

Agent, Mrs R. H. Wilson (re-elected); Cradle Roll, Mrs Hope; Home Meetings, Mrs Ashby (re-elected); Sick Visitors, Mrs McPherson (re-elected) and Mrs Murgatroyd; Literature, Mesdames Corner and Barrow; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Corner, McPherson, and Miss Kirk. Mrs Spearman and Mrs Briarly, from Wellington, were present, and at the close all partook of afternoon tea in the school-room.

Nov. 17. Large "At Home" was held at Mrs W. C. Burd's residence, 37, Cuba Street, Petone, 36 present. Vocal and instrumental items were rendered. Mrs Wright read a paper on "Woman's Mission," and Mrs Houlder (Wellington) and Mr Burd expressed their views on women and their work. A splendid address on "National Registration," spiritually applied, was delivered by Mr Burd, senr. Dainty afternoon tea was served on the lawn by the Misses Burd.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 8. Annual meeting. Mrs J. McCombs presided over a large attendance. Annual report was read and adopted. This report showed work accomplished in the departments of Anti-Gambling, Legal and Parliamentary, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Good Citizenship, Relief Work for Sick and Wounded Soldiers, and many others. Resolutions have been forwarded to Parliament on the Crimes Amendment Bill, Gaming and Lottery Act, against the facilities for gambling being increased. Great interest was taken in the election of School Committees and Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Eight schools competed for the essays on the temperance wall sheets, nineteen children gaining prizes. Our "White Ribbon" Superintendent reported 15 new subscribers. Members have met every week and worked for the sick and wounded soldiers. Others have made garments and knitted socks, scarves, and mittens, and large parcels sent in every month to the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Depots. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs J. McCombs; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs Barton; Treas., Mrs Patterson; Ass. Treas., Miss Gordon; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Mrs Lovell-Smith, Mrs Blythe, Mrs Williams, and Miss Roberts. Mrs Seed's resignation was accepted with great regret. Resolved: "That this Union tenders to Mrs Seed its heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation of the long and valuable services she has rendered to it for so many years as Treasurer. The Union earnestly and affectionately asks her to reconsider her decision with regard to her resignation as a member of the Union." The following articles have been forwarded to the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Depots in December:—12 under shirts, 14 pairs pants, 8 pairs socks, 2 pairs mittens, 1 nightshirt,

1 bottle cover, 2 scarves, 4 suits of flannel pyjamas were sent to the Hospital Ship in November.

OXFORD.

Nov. 25. Annual meeting, President being in the chair. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Carson. Report of the District Convention read, and a letter of thanks sent to Mrs Day, who had furnished the report. Decided to send £1 to the Maori work. Letter of thanks be sent to Rev. J. Holloway for help given to the Union. 28 names are on the roll. About 150 visits were paid to the sick and aged. Balance-sheet showed a small credit balance. The President thanked the members for help given in the past year. The Secretary's resignation was accepted with regret. The following were elected:—Pres., Mrs Ryde; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Hawke; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Gainsford, senr.; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Hawke. A presentation was made to Mrs Comyns as a slight token of the Union's appreciation of her work as Secretary. Decided to cater for the sports on Boxing Day, the profits to go to the local Red Cross.

Nov. 27. A Band of Hope picnic held, 50 children and their mothers present. The Rev. Mr Duncum very kindly helped to amuse the children with games. Mrs Ryde addressed the children on temperance.

PICTON.

This Union has had a busy year, the war has made its demands upon the members, and they have done "What they could." They met two afternoons a week, and made up garments for the wounded soldiers. They made sufficient clothing to fill several large cases for the hospital ships, and for the base hospitals. These were all handed over to the Ladies' Patriotic Guild. The President, Mrs Arthur, made an appeal for socks for the Lady Liverpool Fund in June, and was able to send away over 200 pairs. They are steadily knitting all the time making up articles needed by our boys at the Front, and will continue as long as required. Indeed they feel their efforts must be redoubled this year. £30 has been expended upon flannel and wool. Annual meeting held in December. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs Arthur; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Armstrong and Jackson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs Millen; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs Jennings. The Rev A. A. Armstrong, and Mr Field have been very good in addressing meetings from time to time, and the Band of Hope has been held each month. Mr Armstrong and Mrs Arthur have kept the flag flying by presiding and having addresses ready for the children. For next year Mr Armstrong has been appointed President, and Messrs Burrough and Philpot Vice-Presidents.

NAPIER.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting. Reports read from Waipukurau, Waipawa, Hastings, and Dannevirke; also of all the work accomplished during the year by the Napier Union. Report given of the five years' catering at the Hawke's Bay Agricultural Show. Resolved that the Union would cater for tea kiosk alone if that was allowed. Resolved to meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday. The following officers were elected: Mrs Venables, President; Mrs Ingram, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Freeman, Recording Secretary; Mrs Clare, Treasurer. Superintendents: Miss Harding, Evangelistic; Mrs Walker, Cradle Roll and Flower Mission; Purity, Mrs Oldham; Press, Mrs Fossey; Drawingroom, Mrs Ball; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Oldham, Freeman, and Dodds. The following list was added to year's work: 1000 sand-bags; 488 eye bandages, the Primary and Technical College Girls helping to make them; 76 fomentation cloths; 54 diet cloths; 114 operation cloths; 2 body belts; 8 hot water bottle covers; 6 face cloths; 2 pillow cases; 5 bundles medicine cloths; 63 bandages; 22 pairs of socks; 6 scarves; 3 Balaclava caps; 20 pairs mittens; 4 walking sticks.

ASHBURTON.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting, Mrs Watson presiding. Hearty welcome accorded the visiting members from Tinwald. Letter received from the Secretary of the Borough Council thanking the Union for providing the farewell tea to the boys of the 10th Reinforcements on November 16th. Yearly report read and adopted. The President expressed the hope that even more and better work might be accomplished in 1916. The Treasurer's report was adopted; small credit balance. An auditor appointed, and Mrs Lill warmly thanked. Reports from the Winchmore-Greenstreet, Tinwald, and Rakaia branches were read, and much appreciation expressed. Superintendents' reports read and adopted. Our membership now stands at 50, and "White Ribbon" subscribers number 74. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs W. K. Watson (re-elected); Secretary, Miss Trevurza; Asst. Secretary, Miss Wise; Treasurer, Mrs W. L. Lill (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Elliott, Miller, McArthur, and Oldrieve. Superintendents of Departments were re-appointed, with the exception of Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Lill. Resolved that a letter of thanks and appreciation be forwarded Mrs J. W. Dent for faithful work done as Secretary.

NGAERE.

Meeting held at Mrs Ellis', 10 present. A letter of thanks from Lady Liverpool was received and read. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to non-members who have helped the Union with money and materi-