

Union for expression of appreciation of his efforts to bring about a curtailment of the sale of alcoholic liquors during the war period, at the same time expressing regret at the clause inserted to allow of drinks with meals at hotels, which opens a door through which evasion of the law may pass. Union will meet again last Friday in January (D.V.).

NEW BRIGHTON.

The annual meeting was held on December 13th. The attendance was good. The reports were read. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Hall; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Nicholas; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Strand, The Parsonage, New Brighton; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Langley. Decided to hold our first meeting of the New Year in February. Afternoon tea was handed round.

PAKIRI.

Nov. 1. Ten members present and one visitor. Discussion on Social Hygiene Bill. Letters of sympathy sent to three families in the district who had lost sons at the war. An article was read by a member on "How America Argues: Drink or Food?" Collection for Strength of the Nation Fund, 6s 7d. One new member added, and one new subscriber to "White Ribbon" paper.

Dec. 8. A social was given, and a general invitation to the public was heartily accepted, there being a crowded hall. A fine programme was rendered, Mrs Rennie being in the chair. A short address by Miss Weymouth. £4 4s taken in freewill offerings.

Dec. 9. Miss Weymouth addressed a meeting for women only on Sunday at 2.30 p.m., and again at 7.30 to all.

Dec. 10. An Executive meeting was held at Mrs Gozar's in the morning, and Miss Weymouth being present, was able to give advice and help on many weak points.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Nov. 5. Annual meeting held, when reports of work throughout the district were read. At New Plymouth, after nearly 21 years, the care of the Ladies' Rest Room in the Carnegie Library Building has been given up by the Union, the Borough Council undertaking it. Many grateful thanks were tendered to Miss Ambury more especially, and others for their unremitting attention to and care of the room. The election of officers resulted in the Union being left without a President for the time being. Sec., Mrs Griffin; Treas., Miss Taunt; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Taunt. Mrs Douglas, after 21 years' service as President, retired. It was, she thought, best to introduce new blood as soon as possible.

PAHIATUA.

Dec. 20. Drawing-room meeting. Mrs Neal presided. Captain Mrs Huston gave an account of the daily routine of work in a Salvation Army

Rescue Home, and the difficulty experienced in dealing with the various characters and temperaments. Reported that 54 Christmas comfort bags for sailors, 54 needle-books, and £3 had been sent to Wellington and Lyttelton. One member initiated. Collection for World's W.C.T.U. Missionary Fund.

CAMBRIDGE.

Oct. Attendance good, Mrs James presiding. Mrs A. T. Watson elected as delegate to the District Convention. A paper was read at Convention by delegate on "The Secret of Effectiveness." A letter was sent to our member thanking him for his support of the 6 o'clock Bill.

Nov. Mrs James presided. Mrs Nimmo wrote thanking us for parcel for mine-sweepers, valued at £10 8s 11d. Mrs Jones, District President, read her instructive Convention address, and was thanked. Afternoon tea was served.

Dec. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Moore; Cor. Sec., Mrs James; Treas., Mrs C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs W. Hogan; Purity Supt., Mrs Cook; "W.R." Supt., Mrs A. T. Watson. £3 10s was voted for the Red Cross Fund.

BLUFF.

Dec. Annual meeting held in Willard Hall. Reports of the various departments were read, and considered very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Pres., Mrs Donaldson (re-elected); Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Treas., Mrs Barber (re-elected); Band of Hope Supt., Mrs W. H. Johnston; Assist. Supt., Mrs McQuarrie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs H. Johnson; Hall Treas., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach (re-elected). Election of Vice-Presidents and Notable Day Supt. held over till next meeting.

NELSON.

Dec. 7. The annual meeting. Annual report and balance-sheet were read, also reports of departments and reports of the Y Branch, Richmond and Wakefield Unions. The report of the Mine-sweepers' Fund showed £8 in cash and goods to the value of £26 14s 9d, sent to Mrs Nimmo, also a parcel from Richmond valued at £1 12s 3d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Miss Atkinson; acting-Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Knapp; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs Brown. The Superintendents of Departments were re-elected: Literature and Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs Field; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hockey; Back Blocks, Mrs Moyes; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Whitford; Librarian, Mrs Emmett. Vice-Presidents also re-elected, with three fresh names added. Mrs Moyes was also appointed Superintendent of the L.T.L., an assistant to be appointed next year. A public social was held on December 11th, when an address was given by Rev.

Mr Baumber on the work and aims of the Union. A short programme was also given, and afternoon tea provided by some of the members.

WARKWORTH.

Nov. 29. The annual meeting. A fair attendance. Sympathy was expressed for those who had been bereaved in the past few weeks. It has been a month of heavy losses for this district. Reports of the year's work and finance were read. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs Buckingham; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Treas., Mrs Ellis; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Reporter, Mrs McKinney; "W.R." Agent, Mrs T. H. Wilson.

OXFORD.

Nov. 24. Annual meeting. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Vincent in the loss of a second son at the Front. Mr A. Baxter thanked for donation of two guineas and a piece of golden wedding cake. £2 10s donated to Strength of Nation Movement. Vote of thanks to Messrs Dalley and Kippenberger for judging temperance essays. Annual L.T.L. picnic to be held December 15. Report and balance-sheet read and adopted, and votes of thanks to helpers passed. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Ryder; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; C.R. Supt., Mrs Gainsford, senr.; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Evangelistic, Mrs C. Fritt; Home Meetings, Mrs J. Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippenberger. Decided to provide afternoon tea on sale days when there is no Red Cross tea, proceeds to go to one of the soldiers' funds. Arrangements to be made by Executive.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Dec. 13. Miss McCarthy presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Miss McCarthy; Rec. Sec., Sister Agnes; Cor. Sec., Miss E. McCarthy; Treas., Miss Reid; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Fahey; Library and Literature, Mrs Gardiner; Maori Work, Mrs Kaye; Moral Hygiene, Miss McCarthy; Medical Temperance, Mrs Saunders. After this Mrs Hiatt briefly addressed the meeting.

PUKEKOHE.

Nov. Mrs Stevenson presided. Miss Powell gave an interesting account of the work of the W.C.T.U. While here Miss Powell did a good deal of visiting, result five new members and two subscribers to "White Ribbon" paper.

Dec. Meeting held in usual building, President in the chair. The Secretary read acknowledgments of £1 14s 6d in cash and £3 9s for mine-sweepers. Treasurer was authorised to send £1 to defray cost of advertising in "White Ribbon." The election of officers for the ensuing year was postponed until a larger attendance.