

## L.T.L. Reports.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Oct. 24. A pleasant evening was spent to mark the close of the year's meetings. This L.T.L. was inaugurated by Mrs Duxie last June, and there have been eighteen meetings held, with an average attendance of 20. Through addresses given by many ladies and gentlemen, the children have been taught many scientific facts concerning alcohol, and we realise what a hopeful field of labour is before us when we start with a band of enthusiastic girls and boys who have no liking for the poison, and who have no vested interest in its sale. The following officers have conducted the meetings in a capable manner that astonished many adults who were present:—Pres., Patty Shannon; Sec., Eileen Webb; Treas., Maysel Hadfield; Librarian, W. Goddard; Vice-Pres., Eileen Webb and Ulic Shannon; pianiste, Eileen Webb. We hope to hear in the future that these young people are developing into the grand temperance workers that their L.T.L. training will fit them for. It had been decided at the beginning of the year to give a prize to the one gaining the most new members, but as the competition was so close, Florrie Stone, Alma Cummins, and Patty Shannon were each awarded one. The children had arranged an excellent programme, which received great applause from those present. The Superintendents feel very encouraged, and in looking forward pray they may be ready for the new year, which looks bright with promise.

## Y's Reports.

### PORT CHALMERS.

Oct. Miss Grove presided. Mrs Napier gave a very interesting talk on "Temperance Work in England and Scotland." Several items were rendered by the different members, after which supper was handed round.

### WANGANUI.

Oct. 29. Short business meeting. Decided to visit the Old People's Home in December. Next meeting will be the last of a very happy and successful year. Our Branch is steadily growing and improving.

The verses published in the September "White Ribbon," entitled "The Master as Healer," are now being sold at 3d a copy, for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A. Fund, having been sent by the writer from India for that purpose. Copies may be obtained from Mrs Judson, 16, Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

## 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.)

### HAMILTON.

Oct. 4. Fourteen members present. Correspondence re 6 o'clock closing from the Hon. Mr Massey, Sir J. G. Ward, and Mr Young, M.P., was read and laid on the table. Arrangements for the District Convention in October were made.

District Convention held. Delegates were present from Hamilton, Ngaruawahia, Morrinsville, Te Kuiti, Cambridge, and Hamilton East. Motions of sympathy were passed for those who have suffered bereavements during the present year. The President's address was full of interest, and urged every member to ever keep in mind the constant need of prayer in connection with our work. Reports were presented by all Unions, and each were doing "their bit," and all desired to press on. War work absorbs much of our energies both at home and abroad, and the women of our Union are all helping in a practical way. A paper, entitled "The Secret of Effectiveness," was read by Mrs Watson (Cambridge), written by Mrs Rosevear, who was unavoidably absent. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, gave a good address, and explained to all fully the Social Hygiene Bill, about to come before Parliament. A discussion ensued, and the following resolutions were carried:—(1) "That this W.C.T.U. Convention of the Hamilton district, including representatives from the Waikato Unions, strongly protests against the compulsory clauses in the Hygiene Bill, and urges the establishment of free clinics for the treatment of those voluntarily presenting themselves." (2) "That the Government be urged to introduce legislation providing that no certificate of marriage be issued until both parties, male and female, have been medically examined and declared free from venereal disease." A public meeting was held in the evening, Mrs J. M. Jones (President) being in the chair. After some social items by Mrs Bradley and Miss Gaulton, the Rev. R. Mackie gave an instructive address on "Woman's Helpfulness," drawing lessons from the life of Deborah.

### TOKOMARU BAY.

July 13. Five new members. Decided to meet quarterly, as members live great distances apart. Mrs Mead was appointed Recording Secretary, and Miss McIntyre Treasurer. President reported many signatures to six o'clock closing petition, also a visit to the Gisborne Union meeting.

Sept. 18. Most successful gift afternoon for the mine-sweepers. Attendance large. Afternoon tea dispensed. £21 10s in donations, 14s from sale of cakes, and £2 10s for sale of violets from the garden of one of our Maori members.

Sept. 25. Good attendance, including several members from the Maori Union. £1 voted to the Strength of the Nation Fund. Resolutions of thankfulness for the success of the six o'clock closing movement were passed.

### AUCKLAND.

Oct. 24. Mrs Cook reported that as a result of "Our Day" £5 17s 5d had been handed in to the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance. Miss Dewar reported £100 worth of comforts had been sent to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Reuben Bailey gave an inspiring address, and the initiation service closed the meeting.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Nov. 1. In connection with the monthly meeting, over which Mrs Evans, M.A., presided, the Rev. A. E. Hunt gave a thrilling address on Missions, touching many subjects which awakened great interest. Decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Dr. Newman for the way he stood by the women when the Hygiene Bill was before the House, not forgetting that also in years past he had always been our friend. Vote of sympathy passed with one member whose son was badly gassed.

### CREYTOWN.

Oct. 30. President in the chair. Good attendance. Annual social held. Several members from Masterton Union present. Addresses, recitation, songs, and pianoforte solos were rendered. Annual report read. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and tea handed round.

### OXFORD.

Oct. 24. Sixth anniversary of Union. Well filled hall. President gave report of year's work. Mrs C. Fritt read a report of District Convention. Mrs Kippenberger read a paper on "The Optimistic Views." Musical items and refreshments, including birthday cake, gift of President. Votes of thanks to President and speakers.

### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Nov. 6. Mrs C. H. Macalister presided. Mrs Hunter reported that two cases had been sent forward to the mine-sweepers, first one valued at £26, second one £95. Altogether £220 has been sent in to the newspapers towards this fund. Decided to run the tea and rest tent at the Summer Show. Mrs Wright and Mrs McKenzie were appointed hospital visitors. Mrs Macalister reported having visited Knox Sunday School and given an address on Temperance Sunday, the children afterwards being asked to sign the pledge. Vote of