

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.)

BALCLUTHA.

Feb. 14. Temperance address by Mrs Peryman. A good attendance, Mrs Clark presiding. Mrs Peryman made an earnest appeal to the women to fight the trade for the sake of the race that is to come, and to work and pray for victory.

March. Mrs J. Clark presided. Miss V. Elder appointed Auditor. Four new members. Discussion on the work for the coming poll.

RAKAIKA.

March 13. Mrs Boag in the chair. A good attendance. Two new members were initiated. Superintendents appointed: Literature, Mrs Hunt; Cradle Roll, Miss S. Oakley; "White Ribbon," Mrs L. Saunders; Reporter, Mrs Judkins; Absentee Correspondent, Mrs Ross. Decided not to send a delegate to Convention.

NGAERE.

Feb. 4. A good attendance at the residence of Mrs K. Tarrant. Mrs Whittam elected delegate to Convention, and Mrs Lambert substitute.

March 4. Meeting at the residence of Mrs Ellis. Plans for election day discussed. Miss Phillips gave a vocal solo, and afternoon tea was dispensed.

RICHMOND (NELSON).

Feb. 12. Mrs L. Sutton presided. Requested by the Richmond Efficiency League to assist at a Rally of workers and to provide hospitality on February 22. Meeting very united and enthusiastic.

March 12. Mrs Fittall presided. Mrs Field asked to be delegate to Convention. Resolutions considered. School Committee election to be attended. Members urged to pray for success on April 10th.

LEIGH.

Feb. Very fair attendance. President in the chair. A visitor contributed several musical items. Correspondence from N.Z. Alliance read. Discussion re best means to get all electors enrolled before closing of Supplementary Roll. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

ONEHUNGA.

March 13. Postponed annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Logan; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bates and Mrs Harrison; Sec., Mrs Stacey; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hunter, Alfred Street; Treas., Mrs Musket; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hunter; "White Ribbon," Mrs

Horlock. Reports read and adopted, showing a membership of 51, and a credit balance of £4. Address by President. Arrangements made for Our Day at the Soldiers' Club. One new member initiated, and a cup of tea handed round.

EDENDALE (SOUTHLAND).

March 21. Special meeting took the form of a farewell to Mrs Sleep, who is removing to Nightcaps, and to Mrs Petrie (nee Miss Annie Oberg), who is making her home in Christchurch. Mrs Pringle presided over a good attendance. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames Lennon, Neil, Marshall, and Niven, and recitation by Mrs Petrie. Mrs Finlay and Mrs Pringle, in well-chosen words, expressed the appreciation of the Branch for its departing members, and their deep regret at losing them, and extended the best wishes of the Branch for their future happiness.

(We hope the Secretary will forward the address of Mrs Petrie to our Christchurch Secretary, so that the Union may welcome her.—Editor "W.R.")

OXFORD.

February 4.—Annual meeting. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss N. Waterman; Vice-Presidents, Misses J. Gainsford, Dalziel, and A. Dalley; Secretary, Miss Urquhart; Cor. Secretary, Miss Foote. Miss J. Gainsford was elected as delegate to Convention. Letters of sympathy to be sent to two of our members.

AUCKLAND.

March 31.—Two new members initiated. Arrangements made for taking part in the procession; £10 voted to help the mother union with campaign expenses. Miss Street elected delegate to Convention. Mr. Faulkner spoke to us on our work on polling day. Officers elected:—President, Miss I. Sussex; Vice-Presidents, Misses I. Cook and O. Scott; Rec. Secretary, Miss L. Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. Bottrill; Treasurer, Miss D. Stubbs; W.R. Superintendent, Miss Budd; Superintendent, Mrs. Perrett.

ARAMOHO L.T.L.

March.—Picnic held—it had been postponed owing to the epidemic. A good attendance of members and friends. Games and swings were enjoyed. Tea, lollies, and cakes were distributed and much enjoyed. Three cheers given for Mr. Russell for the use of the ground, to the Y members, and the president. The Legioners sent a basket of cakes to the old folk at the Jubilee Home, and a basket of dainties to a sick child.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Mrs. Evans, M.A., presided over a very successful meeting, held in the Constable Street Rooms, when "Willard Day" was celebrated. Rev. J. Pinfold, D.D., was the speaker, and spoke highly of Frances Willard and of the growth of the W.C.T.U. in other lands,

Mesdames Phillips and Abbott rendered musical items, and a collection was taken up for the World's Missionary Fund.

A public meeting was held in the Concert Chamber in connection with the National Efficiency Campaign. The speakers were Mrs. Don and Mrs. Lee-Cowie. Mrs. Atkinson (President of Central Branch) presided, and on the platform were Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Wright (President of District Union). Mrs. Don made eulogistic references to Dr. Truby King's effort for child welfare, and said that, thanks to him, infant mortality had greatly decreased in New Zealand. She also referred to the demand made for women police, and stated that they were asked for, not to punish crime or arrest criminals, but to prevent crime. Mrs. Cowie traced the work for temperance reform from its early stages, and referred to four men who had worked for Prohibition in New Zealand—Messrs. P. Munro, T. E. Taylor, and F. and L. Isitt.

The monthly meeting was held on April 3rd, when Mrs. Wright presided. Business in connection with "Polling Day" occupied most of the time. Mesdames Spearman and Butler were elected delegates to the Convention, and Mesdames Wright and Bott were nominated for the Newtown School Committee. Mrs. Bingham moved that the following resolution be forwarded for Convention to consider: "That this District Union of Wellington wishes to bring before the Dominion the state of matters re Indian Indenture System in connection with the sugar plantations in the Islands, and asks that an effort may be made to improve the conditions under which the Indians, and especially the women, live."

HENDERSON.

March 19.—Mrs. N. Wright presided. Attendance very good. As no member was able to accept the position of delegate to Convention, it was decided to ask for a proxy. Several small matters in connection with polling day were arranged. Meeting closed with prayer.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

April 1.—Mrs. Hiatt presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Don was welcomed after her long absence, and impressed on all to attend Prohibition meetings and take doubting friends, if possible. Decided to make arrangements for open-air meetings at street corners. Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Young were appointed delegates to Convention. The call for volunteers to help with Children's Demonstration met with a good response.

MATAURA.

February 28.—Meeting held; ten present. Present officers to hold office till after the Licensing Poll. Mr. G. D. Verco gave a very interesting address.

March 28.—Nine present. Mrs. Brown and Miss Hastie to arrange about a rest tent for babies and children for the convenience of mothers on polling day. Members to take charge in turns.