

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.

Sept. Mrs Lill presided over a moderate attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Don, Dominion President; in her protracted illness. The Secretary stated that a resolution, protesting against the proposed military training scheme, had been forwarded to headquarters. Decided to assist Rakaiia Branch with speakers when possible, in view of the coming poll. Further arrangements were made for the drawing-room afternoon on September 18th. A splendid paper on "How best to impress our young people with a sense of responsibility as citizens," was given by Mrs G. Miller. A short discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

A very successful drawing-room afternoon was held on September 18th at the residence of Mrs James Thompson, a large gathering being present. Mrs W. H. Robinson explained the object of the gathering, and urged all present to bear in mind the opportunity awaiting those who were anxious to see the liquor-traffic swept from our land, and to work as never before that victory may be assured in 1919. Competitions, musical and elocutionary items were indulged in, and a dainty afternoon tea served. Three new members were admitted into the Union. Votes of thanks to hostess and performers brought a happy meeting to a close.

HENDERSON.

Sept. 18. Large attendance. Miss Duncan presided. Miss Gilberd reported that Mrs Perrett would come to Henderson on September 27th to assist in forming the Y Branch. All members requested to attend. Rev. Burley gave a very interesting address on the present campaign. Canvassers were chosen, and districts allotted.

NELSON.

Aug. 12. Mrs Watson presided, 17 members present. Decided to hold Provincial Convention this year on Wednesday, September 17th. Mesdames Field and Brown, our delegates on the special committee set up by the City Council to consider the question of the erection of rest room, etc., reported that the Council had decided to have plans called for, and hoped to have something definite settled at next Council meeting. Mrs Day, senr., for long and faithful services, was elected an hon. life member by the Union.

Sept. 17. Mrs Watson presided. Mr Starnes, N.Z. Alliance, addressed meeting on present campaign, and asked Union for assistance. Mrs Hooker's resignation as Recording Secretary was accepted with regret. A resolution was passed protesting against the proposal for three months' continued military training of youths. A committee was formed to arrange time and places of Nurse Chappell's lectures on sex hygiene. Decided that military training be the subject for discussion at the next Good Citizenship meeting. Decided that the Union take a practical interest in the Home for Defective Girls at Richmond.

GREYTOWN.

Sept 8. Mrs Boucher presided. A pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs W. A. Tate, 20 present. One new member. Rev. R. B. Gosnell gave an inspiring address on W.C.T.U. work and its far-reaching results. Mrs Boucher made an appeal for funds on behalf of the Sailors' Rest in Wellington. A collection of £2 5s was taken.

TAKAPUNA.

July 17. Nurse Chappell gave an address on "Social Purity," and was attentively listened to by a large audience.

Aug. 7. Meeting at Milford, President in chair. Mrs Callow gave a paper on Frances Willard. Twelve present.

Sept. 4. A pay-up social, President in chair. Rev. Albert, Presbyterian minister, spoke on the coming Campaign. Recitations, music, and afternoon tea; 31 present. One member for Cradle Roll. Our Vice-President's (Mrs Veats) resignation was accepted with regret, on her removal from the district.

N.E. VALLEY.

Sept. 26. Mrs Peart presided. The Rev. Roy Stewart, Caversham, and late of America, gave a most interesting address on Temperance work there. The Americans are educated on the subject of Alcohol and Prohibition, and Mr Stewart urges the necessity of educating the New Zealand women and children. Mrs Pocklington gave a recitation, and Mrs Medlin a song.

LEIGH.

Aug. Mrs Wyatt presided. Several readings were given. The resignation of the Secretary accepted. Mrs Gozar elected Secretary. Arranged final details of the Thanksgiving and Welcome Home Social to be tendered to our soldier boys. A thanksgiving hymn for Peace closed the meeting.

Sept. 5. The thanksgiving and welcome home social for our returned soldiers was a great success. Mrs Garroway presided over a large gathering. Several items were rendered by the pupils of Leigh and Ti Point Schools. Their respective teachers,

Mrs Knowles and Miss Campbell, must have worked indefatigably to have trained the children so well. Supper was provided by the W.C.T.U.

HAWERA.

Sept. 25. Mrs J. S. Young presided, 17 present. The following resolution was passed and sent to Hon. Sir James Allen and to Mr G. V. Pearce, M.P.:—"The Hawera W.C.T.U. protest against four months' continuous military training, as being too long for youths of eighteen years of age to spend in camp, and suggest that the period be shortened." Afternoon tea was provided for the members of the Efficiency League.

TIMARU.

Sept. 30. Mrs Brown presided. Decided to send Sir James Allen a strong protest against proposed military camps, also to urge that better provision be made for physical training in the public schools; also to urge a considerable extension of the system of medical inspection of school children. Decided also to wire Sir Francis Bell urging the Legislative Council to grant women Full Parliamentary rights. Mr Massey also to be asked to use his influence in the same direction. A busy month reported at the Sailors' Rest. Tea has been given on two Sundays to the crews of Home boats, also socials and Sunday services. The members of the Y Union provide the musical part of the programme.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Sept. 4. President presided over a fair attendance. Treasurer's resignation accepted, and Mrs Heatly appointed Treasurer. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mr Alison, a honorary member. Decided to assist with the refreshments on Children's Day.

Sept. 11. President and officers of the Central Union formed a Branch of the W.C.T.U. at Upper Aramoho. There was a good attendance. The Rules and By-laws were read and explained, and seven members were initiated. Officers: Pres., Mrs Gil-mour; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bathgate and Dudley; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hallam; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hall; Treas., Mrs Redpath. Decided to meet on the second Thursday. Afternoon tea was handed round.

Oct. 2. A very successful social afternoon to the soldiers' wives who have recently come to the town from overseas. A good attendance, including Mrs McGregor, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary for Maori returned men. Musical items were given, and afternoon tea provided. The President welcomed the guests of the afternoon, and the following replied:—Mr Taylor, Y.M.C.A.; Mr Burkett, Returned Soldiers' Association; Nurse Julian, for the boys; and Mrs Hasting Moore, for soldiers' wives.