with.

AUCKLAND.

Owing to the terrible epidemic which has been raging in our city our meetings have all been suspended. On December 11th our Executive Meeting was held, and votes of sympathy were passed to a number of our members who have suffered bereavement during this sad time. Telegrams were read from the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward and Sir F. Bell in reply to telegrams of protest sent re the action of the Legislative Council refusing to make women eligible for Parliament.

300 circulars were typed and sent to members urging them to appeal to mothers, sisters and wives of soldiers to influence them to vote Prohibition at the poll. £7 2s was donated by the Church of Christ in aid of mine-sweepers. Grey Lynn Union reported £7 3s 6d for mine-sweepers and Hutment Funds. The following resolution was passed: "The members of the Auckland and District W.C.T.U.'s. protest against Hon. Russell's strictures on the Mayor and Councillors. They consider that the fault lies undoubtedly with the Minister of Public Health as quarantine station should have been prepared three weeks before the arrival of the Niagara." A letter of appreciation of the Mayor's action with regard to the epidemic was sent to the Mayor. The report of the mine-sweepers work showed a large number of woollen comforts forwarded to Mrs Nimmo, and a good sum of money to be sent later. Decided to hold the annual meeting in February.

DANNEVIRKE.

Oct. 30. Annual meeting, Mrs Venables (District President) in the chair. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Richards; Vice-Pres., Mrs Knight and Mrs Nicholson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wiseman; Rec. Sec., Mrs McPhee; Treas., Miss Burdett; Evangelist Supt., Mrs McPherson. Afternoon tea dispensed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held in Constable Street Rooms, on Thursday, December 19th, when Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Keene (Secretary) presented the report, and Mrs Boxall (Treasurer) the balance-sheet, which gave evidence of a very satisfactory year's work. Reports were read from the Auxiliary Branches, and the following departments: Evangelistic, Press, Railway Boxes, Good Citizenship, Home Meetings, Notable Days, L.T.L., Sabbath Observance, and Flower Mission. Mrs Mowlem, Superintendent of "Y" Branch, proposed a scheme for starting a Girls' Hostel, which gave rise to an interesting discussion. The scheme had the hearty support of the Union. The Rev. W. Shirer presented the report and balance-sheet of the Building Fund, of which he is Hon. Treasurer. This was adopted, and Mr Shirer was unanimously re-elected to the position. The membership is now one hundred and thirty-four, and nine honorary members. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs Houlder; Rec. Sec., Mrs Webb; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, M.A.; Treasurer, Mrs Boxall; Press Reporter and W.R. Supt., Mrs Webb.

ASHBURTON.

Dec. 17. Annual meeting, Mrs Lill presiding. Votes of sympathy were passed with four families represented in the Union suffering bereavement. The Recording Secretary read