

News of the Union.

Reports MUST

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

ARATAU-TE KOPURU.—June 9. Reported re Peace Day meeting and W.C.T.U. stall at Whangarei Show. Secretary read White Ribbon Day paper, and members realised, with pride, their world affiliation with 57 countries. Captain Stott spoke on Parental Responsibility. Mrs Searle and Mrs R. Martin hostesses.

AUCKLAND.—June 7. Annual pay-up social. The President paid a tribute to the work of the late Mrs Dewar, one of the foundation members of the Auckland Union when it was organised in 1885 by Mary Clement Leavitt, World's Missionary from America. She was the first Treasurer, and later held the office of President for many years, till increasing age made it necessary to retire. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to her memory. In connection with the Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill, a resolution was passed by the meeting urging Government to pass the needful legislation to entitle the children to have religious exercises during school hours. Miss Cook gave a most interesting talk on her recent visit to Great Britain, the Continent, and America, and her personal impressions of the various places visited. A pleasing musical programme was provided.

BALFOUR.—June 19. Ten present. Welcome to Mrs Scobie. Replies to letter re brewery license received from Hon. G. Forbes and local M.P. Mrs Smith thanked for fine report of Convention. One new member. Hostess, Miss Liddell. Letter of sympathy to Mr and Mrs A. G. Brown.

BROOKLYN.—June 23. Mrs Baudinet in chair. Miss McLay gave a very inspiring address on organisation in general and on educative work in schools and Y branches. She spoke on evil of medicated wines. A bouquet and vote of thanks given to the speaker. Tea served by Methodist ladies.

BALCLUTHA.—June 9. Evening meeting. Mr P. McSkimming in the chair. Large and representative gathering. Mrs Bedford gave report of Convention, much appreciated. Solos by Mrs Sinclair, Misses M. Murray and I. Gray. Vote of thanks to speaker and performers. Decided to hold after-church rally on July 5th.

BLUFF.—June 16. White Ribbon Day. Mrs Donaldson expressed pleasure at the goodly number present, and welcomed Mrs MacGregor, who gave a very fine address, and was thanked. Solos rendered by Mrs J. Walker and Miss Metzger. Afternoon tea. A very fine meeting.

DEVONPORT.—June. Mrs Glassey read White Ribbon Day paper. Bring and Buy Sale very successful. Reported that L.W.R. Superintendent was doing good work. Mesdames Wrack and Tasker hostesses.

DARGAVILLE.—June 16. Very good attendance. Grant to Headquarters Fund made. Decided to send a donation to Whangarei for expenses of a stall at the last Winter Show. Mrs Taylor gave an address on "Faith."

DARFIELD-GREENDALE.—June 25. Second annual meeting. Fair attendance. White Ribbon paper read by Mrs Glanville. Annual report stated that the work of the Union had gone on steadily throughout the year. Balance-sheet satisfactory. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs F. Cullen; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Russell; Sec., Mrs R. Jamieson; Treas., Mrs Hutcheon; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Glanville.

EPSOM.—June 25. Good attendance at the home of Mrs Hemus. Mrs Neal read the paper on "The White Ribbon," most instructive, and reflects credit on the Editress. Recitation, "The Leper," by Mrs Carr. Another drawing-room meeting to be held next month at the home of Miss Katterfeldt. Good work done at the Bring and Buy table. Ways discussed of raising our quota to Headquarters Fund, and of increasing our finances generally.

GORE.—June 23. Small attendance. White Ribbon Day paper read by President, and Temperance facts and extracts from "White Ribbon" read by members. Report of Southland District meeting given. Al-

liance and W.C.T.U. work for coming poll discussed. Resolution approving Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill was passed. Motion of sympathy with relatives of Miss E. Smith. Decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs Landels, founder and first President of Gore W.C.T.U., now gone to Christchurch.

GREYMOUTH.—June 23. Ten present. Gratitude expressed for Miss McLay's visit, and help afforded by Mesdames Burrell and Truman. Letter to Hon. G. Forbes re brewery licenses. Bible-in-Schools Bill unanimously endorsed.

HENDERSON.—June. White Ribbon Day. Small attendance. Resolution to be sent to Member and Minister of Education re Bible-in-Schools, asking them to support it. Collection taken for Headquarters Fund. Gift stall of produce, etc., for same. Subscriptions were taken for "White Ribbon," and a paper was read dealing with the aims and objects of the paper, and urging all members to have it in their homes and talk about it, then pass it on, so that it will become more widely known and read. Pay-up social to be held next month. A big effort to be made to get more members.

HAVELOCK NORTH.—June 19. A successful "Bring and Buy" afternoon at Mrs Speight's home. Proceeds to Headquarters Fund.

June 26. Well-attended meeting for White Ribbon Day. Lesson on "Alcohol and Young Life." Handbooks ordered. Special paper read on "White Ribbon," also a letter from Miss Mackay to the Premier from the "Outlook."

KUMBU.—June 10. Seven present. Mrs Martin in the chair. A paper was read by the Vice-President on "White Ribbon Day." The disposal of the proceeds of our Bring and Buy was dealt with. Blotters sent round, to be distributed among the children.

KAIAPOI.—June. Question Box afternoon. Secretary reported two good meetings, Miss McLay as speaker; also Cake Sale in aid of Headquarters and local funds. Decided to arrange five Home meetings in September and October.

LOWER HUTT.—June 24. Weather very bad, attendance fair. Delegates appointed to Area Council. Reported result of Shop Day, £7 12s 6d to Headquarters Fund. 10s voted to Organising Fund. Mrs Spencer gave splendid report of District Executive. Mrs Peryman spoke on work of special organiser, of need of educating voters by voice and by literature, also of "White Ribbon," and of the vast amount saved to State in hospitals, charitable aid, etc., if drink trade was outlawed.

LAWRENCE.—June 16. Fair attendance, Mrs Edie presiding. Devotions. Correspondence. Extracts of interest read, also paper by Mrs McKinlay on White Ribbon Day. Cradle Roll Superintendent reports 9 new names. Resolution against further brewery licenses.

MAUNGAKARAMEA.—June 18. A very successful "Bring and Buy" at Mrs Weir's home for Headquarters Fund, realised 30/-. Ten present. Mrs W. G. Hill, of Mangapai, appointed Secretary. Mrs Burt gave an interesting account of Sister Jessie's work at Opotiki in providing tea for footballers, so that the young men would not be obliged to go to the hotel.

NEILSON.—June. White Ribbon Day. Very good attendance. Mrs Walker gave the Temperance Fact, "God's Hedges and Defences." Mrs Downes read a paper on "White Ribbon," and what it stood for. Discussion on ways to advertise the coming poll. Decided to order 100 leaflets, also 10/- worth of blotters to distribute to schools. A Jumble Sale to be held next month. One new member.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.—June 16. A mothers' and children's afternoon. Mrs Fraser, C.R. Supt., extended a cordial welcome to the mothers, and gave each child a small book and apples. Fifty mothers and children present. Address by Mrs Bryan, "The Mother the Real Builder of the Home." Speaker received thanks and a lovely bouquet. Solo by Mrs Lovatt, and recitation by Miss Hall, well received. Four new members. Dainty afternoon tea served. Mrs Kissell and Mrs Walker hostesses.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—June 24. Twenty-six present. Special White Ribbon Day. Afternoon tea supplied, and address given by the President. Miss Drew. By special collection the required amount to complete our quota for Headquarters Fund was made up. An excellent

paper was read by Mrs Sowry, our "W.R." Agent. The Secretary for the Seamen's Rest spoke on work among the seamen and how, by visits to Hospital and at the Sunday services, strong evidence of spiritual awakening resulted. A new member, Mrs Sedgwick, spoke a few words on her life in Queensland.

OHAKUNE.—June 11. Ten present. Mrs Freeman, Vice-President, in the chair. White Ribbon Day celebrated, and a circular on "Prohibition in Ashburton" was read and discussed. Mrs Shilton (Mauku) gave an interesting account of the report of the Temperance Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, recently held in Wellington. Afternoon tea.

OTAHUHU.—June 18. Good attendance. Mrs Gatman spoke of work done at Victoria Home, Invercargill, in a most interesting manner. Grant of 30/- to Headquarters Fund. Bible-in-Schools Bill discussed. Afternoon tea.

OXFORD.—June 24. Fair attendance. Interesting and inspiring address by Miss McLay.

June 25. Good attendance of C.R. mothers and friends. C.R. Supt. reported 60 names on roll. Musical items by Misses Gainsford and Roi and Mrs Johnson. Captain Abbot spoke on "Mother's Influence," and Miss McLay on scientific reasons for abstinence. One new member. Afternoon tea, and fruit for children.

OAMARU.—June. A grand meeting. Miss Smyth presided, and gave a splendid resume of the different departments of W.C.T.U., emphasising the necessity for Headquarters. An enjoyable programme rendered by Mesdames Tweed and Moss, duet; vocal solo, Mrs McWhirter; Mrs Bridgman, recitation. Mrs Forrester (Mayoress) gave a very interesting and instructive travogue on Switzerland. Bring and Buy Sale realised over £8. Two new members.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—June 5. Replies re brewery license received from Hon. G. Forbes and Mr Nash, M.P. Street stall on June 25 for Headquarters, and a travogue by Miss Moore for Headquarters. Mrs Miller's report of Convention much appreciated, also a most interesting devotional talk on difference of meaning between trespasses and debts as used in Lord's Prayer.

PUKEHUA.—June 18. Small but hearty meeting. Mrs Roberts gave a little talk from "God in the Slums," and how God honours simple faith. Letters were read from our Member and the Minister of Customs in answer to our protest against lager beer brewery. A fine paper was read on "The White Ribbon," and a collection was taken up for Headquarters Fund. Mrs Legarth was hostess. Four of our members were at the last Y social, when thirty young people attended, and enjoyed the evening.

RICCARTON.—June 18. Members of Presbyterian and Methodist Guilds were guests of W.C.T.U. to hear Miss A. M. McLay on the "Economic Aspect of Prohibition," which was interesting and instructive. Items by Mrs W. H. Barrell and Misses Hill and Armitage. President stressed fact that it was White Ribbon Day, and appealed to members to take greater interest in their own paper. One new member. "W.R." Agent urgently needed.

RANGIORA.—June 19. Good attendance. Decided to send quota for Headquarters Fund as soon as possible. Miss McLay gave a very instructive address on "Economic Problems," dealing with the home, the individual, and the nation, and was heard with great interest.

SPREYDON.—June 9. A good attendance. Mrs Pirrett presided. Mrs J. K. Archer's address on "Sacrifice" was a searching one. A resolution supporting the policy of the Bible in State Schools League was passed, and sent to Parliament. The hostesses were Mrs J. Watson and Mrs Hulston.

STYX.—June. Good attendance. Reports of departments showed good work. Mrs Richards addressed the meeting on "Peace, Purity and Prohibition." Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Headquarters. Mrs Richards made an appeal for "White Ribbon" subscribers. Two Home meetings are being held this month. Temperance Fact showing the effect of alcohol on the brain.

SEDDON.—June. At Mrs Bell's. Fair attendance. White Ribbon Day paper read. Four new subscribers. Decided to order 50 copies of Y.P. Supplement for Band of