

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

CAMBRIDGE.

Nov. 24. Annual meeting held, Mrs Shepherd in the chair. Reports read, showing good work done during the year. Five new members joined during the year; 37 names now on the roll. Ten ordinary and one special meeting have been held, average attendance being 15; also 10 home meetings for the aid of the Belgians. 350 garments have been repaired, including 30 new outfits for girls and boys, also a number of quilts and new rugs and blankets have been sent to the Belgian Fund. The Band of Hope has prospered this year; good programmes have been given, and some meetings have been crowded. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Hogan; Sec., Mrs A. J. Watson; Treas., Mrs C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Roberts; Organist, Mrs O. Bycroft; "White Ribbon" Agent and Press Correspondent, Mrs A. J. Watson; Visiting Committee, Mrs P. Smith, Mrs C. H. Bycroft, and Mrs A. J. Watson. The sum of £16 9s 6d collected by members for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Treasurer's report showed a balance of £5 10s in the bank. £5 was voted to the No-License League. A hall near the polling booth was taken on election day, and lunches served to the workers during the day by our W.C.T.U. members.

CHRISTCHURCH.

General meeting held on November 25th, Mrs J. McCombs presiding; attendance good. A resolution was passed, to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, condemning the granting of bar licenses in Samoa. Miss Wise was appointed convener of the Procession Committee. The balance-sheet of luncheon booth at the Agricultural and Pastoral Show very satisfactory. Resolved to order 1000 more appeals for postage and distribution. Several members offered to make comfort bags for the sailors. Decided that each member of the Union should make one article for the poor of Britain, the gifts to be sent in before Christmas. Resolved that a strong appeal for this object be sent to the "White Ribbon."

Annual meeting held Tuesday evening, December 15th. Mrs J. McCombs presided over a good attendance. The report of the year's work was adopted. Balance-sheet for the Agricultural and Pastoral Show was adopted. The following nominations for Dominion officers were accepted:—Pres., Mrs Don (Dunedin); Rec.

Sec., Mrs A. R. Atkinson (Wellington); Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson (Christchurch); Treas., Mrs Bendely (Auckland). The following officers were elected for the Christchurch Union:—Pres., Mrs J. McCombs; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Patterson, T. E. Taylor, Blyth, Williams, and S. Lovell-Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs F. Stewart; Treas., Mrs Seed; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Williams. Resolved that the next meeting be held on the fourth Wednesday in January, 1915. The appeal to members of our Union on behalf of the poor of Britain resulted in a very large case of warm and useful articles of clothing being forwarded to Miss Harriet Newcomb, care International Women's Franchise Club, 9, Grafton Street, Piccadilly, London, W.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Annual meeting held on December 4th. Mrs Crabb (President) presided over a large attendance. A comprehensive report, covering the year's work, was read. The chief event was the holding of the Provincial Convention in our town in December; 30 delegates were present, and Mrs Don was with us. Several interesting discussions took place. Mrs Evans presided with wisdom, tact, and dignity. We were represented at the Dominion Convention at Gisborne by our President and two other members. In April the Union assisted No-License League in a monster Bazaar. Valuable work has been done in many departments, notably, Scientific Temperance, Medical Temperance, L.T.L., Relief Work, Moral Instruction, and Educational Work. Mrs Crabb and Miss Powell visited our three auxiliaries. Our tea rooms at the A. and P. Show again proved a success. Public meetings arranged by our Union have been addressed by Mesdames Don, Snowden, and Lady Stout. We have despatched several parcels away to the distressed Belgians, also helped the needy in our own town. Great efforts have lately been made by our President and Treasurer to increase our membership, and they were successful in bringing the roll number up to 100. We cannot close without expressing our deep thankfulness for the recovery of our President from serious illness.

BLENHEIM.

Annual meeting held on December 1st. Mrs Handcock in the chair; attendance good. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Adam Jackson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames A. J. Litchfield, J. Rose, B. H. Low, R. Parker, Brewer, and Handcock; Sec., Mrs David Sinclair; Assist. Sec., Mrs G. Litchfield; Treas., Mrs I. Hay; Mothers Meetings and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer, Handcock, and Sinclair; Drawing-room Meetings, Mesdames Fisher and T. Pike; "White Ribbon," Mrs W. Parker; Good Citizenship, Mrs Low; Literature and Medical Temperance, Mesdames Handcock and Martin; Agri-

culture, Mesdames A. Jackson and W. Parker; Reporter to "White Ribbon" and "Express," Mrs Fisher. Decided to hold a Christmas treat for the Mothers' Union and children on the 15th, at the residence of Mrs Sinclair, the members assisting Mrs Sinclair in entertaining. Decided to purchase a photograph of Frances Willard. Afternoon tea handed round.

MASTERTON.

Dec. 1. Monthly meeting held in Knox Hall, Mrs Devonport presiding over a large attendance. Correspondence received from Mrs Taylor, Treasurer for Organising Fund, also World's Vice-President. Decided to donate £5 towards our local No-License League. Decided that Wednesday being unsuitable, as it was the day before election, Lady Stout's lecture be postponed to some future date. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Ross; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; Sec., Mrs Flanagan; Superintendents—Home Meetings, Mrs Price; Flower Missions, Mrs J. Walker; Back-blocks Literature, Mrs Miller; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Russell; Press and "W.R." Reporter, Mrs Devonport. The appointment of other superintendents left over until next meeting. Vice-Pres., Mesdames W. H. Hosking, Devonport, James Miller, Miss Thomas, Miss Roberts. Special votes of thanks were accorded the retiring President (Mrs Devonport), the Treasurer (Mrs Sutherland), also the Secretary (Mrs Flanagan), for writing special reports, etc. Arrangements were made in connection with election day.

AUCKLAND.

Annual meeting held December 16th, Mrs Pudney presiding. General regret expressed re the result of the Prohibition poll. A vote of thanks to those ladies who so kindly decorated the lorry for Top Line Demonstration. Reports received and adopted from the officers and superintendents. An increase of sixty members during the year. Ten departments of work taken up. The Treasurer's report very satisfactory. The election of officers for 1915 resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs J. Cook; Vice-Pres., Mrs Pudney, Mrs J. W. Taylor, and Mrs Thorpe. Miss Evans, Miss Dewar, and Miss N. Dewar were re-appointed to their positions, Secretaries and Treasurer respectively. Election of superintendents of departments left till next meeting.

WINCHMORE.

Monthly meeting held in the church on Wednesday. It being a C.R. afternoon, there was a small attendance of little folk. The Rev. Mr Hughes was present, and gave an interesting address on our motto ("For God, home, and every land"). Mrs Hughes sang two solos. At the conclusion of the meeting each C.R. member was presented with a toy. Afternoon tea was handed round.