

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.)

MANAIA.

June. Mrs J. J. Patterson presided, 18 members present. Arrangements were made to send a delegate to the District Convention. Three new members joined, and one new subscriber was gained for the "White Ribbon." Mrs Patterson read several interesting items, and Mrs Scott gave a fine account of the work of the Normanby Union.

RAKAIA.

June 12. Pay-up social, happily combining business and pleasure. Mrs Boag presided over a fair attendance. Treasurer reported credit balance of 18s 3d. A committee was set up to interview the No-License League with a view to arranging meetings in the surrounding districts. Musical items were rendered.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

May 28. Mrs Reuben Bailey presided. Reports of Convention and an interesting discussion. Delegates appointed to No-License Convention.

June 11. Mrs Cook presided. Vote of sympathy to the Henderson Branch on the death of their President, Mrs Gilbert. Mrs Napier spoke a few words of farewell. Mrs Linda Hazard, a doctor from Canada, who knew Miss Willard personally, spoke a eulogy of her work, and also spoke of the part women should take in the world. Two new members were initiated.

June 13. Special meeting to say farewell to Mrs Napier. Mrs Cook presided, and presented Mrs Napier with a book as a small token of our appreciation of her splendid work. Mrs Napier replied, and told of her work in this Dominion.

HAWERA.

June 26. Mrs J. S. Young presided. Mrs Bone addressed the meeting, explaining the plans of work in the Taranaki district for the Prohibition Campaign. Mrs J. S. Young, Mrs R. Tait, and Miss Maunder elected delegates to the Provincial Convention at Wanganui East.

ASHBURTON.

May 13. A moderate attendance. Decided to meet in future on the second Tuesday at Victoria Hall. Mrs W. H. Robinson submitted an excellent report of Convention, and received a hearty vote of thanks. Unanimously decided to invite Mrs Peryman to speak on July 17th.

June. Unfavourable weather marred the attendance. Vote of sym-

pathy with Mrs Frampton in the death of her mother. Letter of thanks sent to Mrs Holland, late Corresponding Secretary. Under Good Citizenship Department improvement had been carried out at the Railway Station, as suggested, and at the Co-op. waiting-room. Acting on the suggestion of Convention, Mrs J. Thompson was appointed to meet the trains and extend a cordial welcome to the English brides. One new member was enrolled, and a cup of tea handed round.

GISBORNE.

June 24. The President presided over a fair attendance. Mrs Sheppard wrote asking the Union to consider the question of affiliating with the Women's National Council. After an interesting discussion, it was decided to do so. Mesdames Reynolds and East were appointed our delegates to the Council. Mrs Walker gave an address on her work in connection with the Maoris. A collection was taken up for the Maori Fund.

LEIGH.

June. In the absence of the President, Mrs Rennie presided. A reading, followed by an interesting discussion, was given treating on the salaries of women teachers, compared to that of men teachers of the same grade and equally expensive training. Discussion on the Social Question and the need for women police. Afternoon tea and the W.C.T.U. Doxology closed the meeting.

TURAKINA.

The monthly meeting was held on 10th, weather stormy; small attendance. Mrs Thurston wrote resigning the post of Secretary; received with regret. Constitution read and adopted. Miss Powell appointed Superintendent Cradle Roll work.

NELSON.

June 10. Mrs Watson presiding. Resolved to ask Miss Henderson for information re Nurse Chappell's tour among the Unions. Report of Town-Planning Conference given by Mrs Hill. Resolved: "That this meeting of the W.C.T.U. notes with pleasure that the Nelson City Council is considering the erection of swimming baths, rest-rooms and conveniences for women. It wishes to assure the Council that it will be willing to do what it can to support the proposal, and trusts that the Council will be able to arrange for tepid baths with provision for lighting when desired."

June 24. Special meeting. Farewell to Mrs Judson, who is leaving for India. Mrs Watson presided, and in a happy little speech, asked Mrs Judson to accept a travelling bag as a slight token of the love and esteem of her friends in the Union. Mesdames Hill, Field, Brown, Moyes, Knapp, Watson, and Rev. Patchett all spoke of the good work faithfully performed by Mrs Judson, and wished her a pleasant voyage, a happy time in India, and a safe and speedy return. Mrs Judson suitably replied.

TIMARU.

July 3. Adjourned meeting. Report of Sailors' Rest showed 52 visitors making 120 visits. Several socials had been given to the men, and votes of thanks were passed to members of the "Y" Union and Trinity Presbyterian Bible Class for entertaining the men. Mrs Peryman's letter urging for help in circulating the "White Ribbon" was read, and members asked to do all they could in this direction. Resignation of Cradle Roll Superintendent received with regret, and a small token of esteem was presented to Mrs Grant, who is leaving for Christchurch. Tea was handed round, and musical items were given.

HENDERSON.

June 19. Mrs Attwood presided over a large attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of our late President, Mrs Gilbert. Our thanks are due to Mrs Garroway, who gave us a fine account of the Convention. One new member. Afternoon tea handed round.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

June 13. Mrs Smith presided. Attendance good. A silent vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Mrs Rose. A letter of sympathy sent to our Secretary, who is sick. Miss Weymouth gave a short address. Farewell said to Mrs Emmett, who is leaving for England. Delegates appointed to Provincial Convention. Two new members initiated.

TAURANGA.

June. Mrs Christian presided. Social to bid farewell to Mrs Ramsay, who is leaving for Whangarei, and Mrs Petchell, who goes to Masterton. Pastor Weston and Rev. Kendon gave short addresses. One new member.

BLUFF.

May. Resolution passed and sent to Minister of Railways protesting against drunken men being allowed to travel on trains between Bluff and Invercargill, and requesting a special carriage for the use of women and children.

July. Resolution passed and telegraphed to Sir James Allen petitioning that all liquor bars in Bluff be closed during Peace Celebrations, so that the disgusting scenes witnessed on previous occasions of rejoicing may not be repeated. Resolution passed and sent to Minister of Railways protesting against the Railway Department carrying wine, beer, and spirits, and refusing to carry fat stock for freezing works, and also timber and building material.

OXFORD.

July 2. Weather wet, attendance poor. Mrs Gainsford presided, and at her request we sang the Doxology for the Peace Treaty signed and for the U.S.A. "Gone Dry." Resolution expressing appreciation of the devoted service to our cause of the late Mrs T. Gundry, and expressing sympathy with the bereaved husband and child-