

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.

CARTERTON.

Sept. 16. A very good attendance to hear Mrs Lee-Cowie. She is conducting a lightning campaign throughout the Dominion, and has a world-wide reputation for her knowledge concerning the Prohibition question. Mrs R. H. Every presided, and introduced the speaker. Mrs Lee-Cowie ended a splendid address with an appeal to all members, and to the Union as a whole, and as citizens of a great Empire, to do the best we could. The speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Afternoon tea served, Mesdames Welch, Venell, and Pepperell assisting.

SPREYDON.

Sept. 8. Weather very wet. President presided. Small attendance. Mrs Richards spoke for a short time on "Personal Influence." One new member.

Oct. 13. Attendance good. Mrs Voss (Vice-President) presided. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Nairn, and Mrs Whitelaw. Mrs Voss gave a splendid report on the doings of Convention, for which she was heartily thanked. Arrangements were made to invite the R'carton Branch to combine with Spreydon to hold an open meeting on October 28th. Mrs Richards gave a most helpful and inspiring address on "Our Motto." One new member. Afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND.

Oct. 6. Franchise Day was celebrated. Mrs Cook presided. The history of the gaining of the Franchise was reviewed, and the humanitarian Acts passed since were noted. Mrs E. Ferner, a member of the Board of Education, gave a most graphic account of her recent trip to the Homeland and the Continent. She spoke in very high terms of the many fine women whom she met, and of the excellent work they are doing for the welfare of the community. Lady Aberdeen, Lady Astor, Miss Maud Rowden, and many others were specially mentioned. Mrs Fulljames read a letter from Sister Eleanor, in which she said another Maori Union had been formed in that district, and reported favourably on the Temperance work among the Maoris. A collection was taken for the New Zealand Treasury.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Oct. 13. Quite a gratifying number of mothers and children were present by invitation, the day being set aside as "Children's Day." Mrs E. Fairhairn (President) presided, and extended a warm welcome to the mothers, guests and friends. The gem of the afternoon's work was the illuminative and profitable address given by Mrs Stanley Brown on "Child's Sociology." Mrs J. D. Campbell sang a solo most artistically, and Miss Ty'kie Pryde rendered "You've Got Your Mother's Eyes." At the invitation of the President, the oldest children moved to the front, and were the recipients of a small gift and fruit, while the babies in arms were becomingly encircled on the "Cradle Song." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the soloists, and to Mrs Stanley Brown for her educative address.

TAURANGA.

Oct. 16. Very good attendance. President in chair. Decided that we renew our subscription to the L.W.S.N., and also that we continue supplying a copy of the White

Ribbon to the Public Library. Owing to a press of business, relating in part to the coming poll, it was found necessary to ask Mr Sheffield to defer his address until our next meeting. Refreshments served.

OXFORD.

Sept. 23. Hall well filled. 14th birthday social. Resolution passed expressing appreciation of the service rendered by the late Rev. J. Dawson, and sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement. The Rev. J. F. Coursey, of Christchurch, gave an address on Prohibition. Vocal solos were contributed by Miss Ayers, of Rangiora, and instrumental music by Mrs O. Johnson, and Messrs R. and C. Johnson. Mr L. Watson, in a felicitous speech, congratulated the Union on attaining its fourteenth birthday, and wished its members many years of successful work. Refreshments were handed round.

Oct. 21. President in the chair. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs Menn and Dr. Mary Armour (U.S.A.). Decided to send letters of sympathy to sick members. Mr G. W. Forbes, M.P., wrote stating his willingness to support the Child's Welfare Bill. A most successful home meeting was held at Mrs Jones' residence, West Oxford. Decided to hold a meeting at View Hill School. A discussion took place as to the best method of increasing the funds. Mrs Fox gave a report of the District Convention. Arrangements made for Polling Day.

WHANGAREI.

Nov. 2. Annual meeting, 22 members and friends present. Mrs Goodall presided. Cradle Roll picnic to be held in Y.W.C.A. grounds on December 2nd. Members arranged to provide lunch and tea for Prohibition workers on polling day. Report of year's work presented, and declared "very good." Income showed £21 14s 6d: 40 members, 51 White Ribbon subscribers. Vote of thanks paid to all officers for past services. Afternoon tea, and a delightful solo by Mrs Megson.

PONSONBY.

Oct. 15. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a large attendance of members and friends. Arranged that Tuesday, November 3rd, be devoted to prayer entirely at Mrs Lee-Cowie's Hall, East Street. The first part of our meeting was spent in prayer. Decided to help Willard Home with clothes, etc. Letter and report of Sister Esther's work among the poor of Auckland. Sister Esther says that after fourteen years her work is harder to-day than ever. She tells of some homes in beautiful Auckland where some poor little children she found sleeping on wire stretchers without mattresses, and only rags to cover them—no blankets. One dear boy kissed a blanket when it was taken to them; it was the first he had ever had. Miss Hammond passed on some very interesting information regarding the grand success of Prohibition in America. Roll call and afternoon tea.

Nov. 5. Thirty-seven members present. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided. At the request from Willard Home, members promised to bring to our next meeting clothing and donations. The Dixieland Cabaret was discussed fully. Strong feeling was expressed by the ladies, and it was decided that a letter be sent to the City Council asking them to take action, also to have letters in the press calling attention to the condition of things at Pt. Chevalier, where our young people are being ruined for life through the wine cup and what follows. Our President was asked to enquire re the liquor chocolates which are being sold in some confectioners' shops at 6s per lb, and to have the matter dealt with at once. Three new members. Afternoon tea.

MOSGIEL.

Oct. 20. Mrs Macartney gave a most interesting talk on the temperance work generally. The President moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the members to Mrs Macartney for her helpful talk, and she hoped we would have the pleasure of hearing her again in the near future.

SUMNER.

Oct. 6. Mrs McCombs presided. Reported that two "Home" meetings had been

arranged for October. A very interesting report of Timaru Convention was read by our delegate, Mrs FitzHenry. Mrs McCombs read over and explained the resolutions passed by Convention. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs FitzHenry. Appreciative reference was made to Mrs Ogier's efforts in securing new subscribers to White Ribbon, and also in local Band of Hope work.

Nov. 3. Mrs McCombs presided over a good attendance. A report of a "Home" meeting in Mrs McCombs' residence on Clifton was considered very encouraging. Most of the afternoon was devoted to arrangements for Polling Day, including morning and afternoon tea for workers, cars for conveying voters to the polling-booths, etc. Decided to place the services of members at the disposal of the local Prohibition Committee, to further the work in any capacity.

TE KUITI.

Oct. 14. Mrs Edgar presided over a good attendance. Mrs J. Nicholls, delegate to Cambridge Convention, gave a very good report of the meetings. A letter of appreciation was read from Mrs Dawson in reply to a telegram of sympathy we sent. A general discussion took place on ways and means of helping on Election Day. Afternoon tea was kindly served by Mrs J. and Mrs W. Nicholls.

BIRKENHEAD.

Oct. 15. Mrs Jory presided over a good meeting. District Convention report was read. Arrangements were made for polling day. Members met for a prayer meeting at the residence of Mrs Jory on Thursday, 22nd. Tea was provided by Mrs Dingley.

PUKEKOHE.

Sept. 29. The Rev. T. Coatsworth was our speaker for the afternoon. The following week we held a meeting, and went through the rolls.

Oct. 27. Final arrangements made for refreshments to be served to workers on Election Day. Decided to hold a prayer meeting on the Monday afternoon before election day. Mrs Horne, our delegate, read the report from Convention.

PLEASANT POINT.

Oct. 7. Fair attendance. Miss Bishop presided. Treasurer reported £2 19s 3d in hand. Miss Ivy Saunders and Miss May Smith took charge of L.T.L. meeting for this month. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 61 names on roll. Several members had attended a meeting on the previous evening of the Alliance League, and made arrangements for Scrutineers for Polling Day, also cars for voters. We lost one member during the month by death—Mrs Davison, a lady who was highly esteemed, and who did good work during the influenza epidemic. Members sent a wreath. Miss Amy Neilson and Miss Olive Halstead reported having attended District Convention. Miss Neilson read a full and interesting report of the proceedings, for which she was heartily thanked. Afternoon tea was served.

GREYTOWN.

Oct. 27. Miss Oates presided, 10 present. Mrs Collier brought part of a letter received from a friend in America, giving glowing account of what Prohibition is doing there. Decided for W.C.T.U. ladies to give tea to workers at the election. Decided to ask Mrs Every, from Carterton, to help our Union on 24th, when new officers will be elected for coming year. Decided to have a clothes drive for Willard Home.

OPOTIKI.

Oct. 8. Mrs Don addressed crowded meetings. In the afternoon she delivered a powerful heart to heart address to women; the hall was full, and was prettily decorated with flowers, etc., by Mrs Hird. Mrs and Miss Steele sang a duet. Afternoon tea was under the supervision of Mrs Hambley, Misses Young and Vanstone. At night the Hon. J. B. Gow presided over a full house in the Theatre, and was supported by the Mayor, ministers of the town, and officers of the W.C.T.U., when Mrs Don spoke for-