

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.)

ASHBURTON.

July 23. Executive meeting. Decided to invite Mrs Duxfield to visit Ashburton, and to arrange meetings for her. Decided to forward to Sir James Allen a resolution protesting against the military scheme.

July 29. Special meeting to confer with a deputation from No License Council. Addresses were given and arrangements made for canvassing. Decided to approach the County Council and ask them to put linoleum on the floor of the Woman's Rest, as the Borough Council had already covered one room. Vote of sympathy with Mrs A. Williams in her recent accident.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

August 5. Mrs Lillicrap in the chair. Mrs Paisley spoke on the coming campaign, and urged members to pray, give and work. Arrangements are in hand for the District Convention, when we expect a visit from Mrs Don. One of our returned men, Mr V. Jones, has taken over the leadership of the L.T.L. and we expect a visit from Mrs Duxfield next month. Decided to send literature to sawmillers in the back-blocks.

WANGANUI EAST.

July 25. Small attendance. Silent vote of sympathy with Mr Jarman (hon. member) in the loss of his wife. Mrs Andrew presented the balance-sheet in connection with the recent Provincial Convention, the same showing a substantial credit to the Union. Convention enjoyed by all who had the privilege of attending it, each one feeling stimulated and encouraged for the coming campaign. Mrs Rankin, N.S. W. White Ribboner, gave a helpful address, after which a welcome cup of tea was handed round. The Benediction closed a good meeting.

HASTINGS.

July 10. Mrs Wilson presided. A good number of members were present. It was decided to approach the Borough Council on the need of a Rest room for women and children.

July 24. E. Taylor Memorial. Paper read by Mrs Wilson. It was decided to hold a "shop" to aid in furnishing Rest Room. A large number of members were present.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

June 10. Mrs Paisley (President) presided, and gave her report as delegate of work at Convention. Decided to hold social evening.

July 8. Mrs Paisley presided. Decided to give social evening at Returned Soldiers' Club. Paper on "The Woman that is Wanted," read by President.

July 17. Social evening to advertise "White Ribbon." Address by President and Mr Blake, organiser for Southland. Songs and recitations, and supper brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

NORSEWOOD.

May 15. Mrs Speight in the chair. The report of Convention was given by our delegate, and much appreciated.

June 19. President presided; five members present. Mrs Speight gave a report of the Provincial Convention, and was heartily thanked for same. Decided to hold a prayer meeting the first Tuesday in the month.

July 17. Home meeting at the residence of President. Ten present. One new member. £1 collection for Maori Fund.

CHRISTCHURCH.

July 9. Mrs Taylor presided; attendance good. Correspondence in regard to Provincial Convention was dealt with. Mrs Taylor gave an interesting report of the proposed organisation for the next Licensing Po. Miss Earnshaw was welcomed, and help promised her. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Suckling in the passing of her mother.

June 23. Mrs Williams and Mrs Wicks elected delegates to Provincial Convention. Miss Henderson gave an account of Miss Earnshaw's work among the young people. Mrs Brice was transferred from Petone. A resolution was passed protesting against the railways being used to carry wine, beer, and other luxuries instead of goods essential to the trade and industry of the country.

NELSON.

July 8. The chair was taken by Mrs Watson. Attendance good. The meeting took the form of a social as a farewell to Mrs Whitford, "White Ribbon" agent, who is leaving for Christchurch. Several speakers expressed the regret we feel at losing so energetic a worker, and wished her God-speed in her new home.

RAKAIA.

July 10. Attendance good, presided over by Mrs Boag. Decided to co-operate with the Men's Temperance Reform Union in preparing a Service of Song for use in the coming campaign, and to visit surrounding districts; also to assist them in getting a meeting to be addressed by Mr Raine. Decided to send two delegates to the Provincial Convention. Agreed to send copies of Miss Henderson's letter to ministers in Rakaia and Methven.

N.E. VALLEY.

July 24. Mrs Peart presided. Mr Ford gave an interesting address on the vested interests in the Liquor

Trade, telling that in many instances the brewery shares were held by clergymen.

TIMARU.

July 29. Agreed to ask Mrs Duxfield to call here on her way to Dunedin to arrange about organising an L.T.L. Mrs Clay and Mrs Grant elected delegates to the Provincial Convention. Mrs Trott moved votes of condolence to the friends of M. Lent Stevenson, Mrs Patterson, Miss J. Coupland Harding, and Mrs Whitby. Special prayers were offered for sick members. Mrs Clay's resignation was accepted with deep regret; she is leaving for Christchurch.

MANAIA.

July 9. Mrs Tait presided; attendance, 12 members. Final arrangements made for sending two delegates to the District Convention. Decided to invite the District Convention of 1920 to meet here. One new "White Ribbon" subscriber. Extracts were read. Afternoon tea and the Benediction closed the meeting.

HAMILTON.

July 3. Mrs Morton, our newly-appointed President, took the chair, and was warmly welcomed by Mrs Blamires, and responded to by the President. Reference was made to the long and faithful service of Miss Powell. An "At Home" is to be held in August to increase the interest in our work, and to hear Pastor Waterhouse speak on the coming campaign.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

July 11. President in the chair. Attendance poor. Decided that next meeting take the form of a social, Mrs Healy being convener of committee to arrange for it. Mrs Smith gave a report on the Town Planning Conference held in Wellington, which was very interesting.

ASHBURTON.

July. Took the form of a pay-up social. Mrs Lill presided over a very large attendance. With regret it was decided, owing to Peace celebrations and the restrictions on the Railway Service, that the visit from Mrs S. H. D. Peryman be postponed. Rev. Raine delivered an inspiring address on "Plans of Work for the Coming Campaign." Vocal and instrumental items were given, and votes of thanks to speakers and performers closed the programme.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

June 24. Mrs Gaskin presiding. Mrs W. J. Williams appointed convener of the Committee for Young People's work, also as Superintendent of Evangelistic Department. Resolution of appreciation of the services of Mrs Perry, who is leaving for Wellington; letter and transfer to be sent. One new member.

July 8. Celebration of White Ribbon Day. Mrs Gaskin presided over So-