

## 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.)

### INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Feb. 4. A large attendance, and Mrs Baird presided. The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's showed good work and progress during the past year. Three new auxiliary Unions were organised, also a large "Y" Branch and a Loyal Temperance Legion. £138 9s 6d and a parcel of comforts were sent to the mine-sweepers. The hospital was visited regularly. Prizes were given to competitors for the Temperance essay written in the public schools. Tea and rest tents were successfully managed at the A. and P. Show. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs C. H. Macalister; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Peters, and McKenzie; Rec. Sec., Mrs Roland Lewis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson; Treas., Mrs Frank Lillicrap; Assist. Treas., Mrs A. Dewe.

### TIMARU.

Feb. 4. Adjourned annual meeting on account of the epidemic. Mrs Liddell presided. Mrs Woodward's report showed a quiet month at the Sailors' Rest on account of no Home boats being in port for some time. Letter was read from Miss Henderson, with letters to be sent to soldiers re voting. Members took these letters, and will have them sent to all they know. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Rule on her sad bereavement. Annual reports were read, showing a busy year, especially in the early months, when Convention was held. Treasurer's report showed credit balance, in spite of heavy expense in connection with Convention. A most cordial vote of appreciation was passed to Mrs Rule for her long and faithful service as President. Officers were elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs Rylands Brown; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rule, Black, Clay, Trott, Stewart, Campbell, H. H. Brown, Horwell, and Liddell; Sec., Miss M. Avison; Treas., Mrs Cave; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Grant; Assist. Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Evans; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Trott; Letter-writer, Mrs Clay.

### HAWERA.

Jan. 30. There was a discussion re distributing literature and enrolling voters, and the members were asked to be present at the No-License workers' meeting on January 31st. Decided that post-cards be sent to the absent members urging them to be

present at this meeting. Miss Maunder reported that the Salvation Army will take charge of the Rest Tent at the A. and P. Show in February. It was agreed that the opening meeting of the Loyal Temperance Legion be held on Friday, March 14th.

### HENDERSON.

Jan. 15. Annual meeting held on 15th inst. Very satisfactory reports were given by Secretary and Treasurer. The latter showed that £28 13s 10½d had been collected throughout the year, and of that sum £25 0s 7d had been donated to various funds, leaving a balance in hand of £3 13s 3½d. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Gilbert; Vice-Pres., Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Sec., Mrs McKay; Treas., Mrs Williams; "W.R." Agent and Reporter, Miss K. Duncan. It was arranged that the ladies attend at the Soldiers' Club on February 10th, and that the Mothers' Meeting be held on February 26th.

### ASHBURTON.

Jan. 7. Mrs Lill in the chair. Several Superintendents were appointed to departmental work, and the remainder held over for want of time. All members were urged to assist in according General Pau and delegates a cordial welcome to Ashburton. Mr Jack, Organiser for electorate, addressed the gathering, and urged all to see that their names were on the roll. A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was passed. Decided to procure copies of pamphlets issued by the Alliance for distribution.

### MATAMATA.

Jan. 22. A meeting of ladies was held here to discuss the formation of a branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Richards was voted to the chair. Mrs Cook (President of Auckland Branch) met with us, and explained the aims and work of the Union. A message of greeting was received from the District President, Mrs Horne, of Hamilton. As a result of Mrs Cook's efforts, a Branch was started with about ten members. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Owen Garland; Vice-Pres., Mrs F. Vosper; Cor. Sec., Mrs Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs Sutherland; Treas., Mrs Hall; "W.R." Agent and Evangelistic Supt., Mrs North.

### RICHMOND.

Jan. 8. Postponed annual meeting. Mrs Price (President) in chair. Report and balance-sheet adopted, showing a marked improvement on last year. Money voted to National Efficiency Richmond League, £2; Organising Fund, 1s per member, with 23 on roll; balance in hand substantial. New members, 7. L.T.L. flourishing, about 100 members. Officers for the year appointed. Meetings to be advertised in "White Ribbon."

### FEILDING.

Jan. 15. Special meeting to arrange campaign work. Mr Voyce, organiser, gave an address. Plans made for holding prayer meetings. The L.T.L. and "Y" officers appointed to arrange a children's demonstration before the poll. A vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Thompson, late Cor. Sec., in her illness.

### PAHIATUA.

Jan. 23. Postponed annual meeting, Mrs Neal presiding. Report and balance-sheet read and adopted, and showed work done in 13 departments, and a record increase in our membership. Donations had been sent to World's W.C.T.U. Missionary, Maori and Organising Funds, and money and Christmas comfort bags to sailors. Officers elected Pres., Mrs Webster; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs Eager. Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs Webster and Miss Christiansen; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gregg; "W.R.," Mrs Rennie; Hospital Visitors, Mrs Dew and Mrs Robertson; Legal and Parliamentary and Press, Mrs Godfrey; Representative on Band of Hope Committee, Mrs Webster. Mrs Neal was presented with a fountain pen, and general regret expressed at her removal to Feilding, she having been President of the Union since it was organised in 1913.

### LYTTELTON.

Feb. 5. Meetings resumed after holidays. Mrs Hatchwell presided. Six members present. Decided to hold a weekly prayer meeting in connection with the coming Prohibition Campaign.

### GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Jan. 14. Annual meeting, Mrs Gaskin presiding. Sister Moody-Bell read report of year's work. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Vice-Pres., Mrs Parkinson and Sister Moody-Bell; Sec., Mrs W. Mason. Election of Treasurer deferred. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Mrs Pearson, of Dunedin, for her kindly help during her visit.

Jan. 28. Devotional meeting, conducted by Sister Moody-Bell.

### LOWER HUTT.

Feb. 4. Good attendance. A social afternoon. Mrs Whincop, of Greytown, spoke about "Work in Military Camps" and Mr Pearce on "Temperance Work." Mrs Ballantine made an appeal to members to work and pray. Solo and afternoon tea ended a pleasant afternoon.

### MASTERTON.

Feb. 4. Annual meeting. Good attendance. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Whitehead, Ross, and F. Ritter; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Jackson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Wingate; Treas., Mrs R. Sutherland. Miss M. Wingate was elected delegate to Convention.