

INVERCARGILL.

On October 20th there was a good attendance. The report of "Cradle Roll Party" was given by Miss Brown, Secretary; 8 new members were enrolled that day, making a total of 88 children on the roll. An address upon "Feeding the Baby" was given by Plunket Nurse O'Shea. Mrs Brown also spoke. Cards and literature were distributed, and afternoon tea handed round. Decided to again have the rest and tea rooms at the forthcoming Agricultural Show. The Union is also undertaking the oversight of the retiring rooms in the grand stand. An address upon "Prison Reform and Work Amongst Young People" was given by Mr McLean, City Missioner, and much appreciated.

Nov. 3. Meeting well attended. Rev. and Mrs Baird, examiners for the school children's essays on Temperance Wall Sheets, reported that 114 essays had been sent in. As so many of these were most excellent papers, it was decided to increase the number of prizes, £5 to be spent. Further arrangements were made for the conduct of the rest and tea rooms at the Show. Decided to donate two pairs of blankets to the consignment being sent by St. John's Ambulance for the soldiers. Most of our members are very busy preparing clothes for the needy Belgians. The Union is working in conjunction with the Reform Council in distributing Temperance literature.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Nov. 5. Meeting held in the Constable Street Rooms. Mrs Evans, M.A., presided over a good attendance. Suggested that essays should be written by the school children from the lessons learned from the Temperance Wall Sheets, which were provided by the Educational Department. Mrs Boxall proposed—1st: "That the letter received from the Minister for Justice (Mr Herdman) be replied to, thanking him for what he has done re closing the shops on Sundays, yet calling the attention of the police to those shops in Wellington South and Island Bay which still do business on the Sabbath." 2nd: "That a letter be written to the Secretary of the Ministers' Association asking them to preach on 'Sabbath Observance' once a quarter, for the sake of the children, who are tempted to spend their pennies in the sweets shops which are kept open on that day." Mrs Glover, of the Salvation Army, addressed the meeting, giving pathetic instances of those who could not pass an open bar, and pleaded with all those present to help close them. Mrs Glover has a wonderful personality, and impressed all those who were privileged to hear her with her Christian charity and consecrated womanliness. In response to Miss Newcombe's appeal for relief for the poor children distressed through the war, 1500 garments have been packed to be sent. Everyone responded heartily to the request, es-

pecially Clyde Quay and Newtown Schools, and 12s 6d sent by scholars of the Newtown School for food for the Belgian children. In many of the children's garments Mrs Boxall had pennies sewn, with a little message to each one, and others had a handkerchief with a coin sewn in placed in the pockets as a pleasant surprise to the one receiving it.

WARKWORTH.

Meeting held in the Methodist Church on Thursday, October 29th. Arrangements were made for our final meeting for this year. All present agreed for a social afternoon tea and a competition. This Union has been very actively at work for the distress of Belgians and the London poor, resulting in several large parcels of clothing being conveyed to England. Women of the Dominion can help liberally the distress in the Old Country. We can deplete our winter's wardrobe for the sufferers.

NGAERE.

Nov. 3. Annual meeting at Mrs X. Jones', a good number present, Mrs Morison presiding. Reports and balance-sheet considered satisfactory. The following were elected officers:—Pres., Mrs Kennington; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Morison, M. T. Phillips, and Ellis; Sec., Mrs X. Jones; Rec. Sec., Mrs K. Tarrant; Treas., Mrs S. Witham. Miss Saunders was appointed organist. Superintendents of several departments were also appointed.

PAHIATUA.

Nov. 5. Usual meeting held, Mrs Ross in the chair. Resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr and Miss Hewat for the loss of Mrs Hewat, one of our members, who passed away since our last meeting. Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr W. S. Lovell-Smith for his kindness in sending us a free copy of his book, "Women's Franchise Movement in New Zealand." Resolved that a letter be sent to Mrs Falloon, sympathising with her in her son's accident. Reported that an afternoon tea had been held at Mrs J. D. Wilson's to bid farewell to our member, Mrs Punch, who is leaving Pahiatua to reside in Hamilton. A paper on "How Prohibition came to Tennessee" was read.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Sept. 23. Mrs McCombs presided. Mrs Mowlem, Dominion Organiser, gave an account of her work, and it was decided to organise in suburbs visited by her. Mr Voss thanked for his offer of help at the A. and P. Show. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Wicks. Eight new members.

Oct. 14. Arrangements made for luncheon booth at A. and P. Show. Donation of £5 received from Y.M.C.A. and C.E.M.S., both societies to be thanked for their generous gift. Mr W. S. Smith thanked for gift of his book, "Women's Franchise Movement in New Zealand"

GISBORNE.

Oct. 29. A social evening, organised by Mrs Malcolm, who has charge of Juvenile Department of our work. A varied programme, consisting of action songs, recitations, and songs, given by children and friends. An address delivered by Rev. J. P. Wainwright was much appreciated. The special feature of the evening was the presentation by Mrs Graham of a medal to Ernest Hambly and a book (second prize) to Helen Minnis, for best Temperance essays. These prizes were competed for by members of various Bands of Hope.

OTAMATEA.

I tu te mitini ate Roopu Wahine o Otamatea takiwa o Kaipara ite 11th Oketopa, ki roto ite whare ote Heke tari o Mereana Peraniko. Ka hime-netia te himene ka inoi te perehitini ka mutu te karakia ka puare te whare monga take.

1. Kote kahi marama.

2. Kote tumuaki onga Roopu ko Miss F. Woodhead ka tomo mai hei mema mote Roopu Wamine o Otamatea. He nui to matou hari.

Nga whaka mihi kite tumuaki no Ngahuaia Tapihana. Kei te nui te aroha mete hari ote ngakau mo tou hoki oranga mai i tou mate. Kite Matua ite Rangi te whaka whetua mo Tona aroha nui i whaka hokia mai nei koe kia matou. Haere mai ete Tumauaki. Haere mai ki tenei o Roopu kite tohuaohu ia matou ienei o hoa mahi. Haere mai kote kupu nui ia kote Aroha kia koe. Kia Ora! Kia Ora ra koe. Ka tautokona engamema, nga mihi kite Tumauaki.

3. He whaka mihi ki ta matou kotiro kite mahita o etahi ota matou tamariki kia Mereana Kerehoma kua tomo mai nei ki tenei Roopu. He nui te hari mo tenei hoa mahi kua tomo mai nei hei awhina ia matou. Kia Ora ano nga mema hou.

4. He kupu whaka hoki nate Tumauaki monga mihi. Kia Ora koutou katoa ete Roopu o Otamatea. He nui ano tooku hari moku kua tae mai nei ki waenganui ia koutou e mahi nei i ta tatou mahi. Aha koa iau e ngaro atu ana hoki tonu mai aku mahara ki tenei Roopu mete ngakau inoi ano kia whaka kaha ngia koutou me era ahi Roopu ia poutou mahi pai. E mohio ana ano au he whawhai nui ta koutou kei waenganui o tenei marae kite turaki itenei mea ite waipiro kia maia, kia u. Kei ngoikore koutou. Mate Atua tatou e whakakaha. Kia Ora mai ano koutou!

5. Kei te whakaaro tenei Roopu o Otamatea kite whaka tu "tea meeting" hei awhine ito matou whare, karakia, ate wiki tuatahi o Tihena. Ka tae atu he whaka, mahara kinora Roopu onga takiwa tata.

Ka mutu nga take ka whaka mutua ete perehitini kite inoi.

Hekeretari, Mereana Peraniko.

Noema 2, 1914. I tu te Roopu Karaitiana Otamatea ite tahi onga ra ote marama nei. Katu te (Perehi-