

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.)

BLUFF.

The annual social gathering and presentation of prizes in connection with the Band of Hope was held in Willard Hall on October 10th, when there was a very large gathering of members and friends. Rev. R. Francis presided, and gave an appropriate address. Mrs H. Johnson, Band of Hope Superintendent, presented the prizes, 30 first prizes (full attendance), 17 seconds (once absent), and four special prizes for bringing the most new members. An excellent programme was rendered by the children. Supper was then served, and a most successful session of the Band of Hope was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology and the National Anthem.

LEIGH.

Oct. 30. Mrs Wyatt in the chair. Decided unanimously to send in a resolution recommending that the widows' pension should be on the same scale as that of the epidemic widows. Mr H. B. Moore, the Organising Secretary of the South Marsden Prohibition League, gave much valuable information on the licensing position in the United States of America, and answered questions on the subject. Resolved that all donations paid by members to the Prohibition Campaign Fund should be sent through the Leigh Union. The meeting closed by singing the W.C.T.U. Doxology.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Oct. 17. In the absence of the President, Mrs Beckingham took the chair. A Committee was set up to act with the District Union to make preparatory arrangements for the Annual Convention, to be held in 1920. An interesting account of the work done at the District Convention recently held at Petone, was given by Mrs Pennington, one of this Union's delegates. It was decided to hold the annual Executive meeting at Mrs Caughley's on November 14th, and the annual meeting on the 21st November.

OXFORD.

Oct. 1. Mrs Ryde presided. Resolutions of sympathy passed. Donation of £1 reported by Secretary. Miss Jessie Gainsford was thanked for her efficient help in all Union work, and best wishes of the Union were hers for her future happiness. Resolution passed, to be forwarded to Minister of Defence and M.P., protesting against the compulsory train-

ing of youths in camp for four months. Mrs F. Tritt appointed delegate to Provincial Convention. Mrs Hawke was thanked for her interesting account of the Town-Planning Conference in Wellington.

Oct. 22. The Union celebrated its eighth birthday. Decided to forward a resolution to Provincial Convention suggesting that the Government amend the law that in the case of habitual drunkards the police be empowered to apply for a prohibition order, and thus obviate the necessity of the relatives appearing in Court. A paper was read by Mrs Ancall. Afternoon tea and a beautiful birthday cake, the gift of Mrs Jim Clarke. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who helped.

HAWERA.

Oct. 30. Mrs Bone presided. Sir James Allen and Mr Pearce acknowledged receipt of resolutions. 88 voted for prizes for L.T.L. Members assisted in sending out literature.

NORMANBY.

We have held three Home Meetings, and our monthly meetings are well attended. Good work done for Red Cross, and for the coming campaign. The Y Branch is assisting in the work, and have held several largely attended socials. We have a good library of suitable literature.

WANGANUI EAST.

Oct. 3. President occupied the chair. Decided to hold a "pay-up" social on November 13th, evening, hon. members and soldier friends to be invited. Afternoon tea was served.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Nov. 4. A pay-up social at 7.30 p.m. A bright evening, with songs and solos. Mrs Baird spoke on the purity question. Mrs Lillicrap spoke on the coming poll, and Miss Birss on the very encouraging progress of the Y Branch. Supper was handed round.

MASTERTON.

Nov. 4. Annual social, Mrs Devonport presiding. Weather inclement, but attendance good. Addresses by Rev. Cocker and Ensign Sawyer. Several musical items and a reading. Votes of thanks to the Press and to the Trusts for use of Knox Hall.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Oct. 14. Prayer meeting, Mrs Gaskin presiding. Address by Lieut. Doris Langdon, S.A. Final arrangements made for Sale of Work.

Oct. 28. Replies from Mr Holland, M.P., and others, re compulsory military training for youths. Decided to make application for visits from Nurse Chappell and Mrs Wheeler. Reported that Sailors' Rest Sale of Work realised £46. One new member.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

Oct. 7. Pay-up social held in the evening. Mrs Hiatt presided. Rev. Randerson gave an address on "Optimism," and Mrs Peryman made a strong appeal for new subscribers for the "White Ribbon." Decided to send a telegram of thanks to the Premier for the interest he has taken in the passing of the Women's Parliamentary Rights Bill. Musical items, recitations, and supper filled in a pleasant evening.

Nov. 4. Fair attendance, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Three new members. Telegram to Premier expressing appreciation of the action of the New Zealand Government in prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Samoa. Mrs Lee Cowie gave an interesting address, and urged all to strike out the two top lines.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Nov. 7. "Franchise Day," when Mrs Evans, M.A., presided. Mrs Moody traced the franchise movement from 1850, when a lady, who was afterwards Mrs (Dr) Muller, sailed into Nelson. Mrs Sheppard, too, was mentioned as one who was ideally fitted for the post of Franchise Superintendent, and to her, of all women, was victory finally due. The petition, which Sir John Hall presented, of 31,000 names, representing a third of the women in New Zealand, was referred to as being the most numerous signed petition ever presented before any Australasian Parliament. In closing, Mrs Moody asked all present to realise their responsibility to the State, to have high ideals, and to work and vote till all evils are abolished.

RIVERTON.

Sept. 10. Mrs Gray presided. Fair attendance. A resolution protesting against the proposed military training scheme was passed unanimously. Report given by Mr J. Stevens, Electoral Organiser, of Mr Dawson's address in Invercargill, was appreciated.

Oct. 1. Mrs Wheeler gave a most interesting address on work in America, also a recitation, which was much enjoyed. She fully explained the difference between "dry" and "bone dry," and gave us much useful information. Chair taken by His Worship the Mayor. Vote of thanks to Mrs Wheeler for her able address closed the meeting.

WAIHI.

Oct. 16. The Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Burt, held a very successful Rally at her home. A number of mothers, with the little ones, were present, also member of W.C.T.U. Mrs Snow gave a short address to mothers, after which afternoon tea was handed round. Several new names were added to the Cradle Roll, and a good deal of interest aroused.

NELSON.

Oct. 7. Mrs Watson presided; fair attendance. Letter received stating City Council had set aside a shop for a rest room for women, and in addi-