

our stock. The one claiming largest sale is "The Great Scourge," by Chrystabel Pankhurst. Mrs Hayes has kept the station box well supplied during the year. "American Motherhood," circulated by Mrs Judson, is much appreciated by members. The library, under Mrs Emmett, is a new branch of our work, which we hope to extend as funds allow. All but two are on Purity lines; are adding others, and hope soon to have others on subjects of interest to women. The books are taken out at one meeting, and are expected to be returned at the following.

Kaiapoi has done tremendous work in the way of distributing hundreds of leaflets, "Safe Remedies," "An Appeal to Women," "The Ideal Member," "What is the W.C.T.U.?" and others from the Alliance. "Appeal to Men of N.Z." posted to men in and around Kaiapoi, and distributed at the encampment.

Lyttelton.—Gospel and Temperance tracts distributed at the Seamen's Institute on Sunday evenings. Official papers taken by members, and others given them.

Ashburton.—During the past year literature distributed and circulated as much as possible among members and others. Leaflets left weekly on tables, seats, and boxes in railway station. The "White Ribbon" placed in the reading room. Parcels of periodicals, etc., sent to isolated parts of the electorate and hospital. Our Superintendent has removed, but have now appointed a painstaking, conscientious member.

Timaru.—Sent literature to military camp, hospitals, and backblocks; also distributed such as it was hoped would influence the No-License vote.

Otautau.—Distributed a quantity of Temperance literature.

Invercargill.—Various kinds were obtained from the National Superintendent and distributed. Mrs Cowie kindly provided an ample supply of other kinds, which were given out in various ways; 300 of Mrs Field's leaflet. Local members were indefatigable in distributing literature during the Prohibition campaign, supplied by Reform Council.

Received during the year the sum of £12 2s 1d for books, leaflets, pledge books and cards, etc. Expenditure in purchase of stock and postage, £10 9s 11d; cash in hand, £1 12s 2d; owing, £2.

Purity Literature.

Receipts ...	£16 15 10
Expenditure ...	14 8 7

£2 7 3

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BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Eleven Unions sent reports, viz., Warkworth, Auckland (2), Ngaere, In-

vercargill, New Plymouth, Wellington South, Timaru, Pahiatua, Christchurch, and Gisborne.

Invercargill passed no resolutions, but canvassed for the Bible in Schools League, as well as taking part in a large Bible in Schools pageant conducted by Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Auckland did some strenuous work for the Bible in Schools League. Took part in procession under the auspices of the League, and devoted much time and energy during the year to this cause.

New Plymouth, Christchurch, and Pahiatua report nothing done; while **Ngaere**, although doing nothing, says that "all members are anxious for the Bible in Schools, but not all agreed as to system."

Warkworth set apart one afternoon for the Bible in Schools, and took up a collection in aid of the funds (whether for the funds of the Union or the Bible in Schools is not stated).

Timaru passed a resolution in favour of the Bible in Schools League, and forwarded copies to the Cabinet Ministers and to the Secretary of the League; also helped to procure signatures for the Bible in Schools League.

Wellington South.—The local Superintendent reports having distributed literature, and spoken at mothers' meetings of the necessity for us as women and mothers to do all in our power to have the Word of God read by our children in the schools.

Gisborne voted one guinea to the funds of the Voluntary Bible Teachers' Association, and four of their W.C.T.U. members are teaching in the schools under this Association. The Nelson system has worked successfully in Gisborne for a good many years.

I would like to urge upon our Unions the importance of this department, and appoint local Superintendents. Several have reported no work done and no Superintendent. Are our Unions alive to the fact that in our midst many children are growing up in total ignorance of the Bible? In many of our homes it is a closed book, the children taught that Sabbath is for pleasure instead of a time to worship God and study His Word. The children need the Bible now as never before. Are we doing our part to see that they get it?

The ministers now have the opportunity to give Bible lessons in our schools, and a great responsibility rests upon them if they neglect it.

Could we not urge that a Voluntary Bible Teachers' Association be formed in all our towns, and our Unions follow the generous example of the Gisborne Union, and help to support them from our funds? May our children grow up to have it said of them, as of Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." Let us do our part to bring it about.

S. HOULDER,
Dom. Supt. Bible in Schools.

HOME MEETINGS.

The following Unions have sent in reports in connection with this department of work:—

Dunedin sends a splendid report. A series of 26 Home and Suburban meetings were held in various parts of the city during the month prior to the election, Mrs Don, the N.Z. President, speaking on nearly every occasion. Names were enrolled, a large number of new members gained, and the sum of £20 collected in aid of the Campaign Fund. A nucleus of a new Union was gathered in one suburb, and very good effective work accomplished.

Pahiatua held six meetings, three afternoon and three evening meetings, and seven new members.

Wellington South.—Three meetings, one being addressed by Lady Holder, the South Australian President. New members were gained.

Masterton reports five well-attended meetings.

Nelson.—Fortnightly meetings have been held during the year at various homes in connection with the Good Citizenship Department.

Ashburton held two successful Home meetings, addressed by Mrs Don (N.Z. President) and Mrs Mowlem (N.Z. Organiser) respectively.

Bluff reports two meetings. Papers were read by members. One new member gained.

Rangiora.—One meeting, at which a collection was taken for local funds.

Ngaere.—All the meetings in connection with this Union are held in homes. Two special evening home meetings were held, to which the honorary members, and also the members of the Stratford and Eltham Unions were invited. Musical items were given, and a successful time spent.

Timaru.—Three Home meetings were held. Papers were read. New members gained, welcomed, and introduced.

Auckland.—One Home meeting addressed by Mrs Lee-Cowie. Ladies were invited who do not usually attend such meetings. Interest was aroused, and new members gained.

Wellington Central.—Two very successful meetings were held; 18 new members were added to the Union.

New Plymouth reports five meetings, at which addresses were given and papers read, good results issuing. Six new members gained for the Union, also members for the Cradle Roll. Subscribers to the "White Ribbon" secured. Annual subscription collected, and badges sold.

Napier.—Three meetings held. Two new members gained. Addresses given by ministers and friends.

Hamilton.—Eight meetings held in different homes during the year, with very helpful results. Talks to mothers were given. Papers have been read and discussed. Sometimes