

# 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.

### TIMARU.

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. First meeting; fair attendance. Mrs Trott in chair. Letter read from Mrs Norrie who is still indisposed. Sympathy and good wishes for her speedy recovery expressed. A silent vote of sympathy passed with relatives of Mrs Rapsey, an old and valued member. Heartly congratulations to be sent to Hon. F. J. Rolleston. A new member initiated. A welcome extended to a member from Scotland, and good wishes and journeying mercies to a member going to the Homeland. Hospital and home sick member visiting reported on. Decided not to hold Garden Party, but to raise necessary money by voluntary contributions. Delegates appointed for Convention:—Mrs Trott, President, pro. tem., Mesdames Seward, Sinclair and Nelson. Work at the Rest going on very satisfactorily. Ten shillings was received from a man who had received a kindness three years ago. Knitted scarves were received from Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Sinclair, and 42 Sailors' bags from Trinity Presbyterian Church Busy Bees.

### MANAIA.

February 9th. The Manaia Union, re-organising after the interval left without meetings during the busy harvest season, held an Executive meeting before the usual monthly gathering. Mrs D. E. Scott, the District President, took the chair at both; the attendance was small. The proceedings, under her experienced leadership, were mainly directed towards establishing a good working basis for the coming year. Mrs Scott stressed the need for active sympathy in local affairs, specially educational, both among children and adolescents. Decided to enquire what help the W.C.T.U. could give to the Young People's Club, also to make special enquiries as to what Temperance teaching was given in the local schools. Resolved that next month's meeting should be double the attendance. The Treasurer reported four subscriptions and one donation received. There was also an offer for a prize for essays, either from school children or the Young People's Club.

### PETONE.

Feb. 2nd. First meeting of the year; Mrs Cole, the President, in the chair. Resolved that a wire be sent to the "Minister for Justice," that Mr Hawken, late "Controller General of Prisons" be put on the "Prison Board." Mrs Woolford is to be "Librarian" and Mrs Barrow's name is added to the number of Vice-Presidents. A letter is to be written to Mrs Udy expressing regrets for her continued illness. A letter was read asking for support for the "All Nations' Bazaar," to be held in London. Mrs Murgatroyd to be delegate to Convention. Mrs Cole read an extract from paper about the creche, at the Dunedin Exhibition, which is run by the ladies of the W.C.T.U. Two new members from Koro Koro were welcomed.

### INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Feb. 9th. First meeting of this year. Fair attendance, presided over by the newly-elected President (Mrs Garrett). A Standing Committee of seven members was appointed to supervise throughout the coming year all matters in connection with the tea and rest rooms that are run at the Summer Show, and at this juncture, the District

President (Mrs Fairbairn) intimated that the National Council of Women had written requesting her to supply them with information regarding the working on Show Day of those respective departments. A combined Union Picnic is arranged for February 20th, in the Rose Gardens. A Membership Campaign was inaugurated, accompanied by a substantial gift. Three new members enrolled and heartily welcomed.

### TOTARA VALLEY Ys.

Dec. A good attendance of members; President in the chair. This was the first meeting of our second year. Officers are the same as last year, with some additional and few minor changes. Decided to send a delegate to Convention, appointment to be made at next meeting. Supper was served, and a social half-hour spent.

### PONSONBY.

Jan. 25th. President, Mrs Lee-Cowie occupied the chair, 35 members present. Business: Election of Officers as follows:—President, Mrs Lee-Cowie; Treasurer, Mrs Kasper; Rec. Sec., Miss Bead, Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver; Evangelist, Miss Braithwaith. Appointments of Superintendents of different departments held over till next meeting. Arrangements for Jumble Sale in aid of the Ys. were made; received 2 new members.

Feb. 4th. President, Mrs Cowie in the chair; fair attendance. Business appointments of Superintendents for various branches of work, appointing of Delegate to Annual Convention. Report of Jumble Sale, held in Mrs Cowie's Hall, East Street, proceeds over £17. One new member. Afternoon tea was served; meeting closed with Benediction.

### OXFORD.

Jan. 26th. President in the chair. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Miss Dalziel in her bereavement; sympathy was also expressed with Mesdames D. Clark, Jamieson and Fenwick, in their illness. Mr A. Baxter waited on the meeting to ask help for Gala Days. Decided that the Union should undertake the management of the refreshments, and canvass the district for provisions. Mesdames Hawke and Comyns were appointed to represent the Union at the public meeting in connection with the Gala. Decided not to have a printed Syllabus this year, but each meeting to decide on the subject for the next month. Frances Willard Day would be celebrated in February, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Superintendent of Notable Days. During the afternoon, Mrs Cooper contributed a vocal solo which was much appreciated. The White Ribbon Superintendent would be pleased to receive any outstanding subs for White Ribbon, as Convention is in March; would like to get as many as possible before then.

### HAWERA.

Jan. First meeting of the year; many members still away. Mrs Exley presiding. Mrs G. Tait acting as Secretary during Miss Kelly's absence. Several members expressed regret at Mrs Reid's resignation of Vice-President, she having done good work for the cause of temperance last year. Mrs Tait appointed in her place. Mrs C. Rowe appointed Sick Visitor, also Mrs Cardwell as Organist. Decided to change the meeting day from the last Thursday to the last Friday, as being more convenient to most members. Next meeting being "Willard Day," would take the form of a Garden Party at the residence of Mrs Correy, Glover Road. Mrs C. Curtis appointed Delegate to Convention.

### DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Feb. 2nd. Treasurer's report and balance sheet were adopted. Mrs Don and others congratulating Mrs Macartney on the very sound position of the Union, which without any special money-raising effort, and after entertaining the Dominion Convention, has, in an election year, a credit balance of £55 15s. 6d. The Creche Committee reported having received 1133 infants during the 11 weeks the building has been in use. Decided to nominate Mrs T. E. Taylor, Mrs Evans, Miss Henderson, and Mrs Bendely, as New Zealand Officers. Delegates to Convention appointed are Mrs Alexander, Mrs Douglas, Miss Powell and Miss A. Webb. Mesdames

Dick, Don, Hutton and Miss Powell were elected Vice-Presidents, and Superintendents were appointed to various departments held over from the annual meeting. Mrs Duff, and Mrs Dick were appointed a Special Committee to visit sick members of the Union.

### ASHBURTON.

Feb. 2nd. Our first meeting for 1926. "Frances Willard" Day was honoured. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mr G. Bowman, and the Butterick family, Mrs W. Page and family, and Mr and Mrs F. Campbell in their recent bereavements. Also, with all those concerned in the devastating fires last week. A very cordial welcome was extended to Mrs Lee, of the Rakai Union. With the object of supplementing the funds of the Union, it was decided to arrange for a Cake and Produce Stall, on February 26th. The present New Zealand Officers were nominated for re-election, with the exception of the Presidency, and Mrs T. E. Taylor, was nominated to fill that position. Miss Wilkie and Mrs Glassey were elected Delegates to Convention. Decided that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Don, in recognition of the splendid services rendered the W.C.T.U. during the past 12 years as Dominion President. Mr A. E. Moore reported having sent a parcel, containing 100 garments to Willard Home. Mrs Adj. Huston, Wanganui, gave an inspiring address on "Gather up the Fragments that nothing be lost;" receiving a hearty vote of thanks. A collection was taken up in aid of the World's Missionary Union.

### RAETIHI.

Feb. 5th. Fair attendance of members; the President (Mrs Sandford) in the chair. The President read rules of constitution as new members are to be initiated next meeting. Decided the next meeting to take the form of a "Frances Willard" day. Mrs Captain Smith, gave a bright and helpful address, with a word of encouragement to the workers, as this was the first meeting of the year, from the text, "Cast thy bread on the waters, and it shall return after many days," that though the disappointments of last year were bitter still to persevere, as righteousness would prevail. The President thanked the speaker for her address. Afternoon tea was served.

### WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Feb. 4th. A very successful meeting, to celebrate the opening of the new season's work. The room was full, several visitors from other Unions being present. A letter was read asking that delegates be sent from the Union to a Conference on Empire Migration, to be held on Tuesday, February 16th; Mrs Wright, Mrs Webb and Mrs Evans, were chosen as delegates, and Miss Kirk was thanked heartily for the efforts she had made to ensure the representation of women on the Immigration Board. Reference was made to the Willard Home in Palmerston North, for which gifts of clothes were asked to be brought to a meeting in a fortnight's time; to a Garden Party to be held shortly for the purpose of raising funds for sending delegates to the Annual Convention; and to a Street Day for Sailors, for which Mrs Nimmo asked help, on Friday, February 26th. Sister Bessie then delivered a thrilling address on State Purchase and Control as practised in Carlisle. She referred to meeting Lady Astor, who, speaking of the famous Bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to those under 18, declared it was not her bill, but that of the women she represented; she was but the small shell sent forward by them, and they were the real force behind her. At the conclusion of the address, which was all too short, two vocal solos were pleasantly contributed by one of those present.

### KAIAPOI.

Jan. 27th. The 36th Anniversary of Union. Fair attendance of members and a few guests. Report of Building Superintendent, Secretary and Band of Home Secretary were received and confirmed. The Band of Hope balance sheet showed a good surplus. Dominion Officers were nominated as they stand, with the exception of Mrs Taylor for the President. Mrs White was elected Delegate to Convention. The refreshment Committee for next meeting, Mrs Keetley and Mrs Warren. £1 voted to the Dunedin Creche; a donation of 5/- received. Letters