

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.)

OXFORD.

October 1. Birthday social at the Coronation Hall, Mrs Gainsford presiding over a good attendance. The President gave an account of the year's work. Mrs Ryde read a report of the Provincial Convention held at Ashburton. Miss Gainsford gave an account of mission work in India. Musical items were given and supper was handed round. Decided to send Mrs Barton a piece of birthday cake. A motion of sympathy was passed to our President in losing her only brother. Decided to hold a treat in the Park on Labour Day for the Band of Hope children.

HAMILTON.

September 10. Evangelistic and mothers' meeting at Mrs J. M. Jones'. A letter from Miss Woodhead, Maori Organiser, was read, and a collection was taken in aid of the Maori work. Several articles read from the "White Ribbon." At the close of the meeting afternoon tea was served.

Monthly meeting held in Wesley Class Rooms, attendance good. Dr. Rogers gave an instructive address to mothers on "The Artificial Feeding of Children." The doctor said if the mother fails to nurse her child cow's milk should be tried before resorting to artificial foods. A child's digestion should be carefully studied until it is eight years of age. We to-day are suffering because our parents lacked the knowledge of how to feed the children properly. Much time and thought was given to consumption and cancer, but we neglect the foundation of real health in the feeding of children. The foods should be of the simplest. Articles that were forbidden were dried fruits in any form, tea, coffee, wine, beer, cider, etc. At the close Dr. Rogers was warmly applauded, and a vote of thanks was passed.

PALMERSTON.

Meeting held on 3rd October. A good attendance, Mrs Crabb (President) presiding. Correspondence re the "Stead Memorial" was read. Resolved not to help with this work, but to confine the work of the Union to the obtaining a women's hostel in connection with our own town. Special thanks were accorded Mr Clausen for the use of a large room in Main Street. An initiatory service was held for the reception of new members.

GREYMOUTH.

August. Meeting held, attendance good. Mrs Mason appointed Superintendent of Backblocks. Resolved to hold a rally of the Union on Sunday, September 7th, when Rev. A. Ashcroft will preach on "Women's Work." One new member.

October. A record attendance. Arrangements were made for Sale of Work on October 15th.

WAIMATE.

Franchise Day meeting on September 10th. Meeting opened in usual way. Miss Smart opened with devotional exercises, and Mr G. Park addressed a fair attendance on "Consciousness of Duty." Miss Strong presided at the organ, and Miss Smart sang a solo. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all, after which four new members were enrolled.

WOODVILLE.

September 30. Meeting held in Ormond Street Hall. Mesdames Crabbe and Carter, of Palmerston North, were welcomed. Mrs Crabbe gave an address dealing mostly with the three-fifths handicap. Mrs Carter spoke on the necessity of having a Cradle Roll, and how to conduct meetings for the elder children. The Secretary was requested to write to School Committee asking permission for children of Standards IV., V., and VI. to write essays for the Temperance wall sheet. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the two visitors for coming to help us.

TUAKAU.

September 16. Letters were received from Mr R. F. Bollard, M.P., and Mr Allen, M.P., re homes for feeble-minded; Mrs H. G. Hughes, re Maori work. Rev. Fitchett was elected Superintendent of "Children's Happy Hour," which we decided to hold monthly. Also decided to hold our Annual Convention on November 12th. Two new members were initiated.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The twentieth anniversary of Franchise Day was celebrated by a special afternoon meeting in the Constable Street Rooms. Mrs Spearman read a report of the District Convention, held in Petone, for which she received a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Houlder read Mrs Bendeley's paper, "Work for the Enfranchised." One new member was initiated, and afternoon tea brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The monthly meeting was held in the Constable Street rooms on Thursday, October 2nd, Mrs Boxall presiding. Two members from Petone were present, and invited all members and friends to a Garden Party to be held at Mrs Corner's. Correspondence was read and discussed in connection with "Unfermented Wine," "Temperance Sunday," "Cradle Roll" and "Loyal Temperance Legion." A paper, entitled "Untruthfulness," was read by Mrs Webb.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

August. Meeting held, attendance good. Mrs Peryman continued her talk on the resolutions passed at last Convention. Mesdames McDonald, Nimmo, and Glen were appointed to represent the Union at the District Convention.

September. Meeting held, Mrs Atkinson in the chair. Routine business was disposed of. Mesdames McDonald and Glen gave an account of the District Convention held at Petone. Mrs McDonald spoke of the need there is for the W.C.T.U. to have a home of its own in this city. Some discussion took place on Mrs Neal's letter to the "White Ribbon" re placing babies on the Cradle Roll whose mothers take alcohol while nursing. Mrs A. R. Atkinson gave a very interesting talk on "Food Reform," for which she received a vote of thanks, as also did our delegates for their reports.

LOWER HUTT.

September 30. It was thought advisable to send a short report of our work in the Lower Hutt. Our workers are few. Resolved we meet on the usual day for special prayer for help and guidance in our work. We ask the members of other W.C.T.U. meeting to pray for us, although the fight to keep together is a very hard one. We had a small sale amongst ourselves of a few useful and fancy articles, given previously, for the benefit of the funds. Goods were sold to each, amounting to £1.

KAIKOURA.

September 2. Meeting held in St. Paul's Sunday Schoolroom, every member present. A short business meeting was followed by public meeting for mothers and children. Mrs McIvor read a paper on the bringing up of children and the evils attending giving them alcohol in any form. Two new members initiated, and several babies put on Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea provided. Two new members were initiated.

September 11. Meeting to farewell Mrs Slater, leaving shortly for the Old Country. Rev. McAra wished her a pleasant voyage, and spoke of how she would be missed. The members presented her with a small token of their appreciation.

September 22. The Band of Hope met. A good gathering to listen to the young people. Rev. Friberg in the chair. A good programme was presented. More names were added to their list of members.

TAURANGA.

September. Meeting held in St. Peter's Hall, President in the chair. Two members were out of town, and another sent an apology, so our numbers were very few. However, after the minutes were read and confirmed, an interesting discussion on the Bible in Schools took place.