

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.)

HAWERA.

July 26. Mrs Blamires presided, 14 present. Mrs Gilling gave an interesting report of Eltham Provincial Convention. Decided to help to raise funds for the mine-sweepers.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July 20. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Delegates to Provincial Convention appointed. Resolution passed endorsing the suggestion of the National Council of Women that the methods of raising money for the relief of soldiers and their dependants by means of Carnivals, Art Unions, and similar forms of voluntary taxation are objectionable. Mrs A. R. Atkinson spoke on the Convention resolution re cost of living, and pointed out what a real hardship it was to old age pensioners and families with limited incomes. Resolved to make an appeal for warm comforts for the mine-sweepers.

NELSON.

July 10. Miss Field presided. Good attendance. Miss McCarthy gave an address upon the Teaching of Sex Hygiene in Schools, and while admitting that the mother was the right person to give such teaching, where she failed to do so it should be given by qualified teachers. Miss McCarthy also spoke on similar lines at the Richmond and Brightwater Unions.

July 15. Meeting for mothers arranged by Cradle Roll Superintendent. Very bad weather. An address on the influence of the mother's thought.

TIMARU.

July 31. Mrs Rule presided. Report of Hospital visitors received, and visitors appointed. Mrs Stead appointed delegate to Provincial Convention. Decided to collect for mine-sweepers. Mr Moreton reported quiet month at the Sailors' Rest. Secretary to write to Hon. Russell for pamphlet.

CHRISTCHURCH.

June. Large meetings held in connection with Mrs Cowie's visit. 97 gave in their names as willing to join the Union; 22 honorary members gained.

July 12. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Resolutions brought forward by Women's Committee passed. A Sale held on July 27 realised £40 for Lady Liverpool Fund. Miss Roberts read an interesting paper on "Woman's Work."

July 25. T. E. Taylor Day celebrated, Miss Roberts presiding. Mrs W. J. Williams gave an address. Votes of sympathy passed with the families of Colonel G. J. Smith, Mr Olliver, and Mr Josling. Forty new members received during the month. Special prayer meetings held every fortnight, well attended, and ably conducted by Mrs D. McKee.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

August. Presided over by Mrs Houlder. Mrs J. Wright gave an interesting account of the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance, and as White Ribbon Day was celebrated too, Mrs Wright urged the claim of our paper to all who didn't take it. Mrs Houlder reported that we had five dozen of the "Facts About Our W.C.T.U." for distribution. Mesdames Cummins and Bott elected delegates to the Provincial Convention. Mrs Cummins elected Superintendent of Work Among Seamen. Mrs Lee-Cowie having offered her services to our Union, it was decided to ask her to give her lecture. It was decided to have the letter from Miss Arnott, a member of the Capetown W.C.T.U. (which was kindly sent to us from Mrs Bott, Wanganui), printed in "White Ribbon," and printed afterwards for sale in our literature department.

N.E. VALLEY.

July 26. Mrs Peart presided. The President, in her remarks, referred to the splendid articles which had appeared in the "Star" this week, and said how much we are indebted to the Editor for bold, fearless speaking on the question of six o'clock closing. Mrs Hiatt, President of town Union, gave a very instructive address on the Referendum, and said how necessary it was that all should be educated up to it.

WANGANUI.

August. Mrs Smith (President) in the chair. A social afternoon. Fine attendance. Decided to make next meeting a "gift" one, for the purpose of securing as much as possible for mine-sweepers. Mrs Upton and Mrs Bott were appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Arranged for Mrs Lee-Cowie's visit. The meeting was then addressed by Mrs J. D. McKenzie on "Patriotism." Solos were sung by Mesdames Tucker and Strong. Splendid collection for Maori work, and afternoon tea served. A deputation from the Union met Mr Veitch, M.P., re women police. He promised his hearty support to the movement.

MANAIA.

July 10. A well-attended meeting. Mrs Tait presided, and one new member was initiated. A delegate was appointed for the Eltham Convention. Mrs Tait reported that an L.T.L. had been successfully started, and Miss Peterson was appointed Superintendent.

KAIKORAI.

July 27. Attendance much improved, and a good meeting. Discussion on the Y. Union; two meetings held, and no Y's attended. Decided to confer with Dunedin Union re effort to get comforts for mine-sweepers.

WAKAPUAKA SUB.

Enthusiastic meeting held at Mrs Paterson's. Mrs Judson gave an interesting account of Convention. Reported that 6 o'clock closing petitions were widely signed.

July 12. Meeting at Mrs Dodson's. Fair attendance. Two new members. Collection of 10s for White Ribbon Day. Two new subscribers to "White Ribbon."

July 25. Afternoon tea in aid of Y.M.C.A. funds. Collection of £3 8s.

TAURANGA.

July 25. Cradle Roll meeting, 17 present. President in the chair. Members pledged themselves to pray at noon daily for the abolition of the drink traffic during the war. Two papers read by Mrs Turner. Decided to assist the Strength of the Nation Movement, and to help provide comforts for mine-sweepers. Afternoon tea served. Deputation to wait upon ministers of the town.

NEW BRIGHTON.

June 21. Public meeting. President in the chair; 200 present. Fine address by Mrs Don. Stirring address by Rev. Patterson. Musical items, refreshment, and a collection for N.Z. Organising Fund.

July 12. Well attended mothers' meeting. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave an address on evil alcohol does children. Mrs Don also spoke. Five new members.

July 19. Good attendance. Decided to open a subscription list in aid of mine-sweepers. Deputation from Union waited upon Hon. Russell re appointment of women police. Mesdames Nicholas and Beeby to be delegates to Provincial Convention. Mrs Don spoke on "Woman's Influence." Two new members.

WAIPIKURAU.

July 9. Good attendance to meet Miss Powell. Miss Powell gave an address upon our work, and urged members to wear the white bow. One new member. Afternoon tea dispensed.

PONSONBY.

June 14. Mrs Fountain presided. Thanks received from District Union for help rendered with catering. A paper was read on "The Initiative and Referendum." Miss Caley gave an account of a tour she recently made in the Waikato.

July 12. Resolved to send Peace Resolution of Convention to head teachers of schools. Reported that Miss Weymouth had addressed a mothers' meeting, and nine expressed willingness to join the Union.