

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.

WANGANUI EAST.

April. Good attendance. Mrs Eccersall, Vice-President, in the chair. Vote of sympathy with our President in her double bereavement, was passed, the members standing. Regret was felt at Mrs Frethey's continued ill-health, and earnest hopes for her speedy recovery. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet were read and adopted. Twenty-six new members had joined, bringing the total to 88. General satisfaction was expressed at the year's work. Mrs Bathgate, Superintendent of the L.T.L. Department, gave a fine account of her visit to the Convention, and of the wonderful reports from all quarters of different branches of the work, particularly the Maori work and the Young People's Department. A helpful and inspiring meeting.

GREYTOWN.

April. 27th. President occupied the chair, fair attendance. Resolved to assist "Bible in State School League" by seven members obtaining signatures of seven adults who are in favour of Bible reading in State Schools. Two new members joined the Union, and one resignation received with regret. Mrs D. McKenzie and Miss Oates appointed visitors to sick for May and June. Mrs A. M. Haigh gave an entertaining report of all items of importance at Dominion Convention, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

CARTERTON.

May 5th. Mrs R. H. Every presided over the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs Tyler. Decided by members to keep in touch with the new country members who recently linked up with the Union, and letters to be sent concerning the monthly meetings, and also copies of the Convention number of the White Ribbon. Decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs Don, who was the Dominion President for so long. Mrs Wilton gave the remainder of the paper dealing with some interesting subjects, from her visit to Convention, at Christchurch, where she went as a Delegate from this branch. The speaker was thanked for the paper. Afternoon tea was served, the Hostesses being Mrs Jones and Miss Edwards.

MANAIA.

April 13th. Mrs Scott presiding. The main business was her report of the Convention and discussion on points raised. Cradle Roll work was reported well started for the year, and the Union's offer of an essay prize to the Public School has been gratefully received. A White Ribbon agent was appointed, and at once received several requests for the paper, the Union also deciding to send out six copies for the next quarter, to attract new subscribers. Afternoon tea was served by Miss Mary Hansen.

MASTERTON.

May 6th. Very good attendance. Mrs Cocker presiding. Decided to secure literature on Social and Moral Hygiene and give an afternoon to its study; to ask superintendents of depts. to give short reports quarterly; to send copy of Sec'y's Annual Report to Ministers with the request that they refer to it and the work of the W.C.T.U. on Temperance Sunday; that at all future meetings the pledge be repeated after the devotional exercises; that May

17th be kept as W.C.T.U. Peace Day with special meeting and address; suggested that At Homes might be given by members each month in order to get into touch with women likely to link up with Scattered Members Dept. Loyal Temperance Legion formed under leadership of Miss Jackson. Opening meeting May 21st, two children from each Sunday School to contribute items.

TEMUKA.

9th April. The President presided. Good attendance. Final arrangements for L.T.L. Mrs Hewson, delegate to N.Z. convention gave a most interesting report which was very attentively listened to and enjoyed by all present. Mrs Hewson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Our President stressed upon all present to pray for and to help our young people to resist the temptations of strong drink.

STRATFORD.

April 23rd. The President took the chair. Mrs Phillips gave a very interesting report of Convention. Mr Dixon, of the N.Z. Alliance was also present and who was previously welcomed gave an interesting and educational account of the work of the Prohibition Movement. Votes of thanks were given to the speakers, after which the meeting closed with prayer. There was a fair attendance.

SEFTON.

April 28th. Fair attendance of members. President in chair. Delegate gave interesting report of work of Convention. Decided, after discussion, to form an L.T.L. branch. Collection taken for Willard Home. Arranged to have special Peace address for May meeting. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

OPOTIKI.

April 15th. Special meeting; Hall prettily decorated to receive President's Convention address. Good number present. Mrs Letts and Miss Elliott sang; Mrs Hambly accompanied. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs Hughes and the Officers. Interesting and profitable meeting terminated with doxology.

OTAHUHU.

May 6th. Good attendance. Mrs Greenwood, our President took the chair; also Mrs Finch, President of Devonport, kindly came to our meeting and gave us a most interesting talk on Peace, which we all appreciated. Our President had the pleasure of initiating two new members. Afternoon tea was then handed round.

MOSGIEL.

April 20th. Mrs Hiett presided and gave a report of part of the Conference, as time wouldn't permit the hearing of it all, so what she did tell us was most interesting and very helpful, and we are looking forward to Mrs Hiett's return, when she will give us the remainder. A vote of thanks carried by acclamation was accorded Mrs Hiett for her most educative address.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

May 6th. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Emmett and family on the death of Mr Emmett. Special prayer was offered for her and for members who were sick. Arrangements were made for Peace meetings on May the 17th. Two visitors were welcomed, Miss Wellwood from Dargaville, and Mrs Pole from Otaki. The President read the report of the Seamen's Department, and spoke of the effort New Plymouth was making to start a Seamen's Hostel there. A circular was read re Bible in Schools Organisation.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

April 6th. Meeting very small, probably because of Easter holidays and Exhibition visitors. Reply from Minister of Internal Affairs re protest at continued permit for Art Union was received and deemed satisfactory.

May 4th. Meeting fairly attended. Mrs Didham conducted devotions, and urged the need of continued and earnest prayer. The pledge was recited by all members standing. The main business was the report of the Delegates to Convention, that by Miss Webb being read by Miss Powell, Mrs Duff spoke

on the social aspect of the Convention. Mrs Hiett's report was held over till the June meeting, at which it is hoped that the complete report and balance sheet of the Creche Committee will also be given.

OXFORD.

April 21st. President in the chair. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs J. Wetherspoon and Miss N. Waterman in their illness and Mrs D. Clark in the illness of her little boy. Miss Caverhill, Delegate, read a very instructive and inspiring report of Convention, for which she was most heartily thanked. A resolution was passed thanking all those who had assisted by goods, money, or personal help towards the success of the refreshment booth at the Show. A letter was received from the Secretary of the County Council regarding Anzac Day. Decided to provide a wreath, and that as many members as possible attend the service. After the meeting adjourned, members heard with deep sorrow of the death of their first, and beloved President, Mrs R. H. Gainsford, to whose enthusiasm and able leadership the Oxford Union owed so much. She hath done what she could while she could.

PONSONBY.

April 15th. Present, 28 members. Business. Final arrangements for the Knife and Fork tea, to be given in the Unity Hall, to farewell Mrs Lee-Cowie and party and Mrs Kasper. Mrs Lee-Cowie strongly protested against the advt. for spirits on the stamp booklets purchased at the Govt. P.O., a matter which, since then, the New Zealand Alliance is taking up; also Mrs Cowie spoke about the small boys selling papers on the streets till 10 o'clock. Mrs Oliver, Convention Delegate, then gave a short resume of the doings at Convention. There were a good many things arising out of the report that will be brought up again.

May 6th. Mrs Cowie presided over a good gathering of members. Prayers of sympathy were offered for Mrs Jackson, one of our members in the serious illness of her husband. Mrs Hayr was appointed Acting President during the absence of Mrs Cowie, who is leaving for six months holiday in Honolulu. Decided to do all in our power to assist the Bible-in-Schools League, and eight members volunteered to take slips and membership cards. Afternoon tea was served.

TAKAPUNA.

April 1st. Vote of sympathy passed with the Rev. and Mrs Nichols, on the death of their dear little son. Mrs Dowling gave us a very interesting report of the Convention, she was very heartily thanked. Miss Piper, who has just returned from a trip to England and who was much impressed by the penny tea's and morning coffee stalls, was welcomed back by Mrs Penning.

May 6th. Mrs Penning in the chair. A letter from the B.I.S.O.C. re Bible-in-Schools was read, and all in the room promised to help. Mr Hinton gave a talk on Temperance work in England. He spoke of the Pioneer, Clifford Roundtree, and the great work he had done at West Ham and when one can see 2,000 faces eagerly looking up, men and women, young and old, life is worth while. Miss Piper also read a paper on Temperance in England.

HAWERA.

April 30th. Eighteen members present. Mrs Oxley presided. Miss Kelly, Secretary, read pamphlet re Bible-in-Schools; a discussion followed, all members being strongly in favour of Mr Isitt's bill being passed, and pledging themselves to support it. Mrs Curtis, Delegate to Convention, gave a very inspiring and interesting report, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Bischoff and Mrs Squire were appointed Parliamentary Superintendent and Vice President respectively.

SPREYDON.

April 13th. Opening meeting of the year held at the residence of President, Mrs Nairn; record attendance. Afternoon mostly social. Mrs Nairn gave a splendid report of Convention. Solos were sung by Mrs Ell and Miss Pudnev. A trio was also sung by Miss Pudnev and Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Ancell. Mrs Raverstron and Mrs Broughton consented to act as Superintendents of the Cradle Roll. Mrs Taylor, Dominion Presi-