

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.)

S. INVERCARGILL.

June 11. Mrs Pasley (President) presided over a large gathering. Successful arrangements reported for concert to returned soldiers following week. President reported arrangements made for Convention delegate to visit Bluff Branch and give her report. The President also reported the formation of a Loyal Temperance Legion. Resolved to affiliate with the National Council of Women. Resolved to co-operate with the town Union with regard to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Graham appointed sick visitors for the month. Three new members welcomed.

MATAURA.

May 31. Meeting held. President Mrs Galt. Mr Verco gave a very interesting address on evils of drink traffic. Proposed that Secretary write and ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to come on June 19th to lecture on the work. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Verco. Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie held a meeting on Strength of Nation Movement in Horticultural Hall on June 19th; good attendance, about 200 being present. Thirty-two members joined.

June 28. President in chair. Two new members. Secretary read paper on New Zealand Alliance from Mr J. Dawson. Resolved that Mataura Branch of the W.C.T.U. urges that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible and punishable. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality. Proposed and seconded that Secretary invite Mrs Landels to address our next meeting.

HAMILTON.

July 4. Attendance most encouraging. Letter received from Rev. Brown thanking Union for sympathy expressed during Mrs Brown's illness. A deputation was received from the No-License Council, who solicited help from us in the proposed fight for National Prohibition, also to explain the aims of our party. The deputation were thanked, and assured that as a Union we would do everything possible to bring about the desired end. Mrs Blamires spoke on the Kelburn case, and was selected to attend the

meeting in Wellington called to discuss matters of vital importance to women. The meeting closed in the usual way.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

June. Miss M. McCarthy presided. Mrs Hiatt gave an address, referring briefly to the recent No-License Conference, explaining the project for obtaining Dominion Prohibition. Miss McCarthy gave an interesting account of organising work amongst the Maoris. A collection in aid of Maori work was taken up.

TAKAPUNA.

June 6. President in chair. Mrs Smeeton gave a very helpful address to mothers. 21 present. 10s collected for new W.C.T.U. room in Wellesley Street. Offers of cakes made for Featherston Camp. Tea served at close. Cradle Roll signatures taken.

July 4. Mrs Fulljames in chair. Mrs Hoare, of Gisborne, addressed the mothers especially on the right training of their young. She also sang a duet with Miss Rushbrook. Thanksgiving for answered prayer was made. 19 present.

OXFORD.

June 19. Attendance large. An address on "Social Hygiene" was given by Nurse Chappell, for which she was heartily thanked. Decided to form a Study Circle to follow up the subject. Collection taken up in aid of the social hygiene campaign. Nurse Chappell was entertained at tea in the Coronation Hall by the members of the "Y" branch, and in the evening delivered a splendid address to a well-attended meeting of girls and women.

June 26. The following resolution was passed and forwarded to the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice:—"That this meeting of the W.C.T.U. urges that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality." In connection with the social hygiene campaign, it was decided to hold a meeting, open to all women interested in the subject, early this month. Decided to give the "Y" Branch the usual grant of £2 10s. A paper, entitled "The Flag and the Fight," written by Arthur Mee, was read by Mrs Gainsford, senr.

HAMILTON EAST.

June 18. A full attendance, with Mrs Snow in the chair. A farewell to our President, who is leaving the district. Mrs McArthur, on behalf of the members, spoke in enthusiastic terms of the respect and esteem in which Mrs Snow was held, of benefits

derived from her talks, and asked Mrs Snow to accept a small token of our love. Mrs Snow feelingly replied. Mrs Gillies was elected President. One new member initiated.

PAKIRI.

July 4. Well-attended meeting, two visitors present. Miss Dyer gave a reading, entitled "Social Purity." The following resolution was carried unanimously, to be forwarded to the Minister of Justice:—"That the clause in the War Regulations dealing with houses of ill-fame be so amended that the men found on such premises be arrested and their names published, as well as those of the women." A sailors' evening is to be held in the Pakiri Hall in August, stalls, musical items, and supper, to raise funds for the mine-sweepers.

RAKAIA.

July 11. In connection with the campaign, a big public meeting to be held as soon as we can arrange for a speaker, within the month. A resolution was sent to the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice: "The Rakaia Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union urges that in cases where police action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible and punishable. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality." Proposed to hold a Sailors' Day on August 8th in the Methodist Church, and parcels and money to be received for mine-sweepers. Decided to send delegate to Provincial Convention.

WANGANUI.

July 5. Mrs Smith presided. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs Hartnell on the death of her husband. Decided to affiliate with the National Council of Women of New Zealand. A resolution was passed urging that police women be appointed in undertaking investigations among women and children on the street and in the home, such police women to be chosen on recommendation of women's societies; also that women should be tried in separate Courts from men. Mrs Upton appointed delegate to the No-License League Convention. Decided to hold a Sale of Work in aid of mine-sweepers and Local Union Fund. Report of the Taranaki Provincial Convention was read and received. Mrs Emmett, of Nelson, heartily welcomed.

ONEHUNGA.

May 9. President spoke of the N.Z. Alliance Convention in Auckland and the work in connection with the same. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Sheppard, who acted as proxy for us at Convention, for her interesting and full report, and her services on our behalf. Decided to forward 10s