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MEMBERS OF THE WANGANUI CONVENTION OF THE W.C.T.U., 1916.

The 31st Convention of the W.C.T.U. met in St. Paul's Hall, Nixon Street, Wanganui. This hall is the property of the Trustees of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The above group was taken in the grounds behind the church, and has for a background the manse, with its

shrubbery and garden. The hall was well suited for such a gathering, but roomy as it is, on several occasions it was well filled. The afternoon sessions were well attended, and the few evening meetings taxed to its utmost the seating capacity of the hall. At first the weather was so hot

that it was difficult to muster up energy even for an attack upon our old enemy the Liquor Trade. But the cooler weather came, and Convention got into form, and laid the train and put the fuse ready for a shot at the Liquor Trade, which may prove a "knock-out blow."

Thirty-First Annual Convention

OF THE

N.Z. W.C.T.U.

HELD IN

St. Paul's Hall, Nixon Street, Wanganui, March 15th to 23rd, 1916.

Convention was called to order at 9 a.m. by the Dominion President. The Crusade Hymn was sung, Crusade Psalm read, and prayers offered by several. The President gave a short address, based on Eccles. 9:14-16: "The poor, wise woman saving the city."

Roll call: 71 responded.

Proxies appointed for Pahiatua, Norsewood, and Greymouth; others deferred to afternoon.

New Zealand officers.—Mrs Don, Dominion President; Miss Henderson, Dominion Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Dominion Recording Secretary; Mrs Bendely, Dominion Treasurer; Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon"; Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer; Mrs Taylor, Dominion Organising Treasurer.

District Presidents.—Mrs Gaskin (Greymouth), Mrs Jones (Hamilton), Mrs Venables (Napier), Mrs Douglas (New Plymouth), Mrs Crabb (Palmerston North), Mrs Lule (Timaru), Mrs Houlder (Wellington), Mrs Bone (Hawera).

District Secretaries.—Miss N. Dewar (Auckland), Mrs Sinclair (Blenheim), Mrs Macartney (Dunedin), Mrs Bruce (New Plymouth), Mrs Spearman (Wellington), Mrs Freeman (Napier), Mrs McKenzie (Wanganui), Mrs Hodder (Palmerston North) (Recording), Mrs Hills (Palmerston North) (Corresponding), Miss Bischof (Hawera).

District Treasurers.—Mrs Lill (Ashburton), Mrs Goffe (Gisborne), Miss Taunt (New Plymouth), Mrs Clausen (Palmerston North).

Dominion Superintendents.—Sister Moody-Bell, Prison and Reformatory Work; Mrs Dearlove, Literature; Mrs Duxfield, Press; Mrs Judson, Good Citizenship; Mrs Neal, Medical Temperance, Cradle Roll, and L.T.L.; Mrs Macdonald, Domestic Science; Mrs Upton, Evangelistic; Mrs Young, Educational Bureau; Mrs Lee-Cowie, Peace and Arbitration; Miss Maunder, Scientific Temperance.

Delegates.—Mrs T. E. Taylor (Christchurch), Mrs Little (Devonport), Mrs Griffiths (Hastings), Mrs Jameson (Kaiapoi), Mrs Whincop (Greytown), Mrs Nelson (Hikurangi), Mrs Frethy (Lower Hutt), Mrs Hunter

(Invercargill), Mrs Smart (South Invercargill), Mrs Phillips (Ngaere), Mrs Witten (Matakana), Miss Ambury (New Plymouth), Mrs Field (Nelson), Mrs Watson (Nelson), Mrs Saunders (Normanby), Mrs Sanson (Palmerston North), Mrs Ritchie (Palmerston North), Mrs Plummer (Ponsonby), Mrs Morrison (Warkworth), Mrs Knuckey (Wanganui), Mrs Grant (Wanganui), Mrs James (Wanganui East), Mrs White (Waipukurau), Mrs Johnson-Wright (Wellington District), Mrs Brierley (Wellington District), Mrs McLeod (Whangarei), Mrs Jones (Feilding), Mrs Perkins (Woodville), Miss Cody (Patea), Mrs Reeve (Stratford), Mrs Burd (Petone), Mrs Galloway (Auckland), Mrs Goodall (Opotiki), Mrs Ryde (Oxford), Mrs Ross (Masterton), Miss Macarthy (Waimate), Mrs Hall (New Brighton), Mrs Johnstone (Port Chalmers), Mrs Hunt (Mania), Mrs Clark (Ngaio), Mrs Bott (Waipawa), Miss Phillips (Nelson Y Branch).

Proxies.—Miss Weymouth (for Pahiatua), Mrs Nicholson (for Norsewood), Mrs Brown (for Greymouth), Mrs Hewitt (for Winchmore-Greenstreet), Mrs Murray (for Tinwald), Miss Tucker (for Okaiawa), Miss Austen (for N.E. Valley), Mrs Bischof (for Lyttelton), Miss Gausted (for Kai-korai).

Miss Powell was appointed Convention Letter-writer.

Reporters arranged as follows for papers and districts named:—Local press, Mrs Walker; Press Association, Mrs Peryman; Christchurch and Nelson, Mrs Judson; "Outlook" and Hawera, Miss Maunders; "Methodist Times" and "White Ribbon" (English), Sister Moody-Bell; "Maoriland Worker," Miss Macarthy; Napier, Mrs Venables; "War Cry" and "Vanguard," Mrs Spearman; Otautau, Bluff, and Invercargill, Mrs Lee-Cowie; Dunedin, Mrs McArtney; Wellington, Mrs Houlder; Timaru, Mrs Rule; New Plymouth, Mrs Douglas; Auckland, Mrs Morrison; Palmerston North, Mrs Crabb; Pahiatua, Mrs Young; Waikato, Mrs Jones (Hamilton), Baptist, Mrs Freeman; Waimate, Miss Macarthy; Gisborne, Mrs Goffe; Waipukurau, Mrs Nicholson; Stratford, Mrs Reeve; "Rodney Times" and "Oamaru Mail," Mrs Witten; "Clutha Leader," Mrs Houlder; Masterton, Mrs Duxfield; Patea, Miss Cody; Hutt Valley, Mrs Burd; Whangarei, Mrs McLeod.

Suggested that at future Conventions work of arranging for reporters might be attended to by Dominion Press Superintendents, and time of Convention be thus saved.

Letters of sympathy directed to be sent to Mrs Crump (Nelson), Mrs A. R. Atkinson (Wellington), Mrs Driver (Dunedin), Mrs F. Brown (Wanganui East), the family of the late Mrs Boase (Hawera), Mrs Davis (Blenheim), Mr Cameron (Napier), Mrs Webb (Ormondville), Mrs Oldham (Napier), Mrs Ward (Kaiapoi).

On the motion of the President, it was unanimously carried by standing silent vote that this Convention desires to express its deep sympathy with all those members of the Union who have lost husbands, sons, or brothers during the war.

Greetings were received from Mr E. Smith (Auckland), Mrs Webb (Ormondville), and the Dunedin, Palmerston North, and Masterton Unions.

Letter read from Rev. Jas. Wilson, Turakina, re petition sent there for signature, urging 6 o'clock closing, and re introduction of wet canteens. Members warned against similar petitions said to be in circulation.

The Corresponding Secretary read her report on the year's work, showing financial membership to be 3333, increase of 128 over last year. Adopted after short discussion, in which Sister Moody-Bell proposed letter of thanks be sent to Minister of Education for his favourable attitude towards Temperance teaching in schools and other work for the benefit of school children.

To the President's call for show of new members to Convention, 27 responded, and were heartily welcomed; also the Dominion Treasurer, whose ill-health had threatened to prevent her attendance at Convention.

The Treasurer's report showed total receipts for year, £149 10s 11d; credit balance from last year, £96 1s 2d; total expenditure, £163 3s 3d; present credit balance, £82 8s 6d. The banner was won by Patea Union, with increase in membership of 166 per cent; next came Winchmore-Greenstreet, 143 per cent.; Normanby and Dannevirke, each 125 per cent.; Lower Hutt, 120 per cent.

Miss Powell spoke of the necessity for local Treasurers being persistent in collecting subscriptions, so that the true membership of the Union might always be seen, otherwise its influence was weakened, as financial members alone could be counted, and members of Parliament and public men always judged the power of an organisation by its membership. Suggestions made by Treasurers as to methods employed for getting in subscriptions. On the recommendation of the Executive, it was resolved Treasurers' slips should be printed, to be sent to members whose subscriptions were unpaid, such slips to be supplied to local Treasurers at cost price.—Report adopted.

Mrs Hunter was appointed Press Agent for sale of local papers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 p.m., Mrs Upton leading the devotions.

Greetings received from Auckland District, Pahiatua, and Petone Unions.

Resolved that Rev. J. Dawson, who wrote he would arrive in Wanganui on Friday afternoon, should be requested to address Convention the same day, immediately after afternoon tea.

Letter received from Wanganui Y.M.C.A., conveying their greetings

and asking if one of the members would give an address at the Strangers' Tea on Sunday afternoon. Mrs Evans agreed to do so.

Mrs Crabb moved the resolution standing in Mrs Scanlon's name (vide "White Ribbon" January number).

Mrs Peryman pointed out that the second half of motion, claiming for all delegates and representatives equal privileges, therefore including hospitality, might create an impossible position for the entertaining Union. Suggested that the motion should be divided, as several delegates said they were instructed to vote for first part, but not for second.

The President ruled that to divide motion was equivalent to amending it, and therefore could not be done.

Motion put and lost.

Proxies appointed for Winchmore and Tinwald.

The Organising Treasurer read report and balance-sheet, showing receipts £105 7s 1d, decrease of £37 19s 9d on previous year; expenditure, £138 11s 2d, marked increase on previous year; balance in hand, £99 3s 3d.—Adopted on motion of Mrs Taylor.

The President delivered her address, there being a large attendance of visitors and friends.—Adopted on motion of Mrs Lee-Cowie, who eulogised it as a splendid epitome of present position of Temperance cause throughout the world.

After afternoon tea, President welcomed to ranks of Union two young ladies, members of B.W.T.A. (British Women's Temperance Association); also Mrs Hewitt, an old member and firstworker among Maoris, who spoke a few words of encouragement; also Mrs Patterson, proxy for Winchmore, just recovered from serious illness.

Mrs Heatley appointed Mistress of Courtesies, and Miss Brechin to attend to postage and distribution of mails.

Miss Henderson read a number of Monthly Bulletin of National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, giving account of women's work during past year, the many opportunities offered her through the war, and splendid way in which she had responded to the nation's call.

"White Ribbon" Editor explained that to save expense, Superintendents' reports had been shortened; nothing had been omitted, but wherever possible facts had been tabulated.

Mrs Walker moved report and balance-sheet of Maori Department. Owing to illness of Maori Organiser, little work had been done. Balance of £47 14s 4d available. The importance of this work emphasised, but great difficulty found in getting a suitable Organiser, as good speaking knowledge of Maori an absolute necessity. Suggested that Unions might help by distribution of Maori leaflets, which Rev. F. W. Chatterton would gladly prepare.

Resolved that letter of sympathy should be sent to Miss Woodhead, late Maori Organiser.

Report adopted.

Evangelistic, Mothers' Meetings, and Home Meetings reports adopted. Suggestion made to combine L.T.L. work with Home Meetings by getting children to come after school.

The President urged delegates to impress on their Unions the necessity of sending in reports of work in good time, as it was impossible for Convention to receive verbal reports.

Session closed with Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Upton). Roll Call 78. Minutes.

Greetings from Unity Lodge, I.O.G.T., Wanganui, with invitation to attend meeting on Monday evening, and request for Mrs Don, or failing her, some other lady, to speak. Mrs Lee-Cowie agreed to do so.

Greetings from Pioneer Lodge, I.O.G.T., Dunedin, South Dunedin Union, Petone, and N.E. Valley Unions, Mrs V. Gain, and Miss Roberts.

Resolutions of sympathy with family of Mrs Mackay, drowned in the Lusitania, and with Dr. F. Keller.

Recommendation from Executive that, in accordance with letter from Mrs Lee-Cowie, a Dominion patriotic effort be made for helping the soldiers at the front, and that Mrs Lee-Cowie be appointed to organise the same.

Mrs Lee-Cowie briefly outlined the scheme, its purpose, suggestions as to its form, work already done by Invercargill Union and others, and dwelt on desirability of using the Y.M.C.A. as the channel. To make a beginning, she had placed on the market a house estimated to bring in at least £500. An animated discussion took place, showing the enthusiasm with which Unions and members of Convention were prepared to take up the scheme, some having already made a start. Finally, following resolutions passed:

(1) "That this Convention at once inaugurate a scheme for raising a patriotic fund, and recommends every Union to give its hearty co-operation."

(2) "That this patriotic effort be organised by the Dominion W.C.T.U.; that all Temperance organisations be invited to collect donations; and that these sums stand in the names of the societies contributing them."

(3) "That Mrs Lee-Cowie be appointed Organiser and Treasurer for this scheme."

(4) "That the money thus raised for the benefit of the soldiers be given to the Y.M.C.A., to be used as they think best."

(5) "That all the money collected be in the hands of the Organiser by the end of June."

(6) "That the printing of the cards required in connection with the effort be left in the hands of the Organiser and the 'White Ribbon' Editor."

A motion by Mrs Johnson Wright, that the words "20s," as on the specimen card, should be eliminated, was put to Convention and lost.

The Organiser emphasised the following points for the guidance of delegates:—

- (1) Collecting cards to be distributed by Treasurers of local Unions.
- (2) Each card to have Collector's name clearly written on it, and same to be entered also in Treasurer's book.
- (3) Each card issued to be returned by end of June, amount collected to be entered in Treasurer's book opposite to Collector's name, and card signed as receipt.
- (4) Each local Treasurer to send money to Organiser at frequent intervals, as may be convenient, and to receive from her a receipt for presenting to her Union.
- (5) Contributions to be acknowledged by the Organiser in the "White Ribbon" monthly, and if possible in the local papers by various local Treasurers.

Noontide devotions conducted by Mrs Johnson Wright.

Organiser stated she intended sending money to Y.M.C.A. as soon as possible, and at intervals as seemed worth while.

Several questions asked and answered as to details of scheme.

Session closed at 12.15 with Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Crabb. Roll call, 84. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greeting from Waihi Union.

The following resolution, from Resolutions Committee, passed unanimously:—"That this Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union heartily thanks the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence for the stand they have made against the establishment of wet canteens in military camps. It especially desires to recognise with gratitude the earnest efforts of the Minister of Defence to promote the welfare of the soldiers."

Reports of Unfermented Wine, Narcotics, and Home Science were discussed and adopted.

It was stated that, with a few exceptions, Anglican churches do not yet use unfermented wine.

Re sending tobacco to soldiers at the Front, some difference of opinion, but all agreed as to evils of cigarette smoking, and deplored increase of smoking among girls.

Suggestion to protest against sweets, pastry cooks' cakes, grocers' goods, etc., being left exposed to flies and dust was referred to Resolutions Committee, Mrs Spearman to draft resolution.

After afternoon tea, Rev. J. Dawson was welcomed by President, and invited to address Convention. He gave, in a brief summary of present position, both grounds for dissatisfaction and evidences of progress, claimed for anti-shouting and early closing campaigns best energies of women, and conveyed greetings of all men workers in Temperance cause. Answering questions, he said fresh legis-

lation was needed to prevent evasion of the law dealing with removal of licenses; and early closing legislation, if carried, would have to be made permanent after the war, for it was becoming an industrial question, as employers were beginning to recognise it as a duty to make provision for evening recreation of employees.

A hearty vote of thanks passed to Mr Dawson.

The Organiser (Miss Powell) read her report, and made strong appeal for increased funds. President urged delegates to press on Unions the claims of Organising Fund. The assessment of 1s per member should be faithfully paid by Unions, who alone, and not individual members, were expected to provide the funds by whatever methods seemed to them advisable. Many Unions, small as well as large, recognised their responsibility, but others had failed to understand what was expected of them. All delegates should regard as their purpose in coming to Convention not merely having a good time and becoming enthused, but also learning such points of business for future guidance of their Unions. Warm tributes paid to Organiser by Presidents of Patea, Greytown, and other Unions for assistance given in reviving or arousing interest in the work. If only funds allowed it, appointment of second Organiser, so that North and South Island might each have one, would be sound policy, and would eventually be absolute necessity.

Report adopted.

Session closed with Benediction.

MONDAY MORNING.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Morrison. Roll call, 82. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings received from Mrs Kennington (Eltham), Dr. Platts-Mills, who regretted inability to address public meeting as requested; and Mrs Scott, Normanby Union, enclosing £2 2s for Dominion W.C.T.U.'s patriotic effort.

Re patriotic effort, letter drafted by Mrs Lee-Cowie to be sent by delegates to their Unions without delay.

Intercessory service postponed to Wednesday evening.

Invitation given to visit schools and hear Bible lessons given at 9 a.m.; also to visit Central Infants' School to see the Montessori system working.

Letter read from Mrs Shepherd, re British Dominions Overseas Suffrage Union.—Deferred.

L.T.L. and Cradle Roll. Press, Prison and Reformatory Work, Sabbath Observance, Work Among Seamen, Literature reports discussed and adopted.

Mrs Duxfield congratulated on L.T.L. demonstration given on Friday evening. Several delegates intended beginning work on similar lines. Suggestions for keeping boys as they grow up: Enrol in Young People's Branches, pass on to Rechabite Order, interest them in musical band or lantern work.

Suggestions to Press Superintendents: Send telling paragraphs to local papers; engage a column by the year or an inch per day; insert "scatterers" in "Wanted" column and elsewhere. In some districts papers willing to give half a column, or pay for interesting paragraphs.

Satisfactory position reported re Addington Gaol for Women, having excellent matron and three official women visitors.

Much Sunday working reported in various districts, but law preventing applied only to those earning money by usual occupation. Action could be taken only on complaint of neighbours.

Making comfort bags for sailors suggested as suitable work for Y Branches or Union members unable to attend meetings through distance of homes.

Mrs Lill conducted noontide devotions.

Mrs Neal and Mrs Dearlove drew attention to literature of their departments, Band of Mercy leaflets, charts, song books, K.K. pledges, Miss Austen's booklets on Purity; attention drawn also to Miss Roberts's pamphlet, "The National Peril," and "Think It Over" series of leaflets, printed by Auckland No-License League for house to house distribution. The W.C.T.U. leaflets might with advantage be sent to all names on directory in any district that Organiser was intending to visit, to prepare way for her work.

Convention closed in usual way.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions by Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Roll call, 85. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings received from Kaikorai and Nelson Unions, Mrs Boxall (of Wellington), and Mrs Webb (of Ormondville).

"White Ribbon" report and balance-sheet read and adopted. The Editor made an earnest appeal to "W.R." agents to collect subscriptions promptly and obtain new subscribers, so as to meet increased cost and maintain efficiency and influence of the paper. Great appreciation expressed of Mrs Peryman's splendid work, and she was unanimously re-elected Editor and Business Manager.

The sum of £25 voted for printing Convention number, grant of £15 made to Business Manager, and bonus of £10 to the Editor.

Mrs Peryman nominated Mrs Evans as Associate-Editor. She asked members to assist by sending details of cases requiring comment, and to remember the paper daily in their prayers.

After afternoon tea, an initiatory service was conducted, and five members received into the Union.

Scientific Temperance and Medical Temperance reports discussed and adopted.

Executive brought forward letter from Mr Maunder re chart, manual, and leaflets recommended in place of

present wall sheets. After discussion, it was resolved that Minister of Education and Directors of Education be approached with a view to securing the introduction into our public schools of a more systematic scheme of Temperance instruction, Mesdames A. R. Atkinson and Evans to form the deputation.

Plans for Work for 1916.

Recommendation brought up from Executive that the Union should get up forthwith a petition for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. Carried unanimously, "That the Union should immediately print and get out petitions, returnable to Corresponding Secretary by June 20th,* for presenting in first week in July. Mrs Peryman and Miss Henderson to see about printing and circulating petitions, and each Union to be invited to make a contribution towards cost of printing them. Full instructions would be given, but points to be specially emphasised were all signatures must be in ink or indelible pencil, must be full names, with addresses, of electors 21 years of age. Those unable to write could get Justice of the Peace (but no one else) to sign for them and put their mark."

Every member of every Union must work with the greatest energy to make petition a gigantic success.

President gave hints from Dunedin experience as to best ways of getting signatures, such as tables at street corners (for this permission must be obtained from the Mayor), visiting factories, getting petitions signed at church doors.

Session closed at 5.30 with Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Houlder). Roll call, 84. Minutes confirmed.

Backblocks report adopted without discussion.

Discussion on Plans of Work continued.

(a.) Resolved: "That the petition urging measures for the better protection of women and children, presented to the Minister of Justice late last session, and withdrawn at his suggestion, be presented at as early a date as possible."

This petition urged—(1) That men convicted of sexual offences against children of tender years be imprisoned for life.

(2) That men convicted of more than one offence against women or girls have more adequate punishment. It had been signed by representatives of women societies all over the Dominion, and in such a petition large membership of Union tells, so every Union should do its utmost to get every woman to join, even though unable to do active work.

(b.) Re assistance to backblocks, suggested by Stratford Union, following resolution unanimously passed.

*Decided later that petition must be in by end of May.

ed:—"That with a view to supplying the need for Temperance work in outlying districts, this Convention resolves:

"(1) That the N.Z. Alliance be urgently recommended to consider advisability of employing a saddle bag canvasser to bring the No-License cause before the residents in outlying districts, Public Works camps, etc.

"(2) That Ministers and Home Missionaries in such districts be urged to give special prominence to the Temperance question in their work.

"(3) That the Unions be asked to endeavour to move the churches and other Christian bodies in their districts to send some worker to visit backblocks residents and Public Works camps.

"(4) That N.Z. Alliance be further recommended to ask the No-License Councils to make some effort to deal with question. All Unions urged to do their utmost to carry out spirit of these resolutions."

(c.) Resolved: "That all Unions be recommended to establish in their districts, if possible, L.T.L. and Young People's Branches."

Letter read dealing with urgent necessity for getting certain reforms carried out in Cairo, that our soldiers there may be protected from immorality and disease rampant in lowest quarters of that city. Suggested that N.Z. Government might be urged to bring pressure to bear on the authorities at Cairo to (1) enforce the law prohibiting solicitation, (2) make the brother district, a fairly well-defined area, out of bounds to soldiers, by means of pickets. A similar measure might be adopted with reference to our own towns. Discussion postponed till evening session.

(d.) Miss Powell brought up necessity for stricter supervision of picture films. It was stated that a strong deputation from a representative public meeting, got up by Roman Catholic Federation, had received from Minister for Internal Affairs a promise that the matter should not be allowed to rest.

(e.) Mrs Field suggested something should be done to provide somewhere, as an object lesson, a bright and homely place where men could meet instead of in the public-house bar, on the lines of the "Despard Arms" in London. From evidence supplied by the "dry districts," and from possibility of 6 o'clock closing being carried, this matter was not considered to be immediately pressing.

(f.) Miss Powell referred to granting of wine licenses to confectioners' shops, a practice that is growing, and is fraught with extreme danger.—Deferred.

Reports discussed and adopted, viz.: Rest and Refreshment Booths, Bible in Schools, Notable Days, Educational Bureau.

Delegates reminded that if School Committees were elected who were favourable to Bible reading in school

hours, it could be introduced, as Education Boards no longer had power to object.

Mrs Rule conducted noontide devotions.

Resolved: "That every Union be urged to ask the local authorities (1) to prohibit the exposure to flies and dust of sweets, confectionery, etc., offered for sale; (2) to enforce strictly the inspection of back yards and similar premises."

Session closed with the Benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Rule). Roll call, 83. Minutes.

Greetings from Wellington Central and Ashburton Unions, also from International Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Reports adopted: Military Camps, Y's and Medal Contests, Peace and Arbitration.

Moved: "That this gathering of women representatives from every portion of New Zealand wish to emphasise the principle that mutual fear is the root of all strife, that no spiritual good can be furthered by physical force, and that right relations between nations, as between individuals, must be founded on love, goodwill, and perfect trust. Realising the responsibility of women in this matter, we therefore urge the creation of an atmosphere that will make peace possible on the very best foundations by the concentration of our thought on peace, love and harmony, emphasising Edith Cavell's last words, 'This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I believe patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness to any one.' We desire to advance the cause of peace by a conference of neutrals, and by the promulgation of peace principles in every country. We therefore earnestly urge on our Unions and churches the desirability of working towards that end."

Mrs Lee-Cowie moved the insertion of the words, "many of them mothers, having sons at the Front," after the words "from every portion of New Zealand." They were accordingly inserted.

A long discussion followed. Finally further consideration of the motion was deferred to next morning's session.

Session closed at 3 p.m. to allow members to proceed to Castlecliff for afternoon tea.

TUESDAY EVENING.

A special session was held on Tuesday evening, at 7.30, for the purpose of discussing much needed social reforms.

After devotional exercises, the subject was introduced by Mrs Peryman in an able and telling address, an abstract of which will appear in the May number of the "White Ribbon."

A long discussion took place, in the course of which reference was made to the Public Health Amendment Act

and its contemplated introduction. This, providing as it did for the detention of men, as well as women, seemed to offer a solution, and some of the Unions had therefore acted last year contrary to the recommendation of the National Union. But delegates should remember—(1) Experience showed that every time it was women, and not men, that were chiefly affected by the practical application of the law, and that it would be impossible to detain men compulsorily, for the doctors were not likely to give them away; (2) that all the most experienced doctors at Home, both Army and Navy, had spoken strongly against compulsory detention. With reference to returned soldiers, Government had assured a deputation from Wellington citizens that all that were diseased were being detained. Mrs Cowie quoted from the report of the Select Committee of the N.S. Wales Legislative Assembly, proving the gravity of the menace arising from the soldiers there, and the ineffectiveness of the means for detention, and again emphasised that drink was mainly responsible.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

(1) "That in view of the present war conditions, and the possibility of girls and women being called upon to take a more prominent part in the public life of the community, it is desirable that no means be neglected of safeguarding from the dangers and temptations of the streets our young people of both sexes, especially those who, by reason of their circumstances, are removed from direct home influence. This Union would therefore heartily support:

"(a) The appointment of police women;

"(b) The demand for the censorship of picture films;

"(c) The stricter censorship of all literature offered for sale;

"(d) Any measures suggested for the prevention of gambling;

"(e) Measures for securing more widespread and more systematic instruction of boys and girls in sex physiology."

(2) "That the National Union approach the Council of Education and suggest that the Council should advise the appointment of a woman or women, preferably a doctor or doctors, to give the children of the public schools instruction in sex physiology."

The banner won by Patea Union was presented to Miss Cody, the President, who thanked Convention, saying she intended to try and make the banner the absolute property of Patea Union, in accordance with a statement just made by the Dominion President that the banner became the absolute property of any Union that won it either twice in succession or three times at intervals.

It was announced that Mrs Patterson, President of Manaia Union, had offered a banner for competition, to be gained by the Union that obtains the largest number of new members, regardless of percentage. In the

name of the Convention, Mrs Don heartily thanked the donor.

Session closed with the Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotions. Favourite hymns and quotations (Sister Moody-Bell and Miss Powell).

Roll call, 83. Minutes.

Greetings from Christchurch and from Winchmore-Greenstreet.

The President impressed on delegates that the Organiser was ready to visit any Union that felt she could help them at all.

Mrs Peryman asked Unions to give due notice when ceasing to subscribe for "World's Bulletin." Refund voted from N.Z. treasury to recoup loss of 37s incurred during past year.

Discussion continued on motion re Peace. Members feared it might be misunderstood by general public, and it seemed inadvisable to send out a resolution that did not commend itself to the great majority of delegates and White Ribboners. Eventually, at request of Convention, it was withdrawn, and the following passed unanimously:—"As so many of our members have boys at the Front, and we all share the common sorrow of bereaved mothers, wives, and friends in New Zealand and the world over, and recognise that the present terrible strife is due to the disregard of Christ's law of love, we urge our Unions and churches, by prayer, humility, and self-sacrifice, to prepare for a peace that shall be founded on righteousness, in the future."

Resolved unanimously: "That we White Ribboners of New Zealand desire to extend fraternal greetings to our sisters in all the belligerent countries, looking forward to an early and lasting peace, and to the time when we shall be able to resume our past happy relationships with our sisters in those countries, and openly extend to them the right hand of fellowship."

The following notices of motion were given:—

(1) By Mrs Crabb: "That any Union finding itself unable to send one of its own members as delegate to Convention, shall have the power to choose as its representative any member of the W.C.T.U. in its own district. Such representative shall be instructed by the aforesaid Union as to voting for Dominion officers and any amendment to the Constitution."

(2) By Miss Maunder: "That Article 4 of the Constitution be amended by the insertion after the words 'of the "White Ribbon"' of the words, 'and Superintendents of Departments shall have a seat in the Executive meetings held during the sitting of Convention.'"

Resolved unanimously: "That this Convention urge upon the Government the necessity of taking measures to prevent the practice of 'shouting.'"

Reports: Flower Mission and Relief Work, and Anti-Gambling and Legal and Parliamentary.—Discussed and adopted.

Greetings brought by Miss Powell from Miss Cole, and by Miss McCarthy from Miss Roberts, who also sent a message declining re-election to superintendency of above department. After many testimonies to the splendid work she had done, the following resolution was enthusiastically carried:—"This Convention desires to record its deep sense of regret at the necessity for Miss Roberts's retirement from the position of Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent, and to express its appreciation of her most devoted and capable services."

Noontide devotions conducted by Miss Austen, and the session closed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Galloway.

Roll call, 82. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings received from Mrs Crump, of Nelson, Mrs A. R. Atkinson and Mrs Witten (delegate for Matakana), compelled to leave Convention through illness of a sister.

Letter received re dangers to soldiers in Cairo, but not giving further information than had already been received.

Resolved: "That Convention act on suggestions contained in letter."

Reports: Good Citizenship, and Purity and Moral Education.—Discussed and adopted.

Mrs Judson gave full information as to School Committee election, and explained that under the new Act a wider franchise could be adopted in the larger centres by forming urban areas if application were made to the Education Boards before January 31st, 1917. Full details will be given in the "White Ribbon" before action need be taken. Meanwhile, those should be elected on Committees who would favour the change, and electors should be prepared for exercising the wider powers they would then possess.

Before tea adjournment, an initiatory service was held, at which the President welcomed seven new members, two being old members of Mrs Duxfield's L.T.L.

On resuming, Miss Austen and Dr. Dunn spoke briefly on the importance of Purity being taught in the home by mothers and in schools by teachers appointed by Government.

The following resolutions were passed:—

(1) "That this Convention learns with alarm that certain confectioners in the Dominion have obtained wine licenses. In consequence of this, a grave demoralisation of our young people is threatened, many of them taking Australian wine, unaware that it is alcoholic. We earnestly urge our Unions to ascertain immediately whether any such licenses exist in their district, and to pledge their members, and as far as possible the general public, to refuse to patronise any tradesman holding a license to sell alcohol."

(2) "That this Convention again ask the Minister for Justice that women official visitors to gaols and other suitable women be given the powers of Justices of the Peace."

(3) "That the Minister for Justice be approached with regard to the appointment of women officials in cases of sexual offences; and that the present barbarous custom of having only men to take evidence from women and girls should no longer continue."

(4) "That this Convention would urge upon the Minister for Justice the necessity for amending the law so as to make women eligible as jurors."

(5) "This Convention notes with pleasure the decision of the Governor-General of Australia to abstain from attendance at race meetings during the war, and commends his example to those authorities of this Dominion who in this respect have up to the present failed to recognise the gravity of the struggle in which the Empire is engaged."

(6) "That this Convention, recognising the importance of guarding against the very beginnings of impurity in word or deed, even among young children, desires to urge the desirability of thoroughly efficient playground supervision, so that the play hour may be mainly occupied with organised recreation."

(7) "That this Convention urges the authorities to provide on trains separate lavatories for the use of women."

(8) "In the present world crisis, it has been clearly proved that the co-operation of women is absolutely necessary in solving the terrible problems of the time. This Convention therefore urges the Premier and Sir Joseph Ward, on their approaching visit to England, to express themselves in conference on the duty incumbent on Great Britain of enfranchising British women before the conclusion of the war. We are aware that under ordinary circumstances this request would be beyond our province; but the new conceptions of Imperial unity expressed on all sides justify the speedy securing of the only safe and equitable ideal of Imperial policy, which should include the whole voice and the whole effort of the Empire. We are also of opinion that, New Zealand having been the first State of the British Empire to enfranchise its women, it is peculiarly our duty and our privilege to be the first to affirm this Imperial necessity."

May we venture also to point out the fact that New Zealand women, when returning to the Home Land, are practically disfranchised, being thereby made to realise that they are citizens, not of the British Empire, but only of one small part of the Empire."

(9) "That in view of the resumption of the efforts to obtain woman suffrage in the Old Lands when the war is over, Convention appoint a deputation to wait upon the Ministers in Wellington and request that the legislative bodies pass a resolution testify-

ing to the beneficial effects of woman suffrage."

(10) "That the New Zealand W.C.T.U. should affiliate with the British Dominions Overseas Woman Suffrage Union."

(11) "That this Convention suggests that 'The Guardianship of Children' and 'The Economic Position of Women in Marriage' should be added to the list of subjects on the Agenda for the Conference of the British Dominions Overseas Woman Suffrage Union."

(12) "That the time has arrived for revising the titles and scope of the various Departments of our Dominion W.C.T.U., and that a sub-committee be appointed to deal with the matter and report at next year's Convention."

The following were appointed: The President, Mrs Peryman, Miss Macarthy and Miss Henderson.

(13) "That another effort be made to register the National W.C.T.U."

The session was closed in the usual way.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Miss Austen). Roll call, 80.

Resolved: "That the Temperance chart, manual, and leaflets to be handed over to the Minister for Education should be paid for out of the National Treasury."

Minutes read and confirmed.

The President announced that Mrs Lee-Cowie had obtained £6 by sale of lace, and this she gave to Convention, £5 for the Organising Fund, £1 for Temperance chart, etc., for Miss Weymouth.

Mrs Lee-Cowie, as World's Missionary, expressed her pleasure that the members of Convention, whilst retaining their individual opinions, had shown, by working together in such harmony, that they had learnt how "to disagree most beautifully." She then displayed a simple contrivance that she had evolved, in answer to earnest prayer. It was to fix on a bedstead for providing protection from flies—cheap, easily sterilised, simple, cost 1s 6d. She presented it to the W.C.T.U., and Convention resolved that if possible it should be patented, Miss Macarthy being requested to obtain necessary information.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the result being that all were unanimously re-elected—a record in the history of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., and Mrs Lee-Cowie believed also in the World's W.C.T.U.

Resolved: "That the Organiser should be insured, Mrs Bendely to make the necessary arrangements."

The President advised the Nelson Union, who had engaged Miss Weymouth as Organiser for a time, to do the same.

Convention adjourned from 11 to 12, to enable members to visit the Wanganui Central Infants' School and see the Montessori system working.

On resuming, Mrs Duxfield conducted devotions.

Mrs Evans referred briefly to the delightful visit they had just paid and the charming little Temperance talk that Mrs Lee-Cowie had given to the infants. Resolved: "That a Temperance chart, manual, and set of leaflets, as on sale by Mrs Neal, should be presented to the school, and that to defray the expense a collection should be taken up from the delegates, any surplus to be handed over to Mrs Neal for making up part of the loss incurred on her literature during the present Convention." The sum of 11s was paid to her, in addition to the cost of the chart.

The following resolutions were unanimously reaffirmed:—

(1) "In view of the fact that so many persons of both sexes, who are beyond the age of reformatories, are convicted of moral offences, resolved: 'To co-operate with other organisations in asking legislation for the purpose of providing institutions of the nature of a farm colony, where such people can be detained for an indeterminate time. These institutions to be under the control of an Elective Board composed of equal numbers of men and women.'"

(2) "That the time has arrived when women electors of New Zealand should be granted full electoral privileges, and the stigma removed which prohibits the nomination of a woman as a Parliamentary candidate."

Unanimously resolved that Convention should meet in Auckland in 1917. Invercargill also invited, but it was felt that the Northern City, labouring under the heavy responsibility of a large number of auxiliary Unions, ought to receive all the help and inspiration that would be likely to come from the visit of the Dominion Convention.

The President nominated Miss Ruth Atkinson as Vice-President-at-Large.

Dominion Superintendents were appointed as follows:—Evangelistic, Mrs Johnson Wright (Wellington); Maori, Mrs Walker (Gisborne); Purity and Moral Education, Miss Macarthy (Waimate); Literature, Mrs Dearlove (Napier); Work Amongst Seamen, Mrs Hatchnell (Lyttelton); L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Band of Mercy, Mrs Neal (Pahiatua); Y's and Medal Centests, Mrs Evans (Wellington Central); Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Maunder (Hawera); Prison and Reformatory Work, Sister Moody-Bell (Invercargill); Good Citizenship, Mrs Judson (Nelson); Mothers' Meetings, Mrs X. Jones (Ngaere); Narcotics, Mrs F. S. Wright (N.E. Valley); Legal and Parliamentary, Anti-Gambling, Miss Henderson (Christchurch); Unfermented Wine, Mrs Gaslin (Greymouth); Home Science, Mrs Macdonald (Wellington Central); Bible-in-Schools, Mrs Houlder (Wellington); Press, Mrs Duxfield (Wanganui); Backblocks and Railway Camps, Mrs Israel; Medical Temperance, Mrs Neal (Pahiatua); Sabbath Observance, Mrs Boxall (Wellington); Flower Mission and Relief Work, Miss E. C. Cole (Christchurch); Rest and

Refreshment Booths, Mrs Upton (Wanganui); Home Meetings, Mrs Jones (Hamilton); Educational Bureau, Mrs Young (Palmerston North); Notable Days, Mrs Harrison (Tuatapere); Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Lee-Cowie (Invercargill); Military Camps, Miss Helyer (Wellington).

As Mrs A. C. Taylor declined re-election as Organising Treasurer, it was resolved to appoint Mrs Bendely, thus combining the office with that of Dominion Treasurer.

Mrs Walker, of Gisborne, was re-appointed Organising Treasurer for the Maori Fund.

The usual vote of 7s 6d was passed for the departmental expenses of each Dominion Superintendent.

Session closed with the Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Phillips, of Ngaere.

Roll call, 79. Minutes read and confirmed; also minutes of Tuesday evening's session.

Miss Powell was reappointed Organiser. President explained that Miss Powell was the only Organiser authorised by the Dominion W.C.T.U. to represent the Union, the only one for whose salary the Union was responsible, and for whom hospitality was expected by the Union. But it was open to any branch Union to engage an organiser if desired, and Miss Weymouth had been engaged by the Nelson District Union, who alone was responsible for her salary and for obtaining hospitality for her.

Miss Macarthy spoke of the desirability of providing national headquarters for the Union, and thought that many friends of Temperance might be glad to leave money bequests for such a purpose if they knew it was wanted. Members should bring up this matter before their friends as opportunity offered.

Mrs A. R. Atkinson was re-appointed Custodian of Records, and Union representative to the N.Z. Alliance.

Notices of motion were given:

(1) By Mrs Evans: "That the Vice-President's travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

(2) By Mrs Evans: "That the whole or part of the Dominion Superintendents' travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

(3) By Mrs Houlder: "That Article VI. of the Constitution be amended by omitting the words 'the N.Z. Superintendents of Departments' after the words 'shall nominate,' and adding after the words 'officers of Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments'; and in Clause 2 by adding after the words 'officers of the Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments.'"

Question Box.—Many questions asked, and answered by the President or others. In connection with one question, the following resolution was carried:—"That provision be made in

the Convention Agenda of 1917 for a 'School of Methods,' details to be arranged by the Dominion Executive."

The following recommendation from Executive was unanimously adopted by Convention: "That Convention urge all Unions to make every effort to secure young women as members and as workers in the Union. It recommends holding one evening meeting a month, in addition to the afternoon one, so that young women engaged in business through the day can attend; and also recommends that Unions organise Young People's Branches wherever practicable, and if advisable make a reduction in the fee."

Immediately after afternoon tea an initiatory service was held, at which 21 members were welcomed to the Union. Of these, 13 were young girls, who are to be constituted into a Y branch for Wanganui. During the whole Convention 37 new members were initiated.

On Mrs Bendely's motion, votes of thanks were passed to the Auditors, viz.: National Fund, Mr G. Plummer, Auckland; "White Ribbon," Mr Lynneberg, Ngaio; Organising Fund, Mr Brechin, Wanganui; Maori Organising Fund, Mr D. Morice, Gisborne.

Votes of thanks were passed to the following:—

The hosts and hostesses.

The churches and other organisations that provided afternoon tea.

The Managers of St. Paul's Hall for the use of the hall.

The press and the reporters.

The Wanganui Union for their excellent entertaining.

The Committee of Courtesies.

Mrs Hunter, for her management of papers and photos, by which she was able to hand over the sum of £1 17s 3d to the N.Z. National Treasury.

The Convention Letter-writer.

The Chairman of the Central Infants' School Committee.

The Lady Principal of the Girls' College.

Mr Illingworth, the photographer, presented to the Union an enlargement of the group photograph he had taken of the Convention. In accepting this on behalf of the Union, and returning thanks for it, the President announced that Mr Illingworth had signed the K.K. pledge, and been made an hon. member of the Union.

In response to the Treasurer's usual appeal for donations to the N.Z. Fund, the sum of £20 3s was contributed or promised by members or by Unions through their delegates.

The hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, and the Convention was brought to a close by the President pronouncing the Benediction.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Comrades,—

At our last Annual Convention, the War of Nations was not many weeks old, and we were hopeful that it might be soon over and peace restored. But the shadow of the war cloud has enveloped us and our work all through the year, and is still deepening.

The fact that we have gathered for our thirty-first Conference with a full agenda shows that in spite of the devastating struggle, the loss of life, and overwhelming sorrow it has brought to so many homes, we are determined to go on with our programme, and ceaselessly keep our high standard of Total Abstinence for both individual and State before the people. The world's news of our Unions is that everywhere, except perhaps in the United States, the war has interfered with our usual work, but the exhortation of our founder—Miss Willard—to "enter every open door" has not been forgotten, for the reports of work accomplished and work still going on makes good reading. The White Ribboners in England have handed over to the authorities three motor kitchens; inside is every needful appliance for cooking, and for keeping food and dishes hot. The details include four primus stoves, a soup boiler, tea and coffee urns, and all the necessary utensils. These cars cost £2000. Scotland has raised the same amount, and purchased three motor ambulances for use in France. New South Wales has also presented an ambulance for the front, which cost £670.

Besides this, our work includes the furnishing of empty houses for the use of soldiers. The establishing of counter-attractions to the saloons, the forming of Red Cross Societies to make provision for wounded soldiers; Sewing Associations for the equipment of same; organising relief work among the wounded and dependents of soldiers—this means providing soup kitchens and buffets near camps, meeting train loads of soldiers with hot soup, coffee and tea, visiting, nursing, and giving relief of all kinds to the poor; the distribution of pocket Testaments and suitable literature to the soldiers; and lastly, the making of almost every conceivable effort to get soldiers and others to sign the pledge, to get the sale of liquors curtailed, and Temperance principles established wherever possible.

When the European war was declared, an American pressman remarked to Senator R. P. Hobson: "That now the Temperance people would have to get out of the limelight." But what has really happened is that the cause of Prohibition has been advanced beyond the dreams of its most ardent supporters. It was not long before all the nations involved in the great war realised that "booze" must be "hit, and hit hard," to make military operations successful. And in enforcing sobriety in their armies and

among the civil population, the nations at war have come to realise that there are many other advantages to be gained from National Prohibition besides and beyond military success, such as industrial efficiency, which at present is essential to military efficiency, and after the war is ended will be needed to rehabilitate the nations financially and economically.

Throughout the whole British Empire there are men and women of all classes and creeds who are not abstainers, and have never advocated Temperance, yet would have been glad and proud if in this time of severe crisis their nation had set the example, instead of allowing Russia to lead the way in National Prohibition on the largest scale the world has yet seen. When King George proclaimed himself a total abstainer for the period of the war, and Lord Kitchener and others followed the Royal lead, the hopes of temperance reformers rose high, and though every effort was made to get a million Londoners to sign the pledge, the results have been disappointing. But the events of last winter provided an object-lesson which we hope will never be forgotten. It was found that strong drink seriously interfered with the manufacture of munitions of war, with coal mining, with ship building and repairing, and with the operations of many other trades needful for the proper equipment of our Army and Navy, and caused the declaration by Mr Lloyd George that "England has three great enemies—Germany, Austria, and Drink," but the greatest of these is Drink. Since then the hours for the sale of drink have been restricted from noon to 2.30 o'clock p.m. and 6 to 9 o'clock p.m., and the Prime Minister, speaking in the House of Commons, said that where the liquor restrictions had been introduced there had been an appreciable diminution in drunkenness, and a considerable reduction in the amount of liquor consumed, besides which more effective work had been performed. This shortening of the hours of the Trade, coupled with the order for the non-treating of soldiers, has thrust the subject of Prohibition before the people of Great Britain as it could not have been done in normal times, and when the war closes the Temperance forces will find themselves on a vantage ground for pressing their cause in the future.

The result of Prohibition in Russia has been beyond the imagination of the most hopeful and extravagant prophets. The "World's Outlook" reports that the police have little or nothing to do, babies have all the milk they need, women go about as if they were in Paradise, Savings Banks can now be said to be the substitutes for vodka shops, and at the end of the first seven months for Prohibition, according to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the total savings in the Russian banks had increased 147 per cent. Illness, insanity, accidents, injuries, and alcoholic sicknesses decreased in an astounding measure,

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due to the fact that money hitherto used for drink has been diverted to the purchase of the necessities and necessities of clean living. In spite of the fact that exiling vodka meant giving up an annual revenue of five hundred million dollars, Russia sent it out at the point of the bayonet. The gain has not only been in savings bank deposits, but in the increased efficiency of her people, and to-day Russia, without vodka and with the war, is better off than Russia with vodka and without the war. And so we are not surprised to find that as recently as January 4th of this year it was telegraphed through the world's press that "There are indications that the restrictions upon the sale of vodka will continue after the war. The Government are erecting a factory to utilise the enormous stocks of alcohol in the manufacture of synthetic rubber."

To-day France is rated among the greatest of the alcoholic consuming peoples. There are half a million saloons in that country; this means an average of one to every eighty inhabitants. Paris alone has thirty thousand saloons. Gustave Herve, editor of the leading revolutionary Socialist organ, and one of the leaders in the fight against alcohol, said in a recent editorial: "It is hardly worth while to save France in the trenches, if it be only that alcohol may make it a desert of a cemetery in the future." Yet since the opening of the European war last year, the military authorities began to take drastic measures for the suppression of alcohol in the Army. Surgeons and military physicians in the hospitals and army infirmaries, found that alcoholic patients were the worst cases with which they had to deal, their wounds would not heal, and their system, weakened by liquor, refused to bear the fatigue of the battlefield. This led to the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of absinthe throughout France. It will give you some idea what the consumption was to hear that stopping of the traffic meant the dropping by the Government of a revenue of over sixty millions.

General Joffre has gone further, and has forbidden the sale of all spirituous liquors in the entire war zone. From this it will be seen that the Temperance movement in France is only in its infancy, and yet when one remembers that up to the outbreak of the war the liquor interests had practically unlimited control, that no reform measures, even of the mildest type, could be passed through the Parliament, the programme of the Temperance forces, which will probably be carried through before the end of the war, makes a long step in advance.

Again quoting from the "World's Outlook," we are told that "the past fifteen years, and particularly the past five years, have witnessed a great awakening in Germany to the evils of intemperance. But she has doubled, nay, trebled, her efforts against it since the great war. At the opening

of a new Naval Academy on November 21st, 1910, the Kaiser, in a remarkable speech, said: "The next war, the next naval encounter, will require of you sound nerves: these are undermined by alcohol endangered from youth up by its use. You will see horrible devastation, and all kinds of pictures. Then the word will be strong nerves and cool heads. The nation which drinks the least alcohol will be the winner, and that, gentlemen, should be you." The Temperance party in Germany distributed this address among 164 regiments in the Army. Since then other documents of similar importance have been circulated, stating that there is no justification for calling beer "liquid bread," and that a glass of beer costing 25 pfennig has no more nourishment than a piece of cheese costing one pfennig. Five years ago the Krupps forbade the sale of beer in their steel works, and opened milk booths, but now the cause of temperance in the city of the Krupps has been further advanced by an order of the Seventeenth Army Corps at Munster forbidding the sale of whisky at bars on Sundays, Mondays, and legal holidays, and permitting it on week days only from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., and since 1st August, 1914, it is reported that the Federal Council of Germany has granted full power to each of the States within the Confederation to handle their liquor traffic as it pleases. Said the Kaiser: "If my people stand for temperance principles, they will be raised morally." Though these same people at the present time are our cruel foes, we White Ribboners with all our hearts hope that their Army and Navy will adopt these temperance principles, and be so morally raised as to know how to treat women and little children in time of war.

It is encouraging to know that the fight against liquor in Canada is forging ahead. The Province of Ontario has over 800 municipalities; over 400 are under Local Prohibition. On 1st November, 1915, a new law came into force closing all remaining bars and saloons at 8 o'clock. This further restriction will, it is expected, speedily lead to Total Prohibition. The military laws are very strict. No soldiers are allowed to be billeted where drink is sold, none was allowed upon a recent trek of ninety miles from Niagara to Toronto. None is allowed in military mess, armoury or canteen. The shops are forbidden to sell it to men in khaki, that is, in bottles. I know a vote was to have been taken on the drink question in British Columbia in January last, but so far I failed to get the results. In Manitoba a similar measure will go to the people this month. New Brunswick has banished it from nine of its twelve counties. Nova Scotia has had no bars, except in Halifax City, for a number of years. Quebec Province has 77 per cent. of its municipalities under Prohibition, and Prince Edward Island is "dry." Let

us hope that when the next election returns come in, John Barleycorn will go out for all time.

It is good to remember that one-half of the entire population of America, numbering one hundred and ten millions of people, are now living under a No-License law. The nation is now preparing to wage one of the most progressive civil battles for freedom from the slavery of the licensed saloons; this campaign is no other than to overthrow the liquor element in the United States. The Temperance party contemplate making a nation-wide effort this year, and will seek to get elected to both the House of Representatives and to the United States Senate members who will at once pass a national law that will straightway free their land of all liquor troubles. The Scandinavians, once the hardest drinkers in the world, are turning toward Prohibition, and doing it by majority vote. Remarkable progress has been made in Norway and Sweden, and in Denmark popular votes taken from 1907 to 1913 have resulted in majorities for the abolition of the traffic.

Turning from the world progress to our own land, I must confess the condition of things is disappointing. Time was when we rejoiced to think we led the world in the fight against alcohol. Unhappily for New Zealand, we fear that day is now but a memory, and that since last election we have been merely marking time, though our own organisation has not been resting on its oars. While Parliament was in session we sent a petition to the House praying that in view of the example set by the King, alcoholic liquors should be banished from Bellamy's during the course of the war. We also petitioned the House, asking that hotel bars should be closed at 6 p.m. daily. But though the Petitions Committee reported favourably upon it, no action was taken; the National Government failed to protect their people from a traffic which is inherently vicious and evil. Our Drink Bill for 1914, published in June last, amounts to £4,246,357, which works out at an average of about £3 13s 11d per head of the population. In this connection, I cannot do better than quote from the Alliance statement: "The Minister of Defence, speaking at Wellington on May 31st, said that our last estimate of war expenditure was £300,000 a month; this equals £3,600,000 a year; our expenditure upon intoxicating drink would pay the whole of this expenditure on the war, and provide a pension of £2 per week for 6200 soldiers in addition." I think it was Mr. A. S. Adams who said "If the people could be persuaded to pass a self-denying ordinance and abstain during the war, they could devote to patriotic purposes the sum of £4,246,000 saved, and would not only not feel the expense, but would be richer at the end of the war." The money thus saved, paid into a common fund, would provide

for all our expenditure in the war, and leave £600,000 to be devoted to the relief of suffering in Belgium, Poland, Serbia, and other distressed countries. Although this could be done, I am afraid there is not likely to be any decrease, for in 1914 the number of persons arrested for drunkenness amounted to 13,89, much the largest in the history of the Dominion. In 1915, during the first six months of the year, 6430 persons were arrested for drunkenness. And the "Otago Daily Times" on 15th February of this year reported that in one of the larger towns of Otago no fewer than 64 hogsheads of beer were consumed in a period of four weeks. As a result of this extensive use of liquor, the police returns for the town show that there are already 20 convictions for drunkenness this year, as against 70 for the whole of 1915.

I yield to no one in my admiration of the British soldier. Compare him with those of other nations, and you at once see how splendidly he holds his own, and if we want our fill of pride in our own men, we have only to turn up press records and read of their undaunted courage at Gallipoli, and how they exceeded the expectation of the whole British Empire in their willingness to lay down their lives for their King and country. And yet there is a danger of this splendid manhood, in many cases, being spoiled through indulgence in liquor. In the light of these facts, should not something be done to protect the soldiers from the people who persist in treating them? If "treating soldiers" can be prohibited in England, Canada, and other places, surely it can be prohibited in New Zealand. Medical testimonies prove that men whose bodies are sodden with alcohol have small chances of recovery from the ghastly wounds caused by the explosions of shrapnel. The nations acknowledge that it is efficiency that is wanted in the war. The alcoholic soldier will always be lacking in that quality, therefore for the general good of our defenders, "treating" should be made a punishable offence.

The Gambling Mania.

It is more than disappointing to record that our protests against gambling during the past year have been so futile. In spite of the protests that were sent from all parts of the Dominion against the Gaming Act Amendment Bill, the Government passed the measure which gives increased facilities for gambling. The same paper which reported the introduction of the measure in the House of Representatives by the Hon. Mr Russell, relates the following:—"The courageous few who stood out prominently in their opposition to the wholesale raffling in connection with the recent Otago Queen Carnival, maintaining that the spirit of gambling would be inculcated and fostered in the young, will find vindication of their contentions in the following: 'A school boy of nine years of age re-

turned from one of the Dunedin schools with his books supplemented by a little cheap volume of songs. Interrogated by his father as to how he had come by it, the young hopeful reported in matter-of-fact tones that he'd won it in a raffle at school. The boy who owned the book originally, and valued it lightly, had disposed of it by lottery, issuing 20 tickets at one pin per ticket.'" And the same paper, in same issue, on 28th September, in a leading article congratulated the New Zealand Educational Institute upon the stand they made in protesting against use being made of our public schools in pushing the sale of lottery tickets. Disapproving of some of the methods adopted in raising funds for our wounded soldiers and their dependents, and telling of the gambling spirit that permeated the carnivals, the writer said: "If we are to have a strong, self-reliant, industrious, and self-respecting people, it will not be by encouraging gambling and 'get rich quick' methods, but by showing our young people that the only sure road to success and real happiness is along the path of efficiency, industry, patience, and honest effort."

After such a riot of gambling among all classes in connection with the war, it is not surprising to read about the riot of gambling in connection with the races that took place during the holiday season. From 27th December, at one week's meetings throughout the Dominion, 23 different towns, no less a sum than eight hundred and fifty thousand pounds went through the totalisator, and that at a time when economy is the policy that should be observed by all prudent people.

When Judges and Magistrates comment upon the evil influence of the totalisator, as they have frequently done, the Parliament should endeavour to curtail its power, and not give greater facilities to gamble, as they did last session.

The Kinematograph.

Two years ago, in my annual address, I advocated a closer supervision of films before they appeared in public. Since then the class of pictures shown in New Zealand has very much deteriorated, and I am pleased to note that during the year the Canterbury Women's Institute forwarded to the Mayor of Christchurch and the Minister of Education a memorandum calling attention to the retrogressive tendency of the picture shows, and asking for their support to arrest this. Since then the Otago Presbytery, the Education Board, and the Catholic Federation have discussed the matter, and all are agreed that a stricter censorship is necessary. We are told that managers of theatres do not select the subjects, but simply show what the Film Supply Companies send them. But surely if the managers, backed up by those who are interested in the moral welfare of our children, demand a certain standard of decency

and purity in the pictures to be shown at our theatres, this demand will be met by the Film Supply Companies.

The Melbourne "Southern Cross" last November published an account of a deputation which waited on the Minister of Internal Affairs in connection with this matter. They stated that some of the productions exhibited to women and children are unutterably and openly vile and filthy. Shameless impurity is thrown on the canvas, and lasciviousness and refined and unrefined corruption are becoming more and more the order of the day. That being so, then we plainly want a vigilant censorship for our picture shows, and it is the duty of our organisation to help secure it. If this were done, I believe it would exercise a most beneficial effect upon the community.

Temperance Teaching in Schools.

We are glad to know that we have in the Hon. J. A. Hanan a Minister of Education who has decided that Temperance Charts must be given a prominent place on the walls of the State schools, and that they must be regularly used, particularly in the upper classes, in connection with lessons on the economic, moral, and physical aspects of intemperance. We have always worked for this instruction to be given to our children. We know that ignorance is the parent of a great deal of vice, and believe that hundreds would be saved from intoxication if they knew the physiological effects of alcohol, and the school is certainly the place to learn this. The State does well to fortify the young mind against perils to which lack of knowledge so readily exposes them.

The Maoris.

In October last I saw in the Press a brief report from the District Health Officer, including his remarks upon the sly-grog selling that goes on among the natives in prohibited districts. He tells how at every funeral, tangi, or entertainment of any kind the majority are drunk. The appalling part of it is that women, and even children, drink as freely as the men. Teachers testify to the fact that school children are often intoxicated after a tangi. One small child of about five years of age was seen by a teacher to be drunk and carrying a bottle of liquor. This sort of indulgence must be injurious to their health, and if allowed to continue, one wonders what the future of the natives will be. We are told that pakehas make quite a big living by selling drink at twice its value among the Maoris.

We have heard similar statements before, and find it particularly galling to know that the law is not able to secure these diabolic offenders and punish them accordingly. That the natives are exposed to these temptations make it all the more necessary for us to have a representative working among them. As you know, Miss Woodhead was obliged, through illness, to leave us early in the year, and so far

no one has been found to take her place. Sincerely I hope that this Convention will be able to complete some scheme that will not only see new branches of our Union organised, but will keep us in touch with those already formed, and so by education, and insisting on legislation, we may do something to preserve a race that, unfortunately, are all too quickly dying out.

Women's New Occupations.

It is difficult to say what employment has not been invaded by women since the war sent Englishmen to the Front. In most cases the innovations were not made without opposition till necessity forced the objectors to give way. Naturally, the higher and better paid positions were most contested, and of these even now comparatively few, save in the medical profession, have been given to qualified women. A register has been compiled of University women capable of taking almost any position in education or science, and a fair number of such appointments have been recently made. As we have said, medical women have received high positions both at Home and abroad. The War Office have appointed women to be heads of war hospitals, and the services of women in medicine and surgery are at a premium. In local government, women have received many positions as inspectors, members of Boards, and Commissioners, etc. In clerical work, women have made a great advance on the whole, but women clerks, both now and before the war, are greatly underpaid. Women police (as distinct from voluntary women patrols) have not been much encouraged, but in Glasgow and in some other towns some appointments have been made. In the lower classes of work, women are largely employed; in many cases, happily, at fair wages; in a few even on the same scale as men. This is the case with certain of the women who have been called into munition work, where they have won great praise. In many cities women are tram-drivers, postmen, chauffeurs, van-drivers, etc., and give great satisfaction. Lady gardeners have come greatly to the front. Women chemists are much in demand. Women are now begged to go into the harvest fields and agriculture generally, and are doing it. There are women grocers, riding teachers, etc. The whole domain of industry has been more or less invaded by women during the war, but greater than the positions they have received under authority, municipal or Government, is the fame they have won by their tremendous success in voluntary organisation, where they were not hampered by the continual jealousy and economic hostility of men.

Last year has discovered to the whole world the administrative capability of women, and it is splendid!

In Conclusion.

As was to be expected, the great European war has not only cast a

gloom around us, but interrupted our ordinary routine of business, but we must not allow our temperance and social work to stop. White Ribboners the world over are doing more war work than we are, and still they are keeping up their efforts against the drink traffic. Certified facts prove that Prohibition is the only means by which this same traffic can be destroyed, and to do this a great revival of passionate enthusiasm and intense self-sacrifice is much to be desired, and the way to get this is on our knees. Together we must pray for strength to fight, seek guidance in reform work, ask for wisdom to make plans and carry them out, knock for open doors, and pray for boldness to enter them.

We must practice, preach, and promote total abstinence. We must bend all our energy and use every means in our power to educate the young in temperance principles, and aim at making them workers for the cause. We must agitate, educate, legislate, and keep everlastingly at it, and remember that—

"We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our
 arms,
 He turns the arrows that else might
 harm,
 And the work that we count so hard
 to do,
 He makes it easy, for He works too;
 And the days that seem long to live
 are His,
 And close to our need His helping
 is."

RECEPTION.

On Wednesday evening a public reception was accorded to the members of the Convention. There was a goodly gathering in St. Paul's Hall, including most of the delegates and a large number of the leading residents of Wanganui. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Blamires, the President of the Wanganui District Union, and on the platform were Mrs Don, Mrs Sampson, the Mayor of Wanganui, Mr McColl, Rev. Radford, and Hon. E. Carson.

After devotional exercises, Mrs Blamires, in the name of the Wanganui Union, welcomed the delegates to the city. She said she welcomed them as Christian women and as Temperance women, because of the ideals for which they stood. Nowadays physical forces and mental forces were receiving due recognition, but we did not always realise the strength of the spiritual forces at our command. We were up against hard facts, for in spite of the war, more money than ever was being spent on drink and the totalisator, yet victory was assured if only we made full use of these spiritual forces. She hoped that the Convention would be productive of great good, and that delegates would get fresh strength and inspiration.

His Worship the Mayor gave the members a hearty welcome in the name of the citizens. Many activities, he said, must be curtailed by reason of the war, but this was not the case with all. Education was more than ever a necessity, and the great social movements must and would go on. War was the greatest test for a nation; in time of war great moral advances were made, and elements of character were hardened up. We must not relax our efforts in any good cause. He wished the visitors a pleasant time and great success in their work.

Mrs Sampson, in the name of the patriotic women societies of Wanganui, expressed pleasure at the presence of the W.C.T.U., and in a happy speech complimented the members on having braved all the dangers of a journey, not shrinking even from opening their proceedings on so fateful day as the Ides of March.

Mr McColl, welcoming the delegates on behalf of the Temperance societies, said the W.C.T.U. was entitled to respect, for it stood for every possible reform. He paid a warm tribute to the high qualities of such leaders as Mrs Sheppard and Mrs A. R. Atkinson, and reminded all that they had a high standard to reach. There was important work before them, for they must try to bring home to the Government of New Zealand the necessity for moving in such matters as "shouting" and early closing, so that the efficiency of our soldiers might be maintained.

Rev. Radford, representing the Ministers' Association, said he was sure the meeting of the Convention would be an uplift to the home, for the W.C.T.U. placed God first. Referring to the "anti-shouting" petition, this was the psychological moment for it. In that city almost all the lawyers and all the medical men had signed it.

Hon. E. Carson reminded the members that women were now eligible for the Legislative Council, so soon as the corresponding Bill was passed in the Lower House, and he gave a striking incident proving the fitness of such women as Mrs Atkinson for a seat in Parliament and other responsible positions.

Mrs Don, in responding, made some humorous references to the fires and the earthquake that had occurred in seeming welcome to the delegates. She said we were still marching on, and should continue to do so till we had banished liquor from the State. In the words of the well-known liquor advertisement, we were still "going strong," working as ever for every reform, and in view of the present war conditions, which she thought were really worst for the women who wait at home, we should pray, like the old woman in the prayer meeting, to be kept cheerful. She thanked each and all for the kind and cordial words with which the delegates had been welcomed, and she also hoped that this visit to Wanganui would result in

much good to the local Union and to the Temperance cause in general.

During the evening several vocal items were contributed, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the guests. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the Doxology and pronouncing the Benediction.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

The year 1914 closed with 2031 subscribers, a gain of 30 for the year. The year 1915 closed with a subscription list of 2122, an increase of 91 for the year. Considering how the energies of all have been devoted to patriotic work, this is satisfactory. We must thank our "White Ribbon" agents for their unselfish services. Our thanks are also due to Mrs Evans, M.A., our able associate editor, and to Mr Lynneberg for auditing the accounts.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Editor.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Under ordinary circumstances, 1915, the year following the poll, would have been an "off" time, when Unions might consider that they were entitled to rest after their arduous labours in the National Prohibition campaign, but the war has offered to all women unusual opportunities for work, and most of our Unions have vigorously embraced those opportunities. Indeed, it would be right to say that none of our members have failed to realise their responsibility for helping to create "the atmosphere" that is to obtain after the war is over. A few Unions have considered that the claims of the war are so great that all their energies ought to be devoted to the special work in that connection, and they have either given up their Union meetings or have at least met less often. The majority of the Unions, however, have seen that there is more need than ever for the ordinary work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to be prosecuted with all the earnestness and vigour the members are capable of putting into it.

The most important national effort made by the Unions during the year was the circulation of a petition to Parliament asking that hotel bars should be closed at 6 p.m. during the war. The time at our disposal did not permit of our enlisting the help of any organisations save our own Unions, and thus the effort was limited to those towns and districts where a branch of our Union exists. The delay in promoting the petition was due to the fact that your Executive believed that the N.Z. Alliance had the matter in hand, but as time passed and nothing was done, it was resolved that the Union must take action, and the petition was circulated. At the time there was great uncertainty as to the duration of Parliament; failure to

form a National Cabinet would mean that the House would adjourn, consequently only a few days could with any certainty be allowed for obtaining signatures. Again the majority of the Unions nobly responded to the call, and some thousands of signatures were secured, Dunedin Union taking first place on the roll of honour with over 5500 names. The petitions were duly presented to the House by the members for the various districts, and were in the usual course referred to the Petitions Committee. When that Committee, after much delay, at length reported to the House, it stated that the matter involved being a question of policy, it could make no recommendations, but that considering the importance of the subject, it was of opinion that Parliament should give the question some consideration. The supporters of the liquor trade were successful in baulking any action in the matter, for when the Petition Committee's report was presented to the House, certain members "talked the matter out," and nothing more was heard of it. The question has, however, had little rest as far as the public is concerned. The evil of the liquor traffic has never been more evident than now. It is the earnest wish of every decent citizen that our young men who are offering their lives to the Empire should be both morally and physically fit for the stupendous task that lies before them, and for some this is made almost impossible by the insidious ways in which the "liquor trap" is prepared for them. Under the guise of hospitality and good fellowship temptations to drink are forced upon the men, and our Unions have over and over again protested against the practice of shouting, and have asked that it be prohibited. This, too, is a matter that calls for further action on our part.

Many of the Unions have made a special effort in the direction of pledge-taking. The "K.K." pledge has been in fairly general use. Auckland reports that 40 members took part in a pledge-taking campaign, when 3000 pledges were secured.

Work for sick and wounded soldiers has been enthusiastically taken up by individual members and by Unions, and the report of the Flower Mission and Relief Superintendent should be a lengthy one this year, if the Unions have reported to her as they have to me.

The protest the Unions have made from time to time regarding the punishment meted out to men charged with criminal offences against women and children was this year embodied in a petition which was signed by the officers of our Unions and of many other societies associated with work for and among women and children. This petition was presented to the Minister of Justice by a deputation from various societies in Wellington. The deputation was sympathetically received, but as the Parliamentary session was drawing to a close, the Minister advised that the matter should be held over until the next session.

The win-one campaign has not had the success hoped for. While a number of the Unions took it up enthusiastically, many others reported that women were so absorbed in work in connection with the war that it was useless to approach them, and under the circumstances it was considered that for this year at least the campaign should not be pushed officially. The success attending the efforts of a few Unions should serve as an example to the rest. Palmerston North has 62 new members, Normanby has 26, Patea, Belfast and New Brighton have more than doubled their membership while Birkenhead, Devonport, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Hastings, Stratford, Normanby, Feilding, Wellington District, Winchmore, Timaru, and Port Chalmers show a substantial increase. Opotiki, Napier, Hawera, Pahiatua, Gore, and Tuatapere have also gone forward.

The financial membership is 3333.

Work amongst the young occupies so large a part of the energies of many Unions that it calls for special mention. One very gratifying fact in this connection is the ever increasing number of Unions that offer prizes to the public schools for essays on the temperance wall sheets. It is a question, however, whether it would not be better to set a more definite subject, as the wall sheets offer a somewhat indigestible meal taken wholesale. The efforts of Invercargill District Union must be noted. This Union has a general essay scheme for Southland, and includes 183 schools. The L.T.L. seems to be gaining in favour. Several Unions report L.T.L. societies. Palmerston North has several branches, with a total membership of 216.

Our Union has at more than one Convention voiced a demand for the stricter censorship of picture films. During the year the matter was taken up by the Catholic Federation, and a national demand was organised, and the various branches of our Union gave their hearty support.

At the close of 1915 we had 84 Unions in active work. Two—Tauranga and Sheffield—were not holding meetings, while two others, Taneatua and Westport, had lapsed. The three "Y's"—Oxford, Nelson, and Ashburton—send good reports. In the 84 adult Unions are included two new ones, Greytown and Tokomaru Bay, both formed by our Organiser, Miss Powell. Greytown has a membership of 28, and is working with great enthusiasm. Tokomaru Bay has hardly had time to get on its feet, as it was formed at the end of the year.

In closing this report, I would like to give our White Ribbon sisters this thought to inspire their work for the coming year. Mrs Creighton, so well known among women workers in the Old Land, addressing a conference in October last, said, speaking of the war: "We can hardly dare to think of the sacrifice of all the rich, bright lives, of all the powers from which so much was confidently expected in the future. Our best consolation is to be found in the thought of the child-

ren that remain. The future is for them. If that future does not offer them every possibility for the development of all that is best and highest, then indeed we shall have to feel that this great treasure of sacrifice has been poured out in vain."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Madam President and Dear Sisters,—

The report which I have the pleasure of presenting to you shows that we commenced the year with a credit balance of £96 1s 2d; that the total receipts were £149 10s 11d, and the total expenditure £163 3s 3d, and that the year closed with a total balance of £82 8s 10d.

On comparing these figures with those of the previous year, I find that the total amount of receipts is practically the same, although individual items show differences. The combined total of the Franchise Day collections and the donations, both of which go to the N.Z. Fund, are only a little short of the previous year's total, and I wish to thank those friends and Unions who have helped materially by individual donations or by undertaking to collect from others. When I made a special appeal for assistance at the last Convention, some of our members kindly offered to collect in aid of the appeal. Further consideration, however, convinced me that, in view of the heavy calls which present conditions are making upon the time and purses of most members of the community, it would be inadvisable to press the claims of the N.Z. Fund, and therefore, while appreciating very highly the willingness of our friends to assist, I have not availed myself of their kindness, in undertaking any special widespread collection. The assistance which some have nevertheless given is therefore all the more welcome.

Turning to the items of expenditure, the total is about £24 in excess of last year's outlay. Practically the whole of this is due to heavy expenses in printing the patriotic pledges, constitutions, and leaflets on "National Peril," in addition to the usual items which make up our printing bill every year. Before closing the books, I remitted to the World's Treasurer the amount collected for the World's Missionary Fund, and the amount of capitation fees at the rate of a half-penny per member upon our total membership, including that of the Native Unions, using for the latter the membership returns as given in last Convention number. You will be aware that in previous years we have sent to the World's Treasury, as a special donation, the other half-penny per member which we collect. This year, however, I have held over the amount for the present, so that Convention may decide whether to have it sent as a donation as previously, or to send it as a special donation to the Willard National Temperance Hospital, whose appeal was published in the last "White Ribbon," or to hold it over until sufficient can be sent to entitle the N.Z. Union to nominate a life member of the World's Union,

I shall exhibit to you the usual detail statement of the membership and finances of the branch Unions whose returns have been received. The total membership shows an increase, capitation fees having been paid for the year on 3333 members, with a few returns not yet to hand. The balance-sheets received from 84 Unions show a total revenue amounting to £2198, and expenditure totalling £2140, with a sum of £646 in hand at the close of the year. The latter does not include the value of other assets owned by some of the Branches. At the time of closing the books, no returns had been received from the following Unions:—Aratapu, Tauranga, Upper Hutt, Kaitake, Westport, Methven, and Alexandra.

The Banner Contest is won this year by the Patea Union, with a membership increase of 166 per cent. The following other Branches have also secured good membership increases:—

Winchmore: 143 per cent.
Normanby and Dannevirke: each 125 per cent.
Lower Hutt: 120 per cent.
New Brighton: 101 per cent.
Belfast: 100 per cent.

Mr George Plummer, of Auckland, has kindly audited the accounts this year, and I shall ask Convention to express its appreciation of his assistance. I wish also to thank the Branch Treasurers for the complete and satisfactory way in which their returns have reached me.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 10th March, 1916.

ORGANISING FUND REPORT, 1915-1916.

Madam President,—

I am pleased to report that the Organising Fund maintains a fairly firm position, notwithstanding the many hindrances to a successful issue owing to war conditions.

We started in March, 1915, with a balance of £132 7s 4d, as against £82 14s the previous year.

The receipts for the year amount to £107 6s 2d. Last year our receipts were £143 6s 10d—a marked difference. The Bank interest for the year is £3 11s 3d, an increase on £2 13s 10d on the previous year.

The fall in receipts is £36 0s 8d, which is serious.

The private donations, although still generous, are not as numerous as usual, which helps to explain the drop in amounts received for the year, for we really depend very largely on our private contributions.

It is gratifying to report that so many Unions, both large and small, have sent in their full membership levy.

Invercargill takes first place with its contribution of £7. Dunedin is next with £6. Next in order of merit come Wellington District, Wellington Central, Nelson, Christchurch, Palmerston North, etc.

It is a pleasure to notice how faithful so many small Unions are in the

regular forwarding of their levies to the Organising Fund. Some never miss, year by year. It shows, I think, true interest in the work.

The noticeable contribution that came to hand during the year was from the Okoia L.T.L., who, under the capable management of Mrs Duxfield, gave entertainments which resulted in a generous gift of £3 4s 7d to the Organising Fund.

This report shows a marked increase in expenditure, proving very plainly the difference in travelling and living generally, when the country is under the shadow of a terrible war.

I do trust that in the near future the Unions will rally round this Fund for the support of an Organiser. What has been done in the past is gratifying, but we do not want to go "down-hill."

It will call for thought and economy on the part of each Union in dealing with its funds, but I feel sure the effort will be worth while, because the organising treasury cannot long cope with the extra drain due to cost of living and travelling with decreased receipts.

ALICE R. C. TAYLOR,
N.Z. Treasurer Organising Fund.

REPORT OF DOMINION ORGANISER.

Immediately after the last Convention I returned to Otago to finish the work in the South, revisiting the newly organised branches at Sawyer's Bay and South Invercargill, and further conserving the work, as well as visiting a few of the older Unions.

In April I passed on into Canterbury, visiting and holding meetings in Timaru, Ashburton, Winchmore, Christchurch, New Brighton, and the Kaiapoi district. A considerable amount of time was spent in visiting in Tinwald and Rakaia, branches being organised in both places. Sickness and patriotic functions prevented further pioneer work in Canterbury.

In July the North Island was reached, several home meetings being addressed in Wellington and suburbs, the results being good considering the many other interests occupying the minds of women in war-time. Lower Hutt Union had been for some time in very low water, in spite of the efforts of the District Union. This was nursed for three months, a few days being spent in working up each meeting, with increasingly promising results. An invitation having been received to visit Greytown (Wairarapa), I spent about a fortnight in calling upon women likely to be interested, and organised a strong branch, returning several times to attend the monthly meeting until it got on its feet.

Masterton was also visited twice, and Patea being in a state of collapse, early in October I went out of my way to try and save it, several new members being received and plans laid for inaugurating work among the children.

For several months previously October had been promised to Gisborne,

Upon arrival, I found the District Union rather discouraged and almost bankrupt. However, things soon began to improve, the attendance at the meetings being very good, and the sum of nearly £3 being donated in one meeting to cover organising expenses in connection with Tokomaru Bay. Upon arrival at that extremely picturesque locality, like St. Paul, I was "let down in a basket" on to the deck of the tender, and deposited on the wharf in a slashing shower of rain. Good weather followed, however. I had heard from several quarters that the field was very unpromising, though the need was very great. Somewhat to my surprise, therefore, my mission met with a decidedly warm welcome from the womanhood, and a good Union was organised, which, however, labours under a geographical disadvantage, owing to the fact that the population is located at the extreme ends of the Bay. Sundry other schemes for work in Gisborne district were found impracticable.

Hastings had been for some time sending urgent requests for organising work, so thither I next repaired, and worked in semi-tropical heat for about ten days, at the end of which time we had a fine social gathering. Short visits to Masterton and Greytown concluded the year's work.

After the holidays those two Unions were each given one meeting on the way to Pahiataua. This branch is bravely holding the fort in face of many difficulties. A glance at the balance-sheet will show how nobly they have met all their obligations.

Feilding was my last sphere of work, and here the Union seconded my efforts in every possible way, with the natural result that they benefited considerably.

During the year I have travelled 5475 miles by public conveyances on land or sea, 182 new members have been secured, but only 24 subscribers to the paper, while the sales of purity literature are very much below the average. There is little sale for books or papers while so many war funds are clamouring for contributions.

Only four new branches have been organised during the year, and two of them I was obliged to leave almost immediately, viz., Tokomaru Bay and Rakaia. The latter is, of course, well within reach of the District Union, but Tokomaru Bay is so isolated that it has, practically, to depend upon itself. Greytown I have been able to nurse thoroughly, the repeated visits involving only short railway journeys.

To attempt to form new branches while the war is monopolising attention as at present, is to court failure unless in exceptional cases, where a leader is waiting, all ready-made. But there is scope for the energies of several organisers, as well as the District Unions, in conserving the work where the White Ribbon flag has already been raised. Our Dominion President has done a vast amount of work in that way in her own neighbourhood, while Wellington District and Palmerston North are worthy of all praise for the way in which they have visited and helped their auxiliaries.

It is not of much use for the Organiser to work up new branches which are then left to live or die—frequently the latter. And in this connection I want to say that those Unions get the benefit from the visit of the Organiser, who will make a special effort to work with her. She may visit around, calling upon sixty or eighty persons in a week, doing her best to explain and interest them in the White Ribbon work, but her efforts have much more effect if backed up by personal invitations by the members.

Then many officers do not understand how long it takes to make an impression upon a locality. I find the best work is done where I am asked to "stay as long as I can," and it is much better to give a month to one struggling Union than to rush around to five or six during the same period.

May I here express my hearty thanks to the many friends who have so kindly entertained me during the past year, some of them nursing me for a day or two when necessary. One of the compensations of this homeless life is the many real friendships that are formed—friendships not bounded by time. I often wish I could make some little return for all this kind hospitality. One thing I can do—remember them in my prayers, and crave God's richest blessings upon them and theirs.

Trusting that our work in the coming year may be greatly blessed.

Yours in the Master's service,

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

POUTO.

Ka tu te hui ate roopu wahine o Pouto Maehe 13th, Masefield Kena i karakia. Perehitini kua puare te whare kia ora e te roopu. Kei te whakamihia ahau kite roopu ite mea katahi ano ka tu tatatou roopu ite whewhe onga mema ote roopu i enei marama kataha nei. Kati taku take mote kōhi tau tea whaka haerea tautoko tia ana kia ora.

Ema. Kia ora te roopu. Taku take mote take ate Perehitini mote kōhi tau me nuku tenei take mote tahi wa kia ora Whiwhiu: Kia ora te roopu me whakahaere te kchi tau nga mea whai moni me kōhi kia ora. Te O: taku take he whaka kaha itatou roopu kia u kia kaha tautoko hoki i te kōhi tau. Ka kōhi ahau mote kōhi tau 2s 6d, kia ora Perehitini, Ka kōhi mana kotaku kotira Perehitini 2s 6d, Te Ata 2s 6d, Pomi Kōhi tau 2s 6d, moni awhina 6d, Ngaro Manukau Honore mema keite te tautoko itakoutou roopu kia kaha kia u. Kia maia taku moni awhina 2s 6d, kia ora koutou. Maro Kewa taku moni, kohitau 2s 6d, Hori Manukau Honore mema moni awhina 2s. Ronu me whaka hoki atu te peeke kia koutou pooti tia ana te peeke hou ko matekino. Monga moni katoa keite ringa o te Peeks 17s 7d, no konei ka hiki te mitini. Ka invitia e Masefield Kena no konei ka puta nga mihi anga mema ote roopu kinga mema ote roopu. Kua ngaro kua mate e nga tuahine aroha i roto e ate karaiti tena koutou i raro itenei

karanga tanga roopu koutou kite wahi kotahi kite wahi kei reira nei to tatou kai whakaora ate karaiti kia kaha te inoi kia tatou tamariki ite pakanganui e whawhai mai nei itera pito ote tatou ao oira kotahi tonu te wahi hei okioki ariki ote karaiti. E nga tuahine kia kaha te turaki kite hoa riri nei ite waipiro e patu nei i nga iwi maha ote ao kia kaha te tuaki kia kaha te whawhai kitenei kia kino kite waipiro. God bless us all.

WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

(Organised 1883.)

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Unfermented Wine—Mrs Sprigg, Grove Walk, Claremont, Cape Colony, S. Africa.

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Reform Work, Sailors and Soldiers—Mrs Ella Hoover Thacker, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Notable Days and Parlour Meetings—Mrs Mary D. Tomlinson, Plainfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Flower Mission—Miss Amelia Pemell, Marrickville Road, Marrickville, New South Wales, Australia.

Legal and Parliamentary—Mrs A. J. Crosfield, 5 Madingley Road, Cambridge, England.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Maine, U.S.A.

New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 29th FEBRUARY, 1916.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward from previous year	96 1 2	Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	67 3 7
Capitation Fees—		Postage, Telegrams, etc.	11 7 1
Arrears, 1913, 1914—		Travelling Expenses	15 11 0
8 Unions, 113 memb's N.Z.	2 16 6	Department's Expenses	15 10 3
World's	0 9 5	Miscellaneous Expenses	36 4 0
1915—		World's Missionary Fund	8 6 3
82 Unions, 3333 memb's N.Z.	82 18 6	World's Capitation Fees	9 1 1
World's	13 17 7		163 3 3
	100 2 0	Credit Balance at Bank, 29th February, 1916	82 8 10
Refunds	3 17 6		
Literature	4 2 4		
World's Missionary Fund	8 6 3		
Franchise Day Fund	7 15 9		
Donations to N.Z. Fund	25 7 1		
	49 8 11		
	<u>£245 12 1</u>		<u>£245 12 1</u>

Auckland, 29th February, 1916.

NELLIE BENDELY, N.Z. Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers handed to me by the Treasurer, and find everything correct.

5th March, 1916.

GEO. PLUMMER.

"White Ribbon."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1915.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in Hand, January 1st, 1915	4 0 10	Printing Account for 12 months	203 9 4
Subscriptions and Sales	226 19 2	Postages Account	62 7 6
Union Advertisements	32 7 6	Bank Charges	0 12 2
Trade Advertisements	13 6 6	Wrappers	4 16 0
Grant from the N.Z. Fund	25 0 0	Stationery	7 7 6
		Blocks	1 13 0
		Travelling Expenses to Convention	2 15 0
		Leather Bag	1 18 0
		Allowance to Business Manager	15 0 0
		Balance in Hand	1 15 6
	<u>£301 14 0</u>		<u>£301 14 0</u>

BALANCE-SHEET.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in Hand	1 15 6	Subscriptions Overpaid	70 0 0
Union Advertisements Due	9 0 0	Union Advertisements Overpaid	5 10 0
Trade Advertisements Due	0 10 0	Trade Advertisements Overpaid	4 10 0
Subscriptions Due	160 10 0	Surplus Balance	91 15 6
	<u>£171 15 6</u>		<u>£171 15 6</u>

Audited and found correct—

BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A. (N.Z.).
Ngaio, March 10th, 1916.

NELLIE PERYMAN,
Business Manager.

ORGANISING FUND ACCOUNT, 1915-1916.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward from last year	132 7 4	Organiser's Salary, from February 27th, 1915, to February 26th, 1916	103 0 0
Branch Donations—		Travelling Expenses	15 19 9
Invercargill Union	7 0 0	Reporter's Railway Ticket	10 0 0
Dunedin Union	6 0 0	Telephone and Telegrams	1 10 10
Wellington District Union	5 8 0		130 10 7
Wellington Central Union	5 5 0	Literature, Postage, Ribbon, and Stationery	4 18 9
Nelson Union	5 0 0	Advertising and Rent of Hall	0 19 0
Christchurch Union	5 0 0	Organising Treasurer's Expenses, Postage, etc.	2 0 0
Palmerston North Union	3 0 0		7 17 9
Ashburton Union	2 8 0	Credit Balance—	
Waimate Union	2 0 0	P.O. Savings Bank	98 15 2
	41 1 0	In Hands of Treasurer	2 10 0
Napier, Hawera, N.E. Valley (Dunedin), Auckland, New Plymouth, each £2	10 0 0		101 5 2
Pahiatua, South Invercargill, each £1 11s	3 2 0		
Otautau (Southland)	1 10 0		
	14 12 0		
Stratford, Oxford, Warkworth, Lower Hutt, Woodville, Kaia-poi, Tuatapere, Hastings, Lyttelton, Greymouth, Masterton, each £1	11 0 0		
Willowby	0 15 0		
Waipukurau	0 13 0		
Wanganui East, Bluff, Mata-kana, each 10s	1 10 0		
Methven (Canterbury)	0 5 0		
	14 3 0		
Private Donations, per Miss Powell and others—			
Okoia L.T.L. (Mrs Duxfield)	3 4 7		
Mrs McGruar (Invercargill), Mr W. Morrow (Ashburton), Mr E. Murphy (Gisborne), each £2	6 0 0		
Mrs R. Glendenning (Dunedin), Miss Shand (Dunedin), Mrs Lindo Ferguson (Dunedin), each £1 1s	3 3 0		
Mrs F. White (Greytown), Mrs W. A. Tate (Greytown), Mrs Townley (Gisborne), each £1 1s	3 3 0		
Mrs Hughes (Dunedin), Mrs W. Brown, Mr F. Ferriman (Ashburton), Mrs R. Evans, Mrs Jas. Knight, Mrs Routley (Lower Hutt), Miss Elsie Williams (Hastings) each £1	8 0 0		
Mrs McCombs (Christchurch)	0 16 10		
Mrs Twigg (Hawera)	0 10 0		
	15 12 10		
Sundries	0 17 1		
Per Miss Powell only—			
Small Donations	3 5 6		
Net Proceeds Meetings	1 4 7		
Collections (net)	0 19 3		
Refunds Local Expenses—			
Dunedin	1 2 7		
Ashburton	1 1 0		
Invercargill	0 11 6		
	2 15 1		
Interest, P.O. Savings Bank	3 11 3		
	11 15 8		
	£239 13 6		£239 13 6

Examined and found correct.

JOHN D. BRECHIN, Auditor.

March 22, 1916.

ALICE R. C. TAYLOR, N.Z. Treas., Organising Fund.

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WELLINGTON, APRIL 18, 1916.

CONVENTION ECHOES.

Wanganui invited and royally entertained the Convention of 1916. Several things distinguished this Convention from its immediate predecessors:

(1) It commenced with an all-day Executive meeting on Wednesday, March 15th.

(2) The Agenda granted all day Saturday off for an up-river excursion, which was much enjoyed. The Tuesday afternoon Convention adjourned at 3 p.m. to give delegates a tram trip to Castlecliff, where the local Union entertained them for afternoon tea.

(3) An interesting service was held on Wednesday evening for all those who are suffering through this cruel war.

(4) There was no Convention sermon proper preached, but delegates attended Trinity Church to hear Chap-

lain-Captain Blamires tell of his experiences at Gallipoli.

(5) The election resulted in the same officers being re-elected in every case without one dissentient vote.

Plans of work were discussed and formulated for 1916.

Patriotic Effort.

First and foremost, it was decided to make two great patriotic efforts—to raise a substantial sum of money, and to ask the Y.M.C.A. to use this money as a gift from the Temperance women for our boys at the Front. Mrs Lee-Cowie, of Invercargill, is treasurer of this fund, and cards can be obtained from her, and all cards, together with money collected, must be returned to her.

Six O'clock Closing.

To make a determined effort in favour of 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars. Petition forms are being sent to every Union, and we hope that they will commence work in earnest at once, and never stop till the end of May. We ask all canvassers for signatures to read and observe carefully the printed instructions attached to each form. If any reader of the "White Ribbon," in a district where there is no Union will volunteer to canvass for signatures, they can get forms by applying to Miss Henderson, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch.

"White Ribbon."

Special appeal is made to every member of the W.C.T.U. to help us increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon." It inculcates our principles, and tells of our work, and to increase its circulation is to increase its usefulness. Surely each Union can gain an increase of 10 subscribers during the year; that will mean 1000 increase for the Dominion. Will all aim to do this?

The Convention was inspiring. About 50 new members were initiated (over 20 at one time, and 14 at another). Twenty new subscribers were gained for our paper.

We trust delegates will carry its help and enthusiasm back to their Unions, and make 1916 a record year for work.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS.

MAORI.

Superintendent: Mrs Walker.

This year has been a difficult and trying one in all departments of Temperance work, but in this department, in addition to the many calls upon our time and purses for assistance for patriotic purposes, we have also had to contend with the disorganisation of the work caused by our Organiser's unfortunate ill-health, which finally compelled her to resign last June. Shortly after last Convention Miss Woodhead again had to undergo hospital treatment, and a rest of three months was again granted to her, but as she did not regain her strength as she had hoped to, she felt it her duty to send in a letter of resignation, in which she stated that though she loved the work and was most grieved to give it up, she did not feel it fair to the Union to continue as Organiser on account of her health, and expressed her thanks and gratitude for the kindness and consideration that had been extended to her during her work with the Union. In all Miss Woodhead's work with me since March, 1914, I have found her most conscientious, accurate, and business-like, and she has carried out her duties faithfully and well, and in a spirit of earnestness and self-sacrifice. I have been in communication with several workers whose names have been suggested to me, but so far without success.

Meetings were held by Lyttelton, which held one at the Maori Pah. Mrs A. R. Atkinson and Miss Woodhead addressed the meeting, the latter in Maori. Pahiatua had an address on Maori work at White Ribbon celebration. Palmerston North had a social on White Ribbon Day, to which some Maori women were invited. Gisborne had a report of the work from Mrs Walker.

Literature was distributed by Ngaire to Waitara natives and Tokomaru Bay, which also sent K.K. pledge cards to the natives. Devonport sent three leaflets in Maori to every member of the native contingents in camp at Auckland, the leaflets being "Kitchener's Appeal to Soldiers to the Effects of Alcohol," and an "Appeal to the Natives on the drink question," and were translated by Rev. Chatterton and Rev. Wi Paraire, of Te Rau College.

The following Unions sent contributions to the funds:—Invercargill, Tuatapere, Ngaire, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Devonport, and Gisborne.

Donations have been thankfully received from Mrs Lee-Cowie and Miss Maunder. Miss McKeown (Hastings) did very good work this year with the collecting cards, also Mrs Fairlie (Gisborne). The following Unions, though they have not furnished reports, have contributed to the work either by donations or collections:—Wellington District, New Plymouth, Kaiapoi, Oxford, Waimate,

Hastings, Winchmore, Napier, Nelson, Onehunga, Wellington Central, N.E. Valley, and Christchurch. Though the discouragement and difficulties of this work this year have been great, we must remember that we have all—Maori and European alike—had to enter into the valley of the shadow together, and we believe that the bonds which have been formed there with our Maori sisters, who are suffering and grieving at the loss of their dear ones, and also rejoicing at their deeds of heroism, have been so firmly welded together that out of the suffering will come with our purification a truer sympathy and understanding of each other's needs. Our thanks are due to the Maori people, both men and women, who are so nobly upholding the honour of Britain in this terrible struggle.

ANTI-GAMBLING.

Superintendent: J. Roberts.

When communicating with Unions on other matters, I, in July last, drew the attention of every Union to the shameful way in which the Government was then allowing the Gaming Act to be broken in connection with raffles and art unions for patriotic purposes. Unions were asked to watch for the introduction of legislation extending facilities for racing and gambling, and to do their utmost to resist its passage into law. I have reason to believe this was done generally, but the Bill went through with such lightning speed that I do not think it was possible to do much effective work.

New Zealand has had a "riot of gambling" this year, and I urge the attention of Convention to the following figures, published in the "Lyttelton Times" of January 6th:—

"This list comprises no meetings that were held before December 27, so that it represents the results of a week's racing in the Dominion. It shows that the amounts invested at twenty-three meetings during that brief period totalled £831,786 10s, as follows:

	£
Auckland Racing Club ...	236,181½
Manawatu Jockey Club ...	84,834
Auckland Trotting Club ...	65,592
Stratford Racing Club ...	38,861
Wairarapa Racing Club ...	39,325
Canterbury Park Trotting Club ...	47,646
Marton Jockey Club ...	41,052
Taranaki Jockey Club ...	36,648½
Dunedin Jockey Club ...	35,075
Hawke's Bay Jockey Club ...	34,350
Southland Racing Club ...	25,690
North Otago Jockey Club ...	24,420
Thames Jockey Club ...	19,671
Greymouth Trotting Club ...	16,860
Ashburton Trotting Club ...	14,133½
Westport Trotting Club ...	11,500
Gore Trotting Club ...	10,807
Greymouth Jockey Club ...	9,925
Reefton Jockey Club ...	9,291

Wyndham Racing Club ... 9,175
 Waikouaiti Racing Club ... 9,005
 Taratahi-Carterton R.C. ... 8,923
 Porangahau Jockey Club ... 3,021
 A conservative estimate of the "investments" at the meetings which have not been included in the above table will bring the total to £850,000 or more."

Add to this all the previous racing throughout the year, with the shameful gambling in connection with so-called "patriotic" affairs of all kinds, and it is easy to see how our national character is being debased and demoralised. No better state of things can come about until Christian churches, people, and institutions absolutely refuse to be identified in any way with anything, no matter how laudable its object, that has gambling in any form associated with it. That is the stand Christchurch Union has taken, and at the risk of opprobrium and misrepresentation, will not take part in, nor assist at, any patriotic or other effort which disgraces itself by promoting gambling. It is to be regretted that the churches in Christchurch did not act in the same manner. The Ministers' Association passed five resolutions against gambling for patriotic purposes, but I consider their effect was utterly nullified by the churches taking part in and assisting at a carnival where gambling was a prominent and much advertised feature.

The following Unions report efforts for the prevention of increased gambling facilities:—Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, Ngaire, Kaiapoi, Invercargill, Kaikora, Hawera, Otautau, Invercargill South Branch, Blenheim, Ponsonby, Pahiatua, Nelson, Wanganui East, Winchmore, Feilding, Cambridge, Waipukurau, Waimate.

One Union sent a report telling of efforts in this direction, but there is nothing to indicate the name of the Union, and the name of the sender does not appear in the list of Presidents or Secretaries of Unions.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

(Superintendent, Mrs Hatchwell).

Dunedin Sailors' Rest has been opened 30 years. Mr A. R. Falconer, for 28 years Missioner, has been this year called to higher service, and his splendid work will be long remembered. The high spiritual tone has been well maintained by Mr R. Robertson the present Missioner who personally visits the boats. Mrs Palmer the caretaker does splendid service in the interests of the sailors.

Timaru has lost Mr and Mrs Stead who had to resign after 17 years of faithful and efficient service. Mr and Mrs Good have taken up the work. The number of visitors has not been so large, as owing to the war, not so many Home steamers have been in port. 397 sailors made 793 visits. The men appreciate very highly what is done for them. Here they find a comfortable room with games, literature, and writing materials. Bund...

of literature are given to each vessel leaving port. Mataura and Christchurch sent comfort bags, as also did Pahiatua, which also sent 40s to cover the cost of filling.

Greymouth still continues the good work. Several of the men who were regular visitors have gone in the transports to help in the defence of our Empire.

Lyttelton members assist in the work of the B. and F. Sailors' Institute, and supply tracts for distribution at the Sunday evening service. Mrs Booth, wife of the Superintendent of the Institute and a member of our Union, is most energetic in helping the sailors, and has induced many of them to sign the pledge during the year.

REST AND REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Superintendent: Mrs C. S. Howard.

The following Unions report refreshment booths at A. and P. Shows; Blenheim; Oxford (profits given to the Belgian Relief Fund); Napier (has just concluded a 5 years' contract with Hawke's Bay A. and P. Show to provide luncheon and tea at their Spring and Summer Shows); Palmerston N.; Christchurch (a very large effort, thousands being fed, and many having to go away for lack of room; boxes were placed on the tables to receive gifts for Red Cross work); Invercargill (K.K. pledge forms distributed at the Winter Show; objectional pictures at Winter Show were removed at the request of a deputation from the Union).

Rest Tents at Shows were provided by Blenheim, Timaru (literature distributed), Hawera (proceeds given to Red Cross Funds), Invercargill (at Caledonian Show and at Retailers' Patriotic Show).

Several Unions assisted at the different functions held to raise funds for patriotic purposes: Kaiapoi (profits £60), Oxford (profits given to Belgian Relief Fund), Christchurch (catered at Harvest Festival, and handed over profits amounting to £275 to Belgian Relief Fund, also at the Tournament, in aid of sick and wounded).

Palmerston N. has a rest room in the centre of the town, much used by girls in business. Kaiapoi lets its rooms for social functions, and when let for weddings the members do all decorating and waiting. Members of Oxford assisted at Christchurch tent.

HOME MEETINGS.

Superintendent: Miss Dewar.

This department of work, like all others, has suffered owing to the war and the urgent calls for Red Cross work. Quite a number of Unions have replied to my circular, saying that for the above reason no meetings have been held. The following Unions have sent reports:—

Hawera held one meeting.

Pahiatua reports five meetings. Result, 8 new members.

Ngaire held a number of Home meetings.

Bluff, one meeting, addressed by Miss Powell.

Gore, one meeting.

Tuatapere held one meeting and three socials.

Auckland, one very successful meeting, addressed by Miss Bisson; new members gained.

Wellington South.—This Union considers Home meetings the best method for gaining new members. Most of the 31 new members this year were won by Home meetings. Four successful meetings held. Addresses by Misses Powell and Bisson.

Nelson.—Several meetings held, with good results; new members gained.

Palmerston North.—Home meetings held regularly.

Petone reports nine well-attended meetings, at which collections were taken up, amounting to £3 18s 7d.

Bluff.—Two very helpful meetings held; new members were gained.

Waipawa held Home Meeting, addressed by Miss Bisson on K.K. Pledge (two new members); Hikurangi reports two successful meetings.

PRISON AND REFORM WORK.

Superintendent: Sister Moody Bell.

Making an annual report of my department is rather like "making bricks without straw." I could wish that the scope of this department in New Zealand could be widened to coincide with the world's W.C.T.U., and to fall into line with their divisions of work.

By regulation of the late Minister for Justice, no women are allowed to work or even to visit the men's prisons of New Zealand. Mrs Barney, World's Superintendent of Prison and Reform Work, considers it very desirable that an appeal should be made to the Minister for Justice with a view to the entrance of suitable wise and motherly women as visitors into the prisons for men.

There is only one special prison for women in New Zealand. Only two Unions report work done in this department, Christchurch and Invercargill. The former reports that Mrs E. W. Cunningham suggests that prisons be called "Moral Hospitals." Mrs Millar, of Lyttelton, has been appointed official visitor for the Government. Mrs Cunningham has recently furnished a little chapel at Addington Gaol in memory of her late husband. Invercargill reports four meetings organised for making the needs of this work known to the citizens. Arrangements were also made to canvass the city for financial aid. The Victoria Home for Friendless Girls of Invercargill and district is being maintained with efficiency. Some of the New Zealand Unions have remembered this work by acceptable gifts of clothing for the women and babies.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Superintendent: Miss Maunder.

I am disappointed that more Unions have not taken up the temperance wall sheets essays, but it is cheering to know that the present Minister of Education has promised to take steps to bring the subject more definitely before the teachers. Again I would urge that if possible all scholars should write the essays, not volunteers only.

The following Unions report giving prizes for essays on Temperance:—Christchurch (19 prizes), Kaiapoi (subject, "Temperance in Relation to the War"), Opotiki (16 prizes), Birkenhead, Palmerston North (prizes presented by the Minister for Education).

Auckland, Christchurch, Oxford, and Palmerston North report temperance addresses given at Band of Hope and other meetings.

Hawera, Devonport, and Waimate report that they attempted to get essays written, but from various causes the attempt failed.

Ngaire and Opotiki (16 prizes) give prizes for Temperance Wall Sheets.

Invercargill District, assisted by donation of £1 from South Invercargill, gave prizes for essays on Temperance wall sheets to the 183 schools of the Southern province. Bluff, Otautau, Tuatapere, and Mataura have also given prizes for Temperance essays to the different schools.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Superintendent: Mrs Harrison.

I regret that my first report in this department of work does not include more of our Unions. Perhaps the Unions have felt it difficult to work the "Red Letter Days" of our particular interests while there hangs over us this heavy war cloud, and so many patriotic and extra meetings have been called, in which we are proud to say our W.C.T.U. members have nobly done their share, or it may be the Superintendent being somewhat new to her duties, has failed to impress her department on the minds of the workers. We are also struck by the fact that some of our largest Unions have not sent in any report, and we trust some effort has been put forth, though not reported. I think one Union suggests adding another Red Letter Day to list, but would it not be advisable to try and work successfully the "Notable Days" set apart by Convention ere we take up fresh duties in that direction, however worthy the occasion may be. I trust the reports sent in by no means cover the work accomplished.

Franchise Day.—Gisborne held a meeting, addressed by Revs. Chatterton and McCutcheon and Miss Malcolm. Resolution of protest passed re Hospital Board elections. Collection, £1. Nelson; Oxford had a paper on "Citizenship" by Mrs Kippenberger; Bluff had suitable papers read; Pahiatua meeting, paper read

by Mrs Neal on "Franchise Movement in New Zealand," and one by Mrs Paterson on "The Disabilities which Women Still Labour Under," collection of 17s; Napier had an address by Matron of Bethany Home on "How to Help our Fallen Sisters," collection; Nelson and Hawera also celebrated this day.

T. E. Taylor Day.—Gisborne read an article on his life, and took up a collection for local funds; Timaru, the President read a sketch of his life; Oxford observed it by inaugurating the K.K. Pledge campaign; Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson on "The Progress of Prohibition in Other Lands," also a collection; Pahiatua, an address by Miss Powell on "Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U.," Hawera, a special meeting, 60 present, collection; Napier, an address on Temperance work by Rev. Eric Evans; Nelson, Invercargill, and Greymouth also celebrated it.

White Ribbon Day.—Winchmore, a collection for Maori work; Gisborne, an address by Mrs Walker, and collection of 10s 6d for Maori work; Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson on "Woman's Work in England During the War"; Pahiatua, an address by Mrs Crabb on "Maori Work and the 'White Ribbon' Paper," collection 15s; Napier, an address by Mrs Dearlove; Nelson, Invercargill, and Greymouth also celebrated this day.

Frances Willard Day.—Christchurch had an address by Miss Henderson; Pahiatua, drawing-room meeting, paper on the life of Frances Willard, collection 12s; Napier, Nelson, and Greymouth also celebrated.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Superintendent: Mrs Neal.

The following distributed literature:—Palmerston North sent to Trentham, also gave pamphlets to nurses and chemists; Pahiatua gives a copy of safe remedies to each new member, and also puts them in comfort bags to be sent to sailors, and posted them to men of the district who enlisted; Pahiatua and Devonport distributed literature at Home meetings.

The following Unions purchased leaflets:—Dunedin, Sawyer's Bay, Pahiatua, New Brighton, South Dunedin, Otahuhu, Auckland, and New Plymouth. 450 leaflets were distributed free.

Palmerston North gave addresses to L.T.L. upon "The Effects of Alcohol upon the Heart," and questions were set upon the lecture for the children to answer.

Medical Temperance Balance-Sheet.

Receipts.—Balance, 1914, 5s 9d; sales Christchurch Convention, 18s 6d; sales by post, £2 2s 5d. Total, £3 6s 8d.

Expenditure.—Purchase of stock, U.S.A., 7s 11d; postage on parcels, letters, etc., 4s 8d; balance in hand, £2 14s 1d. Total, £3 6s 8d.

In 1914, 25 Unions purchased leaflets; in 1915 only 15 Unions purchased leaflets.

EVANGELISTIC.

(Superintendent: Mrs Upton.

Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Wanganui, Wanganui East, Ngaio, Pahiatua, Devonport, Nelson, Oxford, and Bluff report special intercessory meetings for help and guidance in connection with the present war.

Christchurch, Wellington, Wanganui, Wanganui East, Devonport, Ashburton, Auckland and Invercargill report having held prayer meetings, at which helpful addresses were given, and Bible readings.

Wanganui, Wellington, and Ashburton have visited the sick and sad in hospitals and other institutions.

Devonport and Auckland have distributed evangelistic literature, and the latter Union has also given away many Testaments.

Ashburton and Wellington visited the relatives of those who had given their life in defence of their country.

Invercargill reports holding meetings at which Gospel temperance addresses were given.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Superintendent: Marian Judson.

Only eleven Unions have reported work done in this department, the greater part of which has been in connection with the municipal elections and those for the School Committees and Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards. Immediately after last Convention I called the attention of the Unions to these elections, with special reference to the representation of women, and suggesting the holding of home meetings to arouse the interest and secure the co-operation of women. Wellington District, Timaru, Dunedin, Christchurch, Napier, Invercargill, and Nelson helped in the successful candidature of women on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, Napier having also recommended the appointment of a District Nurse. Waimate, Ngaire, Wellington District, Timaru, Christchurch, and Nelson had a large share in placing women on the School Committees, Dunedin failing only through misunderstanding as to the date of the election. In Nelson an Election Committee was formed, and a series of home meetings held in support of the women candidates. In Dunedin a large meeting was held before election day, in which Mesdames Don and Driver took part; Mrs Don is also Chairwoman of the Women's Advisory Committee in connection with the Hospital Board, and by virtue of this has a seat upon the Board. An effort was made in Dunedin to place a woman on the Education Board, but was unsuccessful. The only possible way to obtain this very desirable end would be to get a larger proportion of women on School Committees, by whom the members of the Board are elected, and all our Unions would do well to bear this in mind. The greater part of the work of the Educational Department is done by the

Education Boards, and it is only through the School Committees that women can obtain a share in the administration. In Dunedin, also, two women have been placed upon the Committee of the newly-formed Town Planning Association. Christchurch, Pahiatua, Ashburton, Winchmore, and Tinwald Unions report having taken part in patriotic relief work, and the entertainment of men leaving for Trentham; the Ashburton President being Secretary to the Ladies' Patriotic Committee, and the President of Pahiatua Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Home Nursing Class, and of the Medical Corps of the Women's National Reserve. The Educational work of this department has not been largely taken up. Early in the winter I suggested that it would be well, under the present war conditions, for women to study and try to understand something of the causes of war and the principles underlying a true and permanent peace, not with the idea that much could be done towards altering present conditions, but that they might be prepared to take their part in the peace settlement which must some day come, and in the meantime use their influence in bringing about that will for peace without which peace can never be. There are many women's organisations throughout the world with this object, presided over by the foremost women of the day, and it would seem that a country like New Zealand, where every woman possesses a vote, should not be behindhand in this matter. In Nelson fortnightly meetings were held through the winter months on these lines. The only other work reported of an educational character is from Pahiatua, where one paper upon Good Citizenship was read, and from Invercargill, which reports a discussion in connection with the municipal elections. I do not take this as an indication of want of interest, but I would urge all our women to realise their responsibilities in this matter, and to try systematically to fit themselves for the carrying of them out. Christchurch, Nelson, Timaru, and Invercargill have canvassed for K. of K. pledges and for the 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. Christchurch and Invercargill obtained signatures for the "Alice Parkinson petition." Christchurch and Ashburton worked to obtain from the City Council increased and better conveniences for women and children, the Ashburton Union having been instrumental, after nine years' effort, in opening Women's Rest Rooms, which are proving highly successful. Invercargill reports a resolution and deputation to Councillor Ott re objectionable picture films. Christchurch also reports having enquired with good results into the enforcement of the by-law re boys under 12 selling newspapers; having forwarded a petition protesting against inadequate sentences passed on men for criminal assaults on young girls; waiting upon the Editors of daily papers with re-

gard to objectionable reports of certain cases; and sending congratulations to the women of Denmark on the full political franchise being granted to them; to the temperance party in Ontario on the carrying of Prohibition by 2 to 1; and to the four women of South Australia who have been appointed Justices of the Peace. Nelson also sent a letter of congratulation to the President of the South Australian Union, one of the four J.P.'s. Napier has circulated amongst the members Mr W. S. Smith's book on "The Women's Franchise Movement in New Zealand."

In conclusion, I may say that more than one Union which appointed a local superintendent of this department at the beginning of the year has sent in no report, and it is possible that all the work done may not be included in this. May I once more remind every Union of the duty of reporting everything that has been done, however little it may be, not only that we may have a complete report of the work of the N.Z. Union, but also as an incentive to others to do and do likewise.

BACKBLOCKS.

Superintendent: Mrs Israel.

The two Wellington Unions keep the railway boxes well supplied with literature. Parcels of literature have been sent to the railway camps and backblocks by Ngaire (25 parcels), Palmerston N. (3 parcels), Invercargill, Hawera, Gisborne (179 papers and temperance booklets).

Palmerston N. posted 22 papers to private addresses.

M. Stephenson (name of Union not given) reports two parcels sent to backblocks.

MILITARY CAMPS.

Superintendent: Mrs Mitchell.

Invercargill reports: Two important resolutions sent to Minister of Defence, re (1) "Alcohol in Camps," (2) "Sending chaplains with each reinforcement." National President requested to send cablegram to King George, Lord Kitchener, and Hon. Lloyd George re "Pledges in war-time." Distribution of 1000 K. and K. pledges at the Winter Show. Assistance in working K. and K. campaign. Distribution of K. and K. pledges to troopers who are leaving New Zealand. Resolution sent to Dr. Valentine re "medical examination and detention (where necessary) of returning troopers." Satisfactory reply received. Arrangements for providing sandbags for the trenches (£7 sent, also other sums).

Bluff reports pocket Testaments given to soldiers leaving.

Gore.—K.K. pledges distributed.

Tuatapere sent £5 5s for procuring sandbags for the soldiers.

South Invercargill canvassed town with Kitchener pledges, also helped in large public meeting with Kitchener

pledges. Donation sent towards sandbags.

Timaru and Waimate sent literature to Trentham.

Nelson reports sending literature to the camps; presenting the Nelson men when leaving for the Front with suitably inscribed New Testaments; corresponding with soldiers at the Front who would not probably get letters or parcels any other way.

Very few Unions report any special work in this department as Unions, but all through New Zealand our members are working in some way for the soldiers.

Suggestions.

Nelson's correspondence scheme.—Inviting and bringing soldiers from the camps to your homes through other young men; they will not come alone.

Procuring books for the camps and transports. One Christchurch man, writing home, stated that the chaplain's library was invaluable on the boat, especially to the sick. The Chaplain, writing home, said the pleasure in the men's faces amply repaid for any trouble in getting library together. 350 had covers, 400 soft covers, and sacks of magazines were procured in a few days for one transport alone. We as Unions might help in this matter, also in helping to provide games, such as bagatelle, etc., for the camps. And I hope this Convention will pass a very strong resolution in favour of early closing of hotels and prohibiting the sale of liquor to soldiers.

"PRESS."

Superintendent: Mrs Duxfield.

Once again it is my pleasure to present to Convention a report of the work done in connection with the "Press" department. I am sorry to say only twenty Unions have reported work done, but at the same time I feel sure many other Unions write letters, etc., to the Press, and also report their meetings in "White Ribbon" and other papers, but have neglected to notify your Dominion Press Superintendent. You will notice several Branches make good use of their local papers by inserting suitable clippings and writing letters when necessary.

All this is good and useful, and we should like to suggest that more of this kind of Press work should be done, as we can in this way keep our cause constantly before the public. All Unions whose local papers are sympathetic have great opportunities to push this department. There is power in the Press, and we would urge Convention and all Unions to take full advantage of the Press whenever possible.

The following Unions reported that all meetings had been reported in the local papers:—Timaru, Waimate, Palmerston N., Ashburton, Masterton, Greymouth, Winchmore, Nelson, Invercargill, Hawera, Pahiataua, Wanganui E., Napier, Dunedin, Ngaere, Kaiapoi, and Wanganui. Resolutions

passed at their meetings were published in the papers by the following:—Ashburton, Wanganui East, and Kaiapoi. Pahiataua and Napier give copies of the "World's Bulletin" to the Press, while Pahiataua gave a copy of Convention number to the editor of local paper. Masterton, Greymouth, Nelson, Hawera, Pahiataua, Wanganui East, Napier, Ngaere, Kaiapoi, and Wanganui report their meetings in the "White Ribbon." Greymouth advertises its meetings in the local press, and so gets a local in as well. Greymouth also sends clippings to the papers, while Dunedin is responsible for the "Follow the King" column weekly in the "Evening Star."

The circular letter to the Moderate League was inserted in the press by Timaru, Waimate, Nelson, Invercargill, Edendale, South Invercargill, Pahiataua, and Dunedin.

Letters were written to the press by Ashburton, Nelson (to women electors before the municipal election), Christchurch (on Temperance, Gambling, and other subjects). Christchurch press also commented on the resolutions passed at last Convention on the anomalies of the laws relating to women; on the debatable clause in the Naturalisation Bill; and reports of women's activities in Great Britain.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

Superintendent: J. Roberts.

The year has been a busy one in this department. In June I forwarded to each Union a copy of the proposals of the Medical Conference with regard to venereal disease; a copy of the resolutions passed by Convention in March last in connection with this matter; and a circular letter pointing out the provisions which embodied the worst features of the C.D. Acts. All Unions were urged, in the event of any attempt being made to reintroduce the C.D. Acts under guise of these proposals, to pass resolutions on the lines of Convention's resolution, and forward them to the Premier, Minister of Public Health, Speaker of Legislative Council, Sir Joseph Ward, and to the member or members of their district. In reply to applications from some Unions for more information on this subject, I again in July circularised every Union amplifying my former communication and enclosing a very carefully drafted series of resolutions indicating lines, approved by many Conventions, upon which resolutions might be framed. I did this more for the sake of the smaller and outlying Unions, but sent them to all.

I summarised a good deal of expert evidence given before the Royal Commission on Venereal Disease, sitting in England. This summary was printed in the "White Ribbon" of August 18th. A paper on venereal disease was prepared for and read at the Canterbury Provincial Council, and appeared in the October number of the "White Ribbon." This paper and the summary of evidence has been published in leaflet and pamphlet

forms for distribution, and our Unions should see that they get wide circulation.

Unions were urgently urged to oppose the amendment to the Crimes Act, whereby no prosecution for defilement of girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years could be commenced without the leave in writing of the Attorney-General.

Though neither this amendment nor the medical proposals concerning venereal disease were introduced into Parliament during last session, it by no means follows that the danger is past. All Unions will need to keep close watch to prevent either or both these proposals, so dangerous to purity and morality, from becoming law.

A copy of all the above-mentioned communications accompanies this report.

A good many Unions notified me that they had passed the resolutions sent, or ones on similar lines, and from the published reports in the "White Ribbon" I note the names of more who have also done so. At least five Unions have passed resolutions antagonistic to the stand taken by Convention with regard to the treatment of venereal disease. I am strongly of opinion that such a thing would not have happened had the members been possessed of wider knowledge concerning the operation of the C.D. Acts and the great change that has taken place among scientific medical men as to the treatment of venereal disease.

I have to acknowledge, with warmest thanks, the valuable help and literature I received from Mrs Sheppard and Miss Henderson.

The following Unions passed resolutions supporting Convention in the opposition to compulsory examination and detention, and compulsory notification of venereal disease:—Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington District, Wellington Central, Dunedin District, South Dunedin, Gisborne, Invercargill, Invercargill South Branch, Timaru, Otautau, Ponsonby, Mosgiel, Greymouth, Bluff, Ashburton, Ngairi, Kaiapoi, Willowby, Pahiatua, Feilding, Kaikorai, Hawera, Whangarei, Opotiki, Nelson, Waimate, New Brighton.

Ashburton passed resolutions on three occasions against the inadequate punishment meted out to men guilty of sexual offences against women and girls.

Willowby passed and forwarded a resolution asking for an amendment to the Crimes Act, whereby in affiliation cases where several men are implicated, each shall be made liable for the whole of the maintenance, the money to be paid into Court for the benefit of the child.

The "White Ribbon" records that Palmerston North and Napier protested against the vote cast for the continuance of Bellamy's.

The petition for six o'clock closing was heartily taken up by the Unions. All Unions sending in reports mention it, while several made efforts for

the mitigation of the severe sentence passed on Alice Parkinson.

Dunedin and Christchurch voiced very decidedly their indignation over the liquor supplied to the Hospital Ship; letters went to Lord Liverpool from both those Unions.

Kaiapoi passed a vote of censure on Parliament for refusing to restrict the evils of the liquor traffic and for increasing facilities for gambling and racing.

Ngaio, Otautau, Tuatapere, report several resolutions and telegrams to Government and members connected with temperance and social matters, but do not indicate their nature.

Some very fine educative work was done by Waimate Union by summarising the paper on venereal disease and getting it printed in two local papers.

Correspondence this year has been very considerable.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

Superintendent: Mrs Young.

The following Unions report holding Educational meetings:—Christchurch (subjects discussed, Frances Willard, Anti-Gambling, Women's Work in the Old Land During War, Progress of Prohibition in Other Lands); Pahiatua (paper on Good Citizenship, Medical Temperance, Life of Frances Willard, addresses on Comparison of Cost between War and the Liquor Traffic, "White Ribbon" Paper, Women's Franchise Movement in New Zealand, Women's Disabilities); Invercargill (addresses on the work of F. N. Charrington, Methods of Dr. Montessori, What War Has Done for Women, Diet or Dentistry); Bluff (Franchise in Britain); Edendale; Otautau (lantern lecture); South Invercargill (Kitchener Pledge, Ignorance, Prospective Motherhood, Prenatal Influence, Diet or Dentistry, Abolition of Vodka); Palmerston N. (held fortnightly meetings, which were well attended).

LITERATURE.

Superintendent: Mrs Dearlove.

During the past year, in spite of adverse circumstances, a very fair amount of literature has been distributed by our various Unions, the "K.K." pledges taking the foremost place. Of these, there are some thousands still on hand, and we would urge our members to continue the good work of striving to get more pledges signed.

Many Unions who have purchased various booklets have sent no report, but few having been received. Timaru notably has sent literature to Trentham, also giving bundles of same to the men on each boat leaving the port.

Devonport similarly sent leaflets in Maori to each member of the 2nd Contingent; also to Gallipoli and Malta for the 1st Maori Contingent, and posted "Vanguard" to soldiers on active service. These examples are to be commended. Our sailors, too,

have not been forgotten. Comfort bags, containing useful reading matter, having been forwarded. Railway stations, rest tents, and Snow grounds have not been neglected. Invercargill accounted for 1000 "K.K.'s" at their Winter Show, and distributed a large and varied assortment during the year, being assisted by Mrs Cowie.

Our own "White Ribbon" paper has come in for its share, some by monthly copies, and others by the Convention number.

Some 47 subscriptions have been sent this year for the "Purity Advocate." It seems a pity that those sending name for this worthy quarterly at the small price of sixpence so often fail to renew their subscription. Surely this cannot be from lack of interest or fault in the paper, but just a lapse of memory or not understanding the necessity of renewal, therefore I would here draw attention to it, and hope this year to have a large list.

Appended are the year's receipts and disbursements:—

Literature.—Sold, £17 2s 4d; bought, £6 7s 3d; N.Z. Treasurer for K.K.'s, £4. Total, £16 15s 1d.
Purity.—Sold, £13 8s 1d; bought, etc., £11 6s 6d. Total, £2 1s 7d.

PURITY AND MORAL EDUCATION.

Addresses on Purity: Napier held two meetings, addressed by Miss Austen, one by Deaconess Brand, who spoke on "Character Building," also two meetings addressed by local friends. Pahiatua, addresses by Mr Bligh; Invercargill, meetings addressed by Mrs Lee-Cowie and Sister Moody-Bell; Palmerston N., meeting addressed by Miss Austen; Dunedin, meeting addressed by Mrs Lindo Ferguson on "Venereal Disease." Mrs Ferguson suggested that a clean bill of health should be required before the issue of a marriage license; Winchmore held two meetings addressed by local clergy. Purity literature was distributed by Hawera, Invercargill, Dunedin (among soldiers), Winchmore, and Pahiatua.

The following Unions circulate literature:—Invercargill ("Purity Advocate" and "American Motherhood"); Winchmore ("Purity Advocate"); Palmerston N. has lent out Purity books locally and also to Woodville; Pahiatua distributed free six copies of the "Purity Advocate," also has given away 35 booklets, and has a lending library of 36 books and 23 leaflets.

The Invercargill Union protested against some objectionable pictures on the Southland Show Ground, and they were removed.

Dunedin Union discusses clauses in the Public Health Act, and sent a protest to the Ministers against the same.

Timaru sent leaflets to Trentham; Waimate distributed 300 leaflets, and Auckland has distributed literature and passed resolutions of protest

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against the medical proposals and the Public Health Amendment Act.. Addresses on subject by Mrs Snow and Mrs Hutchison, of the Door of Hope.

Timaru had papers read at meetings and distributed literature.

Bluff reads papers from "White Ribbon," also had paper on "The Need for Franchise in Britain," and on "Public Health Act."

Y's AND MEDAL CONTESTS.

Only three Unions sent reports. Pahiataua reports no work done. Invercargill Y's have disbanded owing to other claims on the time of the young women.

Nelson Y's have had a busy year. They report twelve meetings held, all well attended. Five new members have joined, bringing the total membership up to 21. Miss Atkinson, District President, held a knitting class for the Y's, and as a result some large quantity of things were sent to Belgian babies. They also had a stall at a Sale of Work held by the Mother Union, and cleared £2 5s to assist their own funds. Well done, Sleepy Hollow! Your Y's are evidently wide-awake, as well as wise (Y's).

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Superintendent: Mrs Boxall.

Very few Unions appointed Superintendents for this department for this year, and perhaps this is the reason that very little work is done in this direction. Only thirteen Unions sent replies to my circular, and eight report no work done. Only five Unions send any report of work done. Dunedin lodged a protest against Sunday concerts and picnics; Gisborne against Sunday picture shows; Devonport against Sunday football on public reserves; Hastings against Sunday trains.

Literature was distributed and personal appeals made to those seen Sabbath-breaking by Dunedin and Wellington District.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

Superintendent: Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Never has there been greater need for spreading peace and love and goodwill throughout the stricken world than this past year, and I am thankful to say some of the Unions have earnestly echoed the angels' song and sounded the holy note amid the din and clang of war.

About six Branches have sent in reports of work done.

Bluff has had one special meeting. Otautau has had peace meetings. Ponsonby has some faithful peace workers, as has Auckland.

Invercargill has held an Empire prayer meeting on every Friday throughout the year at Amethyst Hall, while many addresses have been given inculcating peace principles on the lines laid down by the Saviour of the world. When the horrid god of militarism is dreaded and abhorred as he should be, the great good God of Peace will enter in, and conquer by force of Love.

Although of every hope bereft,
Turn neither to the right or left,
The God of Peace shall rule and reign,
And earth shall Eden be again.

CRADLE ROLL, L.T.L. AND BAND OF MERCY.

(Superintendent: Mrs Neal.

Cradle Roll.

The following Unions report Cradle Roll work:—Auckland, 55, increase 22; Opotiki, 72, increase 4; Warkworth, 103, increase 13; Cambridge, 55; Napier, 84, increase 10; New Plymouth, 284, increase 18; Ngaere, 110; Hawera, 141; Pahiataua, 108, increase 33; Woodville, 132, increase 80; Wellington, 37; Petone, increase 24; Nelson, 96; Christchurch, 61; Oxford, 40, increase 21; Timaru, 205, increase 63; Sawyer's Bay, increase 73; Invercargill, 20; Edendale, 23, increase 5; Gore, 25, increase 6.

Picnics were held by Napier, Ngaere, Woodville (address on "Influence of the Home"), Timaru (address by Plunket nurse), Invercargill, Garden Party (address by Miss Powell).

Afternoon meetings were held by Woodville (address on "Cradle Army and Alcoholic Degeneracy"), Wellington (address by Miss Bisson), Petone (two afternoon teas, address by Plunket nurse), Oxford (two meetings, addressed by local doctor), Sawyer's Bay (afternoon tea addressed by Mrs Don, Mrs Edmonds, and Miss McCarthy).

Auckland, Napier, and Pahiataua (150 visits) visit the mothers, and Auckland distributes literature. Timaru sent 15 good-bye letters to members who have reached the age limit.

The following Unions purchased cards:—Papakura, Kapuni, Ponsonby, Whangarei, Blenheim, Palmerston N., Normanby, Waipawa, and Rangiora.

Unions purchasing cards for the first time are: Hastings, Edendale, Sawyer's Bay, Dunedin, Bluff, Otautau, New Brighton, South Dunedin, Invercargill, Tinwald, Otahuhu, Belfast, Lyttelton, Tokomaru Bay, Gisborne, and Lower Hutt.

The following Unions purchased the Mother's Purity leaflets for Cradle Roll work:—Dunedin, Auckland, Belfast, Waipawa, Otahuhu, Pahiataua, New Brighton, Sawyer's Bay, South Dunedin, and Blenheim.

The following Unions purchased three medical leaflets:—Dunedin, Sawyer's Bay, Pahiataua, New Brighton, South Dunedin, Otahuhu, New Plymouth, and Auckland.

In response to numerous requests, I can now supply a certificate for Superintendents to send with the eighth-year birthday card, price 2d.

L.T.L. and Band of Hope.

The following Unions have Bands of Hope:—Cambridge, Waipukurau (81), Opotiki, Oxford (23 new members this year), Bluff, Edendale, and Otautau; Invercargill and South Invercargill assist at Band of Hope meetings. L.T.L.'s:—Napier (101)—two socials held, Palmerston North (110)—organised three new branches, Terrace End (41), West End (41), Okoia (60), and Oxford, Napier and Waipukurau held magic lantern entertainments; Oxford gave a picnic and Invercargill held competitions. Prizes were given by Waipukurau (best reciter, best essay on a Scripture character, regular contributors to the programme), Opotiki (16 prizes to schools for essays on Temperance Wall Sheets), Terrace End (attendance). Okoia has an address every week on alcohol, while Fitzherbert, Okoia and Oxford each wear the L.T.L. badge.

Terrace End collections were four guineas, of which two were given to the Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Okoia handed £4 10s 6d to the Patriotic Committee, and £3 4s 7d to the N.Z. Organising Fund.

Winchmore purchased L.T.L. badges, charts, and song books.

Band of Mercy.

Invercargill and Pahiataua distributed leaflets to the Sunday Schools. **Balance-Sheet, Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy.**

Receipts:—Balance, 1914, £5 14s; Sales Christchurch Convention, £2 0s 1d; Sales by Post, £15 1s 1d. Total £22 15s 2d.

Expenditure:—Printing Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, £4 19s; Printing Cradle Roll Certificates, £3 9s 5½d; Purchases, U.S.A., £3 6s 1d; Purchases, England, £2 14s 11d; Band of Mercy Literature, 8s; Envelopes, Writing Pads, Receipt Books, 12s;

Postage, Letters and Parcels, £1 19s 11d; Balance in hand, £5 5s 9½d. Total, £22 15s 2d.

162 letters and 98 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

Dunedin Band of Hope Report came direct to Editor too late for incorporation in above.

CLARA M. NEAL,
Dominion Superintendent.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent: Mrs Houlder.

Only two Unions sent reports, and both say no work has been done in this department. I can only surmise that the other Unions have done nothing, or so little that they have not thought it worth reporting.

In this time of the world's great need, when God is speaking so loudly, let us do our part to help to have the Bible read in our public schools.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Superintendent: Mrs X. Jones.

Meetings held: Timaru held a meeting, addressed by Plunket Nurse; Normanby, a paper by the N.Z. Superintendent read, on "The Responsibility of Mothers to God, Their Children, and the District They Live In," and "How Mothers' Meetings May Be Made Helpful"; Invercargill had two meetings, and also a Garden Party, which was addressed by Miss Powell; Ponsonby held a meeting in June.

Pahiatua mothers and children attended five Home meetings. Waimate distributed and lent books and leaflets. Dunedin organised a weekly patriotic prayer meeting specially for mothers who have boys at the Front. Quite a number of requests for prayer were sent in, which were entered in a book and read out at each meeting, the mothers themselves oftentimes interceding for their own sons. Short addresses were given and suitable hymns sung. These gatherings lasted all the winter, and were greatly appreciated by those who attended.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Superintendent: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions reported visiting the Hospital regularly:—Napier (delicacies taken and cards distributed), Timaru, literature and flowers taken), Hamilton (flowers, periodicals, eggs, etc., taken for the patients), Gisborne (visits also the Old Men's Home), Petone (flowers and papers taken), Ngairere (flowers distributed), Christchurch (Jubilee Home visited, flowers and literature distributed), Greymouth.

Pahiatua, Kaiapoi, Timaru, and Greymouth report visiting and helping the sick; Warkworth collected and mended clothes for the Auckland poor; Gisborne made sheets, pillowslips, and towels for the Salvation Army Home; Ngairere sent a parcel to

the Door of Hope, Auckland, gave a maternity bag to a mother, and sent clothing to the Invercargill Home.

Wellington District Union visited three laundries, three factories, and the Alexandra Home at Christmas, and distributed flowers and literature, and Kaiapoi sent letters of sympathy to members in trouble.

Otautau sent a case of clothing to and collected £13 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Mataura sent 308 articles to Barnardo's Homes; and Warkworth sent clothing to the poor of London.

In addition to this, a vast amount of work was done for the various Patriotic Funds. Ashburton and Winchmore provided tea for the boys of the county who were leaving that evening for Trentham; Ashburton sent comfort bags, chocolates, etc., to the boys on H.M.S. Philomel, Psyche, and Pyramus; Bluff lent their hall to the Patriotic Committee, and assisted in their work; Tuatapere, Normanby, and Pahiatua report knitting for soldiers; Petone gave flowers to boys leaving for the front; Christchurch granted £5 to the Nurses' Relief Fund; Napier and Waimate made articles for the soldiers; and Mosgiel and Edendale report work of this kind done.

Wounded Soldiers' Fund.—Ashburton (street collection and flower selling); Winchmore assisted at a Produce Stall, which raised £25; Invercargill; Warkworth meets once a week to sew and knit for this fund; Christchurch helped with afternoon tea at fete for this fund; Pahiatua sent money and comforts; Petone visits and takes flowers to sick and wounded soldiers.

Belgian Relief Fund.—Napier collected £33 5s, and made 480 garments; Ashburton had charge of rest tent at Belgian Relief Fete, also helped in street collections and flower selling; Gore sent garments, and Otautau Band of Hope collection of £3; Tuatapere collected clothing, also £14; Normanby (30s); Ngairere, parcels of clothing; Christchurch took charge of luncheon and tea rooms at Harvest Festival, and raised £275, also sent box of clothing; Invercargill.

Red Cross Fund.—Napier collected £29 14s, and sent two cases of Red Cross necessities; Kaiapoi rooms are used as Red Cross headquarters, and Union managed refreshment tent at Patriotic Sports, and cleared £60 for the fund; Invercargill; Waipukurau does sewing and collecting; Normanby gave £3 11s 6d, also 10s to St. John Ambulance, and 30s to provide hospital bed for our boys, sells cuttings, plants and flowers for the fund; Ngairere sends parcels; Christchurch meets every week to sew, and sends parcels, collected £10 14s by boxes on tables at A. and P. Show, members give regular subscriptions to this fund.

Sandbags were given by the following Unions:—Tuatapere (£7 for fund); Invercargill; Waimate, 102

bags; Mosgiel; Waipukurau, 130; Ngairere, 100; Napier, 1600; Normanby, between five and six hundred.

Hospital Ship.—Pahiatua, money and bandages; New Brighton held a sox and handkerchief afternoon, result 31 dozen handkerchiefs, 28 pair sox, and £1 18s 6d; Hikurangi, 200 garments, and helped to raise £200 for it; Christchurch, bolt of flannel.

Gore, Tuatapere, New Brighton, Normanby, and Mosgiel collected old linen for Red Cross, which Mosgiel also sterilised.

NARCOTICS.

Superintendent: Mrs Wright.

I regret I have very little to report this year. Ngairere has a Non-Smoking League, and members secure pledges among men and boys. Importation of opium into the Dominion is prohibited except for medicinal purposes. Much is smuggled in. Wm. Clough, at Greymouth, was fined £100 for being in possession of opium. A fine of 40s was imposed for selling tobacco to a youth under 15 years of age. The Minister for Internal Affairs requested committees not to put cigarettes into parcels to be distributed on troopships. Knitters are requested not to put cigarettes into the feet of the sox to be sent to the hall.

HOME SCIENCE.

Superintendent: Mrs McDonald.

Wellington Central reports that Superintendent visited lavatories for women and children, and found only two which were up to the standard of a good lavatory. Wellington District Convention passed a resolution drawing attention to the exposure of food in shops and hand carts to flies and dust.

Papers and meetings on the subject reported by Timaru ("The Ideal Home"), Devonport (subject discussed at various meetings), Invercargill District, and South Invercargill ("Diet or Dentistry"), South Invercargill ("Health Diet"). The spirit of thrift has been raised as never before, and the needs of our brave boys have been supplied by loving sacrifice in small things. As one young girl said, "Can't afford sweets now; all my pocket money goes in wool and stamps."

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Superintendent: Mrs Gaskin.

When in Christchurch I tried to get an advertisement from the Health Food Company for our paper. I am hoping to get an agent here in Greymouth to stock unfermented wine, so that it might be easily obtained for invalids, sacramental purposes, etc. I would suggest that where possible our Unions might secure agents.

Pahiatua and Timaru report no work done. The churches, with the exception of two, use unfermented wine. Greymouth reports unfermented wine used in two churches.

Hawera has circulated literature.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—Could any of your readers tell me where it would be possible to get slides for a magic lantern suitable for Band of Hope meetings? The Rev. A. A. Armstrong has a lantern, and is anxious to help us, but the difficulty is to find suitable slides. If any kind friend would communicate with Mrs A. M. Arthur, President W.C.T.U., Picton, as to the best way of procuring slides, the Union here would feel greatly indebted to such an one.—I remain, sincerely yours,

(Mrs) T. N. ARTHUR.

Picton, March 17th, 1916.

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Stratford, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Reeve; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Lilly; Sec., Mrs Reeve, pro. tem.; Treas., Mrs Birdsell.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Sec., Mrs Carter, Lake Town Rd.; Treas., Miss Rushbrook, Milford.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade; Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Evangelistic and Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs Butcher, Wai-iti Rd.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stead, Sailor's Rest.

Tuakau, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Madill, Lee, Long and Graham; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Goldsmith; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Worthington; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Dwen.

Taneatua, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Yeoman; Vice-Pres., Mrs Raven; Sec. Mrs Johnson; Treas., Mrs Mairs; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Schofield.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; Sec., Mrs Geo. Dash, Box 27, P.O.; Treas., Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangī," Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m.: Pres., Mrs Jas. Bibby; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McLean, Bott, and Maslin; Sec., Mrs H. McLean; Treas., Miss Johnson; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets alternately in Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, last Friday at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Andrews; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hicks; Rec. Sec., Mrs Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Treas., Mrs McLeod, Wanganui E.

Wanganui District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour, Pres., Mrs Blamires; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. McKenzie, 46 Wilson St.; Rec. Sec., Miss McAnemy; Treas., Mrs Siddells; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. Grant.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Hamilton, The Grange; Sec., Mrs Miller; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs S. Morrison; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Miller.

Winchmore, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hanson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Prebble, Mrs Blair and Mrs McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Spearman, 6 Dawson St., Berhampore; Treas., Mrs Brackenridge, 45 Waripori St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girl's Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening Classes and Socials. All girls invited.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Alliance Rooms, Manners St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, V adestown; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, Abel Smith St. Rec. Sec., Mrs Port, Pirie St.; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austin St.

Waipukurau, 2nd Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding and Mrs Nicholson; Sec., Mrs H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Miss Moffat.

Woodville, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Thompson, Fox Street; Treas., Mrs Davie, Station St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.

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