

these meetings took the form of prayer meetings, most of the ladies present taking part. Afternoon tea is always provided, giving opportunity for ladies to become better acquainted and for more helpful talks and explaining our work.

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### EVANGELISTIC.

I am sorry my report for 1914 is so short. I expected a long report this year, owing to the elections and the war. Many prayers have been offered up for help and guidance in these troublous times, so I am quite sure more work has been done in this department, and I am sorry it has not been reported.

**Invercargill** has been holding the usual pleasant Sunday afternoon meetings. At a special meeting held in June the Rev. Burridge gave the address. Peace prayer meetings have been held for cessation of war, for comfort for all sufferers and the bereaved, wisdom for our rulers, etc. The local Superintendent, Mrs. Lee-Cowie, has been holding missions in many districts during the year. Sister Moody Bell also held evangelistic meetings and services. A devotional service is also held before the business meeting.

**Timaru** reports having done no work in this department during the year.

**Auckland** held twenty prayer meetings during the year. Gospel literature has been distributed, and members have assisted in open-air services held by the City Mission.

**Christchurch.**—Each meeting is opened with devotional exercises, Bible readings, and short addresses. Leading topics occurring in every day life are explained by Bible references, and many subjects of interest are made plain, proving instructive and interesting.

**Ashburton.**—No official Superintendent, but the Old Men's Home is visited regularly. Song services are held, and the personal talks are appreciated.

**Pahiatua** holds devotional meetings, and expositions are given on Scripture read.

**Lyttelton** holds monthly meetings for prayer; Scripture lessons in the day school; tracts are distributed among the sailors in the Institute.

**Wanganui.**—Regular visits are paid to the Hospital. Literature is well distributed, and personal talks are much enjoyed by the patients. A devotional meeting is held before the usual business meeting, and special prayer has been offered up on behalf of the elections and the war.

**Winchmore** reports a steady growth in Spirituality in their Sunday School. They have also a Prayer League, to which all members of the Union belong, and many outsiders have also

joined the League. The local Superintendent is working hard to keep up a good spiritual tone in her Union.

**New Plymouth** has not been able to find a lady to take up this work, but it is being done by some members, and the President makes very earnest appeal for members to help the cause by more prayer, both public and private.

**Ngaere** reports that their Sunday School attendance keeps up well, considering the number of removals in the neighbourhood. Two members of the Bible Class, a young man and a young woman, have been converted during the year.

**Wellington District.**—The Home for the Aged Needy is visited, and the inmates talked with on spiritual things; also the Alexandra Home. Here meetings are held with the women on a Sunday afternoon, and, when possible, are visited in their own homes after leaving the above institution.

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### "Y" REPORT.

**Ashburton** has established a promising branch of "Y's," with a membership of 28. This branch was formed in June last. They have held six meetings, average attendance 15. Many of the members did good work in connection with the recent local No-License campaign.

**Nelson** reports a very successful year, but regrets the loss by removal from district of several valuable members. 12 meetings have been held, and good work done. At their first meeting Miss Hayes gave her report of Convention. Sewing meetings were held to prepare goods for a stall at a Sale of Work held by the mother Union; as the result of their labours they were able to hand over £1 5s to the No-License League. They also gave valuable assistance to the League before election.

**Newtown.**—This Association has been regularly kept going throughout the year, and its membership is increasing. 36 meetings have been held, and well attended. With Mrs. Boxall at its head, they recognise they have the right one in the right place. They are deeply grateful to her, and to the ladies who so ably assist her. Fifty garments have been made and 25 pieces of fancy work finished. Miss Wilson and Miss Chappel each offered two prizes for plain sewing and fancy work. Mesdames Kemp and Webb kindly consented to act as judges. A break-up social was held in December, when each girl was given a text. Prizes also were awarded for (1) the most number of texts remembered, (2) good conduct, (3) the greatest number of new members. The mothers were invited to this social, and one and all acknowledged their appreciation of the help given to their daughters.

**Timaru.**—This Union has also had to bear losses of both active and

honorary members. Their President, who so ably presided and kept the Union together, finds she cannot take the position this year. They are also losing the Treasurer. Finding a difficulty in getting members to attend the meetings, they have in the meantime amalgamated with the mother Union. A "pay-up" social was held in June. The Band of Hope is under the leadership of one of their honorary members, who is doing good work among the 54 members. One concert has been given at the Old Men's Home; after the musical programme, sweets and fruit were handed round. At one of their meetings a paper was read on the life of the late T. E. Taylor. They have donated £2 to the Maori Mission, 10s to the Ramabai Mission, and £2 for Christmas cheer, eight families being supplied with 5s worth of groceries, which were left at their homes on Christmas Eve by the Plunket nurse. Timaru "Y's" wish all Unions "Y's" or otherwise a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Ngaere.**—Eight prizes were given for the best essay on the Temperance Wall Sheets, two each in Standards III., IV., V., and VI. The headmaster helped considerably by giving lessons on the subject. Every child was expected to write an essay. The prizes were awarded at the break-up concert.

**Invercargill** also had a competition on the same subject, but no particulars are to hand. I regret that my report is so short, and trust that it is not that the "Y's" are falling off everywhere, for there is much to do, and their help is so much needed, more now than ever.

**Dunedin** has held no meetings at all last year, but the few members still interested united with the Y.M.'s Prohibition Guild, and did good work for the campaign in folding literature, singing glees and campaign songs at the public meetings, etc. The united party held weekly meetings for three months or more in preparation for holding open-air meetings, etc., but the war upset all their plans. Two Y. members now hold office in the District Union, and the President hopes to get all the others associated therewith. The Y. Union has not disbanded, but the fact that several are students at the University, others are active church workers, and others fully occupied with social engagements, renders it impossible to hold meetings.

**Oxford.**—Meetings have been held throughout the year, and the "Reformer" and "Public Opinion" have been addressed and folded. The meetings have not been largely attended, but this is on account of many of the girls living a long distance from the township. Membership 23. Band of Hope meetings have been held fortnightly, the Senior and Junior alternately; these have been good meetings. Several social evenings