

Wilson; Thrift, Mrs McCordle; Backblocks, Mrs J. Boagey; Cradle Roll and Purity, Miss Wilton. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs Crabb. Mrs Crabb congratulated the Union on the amount of work accomplished. Greetings received from Miss Powell, N.Z. Vice-President, who organised our Union in October, 1913, and from our President, Mrs Neal. Votes of thanks passed to the officers of the Methodist Church for use of the church; to Mr J. Boagey for opening the church; to Messrs Herbert and Co. for free carriage of literature for the backblocks camps; to our local paper, the Pahiatua "Herald," for reporting our meetings; and to Mrs H. Godfrey for providing afternoon tea.

Feb. 4. Usual meeting held, Mrs Neal (President) in the chair. Before proceeding with the business, the following motion was passed in silence, all reverently standing:—"That we tender to Mr A. Ross and family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement, and that we place on record our grateful appreciation of the devoted services rendered to our Union by Mrs Ross, both as a member and as our Secretary, and our sense of the great loss we have sustained by her death." Letters re Convention business from Miss Henderson, Mrs Mitchell, and Miss Powell were read, discussed, and voted upon. The Treasurer's report, which was read and adopted, showed 23 fully paid up members, capitation dues and full levy to Organising Fund having been paid, we have a credit balance of £1 11s 3d. A paper was read by Mrs J. D. Wilson, entitled "Should Pledged Abstainers Use Alcohol as Medicine?"

WAIPUKURAU.

Annual meeting held on December 9, 17 members present. President occupied the chair. Annual reports read and adopted, after which following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Hopkirk (re-elected); Sec., Mrs Sowry (re-elected); Cor. Sec., Mrs H. R. French; Treas., Mrs Geo. Robinson (re-elected); Band of Hope Sec. and Treas., Mrs Gay; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Nicholson (re-elected); Organist, Miss Moffatt (re-elected).

NGAERE.

Meeting held at home of President, Mrs Kennington. Small gathering. Circular received from Miss Henderson re Annual Dominion Convention. Various notices of motion mentioned in January "White Ribbon" discussed. It was decided to support those of Misses Dewar, Powell, and Henderson, but not that of Mrs Scanlon. If possible, we are sending a delegate to Convention. In favour of N.Z. officers remaining as at present. "Willard Day" to be celebrated February 17th by a picnic at the home of a member. "Favourite Quotations" held over for next meeting. One new member initiated. Annual Cradle Roll picnic held January 28th at Mrs G. Tarrant's. Two other picnics for

children on the same day interfered somewhat with the attendance, but all present seemed to enjoy themselves, and returned home tired but happy.

MASTERTON.

Feb. 2. Meeting held in Knox Hall, Mrs Ross (President) in the chair. Attendance good. Mrs Sutherland was elected delegate to Convention in Christchurch. Miss Wingate was elected Superintendent of Purity, and Mrs Flanagan of Thrift. Resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Roberts, thanking her for the interest she had taken in the Union, and expressing the hope that she would soon be restored to health. The meeting to be held next month will take the form of an "At Home."

OXFORD.

Jan. 28. Meeting held, attendance only fair, Mrs Ryde (President) presiding. Deep regret was expressed at the death of Mrs Ancall, one of our first members, and a motion of deep sympathy was passed with Mr Ancall and family. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs P. Thompson in her illness. The W.C.T.U. catered for the Oxford Sports on Boxing Day, and sent the profits (£20) to the Belgian Fund. Sports Committee thanked for the use of the stand. Next meeting to celebrate Willard Day, and Mrs Wotherspoon to give a reading on the life of Francis Willard. Collection to be taken up. Mrs Ryde gave a reading on the result of the Licensing Poll. Are we disappointed? Yes. Are we downhearted? A thousand times No. We are more determined than ever to fight this deadly thing, and win in the end too. Mrs Gainsford, senr., spoke on Miss Newcombe's appeal to the women of our Dominion to send all the help they can to our suffering sisters in the Home Land. Afternoon tea provided.

PUKEKOHE.

No meetings were held in 1914 till May 14th, when the Union was reorganised, and the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hunter, Mrs Usher, Mrs Hunniford; Sec., Mrs Stevenson; Treas., Mrs Comrie; "W.R." Agent, Miss Goldsworthy. The meetings have been fairly well attended, and we are pleased to welcome six new members. We are very grateful to the Salvation Army officers for the use of the hall, in which to hold our meetings, also Mrs Baldwin for her organ, which helped greatly with the singing. In July we were very pleased to have a visit from Mrs Cowie, which was very helpful; we held afternoon and evening meetings, but owing to the wet weather, there was only a fair attendance. Several of our members have done good work in persuading some to sign the pledge, looking up those who were not on the roll, distributing literature, etc. On election day refreshments were provided for

workers, and meetings held for prayer, that God would bless our efforts, and we are still trusting and looking forward to success. Treasurer reports £5 17s 10d income; in hand, £1 13s.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 2, 1915. Meeting held in the Methodist Schoolroom. Miss Goodwin's resignation of the secretaryship was received with regret. Correspondence was received from Mrs Lovell-Smith, declining the Secretaryship of our Union. Mrs W. T. Smith was elected Secretary. Correspondence was also received from Miss Henderson, asking the Union to elect a delegate for the N.Z. W.C.T.U. Convention. It was proposed and seconded that Mrs Hall be elected delegate. Miss Henderson gave a most interesting address on the past work of the W.C.T.U., and urged more activity in our Union. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Henderson. The meeting terminated with the Temperance Doxology and prayer.

OPOTIKI.

Election day. The Alhambra Theatre was engaged for a rest and refreshment booth for all No-License sympathisers. £2 15s 3d was received in donations for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Dec. 17. Annual meeting held, Mrs Murray presiding. Reports were read by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of L.T.L. A vote of thanks was passed to Mesdames Goodall and McLure for their work in training the children. The following officers were then elected for the coming year:—Pres., Mrs Murray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. Thompson, W. Morice, and Goodall; Sec., Mrs J. R. Sinclair; Treas. and Supt. "White Ribbon," Mrs Holman; L.T.L., Mesdames Goodall, McLure, and Fleming; Literature, Miss E. Thompson; Press, Mrs J. D. Thompson; Parliamentary, Mrs Gow. Decided to hold next meeting in February.

KAIPARA.

Feb. 4, 1915. Kinga Roopu wahine Maori, tena ra koutou katoa i roto ite Ariki. Ate tekau ma toru onga ra otenei marama ka haere atu au kia kite ite Roopu o Karakanui, na, kei te wiki whakamutunga o Pepuere ko haere atu au ki Turanga kinga Roopu o reira. Amuri iho kote haere atu ahau kia kite inga Roopu o Hawke's Bay i mua i taku hoerenga kite hui tau ote Roopu wahine, ka tu ki Christchurch i tera motu. Mehe mea he hiahia wa koutou kia whakatakotia kimua i te aroaro onga tino kei whakahaere otena huinga, me tuhituhi a e koutou nga take, ka tuku atu ai kia ahau me tuku kia Te Maari Woodhead, W.C.T.U. care Mrs Ingram, Cameron Road, Napier, imua ite tekau ma rima onga ra o Maeha. Konga mema onga Roopu kaore a no kit tukua te kahi tau, me tuku atu ki Mrs Walker, Fox Street, Gisborne,