

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.

ASHBURTON.—July 7. Good attendance. Letters of sympathy to sick members. Cake and produce stall realised £10. All helpers thanked. £12 sent to H.Q. Fund, £1 to Competitions Prize Fund, and 10/6 to Winter Show Prize Fund. Letter to Prime Minister supporting Bill for Religious Instruction in Primary Schools. White Ribbon Day paper read by Miss Watson. One new member.

AUCKLAND.—July 14. Mrs Cook presided. Replies received from the Premier and Mr W. E. Parry, M.P., to the resolution sent by the Union in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill. The Secretary of the Mayoress' War Memorial Library League notified a Bring and Buy Social afternoon to raise funds to help to carry on the splendid work in the back blocks and isolated parts of the Dominion by sending parcels of books and magazines, which are so much appreciated and welcomed. Sister Grace gave an inspiring paper on the "Bible as a Book of History, Literature, and a Builder of Character." Miss Bennett rendered a piano solo; afternoon tea was served.

BALFOUR.—July 17. Fair attendance. Mrs McDonald presided, and read a poem "They Followed Him." 10/- donated to Bible-in-Schools' League. Children in local school to be asked to write Temperance essay, and prize to be given. Pound afternoon, in aid of Victoria Home on August 21st. Rev. R. J. Steward spoke on "Be Strong; Be of Good Courage." Hostess, Mrs McDonald.

BIRKENHEAD.—July 2. At Mrs Dingley's home; 14 present. Short prayer meeting. A very impressive address on "Economic Waste of Liquor Traffic" by Mrs Morgan Richards. Next meeting at Mrs Jory's.

BIENHEIM.—July 7. Splendid attendance. New members welcomed. Archdeacon Kimberley spoke; likened intemperance to an abscess, entailing work and patience to get rid of it. 200 unemployment cards given for distribution. Letters of congratulation to Mrs T. E. Taylor and Mrs Peryman on appointments to N.Z. P.P.W. Assn. Reported home meeting held at Mrs Girling's, when President gave interesting address on "Work, Aims and Ideals of W.C.T.U." One new member. Musical items and afternoon tea.

RAINHAM.—July 9. Members read facts from "White Ribbon." Reported that Social, with cake and sweet stall, held, and £1 13/- raised, which was sent to H.Q. Fund.

DEVONPORT.—July 15. Major Gordon spoke of Christian spirit needed during present distressing times. Mrs Burnett hostess and Miss Wallis soloist.

DUNEDIN.—July 7. Donation of £30 to the Forward Movement. Mrs Hiett reported most inspiring meeting at Balclutha. Mrs Roreril made Life Member. The Y. Branch congratulated on the splendid manner in which they had conducted the newspaper correspondence on "Wine at Weddings." Mrs Hiett spoke on "Lo, I am with You Always."

DARGAVILLE.—July 17. At Mr. Martindale's, Aoroa. Misses Martindale were hostesses. Mesdames Reynolds, White and Wordsworth spoke on work of W.C.T.U.

July 21. Good attendance; members of Te Kopuru Branch present. Mrs. Hughes spoke on Dominion Convention. Pledge repeated; afternoon tea, and subs. collected.

EPSOM.—July 23. Very wet; small attendance at Miss Katterfeldt's. Reports of work done at Temperance stall at Winter Show given by hostess and Secretary. Agreed that all energies be concentrated on the coming poll. Quota sent to H.Q. Fund. Mrs Benfell nominated as District President.

GREYTOWN.—July 28. Seven present. Miss Douglas spoke on "Evils of Alcohol," and urged that these be taught to our young people. £1 donated to Organising Fund.

GERALDINE.—July 7. Capt. Avenell in chair. Sympathy in bereavement to Mrs Wallach and Mrs Hayes. Four new mem-

bers. Mrs. Prattley spoke on the "Need for Prayer," and Capt. Avenell on "Bible-in-Schools." 25 present.

HAWERA.—July. Mrs Exley presided and Mrs Irvine led devotions. Votes of sympathy to relatives of Mr Corry, Mrs Catran, Mr Crabb, Miss Smith and Mrs McAr. Mrs Exley made feeling reference to our workers of the past. Reports of canvassing satisfactory. Two new members. Article read and discussion on Bible-in-Schools; two clauses objected to, and President and Secretary waited upon local M.P. re these clauses.

HENDERSON.—July. Pay-up social; fair attendance. Mr Mason wrote promising to support Scripture Enabling Bill. Quota sent to H.Q. Fund. Reported 300 pledges taken at W.C.T.U. stand at Exhibition. Next month clippings from "White Ribbon" read and discussed. Mrs Hutchins and Mrs Wright sang, and Mrs Elcoat gave amusing reading.

HASTINGS.—July 24. Memorial Day celebrated. Mrs L. A. Baumgart gave suitable address, stressing the fact that we should keep evergreen the memories of those who had gone before, having rendered service and sacrifice in the cause of Temperance. During the month three home meetings had been held, and three new members gained.

KAIAPOL.—July 29. Decided to arrange a visit to Woodend to give a W.C.T.U. meeting there. Address by Mrs Major Suter, of Christchurch. Collection taken for N.Z. Fund. Next meeting individual items.

LINWOOD.—July. Combined with Sydenham Union. Mrs J. K. Archer spoke on T. E. Taylor. Musical items much appreciated. Resolved to protest against a lottery in aid of hospitals. One new member. Weekly prayer meeting to be held. Mrs Mackie appointed Press Reporter.

LOWER HUTT.—July 22. Good attendance. Mrs Roberts reported on Area Council meeting. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Aldersley, delegates to local Prohibition League, and Mrs Tait to District Executive. Miss Douglas reported 350 homes visited, and literature distributed. Rev. Lopdell spoke on "Prohibition Stalwarts," and stressed the need for leaders. Vote of sympathy to parents of Mr. O. Ching, one of our L.T.L. workers.

LAWRENCE.—July 21. Good attendance, Mrs Edie in Chair. Plans made re Miss McLay's visit in August. Discussion re District Convention, to be held at Balclutha in September. Convention report read by Miss Hendry. One new member.

MT. ALBERT.—July 9. Miss Carnahan gave an address on "Women's Work and the Children's Courts," which was much appreciated. Reported that the Jumble Sale held the week previously had provided the Branch with a credit balance. Mesdames Gillon and Hills hostesses for the afternoon.

MAUNGATUROTO.—July 15. Secretary reported having collected sack of clothing and boots for Jasper Calder and Mission, also having received permission from railway authorities to send same for half-rate.

OAMARU.—July. Good attendance. Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, addressed the meeting. "The Call to Women," Ezekiel 22. gave a picture of a land in the grasp of evil. Woman was the custodian of the race. Alcohol was a racial poison. The call came to women to abolish that which destroyed the home and the race. Good collection. Dainty afternoon tea.

OXFORD.—July 22. Small attendance. Prayer circle and cottage meetings started first on August 5. President reminded members of closing of roll, and urged them to enroll. Papers on T. E. Taylor by Mrs Jones and Mrs Tritt.

NELSON.—July. Memorial Day; very good attendance. Greetings received from Sister Branch; Y's invitation to social accepted. Posters exhibited in shop window, rented for the occasion. Mrs Walker read a paper, "The Parable of the Sower." Mrs Smith sang "Crossing the Bar," also read a most interesting paper in memory of our past leaders. Next meeting Cradle Roll Day.

OTAHUHU.—July 16. Mrs McArthur spoke on "Life of T. E. Taylor." Need of prayer was stressed, and meetings arranged. Hostesses, Mrs Venables and Mrs Hall.

ONEHUNGA.—July 9. Mothers' afternoon. Wet day, but fair attendance. Mrs Mountjoy presided, and arranged programme. Vocal duets, Mesdames Pilkington and Kelsall; recitation, Miss Ryan; song and character sketch by Mrs Bissett. One new member for C.R.

July 22. Home meeting at Mrs Denise's. Musical items. Address on "Woman's Vote" by Mrs Benfell. Competition and afternoon tea.

OTOROHANGA.—July 3. 11 present. Mrs Lynn gave a forceful address on Liquor Traffic. Literature purchased. Hostesses for tea, Mesdames Perrott and Cresby.

PORT CHALMERS.—July 9. Mrs. Brighton presided. Reported that £4 had been sent to H.Q. Fund. Miss McLay to be speaker at next meeting. Band of Hope to be started next month. (Send along reports of B. of H. for Y.P. Supp.—Ed. "W.R.")

PUKEHUIA.—Nine present. Very happy time spent. Delight expressed at promised visit from Dominion President. Mrs McFarlane read piece sent by an old member now an invalid. Mrs Bramble read about the U.S.A.'s determination to keep Prohibition. Mrs Legatt spoke on "Alcohol—A Race Poison." Discussion followed. Mrs Bramble hostess.

PETONE.—July 7. 14 present. Regret expressed at removal of Band of Hope Superintendent. Reported enjoyable social afternoon held; Mesdames Jones and Jensen hostesses. White Ribbon Day; 8/6 donated to W.R. Fund. Songs by Mesdames Millward, A. Battersby and Wakelin; recitations by Mrs Matthews and Jensen. Mrs Murgatroyd read paper on "The White Ribbon," after which individual testimonies to its benefits were given.

RUNANGA.—May 5. Miss McLay, the Dominion Organiser, addressed the first meeting of the Runanga Branch of the W.C.T.U. for the year in the Presbyterian Church. 8 new members enrolled, and 2 honorary members were present. The following officers were appointed: Pres., Mrs Rae, Seddon Terrace; Treas., Mrs Robertson, Seddon Street, Runanga; Sec., Miss Elsie Finch, Runanga.

June 4. Owing to bad weather only 5 members were present. The President in the chair. Subscriptions paid.

July 2. In Presbyterian Church; 8 members present. The President was in the chair. Papers of interest to members on the drink problem and "White Ribbon" were read by Mrs Southward and Miss Finch respectively. A general discussion followed. Solo by Miss Elsie Finch.

RICHMOND.—Quite well-attended meeting. We departed from our usual order, as Mr Tuckey brought his gramophone and records and gave us a delightful afternoon with "The Messiah."

SOUTH DUNEDIN.—Mrs Aderman has given good report of Convention. Other members have attended National Council of Women, and other organisations supporting No License, and given reports. Efforts made to augment Headquarters' Fund by means of a jumble sale. Mrs Aburn, also of St. Clair, gave one afternoon. Members took part in a musical and elocutionary programme, the hostess, and her daughter serving a very generous afternoon tea. Resolutions passed; members otherwise showing interest in matters outside own small garden plot. The paper, "Commonsense" taken, read and distributed. The reading (and subsequently sending to local papers to report) of one fact bearing on necessity of No License, has been taken up.

STYX.—July. Weather bad; attendance small. Reported two home meetings held and two Bring and Buy sales, also silver trial for H.Q. Fund, which paid our quota. Extracts from Life of T. E. Taylor read. Deputation to wait on School Committee re Bible-in-Schools.

SUMNER.—July 7. Miss McLay addressed a representative gathering from various women's societies. She spoke of the need for women to rise in their might and sweep away the liquor traffic. Fine programme by Mesdames Heslop, Wilcox, Langdal and Kerr. Dainty afternoon tea.

SPREYDON.—July 14. A resolution of protest against the licensing of bookmakers was passed; remits to be sent to Parliament. A Bring and Buy effort realised 25/-, to go to the H.Q. Fund. Miss Harband gave an eloquent address on the late T. E. Taylor's motto, "Make Life a Challenge and Not a Truce." Mesdames Clark and Sim were hostesses.

TUA MARINA.—July 21. Twenty-one present. One new member. Band of Hope leader elected. Prayer Band formed to meet monthly. Address by Rev. Kings on T. E. Taylor; very interesting and illuminating.