

soldiers). Otautau (£1 10s to Red Cross, £1 10s to Lady Liverpool Fund, £1 5s to Soldiers' Parcel Fund, clothing for British and Belgian refugees), Normanby (£16 2s 6d to Y.M.C.A., £10 11s 7d for Red Cross, "Our Day" Red Cross shop £60, £21 for soldiers' comforts, garden party for Y.M.C.A. £8 2s, Dardanelles Shop for Y.M.C.A. £16 12s 6d, mine-sweepers £13 11s 6d), Ashburton (boys going into camp provided with gifts and button-holes, also soldiers on leave and returning sick and wounded, helped to raise £1500 for "Our Day" Red Cross, parcels sent to soldiers, £10 10s and 60 garments for mine-sweepers), Rakaia (£1 13s 3d to Y.M.C.A. Coffee Fund for Soldiers), Winchmore-Greenstreet (7s 6d and gifts to Lady Liverpool Fund, £1 3s 6d and tinned goods for Y.M.C.A. Fund, parcel sent to Stocking League), Otahuhu (garments valued at £10 to mine-sweepers, took June 11th at the Soldiers' Club, two cases of goods to "Our Day" Red Cross), New Plymouth (provided refreshments for patriotic workers at Agricultural Show, £80 raised for Patriotic Fund), Stratford (took two days in connection with Patriotic Market, one day's proceeds to Y.M.C.A., socks and other garments sent to boys in the trenches), Waipawa (£36 sent to mine-sweepers), Lower Hutt (case of clothing sent to mine-sweepers), Otautau collected £16 17s for Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Wanganui and Auckland visit returned soldiers at Public Hospital, and distribute chocolate, flowers, etc.; Christchurch visits Jubilee Home, and gives a tea and concert once a year; Wellington, three laundries, three factories, and Alexandra Home visited, and bunches of flowers, with texts attached, distributed; Oxford Y Branch and L.T.L. held a concert in aid of children wounded in London air raids, £23 was handed over to the fund.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions purchased leaflets for general distribution:—Hawera, 618; Pakiri, 336; Aongatete, 180; Auckland, 108; Leigh.

Sample Packets purchased by: Stratford, Hamilton East, Hastings, Napier, Winchmore-Greenstreet, Hikurangi, Tuakau, Wellington Central.

Leaflets purchased for Cradle Roll work by: Hamilton East, Lower Hutt, Pahiatua.

Leaflets especially suitable for Cradle Roll work sent to Cradle Roll Superintendents of the following Unions:—Hamilton East, Pakiri, Takapuna, Wanganui "Y's," Hikurangi, Normanby, Wanganui East, Tuakau, Tauranga, Leigh, Aramoho "Y's."

Palmerston North.—The Superintendent prepared two papers, one on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Liver and Kidneys," and the other on "Why Mothers Should Abstain Wholly from Alcohol." These were read at meetings, and copies sent to Auxiliaries, and to the Educational Bureau. The Superintendent has also given lessons

from the charts to Sunday School class, and to several L.T.L.'s, when a number of Boy Scouts were present.

Napier has a member on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, who has distributed to the doctor and members of the Board leaflets purchased from this department, showing the striking decrease in the use of alcoholic liquors in various hospitals in America in the past two decades.

Pahiatua has distributed leaflets at home meetings and put them in sailors' Christmas comfort bags.

Balance-Sheet Medical Temperance Department, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

1916 Balance ...	£0 19 11
Sales at Convention ...	1 5 10
Sales by Post ...	1 14 11
Departmental Grant ...	0 7 6

£4 8 2

EXPENDITURE.

Purchases U.S.A. ...	£3 13 0
Postage on Parcels and Letters ...	0 6 6½
Balance in Hand ...	0 8 7½

£4 8 2

ASSETS.

Cash in Hand ...	£0 8 7½
Value of Leaflets in Stock ...	4 14 0
Amount Owing to Dept. ...	0 3 0

£5 6 1½

30 letters and parcels sent out by this Department during the year.

2,500 leaflets sold, and 1,400 leaflets distributed free to temperance workers, cradle roll superintendents, and at meetings.

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

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions report **Cradle Roll work**:—

Auckland, 85; Devonport, 22; Birkenhead, 29; Hamilton East, 39; Cambridge, 50; Napier, 83, increase 12; Waipawa, 30; Hawera, 149; Normanby, 93, increase 26, reached age limit 15; Wanganui "Y's," 13; Aramoho "Y's," 11; Palmerston North, 107, increase 40, reached age limit 11; Pahiatua, 126, reached age limit 11; Woodville, 174, increase 40, removals 28, visits made 110; Wellington Central, 19; Lower Hutt, 76, increase 28; Nelson, 118, increase 9, reached age limit 14; Blenheim, 86, increase 9, reached age limit 14; New Brighton, 41, increase 21, removals 8, each home visited three times; Rakaia, 21; Winchmore-Greenstreet, 36; Timaru, 216, increase 29, reached age limit, 23; South Dunedin; New Plymouth, 352; Ngaruawahia, 37.

Picnics were held by Napier, 60 present, and Timaru, 120 mothers and children present.

Afternoon meetings were held by: Birkenhead, 3 meetings, with birthday card Superintendent sends letter telling child how many members on roll; Hamilton East, address; Palmerston North, Waipawa, address, Christmas tree for tiny tots; Lower Hutt, 30 mothers and children; Nelson, Blenheim, New Brighton, Timaru, Winch-

more-Greenstreet, toys and sweets for children.

The following purchased Medical Temperance leaflets for Cradle Roll work: Auckland, Hamilton East, Lower Hutt, Pahiatua.

The following purchased "Purity" leaflets for mothers: Auckland, Hamilton East, Greytown, Wellington Central, New Brighton.

The following purchased Eighth Year Certificates: Napier, Normanby, Pahiatua, Lower Hutt, Rangiora, Timaru.

The following Unions purchased cards, but have not forwarded report: Henderson, Pukekohe, Tuakau, Takapuna, Leigh, Tauranga, Ngaruawahia, Hikurangi, Waihi, New Plymouth, Kapuni, Rangiora, Kaikorai, Sawyer's Bay.

Instructions "How to Organise a Cradle Roll" sent to the following Unions: Hamilton East, Pakiri, Takapuna, Wanganui "Y's," Aramoho "Y's," Hikurangi, Normanby, Wanganui East, Tuakau, Tauranga, Leigh.

Loyal Temperance Legion and Band of Hope.

Tauranga.—Weekly meetings; average attendance, 14; signed pledge, 12; two picnics; 7 members paid L.T.L. capitation, 3d per member.

Feilding.—50 members; fortnightly meetings; one social, one picnic, and one competition in singing and elocution.

Waipukurau.—12 meetings, 2 socials, 76 members, average attendance 50.

Hawera.—7 meetings, 39 members, 15 signed pledge.

Stratford.—Fortnightly meetings; address or object lesson given; average attendance, 40; signed pledge, 31.

Wanganui East.—Weekly meetings; lessons from charts and manuals, also addresses by various ministers; 140 members.

Pahiatua.—Band of Hope organised by Church of Christ, W.C.T.U. assist.

Wellington District.—18 meetings; addresses given; average attendance, 20.

Wellington Central.—50 members; prizes given to all members who had helped to entertain others; addresses given; one social.

Nelson.—Monthly meetings; 100 members; a concert, at which "Ten Temperance Talks" were given; one social.

New Brighton.—United Band of Hope; nearly all White Ribboners on Committee; bright, helpful programmes given.

Kaiapoi.—United Band of Hope, managed by W.C.T.U.; 7 meetings; average attendance, 300 children and adults; 171 members; 51 prizes given; double marks given for temperance items. A choir of 30 girls trained. Exchange of programmes given by Rangiora and Kaiapoi Bands of Hope. 100 free copies of "Defeat or Victory?" distributed. Receipts £26. Contributed to the "Red Cross," the "Outlook Fighting," and "Maori Organising" Funds, also to the fund for