

ings brought to a close on October 16th by a successful gathering. The Rev Ready from Invercargill gave an excellent address. Prizes were distributed for attendance, also to those who brought most new members. Invercargill friends who came and addressed our Band of Hope meetings heartily thanked. Our Hall was lent to the ladies of Bluff, who were sewing for the equipment of the Expeditionary Force, also for the Belgium Relief Fund. Several large cases were sent from the friends in Bluff.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

Sixth Annual Meeting held November 26th in the Young Men's Institute; Mrs Elliot presided. Attendance good. Miss Begg, Secretary, read the Annual Report, which showed number of paid up members seventy-five (75), an increase of seventeen (17) for the year. Mrs Sanders, Treasurer, presented her report showing income for year to be £31 6s 4d, and expenditure to be £27 0s 4d. Musical items rendered and a stirring address was given by Mrs Don, illustrated by her famous chart. Miss Peart gave a very touching recitation, "The Cry of the Children." Miss Manson gave greetings from local Rechabites, and short addresses were given on behalf of the Churches by Revs H. B. Gray, and J. Carlisle, and Mr T. Arnold.

#### GREYMOUTH.

October 28. Meeting well attended. One new member joining our Union. Mr James Marion, who has been sent down to the West Coast (by the New Zealand Alliance) to organise gave a most encouraging address, which will be a help to us during the next few weeks.

November 25. Annual Meeting held at the Sailors' Rest. Attendance good. The President gave a short address, after which the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, both showing good work throughout the year. 13 new members joined. Our Sailors Rest is still doing its good work under the capable management of Mr and Mrs Leggoe. Following officers were elected: President, Mrs Gaskin, re-elected; Secretary, Mrs Hayes, re-elected; Treasurer, Mrs Sweetman, re-elected.

#### AUCKLAND.

November 11. Meeting held. Mrs J. W. Taylor presiding. Vote of sympathy passed (the members standing) with the relations of Mrs Hughes (our late Supt. of Maori Work) her presence and help will be greatly missed by our Union. Reported that the Sale of Gifts was very successful. The Rev Millar gave an inspiring address to temperance workers. Meeting closed in the usual way.

November 25. About thirty present. Hearty welcome given to our President Mrs Pudney. Date of Annual Meeting altered to December 16th. Resolv-

ed that the Union take part in "Top Line Demonstration" to be held Saturday, December 5th, and send decorated lorry. Decided to donate £2 to Central Mission for use of Hall, and 10s to the caretaker. Mr Bissett, of the Central Mission, gave an interesting address. Five new members were initiated.

#### KAIKORAI.

November 27. Annual Meeting. Attendance fair. Reports of work done were read and adopted. All officers re-elected, excepting Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Martin now occupying that position. President announced that a Temperance Demonstration, under our auspices, would be held on December 1st. Reports on Local Canvass Work were given, and vote of thanks to the Rev. Richard Sutherland and office-bearers for the use of room.

#### NAPIER.

November 19. Meeting held in Willard Institute, Carlyle Street. Paper read by Mrs Neal on "How Prohibition was Carried in Several States of America, especially Kansas." Letter to be sent to the six schools in Napier asking the headmasters to have essays written on Temperance Wall Sheets. W.C.T.U. offering a prize in St. VI., and one in St. V.

December 1. Annual Meeting. Mrs Oldham welcomed by meeting after her long illness. President urged members to support the temperance candidate. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs Fossey, Nelson Crescent; Recording Sec., Mrs Chatworthy; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ingram, Cameron Road; Treasurer, Mrs Dearlove, Lincoln Road; Home Meeting, Mrs Ball; Flower Mission and Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs Dearlove; Purity, Mrs Oldham. Decided to ask the ministers to hold a prayer meeting on Election Day, from 2 to 4 p.m. Afternoon tea was provided and two members were initiated. The Secretary read reports from Napier, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Hastings, and Norsewood. The Treasurer submitted Balance Sheet, and Superintendents read their reports. Building Committee stated that the Willard Institute is now paid for, and also part of the land. This the result of the efforts of the W.C.T.U. and friends catering at the Agricultural Show.

#### GISBORNE.

Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie addressed a crowded meeting in the Scottish Hall. Rev. F. W. Chatterton occupied the chair. Mrs Lee-Cowie, as a citizen of Invercargill, bore testimony to the good results of Prohibition there, and stated it was eight years since a citizen of that town had been arrested for drunkenness. The speaker regretted that, owing to the lack of business ability among our statesmen, we of New Zealand are forced to wait for four years for the traffic to go out, while in America it goes out immedi-

ately. Mrs Lee-Cowie concluded by saying she was confident of a steady vote for Prohibition at the coming election.

There was a large attendance at the Annual Meeting held on November 24th. Reports of Departments were received, also the Secretary's Annual Report and Treasurer's Report. Mrs Walker proposed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of Mrs Hughes, an old and valued member of the Union, and one who had given to it loyal and faithful service for many years; this was carried all standing. The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs Graham; Secretary, Mrs Walker; Treasurer, Mrs Goffe; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames East, Chatterton and Wilkes; Executive, Mesdames Malcolm, Oakley, Hoare, McLeod and Miss Morice. Voting was carried out by ballot. The resignation of Mrs J. Stewart, Supt. of "White Ribbon" Department, was received with regret, and Mrs D. W. Coleman was appointed in her place.

#### ASHBURTON.

November 3. Annual Meeting held. Mrs W. K. Watson presiding. The Secretary read the Annual Report, which was adopted. The President referred to the work done by Mrs Mowlem, branch unions being formed at Methven and Rakaia. Read Balance Sheet showed a credit balance of £3 3s 5½d. Membership 54, an increase of 7 for the year. The Winchmore Union report was read shewing a splendid year of keen work. Superintendents of Departments gave in their reports, and a special vote of thanks was accorded Miss Butterick ("White Ribbon" Supt.) whose report revealed 72 paid-up subscribers, while the membership stood at 54. Decided to nominate the present N.Z. officers for re-election at Dominion Convention. Election of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs W. K. Watson; Secretary, Mrs J. H. Dent; Treasurer, Mrs W. T. Lill; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Miller, Elliott, McArthur, Hughes and Lill. Superintendents of Departments were appointed as follows:—"Literature," Mrs McEwen; "Social," Mrs Leadley and Miss Wise; "Scientific Temperance Instruction," Mrs Buchanan; "Rest Tent," Mesdames Sage and Sutton; "Evangelistic," Mrs Elliott; "White Ribbon," Miss Butterick; "Legal and Parliamentary" and "Press," Miss Trevurza; "Maori," Miss G. W. Andrews; "Notable Days," Mrs Brown; "Hygiene" and "Sabbath Observance," Mrs W. T. Lill. Ten of the members present expressed their willingness to donate a book each as prizes for essays on "Temperance," to be competed for by the scholars in connection with the county schools.

#### NGAERE.

November 30. Mrs Mowlem gave an interesting address in the Ngaere Hall. Musical items and readings given by friends. Hearty vote of