

meetings have been well attended, and also the united prayer meetings for peace, organised by our Union. Officers elected as follows: Mrs Gaskin, President; Mrs J. Hayes, Secretary; Mrs Sweetman, Treasurer, and Superintendents of other departments were appointed. Notable days have been kept, usually by open-air meetings, and have been well attended. Our Sale of Work (Sailors' Rest) came off mid bad weather, but nevertheless we did very well. Our special thanks are due to Mrs Whitcombe of Dunedin, Mrs Jamieson, Mrs McAllister, and the Ashburton Y's. Our Sailors' Rest is in good hands, and is appreciated by many sailors while in port.

WANGANUI EAST.

Nov. Monthly meeting held in Baptist Chapel; small attendance. The reports and balance sheet for the year were presented. Ten shillings was donated towards Organising Fund, also the Supt. of the Okoia Loyal Temperance Legion reported that the Legion had donated the sum of £3 4s 7d towards Organising Fund. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs Duxfield; Secretary, and Treasurer, Mrs Andrew.

WHANGAREI.

Nov. 2. President in chair. President said she had received a letter from Hikurangi President stating that the Organising Secretary, Miss Evans, would pay them a visit at their first meeting in the New Year. Decided to let the matter rest for the present regarding the writing of essays in the various standards. All members, whose subscriptions were owing, were requested to pay up so that the Treasurer can balance accounts.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Nov. 2. Mrs Baird presiding. Purity literature received to be circulated among members. Mrs Lee-Cowie reported having sent £7 to Miss Slack (World's W.C.T.U. Secretary) for sand-bags. Three judges were appointed for Temperance Essays. Decided to send special letters of sympathy to Mrs W. A. Waugh, Mrs John Stead and Mrs Sutton, three members who had recently suffered sad bereavement. Mrs Cowie, Evangelistic Supt. reported that the Temperance Pleasant Sunday Afternoon meetings had been held regularly on first and third Sundays in each month. Also a "Band of Service" for children on alternate Friday evenings, a prayer meeting on behalf of the Empire each Friday afternoon, and a Bible reading on Saturday evenings—all at Amethyst Hall. Two new members received.

OTAMATEA.

I tu ane he mitini ma te roopu Karaitiana wahine Otamatea i te 5 o nga ra e Hepetema. I te here Aotea-rea na te Pirihi-tini karakia ka kime-netia 23 o nga himene a na te Pirihi-tini ano te inoi, whakapua-reta te whare mo nga take.

Kohi marama, Mihimihikito Pirihi-tini kia ruteria Karena i runga itemea ke kei runga ia i te pourianga o noho i te wehenga atu o tana kotiro o Parani Karena i tona aroaro kua riro nei ia i te matua nui i te rangi na konei nui atu te aroha o nga hoa roopu mete mihi atu hoki. E pai ana e hoa. Kote whakatauki hoki tenei ate karaiti tukuna mai nga tamariki ma nga hoki te rangatiratanga o te rangi, heoi Tatatou karakia he wha-kapone kiaia kite matua nui i te rangi me kahone tatou e whiwhi kitenā orkoia kite kainga hoki o te okioki-tanga. Kaati i whiwhi ano te roopu kia whaaturia tektahi ngahau fairwell i te 6 o nga ra o te Hepetema wha-kaaetiana o nga mema katoa mo James Paul raua ko James Tepene itemea e haere ana raua kote whawhai with the second Maori reinforcement. Kaati i te tunga o taua taakro ra mo raua nui nga mihi mo raua eo raua whanaunga meo raua hoa Pakeha heoi kohia te moni taake ha e nga Maori. Pakeha i taua no puae te moni i kohia £3 3s. Na Andrew Wiapo i tukku atu taua moni kia raua mete whai korero atu kitana tokerua ahakoa e tamama i ti tenei moni katu-kuatu nei e toke rua iwi tae atu hoki kiokorua hoa Pakeha me tango e korua tenei moni. Erangi kote wha-kaaro tenei ate iwi me tano e korua he paipera. Kiaua moni hei whaka maharatanga ma korua kia matou kaati nga mihi mate matua kui korua emanaki.

Mr Woodhead, school teacher, he tuaketenei nakku he whakepai atu kia korua. E James Paul E James Tepene kahaere nei kite whaiwhai mote kingi mote motu hoki. Kaati maku e penei atu, me whakarite o korua ngakau kite te Ingarihi kia kaua e kite i te wehi i nga hoa riri ahakoa kotehea ahuatanga kaua e wehi. Erangi he an English kaati nui te mihi o toku ngakau kia korue it emea he tamaiti taku e haere omane hoki kote whawha kei te Train-ing Camp inainei kaati nei waku mihi atu kia kowa.

I tu ano he mitini mate roopu Karaitiana wahine Otamatea i rote i te Hooro Aotearoa i te 5 o nga ra o Tihema. Na te Pirihi-tini te karakia ka himenetia te 23 o nga himene. Ka mutu ka inoi te Pirihi-tini ka puare te whare mo nga take, i 1. Take tuata ho koohi marama. k 2, take ruarua he whi whiriwhiri na te Pirihi-tini mo nga take raruraru i waenga nui i te roopu mete whaka takaoto tikanga eora ai nga moni kua mate. 2. Take na te roopu kia whaatu tetahi takoha he whaka mahatanga mate roopu wahine Otamatea kia kohi tatana Hamana i mua o tona hokinga kite whawhai kaati te whiriwhiri. Kapahi tia nga take ka inoi te Pirihi-tini.

In Kansas, U.S.A., last September, the Court panel for the first time contained the names of women eligible to sit in the jury box.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

All the good ideas do not come from District Unions, or even from our larger Unions. The Treasurer of a small Union, like many other Treasurers, has a difficulty in collecting subs. from members who do not attend the meetings. She suggests that printed slips should be furnished to each Treasurer, so that she could send a slip out when the sub. is due. We think it a good idea, and commend it to Convention. If the N.Z. Union printed the slips in quantity, the cost would be very small.

In an address before the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health, Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, after advocating the public treatment of tuberculosis as a potent means of exterminating that ancient foe, said "The next evil which should be attacked with the utmost vigour by all boards of health is alcoholism. It should be brought home to the entire population that the habitual use of alcohol beverages reduces in a serious degree the productive efficiency of the community. The entire annual bill of the white race for alcoholic drinks is worse than wasted expenditure. Recent experiments on the nerves and glands of the human body have demonstrated beyond a doubt that alcohol invariably does harm, and never any good either in health or disease. The use of alcohol as a defence against exposure or fatigue has been given up by all sensible persons. The habitual use of alcohol is the prolific source of a great variety of diseases and disabilities in the human body, causes many frightful disasters in human reproduction, and contributes to produce in innumerable instances family poverty and distress. Degradation through the use of alcohol is the greatest evil the white race is suffering from."

Ashburton. 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurzon, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss Wise, Short St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil, Winowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakatui.

Auckland District. 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St. Ponsonby.