

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Nov. 25th. The President, Mrs X. Jones, occupied the chair. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs X. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin; Cor Sec., Mrs Craig; Recording Sec., Mrs W. Hughes; Treasurer, Mrs Whitham. The Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, presented a full and interesting report upon the year's work, prompting words of high commendation from an ex-President of the Union, regarding the work being carried on at present by the W.C.T.U. A report was read from the Superintendent of each department. The favourable progress of the 'Sailors' Rest' fund was commented upon, due greatly to the hearty response of our townspeople to the call of the worthy object. A donation of £3 7s. was gratefully received for the fund from the Ashburton, and £1 10s. from the Waitara Unions. Reference was made to the remarks of appreciation passed by visitors to the Rest room in Devon Street Central, over 7000 women and children having taken advantage of the rooms during the year. One new member initiated.

WAIMATE.

Dec. 9th. Mrs Roy presided; good attendance. Two members volunteered to visit the sick in Hospitals for the coming month, Mesdames O' Brien and Reid. A short talk re the "Rest Room" proposed followed. A donation of £3 to District Union Funds. A very successful Garden Party was held last month to raise funds for our Union, and realised a clear balance of £15. Letters of sympathy to two sick members. Afternoon tea.

CHEVIOT.

Dec. 5th. Annual meeting; attendance fair. Motion of sympathy with Miss Hayes in her bereavement. Annual report read and confirmed; Treasurer's report found satisfactory. Election of officers, all of whom resumed office with the exception of the treasurer. Decided not to commence our meetings till March. Afternoon tea served.

TAURANGA.

Dec. 18th. Very fair attendance; Mrs Carlton Smith in chair. Letters from Miss Earnshaw and Miss Henderson read. A mass of circulars calling for attention, our President kindly said she would deal with them. Decided we re-open again in March. Decided that the post of President and Cor Sec. be held open until our next meeting, the holders of other positions to remain as before. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

MARTINBOROUGH.

The President spoke feelingly of the departure of Mrs McGregor from our Union. Mrs McGregor suitably replied, and hoped she would be of use to the work at Stratford, and that she would always remember the opening of our local branch.

Dec. 16th. Annual meeting. The old officers were re-elected namely, Mrs Martin, President; W.R. Agent and Treasurer, Mrs Tyler; Secretary, M. Tyler. The meeting again expressed regret at losing our Vice-President, Mrs McGregor. It was mentioned "Band of Hope" was going on very nicely. Closing social was held on December 4th, with Tea, and evening was devoted to Songs, Recitations, and Dialogues; all parents being present.

RAWENE-HOKIANGA.

Dec. 16th. Closing meeting of Session at the residence of Mrs Johnson. Interest has been well maintained throughout the year. Our Membership has been doubled, and others have promised to join. Resolved that Mrs Johnson be appointed Library Superintendent, also suggested that the same lady give us a Lecture on Frances Willard at our opening meeting in February, to which she kindly consented. Resolved that we endeavour to form a Young People's meeting for Temperance training, to meet alternately with "Happy Hour" times. In doing this, our training ground will be more fully equipped, for growing our own W.C.T.U. members, and voters for future elections.

OPOTIKI.

Dec. 15th. Annual meeting; Mrs Thompson presided. The Secretary presented the report of the year's work. Treasurer showed a credit balance of £31, notwithstanding a year of heavy expenses. White Ribbon Superintendent gave her report, and showed good work done, and fully paid up 30 subscribers. Cradle Roll Superintendent read an excellent report and accounted for 70 members. All the officers were re-elected. One new member enrolled; afternoon tea served by officers. A lady member welcomed to the Union from South Africa. Union donated £3 to "Willard" Home.

RAKAI.

Nov. 20th. President in chair; Good attendance. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Boag; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Evison; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. Boag and Miss G. Boag; Literature, Mrs Hunt; W. R. Reporter, Mrs R. Boag and Miss G. Boag; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Oakley. Mr Mackesy gave a brief address. The following resolution passed and forwarded to Mr Tucker, owner of Town Hall: "This Union desires to place on record a resolution of appreciation of Mr Caleb Tucker, for the way in which he has kept his hall such a safe place for the young people of the district to attend amusements, by the forbidding of liquor to be taken in or about the hall, and we tender him our grateful thanks." Signed by 37 members.

Nov. 27th. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at Mrs Boag's residence, 'Hatfield,' it being the occasion of the annual Cradle Roll Garden Party. About 150 Mothers and children assembled, and the time passed pleasantly with tennis, bowls, swings, and other games for the smaller ones. Each child received a present from the Christmas tree. A dainty afternoon tea was served by the members. Before dispersing, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Boag, for the use of their grounds, and all who had helped to make the function a success.

Dec. 11th. The final meeting for the year was presided over by Mrs Boag; attendance very fair. President and Secretary reported a visit to Mayfield W.C.T.U. Cradle Roll Garden Party. Retrospect of year's work. Treasurer reported credit balance in hand, 3s. 1d. Two new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served.

MASTERTON.

Dec. 3rd. Pay Up Social; good attendance. Mrs Cocker presided, and welcomed all old friends and new, expressing sympathy with those who had recently suffered bereavement; also expressed the hope of developing the work of the Union in coming year, along new lines with the co-operation of the younger members. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports showed substantial increase in membership and finances and good work accomplished. W.R. Agent reported 46 subscribers. Cradle Roll Superintendent recently appointed, reported 15 members. Superintendent of Home meetings and Back Block Literature departments reported good work done. Addresses were given by Rev. E. W. Weymouth and W. Beckett, which were much appreciated. Musical items rendered by Mrs Garwitch and Mrs S. J. Smith. Votes of thanks were passed to the managers of Knox Hall, for use of buildings through the year, to the Press, the Auditor of accounts, and to all who had assisted in any way. Two new members joined up. Afternoon tea served.

RIVERTON.

Dec. 7th. Annual meeting, President in chair. Mrs Gray gave a brief address on an Alliance meeting she attended in Invercargill. Although once more defeated, there is reason for encouragement for the future. The need for a two-issue ballot paper was also stressed. Miss McGregor presented a full report of the year's work, which showed that interest had been taken in different branches of the work. Membership of Union 37; subscribers to the White Ribbon, 20. The Balance sheet presented by the Treasurer was very satisfactory, showing a creditable balance. Votes of thanks were passed to all office-bearers. The Band of Hope report, presented by Mrs Cassels, showed interest amongst the children had been maintained. Election of officers:—President, Mrs Gray, re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Secretary, Mrs Bolland; Treasurer, Mrs Cassels, re-elected; W.R. Agents, Miss Birch and Miss McGregor; Flower Supt., Mrs Cassels. Flowers for the following months for the hospital, were arranged for. Next meeting, first Monday in March.

ASHBURTON.

Dec. 1st. Our annual meeting; Mrs W. H. Robertson, V.P., presiding over a good attendance of members. Though disappointed over the results of the recent Poll, we yet felt that we had much left to praise God for, and fifteen minutes spent in communion with Him was time well spent. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Mr W. R. Mackesy (Organiser) in the loss of his father, and with members in sickness. Owing to continued illhealth, the resignation of Mrs W. T. Lill, President, and Mrs D. F. Keir, Treasurer, was received with deep regret. Decided that in view of her long years of service to the Union, that Mrs Lill retain the position as Ex-President. A comprehensive report of the year's work was submitted by the Secretary. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet revealed a satisfactory credit balance. Superintendent's reports were also received. The reports were adopted. Decided that hearty congratulations be sent Hon. L. M. Isitt, on his appointment to a seat in the Legislative Assembly, and appreciations of the great services rendered by him in the past, to the Temperance cause. Also, to Mr C. H. Bellringer, on his election as M.P., and to Mr Ferriman for his generous support at all times to the uplift of mankind. The "Peace" resolutions published in the White Ribbon were unanimously endorsed by the Union. Decided to support a two-issue Ballot paper. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs W. H. Robinson; Secretary, Miss E. Trevurza; Treasurer, Mrs A. Amos. A number of parcels for the Willard Home was received. The appointment of Superintendents and Vice-Presidents was held over till the next meeting in February. With a vote of thanks to the out-going officers, and to the "Press," and the compliments of the season to all, the meeting closed.

MARTON.

Through some mistake our W.C.T.U. Branch, re-formed during June has never sent particulars for you to insert in the White Ribbon. We should like to remedy this with the New Year. Our meetings are held on the fourth Friday in every month, alternately in the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools, at 3 p.m. We have at present a membership of 16 active and 2 hon. members. Our officers are:—President, Mrs Melvor, The Manse, Bond Street, Marton; Secretary, Mrs P. H. Hall, 2 Bowen Street, Marton; Treasurer, Mrs Verry, Calico Line, Marton; W.R. Agent, Mrs Goldsbury, Bell Street, Marton. We had two Vice-Presidents at the time of re-forming, but one has left and gone to Australia, the other is Mrs Jefferson, The Parsonage, Marton.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 11th. A social combined with the "Y." Branch was held, and the school pupils of Standards 5 and 6 were also invited. Items and games were much enjoyed, and Mrs H. Hall presided over a very large gathering. The opportunity was taken to present the prizes for the Temperance Essays, Mrs Hall presenting prizes to the following pupils:—Standard 6 (Girls):