

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

TAKAPUNA.

Sept. 2. Mrs Fulljames presided. After preliminary devotional meeting, letters were read, including one on "Indentured Labour in Samoa." Mrs Rapps from the Old Country gave us an interesting and instructive address, "from King's Cross to the Mansion House." Delegates were chosen for coming Convention at headquarters. Afternoon tea served; 15 present. One member for Cradle Roll. A Band of Hope has recently been started at Mulford, and assisted by W.C.T.U. members. Condolences were passed for two members lately bereaved.

TIMARU.

July 27. T. E. Taylor Day. Mrs Norrie presided, and gave an interesting and inspiring account of his life and work. Hospital report received. Decided to appoint Mrs Hughson as permanent Hospital visitor, members to accompany her when invited to do so. Very busy month at the Rest. Three Sunday teas, followed by service. One Sunday fifty sailors sat down to tea. Socials also held and were well attended. Meeting decided to invite Provincial Convention to meet in Timaru in 1921.

August 24. Mrs Norrie presided. The President and Mrs Webster were appointed to represent our Union at the Provincial Convention at New Brighton. A social and a Sunday tea were provided for the men of the S.S. "Wangaratta." The men showed their appreciation by holding a concert one night, and they presented their takings 13/8 as a donation to the funds of the Rest. Before the meeting closed, Mrs Norrie presented Mrs Cave, the retiring Treasurer, with a leather bag as a small token of the esteem in which she is held by the members. Mrs Cave fittingly replied.

DEVONPORT.

August. The President, Mrs Budd, presided. Unanimously decided to hold drawing-room meeting to raise funds to assist the work among seamen, in answer to Mrs Bessie Nimmo's appeal. Mrs Budd conducted the usual devotions, and gave an interesting reading, commending us to walk in love and light as Christian women. Received a transfer and letter of introduction for new member, Mrs Trevurza, from the Ashburton Branch. Extremely pleased to have our sister. Meeting closed with prayer.

HAWERA.

August 26. Mrs Scott presided, and fourteen ladies were present. Miss Aitken, from Scotland, gave an interesting address. It was unanimously decided that resolution be sent to Mr Powdrell, M.P., and to Hon. G. J. Anderson, Minister of Internal Affairs, strongly protesting against increasing the number of racing permits. On Saturday, September 14, the members of the Union will take charge of the Red Cross shop to raise money to help the starving children in Central Europe. Mrs Bell, from China, closed the meeting with prayer.

WAIHI.

August 5. Mrs Snow, President, in the chair. Fair attendance. The sum of £10 was raised at a street stall by the Union, in aid of the Starving Children of Europe, which sum was handed to the Mayor. Re influx of Asiatics: It was proposed that a letter be forwarded to Prime Minister, expressing regret at so many being allowed to land in this fair land of our, as it was thought detrimental to its best interests. One new W.R. subscriber.

GREYTOWN.

August. A protest was sent to the Government by Greytown Union re racing permits.

August 31. A social evening was spent in the Presbyterian School, Mr Murray presided. Mrs Peryman being unable to attend. Songs and recitations were well received, competitions and a quartette was also enjoyed. Supper was handed round, and a collection was taken up for the Sailors' Fund, £3 8s is the result of effort and donations.

OXFORD.

August 25. President in the chair. Miss Henderson gave a most instructive address on "Improved Methods of Education," there being 21 members present, several apologies for absence was also received. Decided to send a protest against increasing racing permits. Treasurer reported proceeds at afternoon tea and pictures given for the Fight the Famine Fund, to be £34/12/5. A collection was taken up in the room, and the amount made up to £35. Mr R. H. Gainsford was thanked for filling up the certificates, which are to be given for prizes for essays on the "Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body." Afternoon tea handed round. A vote of thanks to Miss Henderson for her address.

August 18. Nurse Mackay, Plunkett Nurse, gave a most interesting address to mothers, several questions being asked and answered.

NELSON.

August 10. Miss Atkinson presided. Mrs A. Hunter, Richmond, gave a very interesting report of Alliance Convention. Miss Atkinson reported that £100 had been cabled to headquarters for

"Save the Children Fund." Two cases of clothing, about 650 garments, were ready for shipment. Resolved that letters be sent to M.P. for district, and to Hon. G. J. Anderson, protesting against any increase in totalisator permits. On Mrs Field's resolution, it was resolved to ask Parliament not to consent to indentured labour being introduced in Samoa until enquiry has been made into the success of the system in vogue in American Samoa in developing the industries of the district. Copies of the resolution to be forwarded to Prime Minister, and to M.P. for Nelson.

NORTH EAST VALLEY.

August. Good attendance of members Mrs Peart in the chair. Mrs Nimmo wrote making an appeal for funds, and giving an account of the work carried on among seamen at the various ports. It was decided to join with the Mother Union in the effort to raise money by means of an entertainment to be given in September. The Union at a special meeting resolved to protest to the Government against the granting of more racing permits; protest forwarded to the Hon. J. J. Anderson, Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr Kellet, M.P. for Dunedin North. After animated discussion on the action of the Government in granting renewal of license to Bellamy's, it was decided that as the license had already been granted, no protest could be made. Resolved to offer a prize to the North-East Valley United Band of Hope for a temperance essay. An interesting letter was read from Mrs Don, Dominion President. One new member was enrolled.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Aug. 25. Meeting in Headquarters. Mrs Cook presided. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Auckland Home Economics Society, asking the cooperation of the Union in the Thrift Exhibition to be held in Auckland on September 24th. Miss Paul, a lady who was engaged in war work at Home, gave an interesting account of a similar Exhibition held in London. A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs Daldy. Mrs Daldy was one of the pioneer members of the Union, and was held in high esteem for her excellent qualities. Some of the older members who knew Mrs Daldy spoke in eulogistic terms of the estimable worth and work. Miss Paul was appointed Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, Mrs Alleby Superintendent of Work Among Seamen.

TURAKINA.

Aug. 19. Meeting held in Library. Fourteen present, including two visitors. After usual business, Mrs Wilson read part of an essay on the Life of Frances Willard. Mrs Dowling resigned as agent for "White Ribbon." Mrs Glasgow appointed in her place. L.T.L. held very successful public meeting last week.