

# News of the Union.

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**BALFOUR.**—Mar. Met at residence of Mrs Orr; good attendance. Greeting from District President. President reported visiting Lumsden branch. Paper on "Frances Willard" and a story, "The Inn-keeper," were read. Four new members. Supper and vote of thanks to hostess.

**CARTERTON.**—Apr. 3. Good attendance. Our delegate, Mrs Hurley, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent report of Convention. Progress of our Union is marked by the possession of a beautiful Banner, artistically worked by Mrs Pepperill, of Napier. Hostesses for afternoon were the Misses Waterson.

**DARGAVILLE.**—Mar. 19. Decided that members go to friends' houses outside the centre and hold Home meetings. Reported 64 names on Cradle Roll. Paper read on "Temperance."

**HENDERSON.**—Mar. 20. Mrs Fountain was welcomed, and spoke on Campaign work, especially urging youth work and through children reaching their parents.

**HAWERA.**—Mar. 22. Decided to change day of meeting to last Thursday. Secretary to send letters inviting all members to next meeting to hear delegate's report.

**HAVELOCK NORTH.**—Mar. 22. Good meeting. Scientific facts given. Report of Convention read. Protest to be sent re Sabbath desecration.

**INVERCARGILL.**—Mar. 4. Inspiring address by Mrs McBean. Remits for Convention discussed.

**KUMEU.**—Mar. 4. Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Addison; also Cradle Roll Supt.; Sec., Miss Brambley; Treas., Mrs Brambley; W.R. Agent, Miss Barnes.

**LOWER HUTT.**—Mar. 27. Arrangements made to deliver Temperance charts to seven schools. Comprehensive report of Convention was read, and by request is to be repeated at Moera Union. Decided to continue Bring and Buy Sales at each meeting, proceeds to Headquarters Fund, also to donate Birthday League donations to same fund.

**LEVIN.**—Mar. 8. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy Sale and a Competition Afternoon during the year, to increase the funds of the Union.

**LAWRENCE.**—Mar. 19. Mrs Edie (Chair). Election of officers:—Pres., Mrs Edie; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hurworth; Treas., Mrs J. McKinlay; Librarian, Mrs Hurworth; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bowie; Organist, Mrs Clark. Correspondence read from Miss Gray, Social and Moral Hygiene and Peace and Arbitration Department. President expressed regret at the removal of Mrs Stokes to Napier. Secretary to write to Mrs Stokes, and draw up a suitable minute.

**MAUNGATUROTO.**—Mar. 20. Secretary read circular by Mrs Lee-Cowie, "What is the W.C.T.U.?" also accompanying letter from Mrs Williams, asking if our Union would arrange to distribute copies in our district. Members agreed circular would be a great help in gaining new members. Secretary instructed to write for a dozen copies. Secretary reported presentation of Temperance charts to Maungaturoto and Brynderwyn Schools, and teachers' appreciation of same. Afternoon tea kindly provided by Mrs T. Flower.

**MAKOTUKU.**—Mar. 2. Cradle Roll Picnic very successful, only one Cradle Roll child absent. Games, lunch, afternoon tea, and a gift to each child. Mrs Golly gave a short address.

**NEW BRIGHTON.**—Mar. 21. "Waist Line" Social Evening was very successful, owing to the work of the Committee, who had the arrangements in hand. Mrs H. Hall welcomed visiting "Y" members and friends, and outlined the work of the Union. A pleasing and well-varied programme was submitted. A number of new members who had been gained during the month were initiated by the President. A hearty

vote of thanks was accorded the performers, and supper was served.

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—Mar. 27. Miss Drew delegate to Area Conference of New Zealand Alliance. Good wishes extended to Mrs Griffin, who is leaving for England and America. Mrs Jemison gave very interesting report of Convention, and suggestions invited for raising funds for Headquarters.

**ONEHUNGA.**—Mar. 13. Cradle Roll Picnic. Good attendance; races for children; balloons and lollies distributed. Mrs Benfell, in her address, urged mothers to vote for women on School Committees. Weather splendid; Jellicoe Park beautiful. Six new members.

**PAPAROA.**—Mar. 8. Reading by Vice-President. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs J. Hames; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Wilson; Sec., Mrs C. T. Brittes; Treas., Miss Wilson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Roigard. Home meetings to be held.

**PAPANUI.**—Mar. 14. Reported enrolment of 12 new members. Mrs Drury spoke on "No More War" Movement. Bring and Buy Sale brought in 13s.

**PUKEHUIA.**—Mar. 17. Mrs Sage, Vice-President, gave a talk on "Helpfulness." Mrs and Miss L. Findlay were farewelled; good workers, who will be missed. A wonderful spirit of love and fellowship found expression at afternoon tea hour.

**OTAHUHU.**—Apr. 4. Mrs W. Taylor gave a report of Convention, to which members listened with interest and enjoyed.

**PONSONBY.**—Mar. 7. Decided to present Temperance charts to the Ponsonby Schools. There was quite a good discussion re picture films and indecent books, as appearing in the newspapers at the present time. Decided to write to the newspapers, thanking them for the attitude they have taken up in this matter.

Mar. 21. Letters from "Herald" and "Star," thanking Union for letters sent re indecent books, etc. Members had written to the proprietor of a shop, in whose window a bottle of whisky was exposed, objecting to same. A most courteous reply was received, saying it was an act of thoughtlessness on part of his window-dresser, and would be removed at once. Reply sent thanking the proprietor. Paper on "Cross of Christ" read.

**PETONE.**—Mar. 5. Charts to be placed in three schools. Clothing and £2 0s. 3d. sent to Willard Home. Delegate instructed to vote for remit against Sunday Excursions. Mar. 12. Successful Jumble Sale. All donors and workers heartily thanked.

**PLEASANT POINT.**—Mar. 27. Annual meeting. Decided to get various speakers on our Syllabus, to deepen interest in the work. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs McNeur; Sec., Mrs R. Crombie; Treas., Mrs Waugh; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews; W. R. Agent, Miss Neilson.

**SHIRLEY-ST. ALBAN'S.**—Mar. 12. Address on "Citizenship" by Miss Blackwell. Four new members gained.

**SYDENHAM.**—Mar. 7. Letter of thanks to Mrs Odell. Convention remits discussed, and Mrs Cartwright Smith appointed delegate. Miss Blackwell spoke on "Need of Women on School Committees." Nine new members enrolled.

**TAURANGA.**—Mar. Met at our President's home. Next meeting at Mrs A. Ferguson's, 1st Avenue.

**TE KUITI.**—Mar. Good attendance. Balance-sheet, read by Mrs Cole, showed credit of 1s. 7d. Special prayer for Convention. School charts inspected. 10s. sent to Willard Home. Paper read.

**WAIROA.**—Mar. 12. Bring and Buy Table realised 13s. 10d. Charts received and examined.

**WANGANUI.**—Mar. 7. Willard Day. Reports on our World work. Mrs Irwin appointed delegate. Mrs Boot Superintendent for Good Citizenship.

**WAIPIKURAU.**—Mar. Special meeting; delegate's report. Members greatly interested in Headquarters. Resolved to do their utmost to have property free of debt by next Convention.

**WELLINGTON.**—Apr. 4. Fair attendance. A report of the New Zealand Land Settlement and Development League was given by Mrs Hirst, who had attended as a delegate from our Union. A short discussion took place regarding the migration scheme and the unemployment in this Dominion. Superintendents for departments were ap-

pointed. A very comprehensive report of Convention was given by Mrs Webb, who received a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation.

## LATE REPORTS.

**ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.**—Mar. 12. The Temperance charts to hand, and sent to the Aratapu and Te Kopuru Schools. Mrs Page, of Dargaville, addressed the meeting, and took for her subject, "Partnership," showing how we are all partners, one with each other. A vote of thanks to Mrs Page for her splendid address. Afternoon tea.

**LINWOOD.**—Apr. Mrs Grigg read the scientific fact. Mrs W. Adie was appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. The President appealed for support of our member, Mrs Gilbert, as candidate for the Linwood School Committee. The different departments of the Union and their work were explained to new members. Agreed to form a Library Circle.

**STRATFORD.**—Mar. 22. Mrs McAllum presided. Two members were nominated for School Committee. Hospital Afternoon Tea was arranged for. Social Afternoon arranged for next meeting, to welcome the delegate from Conference.

**TEMPLETON.**—Apr. 4. Small attendance. Members discussed different business matters. Afternoon tea. Next meeting May 2nd.

**WAITARA.**—Mar. 15. Mrs Lawrence was welcomed as President. The scientific Temperance chart on view, was studied and discussed.

Apr. 4. Social Afternoon for the parents and children of the Cradle Roll. Plunket Nurse Castles, addressed the Mothers on "The Influence of Parents," urging abstinence from alcoholic drinks, as it would impair their health and later on affect the lives of their children. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Castles for her instructive address. Good attendance rewarded the efforts of Mesdames Carrick and Hughson, Superintendents of the Cradle Roll.

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL.**—Good meeting; good attendance. Mrs Turner gave a very full and interesting account of Convention. Motion of appreciation of the kindness of the many hostesses who entertained delegates. Decided to send a letter of thanks to those who gave donations, as well as to those who entertained. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Priestley, our member of the Hospitality Committee, for the great amount of very successful work she did. The value of wearing our White Ribbon Bow was emphasised, when a visitor passing through the city on her way to England from Tasmania, met one of our members in the street, saw the bow and spoke, and so was brought to the meeting where she was warmly welcomed and found some members she knew. A very fine service was held, when two new members were initiated. Each member was urged to try and win one new "White Ribbon" subscriber, as it is such a valuable paper for the members. Mrs Webb was appointed to represent the Union on the Chinese Famine Relief Committee. The meetings to begin at 2.45 p.m. in future, instead of 3 p.m.

**WARKWORTH.**—Apr. 4. Mrs Phillips gave an interesting account of Convention, briefly outlining the work of all the meetings, putting special stress on the "Y" discussion. We were delighted with her success at the Prepared Speeches Competition.

**WANGANUI CENTRAL.**—Mar. Miss McLay gave inspiring address on "Prayer," and after the business was concluded, an address on "Y Work." Temperance charts have been sent to Castlecliff, Gonville, and Queen's Park Schools. Gonville asked for charts for each room, and three members present immediately subscribed the funds to purchase them. Mrs Irwin gave an interesting report of the Convention. The Banner, won from Dunedin for increase in membership, decorated the room. The Bring and Buy Stall was in evidence, and is to be continued during the coming year.