

kindly gave the prize money. We have decided to give prizes each year for this work. Mrs Cole (Superintendent Cradle Roll) reported that the Cradle Roll at the end of the year 1914 had 52 members. This year 132. Last February a picnic was held for the mothers and children. The election of officers took place, and resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Perkins (re-elected); Vice-Pres., Mrs Jackson (re-elected); Sec., Mrs Thompson; Treas., Mrs Davie (re-elected); Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole (re-elected). A vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to carry on the work during the year.

GISBORNE.

Nov. A social afternoon was held in St. Andrew's Schoolroom to meet Miss Powell. Between 50 and 60 were present, including several new members. These were the result of personal contact during Miss Powell's visit. Miss Powell gave a talk on the Union, its work and influence. Decided that Tokomaru Bay be visited, and a collection of £3 was taken up for the expenses. Songs and recitations were given.

PAHIATUA.

Nov. 11. Members met at the home of Mrs Wilson to bid farewell to our member, Mrs McLennan, who is leaving us to reside in Napier, on account of the health of her youngest son.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. Report shows eight new members gained. Work done in 14 departments. Donations made to N.Z. Union, Maori Fund, and World's Missionary Fund. Full levy paid to Organising Fund, also an extra sixpence capitation to N.Z. Fund, as suggested by our N.Z. Treasurer at Convention. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Neal; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs W. W. McCardle; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Thurlow; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs Eager.

AUCKLAND.

Nov. 10. Mrs Cook (President) in the chair. Decided that we give, as a Union, a fortnightly distribution of literature supplied by the No-License League. Proposed the following resolution be sent to the City Council:—"That the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union protests against the proposed running of trams during church hours on Sunday." Resolved: "A letter be sent to the Hon. J. Allen (Minister of Defence) drawing his attention to the fact that the shouting system had been dealt with by legislation in other lands, and that the New Zealand Defence Department has the power in its own hands to deal with the matter." A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Lambourne for her address, "The Sword Invisible."

Nov. 24. Mrs Cook presiding. A number of visitors from other Unions were present. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address, choosing for her subject, "Temperance in Other Lands." It was much appreciated. Miss Henderson and Miss Maunder spoke a few words of encouragement and cheer.

Tuesday, Nov. 30. A very successful lecture was given by the Rev. G. Budd, of Devonport, on "The Panama Canal," in aid of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union.

GREYTOWN.

Meeting held, at which there was a good attendance. Mrs Quin read a most interesting paper, which was much appreciated by all present. A letter of thanks for old linen was received from the Secretary of the Military Hospital Guild.

NELSON.

Nov. 9. Miss Atkinson presided. Two new members were initiated. Resolved that the annual meeting be held on the 7th December, and the members' business meeting on the Friday previous, December 3rd. Arrangements for the annual meeting and Sale of Work were made. The Annual Sale was held on November 3rd in the Temperance Hall. The afternoon proved very wet, and the attendance smaller than usual, but the business done was satisfactory. In the evening a programme of songs and recitations was given, and the sale was continued on the following afternoon.

The monthly meeting at Richmond was held on November 10th, Mrs Watson presiding. One new member was initiated. Decided that the meetings should be continued next year, beginning on the second Wednesday in February.

BIRKENHEAD.

An enthusiastic gathering of W.C.T.U. members and friends met at the Birkdale Methodist Church on Thursday, November 11th, at a Red Cross luncheon. The afternoon meeting was presided over by our President. Mrs Cook, President of the Auckland Union, gave an interesting address on W.C.T.U. work, its aims and objects. Essays written from the Temperance Wall Sheets by the school children from Abany and Glenfield were handed in. These will be judged and the promised prizes awarded. At the close of our meeting six new members were initiated. Collection for R.C.F., £3 13s.

MOSGIEL.

Annual meeting held November 9th. Good attendance. Balance-sheet and report adopted. Small balance in hand. Mrs Bedford presided. Election of officers resulted:—President, Mrs Pinfold; Sec., Mrs Wilson; Treas., Mrs Accersoll; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Morton.

WANGANUI.

Nov. Monthly meeting held, fair attendance. Election of officers took place; all officers were re-elected. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted. A helpful address was given those present by Mrs Blamires, President, on the "Hand-Pull," especially suiting these hard and trying days. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs Sewell owing to the death of her mother. Owing to Convention being held here March, 1916, a lot of business was gone into. Committees formed and matters brought forward to ensure a good and helpful conference.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Nov. 8.—Arrangements made in connection with Luncheon and Tea Rooms at Show Grounds. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday tables were set, and luncheon provided, several thousands being served in the three days. Collection boxes were put on the tables, and the sum of £10 14s 7d was obtained for buying wool and material to work up for the soldiers.

Nov. 23.—Mrs J. McCombs presided over a good attendance. Correspondence received from the Secretary of Red Cross thanking the Union for a bolt of flannel given to the Hospital Ship, and a donation of £5 towards Nurses' Relief Fund. Mrs J. McCombs was appointed delegate to a deputation to wait on managers of Picture Shows re the retrogressive tendency of picture films of the present day. A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction at the decision of the City Council in deciding to enforce the by-laws re boys under 12 selling newspapers. The Union has refused to take any part in the River Bank Carnival unless committee will give an assurance that no gambling in any form will be indulged in. Decided to try and arrange with the United Council of women for a deputation to wait on Hon Dr McNab on several matters affecting women and children, especially those pertaining to assaults on young children, and the detaining on farm colonies of degenerates committing these offences.

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10 vests; 16 pair pants; 3 pair socks; 1 bottle cover; 1 pair mittens; 2 scarves; 1 night shirt. A bolt of white flannel was given to the Red Cross for the Hospital Ship, to be made into bandages.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Dec. 2.—Annual meeting; Mrs Peryman occupied the chair. The minutes of 1914 annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read reports from branch unions in connection with work done. Our members worked well in getting signatures to the petitions for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars, and regret it was not granted, but all intend to keep "pegging away" until public opinion expresses itself so strongly that they are bound to listen and carry into effect the wish-