

News of the Unions.

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WANGANUI DISTRICT.

April 11. President in the chair. A paper, entitled "Why we have a devotional part at our meeting," was read. A silent vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Samson at the death of her husband. Reports from various workers on April 10th were received, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped. A resolution was passed, to be sent to Conference, that Women and Girls' Homes or Hostels be opened in the various centres, and that they be named "Willard Homes." Other resolutions were passed, and the delegates instructed how to vote.

WANGANUI.

May 9. The President presided over a large attendance. A photograph of Miss Arnott, of Capetown, was placed on the table, and it was decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to her for her kindness to our boys. Full report of Convention was given by Mrs Smith and Mrs McAlister. A delegate was nominated to attend Conference in Wellington for Town-Planning. Two of our members were elected on the Committee.

RAKAIA.

May 13. Mrs Boag presided over a very good attendance. The past No-License Campaign was discussed, and also plans for the future, including the Band of Hope. The discussion was adjourned until the next meeting, which would take the form of a pay-up social. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

NGAERE.

May 13. Meeting held at Mrs Morrison's, Finnerty Road. There were eleven members present, and Mrs Wickham, a life member from Auckland. Mrs Whittam, delegate to Convention, read a splendid report, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

WANGANUI EAST.

May 30. Silent votes of sympathy were passed to Mesdames Bissett, Brown, and Walker in their recent bereavements. Decided that the Annual Provincial Convention be held at Wanganui East on July 9th and 10th. A time of encouragement and helpfulness is promised to all who attend. Arrangements are well in hand, and the Union desires this Conference to be a record one. All were pleased to receive Mrs Don's "Pray On, Work On, and Carry On," ready for the

coming campaign, when the three issues submitted are to be decided by a bare majority vote—no compensation—and to come into operation, if carried, the following July. No need to be down-hearted.

PAHIATUA.

June 5. Mrs Webster (President) presided. Our delegate, Mrs Spackman, brought forward a most interesting report of Convention. Members decided to donate 10s to Mrs Peryman towards Convention expenses. Seven members present. A collection in aid of Maori Missions of 6s 3d was taken. Members decided to make a big day of T. E. Taylor Day. Collection in aid of Union funds. Mrs Wilson assisted with four items. The meeting closed with prayer.

PAKIRI.

May 4. Mrs Rennie in the chair. Eight members present, one sister from Hokianga, and two visitors. Readings by Mesdames Salt and Rennie. Decided to purchase magic lantern for entertainments, also to change the day of meeting from the first Thursday in the month to the first Saturday.

FEILDING.

May 1. Mrs Barton in the chair. Good attendance. Members expressed their satisfaction at the election to School Committee of four ladies nominated by the W.C.T.U. The President spoke of the Referendum vote, and urged all members to press forward courageously in spite of seeming failure. Resolved that ministers be asked to resume Scripture lessons in schools, discontinued during the epidemic. A letter of sympathy was sent to a member who had sustained a double loss. A paper on Education Reform was read by the President. One new member was initiated.

LEIGH.

April 24. Fair attendance. President in the chair. Three visitors present. Several vocal items were rendered, and a reading was given on the "Action of Alcohol on the Human Body." Discussion on results of the poll, especially the splendid results for Prohibition in our district and all surrounding booths. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

FEILDING.

April 3. Mrs Beattie in chair. Vote of sympathy to relatives of the late Mrs J. C. Thompson, for many years our Secretary. Invitation to attend the memorial service. A committee appointed to take charge of Creche on polling day. Nurse Wallis elected delegate. Mrs Shute, of Taihape, spoke a few words of encouragement and cheer. Votes of thanks to those who helped with Prayer Meeting, and the Children's Temperance Demonstration. Inspiring address by Mrs Bogle on "The Reconstruction of the World." Two members initiated.

TURAKINA.

May 29. A letter of congratulation was read from Miss Henderson. Mrs Wilson in the chair. Mrs Lethbridge wrote declining the position of President, and a ballot being taken, resulted in Miss Powell being elected in that office. Arrangements were made for commencing a branch of the L.T.L. in the village, and another in the Maori Girls' School. Mrs Duxfield to be invited for June 13.

BLUFF.

April 4. The Band of Hope children gave a most successful entertainment in the Drill Hall, which took the form of a Patriotic Pageant, compiled by Mrs Lee-Cowie, and published in the "Outlook." The thanks of the Union are due to Mrs H. Johnson and Mrs Moody for so ably training the children.

May 2. Mrs H. Johnson handed over to the Hall Building Fund the sum of £8/19/6 as part proceeds of the Drill Hall entertainment. Arrangements made to hold a Harvest Festival and Sale of Work on June 4.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

May. Mrs Driver presided, and gave an interesting address on first 15 verses of I Kings, 19th chapter. It was unanimously decided to ask Mrs Peryman to represent the Union at the Town Planning Conference to be held in May in Wellington. Mrs Downing was appointed to act as delegate to the National Council of Women during the absence of Miss McCarthy from Dunedin. Resolved that owing to the increased dangers to young girls we again appeal to the Minister for Justice, urging the appointment of women police. The Legislature and Parliamentary Superintendent was also instructed to write asking for particulars respecting health patrols.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Mrs Macalister presided. A letter was received from North School thanking the Union for prizes in connection with temperance essay competition. Mrs Bissett reported on the splendid work done by members who assisted with the luncheon on polling day, and also the generosity of the Efficiency League in financing same. Two members volunteered to assist in collecting for Leper Mission. Mrs Lillicrap to go to Edendale and give Convention report, and present the banner. Miss Buss spoke in reference to the new Children's Home. Decided to give stall in aid of it on Violet Day.

HENDERSON.

May 21. Miss Duncan presided. Decided that report of Convention be studied during month, and fully discussed at next meeting. Mrs Williams reported on day at Soldiers' Club. Mrs Bodley and Miss K. Duncan to attend the No-License Convention in Auckland, and report on same. The President's resignation, owing to ill-health, was again read. It was decided to appoint Mrs Attwood acting-President, hoping that Mrs Gil-