

News of the Union.

Reports MUST

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2. Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
3. Be short and to the point.

No. 1 REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.—Aug. 11. Mrs Cook presided. A tribute paid to the work of Miss Anna Gordon, whose death had occurred recently. Mrs Cook called attention to the World's Women's Annual Day of Prayer, which was started by a Korean woman. Delegates appointed to the District Convention. Very interesting address given by Rev. Stempson, who spoke of the national temptations of strong drink, gambling, and Sabbath-breaking, and the necessity of building battlements to protect the home. He said there was as much spent in England in eleven days on strong drink as all the world spent in a year on Protestant missions.

BALLANCE.—Aug. Fourteen present, Mrs Hancock in the chair. Mrs Holdaway read a paper on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Digestive Organs." A scientific fact was read. A Bring and Buy realised 9/-. Afternoon tea dispensed.

BAINHAM.—August. Three present. We spoke on Temperance Facts. We do not seem to get any more members. When we get the mothers interested we will start a Cradle Roll.

BROOKLYN.—Aug. 25. Mrs Goring presided. Pleasant afternoon, and good attendance. Mrs Gittings read a paper on "18th Amendment," U.S.A., which was both interesting and instructive. Twelve members to visit Wellington Hospital during September. Letters to bereaved and sick members. Mrs Every, our District President, sent a cordial message of greeting and encouragement. Mrs McMillan gave a splendid address on Palestine, receiving a hearty vote of thanks and a pretty Victorian posy. Delegate to attend District Convention. Baptist ladies were hostesses.

DEVONPORT.—Aug. 18. Delegates appointed to District Convention and to N.Z. Alliance Conference. Seven new members. Little White Ribboners' afternoon; 72 were present, with their mothers. Games were played, and each child received a handkerchief and a fancy box of sweets. Great credit is due to the Superintendent, Mrs Wrack, who has increased the membership from 18 to 126 in less than 12 months. Splendid increase. Can't some more Unions do the same.—Ed. "W.R.")

GREYTOWN.—At Presbyterian Manse. Seven present. Three apologies received. Delegates to attend District Convention. Disarmament petition forms handed round and signed.

GORE.—Aug. 25. Papers by members. Sympathy with Mrs Byars in bereavement, and with Mrs Beattie in her illness. Collection in aid of Bible-in-Schools League. Petition for World Disarmament circulated for signatures. Decided to ask Rev. Armstrong to address an evening meeting in September. One new member.

HASTINGS.—Aug. 27. Good attendance. Ensign Duggan gave an interesting talk on "Gifts Brought to the Wise King" (Matt. 7, verse 8). Two home meetings held. Annual District Convention to be held September 30th in Hastings. Give and Buy table result, 4/5; collection tea, 4/8. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Moss and family. Mrs Paul read report of District Conference held in Hastings last week. One new member. Resolution in connection with the Licensing Poll sent forward. Miss Blair rendered two sweet solos. Afternoon tea.

HAMILTON.—Aug. 7. Mrs Jones presided. Large attendance. Feeling of reverence made to the passing of the World's W.C.T.U. President, Miss Anna Gordon, and also to our Vice-President in the serious illness of her husband. Mrs T. E. Taylor to be the principal speaker at District Convention. Rev. Hoeking gave a helpful talk to members, attention being called to the need of unremitting zeal in regard to picture posters. Pianoforte solos by Mrs Sin-

clair. Appeal on behalf of Welfare League most generous, good supply of provisions and vegetables being donated. Mesdames Jones and Davey hostesses.

KAIAPOI.—Aug. Small attendance. Decided to invite Mrs Drury to speak at next meeting. Members present all read a beautiful or instructive article culled from books or magazines.

KUMEU.—Aug. Seven present. Letter read from paper in reply to Mr Mason's, M.P., letter on Wines Production Bill. Discussion regarding continuing our meeting, majority in favour of carrying on. Mrs Martin appointed President.

LEIGH.—Aug. Meeting at Mrs A. E. Grigg's. Small attendance. Mrs D. A. Matheson in the chair. Mrs Gozar read an article entitled "Shetland, a Town Without a Public-house." Mrs Grigg read an extract from "God in the Slums." Mrs Torkington read of the aims and working of the W.C.T.U. throughout the world. Mrs Grigg kindly dispensed afternoon tea. World's Disarmament petition signed.

LINWOOD.—Aug. Scientific fact by Mrs Brewins. Letters of condolence to Mrs Greenslade and Mrs Grose. Decided to send delegate to District Convention. Mrs Richards reported on W.C.T.U. stall at Winter Show.

LAWRENCE.—Aug. 18. Good attendance. Mrs Edie in chair. One new member. Two new names on Cradle Roll. Arrangement completed re Miss McLay's visit on afternoon of 22nd. Paper on T. E. Taylor read by Mrs Clarke.

LOWER HUTT.—Aug. 23. Good attendance. Delegate to District Convention appointed. Mrs Roberts to attend Area Council of N.Z.A. Mrs Tait gave report of District Executive meeting, and received hearty clap. Paper on "Objects and Aims of the W.C.T.U." was given by Mrs Crawford, and a short talk on "Our Pledge: What Does It Mean to Us?"

MT. ALBERT.—Aug. Cradle Roll afternoon. Good representation of mothers with their babies. The Superintendent of the Department (Mrs Brodie) presented each child with a gift. Mrs Morgan Richards addressed the gathering on the subject of the responsibility of mothers to their children. Musical items were interspersed, and afternoon tea was served, the hostesses being Mrs Halliwell and Miss Jones.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Aug. 6. A party of members taxied out to Hurworth, a country suburb, hoping to form a Union. Although there were some 20 ladies to receive us, and a cordial welcome and tea given us, there seemed no one willing to accept offices. However, after our President had stated facts regarding the Union, four new members were initiated and a number of babies put on the Cradle Roll. Interest was taken in our aims and work, and one member promised to distribute literature.

Aug. 26. Seamen's report read by Secretary. Papers had been sent by several, and also a donation of tea. Visits from sailors for month, 678. Arrangements made to take the caretaker's duties during her fortnight's holiday. An appeal from our local Y's for help at their social on the 14th was responded to by the ladies present. The President spoke about the June Conference held in Toronto, and pictured the world's newly-appointed President, Mrs Boole, who stepped into the position from which our dear departed Anna Gordon was taken. The Conference had been an inspiring occasion.

NGARUAWAHIA.—President in the chair. A report of Cradle Roll showed a membership of 151. Very interesting paper read.

NELSON.—Aug. 11. Social afternoon to Cradle Roll mothers. Very good attendance. Rev. W. A. Burley gave an address. Musical and elocutionary items. A tiny White Ribboner presented the President with a bouquet.

OHAKUNE.—Aug. 13. Mrs Freeman in chair. Nine present. Interesting letter received from Mrs Lynn giving an account of her work in Taihape and other districts. Final arrangements made for District Convention at Raetihi on September 2nd. One new member. Afternoon tea.

OTAHUHU.—Aug. 20. Mrs Eccersall in the chair. Mrs Handerside and Mrs Taylor appointed delegates to the N.Z.A. Conference, and Mrs Handerside and Mrs Burman to the Auckland District Convention.

OWAKA.—Aug. 12. Ten members present. New syllabus arranged for ensuing year. Keen interest shown.

ONEHUNGA.—Aug. 13. Pay-up social. Splendid attendance of members and friends. Mesdames Denise, Lamond, and Mountjoy appointed delegates to District Convention. Members taking "White Ribbon" to give children's page to Cradle Roll Supt. for distribution when sending birthday cards. Pastor Garner gave an inspiring talk on the influence of women in the home, on the children, and through them to the nation. A programme of music, songs, and recitations arranged by Mrs Musket, who, with the artists, received a hearty vote of thanks.

OXFORD.—Aug. 5. Cottage meeting at Mrs C. Morris'. Articles from "White Ribbon" read by President. Mrs Tritt spoke, and a discussion on harmful effects of patent medicines.

Aug. 19. Miss Waterman delegate to District Convention. Franchise Day next meeting; 38 years since Franchise granted, and Liquor Party still going strong. Miss Gainsford gave short address.

PUKEHUIA.—At our August meeting the President, Mrs Roberts, spoke on the great cheer it brought to our hearts when we realised "the Master is come." Mrs McFarlane read that wonderful letter written by Miss Jessie Mackay to the Premier. An article was also read on "World Peace." Decided to send for literature for distribution. We are looking forward to the visit of our N.Z. President, Mrs T. E. Taylor. Mrs McLean was hostess.

RANGIORA.—Aug. 28. Small meeting. Decided to send a protest against the postponement of Licensing Poll to the Prime Minister. Mrs McKechnie appointed a delegate to District Convention. Members asked to sign the World's Disarmament Petition.

RYAL BUSH.—Aug. 19. Joint meeting of the W.C.T.U. and P.W.M.U. of Ryal Bush and Wallacetown. Mrs Wilson presided. Good attendance. Miss McLay addressed the meeting on "The Problem of the Liquor Traffic and Missions." A scientific talk on "The Racial Poison Alcohol and Race Degeneracy," was listened to with much interest. Two new members initiated. A solo from Mrs Bruce was much appreciated. Afternoon tea served.

RICCARTON.—Aug. 13. Large gathering. Interesting fact, that the human heart beats 75 times per minute, or 100,000 times every 24 hours; each beat lifts 4oz. to 4½oz. of blood. After taking 2oz. of alcohol the heart increases its beats 8000 times in 24 hours, equal to lifting 15 tons 1 foot. Interesting sketch of the World's W.C.T.U. Convention held in Toronto, Canada, given. Stall attendants were appointed for one day at the Winter Show, and delegate elected for the Dominion Convention. Dainty afternoon tea provided by Mrs Jack, and with votes of thanks and the Benediction a happy and interesting afternoon came to a close.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.—Aug. Devotional address by Mrs McKinnon on the words, "Go, work in My vineyard." A very able address on "Temperance Education" by Rev. O. Pearn, outlining a scheme for such education, for which he was warmly thanked.

SEDDON.—August meeting at Mrs Liley's home. Wet afternoon. Ten members and friends present. Decided to have lantern evening for Band of Hope children during school holidays. An article by Miss Isabel McCorkindale, "The Responsibilities of a New Life," was read, and much appreciated.

SPEYDON.—Aug. 11. Evening meeting. Mrs Pirrett presided, fifty present. Miss M. K. Lovell-Smith, President of the Christchurch branch of the National Council of Women, gave a most absorbing and illuminating talk on her trip to the World's Convention of that body at Vienna. From a W.C.T.U. point of view, the fact that more coffee and water, in preference to beer and wine, are drunk in public restaurants in Austria stood out. Elocutionary and musical items were enjoyed. Supper served by Mrs Fehsenfeld and Miss White. Votes of thanks were passed.

STYX.—Aug. 10. Fair attendance. One new honorary member. Motion of sympathy with relatives of late Miss Anna Gordon. Decided to combine with Papanui and hold a meeting at Harewood; also an-