

LATE REPORTS.

TE KUITI.—July. Mrs. Grindlay presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Jones gave a very comprehensive address, especially asking for our co-operation for Headquarters Fund, and also new subscribers for "White Ribbon." One member transferred from Hamilton. Decided to get eight books of Bricks. Mrs. Grindlay thanked Mrs. Jones for coming to us, and 10s. was voted to the District Funds. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs. Simpson.

TIMARU.—July 11. Special meeting for Miss Jennie Street, largely attended and most inspiring.

July 31. Memorial Day. Miss C. M. McLay led devotions, and gave address on "Mr. T. E. Taylor." Mrs. Butcher sang Frances Willard's Memorial Hymn. Miss Law, Y.W.C.A. National Secretary, addressed meetings. Mrs. Gordon left for Cheviot; resignation accepted with regret; Cheviot's gain. Mr. Clyde Carr, M.P., in sympathy with resolutions brought forward by Dominion Convention. Promised his support as occasion offered.

TAUMARUNUI.—July 10. Annual meeting. Mrs. Jones addressed the meeting, and was much appreciated. A letter was received from Mr. Langstone, M.P., promising whole-hearted support of the resolutions passed at Conference. Officers appointed for coming year were:—Pres., Mrs. Murray; Sec., Mrs. Reed; Treas., Mrs. Brown; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Lawrence; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Cowern.

TAURANGA.—Good attendance, chair taken by Mrs. Smyth. Decided we send a letter of sympathy to our President, hoping she may soon be better. An animated discussion was held. Arranged we meet next at Mrs. Black's, Afternoon tea.

WAIKUKU.—July 26. Rev. W. S. Neal presided. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Fenwick (the President) in her sad bereavement. Mrs. Kasper, of Auckland, gave an interesting address on our Motto, "God, Home, Humanity." Afternoon tea. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Kasper proposed. Fourteen members were present.

WAIMATE.—July. Mrs. Roy presided, fair attendance. Mrs. Ensign Thomas gave an interesting talk on "Opportunity," stressing the need of ever being on the watch lest we miss opportunities of doing good. Arrangements for Convention discussed and Committees set up. Resignation of Secretary received on account of removal to another district. Report of Million Shilling Fund collection received, and amount to hand forwarded to Dominion Treasurer. One new member.

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(No Name).—July 14. Mr. E. Woodward gave a splendid address, which was taken from the booklets on Hygiene, which Miss McLay left, and from the first passages of Harold Bell Wright's book, "The Shepherd of the Hills." Decided to send a delegate to District Convention. One new member.

WARKWORTH.—Aug. 1. Sympathy to Mrs. Wain and Mrs. Hamilton, Letters from the Prime Minister relating to resolution re removal of ban from Art Unions. Mrs. Monk sent thanks for clothing for Maoris. Inspiring article on "Women in the Home," from "War Cry" read by Mrs. Mau. Reasons for signing Total Abstinence Pledge given by Mrs. Phillips, who asked for names of members who would give short papers or talks on subjects relating to W.C.T.U. work. Collection of 10s. to New Plymouth Seamen's Rest. Mrs. Verry appointed White Ribbon Agent. Pay-Up Social in September.

WELLINGTON.—Aug. 1. Mrs. Mowlem presided, good attendance. To the Bible-in-Schools League, Mesdames Hirst, Spearman and Murray, were appointed delegates. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Boxall, a Life-Member of our Union. A short address by Mrs. Mowlem on "The need of more energy and enthusiasm in our new Membership Campaign." Read Mrs. T. E. Taylor's appeal for every member to sell one book of Bricks. One new member. "In Memoriam Day" kept recently, and took the form of an evening meeting, with songs by Mrs. Andrews and an address by Mrs. Glover. Mention was made of those who had passed to higher service during the last year.

WYNDHAM.—July 18. Mrs. Adams presiding, ten members present. Three good papers were read on "Pioneer Temperance Workers," by Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Wilson, and Miss Ayson, the readers being heartily thanked. Afternoon tea handed round.

ASHBURTON.—July 23. Special meeting. "Remembrance Day. Mrs. Grigg presided, good attendance. The President briefly referred to the origin of "Remembrance Day" and the work of the Pioneers in the Prohibition Movement, and Adjutant Birks delivered a most instructive and inspiring address on "An Ideal Home-maker," from Proverbs 31, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Much appreciated cello solos were contributed by Miss H. Lill, and a recitation by Miss L. Robinson. Mrs. Charles accompanist. One new member. Tea was served.

Aug. 6. Good attendance, Mrs. Grigg in the chair. Votes of sympathy passed with following members in bereavement:—Mrs. Phaup, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Harwood, and Mrs. Boag, Rakaiia. Kindly and favourable acknowledgment from Mr. D. Jones, M.P., to resolutions received from Union. Donated £1 1s. to Prize Fund of A & P. Association on November 7th, kindly collected by country member. Mrs. B. H. Low's paper on "Scientific Facts about Alcohol," was read and appreciated, and Mrs. Low thanked for same. Unanimously decided to utter a strong protest against Sabbath desecration, as evidenced on Sunday last, when aerial flights were made all day for profit. One new member. Donation of £1 to Million Shilling Fund. Tea.

BLUFF.—June. Special Social Afternoon, the President in the chair. The first part of the programme was musical items; greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Pasley gave a very interesting address; much appreciated by a good audience. Afternoon tea dispensed. Mrs. Pasley explained the Million Shilling scheme. The President thanked the speaker for her splendid address, also the vocalists. (Report delayed—Ed., "W.R.")

July 5. President in the chair, eight members present. Letter of thanks be forwarded Mrs. Johanson for services rendered retiring White Ribbon Agent. Mrs. J. Walker, Sr., elected White Ribbon Agent. Miss McLay, "Y." Organiser, gave a very instructive and inspiring address, showing specimens of the evil wrought by alcohol; it was much appreciated. The President thanked Miss McLay.

July. President in the chair, nine members present. Discussion on Bible-in-Schools question. Decided that the President and Cor. Secretary wait on the Ministers' Association with their petition. Band of Hope reports satisfactory progress. Mrs. W. H. Johnston appointed as delegate to District Meeting. President reported having enrolled eighteen children on the Cradle Roll.

BLENHEIM.—Aug. 6. Pay-Up Social; Mrs. Smith presided, large attendance. Report read of the District Executive, and arrangements made for the District Convention. Six charts have been purchased by our Union and presented to the various schools. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Stewart were appointed to wait on the school masters re Temperance Essays. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Jackson, Secretary, who is very ill, and very instructive and interesting paper on "Gambling," was read by Mrs. Stewart. Musical items were rendered. 14 received for subscriptions.

CHRISTCHURCH.—July. Miss Henderson presided. Vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. Seed and the relatives of the late Mrs. Crowe. A number of Superintendents presented their reports, which were satisfactory. One new member was initiated.

July 24. Mrs. Richards presided and welcomed members from the Sydenham and St. Alban's Unions. The Secretary was instructed to send a protest against more facilities being granted for gambling and increased art union permits, to be sent to local M.P.s., and also to forward the following resolution:—"That the Christchurch Branch of the W.C.T.U. desires to express to the Mayor, Rev. J. K. Archer, the Rev. J. F. Coursey and the Rev. D. Gardiner Miller, its thanks and appreciation in connection with their attitude concerning the proposed art union to raise money for the Earthquake Relief Fund." T. E. Taylor Day was held; the Rev. D. Gardiner Miller gave an interesting address, stressing the need for greater activity and enthusiasm in the Prohibition cause, and the steps of our great Leader being more closely followed. Two new members.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.—Aug. 7. Mrs. Hiatt presiding, 28 members present. Votes of thanks passed to those who so beautifully decorated the rooms and attended to refreshments at last evening meeting. Membership Superintendent, Mrs. Alexander, appointed. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale this month and a Flower Sale later; the "Y's." to have a stall. Resolutions passed at Convention were confirmed and sent to the Premier and the Members for Dunedin. Mr. Bothing sang "Only A Baby Small," accompanied by Mrs. Clark; on this song Mrs. Hiatt made a few remarks on the right that every child has to be well born. Extracts given, first: That articles and cables from America against prohibition were sent by a very small proportion of the population; Second: That prohibition is no new thing, the first State in America to go dry was 70 years ago. That only two States objected when America went dry. That America is not now making drunkards.

DARFIELD.—July 25. Good attendance, presided over by Rev. E. Jones. A very interesting address on "Work of W.C.T.U." was delivered by Mrs. T. E. Taylor, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Ten new members. Mrs. W. Glenville appointed White Ribbon Agent. Afternoon tea was served.

EPSOM.—July 25. Better attended. Feeling reference to the loss the W.C.T.U. has sustained in the death of Mrs. Fulljames, one of its oldest members. The Temperance exhibit at the Winter Show was much praised. 200 pledges taken from children. Bricks for Headquarters Fund were given out. Decided to send resolution to Minister of Internal Affairs, protesting against suggested amendments to the Gaming Bill. Regret expressed that the law has been removed from so-called art unions. The efforts of Hon. W. J. Jordan to substitute compulsory physical training for compulsory military training were upheld by all. An excellent account of the life of the late Mr. T. E. Taylor read by Mrs. Neal. Good collection.

EDEN.—July 17. Mrs. Hayr presided over a very good attendance. A very satisfactory report of the Temperance exhibit at the Winter Show was received, also workers' experiences related. Report of National Council's last meeting was fully discussed. Decided to write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Internal Affairs, protesting against the lifting of the restrictions on art unions. A vote of condolence was passed with a bereaved member, formerly an officer of the Union, also sympathy with sick members. A strong protest was voiced against school teachers continuing their profession after marriage, when their husbands are well and able to earn sufficient to keep them comfortably. Four new members enrolled.

FEILDING.—Aug. 1. Social and Sale in aid of Willard Home; moderate attendance. Brisk business done at the stall, resulting in 15 being taken in cash; remainder of goods to be sent to Home. Final arrangements made for District Convention. Resolved that our Union protest against any increased facilities for gambling that may be contained in the Gaming Bill when it comes before the House. It is with much regret we have to report the death of one of our members, who passed away after a brief illness.

GERALDINE.—Aug. 6. Mrs. H. D. Neutze, President, presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Prattley conducted devotional exercises. Paper read by Mrs. D. McDonald on "Effects of Alcohol on the Human System."

HAWERA.—July 25. A good attendance. Mrs. E. S. Emmitt presided. Pastor Dawes gave a short talk on "Women's Work," which was very interesting. Decided to send for Temperance charts for the schools in the district; the amount needed to pay for same was collected and promised at the meeting.

Aug. 1. A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mrs. Exley; part of the evening the guests listened to a Wireless Concert; had several competitions and recitations, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Exley were thanked for their kindness. A dainty supper was served, and donations amounting to £1 6s. received for the Million Shilling Fund.