

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

NGAERE.

Dec. Annual meeting held at Mrs Morrison's. Secretary read a report of year's work. Treasurer's report and balance-sheet adopted. £9 had been collected for the Patriotic Fund, and £6 for St. John Ambulance. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs X. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ellis, Morrison, and Phillips; Cor. Sec., Mrs K. Tarrant; Rec. Sec., Miss E. Ellis; Treas., Mrs Whitham.

MOSGIEL.

Dec. 13. Mrs Pintold in the chair. Attendance fair. Decided to donate £1 to the Organising Fund. President gave an address on "Duties of W.C.T.U. Members." Mrs Collie entertained members to afternoon tea.

WHANGAREI.

Dec. 5. Present, 11. Report of year's work read by Secretary. One new member initiated. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Whalley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Williams, Heather, Galpin, and Miss Griffen; Rec. Sec., Mrs McLeod; Treas., Mrs Hughes; "W.R." Agent, Mrs McKinnon; Cradle Roll, Mrs Coulton. 15s was voted to the Organising Fund. Vote of thanks to Mr Jack for help re Mothers' Day. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Reported that 12s had been collected for prizes for Temperance essays, and 13s 6d for Lady Liverpool Fund. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Hall; Sec., Mrs Smith, 344, Wainoni Road, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas. Decided to resume our meetings on third Thursday in March.

NAPIER.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting held in Willard Hall. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Venables; Sec., Mrs Chelley; Treas., Mrs Clare; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Mens; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins; Flower Mission and Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds. Mrs Chelley elected delegate to Convention. Following resolution passed, and Secretary to forward to Miss Henderson:—"The Napier Union desire to place on record its appreciation of what has been done by the N.Z. Executive to get women police appointed, and trust

that they will continue the advocacy of this much-needed reform until the Government of New Zealand grant the request.

OPOTIKI.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting, 40 present. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Goodall; Sec., Miss D. Morice; Cradle Roll, Miss Lichfield; "White Ribbon," Mrs Francis. All other officers were re-elected. Miss Powell paid us a visit, which was very profitable. Special meeting held for young girls. Miss Powell gave a talk to members on the origin and work of the W.C.T.U. We were inspired by Miss Powell's visit, and say, "Come again soon." Balance-sheet showed £145 raised for patriotic purposes. Balance in hand, £5.

AUCKLAND.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting, Mrs Cook presiding. On the invitation of the Mayor, the President and Treasurer were appointed to represent the Union at a public meeting of women to consider social conditions in the city. Miss Weymouth appointed Organiser for Auckland Union for three months. Reports and balance-sheet were read and adopted. £53 13s 5d had been cleared by a sale of gifts. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Cook; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thorpe, Garroway, and Mason; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor; Treas., Miss Dewar. Hospitality Committee formed to arrange homes for delegates to Convention. Mrs Whitehouse was appointed to watch for strangers, and give them a welcome to the meetings. A letter of thanks and donation was given to the Central Mission for use of hall during the year.

FITZROY.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Attendance good, Mrs Douglas presiding. Reports were read and adopted. A Patriotic Sewing Guild, organised since June, had forwarded 123 garments to the Mayoress. Mrs Kibby, "White Ribbon" Agent, had secured several new members. Officers for next year: Pres., Mrs Douglas; Sec. and "W.R." Reporter, Mrs Scott; Treas., Mrs Tolme. Decided to hold meetings first Tuesday in the month.

NELSON Y's.

Dec. 8. Annual meeting. Secretary's report gave 65 members on the roll. Chief feature of the year's work has been the commencement of the L.T.L., which has 98 members, and is controlled by the Y's. Treasurer's report gave credit balance of £11 os 8½d. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. Officers for next year: Pres., Miss Hayes; Vice-Pres., Misses Sutherland and Shone; Sec., Miss Knapp; Asst. Sec., Miss Ching; Treas., Miss Phillips; Asst. Treas., Miss McConchie; Press Reporter, Miss Kenning; L.T.L. Supt., Miss Sutherland.

TAURANGA.

This Branch has been reorganised by Miss Powell, and now numbers 33, largely due to Miss Powell's efforts. Decided to send £1 to the Organising Fund. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Christian, Ryan, Neal, Petchell; Cor. Sec., Mrs Turner; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hammond; Treas., Mrs Chappell; "White Ribbon," Mrs Petchell; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ridley; L.T.L., Mrs Turner. Decided to elect two visitors each quarter.

NGAERE.

Jan. 2. A well-attended meeting. Reported that prizes had been presented to school children for temperance essays; that a large parcel of literature sent to Trentham Camp. Arranged to hold a Cradle Roll picnic, and also to join with other Unions in a Frances Willard Day picnic. The suggested grouping of departments, published in "White Ribbon," was read, and the following resolution passed:—"With a view to the saving of time and expense, and to the prevention of overlapping of work, we the members of the Ngaere W.C.T.U. heartily approve of the above suggestion."

TINWALD.

Dec. 7. Social afternoon for the purpose of presenting the prizes won by the school children in the recent temperance essay competition. The President was in the chair, and Mrs Watson (District President) and Mrs Lill (District Treasurer) were on the platform, and gave short addresses. Afternoon tea was handed round. The prizes, numbering fifteen, were donated by the Tinwald W.C.T.U., Messrs Ferriman, of Ashburton, and Clark, of Tinwald. They were presented by the President. The National Anthem closed a pleasant afternoon.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting. Mrs McCombs presided. Good attendance. The annual report was read and adopted. Reports were also received from New Brighton and Lyttelton Unions. As a result of the members' work, a large number of garments have been made and forwarded to the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Societies. A lecture given by Mrs Mickle in aid of the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Funds realised £40. Mrs Weston, one of our senior members, sold practically all the tickets by personal canvassing. The Union also took an active part in 6 o'clock closing campaign. The Union's luncheon booth at the Agricultural Show was a great success. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs McCombs; Cor. Sec., Mrs Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin; Treas., Mrs Patterson. Mrs Williams elected "W.R." Superintendent.