

## 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.)

### WINCHMORE-GREENSTREET.

July 13. T. E. Taylor Day. Mrs Robinson in the chair. Motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs Glassey and family in their bereavement. Mrs Bennett was elected to represent Union at forthcoming Provincial Convention, to be held at Kaiapoi on 6th and 7th of September. A very fine address was delivered by Miss Kennedy (Ashburton) on the "Motherhood of our Saviour" (St. Luke, 1st chap., 26 to 47 verses). The speaker prefaced her remarks by instancing cases of the kind-hearted chivalry shown to the weaker sex by our late leader, Mr T. E. Taylor. In concluding an original and interesting address, Miss Kennedy paid a tribute to our organisation by declaring that during and since the Dominion Conference she was more convinced than ever that the W.C.T.U. was going to be the means of raising women to their rightful sphere. By special request, the solo, "Only a Baby Small," was sweetly sung by Mrs Constable. Two new members enrolled.

### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

A pleasant "At Home" was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday, 15th July. The room was prettily decorated with spring flowers and wattle. Mrs McDonald (President) welcomed the guests. In spite of the severe weather conditions, the attendance was good. Musical items were given by Mrs Burt's instrumental party, and songs by Mrs Bond, Miss Mueller, and Miss Gwen Evans. A hearty welcome was extended to Sister Maude Coleman, who recently arrived in the Dominion by the Rimutaka. Sister Maude contrasted the conditions of the drink traffic in England and New Zealand, showing that while conditions both in England and Scotland are a long way behind New Zealand, the Scottish position is a great improvement on that of England. Sister Maude urged the necessity for looking well after the women arriving in the Dominion. Mrs Evans, Superintendent of Home Meetings, organised the reception, and Mrs Clark assisted Mrs Evans in dispensing afternoon tea. Several members joined the Union.

### LEIGH.

June. President in the chair. Fair attendance. The Union collected and sent £11 6s to the Auckland W.C.T.U.

Hostel Fund, and wishes to thank all friends for their liberal donations. Mrs R. Matheson read an article entitled "The Tears of the Bible." Resolved to write to Miss Henderson for advice as to what course to take to start a campaign against the evil of gambling on the racecourse. The Union wishes that all Unions would work together to abolish this dreadful curse of gambling.

July 28. Small attendance, on account of bad weather. Mrs Grigg in the chair. Letter from the Auckland W.C.T.U. thanking the Union for money collected for the Hostel Fund, also from Adjutant Gordon thanking the Union for parcel of clothing. Lengthy discussions on the evil of gambling on horse racing and the unsatisfactory state of the divorce laws.

### CAMBRIDGE.

May 12. President (Mrs W. K. Watson) in chair. Small attendance. Several prayers were offered by members for individual strength and activity in the cause. Mrs C. J. Wilkinson's letter read notifying removal, received with regret. Mrs Don's report of World Convention was read by the President.

June 9. President in the chair. Fair attendance. During the afternoon Rev. J. D. McArthur gave a Temperance address, much appreciated.

July 14. Fair attendance, Mrs Watson in the chair. Letters were read from Mrs Lee-Cowie and Mrs C. J. Wilkinson. Afterwards a very fine address was delivered by Rev. Roseveare on "Social Hygiene." Cup of tea partaken of.

### CARTERTON.

Aug. 3. Considering the boisterous weather there was a fairly good attendance. The President, Mrs Peryman, was in the chair. After matters were discussed, it was decided that a meeting and social combined should be held in the evening of the 15th August in the Church of England Sunday School. Musical items and supper will be provided. Also that Mrs Don, from Dunedin, speak at the meeting. Two delegates were appointed to attend the Convention at the Lower Hutt on September 28th and 29th.

### WELLINGTON.

The Wellington W.C.T.U. held a Memorial Service on Thursday, August 4th, in the Constable Street Rooms for the late Mrs A. R. Atkinson, when Mrs Johnson Wright (President) presided. Mrs Crabb (Palmerston North) Vice-President of the National Executive, was also present. Mrs Peryman had been closely associated with Mrs Atkinson in connection with the work of the Union, and said how invaluable her help had been on deputations when asking for new or amended legislation,

as her strong sense of justice and womanly sympathy was a powerful advocate, and enabled her to press home the important points. Mrs Peryman spoke of the loss sustained by the passing of such a leader, whose gentleness and sweet gracious influence had endeared her to all, and what this irreparable loss means to us we cannot now realise. The Rev. J. Comrie, on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance, spoke of the womanliness, dignity, courage and sanity of Mrs Atkinson, and pleaded for all to do their best to fill up the breach in the ranks, and although no one could fill Mrs Atkinson's place, everyone had it in their power to do something to lift a little higher the life of the community, and help their weaker brothers and sisters. Mrs Macdonald, President of the Central Union spoke briefly and feelingly of her association with their late President. Mesdames Bott and Mowlem sang as a duet, "Remembered only by What We Have Done," and specially chosen hymns were sung during the service. Great sympathy was expressed for Mr Atkinson, his daughter and relatives in the loss that had befallen them.

### KAIAPOI.

July 27. Mrs Scott in the chair. A good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr Richard Evans. Mr Evans had always been a great worker in the Temperance cause. He will be greatly missed. Committees were elected to deal with the business in connection with the Provincial Convention, to be held here in September. Decided to hold two public meetings while Convention was on. Miss Bougham (New Zealand authoress) will give an address on "Prison Reform." Next Band of Hope will be held on August 15th. The Rev. Ryburn will give an address. One new member was initiated.

### INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Aug. 2. Mrs Lillicrap presided over a fair attendance. Special letters of remembrance were sent during the month to as many of the pioneers of the W.C.T.U. as were still present with us. At the previous meeting a paper of reminiscences of the early movement in Invercargill, given by Mrs C. W. Brown, who, though unable, through infirmity, to be present, still holds an honoured place in the esteem of the members, proved most interesting. It showed that two years before Mrs Leavitt came to New Zealand to organise a band of noble women, under the leadership of Mrs C. W. Brown, formed the first W.C.T.U. in New Zealand. Deep regret was expressed at the loss of Mrs A. R. Atkinson. Mrs Kennedy was nominated as delegate to the Provincial Convention in Dunedin, and Mrs Lillicrap, Misses Dewar and Birss promised also to be present. Encouraging news