

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.

PLEASANT POINT.

May 17. Peace Day. Several extracts from Scripture relating to Peace were read. Mrs Felton was congratulated on being first W.C.T.U. member elected on School Committee Pleasant Point. Congratulations also were tendered from Union to Mrs Batchelor, on having topped the poll for this her third term of service on same Committee. The Peace Resolutions passed at Convention were read to the members. Miss Bishop, of Christchurch Union, gave an address on the need for world peace, and the efforts being made to bring it about. Prayers were then offered up by several members, petitioning for Peace. Delegate appointed to attend New Zealand Alliance. Mrs Falconer moved, Mrs Smith seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bishop. Two new members.

CHEVIOT.

May 12. Mrs Ferguson presiding over a fair attendance. President read a long and interesting account of Annual Convention in Christchurch, which was listened to with much appreciation, of the work done and to be done. President's resignation received with deep regret—owing to a change of business, Mrs Ferguson has been obliged to sever her connection with the Cheviot Union, but looks forward to joining one elsewhere. The next meeting will take the form of a "home" meeting at Mrs Clifford's. After the Benediction, afternoon tea was dispensed.

PETONE.

May 4. Twelve ladies present, and Mrs Cole, President, in the chair. Decided that all try to get more sales for the White Ribbon. Decided that a letter be written to Dr. Truby King, stating the need of help for the Maori mothers in the rearing of their children, and asking his aid in this. Also one to Minister of Railways, asking him to do something in order to put down drinking on railways. Resolved that Mrs Galliers be our representative at the Alliance Convention in Wellington, also at a meeting of the Prohibition League, held in order to discuss the forming of a Band of Hope. Mrs Mowlem is to speak at our next social afternoon on Wednesday, May 9th. Our Pledge was repeated, and the meeting closed with the doxology.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

May 11. President, Mrs Garrett, presided. It was announced that the Rev. C. Tocker would give an address in St. Paul's school-room, on Peace Day, May 17th, at 2.30 p.m., when it was hoped there would be a large attendance of those interested, and the public generally. Mrs Porter sang an appropriate solo which by special request she was asked to repeat on some future date and Mrs Reidy received a hearty vote of thanks for her personal impressions on Convention. But the magnus opus of the meeting were the impromptu speeches given by Mrs Garrett, Mrs McGregor, Mrs McKinnon, and Miss McCallum on the subject "The Immigration Scheme," and the "Strike in England." Much information and sound facts were advanced by the various speakers.

MOTUEKA.

After a spell in the busy fruit season, we have again started our meetings. Though small in numbers, the interest is still keen. We have had the White Ribbon placed in the local Cottage Hospital, which

is, we believe, a step in the right direction. The slips re-Bible-in-Schools League have been signed and sent in. We have decided to ask the Plunket Nurse to give us and any mothers we can induce to attend a short address on the "Effect of Alcohol on Babies."

NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 26. Mrs Jones presided. Feeling reference was made by the President to the death of our faithful Leader, Mrs Johnson Wright, the members remaining standing for a few moments. A vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. T. R. Richards in his illness. The principal business was to prepare for the Mart to be held the following Friday to raise a working fund for the Union. Arrangements were also made for the District Convention to be held at Inglewood, on June 9th. Sailor's Rest work was reported upon, and a meeting called for the following week to organize work and arrange for canvassing streets. A successful Mart was held on Friday, 28th inst., opening at 9.30 a.m. There were produce, sewing, meat, sweets, cake, flower and jumble stalls; a children's tree, and afternoon and morning tea. A profit of a little over £20 was realized.

May 17. Special meeting, Peace Day. The President occupied the chair. The Rev. Parry conducted the devotions, after which Mrs Jones welcomed the Revs. Parry and Wilson, and gave a short talk concerning the work of the W.C.T.U. The Rev. Wilson delivered a very fine address upon Peace and Arbitration. Musical items were rendered, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the speakers and the singers.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

May 18. A fair number of members present, Mrs A. D. Jenkins, presiding. The Convention report being dealt with. A letter was read from the Bible-in-Schools League, members willing to take up the work. The Ladies' Guild are arranging for a temperance speaker occasionally to strengthen our forces. Two new members were initiated. Afternoon tea closed an interesting afternoon.

HAWERA.

May 17. 'Peace Day' Celebrated. The Baptist Minister, Rev. C. H. Barbour, gave an inspiring address; other speakers were Revs. Currin and Haddon, and Mrs Adj. Sawyers. Musical items were given by several friends. At the close, afternoon tea was handed around, provided by Mrs Curtis and friends.

May 28. Mrs Exley presiding, twenty members were present. Votes of sympathy were passed to bereaved and members who were sick. Mrs Hayward appointed delegate to District Convention, to be held in New Plymouth, on 15th June. White Ribbon Day to be celebrated on 25 June. The President welcomed a visitor from Wanganui, Mrs Bathgate, who gave a very interesting talk on L.T.L. work, and urged members of Hawera Union to start the work in Hawera. At the close of the address, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Shackleton and Hayward kindly promised to re-form a branch of the L.T.L. in Hawera.

KAIAPOI.

May. Mrs Vickery presided over a good attendance of members who listened with interest to an extract from the Wellington Dominion, read by Mrs White. The Superintendent of the Building reported that the new hall will be finished the first week in June, and it was decided to have the Dedication service led by Mrs Taylor, the Dominion President on the 17th June, just before the Bazaar was opened. Decided that our Union affiliate with the League of Nations.

GORE.

May 25. Devotional meeting in the interests of "World Peace," presided over by Mrs Day, Vice-President, who read a very appropriate and helpful paper "The Outlawry of War," by Colonel Robins. Attendances good, and as number of earnest petitions were offered by members for the Peace, we so much desired.

HASTINGS.

May 27. Mrs Banks in the chair. Reported that Peace Day prayer had been held, and was a season of blessing. That 2½ dozen singlets had been made to be forwarded to Mrs Don. That "Y" Social was a success. That Band of Hope had opened with a social, and was a success despite the weather, and other adverse circumstances. That Mrs T. E. Taylor's meetings had been well-attended. That six new members had joined. That the sick members had been visited. That arrangements were on foot to establish a new branch in the district, and a Committee to make final arrangements was set up; also a sick visiting Committee. The Secretary was instructed to write several letters dealing with local affairs. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Harper and Heaton. The repeating of the Pledge and the pronouncing of the Benediction, closed a busy meeting.

OPOTIKI.

May 13. Mrs Thompson presided. Band of Hope meetings arranged. Mrs Hamblly spoke on the work of "White Ribbon," and urged every member to endeavour to increase the circulation of the paper. Two new subscribers were listed. The President referred to Dr. O'Brien's lecture, who strongly commented on the evil effects of alcohol in the human body. Mrs Downey and Mrs Connolly served afternoon tea. On Monday 17th, the officers and quite a number of members met in the Salvation Army Hall for prayer meeting. Mrs Thompson presided, and Rev. D. Hird gave an excellent address on "Peace and War."

TIMARU.

May 25. Meeting well-attended. 91st Psalm read at Mrs Norrie's request. Correspondence dealt with: from Miss Henderson, re Convention resolutions; from Mrs Don, thanking Union for letters of appreciation; from Mrs Peryman, wishing Y's success with their new President; from New Zealand Alliance Area Secretary, re-Annual Area Convention, on June 3rd; from Secretary, New Plymouth, thanking Union for donation to Sailor's Rest; from Acting Secretary, for Timaru Hostel for Girls, inviting members to attend public meeting. An interesting hospital report was received. Decided to celebrate White Ribbon Day by having a short paper from Mrs Cave, White Ribbon Agent. Sixteen members agreed to get signatures for Bible-in-Schools Peoples' Organisation Scheme. Mrs Mackesy addressed the meeting for a short while. Fairly busy month at the Rest.

FOXTON.

May 20. Mrs Peryman presided over a small attendance. Mrs MacDonald to whom we are much indebted for her interesting accounts of Convention, gave a report of the plans of work for the young people as discussed at the Dominion Convention in Christchurch, at the same time emphasising the great importance of the work among the children. It was suggested that prizes be offered for the best Temperance essays written by the boys and girls of the local school. Decided to hold White Ribbon Day on June 17th. Afternoon tea was served.

CARTERTON.

June 2. Mrs F. Tyler presided over a fair attendance. A letter from Mrs Don, expressing appreciation in answer to the letter which had been sent from this Union. Concerning a Bible-in-Schools campaign, the members decided to help in this direction. A District Executive meeting was discussed, and it is hoped that one will be held in Carterton at an early date. A vote of thanks was passed to those officers who wrote letters to the country members. Decided that these letters, be written every three months, giving a summary of the meetings, and different members to write them. As it was "White Ribbon" Day, there was a very interesting leaflet read concerning the paper. Each member that was present had brought an extract from a "White Ribbon," and they were read and much appreciated. Special collection and afternoon tea was dispensed, the hostesses being Mesdames Tyler and Kennerley.