

## News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

### DUNEDIN.

Monthly meeting held March 3rd. Mrs A. S. Adams presided. Ps. 27:14, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart," was sent as a greeting to Convention. Mrs Pedlar, of Christchurch, welcomed. Thanks accorded Rev. Mr Gray for "Catch-my-Pal" cards. Reported good work at Sailors' Rest.

### AUCKLAND.

First meeting 1914 held February 11th, Mrs Pudney presiding. Resolved: "That this meeting of the Auckland W.C.T.U. desires to express its sympathy with the family of the late Mrs Craig, and to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of temperance by our late sister, and the deep sense of the loss sustained by the W.C.T.U. by her promotion to higher service." Mrs Craig was one of the pioneer members of the Union. Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Galloway, and Miss Dewar appointed delegates to Convention. Superintendents were then elected for this year. Miss Evans gave a short address, urging the members to greater effort.

Feb. 25. Meeting held, attendance good. Mrs Pudney presided. Mrs Hutchison (Vice-President of the Australasian W.C.T.U.) gave an interesting address, telling of the beginning of the movement in Melbourne and of its progress in the last twenty-five years. The Union now owns a building valued at over £7000. Miss Hughes, of England, gave an address on the work in Liverpool. Mrs Cobb, of Napier, was welcomed, and suitably responded. Two new members initiated.

A meeting held March 11th. Mrs Pudney presided, and read extracts from the "Life of Frances Willard." A collection was taken up for the World's Missionary Fund, and Mrs McRae, visitor from Waihi, was welcomed.

March 25. A social gathering to hear the reports of the delegates, Mrs Thorpe, Miss Dewar, and Mrs Galloway. Mrs Pudney presided. Attendance good. Mrs Galloway gave a comprehensive report of the Bible in Schools discussion, and Mrs Thorpe an address on the work generally. Mrs Judson, of Nelson, and Mrs McLaurin, of Opunake, were welcomed, and each spoke a few words of greeting. Afternoon tea was served.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Monthly meeting held in the Constable Street Rooms on March 5th. Mrs Boxall (Vice-President) presided. Greetings were sent to the Convention. Resolved to hold a public meeting on the return of the delegates. The election of superintendents resulted as follows:—Evangelistic, Mrs Nield; Home Meetings and Notable Days, Mrs Houlder; Visiting Committee, Mesdames Briarley and Wright; Moral Education, Mrs Wright; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Boxall; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Cummins and Nees; Bible in Schools, Backblocks, and Young People, Mrs Boxall; Flower Mission, Mesdames Boxall and Swiney; Refreshments, Mesdames Briarley and Brooks.

Meeting was held on April 2nd. Mrs W. A. Evans presided. It was unanimously agreed that Mesdames Johnston-Wright and Webb be nominated as members of the Newtown School Committee, and it was urged that all present do their utmost towards electing a School Committee which would study the highest interests of the children. Mrs Evans gave a most interesting account of the Gisborne Convention, particularly mentioning the kind and gracious hospitality of the Gisborne and Napier Unions. There was a good attendance of members and friends, and afternoon tea brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

### RANGIORA.

February 27. Meeting held, Mrs Darling presiding. Great sympathy expressed for Mrs Hadecke and family in their sore bereavement, and letter directed to be sent. Mrs Cox resigned owing to ill-health. Resignation accepted with deep regret, and a letter of sympathy to be sent. Three visitors from Kaiapoi present.

Meeting held Friday, March 28th. Mrs Cox's resignation as President accepted with deep regret. Mrs Wills, M.A., read Mrs Field's paper on "White Slave Traffic." Discussion followed. Two ladies nominated for School Committee.

### DEVONPORT.

First meeting for 1914 held on February 27th, Mrs Veats, V.P., in the chair. Superintendents were appointed:—Home and Mothers' Meetings, also Hygiene and Domestic Economy, Mrs Mann and Mrs Gilbert; Notable Days, Mrs Jenkins; Backblocks, Mrs Veats; Relief and Flowers, Miss Le Roy; Good Citizenship, Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Hustles. Mrs Veats was appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Veats gave a report of Mrs Hutchinson's address to City Union on "Social Problems."

March 26. Mrs Mann (President) in the chair. Delegates were elected to Auckland Province No-License Convention. Resolved that our President write to each minister in the district asking them to remind their congregations of the election of Pub-

lic-School Committee.—Mrs Veats gave a report of Convention. Resolved that further information be sought re wine supplied to young Maoris, with a view to bringing this matter before the Auckland Province No-License Convention. Letter of thanks read from Mrs Pencely, Dominion's treasurer. £5 donation from Mr Veats to N.Z. Fund. Thanks tendered to Mr Veats for giving donation through our Union.

### WOODVILLE.

Meeting held March 31st. The President gave a very interesting account of the Convention. The Bible in State Schools was the subject of most interest, our Union being in favour of the League. We hope to be able to take up the Cradle Roll work this year. Resignation of our Secretary (Mrs Forrest) received with regret.

### GORE.

First meeting for 1914 held in the Temperance Hall, March 15th, the President (Mrs E. C. Smith) presiding. The Treasurer (Mrs R. Rhodes) submitted the balance-sheet for the year ending 1913, showing a credit balance of £3 8s 8½d, as against that of 1912, being 8s. A paper, written by Miss McCallum, of Tuatapere, on the "Life of Frances Willard," was read. A motion was passed that this branch of the W.C.T.U. support Bible in State Schools League platform.

### MATAURA.

First meeting of the year held January 30th, attendance fair. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a talk on temperance work.

Feb. 27. Meeting held, weather rough, attendance poor. Paper on "Mental Defectives" read by Miss Stenning. Books on the "White Slave Traffic" received, also a letter of thanks from Mr Falconer, sailors' missionary, for money and ditty bags for sailors' Christmas treat.

Meeting held March 27. Attendance good; several gentlemen present by invitation. Mrs Landels presided. Mr Smith, of Gore, gave an address on Licensing Bill, also "Hints for Coming Campaign." The Mayor complimented W.C.T.U. on the work it is doing. Afternoon tea handed round.

### MANAIA.

Feb. 20. Small meeting. President (Mrs Patterson) absent owing to recent death of her father. Resolved: "That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Patterson." Mrs Hunt was elected as delegate to Convention at Gisborne.

March 13. Monthly meeting. Attendance good. Mrs Patterson presiding. Discussion on "White Slavery" brought up by Mrs Field at Convention, also prevalence of assaults on women and children. Agreed that punishment is not severe enough in such cases. The President spoke of