

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 30. Opening meeting of the session. Mrs Griffin presided. Votes of sympathy were passed to Miss Webb on the loss of her mother, also to several local members, and parents of Cradle Roll members. A letter was read from Wellington re nurses' fortnightly holiday. Decided to write Hospital Board expressing sympathy with same. Deputation appointed to wait upon Mayor and Borough Council to arrange permanent rest room. Frances Willard Day to be held February 13th. Cradle Roll picnic February 16th. Committees appointed for Convention arrangements.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Feb. 1. Fair attendance. A vote of regret and heartfelt sympathy passed with our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Collins, in her recent sad bereavement through death by drowning of one of her sons. Names of members suggested as delegates to Annual Convention.

KAIAPOI.

Jan. 30. Mrs Jackson in the chair. Fair attendance. The Secretary's report showed good work for the year; 31 new members. We have bought a section in High Street, and hope soon to have a building on it. The Treasurer's report showed a balance. The Band of Hope Treasurer's report showed a balance, and good work in that department. Our Building Fund is in a good way. Decided that we send a letter of appreciation to Miss Earnshaw. Mrs E. Roberts was appointed Treasurer.

OXFORD.

Jan. 16. First meeting for the year. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs Stubbs, senr., and family in their bereavement. The President read several extracts from the "White Ribbon," emphasising the need for increased activity on the part of each individual member. She urged members to an effort to attend the monthly meetings regularly, and endeavour to bring others with them. The syllabus for 1924 to be drawn up at next meeting. It was desired to make the meetings both helpful and interesting, and all members were invited to bring forward suggestions to that end.

LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Jan. 10. During the session, lasting from February till November, eight meetings were held, six in Lincoln and two in Springston. On two occasions it was too wet. Thanks to our worthy President's most interesting talks and readings, these meetings were well attended, and most pleasant and instructive. Our earnest thanks are also due to those members who so kindly convey other members to the place of meeting. Our session opens again in February, when we hope to welcome new members, and carry on our meetings with renewed hope and vigour.

GREYTOWN.

Jan. 29. Mrs Morison presided over small but enthusiastic meeting. Resolved to let Dominion Convention deal with letter received from the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, London. Mrs Whincop was appointed visitor to sick for following month, flowers to be left with Mrs Leigh or Mrs Whincop. Mrs D. McKenzie was elected delegate to Convention. Decided to hold first L.T.L. meeting at 3.30 on Tuesday, February 26th, after usual monthly meeting of Union.

MAUNGATUROTO.

Jan. 24. Poor attendance. Mrs Wright in chair. Decided to advertise place of meeting and officers. Balance-sheet read and accepted as correct. Credit balance of £2 6s 6d. Afternoon tea dispensed.

PETONE.

Feb. 5. Mrs Jones resigned as President, owing to removal to Feilding. Her resignation accepted with very great regret, many members expressing appreciation of the work done for the Union during her term of office. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Jones, who had lost her daughter, and had to go to Feilding to take care of her motherless grandson. A vote of condolence was passed to Pastor Neild, whose wife had passed away. Votes of sympathy were passed to Mrs Nimmo and Mrs Wiseman, who are both in hospital. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the bereaved and sick members. Mrs Murgatroyd was elected President, and Mrs Hope as delegate to New Plymouth Convention. Next drawing-room meeting to be held at the home of Mrs McEwan, given by Mrs McEwan and Mrs Doneghu, this to be a farewell to Mrs Blair.

CARTERTON.

Jan. 16. Mrs Every presided, 15 being present. Weather inclement. President read an article from the "White Ribbon" on the growth of the gambling habit in the Dominion, showing it to be much greater than in the Old Land. Decided to send a delegate to Convention, and to hold a meeting in Carrington Park on February 6th, to celebrate Frances Willard Day. Mesdames

Peryman and Anderson provided afternoon tea.

Feb. 6. Meeting in the Park a success, mothers with children preferring the outdoor meetings. Ordinary business of the monthly meeting was executed, Mrs Every presiding. Decided to change the day of meeting to first Wednesday in the month, instead of third Wednesday, as previously. Mrs T. Rathbone was elected Superintendent of Y Branch. Mrs Tyler appointed delegate to Convention in New Plymouth. An article was read on the work of our Union in China, where the membership totals 6300. Mrs Peryman gave a very interesting address on the life of Frances Willard. Four new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

ASHBURTON.

Feb. 5. A very large attendance, Sister Mildred presiding. The Secretary reported on the meeting of Executive held to consider the resignations of President and Treasurer, when Mrs W. T. Lill and Mrs D. F. Keir were nominated to fill the above-mentioned offices respectively. No other nominations being forthcoming, Mrs Lill was duly elected President of the Union, and briefly acknowledged the honour again conferred upon her. A vote of sympathy was passed with Rev. W. J. and Mrs Williams, in the loss of their youngest son; also with members in sickness. Mrs D. F. Keir was elected delegate to Convention, also Treasurer. The meeting took the form of a social gathering, in which the No-License Council took part, to bid farewell to Rev. G. and Mrs Miller, who are removing to Dunedin. A brief but enjoyable programme was submitted, the items being interspersed with eulogistic references to the splendid work and influence for good of the guests of the afternoon. On behalf of the members, Mrs Lill presented to Mrs Miller a solid leather suit-case, suitably inscribed, a "sunshine" purse, and a box of stationery. The recipient, in a very helpful speech, thanked those present for their useful gifts. Mr Miller also responded. A social time was very pleasantly spent.

SUMNER.

Feb. 6. Members met again for year's work in good numbers, Mrs McCombs presiding. Members stood in silence and carried votes of sympathy with Mrs W. J. Williams in the loss of her son, and with Mrs T. E. Taylor in the loss of her daughter. An address by Mrs McCombs on her recent tour in Queensland as a representative from New Zealand to work for Prohibition, was followed with keen interest by all present. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs McCombs for her address was carried by acclamation. The matter of augmenting Union funds was referred to Executive to devise means and make recommendations.