

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.)

LEIGH.

April 28. Mrs Grigg presided. A fair attendance. Resolved that Mr Kempt's donation of £1 be given in three prizes, 10s, 6s, and 4s, for the best essays on "Alcohol: Its Effect on Mind and Body," to be competed for by pupils of the local schools, these essays to be on exhibition at the next Omaha and Pakiri Annual Show. Mrs Wyatt read a paper entitled "The Second Coming of the Lord," for which she was accorded a vote of thanks. Vote of deep sympathy was passed with the President and her sister-in-law and family in their sad bereavement.

May 26. A fair gathering, Mrs Grigg in the chair. The President sent a letter of apology for her unavoidable absence. Mrs Gozar read a very interesting paper on the "Evils of Tobacco Smoking," and was given a vote of thanks. Mrs D. Matheson read extracts on "Personal Liberty on the Prohibition Question." Discussion on the evils of gambling in connection with horse-racing.

TAKAPUNA.

May 5. Mrs Fulljames invited to take chair. A fair number present. Short address by Mrs Fulljames. The two banners, one for largest membership, and percentage in the year, were then presented to our Society. Afternoon tea was served. A photo. was taken of members and banners. Mrs Lewins was elected President, and spoke of her visit to the Convention.

June 2. Mrs Lewins in chair. Good attendance. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed the meeting on "Social Purity and Hygiene." She spoke of the responsibility of parents in bringing up their ones, and urged a high standard for little ones, and urged a high standard for mind and body development. She was listened to with great attention, and questions were asked at the close. Two were initiated as members.

WOODVILLE.

May 31. Mrs Shearman presided. Unfortunately, Mrs Mills (Secretary) was unable to be present. Eleven members attended. Miss Mayo, an organiser, from Palmerston North, read to us a very interesting account of the

big Convention held at Ashburton, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

N.E. VALLEY.

May 26. The President (Mrs Peart) presided over a very good gathering of members. The Rev. L. Morris gave a most interesting address to women, taking as his text Luke viii., v. 2 and 3, and gave a special invitation to the members to go to the Baptist Church in a body on Sunday evening, June 26. The invitation was accepted. Mesdames Peart and Tinker were appointed delegates to represent the Union at the monthly meeting of the United Temperance Reform Council. It was resolved that next meeting should take the form of a "Clipping Meeting," members to bring clippings of interesting articles. Mrs Elliot appointed to School Committee.

DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

April 5. A very short meeting. A visitor from Wellington was welcomed. An immediate adjournment was made to Burns Hall, where Madame Strathearn and Sister Kathleen gave song, story, and address in aid of West Ham Mission. Mrs Don was in the chair. Madame Strathearn held her audience spellbound by the wonder and pathos of her varied experiences. Sister Kathleen's simple informative account of conditions in West Ham was intensely interesting.

May 3. Mrs Hielt in the chair. Attendance large. Welcomes accorded to a visitor, Mrs Clark, President of Balclutha Branch, and to two members transferred. Letters received from Minister of Public Health in re Social Hygiene Bill, and from Mrs Peryman in re gaining more subscribers to "White Ribbon." Miss Powell pointed out that the "White Ribbon" helps to disseminate knowledge of the W.C.T.U. Hon. Mr Parr stated he had noted the objection of the W.C.T.U. to the compulsory clauses. Mrs Hielt gave bright, comprehensive report of Convention, mentioning the unexampled hospitality and varied kindness shown by the Ashburton people. The speaker drew special attention to rest rooms started in other places, and touched on the need for Dunedin W.C.T.U. putting forward woman candidate for next Parliamentary election. Miss Earnshaw's work was eulogised. Vote of thanks to Mrs Hielt carried unanimously. Congratulations on his appointment as Crown Prosecutor to be sent to Mr F. B. Adams. Mrs Stewart conveyed invitation from Rev. R. Stewart to hold a church parade at his church. Accepted, and arrangements made to hold it on May 15th. Dominant note of meeting, encouragement in our work. Mrs Hielt concluded a report full of hope and joy and devotion, with lines from the Crusade Hymn:

Give to the winds thy fears,
Hope on, be undismayed,

ONEHUNGA.

May 12. President in the chair. Resolutions of the Convention introduced by one delegate. After discussion, they were endorsed by the meeting. Cor. Sec. given instructions and power to act on any of the resolutions from Miss Henderson if such arrive between meetings. Result of women's effort, one of our members and another lady elected on the School Committee. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Mushet elected as our delegates to the Auckland No-License Convention.

TIMARU.

May 31. Large and enthusiastic meeting. A motion of sympathy with Mrs J. Wallace in her sad bereavement was passed. Interesting and satisfactory hospital report received. Busy month with sailors at the Rest. Two Sunday teas and three social evenings, also two Sunday evening services. Special social for men of H.M.S. Chatham, funds provided by a sympathiser. Decided that a special meeting of the "Y" Branch be held on Monday evening, June 6th, and that visiting members of the mother union bring baskets. Six new members were enrolled.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

April 13. Rev. Reid, from Seattle, gave a most inspiring address on Prohibition in America.

April 27. Mrs Cook presided. An appeal was read from the Organiser of the Barnardo Homes for assistance to collect funds. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most interesting address on the subject of Social Purity, and urged the importance of voluntary treatment in the case of venereal disease. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Cowie.

May 11. Mrs Cook presided. Mesdames Murray and Rosser were appointed to represent Union at Parliament of Temperance Workers on June 3rd. Mrs Neal gave a most instructive and interesting address on "Medical Temperance," giving substitutes for brandy in sickness. She also touched on the work of the Cradle Roll and L.T.L. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Neal.

OAMARU.

May. Attendance fair, Mrs Steenson presiding. Miss Smythe read a report of Convention. They were pleased with the report of the work done by other Unions, and one and all heartily appreciated Mrs Don's thrilling address. All realised the need for us to be up and doing.

OXFORD.

April 27. Mrs Ryde in the chair. Good attendance. Letter of sympathy in her illness to be sent to Mrs Gains-