

News of the Unions.

(Please make reports brief, and let them reach the Editor by the 8th of each month.)

BOIL IT DOWN.

The editor sat in her uneasy chair;
Her thoughts ran on apace:
How can I crowd a yard of report
Into a foot of space?
'Tis three to one, you surely see,
The thing can not be done,
Therefore, the poor editorial "we"
Will have to "cut 'er down."
And now, my dear contributors,
That nothing may go wrong,
Please send ideas one yard deep,
But only one foot long!

—Exchange.

TE KUITI.

June. Mrs Edgar presided. Fair attendance. Mesdames Edgar and Nicholls appointed to attend a matinee and report. They reported that part of the programme was unsuitable. Decided to write to the Minister for Internal Affairs for a stricter censorship of films. His reply was, "Please state what film or films were unsuitable, and the matter will be enquired into." Wrote to member of district to assist legislation dealing with women police, Justices, etc. Received a favourable reply. Wrote to Mr Massey re liquor in King Country; no reply yet. Mrs Edgar and Mrs Boles convened a public meeting, the Mayor presided, to consider the advisability of forming a Picket Society. Strong Committee formed, including W.C.T.U. members. Raised money by subscriptions, concerts, etc. Received subsidy from Government. Arranged two rooms for the nurse, also furnishing same. The nurse arrives in a few weeks' time. Mrs Edgar, the President, was elected to local School Committee again this year. The Dorcas Society in connection with our Union is doing good work; they meet fortnightly, and distribute clothing, etc., to needy ones in the district. Mrs Lee-Cowie visited our Union and gave a very helpful address, which was much appreciated. Afternoon tea was served. Assisted No-License League in petition to Parliament re King Country licenses.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

July 12. Mrs Williams, Treasurer, took the chair, President and Secretary absent through sickness. The Secretary reported having written to T. K. Sidey, Esq., M.P., asking his support for the appointment of women Justices of the Peace, the appointment of women police patrols, and the inclusion of women on juries. A reply was received in the affirmative. Telegrams were also received from the Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister, also the Hon. C. J. Parr, Minister of Justice, giving favourable consideration to these re-

forms, which our Unions have so long advocated.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

July. Mrs Pasley (President) in the chair. Apologies from several members received owing to sickness in homes. Correspondence from Town Clerk and Mrs Judson received. It was moved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Don Street Methodist Bible Class for services rendered at entertainment held in Parish Hall, organised by Mrs Stanley Brown in aid of the W.C.T.U. funds. Mesdames Piper and Garrett reported on the Loyal Temperance Legion work.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 11. Mrs Cook presided. Miss Atkinson, of Nelson, gave a brief address. She stressed the need of educational work among the young people on Temperance lines, in order to win their vote for Prohibition. She also spoke in high terms of the League of Nations. Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mrs Jamisen, who for some years was a member of the Auckland Union, and held the position at one time of Evangelistic Maori Superintendent. She was an ardent worker for Prohibition, and during the late campaign really worked beyond her strength, and never fully recovered from the effects. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the victims of the recent railway disaster, and also with the injured. Sympathy was also extended to Mesdames Rosser and Sim, who had suffered bereavement. Wires were sent to the Premier and Minister of Justice, urging that provision be made for women jurors in the Bill before the House. Congratulations were extended to Mrs Taylor's (Rec. Sec.) niece and her husband, who were married on our meeting day. The meeting heartily applauded the action of the deputation of Melbourne women, mostly members of the W.C.T.U., who approached the City Council protesting against the parks being used for tennis and cricket on Sundays, as it was very undesirable to bring in a Continental Sunday. It was gratifying to hear that it had been decided not to permit Sunday games. A letter of appreciation was sent to Mrs James, the leading spirit of the deputation. As it was book afternoon, the members brought in some suitable books for the hostel library, which will be appreciated by the young women. One new member initiated.

PAHIATUA.

Aug. 2. A small stall had been set up and the proceeds, about 67s, are towards the Organising Fund. Afternoon tea was served to some 30 people present. The President, Mrs J. D. Wilson, occupied the chair. The Secretary gave a brief account of the month's business and correspondence, the latter dealing chiefly with letters to Ministers and members of Parliament on the

matter of the W.C.T.U.'s work on legal reforms. Mrs C. Hansen spoke briefly on the faithful life and work of our late fellow-member, Miss Roberts, of Christchurch, and the meeting passed a motion of sympathy with the bereaved relatives and friends.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

July 25. A good attendance. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Griffin. A letter was read from Miss Henderson re Parliamentary work, also from Mrs Judson re peace and arbitration, and from the Secretary of the Labour Party asking the Union to cooperate with them in a demonstration on Sunday evening next in connection with the "No more war" movement. Votes of sympathy were passed to the friends of Miss Roberts, and to Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Battey, and a letter of thanks for wreath was received from Mrs Battey. Mrs Douglas gave a delightful address on "Reminiscences of Early W.C.T.U. Work," and specially emphasised the help given by T. E. Taylor. A collection was taken up for Convention expenses. A very interesting illustrated lecture was given by Mr Bottrill, M.A., and was much appreciated; also a gift afternoon, arranged by Mrs Dickson, at which the report of the Hawera Convention was read by Mrs Scott.

RAMA RAMA.

July 12. Meeting of ladies interested in forming a branch of the Union held at the residence of Mrs E. McConnel. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting and inspiring address, and explained the work of the Union. Twelve ladies were initiated, and the following officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Sharp; Sec., Mrs E. McConnel; Treas., Mrs Kern; W.R. Agent, Mrs Harrison.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 25. Mrs Cook presided. Votes of sympathy passed to several members who had suffered bereavement. Sympathy was also extended to Mesdames Dewar, Dowling (Treasurer), and Miss Hayman in their illness. The following resolutions were passed by the meeting, copies being sent to the Premier and Hon. Downie Stewart, and to the local press:—"The Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union views with sorrow and indignation the attempts made to introduce liquor licenses into the King Country, and would urge the Government to keep the sacred promise made to the Maori chiefs that the liquor traffic should not be introduced into the King Country." "The Auckland W.C.T.U. protest against any increase in the totalisator permits being granted, as they feel it would not be in the best interests of the community." Replies were received from the Premier and Hon. C. J. Parr in answer to the wires sent from the Union urging that provision be made in the Bill for women jurors. Mrs Lee-Cowie wrote saying she had formed a