

will not employ smokers. I think they are wise."

James' goblin said, "Tobacco is not good for people; it makes them nervous."

"That shows how stupid you are. Tobacco soothes the nerves," said a short goblin.

"So does chloroform soothe the nerves; it doesn't take much to soothe them for good. Tobacco seems to soothe the nerves at first, but it finally weakens them, as well as the heart, and the man dies of some disease caused by tobacco."

"But how about the old man?"

"Scientists say some men can adjust themselves to tobacco and live to be old men in spite of tobacco."

"The paper we are wrapped in is poisonous," said a pinkish goblin.

"We are the cause of many fires," said another. "We are dropped any place while still burning. Many forest fires are started like that."

"Let's go and see how James is," said James' goblin.

James saw the curb blur and change to the foot of his bed with all the little goblins sitting in a row and staring down at him. He heard one say:

"James is likely to become a smoker like many other boys. There is always someone to give him a cigarette and advertisements are everywhere."

It seemed to James that it was nearly morning before his goblin said, "Hadh't we better be getting back to the gutter? James might wake up and find us."

As they trooped out, he called back, "Beware, James, 'the gobble-uns'll get you ef you don't watch out!"

James woke up and decided then and there never to smoke another cigarette and he never did.

"There is a place where God's resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea.
There is a place, a simple trysting place,
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place? Dost thou ask that?
O soul, it is the secret place of prayers."

Y REPORTS.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Apr. 8. There was a good rally of members at the quarterly Social, held April 8th. An enjoyable evening was spent in competitions, games, etc., and supper was served.

KOHIMARAMA.

Apr. 29. Meeting was held to consider forming a Y. Branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Kasper was in the chair. Decided to form a Y. Branch. All the officers were nominated.

May 6. A meeting was held to form a Branch of the Y.P.C.T.U. Mrs Benfell, the District President, presided. Thirteen were initiated. The following Officers were elected:—President, Miss L. Simpson; Vice-President, Miss E. Andrew; Corresponding Secretary, Miss B. Thompson; Recording Secretary, Miss M. McLeod; Treasurer, Miss M. Clariadge; Floral and Sick Visiting Superintendent, Miss M. Taylor; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss B. Clark; White Ribbon Agent, Miss A. Thompson.

INVERCARGILL.

May 1. A very good attendance of the "Y's." to welcome their new Organiser, Miss McLay. The President opened the meeting with a hymn, after which Mrs James read a short Bible reading, which was followed by a prayer. The Street Day which was supposed to have been held on the 30th of April, was postponed until the 21st of May, owing to Plunket Day falling on 30th April. Miss Birss then gave a very interesting account of Convention. Miss McLay was then welcomed to our meeting, and gave us an address on the work that she has been doing, and also about the Two-Issue Ballot. I am sure the members enjoyed the address very much. Miss McLay then had the honour of welcoming a new member. Another meeting taking the form of a Social Evening, is to be held on 9th May. The meeting closed with a repetition of the Pledge.

AUCKLAND.

May 5. Miss M. Pyle presided over a good attendance. Small love-gift handed to Mrs Lee-Cowie, who is shortly leaving us for a time. On their departure, the Misses K and A. McLay were presented with scarves, as tokens of appreciation of services rendered. Mrs Andrews reported—at last Y. Jumble Sale, Gross proceeds, £20; nett proceeds, £18 odd. £5 handed to Mrs Andrews for Ponsonby Cradle Roll work. Alliance Convention delegates elected. Miss Appleby appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. After musical renderings, and addresses by Mrs Lee-Cowie and several members, supper was served. Four new members initiated. A very pleasant and profitable evening closed with Benediction.

"The farmers of the N.W. will not vote for a wet candidate for President."—Ben. C. Marsh, Man. Director of Farmers' National Council.

He who receives a good turn should never forget it. He who does one should never remember it.

Even the man on the level finds plenty of uphill work.

There is no such thing as a walk-over if you want to be in the running.

News of the Unions.

BRANCH REPORTS.

Please take note:—

1. Reports should reach Editor by 8th of each month.
2. They should be short. Don't report routine business. Do report all new plans and efforts.
3. Use pen and ink, and write only on one side of the paper.

WANGANUI.

May 5. Attendance good. Owing to the indisposition of Mrs Goody, Mrs Stewart presided, Mrs Upton led devotions. Frances Willard Day was celebrated, and a collection taken up. An interesting discussion took place regarding the Two-Issue Ballot Paper. Finally, a satisfactory plan of work was adopted.

PAPANUI.

Good attendance. Mrs Merrin presided. Letters were received re electing ladies to School Committees, also the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, and it was decided to act upon both. Mrs Wallace, a member from Waipukurau, was received on transfer and welcomed. The ladies deputed to interview Ministers of different Churches as to advisability of starting United Band of Hope meetings, reported favourably. Mrs Carr then gave a full report of Convention, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Afternoon tea was served.

HAWERA.

Apr. 29. Mrs Exley presided over a small meeting. Mrs Hayward, delegate to Convention, presented a very informative report, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Arrangements were left in the hands of the Notable Day Superintendent for a suitable Peace Day commemoration, to be held on May 16th.

WARKWORTH.

May 6. Mrs Phillips presided. The meeting was roused by the account of the recent Convention a Mrs Phillips had given at last month's meeting an account of the business done at the Convention, and Mrs W. Hamilton gave at this meeting a sketch of the more casual and slightly humorous incidents. Miss Daun sang "Still-Still with us." Bring and Buy realised 10s. for Headquarters. Discussion continued on the Two-Issue petition. The arrangements for providing the Tea at the coming Prohibition Convention, to be held in Warkworth, May 14th, were completed. Mrs Herbert, Mrs Thompson, and Mrs Phillips, agreed to attend to the Sister Esther parcel. A new member was initiated.

SYDENHAM.

Apr. 7. Mrs Archer, Vice-President, in the chair. A silent vote of sympathy with Mrs Sirett, on the death of her mother was passed. Mrs Sirett's resignation accepted with regret, and the Secretary was instructed to write thanking her for past services. Mrs Odell was elected unanimously President. Members were reminded that the next meeting was the Bring and Buy Afternoon, to raise funds for Convention expenses. Decided to get petition forms for the Two-Issue Ballot Paper, some members promising to work in their districts. Mrs Odell gave the Convention report. One new member enrolled and tea served.

May 5. Mrs Odell presided over a good attendance of members. An invitation from Mrs Clay was received, inviting members and friends to a Social Afternoon at her home on May 18th, admission by silver coin in aid of delegate's expenses to Convention. A letter was received from Miss Harband, inviting members to the 1st Anniversary of the North Brighton Union on May 17th. Several members promised to go, and Mrs Cartwright-Smith was appointed to officially represent the Sydenham Union. Bring and Buy Afternoon in aid of Union expenses, and a satisfactory sum was raised. Mrs Tumber sang two solos, and Miss Watt gave a piano-