

## OXFORD.

Combined Cradle Roll meeting and Junior Band of Hope picnic held November 22nd. The "Y" Branch Union took charge of games and races. The mothers gathered in Coronation Hall, where Mrs Ryde, C.R. Supt., read an excellent paper, and Rev. J. E. Holloway addressed the mothers. Three new names for C.R. Tea was handed round. Mrs Ryde announced a meeting for December, when Dr. Bagley would give an address. After tea, the Band of Hope assembled in the hall, and Mrs Gainsford (President) briefly addressed them, urging them to be true to their pledge, and to come to the Band of Hope next year.

Annual meeting held in the Coronation Hall December 2nd, the President (Mrs Gainsford) presiding; attendance large. Votes of sympathy passed to the Blackwell family, of Kaiapoi, and Miss Caverhill. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The retiring President, Mrs Gainsford, was heartily thanked for her three years' splendid work. Mrs McCombs, of Christchurch, presided at the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs G. Ryde; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gainsford, senr., Coming, Fawcett, Baxter; Sec., Mrs Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Superintendents, Mrs Gainsford, senr. (Cradle Roll), Mrs Hawke (Evangelistic), Mrs I. Gainsford, junr. (Home Meetings), Mrs Wotherspoon (Notable Days), Mrs Hawke ("White Ribbon"). Decided to meet on the last Thursday in the month at 2.30 p.m. The Union decided to cater for the Sports on Boxing Day, all the profits to be given to the Belgian Fund.

In the evening Mrs McCombs gave a stirring address to the "Y" Branch, and was heartily thanked. Supper was handed round.

On December 6th the combined temperance bodies held a demonstration. A large procession marched to the Domain, headed by the Temperance Band. Addresses were delivered by Miss Roberts, Messrs R. Speirs, D. G. Sullivan, and R. F. Williams, all of Christchurch. Mr D. Hawke presided. The W.C.T.U. and the No-License workers held well-attended meetings in the different schools in the district just before the elections. Our Union has given three prizes to East Oxford School children and three to West Oxford, for the best Temperance essays written by the pupils from the Temperance wall sheets.

## MANAIA.

Nov. 24. 21 members present. Welcome to Mrs Mowlem, who presided. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hunt and Parkinson; Sec., Miss Craig; Treas., Miss York; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Hunt; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Ricketts (all re-elected); Organist, Mrs Hunt; Maori Supt., Mrs Mem-

bry; Supt. of Literature, Mrs Hurley. A mock ballot was held during the meeting, one member striking out the bottom line. Four new members were initiated by Mrs Mowlem, who reported 13 new members since last meeting, and congratulated the Union on having a roll of nearly 100 members.

## NGAERE.

Meeting held at Mrs K. Tarrant's, Mrs Kennington (President) in chair. 7 members and 2 visitors present. Correspondence received re Temperance essays sent from Ngaere school children; also Superintendents of departments sending individual reports to Dominion Superintendents. Mrs Morison (ex-President) reported that a box of Christmas cheer, including a lamb ready dressed, had been sent from our Union to the Salvation Army Boys' Home at Eltham. Arrangements made for annual Cradle Roll picnic, to be held on January 28th. Two new members initiated. Afternoon tea handed round. Next meeting subject, "Favourite Quotations."

## DUNEDIN.

Monthly meeting held December 1st. Mrs A. S. Adams (Vice-President) occupied the chair. Deep regret was expressed at the sudden death of Mrs Hutchinson, a member of the Union, and a motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs Saunders, Mrs Gain, and Mrs Webb in their recent bereavements. Miss Bisson gave an interesting account of W.C.T.U. work in Manchester and Salford. Police missionaries, restaurant workers, White Ribbon bands, were all engaged in combating the drink evil. The members there were much interested in the great campaign for No-License in New Zealand, and on a smaller scale were waging the same war in England by annually protesting against the renewal of licenses.

Annual meeting held December. Mrs Don (Dominion President) occupied the chair, and read an apology from the President (Mrs Driver), who was absent through illness. Reports from auxiliary Unions were read.

Port Chalmers—19 members on the roll, and steady progress in all departments of work.

N.E. Valley.—Initiated 17 new members, making 75 on the roll. Two prizes were given to the local school for temperance essays.

S. Dunedin.—30 financial members and 3 honorary members. Meetings were held in different suburbs where there are no Unions—St. Clair, St. Kilda, Caversham, and Anderson's Bay—and much interest aroused.

Alexandra.—A year of quiet, steady work, and a membership of 12.

The Mosgiel branch, a year ago organised with 13, has now increased to 33. During the year ten monthly meetings and two home meetings have been held.

The President of the Band of Hope reports a membership of 82, and a Cradle Roll of 14.

Dunedin Union.—A year of active work. It being election year, it was thought wise to combine with the U.T.R.C. and hold meetings in their rooms. The women of the Dunedin Union gathered over £21 towards the furnishing of the room.

The Superintendent of Home and Suburban Meetings reported that 26 meetings had been held in churches, halls, and homes, at which Mrs Don spoke 24 times. A number of new members were gained. A good sum towards the Fighting Fund.

Sailors' Rest.—The work for the year has been carried on with good success under the able leadership of our missionary, Mr R. Robertson.

One hundred and fifty-two writing pads have been sold. Several letters written to the papers, and tracts distributed re Sabbath Observance. Money sent for Maori work. All meetings regularly reported to the press. The needs of the Sailors' Rest have been kept before the public.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted, and hearty votes of thanks passed to Misses Mazengarb and Reed for the able manner in which they had carried out their duties. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Don, who has devoted herself unsparingly to the fight against the drink traffic. The Union regret the loss by death of three members, Mrs Boot, Mrs Booth, and Mrs Hutchinson. Misses Mazengarb and Hayward contributed musical items, and the Executive dispensed afternoon tea. The initiation of four new members and the singing of the Temperance Doxology brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## ORUAWHARO.

Jan. 2. I tae au kite Roopu wahine a Oruawhara ite tahi onga ra o Hanuere, kia hui tahi ai matou ite timatanga ote tauhau. Nui atu te pai ote whakahaere o te perehitini, Tuhi Karaka Paikaea. Tetehi mea whakamiharo ko te kaha onga taane menga taitamariki kite awhina ite mahi onga wahine. He whakamarama ahau kia ratou mo etehi ano onga tikanga ote Roopu. —I te tea meeting ote roopu o Oruawhara £14 i riro mai hei whakaora ite wharekarakia. Mihi atu matou kinga roopu na ratou i tuku a mai he takoha kite roopu hei awhina ano ki tenei take. Tino hiahia atu ta tatou Etita kia kaha koutou kite tuku ripoata kite "White Ribbon" pepa. Ahakoa torutoru nga kupu, me tuku kite pepa. Kia ora ano koutou i roto ite tau hou. Mate atua tatou e Manaaki.

Maari Woodhead, Kaiwhakahaere.

## POUTO.

I tu te hui aie Roopu wahine o Pouto ia Hanuere 2nd, 1915. Na Hori Manukau inoi te timatanga mete mutunga, Perehitini kia ora a nga mema i hui mai i roto ite tau hou ato tatou ariki. Kati kua wareware