

News of the Union.

ASHBURTON.—Aug. 7. Ensign Mrs Moore presided. Good attendance. Prayer was offered by several on behalf of the coming Campaign. The sum of £1 1s. was donated to A. & P. Association Prize Fund. Decided to take charge of "Quick Lunch Counter" on Labour Day, and two members to attend the next Y. meeting to confer with them on this matter. Decided also to procure five sets of new wall sheets for the local schools. Two representatives were appointed to attend a meeting of Women's Educational Temperance Campaign on August 9th. Miss Watson was appointed Convenor of Social Committee. Pastor G. D. Verco delivered an instructive address on "Vital Points in Coming Prohibition Campaign," and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

AUCKLAND.—Aug. 14. Very good meeting, a large attendance of members and friends; Mrs Cook presided. Delegates were appointed to the District Convention. Sympathy was expressed to Mrs Hutchinson, one of our V.P.'s, in the death of her husband. A very inspiring talk was given by our Evangelistic Superintendent, Miss Paul, on "The wonderful way God works, though we may not see any apparent result or hear any sound." We see the power of the enemy and all his forces against us, but God is working quietly and our foe is already vanquished. Dr. Brounel, recently from New York, gave a very interesting account of the social work in that great city in the slums, among the hundreds of immigrants of all nationalities who dwell in the tenement houses. She gave an outline of the many humanitarian organisations which are at work to brighten the lives, to build the characters and make these people into good citizens. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Brounel.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—Aug. 14. Good meeting, Miss Cullen presided. Mrs Bickers appointed Secretary of the Birthday League. Miss V. Taylor (President of Y. Branch) asked for the help and co-operation in the forming of an L.T.L., which was granted. Mrs Wordsworth, Sr., and Mrs Morgan kindly donating two sets of Temperance Charts, one for the Te Kopuru and one for Aratapu schools. Miss Chur-bward addressed the meeting. A collection was taken up, 16s. being donated to the Organising Fund.

ASHBURTON.—Sept. 4. Good attendance. Social Afternoon in aid of Seamen's Fund. Ensign, Mrs Moore, presiding. A short but enjoyable programme was contributed by Miss E. Moore, Mrs Barrett, Misses R. Lamb and E. Anderson; Misses Moore and Gaarder acted as accompanists. Tea was served. President, on behalf of the Union, extended to Rev. A. J. Petrie and Mrs Petrie (late of Lyttelton) a cordial welcome to Ashburton. Mr Petrie delivered a very interesting address on "Work Among Seamen." Hearty vote of thanks to speaker and performers. Collection in aid of Tamaru Sailor's Rest. A welcome also extended to Mrs H. Hopwood, Rakaia, on her return trip from the Homeland. Reports were received as follows:—"S.C. District Executive," "Y. Branch," "Women's Educational Temperance Campaign." Miss Gaarder and Mrs Saunders appointed delegates to Convention. Arrangements were made for Francise Dev. A large number of apologies for absence were received.

BELFAST.—Sept. 6. Eleven members present, presided over by the President. Reported that four charts for schools had been ordered, 10s. donated to Willard Home. Band of Hope reported 48 pledged members. Decided to hold Bring and Buy Sale next meeting. Two letters of sympathy sent. A paper on "The Life of T. E. Taylor," was read by Mrs McLean. Secretary instructed to write to Rev. Archer, Mayor, showing approval of the stand he took regarding the arriving of the airmen on a Sunday. One new member initiated.

BIRKENHEAD.—Aug. Wet afternoon; small gathering of ten. Mrs Usher gave an excellent paper on "Mary of Bethany," much enjoyed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded her. Delegates were appointed for the District Convention. Resolved to hold Home meetings for prayer. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served by the Birkdale ladies.

BLENHEIM.—Aug. 7. Mrs Smith in the chair, good attendance. Resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs Hancock. Decided to hold a Welcome

Social for Mrs Evans, who will be present at Convention. Hospitality for delegates and Convention Agenda arranged. Everybody busy preparing for Novelty Bazaar.

Aug. 6. Entertained Miss McCorkindale at an "At Home" in the Masonic Hall, at which the Mayor, Mr M. McKenzie, presided and welcomed Miss McCorkindale to Blenheim. Over 200 invitations were sent out, and in response there was a splendid attendance of women, the hall being practically full. We listened to a splendid address from Miss McCorkindale on "Women's Contribution to the Nation." Afternoon tea was handed round, and musical items were rendered by Misses P. Tunnicliffe, M. Grigg and G. Jackson. Miss McCorkindale expressed her appreciation of the splendid arrangements made and the success of the afternoon, not forgetting the lovely decorations and afternoon tea.

BRIGHTON.—Aug. 16. Mrs H. Hall presided. Motions of sympathy passed with Mr and Mrs Miles and Mrs Bielby. Mrs Savill elected delegate to District Convention. Decided that a Jumble Sale be held in October in aid of the Union's funds. The New Brighton Prohibition League asked for helpers to canvas the Borough; members readily promised their assistance for this work. Afternoon tea was served, and one new member was enrolled.

CARTERTON.—Aug. 22. Annual Pay-Up Social. Fair attendance, including four Maori sisters from the Gladstone Union. Many apologies from members who were ill. An enjoyable programme by Miss T. Tyler, Miss Surtees, Mrs Hawea and Mrs Butler. An interesting competition was won by Miss T. Tyler. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Rev. Weymouth and Rev. Armstrong gave short addresses, dealing with "Campaign Work," and emphasised that an intense interest must be taken in personal work, and that with a good smile and a good push anything could be done. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speakers and the performers.

Sept. 5. Mrs Raine presided, 12 members present. Reported that a large box of clothes had been sent to the Willard Home. Mrs Jansen appointed delegate to the District Convention on September 27th. Arrangements were made to hold a Public Afternoon on September 12th, when Hon. Crawford Vaughan, of Australia, is to be the speaker. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Hunt and Mrs Williams. Mrs Raine gave a most interesting and inspiring address on "Mother, the main influence in a young child's life." Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mesdames Dunn and Conwell.

CASHMERE.—Aug. 21. At the residence of the President, Mrs Lowry. Reported that notices of the competition for essays upon Temperance subjects have been forwarded to the Cashmere, "The Binziar" and the "Fresh Air" schools respectively. A collection was taken for the Campaign Fund. A Drawing-room meeting to be arranged for October at Mrs G. Bowron's. Extracts from the "Vanguard" on the subject of Scientific Temperance, were read by the Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Department. Afternoon tea was served by our hostess. Mrs Hodges kindly invited members to meet next month at her home.

CHEVIOT.—Aug. 3. Meeting well attended. Mrs Clifford presiding. A Bring and Buy Sale was held, in aid of the Organising Fund, resulting in a satisfactory sum to meet requirements. Decided to purchase a Scientific Temperance Chart for school use.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Aug. 22. Miss Henderson presiding. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Israelson and Mrs J. E. Smith. Miss Baughan gave an interesting address on her work among the prisoners, particularly among social defectives. Resolved to congratulate Hon. J. A. Young on the Mental Defectives Amendment Bill and suggesting more women on Board of Control. One new member.

Aug. 29. Social Evening. Mrs Richards presided. Miss Shaw gave a most interesting and instructive address on "The best Foods for Growing Children," illustrated by diagrams. Musical items by Miss Thomas, Mrs Gallop, and much enjoyed.

COLLINGWOOD.—Aug. 31. President in the chair. Letter received re charts, no action taken. Quotations were read on "Prohibition in America," and on "Anti-Gambling."

DARGAVILLE.—Aug. 12. Fair attendance, Mrs Page in the chair. Decided Mr Coates

be written to re Bible-in-School Bill. Mrs Reynolds to be our delegate to Convention. Temperance fact read. Being Pay-Up Day, all members present paid up.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.—Aug. 14. Jumble Sale was held in aid of the Organising Fund; the sum of £10 was raised.

Sept. 4. Good attendance, Mrs Hiatt presided. Arrangements discussed for District Convention. Miss Bradshaw to be at Convention. Miss Powell gave an eloquent address on "The Signing of the Kellogg Peace Pact." A resolution was carried protesting against the use of the National Flag on advertising hoardings on Government properties by the liquor traffic in their advertisements. A solo was rendered by Mrs Scott. Mrs Hiatt concluded with an address on "The Evils of Alcohol." Sale of flowers and vegetables for the Organising Fund.

EDEN.—Aug. 7. Fairly well-attended meeting at Mt. Eden Road to gain new members and interesting those out of reach from Dominion Road; Mrs Hayr presided. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an inspiring talk on the work of building up a Union, and touched on the progress made along Temperance lines in New Zealand. Five new members enrolled. Decided to hold a meeting same place, first Tuesday every month.

Aug. 15. Pay-Up Social, Mrs Hayr presided. Poor attendance, owing to inclement weather; also missed the twelve members who had constituted new Union formed at Edendale. Mr Stalworthy gave a most instructive address on "Prohibition" from physiological and political points of view, and gave us first-hand accounts of the success of Prohibition in America from his own personal observation. Mrs Clark, Sr., recited, and afternoon tea was served. Mrs O. Donnell and Mrs Fenton were appointed delegates to District Convention. Two new members.

EDENDALE.—Aug. 7. First monthly meeting. Mrs Mackay and Mrs Clark decided to try and form a Band of Hope; first meeting after the school holidays. Mrs Mackay read Mrs Pirritt's paper on "Gambling," urging all to stand firm on this question. There are 20 members on the roll, a goodly number for a new effort. Afternoon tea handed round.

EPSOM.—Aug. 23. Meeting held for the first time in the Methodist Hall, Epsom, as an experiment, and proved a success, 19 ladies being present. Mrs Neal presided. Decided to order one set of Temperance charts for school use—others later if approved. Two delegates appointed to District Convention in September, also nominations for District Officers decided on. Mrs Benfield, District President, gave a fine address on "The Work and Aims of the W.C.T.U.," and spoke of the Mental Defectives Bill and the "No More War Pact" recently signed. Six new members gained since last meeting. Afternoon tea served.

FEILDING.—Sept. 6. Annual Cradle Roll Social. Large attendance of members and friends. Recitations were given by Audrey Hooper, Elaine and Jean Short, and Craig Campbell. Feeling reference was made by Mrs Pack to the death of our Treasurer, Mrs McIntyre. Mrs Kendal was appointed Treasurer. Mrs Spence delegate to District Convention. One new member.

FENCOURT.—Aug. 9. Mrs Simpson in the chair, attendance fair. Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Vosper, upholding his method of trying to prohibit strong drink at the Dairy meetings, Matamata.

Aug. 17. Ping-Pong Evening; a real good evening. Songs, elocution, music, besides the ping-pong were well received. Everyone enjoyed themselves. A collection taken up, realized £1 17s. 6d. A most exquisite supper brought the happy meeting to a close.

FRANKTON.—Aug. 10. Meeting was held at Whatawhata, on account of Mrs King (Secretary) leaving the district; meeting was arranged earlier than usual. Mrs Jones (District President), Sister Nicholls, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Whatu motored out from Hamilton, a distance of seven miles. Resignation of Mrs King accepted. In the meantime Mrs Whatu takes up the Secretaryship.

GRANTY.—Aug. Special meeting, attendance improving; four new members initiated. Miss Bradshaw gave a very interesting address, explaining briefly the Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U., our motto, and the evils of drink traffic. Decided to start a Band of Hope, and Committee were appointed; Reys Hall and Robinson, Mr Bolitho, Mesdames Moore, Robinson, Bolitho, Jones, Chew, Smailholme and Henderson. Decided to purchase one set of Temperance Charts to