

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.)

ASHBURTON.

July meeting held, Mrs W. H. Watson in the chair. Resolved to contribute to the memorial for the late Mrs F. Cole. Letters of condolence to be sent to Mrs A. Smith and the Misses Butterick in their recent bereavements. Rev. W. J. Elliott spoke on "The Value of Kindness," and was thanked.

July 27. T. E. Taylor memorial service held in Theatre Royal at 8 p.m. Mrs W. K. Watson presided, and stated that the Union's object in commemorating the day was to inspire young men and women in the work of temperance. Brief addresses were delivered by Ensign Hosking, Revs. J. Ings, J. M. Innes, and T. R. B. Woolloxall. The latter, in closing, said that "Faith, unbending rectitude, Christian bravery, manliness, and heroism were the main characteristics that made T. E. Taylor such a power for good."

HAMILTON.

July. Monthly meeting held, President presiding. Unanimously decided to subscribe to memorial to our late beloved President. Decided not to undertake catering at next Agricultural Show. Letter on Peace read from Mrs Lee Cowie. Question of Gift Auction left over till next meeting. Mrs Auld, President of Y's, reported formation of sewing class to make garments for sale, money to be handed over to No-License League. Mothers' meeting to be held, when members are asked to bring small pots of jam, jelly, marmalade, etc., to take to hospital patients.

July 9. Evangelistic and mothers' meeting held at Mrs Henderson's. Mrs Snow gave an earnest address to mothers on responsibility of training their children, not only for this life, but for the life to come; she urged them to establish family altar in the home. Two young women testified to a change of heart this week. A well-known drink victim, who has been earnestly prayed for, has come into touch with Christ. We thank God for prayers answered.

DUNEDIN.

Celebrated White Ribbon Day by inviting their auxiliaries and Y Branch to an evening meeting in New Octagon Hall. An excellent paper was read by Miss Neil on our official organ, and all members urged to sub-

scribe for the paper, which stands for removal of all sex disabilities, and strongly urges temperance on individual and State. Miss Rosevear, a Y. member, read a paper on our Maori work. Mrs Kirkland spoke of the work in old days. Rev. Slade dealt powerfully with three-fifths handicap, and urged members to work for Democratic Vote Campaign. Songs and refreshments followed. New members and new subscriber for "White Ribbon" were gained, and 24s 6d collection to Maori Fund. Mrs Dick thanked all who had helped in evening's entertainment.

Meeting held August 5th in the Octagon Hall, president in the chair. Resolutions forwarded by Society for Protection of Women and Children were endorsed. Mr Falconer, seamen's missionary for W.C.T.U., resigned, owing to ill-health. Deep regret was expressed, also appreciation for his long and devoted services to the Master's cause was voiced by Mrs Begg. An offer by Christian workers to carry on the work was gratefully accepted. Mrs Gain reported great success of Band of Hope competitions. President read a leaflet on "White Slave Traffic," and urged N.Z. women to be on the alert lest this iniquitous traffic be introduced in our Dominion.

RICHMOND Y's.

July 2. Monthly meeting in Methodist Schoolroom. Decided to meet every fourth Monday. Miss Hunt, Cor. Sec., resigned, and Miss Woods was appointed to the position. The members arranged bunches of flowers to be taken to Hospital, while a letter from Miss Powell and several interesting articles were read. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 15 names on her roll.

July. Meeting held in the Methodist Schoolroom. Papers on "Alcohol" and "A Day in the Life of Our Queen" were read. It was decided that the Union should provide the programme for the next Band of Hope.

NELSON.

July 8. Letters of sympathy for loss of Mrs Cole from Miss Hodge and I.O.G.T. Resolved to subscribe to memorial stone for Mrs Cole. Regret expressed at loss of Treasurer (Mrs Grove), and Mrs Brown appointed to succeed her. Satisfaction expressed at cessation of opium trade between India and China, and decided to write to evening paper calling attention to the fact.

KAIKOURA.

A new branch of the W.C.T.U. was opened in St. Paul's Sunday Schoolroom in May. Mrs Stewart was asked to take the chair, and introduced the speaker and organiser. Miss Powell. This lady gave a very interesting address on the benefits and advantages of the Union, along with

its principles and scope of work. The officers elected were: President, Mrs McAra; Secretary, Mrs Spence; and Treasurer, Mrs Stubberfield. Sixteen ladies joined the Union. It was decided to meet the first Tuesday in the month. As the only temperance organisation in the district, this Union should prove helpful, especially at election time.

July 1. Mrs Slater read an interesting paper on "How to help your Union," also speaking on privileges and responsibilities of the franchise. Mrs McIvor appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent, with Miss Campbell as assistant; Miss McVane Superintendent of Band of Hope.

WHANGAREI.

June. Meeting held. Interesting discussion on Bible-in-Schools. All members agreed "that the Bible should have a place in State schools," but just what system of Bible teaching is the best is hard to determine. A resolution was passed: "That the Bible in Schools be referred to the people to vote upon." Motion of sympathy passed with the family of late Dominion President.

TAURANGA.

A meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall on July 13th. After some correspondence had been dealt with, and it had been decided to hold the meetings every second month, the various officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Miss Sorley; Secretary, Mrs P. Munro; Recording Secretary, Mrs C. York; Treasurer, Mrs A. E. Hammond.

STRATFORD.

July 27. T. E. Taylor Memorial Day.—A service was held in the Methodist Church in memory of our late beloved comrade. Mrs T. White presided.

PETONE.

July. "At Home" meeting held at Mrs Corner's. An interesting musical programme was provided. Miss Peach read a paper written by the late Mrs Cole, on "Alcohol and Nursing Mothers." A competition was also held.

July 23. Meeting held for mothers and Cradle Roll babies, now numbering 55. Plunket nurse gave address to the mothers on the proper feeding and care of infants. Recitation given, and afternoon tea provided.

August meeting held in Church of Christ, the President in the chair. The Secretary, on behalf of the Union, presented Mrs Rowse with a handsome handbag, it being her eightieth birthday. Mrs Rowse responded. Afternoon tea provided.

INVERCARGILL.

Meeting held August 5th. On the motion of Sister Moody Bell, it was resolved to urge the Government to take immediate steps towards the