

thanks was passed to Mrs Mowlem for her address. Monthly Meeting December 1st in Mrs Morrison's residence. Mrs Kennington presiding. Reports were read from Miss Mackie, Supt. of Hospitals. Flowers and Magazines had been distributed, and were gratefully received. Superintendents were appointed: Evangelistic and Flower Mission, Mrs Morison and Mrs N. Jones; L.T.L., Miss Mills and Mrs Lambert; Mothers' Meetings, Mrs Ellis; Maori Work, Miss Saunders. Arrangements for refreshments at polling booth be left with Mr Morrison. Afternoon tea handed round. Mrs Mowlem gave a stirring address. Friends present from Tariki, Stratford and Eltham.

#### SHEFFIELD.

December 2. Annual Meeting held at Sheffield. 9 members present. Mrs Neutze presiding. Reply received from Hon. Allen re Women Teachers' Salaries. Mrs Bromley, Lyttelton, asked for Comfort Bags for Sailors at Xmas. 6 members promised a bag each. How to Vote papers received from the N.Z. Alliance and distributed. Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports for the year were then read and adopted. Election of Officers resulted in Mrs McLraith being re-elected President, also Mrs Kennedy re-elected Treasurer. Election of Secretary left till January meeting. Present Secretary to keep books until next meeting on January 6th, 1915.

#### INVERCARGILL.

December 1. Annual Meeting held on December 1st. Attendance good. Mrs McKenzie, President, in the chair. Secretary read the Annual Report, which told of a year of active work in many departments, including important legislative resolutions, and the distributing of a most successful scheme of prize giving for temperance essays on the wall sheets in the four public schools (114 essays having been sent in and £5 12s 6d spent in prizes). The reports of superintendents of various departments were read, also report of District Convention held in September. The Treasurer's report was most satisfactory, also those of the Rest and Tea Rooms, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Hunter for auditing the same. Final arrangements were made for the carrying out of the work of the Rest Room, Tea Rooms, and Ladies' Retiring Rooms at the forthcoming A. and P. Show. The election of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs J. McKenzie; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Baird, Mrs Cowie, Mrs Macalister, and all Ministers' wives who are members; Treasurer, Mrs Hunter; Secretary, Sister Moody Bell; Assistant Secretary, Mrs T. W. Walker.

#### ONEHUNGA.

This Union re-organised by Miss Dewar and Miss Evans of the Auckland Union. The following Officers were duly elected: Mrs Logan, President; Mrs Wilding, Treasurer; Mrs

Ball, Mrs Breeze, Mrs Biles, Vice-Presidents; Mrs Yockney, Secretary; Mrs Guyan "White Ribbon" Agent; Mrs Sutherland, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll. Meetings held fortnightly with an average attendance of 9 members. 14 members on our roll. Meetings held in the different churches, turn about. Decided to assist the Manukau No License League in the forthcoming election. Decided to meet once a month.

#### LYTTELTON.

November 4. Annual Meeting held. Reports and Balance Sheet were read and adopted. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs Whitby; Secretary, Mrs Bromley; Treasurer, Mrs Clark; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Millar, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hatchwell; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Elsie Clark. Four members of the Union assisted at the luncheon booth at the A. and P. Show, Christchurch. It was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr W. S. Smith thanking him for the gift of his book, "Women's Franchise Movement in New Zealand."

December 2. Decided to hold the meetings in future on first Wednesday in the month, to open the meetings with responsible reading from W. R. Hymnal. One of our members undertook to organise united Prayer Meeting for women, to be held during the War, from 2.30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Two members were heartily welcomed to our Union; Mrs Mitchell from Kaiapoi, and Mrs Jones from Bluff. Resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Blackwell and family, of Kaiapoi, in their recent sad bereavement.

#### WOODVILLE.

November 24. Annual Meeting held. Attendance good. Several new members present. President read the report of the year's work, and gave some interesting extracts from the "White Ribbon," and other papers. One Honorary Member spoke on No License and the coming election. The same officers were re-elected for ensuing year. Two ladies were initiated as members, and the Temperance doxology sang. At the close, afternoon tea was kindly provided by the President.

#### TIMARU.

Monthly Meeting held at the Sailors' Rest. Mrs Rule presided. Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs Rule, President; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Brooker, Trott, Wallace, Liddle, Howard and Bruce; Treasurer, Mrs Cave; Secretary, Miss Avison; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine, Assistant, Miss Evans; "White Ribbon" Reporter, Mrs Stead; Flower Mission, Mrs Kavanah; Maori Work, Mrs Butcher.

#### WARKWORTH.

November 26. Annual Meeting held in the Methodist Church. Mrs E. Morrison presided. The following officers were elected for 1915: President, Mrs

Attwood; Vice-presidents, Mesdames Boose and Hamilton; Secretary, Mrs McKinney; Treasurer, Mrs Cox; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs S. Morrison; Backblocks Superintendents, Mesdames Geo. Civil and W. Wilson; Flower Mission Work, Mrs Jones and Miss Eyton; Superintendent Cradle Roll, Miss Millar, assisted by Miss A. E. Morrison; Press Correspondent, Miss A. E. Morrison. One new member was initiated. Mrs E. Morrison gave a short address. Afternoon tea handed round, and a competition took place.

#### ASHBURTON.

December. Special Meeting held. Arrangements made for catering for No License workers on Election Day. Resolved that £2 be donated to the No License Council. The following was passed, all members standing, "The members of this Union desire to place on record their deep sorrow at the death of Mrs Hughes, and their appreciation of the noble work performed by her as a member and officer of the N.Z.W.C.T.U. By her zeal and devotion to Temperance, and all works of reform, she has left behind her a bright and inspiring example. To Rev B. H. and Mrs Hughes we extend the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Union in their sore bereavement." The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy to Rev Hughes.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

November 6. Mrs Andrews occupied the chair. Seven members present. Leaflets "To the Women of New Zealand" were distributed to members, who were asked to use them freely before polling day. The Cer. Sec. (Mrs Hicks) read a most interesting paper, by Mrs Bendely, entitled, "The Work of the W.C.T.U. Women."

November 27. Mrs Andrew in the chair. Owing to very boisterous weather attendance was consequently small. The Annual Meeting postponed to December 11th. Sincere regret was expressed at losing Mrs Robinson (nee Miss Neilson, M.A.) from our Union. We commend our sister to Riverton Union. Mrs Neilson (Supt. Cradle Roll) read a letter from Mrs Neal, Pahiatua, re the Cradle Roll Department.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Annual Meeting held on December 3rd. Mrs Evans, M.A., occupied the chair. Secretary read a brief outline of the year's work, which was adopted. The Balance Sheet showed a balance in hand of £8, and a membership of 108, 17 new members gained during the year. The Rev W. Shirer read the Balance Sheet in connection with the building fund, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks, and was unanimously re-elected. Donations have been contributed to the Missionary Fund, N.Z. Alliance Convention Tea, Organising Fund,