

and money has been really splendid. Lovely garments of the value of £921 14s 6d were received, and cash to the sum of £557 14s, of which £113 18s 6d came from other sources. A detailed statement will be found in the "White Ribbon" issue for December and January. I very sincerely thank the Unions for their hearty and successful co-operation, and rejoice that our united efforts have resulted in a worthy gift to those men of the sea to whom the Empire, in her time of great peril, owes a great debt of gratitude.

HOME MEETINGS.

Supt.: Mrs Garroway.

Ninety-eight meetings reported, and 170 new members. Several Unions report having appointed Superintendents of Home Meetings, also letter-writers. It has been proved at Home Meetings that most women are willing to become members, but not to attend meetings. These women are most difficult to hold as members of the W.C.T.U. They don't have enough interest to report themselves, and unless they are well looked after there is a serious leakage. It is discouraging when you think of the effort required to win 100, another 100 members are allowed to drop off for lack of organisation.

PRESS.

Supt.: Mrs Duxfield.

Ten reports only have this year been sent to the N.Z. Press Superintendent. Last year twelve Unions reported, and the year previous twenty, so you will see there is a steady decrease in one of the most important departments of our work. At the same time, we note with pleasure the number of new and old Unions who report regularly to our "White Ribbon." Sorry many of these have neglected to send their annual report to me.

The following report meetings regularly to local papers and "White Ribbon":—Nelson, Napier, Bluff, Christchurch, Wanganui E., Auckland, Hawera, New Brighton, Ashburton, Wanganui.

Nelson sends pars to papers re social and municipal work; Napier advertises in local paper; Bluff paid for insertion of Efficiency Board's report (30s), also "Call of God to the Women" (40s), and "Cry of the Mothers"; Auckland advertised first Manifesto, and also appeal for mine-sweepers; Ashburton published annual report in local paper, the editor of which has been most sympathetic, and has published fine articles on Drink, Social Evil, and other questions; Wanganui E. published appeal for mine-sweepers, deputation on women police and 6 o'clock meeting well reported in local papers, also L.T.L. meetings; Christchurch inserted letters on 6 o'clock closing and other reforms in local papers. A presentment of W.C.T.U. was published on first draft of Social Hygiene Bill. Notes of progress have been exchanged with Women's Civic Guild in Perth, W.A., and with Women's Non-Party Political Association in Ade-

laide, S.A., and communication kept up with British Dominion Women Suffrage Union and Women's Press in Great Britain.

In conclusion, we can look back on the year that has passed with thankful hearts, seeing that our efforts on behalf of reform have met with some measure of success. Still much has yet to be accomplished, and I would urge on every Union the necessity of using the Press at every opportunity. Let us continuously educate and agitate.

PRISON AND REFORM WORK.

Supt.: Sister Moody-Bell.

Not one Union has reported work done in this department this year. The following are suggestions of work for next year:—

Prison Sunday.—On one Sunday in the year get ministers to speak on additional reforms which are needed.

Cards might be distributed through the Chaplains at Christmas, New Year, and Easter seasons.

Police Courts.—Where there is no woman missionary in attendance, members of W.C.T.U. would be helpful there.

Local Unions, where industrial school exists, should ascertain if regular Bible Classes are held and temperance teaching given.

It is gratefully acknowledged that at various times during the year decided and prompt action has been taken in various methods to promote the appointment of women police and patrols.

MAORI WORK.

Superintendent: Mrs Walker.

Again a difficult year; no regular organiser having yet been obtained. I have had an immense amount of correspondence for the same reason, as it is so important not to let interest die, and to keep in touch, through correspondence and literature with those Unions that are anxious to work. Miss Woodhead kindly visited the Northern Unions for us lately with immediate good results.

I have sent out this year 1645 of our Maori leaflets, with English translations, where required, about 40 Cradle Roll cards, and 70 pledge cards, also Rules and writing blocks to those Unions that are working, and have written over 120 letters besides.

The thanks of the Union are due to the following Unions and ladies, who have kindly contributed this year to the Fund:—

Donations: Mrs Evans, 10s; Norsewood Union, 6s; Hawera, £3; Oxford, £1 8s 6d; Wanganui, £2 10s; Wanganui East, £2; N.E. Valley, £1 10s; Dunedin Union, £2 5s; Dunedin South, 5s; Winchmore, 10s; New Plymouth, £2 2s; Pahiataua, 16s 6d; Wellington Central, £1; Wellington Union, £1; Nelson Union, £3, Kaia-poi, £1; Auckland District Union, £1; Napier, £1; Palmerston North, £2; South Invercargill, £1.

Collections: Mrs Fairlie, Gisborne, 10s; Mrs Young, Palmerston N., 10s; Mrs Plummer, Ponsonby, £2 2s; Mrs

Judson, £1; Nelson, 13s 6d; Gisborne, 13s 6d; Ashburton, 15s 1d; Waimate, 10s; Fitzroy, 12s; Waka, Nelson, 10s 6d; Wellington Central, 14s; Mrs Morison, Ngaere, 15s; Linwood, 12s 10d; N.Z. Treasurer, 7s 6d; Port Chalmers, 10s.

Timaru reports usual Christmas tree, one Band of Hope meeting, visiting, and distribution of literature.

Palmerston North, Whangarei, Pahiataua, Kati Kati, and Wanganui East Unions, also Mrs Jamison, Mrs Clausen, Mrs Little, Mrs Jarvie, Miss Maunders, and Miss Gaustad have distributed literature.

Native Unions.—Arapaoa reports 10 members, Oranawhero 10, Oturei 8, Poutu 6, and Otamatea 20, making 63 financial members for this year. Great credit is due to these Unions for holding together under many difficulties, and we hope to see delegates from them at Convention.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Supt.: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions report visiting hospitals and the sick at home, distributing eggs, flowers, literature, etc.:—Waipawa, Stratford, Napier, Ashburton (visits Old Men's Home), Palmerston North, Oxford, Auckland, Warkworth (flowers sent to Auckland Mothers' Day), Hamilton, Gisborne (two afternoon teas and six musical evenings), Wanganui (concert at Old Men's Home), Timaru, Kaiapoi, Greytown, and Pahiataua, also Eltham.

Patriotic Work.—Pahiataua (comforts to wounded soldiers), Eltham (sewing for Red Cross and Belgian relief, collected funds for Y.M.C.A. funds). Greytown (one case of old linen and 1200 knitted eye-bandages), Kaiapoi (£3 sent to Red Cross, rooms lent to Red Cross Society), Timaru (£9 worth of goods to mine-sweepers), Wanganui (£8 worth of goods to mine-sweepers, £20 raised for Red Cross, a stall at Agricultural Show, members meet once a week to make garments for Red Cross), Gisborne (£70 worth of goods for mine-sweepers), Cambridge (£3 15s to Red Cross Fund), Hamilton (550 garments for Red Cross), Christchurch (members meet once a week for Red Cross sewing, took charge twice of Red Cross shop, £42 and £26 raised, held a Sale for Lady Liverpool Fund, £40 raised, 313 garments sent to Red Cross, and 2204 articles to Lady Liverpool Fund), Wellington District (76 garments to Red Cross), Wellington Central (took charge of Triangle Cake Room one day, £8 raised, also helped with stall at Paddy's Market), Bluff (lent hall for patriotic meetings and to Patriotic Guild, £15 worth of goods to mine-sweepers), Auckland (raised £102 for "Our Day," help cater for Soldiers' Club), New Brighton (collected £10 11s 9d for Lady Liverpool Fund, 37 articles for Red Cross), Palmerston North (542 garments to mine-sweepers, 1 case of clothing for Serbians, and two to Belgians, stalls at Paddy's Market and Winter Show, £10 from tea rooms at Skating Rink to wounded