

es of the people. The Dominion organiser, Miss Powell, spent some weeks in the district, and was mainly instrumental in the revival of the Lower Hutt Union, which now numbers thirty-one members, and also the formation of a new Union and Band of Hope at Greytown, and at our Home meetings the new members gained were due to her untiring efforts. The balance sheet was read, showing a small credit balance. Rev W. Shirer, Treasurer to the Building Fund, read the balance sheet in connection with the Girls' Association, for which he was heartily thanked, and elected again. It was with great regret that we were compelled to accept Mrs Evan's resignation, owing to her absence from Wellington, but our President recognised, "That any Union to be successful needs a President who can devote a considerable proportion of her time and thought to its affairs, who can come into personal touch with its individual members, and thus learning the special capabilities and bent of each, can prove a true leader by assigning to each that place in the battlefield where she will use to the best advantage her particular gifts and powers." The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs Houlder; Secretary, Mrs Spearman; Treasurer, Mrs Bingham; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Boxall, Wright and Cummings.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 2.—Annual Meeting held, attendance good; President presiding. Mrs Lopdell gave a short spiritual address. The Secretary and Treasurer read their reports. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs Hall; Secretary, Mrs Smith; Treasurer, Mrs Nicholas. Mrs Spratt spoke on the successful year our Union had just completed, and thanked those who had held office during that time. One new member joined our Union.

MASTERTON.

Nov. 7.—Election of officers. Miss Powell in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs Devonport; Secretary, Mrs Flanagan; Treasurer, Mrs Sutherland; Vice-President, Mesdames W. H. Hosking, J. Millar, D. Donald, and Miss Thomas; Supt. of Dept., Home Meeting, Mrs Ross; Flower Mission, Mrs Walker; Back Blocks, Mrs Millie Millar; Cradle Roll, Miss Thomas; Purity, Miss Wingate; "White Ribbon" Agent Mrs Ross. Rechabite Tent invited the members to a social to meet Miss Kennedy of Invercargill. Mrs Ross elected delegate for the Wanganui Convention. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring President, Mrs Ross, also Miss Powell.

NAPIER.

Nov. 18. Meeting held in Baptist Sunday School. Miss Powell visited Union unexpectedly, and had a talk on the work accomplished, and urged that all members should wear their badges always. It was reported that

925 more sand-bags had been sent away, and that there were still more to make up. Decided to lend Willard Hall to Miss Austen, who was visiting Napier the following week, to give "Purity Talks."

December 1. Meeting held in Willard Hall, when nominations for annual meeting were made, and it was stated that Mrs Venables had consented to be nominated for President, also the different reports were discussed, and it was urged that all reports for Convention number should be sent off by December 31st. Willard Hall was to be lent to Rev E. Falgrave Davy for Children Mission for three evenings.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Nov. 30. The President (Mrs Paisley) presided. Special mention was made of the papers by Mrs Cooper, which were read at the last meeting, and were very interesting and instructive and practical. The President said the year's work had been most encouraging to the members. The Secretary (Mrs Parkins) gave a review of work done. We hope to be able to undertake more next year. Union reassembles in February, 1916.

INVERCARGILL.

The annual meeting was held on December 7th with a fair attendance, Mrs Baird presiding. A splendid report of work done during the year was read by Sister M. Bell. Mrs Hunter (Treasurer) gave a good report of the finances, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Hunter for auditing the balance sheet. Our membership is now 142. Final arrangements for conducting the Rest and Tea Rooms at the Agricultural Show next week were made. Dissatisfaction with the kind of pictures shown at the picture shows, which so many children attend, was expressed, and efforts are being made to have them more carefully censored. A resolution was passed: "That a programme suitable for children should be given on Saturday afternoons," and a deputation appointed to interview the managers. The question, re postponing Convention, was brought before the meeting, and it was unanimously agreed: "That there is more need than ever to do all in our power to combat the liquor traffic, and that we are in favour of holding the Annual Convention." Officers elected: President, Mrs Macalister, Hollywood Terrace, Gladstone; Secretary, Mrs F. Lillicrap, Earn Street; Treasurer, Mrs Hunter, Don Street.

NELSON.

Dec. 3. Annual meeting, Miss Atkinson presiding. The Annual report was read by Mrs Knapp, Secretary, and the balance sheet by Mrs Brown, Treasurer. Reports of the Y Branch, and of the Good Citizenship Dept. were also given. Mrs Emmett, Librarian, stated that the library was well patronised. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Atkinson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Mackenzie, Lambert, Dickson,

(ex-officio), Field, Watson, and Hockey (elected); Secretary, Mrs Knapp; Asst. Secretary, Mrs Judson; Treasurer, Mrs A. Brown; Asst. Treasurer, Mrs Edmonds; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Whitford; Librarian, Mrs Emmett; Superintendents of Departments—Literature, Mrs Field; Good Citizenship, Mrs Judson; Station Box, Mrs Hayes; Back Blocks, Mrs Moyes. At the close of the meeting a resolution of deep regret and sympathy was passed for the late Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs J. Robertson, who had passed away that afternoon.

Dec. 7. Public meeting; a good attendance of members and friends. Annual reports were read; the Treasurer's report showing a satisfactory balance. Three new members initiated. A short programme was given, and an address by Mrs Butler, wife of the Congregational minister, bearing upon the spirit in which women should meet the sorrows and anxieties connected with the war. A letter was also read from a N.Z. soldier, expressing appreciation of correspondence by members of the W.C.T.U. Collection amounted to £1 6s 5d.

DEVONPORT.

Nov. 23. Discussion on "camp work." Report from member of Congregational Church; about 50 of the Islanders from camp attend worship there on Sunday mornings, the sermon being interpreted. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting address, with words of cheer to our members, also pinning our White Bow on two new members.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. Report of year's work was read. Early part of year President was ill, but returned to work in July. Six new members have been enrolled in our "Win One Campaign," and we have secured 3 new subscribers to "White Ribbon" paper. Our President emphasised the Noon Prayer as a strengthening bond to all members. Following officers elected for 1916: President, Mrs Mann; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Cranch and Shephard; Secretary, Mrs Little; Treasurer, Miss LeRoy; Organist, Mrs Cranch; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss LeRoy; Superintendents of Departments—Home Meetings, Mrs Johnston; Scientific Temperance, Miss Lilliwell; Notable Days, Mrs Jenkins; Christian Citizenship, Mrs Armitage; Look-out Committee, Mesdames Fraser, Kinnear, LeRoy. This committee is to welcome visitors to our meetings, specially look-out new members, and visit any who are absent from more than one meeting. Resolutions to send to Convention: "We will support vigorous campaign against treating," also for "6 p.m. closing of hotel bars," also urge Unions to "Educate without ceasing for Christian Citizenship" that our land may be a purer place for our men to come back to.

GREYMOUTH.

Dec. Annual meeting was not too well attended, owing to the very severe weather. Satisfactory yearly reports were read. Our mid-monthly prayer