

## 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.)

### PAHIATUA.

May 7th meeting held, Mrs. Neal, President in chair. Mrs. A. Ross appointed Secretary; Mrs. Paterson, Evangelistic Superintendent; Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Supt. Home Meetings and Hygiene; Miss Wilton, Supt. Cradle Roll and Purity. Decided that letters of regret be sent to Mrs. Herd, and to Mrs. Proctor who are leaving district. Also letters of thanks to Sister Moody Bell; to Mrs. Falloon her hostess, and to the three ladies who granted us the use of their homes for meetings. Letters read from Dominion Superintendents of Hygiene, Maori Work, Bible in Schools, and Good Citizenship. Members urged to attend the meeting to elect School Committee. Paper on Good Citizenship, by our isolated member, Miss Mitchell, read in her absence. Sister Moody Bell gave her "Sweethearts' Talk" at Makomako, Mangatainoka, and Kaitawa. An Evening Meeting was held at Nurse Wilton's on May 11th. President absent through illness. Sister Moody Bell read Mrs. Feild's paper. 23 present. May 19th. Another Evening Meeting held at Nurse Wilton's, when the President explained many features of W.C.T.U. work, and suggested those branches which might be taken up by members. Definite plans were left for a future meeting. Five members were initiated.

### HASTINGS.

Meeting held in St. Andrew's Hall, May 13th. President, Mrs. Martindale in the chair; attendance good. A very interesting paper was read by the Secretary, from Mrs. T. E. Taylor, on Good Citizenship, and a helpful discussion followed. Two delegates were appointed to attend the Waipukurau Convention at end of month. Resolved to hold Cottage Meetings during the Winter months. Decided to purchase W.C.T.U. Hymn books.

### WANGANUI.

Meeting held in Trinity Parlour, May 5th. Mrs. Smith, President, presiding; attendance large. Resolved to celebrate T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, on June 11th, by a "Gift Afternoon, in aid of the forthcoming W.C.T.U. Bazaar, to be held early in October. Rev Mr Blamires and Mr Carson consented to deliver addresses. The W.C.T.U. gratefully acknowledge the sum of £30 collected in aid of the Hostel for girls. The lists are still

open. A lady member donated £5 at to-day's meeting. It was decided to agree to the Palmerston Provincial Convention, instead of the usual District Conventions.

### SHEFFIELD.

May 20th. 7 members present, Mrs. McIlraith presiding. Letters received from Kimberley re holding a meeting there. Decided to hold a meeting in the Schoolroom, Kimberley, on Wednesday, June 3rd, to try and form another branch, as it is too far for members there to attend meetings here. Secretary to write and let absent members know, also to write Mrs. Syme, Kimberley, and make all arrangements.

Meeting in Kimberley Schoolroom on Wednesday, June 3rd. Owing to unfavourable weather it was not a success. Members of the Sheffield Branch drove 10 miles, there and back, in rain and snow. Mr Toombs, Provincial Organiser, was also present. An enjoyable hour in music and chat was spent. A vote of thanks to Miss Lloyd (Schoolmistress of Kimberley) for her kind thoughtfulness in preparing us a nice fire and afternoon tea, was carried unanimously.

### LOWER HUTT.

You will be glad to hear that we have held three meetings this year, though the attendances have been small.

February 6th. Drawing Room Meeting at Mrs Knight's, when Mesdames Johnson Wright, Cummings, and Houlder from Wellington were present. Decided to accept Mrs. Jenness' invitation to hold another meeting at her house on the 18th March. This was very well attended, Miss Roberts being present, and gave an inspiring address. Decided to re-start the Union, which had lapsed on account of bad attendance. Our first meeting of the year had a good start, several members from other Unions being present. Two meetings have since then been held, Mrs Wright or Mrs Houlder being present.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

May 13th. General Meeting, presided over by Mrs McCombs. Address on Cottage Homes by Mrs Ada Wells, who advocated the Cottage Homes instead of the boarding-out system. In a Cottage Home the child would receive undivided care and attention, which could not be given by a foster mother. The speaker was of the opinion that the irresponsible parents should be made to support their children by being placed on State Farms.

May 27th. Suburban Meeting in the Linwood Baptist Church, Mrs McCombs presiding. Mrs Foster gave an address on the Evils of the Drink Traffic, and Mrs S. S. Page spoke on the Need for the Co-operation of all Women for the Suppression of Various Social Evils. Afternoon tea was served.

### WOODVILLE.

Usual Monthly Meeting held May 26th. Secretary reported that letter and plan had been sent to School Committee, re essays on Wall Sheets. Letter read from Mrs Crabbe, President of Palmerston North W.C.T.U., asking us if we would like another visit from them. Sec. instructed to reply, saying we should be pleased to receive them at our August meeting, as the days will be longer then. The Cradle Roll has been started by Mrs Thos. Cole. The President read some interesting pieces from the "White Ribbon."

### MATAURA.

Meeting held in April; attendance small.

May meeting, one of our best, 23 present. The Rev W. W. Brown gave an address. He spoke of the unfairness of the three-fifths majority. The speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Decided, after discussion, to offer our services to the No License League, to work under its guidance. Decided to hold a Social Afternoon to commemorate T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, and invite our friends to be present. Mr McDonald, from Dunedin, gave a recitation, and two of our members a duet.

### WANGANUI E.

Meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel on May 29th, Mrs Duxfield presiding. Two new members initiated. Mrs Don's letter in "White Ribbon" was read, and the sentiments expressed, re Bible in Schools' Department, by our N.Z. President, were heartily approved of by the members. The resolutions in "White Ribbon," passed by the United Women's Committee in Christchurch, were all read, discussed, and unanimously endorsed. Miss Neilson was appointed Supt. of Literature, and Mrs Humphreys Supt. of Maori Work. The local Supt. of L.T.L. wishes to express her thanks, and gratitude, for the excellent charts, books and literature, issued by the National W.C.T.U., America, for use in Bands of Hope and L.T.L. Societies. They are most interesting and instructive. We would urge all country Unions especially to take up this important work amongst the children. Mrs Neal (Pahiatua) is always ready to give all information and help in this department.

### AUCKLAND.

Three meetings were held during the month of May. First was a special meeting to hear Lady Holder, of Adelaide, who is returning from the World's Convention. Lady Holder spoke enthusiastically of the success of the great Convention, and Brooklyn had been stirred as never before. A great Prohibition wave is sweeping over America, and their cry is "a saloonless nation in 1920." Thirty-four nations were represented (inclusive of New Zealand and Australia).

May 13. Meeting held, Mrs Pudney presiding; only eleven present.