

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.)

MASTERTON.

Sept. 2. Mrs Devonport presided over a good attendance of members. Correspondence and routine business were transacted.

KAITANGATA.

Aug. 14. A good attendance, Mrs Russell presiding. Reported that members were assisting with a weekly Band of Hope, which is proving interesting and helpful. The President gave a forcible address, and made an earnest appeal for all to be up and doing for the coming poll. Several new subscribers secured for "White Ribbon."

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Sept. 2. Mrs Hiatt presided. The snowy weather thinned the attendance. Sympathetic reference made to the passing of Mrs Benfell, a very old member of the Union. Letters were sent to Mrs Don and Mrs Cowie expressing sympathy in their illness. Resolved to write the Minister of Justice asking the Government to raise the age of young persons dealt with in the Juvenile Courts to 18 years. The following resolution, passed by the Women's Citizen Association, was fully discussed and endorsed by the Union:—"That the Shops and Offices Act be amended as speedily as possible, that it be extended to embrace all shops and offices wherein women and girls are employed, so that they may no longer be in danger of working under insanitary and unhealthy conditions." Miss Hatcher gave an address on the young women's movement. Collection of £1 to go to Maori Fund.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

Aug. 13. Mrs Taylor presided. Decided to postpone the Provincial Convention until the railway service improves. Arrangements made to hold a Sale to raise funds to buy jugs and basins for the luncheon rooms.

Aug. 27. T. E. Taylor Day. Miss Henderson presided over a very good attendance. Rev. Williams gave a most interesting address on State Control and Purchase. He paid a loving tribute to our departed leader. Decided to form a band of singers to help at public meetings in connection with the campaign. Votes of sympathy in the death of Mrs De Le Cour, a very old member and a great worker; also a vote of sympathy with Mrs D. Whyte in the sad passing of her husband.

OXFORD.

July 26. President in the chair. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs J. Baxter and Miss Jones. Regret expressed at the departure of Miss Dohrmann, and God-speed was wished her. Mrs R. Osborne appointed Evangelistic Superintendent. Mrs Ancall read a report of Convention, and was thanked for same. It being T. E. Taylor Day, the President read an extract from the "White Ribbon" on his life. Decided to donate £5 to the Campaign Fund. Decided to offer prizes for temperance essays. A resolution was passed and forwarded to the Minister of Railways protesting against the carrying of alcoholic liquors, while so many necessities are denied carriage.

Aug. 27. Resolution of sympathy with Miss Dalziel. Decided to assist in serving luncheon to the men of H.M.S. New Zealand. The President congratulated the members whose boys had been to the Front on their safe return. Eleven members of the Union had sent nineteen boys. Mrs Kippenberger congratulated upon her appointment as Provincial Secretary.

WANGANUI EAST.

Aug. 29. Mrs Duxfield occupied the chair. Agreed to hold a social evening for honorary members and returned soldier friends at the end of September. Literature was distributed, and afternoon tea was kindly provided by Mesdames Melvin and McLeod.

PETONE.

Aug. Miss Hughes gave a most interesting address on Provincial Convention, postponed owing to railway restrictions.

Aug. 20. A large and representative gathering to celebrate the 86th birthday of Mrs Rowse, our life Vice-President. The Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, presided. Addresses were given by the Mayor, Revs. Stealey (Anglican), Blair (Methodist), Mrs Moody, and the President. A letter of apology from Mr Marshall (Church of Christ). Vocal and instrumental items were rendered. Miss Rowse very feelingly sang "Mother Machree." Mrs McPherson presented Mrs Rowse with floral tributes on behalf of the Union. Mrs Rowse thanked all for their kindness.

NAPIER.

There was a good attendance, including a number of visitors at the monthly meeting of the Napier Branch. An interesting address on the life and work of the late Mr T. E. Taylor was delivered by the Rev. T. R. Richards, who dealt with the political, social, and Christian character of the subject of his remarks. The address was much appreciated, and the speaker was accorded a vote of thanks. It was announced that a presentation was being forwarded to Mrs Chapman, a keen worker of the Union, who has left for the North Auckland district. It was resolved to send a letter of

condolence to Mr F. Shannon on the loss of his wife. One new member was elected. A tasty afternoon tea was provided.

AUCKLAND.

Aug. 13. Votes of sympathy passed to Mesdames Wallis, Gouk, Hardley, and Vigler in the loss of relatives. The resignations of Mrs Pirritt and Miss Davies were received with regret, and both were thanked for past services. Mrs Dowling was appointed "White Ribbon" Supt., and Mrs H. Brown "Y" Supt. Hearty sympathy was expressed with Mrs Taylor, our Recording Secretary, who met with a severe accident, and gratitude was voiced at her marvellous escape from death. An excellent paper was read on Maori Missions by Miss McGlashan. Mrs Jamieson, Maori Superintendent, gave a report of the year's work in her department, and a collection was taken up for the work. A solo and recitation were given.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Aug. Mrs Allen presided. A letter was read from Mrs Cowie asking the Union to get in touch with soldiers' wives. A letter of farewell was sent to Mrs Bankshaw, who is leaving the district. A letter re District Convention was received from the Dunedin Secretary.

Sept. In the absence of the President, Mrs Peryman presided. The meeting was small, and it was decided to hold a social evening to gather all workers and allot the districts and make arrangements for canvassing. One new member.

HAMILTON.

Aug. An "At Home" in the Methodist Hall. Mrs Morton presided over a large attendance of ladies. A dainty afternoon tea was partaken of, and musical and elocutionary items were rendered. The President gave an earnest address, and appealed for new members, also for a closer social unity in connection with the betterment and uplifting of the community.

BLenheim.

Aug. 5. Mrs Jackson presided over a fair attendance. Decided to forward to the ministers of the district resolution passed at Annual Convention re forming a Temperance Society for women in the churches.

Sept. 2. Mrs Litchfield presided. Decided to invite Mrs Wheeler to visit Blenheim.

TIMARU.

Aug. 27. Mrs Rule in the chair. Reports from Sailors' Rest showed a quiet month, no overseas boats being in. Decided to donate £1 to the expenses of Miss Earnshaw in forming the Young People's Guild. Provincial Convention and Mrs Duxfield's visit postponed owing to railway restrictions. Miss Henderson wrote asking assistance for Mrs Wheeler in her tour of the Dominion. Decided