

Chappell. Several papers read by Secretary. Decided to have recess of two months, and have social at opening meeting in New Year.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

November. Annual meeting; a full hall. Greetings from Churches and Temperance Societies. Officers elected: President, Mrs Peart; Secretary, Miss Begg; Treasurer, Mrs Saunders. Secretary read the report. 18 new members for the year. Treasurer reported balance in hand £10 6s 1d. A musical programme and refreshments.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

November 16. Annual meeting, Mrs McDonald presided. Attendance good. Mrs Evans read annual report, which was adopted. Mrs Helyer read balance-sheet and report, also adopted. Superintendents of Departments presented their reports. Officers elected: President, Mrs A. R. Atkinson; Acting-President, Mrs McDonald; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Cor. Sec and Press Reporter, Miss Helyer; Treasurer, Mrs Helyer; White Ribbon, Mrs Port; Cradle Roll and L.T.L., Mrs Remington; Railway Boxes, Mrs Lawton; Back Blocks, Mrs Stephenson; Hygiene, Mrs McDonald; Work Among Sailors, Mrs Nimmo; Literature, Mrs Witby; Purity, Mrs Caughley; Home Meetings, Mrs Evans.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Dec. 6. Annual meeting. A good attendance. Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Dennet read the report of work done during the year, and Mrs Boxall read the balance-sheet, showing a membership of 129. Rev. W. Shirer was present, and read the balance-sheet of the Building Fund. Reports were read from the following Branch Unions:—Central, Lower Hutt, and Greytown. The Superintendents of Good Citizenship, Red Cross, Railway Boxes, Sabbath Observance, and L.T.L. read accounts of the work done, which were very gratifying. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Houlder; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, M.A.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Keene; Treas., Mrs Boxall. The election of Superintendents was held over until the February meeting.

#### HAWERA.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting. Miss Maunder presided, and the annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. Mrs Curtis reported that the Loyal Temperance Legion had been carried on successfully. During the year a Young People's Union was started. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs J. S. Young; Vice-Pres., Sister Nellie, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Blamires, and Miss Maunder; Cor. Sec., Mrs White; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs Best; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Tonks; Supt. Young People's Union, Mrs Bone; Maori Work, Mrs T. Tait; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bischoff; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs Best.

#### PAHIATUA.

Nov. 15. Drawing-room meeting. Address by Mrs Crabb, District President. Mrs Neal presided. Captain Mrs Huston gave a recitation. Two members initiated. Collection for N.Z. Fund, 10s 6d.

Dec. 6. Annual meeting. Increase in membership nine, one by removal, and eight new members. Work done in 14 departments. Officers elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs Neal; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs Eager; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cottom, Checkley, and Webster; Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs Webster; Purity Literature and Cradle Roll, Mrs Burgess; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Robertson; Flower Mission, Miss Davey; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Neal; Representative on Band of Hope Committee, Mrs Wright. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs Tasker for donating fifteen books to the Purity library. Resolved: "That we protest against the action of the National Government with regard to the secret deportation of religious and conscientious objectors."

#### MASTERTON.

Dec. 4. Mrs Devonport presided. Attendance fair. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs James Millar on the illness of her son. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E. G. Jones and Mrs Morris. The annual election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Devonport; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Whitehead and Jones; Sec., Mrs Flannagan; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; Supt. of Backblock Literature, Mrs N. Miller; Supt. of Home Meetings, Mrs H. Beale; Supt. of "White Ribbon," Mrs Ross; Supt. of Purity Literature, Miss Wingate; Press Reporter, Mrs N. Miller.

#### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Dec. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. H. Macalister, McKenzie, Lopdell, Peters, Hunter; Sec., Mrs Kennedy Gladstone; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Princes Street, Enwood; Treas., Mrs Frank Lillicrap, 57, Earn Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Hunter; Sick Visitors, Mesdames Stuck, Cruickshank, McGruer, Chambers, Knucky, Hunter, Dobin; Social Committee, Mesdames Parr, Williamson, Stuck, Lewis, Hunter, Hamilton, McGruer, Lillicrap; Flower Committee, Mesdames McKay and Cameron and Miss McKay; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames McKenzie and Wright; Finance Committee, Mesdames Macalister, McKenzie, McGruer, Hamilton, Hunter, Lillicrap. Agreed to have a pay-up social in February, when a report of the year's work will be read. Prizes to be given to the various schools for the best essay on Temperance. The fund for the mine-sweepers is now closed; the sum of £224 5s 3d makes the total sent in. Mrs Peters gave a donation of £1 to the Union.

#### BLENHEIM.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Mrs Litchfield Secretary. Great regret expressed at retirement of our much loved Secretary, Mrs Sinclair, and much sympathy expressed for her in the loss of her husband. Yearly report and balance-sheet read and adopted. Mrs Lee-Cowie's visit encouraged us, and gave us several new members. Mothers' meetings held every fortnight. Great thankfulness expressed for 6 o'clock closing.

#### LYTTELTON.

Nov. Annual meeting. Secretary read report of year's work, and the Treasurer the balance-sheet. Both were adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "White Ribbon," Miss Clark.

Dec. Nine members present, Mrs Wilson in the chair. I am pleased to say we have three new members for coming year.

#### WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Yearly election held Friday afternoon, 7th. Pres., Mrs H. Smith (re-elected); Sec., Mrs Upton (re-elected); Treas., Mrs Siddells (re-elected); Minute Sec., Mrs R. Smith (Mrs Bott resigned); Vice-Pres., Mrs (Rev.) Ross, Mrs Upton; Evangelistic Department, Miss Tucker; Pianist, Mrs McAlister. Reports read and adopted.

#### MATAKANA.

Nov. 1. Home meeting held at Mrs W. Smith's. Mrs Witten addressed the meeting on the work of the W.C.T.U. and "The Strength of the Nation Movement." Two new members, and one hon. member. Afternoon tea was served.

Nov. 17. Annual meeting. Mrs A. Roke presided. A dozen copies of "The Fiddlers" were ordered. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both passed as being very satisfactory. Eight new members and three hon. members have joined this year. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Witten; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Rec. Sec. and Treas., Mrs Melville; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs A. Roke.

Nov. 29. Cottage meeting at Big Omaha. The meeting was opened with singing the crusade hymn, reading, and prayer. Mrs Witten presided, and addressed the meeting. Mrs Morrison, of Warkworth, gave an address on "Good Citizenship." Four new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was provided by the Matakana members.

#### GISBORNE.

Oct. 29. Monthly meeting, 17 present, Mrs Goffe (President) in the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Israel, who has lost a son at the Front. Resolved that the comprehensive list of resolutions passed by the Women's Institute in Christchurch regarding the censor-