

News of the Union.

Reports MUST—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—Aug. 13. Very good gathering. Mrs. Cook presided. Sympathy to Mrs. Hiatt, our Dominion President, in her bereavement. Mrs. Adjutant Dick received a hearty welcome. Presentation of a book made to Miss Paul, our late Recording Secretary, with Union's hearty thanks. A petition was sent in the name of the Union to the Cabinet urging that action be taken to prohibit the sale of contraceptives to young people under 18 or 20 years. Rev. J. Olphert gave a stirring address urging the necessity for all to help by prayer and effort to gain the victory in the coming licensing poll.

Auckland Central Evening Branch.—Aug. 5. Miss Jump presided. 20 present. Mrs. Tasker Brown gave report of District Executive and stated 502 pledges obtained at Winter Show. Petition signed against sale of contraceptives to juveniles. Mrs. Cherry gave a very interesting address. Recitations by Mrs. Stallworthy and Miss Read; Vocal Solos, Mrs. Kasper and Miss Armit; Piano Solo, Miss Pearl Wallace; Reading, Miss H. Douglas. Supper. Two new members.

Devonport.—Aug. 21. Drawing room meeting at Mrs. Blackwood's. Mrs. Williams presided. Mrs. Hayhr urged all women to cast their vote and stressed the need for Home Meetings and getting outsiders to attend. Votes of thanks to speaker and hostess.

Epsom.—Aug. 21. Mrs. Neal presided. Fair attendance. Report of Town Hall meeting and Mrs. Clow's address given, also a reading about the White Ribbon paper. Mrs. Bendeley sent letter of greeting and donation. Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Bloodworth delegates to District Convention.

Henderson.—Aug. Annual Bring and Buy. Mrs. Platt presided. Delegates appointed for District Convention. Arrangements for meeting of school children when prizes for essays will be awarded. Letters sent to sick members. Afternoon tea.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—Aug. 21. Fair number present. Resolution passed that the City Council be asked to supervise the taking of alcohol into dance halls, as drink was greatly on the increase among the young people. Mesdames Lediard and Parker appointed delegates to District Convention. Mrs. Wild thanked for songs. Mesdames Lediard and Phillips hostesses.

Mt. Eden.—Aug. Splendid meeting. Mt. Roskill and Mt. Eden combined with us. Good programme. Solos by Miss Brooks; duet by Misses Brooks and Mather. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Mann. Mr. Faulkner gave many reasons why we should all be on the alert and be up and doing.

Sept. 3.—Numbers small. District Convention delegate appointed. In order to obtain funds, Executive asked Unions to endeavour to raise at least £1. Arranged first meeting for Sept. 24th, Mrs. T. Clark kindly giving her drawing room, supplying programme and speaker. Recitation by Mrs. Clark. Petition sent to Hon. Cobbe re contraceptives.

Northcote.—Third birthday of the Northcote W.C.T.U. celebrated at Mrs. Gribben's. Fourteen present, including a Birkenhead contingent. Miss Piper presided. Mrs. Alleby sang "My Task." Mrs. Hugh Kasper gave an address on our Problems—Agnosticism, Gambling, Intemperance, Insanity, Impurity, Loneliness, and Economics. Afternoon tea with birthday cake served. Mrs. Kasper presented with a bouquet. A petition for the abolition of poverty signed by those present. One new member.

Otahuhu.—Aug. 15. Mrs. Eccersall presided. Rev. T. R. B. Woolxall spoke on Prayer and urged all to pray and put our faith in God. Helpful and profitable address.

Papakura.—Sept. Attendance small. A letter from Mrs. Hiatt read. Temperance facts were read and discussed.

Sylvan Avenue.—Aug. 21. Small attendance. Miss Pudney presided. Three beautiful

poems read, followed by silent prayer. Report of District Executive. Petition asking for restrictions in sale of contraceptives be signed and sent to Hon. Cobbe. Representatives appointed for District Convention. Paper by President on Narcotics read, dealing with opium derivatives, tobacco and alcohol from scientific aspects. Afternoon tea.

Waiuku.—Aug. 30. Mrs. Ballantine presided. Eighteen present. An interesting address was given by Rev. Speer. Several members agreed to distribute literature before the licensing poll is held. Mrs. Cyrus Smith and Mrs. McEwen appointed delegates to the District Convention. One new member.

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dargaville.—Aug. 13. Mrs. W. S. Neal presided. 12 present. Delegates appointed to District Convention at Maungakarama on August 28. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy in October to help Band of Hope funds. Paper outlining the work of the League of Nations read.

Leigh.—Aug. 29. Home meeting at Mrs. Grigg's. Good attendance. Mrs. Grigg presiding. Mrs. H. Torkington read "Disbanding of Cadets." Mrs. Woodcock sang. Mrs. D. A. Matheson read "Alcohol's influence on Motorists." Flower motto given:—"Daffodils kindle the lamp and illuminate the darkness." The temperance fact was a saying of Billy Sunday's:—"Temperance is the wise use of the body for the benefit of the Spirit; 75 per cent of our idiots come from intemperate parents, 80 per cent of crime is committed under the influence of liquor." Mrs. Grigg read "Keep Stepping." Mrs. Yearbury "New Zealand Women Martyrs." Miss Grigg, "Who's Your Banker?" Hostesses, Mesdames Grigg and Horton.

Te Kopuru.—Aug. 8. Mrs. Godfrey presided. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Wordsworth, snr., in her sickness. Mrs. H. T. Smith of Dargaville gave a beautiful address. One new member enrolled. Afternoon tea served.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—Sept. 5. Mrs. Jones presided. Fair attendance. The need was stressed for earnest believing prayer for a peaceful settlement among the nations that war may be averted, and also for the success of the coming poll, that the best men may be elected to power and that the trade might receive a setback. Appreciation was expressed that we were privileged to hear Mrs. Moffat Clow; her visit had been much enjoyed. Convention on October 16th, in Hamilton. Short leaflets on the effects of alcohol were discussed, members promising to distribute them.

Thames.—Sept. 4. 10th birthday party and Cradle Roll afternoon. Very enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Paul welcomed the visitors, just over 100 mothers and Little White Ribboners being present. Much appreciated musical items were rendered. The birthday cake, with its 10 candles, which were blown out by a Little White Ribboner whose birthday it was, was cut and each present received a piece. Mrs. Paul gave a very fine address on the failure of the Repeal in U.S.A., and urged the mothers present to keep their promise and try to keep safe the paths of their little ones. Cradle Roll numbers 161; new this year, 35. Afternoon tea. Two new W.C.T.U. members.

Te Awamutu.—Aug. 15. Annual meetings. Reports of the various departments were given, and balance sheet showed a credit. Election of officers, President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Cradle Roll Supt., and Pianist re-elected. Treas., Miss M. Bowman, White Ribbon Agent, Miss A. Johnson; also an Evangelist Supt., Corresponding Secretary and accompanist were elected. Mrs. H. Barnett sang "Just for To-day," which was much enjoyed. Afternoon tea dispensed. A successful Bring and Buy stall held.

Tauranga.—Small attendance. Mrs. Foxcroft in chair. Inspiring address by Rev. Mr. Hunt. Afternoon tea handed round. Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth.—Aug. Two Home Meetings have been held during the month by Mrs. X. Jones and Miss Drew, the numbers attending being between 50 and 60 in the aggregate. Addresses were given by Miss Drew on "The Menace of Alcohol on the

Health and Morals of the People," and by Mrs. O. Blundell on "Using our Influence." Musical items were interspersed and afternoon tea served.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Aramoho.—Aug. 29. Good attendance. Vice-President in the chair. Sympathy sent to our President in her continued ill-health. Jubilee Home to be visited on September 12. Mrs. Wickham gave a most interesting address and received a hearty vote of thanks. Competition resulted: Mrs. Richards first, Mrs. Hamer second. Interesting sale of small parcels held. Members invited to join with Townswomen's Guild in a welcome to Mrs. Moffat Clow. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Tizard and Todman.

Ohakune.—Aug. 22. Mrs. Freeman presided. Small attendance. Sympathy sent to Mrs. Hiatt in the death of her husband. Mrs. D. Kingston appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Miss Donald read an account of "Public Life of the late Mrs. McCombs." Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Wanganui East.—Aug. 18. Mrs. Duxfield presided. Sympathy with Mrs. Hiatt in her bereavement. Arrangements for Mrs. Moffat Clow's meetings were announced. Memorial Day. Rev. John Patterson gave graphic account of the work of pioneers of temperance movement. Afternoon tea. Mrs. Chisholm presented with bouquet of violets on her departure for Nelson after 20 years' service as a member of this Union.

HAWKES BAY DISTRICT.

Havelock North.—Aug. 23. Good attendance. Mrs. Decadis spoke on War and Liquor. Devotions. Several members led in prayer. The subjects, "Come Ye Apart" and "Two Golden Days," taken by visitor. Scientific fact given, "Alcohol and Good Conduct." Mrs. Haggett delegate to Dannevirke Convention, September 10. Letter read from Mr. McCombs thanking Union for congratulations.

Napier.—Sept. Combined Church Guilds met to hear Mrs. Moffat Clow. Five members enrolled. Union donated £2 to buy material, which has been made into garments for Maori children in poor district. Interest in Temperance work is increasing.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Feilding.—Sept. 5. Good attendance. President in chair. Mrs. Spence gave a report of Executive meeting, also of Mrs. Moffat Clow's address given in Palmerston. Welcome extended to Mrs. Martin on her return after several years absence. Mrs. Spence appointed delegate to District Convention. Next meeting Cradle Roll Social. One new member.

Palmerston North.—Aug. 9. Welcome to Miss McLay. Miss Moore presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Young contributed a solo. The Mayoress (Mrs. Mansford) welcomed Miss McLay to the city and introduced her to the meeting. The speaker gave a most interesting address on her visit to Stockholm and also put some very telling facts on the drink question before the gathering. Mrs. Doreen presented the Mayoress and Miss McLay with very dainty bouquets. Three new members initiated. Miss King gave pianoforte solo. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—Aug. 27. Mrs. Baudinet presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Pickering reported on N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. Mrs. Brewer on N.C.W. meeting, and Mrs. Baudinet spoke on the appalling living conditions and housing in the city. Hospital visitors reported. Memorial Day observed. Papers on Frances Willard by Mrs. Webster; Mrs. A. Rathinson by Mrs. Padman; Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Judson by Mrs. Butler. Votes of thanks to speakers. Afternoon tea by Methodist ladies. Closed with "Sicil" prayer.

Dalefield.—Aug. 29. Fair attendance. Mrs. Ordish presided. A paper on "Peace and Goodwill" was read. Goods collected during the month were sent by rail to the Fielden Taylor Mission. Happy social hour was spent by those present. Next meeting September 26th.

Island Bay.—Aug. 13. Mrs. Brown presided. Fair attendance. Motion of sympathy with Mrs. Hiatt on death of her husband. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Mercer. Welcome extended to Mrs. Tre-