

## News of the Unions.

### CHEVIOT.

September 1. A small but enthusiastic meeting; Mrs Walmsley, the new President, in the chair. Arrangements made for President's visit to Convention at New Brighton. Some interesting discussions took place on matters of general welfare. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" afternoon towards the end of the year. The Benediction and afternoon tea brought a very helpful meeting to a close.

### STRATFORD.

September 15. The President, Mrs Phillips, presided. After the opening devotions, the President gave a very helpful and interesting address on Consecration. Afternoon tea was handed round, after which the meeting closed with the Benediction. There was a fair attendance.

### PALMERSTON NORTH.

October 1. Mrs Young presided over a good gathering of members; after the disposal of the usual business, Mrs Wakeham, our Superintendent for Social Work, gave a very comprehensive report of the District Convention held in Masterton. An interesting discussion followed, when the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting affirms the desirability of the establishment of a 'domestic court,' where cases concerning women and girls might be tried with less publicity than in the ordinary courts." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Wakeham for the very able manner in which she had carried out her duties as our delegate to Convention.

### NEW PLYMOUTH.

September 29. There was a very good attendance. The business was chiefly to discuss the Mart, which is to be held early in November, in aid of the Building Fund for the Taranaki Seamen's Rest. Stall holders were appointed and various arrangements made, also for the concert in the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting showed that during the month, four drawing-room meetings had been held, at which gifts for the Mart and donations of money had been given, the amount guaranteed now being over £400. Waitara's effort resulting in £5 12s. 6d. It is also encouraging to know that the various Unions in the Taranaki-Wanganui district are assisting in this work, as money raised in many ways is constantly coming to hand. Decided to hold a special meeting on Oct. 13th, that Mrs Tuffrey the Maori Superintendent, may give an account of her work which she has carried on so successfully for the last year. It will also take the form of a Pay Up social. Decided to send a letter of congratulation to a new Union formed at Matangi. In response to the President's appeal, three ladies volunteered to assist in canvassing for funds for Seamen's Rest.

### BLLENHEIM.

September 7. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a large attendance of members, when the resolutions, which were to be brought before Convention were studied, and final arrangements were made for the District Convention.

October 5. A large gathering of members and friends met at the residence of Mrs Wilson, where a "Home Meeting" was held. Mrs Grigg spoke of the splendid work which is being done by Miss Burls, in organising new Unions in the Marlborough District. Mrs Grigg also gave an interesting short fact on Alcohol. Musical items and competitions were enjoyed by those present, and delicious afternoon tea was dispensed by the hostess, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given.

### PETONE.

September 7. Mrs Cole presiding. Mrs Piper said, through the wearing of the White Ribbon at the hospital, she was much respected, and a lady seeing Mrs Crowther's White Ribbon, asked her for directions. Mrs Crowther, who with Mrs Doneghue was our delegate to the recent Alliance Convention, gave a good report of the meetings. A vote of thanks was given her. The Pledge was repeated and Doxology sung.

September 22. Social afternoon at Mrs Crowther's; good attendance of members, Mrs Cole presiding. Mrs Haywood rendered two solos which were much appreciated. Rev. Mr Loan gave an interesting and instructive talk on, "The League of Nations." Mrs Anderson gave recitations, Mrs Doughty, a piano solo, and Mrs Cole a very nice reading. Mrs Battersby said she was glad that women were now able to become J.P.s., and thought more women should be on the School Board and hold other such positions. Afternoon tea was served and much enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given to our hostess, and also to those who rendered the programme.

### GORE.

September. Held in Milne's Tea Rooms, presided over by Mrs Day. The attendance was large, and the Rev. F. M. Beattie gave a most inspiring and practical address on "Woman's Place in the Empire." A piano solo, recitation, instrumental quartette, and vocal solo added to the brightness of the evening, which was brought to a close with a much enjoyed supper. Resolved that a "Bring and Buy" Sale be held in November.

### OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

September. Mrs Jenkins presided over small attendance. The letter written by Mrs Crabb on the work of the Willard Home was read with a view to foster interest in the work of the Home in future. The letter was much appreciated. A delegate's report on the Alliance Convention was also read, a vote of thanks being passed to the delegate for her interesting and concise report. Afternoon tea.

### NORTH EAST VALLEY.

September. Mrs Don presided; good attendance of members. A letter read from Miss Powell re the appointment of Women J.P.s. An invitation to visit the South Dunedin branch was received. A donation was voted for the Picnic Fund. One new member was initiated, and another welcomed from another Union. During the afternoon, solos were sung by Messrs. Oliver, Begg, and by Mrs Medland; a duet by Mrs J. Ruku and Mrs Aitchison. Afternoon tea.

### MANAIA.

September 14. Fairly attended, one new member joining. Correspondence was read, mainly over the postponement of Parliamentary decision about the third issue. Decided to ask Mrs Bennett to superintend any direction of the Union's attention to Temperance work in Parliament, and she consented to till the re-election of officers. Considerable correspondence and discussion re money collected several years ago for a purpose since found too difficult to manage, it was proposed by Mrs Bennett, seconded by Mrs Mercer, that the matter be held over without further discussion until legal advice made it clearer. A vote of thanks to Mr A. G. Bennett, the Solicitor, who has given his help very generously, was passed. The chief business of the meeting was receiving gifts to be sent to the Willard Home, but though they were more than had been expected, it was decided to postpone sending until some more promised had come in. Mrs Robinson offered to bring a money-box to be kept on the table for monthly contributions to the Local Fund. The President read an interesting article on the winning of the Franchise. Decided to alter the date of the meetings from the second Tuesdays to the third. Will all members please note this, and that the next meeting will be on October 19th. One new White Ribbon subscriber was promised, and an old subscriber had agreed with the Matron of the Local Hospital to take her copy there regularly. Mrs Orchard kindly gave afternoon tea. Mrs Scott, the President, stressed the need for daily work by individual members, also the urgency of attending to other ills beside that of drinking, especially gambling, a point which she illustrated by the proposed 10s. totalisator, as such an inducement to children to unite in going in for it.

### MAORI UNION. FRANKTON.

August 26. Meeting was held at Mrs Kihl's home. Mrs Jones, of Hamilton, occupied the chair, Sister Nichols also present.

September 24. Meeting was held at Mrs Whatu's; a very small attendance on account of absence of members from district. Mrs

Jones presided. Appointed Mrs Whatu delegate for Morrinsville Convention if well enough.

### OTUREI.

September 29. At 3 o'clock p.m., the meeting of Oturei Maori W.C.T.U. was held in Mrs J. Walter's (President) home with success. Mrs Page, President of Dargaville, gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all joined in singing hymns. This Convention opened, and speeches, etc., continued. Mrs Hodges, Vice-President, gave us a splendid speech about the Temperance Work, which was gratefully appreciated by all members. Mrs Page, President of Dargaville, was heartily welcomed for her efforts in trying to inform the Maori W.C.T.U. about the regulation, etc., and also answered questions. The meeting closed with prayer, and afternoon tea was served.

### SYDENHAM.

August 5. Mrs Sirett presided; fair attendance. A vote of sympathy with Mrs Northcott and family in their recent bereavement. Mrs Cartwright Smith and Mrs Gillard were appointed delegates to District Convention. Miss Watt appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Miss Harband gave a very interesting address, which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Afternoon tea was served.

September 2. Mrs Archer presided, fair attendance. Letter of protest sent to Mr Howard, M.P., against proposed Licensing Bill, and a favourable reply received. It being "Franchise Day," Miss Henderson, Christchurch President, spoke of the responsibilities and opportunities of women since obtaining the Franchise, and compared our conditions with the women of India. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

October 7. Very good attendance, presided over by the President, Mrs Sirett. Short reports of the District Convention were given by Mrs Cartwright Smith and Mrs Sirett. Decided to have a social afternoon at our next meeting for the mothers of the Cradle Roll. Committee appointed to arrange afternoon tea, and a collection.

### HAWERA.

September 24. Mrs Exley presided over a good attendance of members. Preliminary arrangements were made in regard to holding a "Shop Day" early in October, in aid of the Sailor's Rest Building Fund in New Plymouth, the Executive to meet in a few days to go fully in to the matter. Mrs Phillips of Stratford, gave a very interesting address on "The Women of the New Testament," also speaking of the enfranchisement of Women as being the work of the W.C.T.U., and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Phillips. One new member. Afternoon tea.

September 24. Executive met, and decided to hold a Concert instead of the Shop Day.

### PLEASANT POINT.

October 6 Attendance good; Treasurer's report showed credit balance of £2 6s. 3d. Decided to have a Bring and Buy Sale at our next meeting. Resolved to send a letter of cheer and help to the League of Nations Union, in Timaru. Motions of sympathy to Mrs S. Smith and Mrs H. Smith in their bereavements. Hearty vote of thanks to delegate for her fine report of Convention, also thanks to Mrs Wooffinden, for the use of her home for Y. meeting. L.T.L. meeting to be held on Saturday, prizes to be presented by Mrs Mackesy. Mr Mackesy to address the children; members to supply afternoon tea. Next meeting of Y branch to be held in schoolroom.

### SOUTH WELLINGTON.

October 7. Mrs Keene presided over a good attendance of members. After discussion on a request from the Wellington Branch of the National Council of Women, that the South Wellington W.C.T.U. should affiliate with the N.C.W., it was resolved that the Union should not affiliate. A letter was read from a gentleman, who had been connected with the Young People's Branch, and who, since the latter ceased to hold meetings, had remained a member of the Adult Branch, asking whether the members of the Union could assist him to find work.