

# 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.

## TAUMARUNUI.

Very pleasant social, to celebrate the first birthday of our Branch. Two competitions from the White Ribbon Supplement proved a great success, i.e., Found in a Garden, and Found in a Kitchen. We provided our own answers, and "Melon" for "A devoted lover" raised a great laugh. Several musical items were enjoyed, and a dainty supper was handed round. A very pleasant and helpful letter of Birthday greetings was read by the Chairman from Mrs Duxfield, District President of Wanganui District; also telegrams of congratulations and good wishes from Mr Denny and Mr Dixon of the Alliance, and from Mrs Upton and Miss Henderson. We are grateful for all the expressions of goodwill, and hope we shall continue to deserve them.

## WINTON.

July 20. Mrs T. A. McWilliam presided over a good attendance of members. Dr. Moana Gow prepared an excellent and instructive paper on the uses and abuses of alcohol, which was listened to with interest. We welcomed a new member. Our L.T.L. is doing well under the capable leadership of Mrs J. P. McWilliam.

## MOSGIEL.

July 20. A good attendance. Business, the appointing of delegates to attend District Convention. It was also agreed unanimously to nominate Mrs Hiett, District President, Miss Symth, District Secretary, Mrs Macartney, District Treasurer. After business was finished, Mrs Don gave a most stirring address on "Radium." Miss McLeod sang a solo.

## RICHMOND, NELSON.

July 20. Usual business suspended on account of Mrs Peryman's visit. Miss Tarrant in the chair. Mrs Peryman gave an inspiring address to a good audience, making special appeal for "The White Ribbon." A meeting for young people in the evening was but poorly attended. Mrs Peryman spoke on "Recruits," and specially emphasized the attitude of the Pessimists, Optimists, and Peptomists. Her visit has done us all good, and we believe will have excellent results in the future.

## WAITARA.

June 18. Mrs Clayton in the chair; 15 members. Mrs Andrews was again elected President, and warmly welcomed back. The first gathering of the united Band of Hope was held. After several items given by the children, Rev. Gavin gave an address on Self-Control and Self-Discipline. Mrs Clayton read a very interesting report of District Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. New member initiated.

July 16. Mrs Andrews presided; good attendance. Arrangements made for Give and Buy afternoon in aid of Sailor's Rest. President gave a little talk on Bible-in-Schools.

## AUCKLAND.

July 13. Mrs Cook presiding. Letter received from the Premier, Hon. J. G. Coates, acknowledging the appreciation of the Union on the stand he took regarding lotteries. A letter received from Secretary of Christian Congregations, saying they were taking action in regard to Sunday working of steamers at Nule. Mrs Ferner, Assistant Magistrate in Children's Courts, thanked the Union for their congratulations on her appointment. A letter was sent to the M.P.

for Auckland Central, urging the necessity of amending existing legislation, so as to provide for Women Police, Women Justices of Peace, Women Jurors, co-Guardianship of Children, Amendment to Police Offences Act, and Destitute Persons Act. Mrs Cook spoke on the Bible-in-Schools, and brought the N.Z. League's platform before the members, earnestly urging their support and co-operation. A discussion followed. Mrs Laing conducted the Devotional meeting; afternoon tea was served.

## SPREYDON.

July 13. Mrs Nairn presided. Attendance fair. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Bone. Mrs Watson read a letter from Mrs Peryman, congratulating the Union on doubling its "White Ribbon" subscribers. Decided to hold occasional evening meetings for the benefit of those unable to attend the afternoon meetings, and also to get in touch with the young people. Miss Henderson gave an interesting and inspiring address on the life of the late Mr T. E. Taylor. Collection taken up. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Ancall sang a duet.

## PETONE.

July 6. Mrs Cole presided. Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Jones sent apologies. Answers to letters of sympathy were read. Mrs Battersby read an interesting extract from a paper on "The Golden Rule." The pledge was repeated, and the doxology sung.

July 22. Social afternoon; good attendance. Mrs Cole in the chair. We were pleased to have with us Commandant and Mrs Glanville, also Mrs F. Patten, a member of our Union, who is a visitor to Petone. Two pianoforte solos were given by Mrs Wiseman, which were much appreciated. Mrs Glanville delighted the ladies by her recitation, "Jim and Me." Mrs Battersby and Master K. Ferguson also recited. Commandant Glanville read an interesting paper on "The prayers of Jesus." Afternoon tea was dispensed; one new member. Votes of thanks were given to those who contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment, also to the ladies who arranged the social.

## PAPANUI.

July. Mrs Carr presided. The President, Mrs Simpson, was absent through illness. As it was T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, Mrs W. J. Williams was the speaker. After reference to the late Mr Taylor's life and work, also Rev. Dawson and Mrs Johnstone Wright, she gave a resume of the many activities of the Union. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee, and one new member initiated. Hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

## GREYTOWN.

July 27. Eight members present. Letter read from Mrs Cowie. Mrs Morrison and Miss Yorke appointed Sick Visitor. Decided to entertain inmates of Buchanan Home with afternoon tea on August 6th. Reference made to fine temperance work of late T. E. Taylor. In reply to circular received, decided to protest against (a) Licensing polls every 9 years; (b) 4 years interval after poll carried; (c) Redistribution of licenses; (d) Permission to restaurants to sell liquor after 6 p.m. Resolved to demand a two-issue ballot paper.

## NORMANBY.

July 14. 11 members present. Correspondence was read re White Ribbon Day, and decided to consider it at our next meeting. Vote of sympathy passed to the Rev. and Mrs Fletcher in their double bereavement. A report was read of the Taranaki Provincial Convention. The resignation of Mrs Ballantine received with much regret, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to her for her past and much appreciated work for the Union, members wishing her all good wishes in her new home. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Meull and Gane.

## WAIMATE.

July 14. Mrs Roy presided over a large gathering. Temperance pledge repeated. Miss McCarthy appointed Treasurer. Mrs Boag is to address our August Meeting. Letters of remembrance were sent to several of our members who have been unable to attend for a considerable time through sickness. Three ladies were present after long absence, and were welcomed back. Mrs

Henry, Mrs Elliot and Mrs Grahame. Mrs Scott read us quotations from "The Fiddles of God" by Dr. Waddell, something quite out of the ordinary, and we enjoyed it very much.

## TAURANGA.

July. President in chair, attendance fair. Discussion on various matters connected with the Band of Hope, and then Mr Sheffield read his paper on the "Life of James Stirling," making us all realize very forcibly that we have indeed much for which to be thankful. A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr Sheffield. Mrs Foxcroft and Mrs Neal then brought in refreshments which were most welcome.

## INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

July 13. President (Mrs Garrett) presiding over the devotional part, and Mrs McGregor presiding over the latter part, an inter-union debate which was highly interesting, entertaining and amusing. The subject chosen was: "Should women act as Jurors?" The following visitors, Miss Birss (leader), Mrs James and Miss Dewar (Supporters) took the affirmative side and Mrs Garrett (leader), Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Reidy (Supporters) took the negative side. Miss McLeod acted as Judge, and gave each speaker her praise or criticism, with a few suggestions for personal improvement, and awarded the honour for gaining the majority of marks as follows:—Affirmative 85 marks, Negative 82 marks. Mrs McGregor thanked the visitors for attending and for their eloquent remarks, and also thanked Miss McLeod for acting as Judge. Miss Birss responded on the visitors behalf for the enjoyable time spent.

## HAMILTON EAST.

July 13. The President (Mrs Watkins) presided over an attendance of 20. Miss C. M. McLay (Organiser) was introduced and addressed the meeting. District President and Secretary also present. Miss McLay emphasised the world-wide nature of the work, touching on the Union's activities in other lands. She also dealt with the effects of alcohol on Child-life; Bible instruction in Schools; and Sabbath Observance. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served, during which Miss McLay helpfully answered questions.

## HENDERSON.

July. Annual Pay-Up Social; Miss Duncan in the chair. Treasurer collected subscriptions; White Ribbon Agent and League of Nations fees. Mrs Forsen Stuart gave a very graphic and amusing account of her trials and troubles in training Kaffir boys in South Africa; we were very amused at times, and found it very pathetic too. Mrs Kennedy gave a reading. Afternoon tea brought our meeting to a close; twenty ladies present.

## HASTINGS.

July 22. Owing to sickness and inclement weather, only a small attendance presided over by Mrs Banks. Mrs Sutherland conducted devotions, reading a paper on "Prayer." Mrs Wilson gave a paper on "Purity," and urged the sale of the books of the Social and Moral Hygiene Department.

## MIRAMAR.

June 22. "White Ribbon Day;" a good attendance. Mrs Evans presiding. Miss Allan gave an elocutionary item which was very much enjoyed, as was also Mrs Phillip's rendering of that beautiful solo, "My Task." Mrs Peryman then addressed the meeting, giving a most interesting and inspiring talk, particularly stressing the importance of educating people, more especially the young, in the evil effects of strong drink, and the need for united effort, if we would be victorious in this great fight against the drink evil. The speaker urged her hearers to stand shoulder to shoulder, leaving no stone unturned, and realizing our blessed privilege as being co-workers with God, go forward in His Name, confident of ultimate victory. She also spoke of our Paper as being a splendid medium in reaching many whom it is almost impossible to reach in any other way, therefore, push the "White Ribbon." After a cup of tea was partaken of, an invitation was given to new members to join, and five names were added to our roll; also several new White Ribbon subscribers. Collection.