

a report of the year's work, and the sincere thanks of the Union were accorded to all who had helped to make the year so successful. Treasurer reported a membership of 109; £112 5s 6d donated to "W.R." Hutment Fund; and a credit balance of £14 14s 5d. "White Ribbon" Superintendent reported 109 subscribers, an increase of 18. A case of woollen goods and £20 were sent to mine-sweepers; £3 donated to Maori Fund. The Band of Hope reported an average attendance of 62, and great interest taken in the work. Decided to make 30 Christmas puddings requested for River-bed residents. Departmental reports were most gratifying. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Bowman; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza; Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

N.Z. Fund:

Auckland, £2 10s; Wellington and Palmerston North, £2 each; Wellington Central and Gisborne, £1 10s each; Ashburton, Kaiapoi, and Oxford, £1 each. Total, £12 10s.

World's Missionary Fund:

Auckland and Wellington, £1 each.

Organising Fund:

Wellington, £5 12s; Ashburton, £5 0s; Auckland, £5; Nelson, £5; Gisborne and Hawera, £3 each; Oxford, £2 12s; Wanganui East, £2 10s; Takapuna, £2; New Brighton, £1 3s; Eltham, £1 2s; Edendale, Kaiapoi, Matakana, Opatiki, and Tuatapere, £1 each; Port Chalmers, 15s; Wakefield, 10s; Kaikorai, 5s. Total, £42 18s; expenditure, £62 0s 11d.

NEILLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,
4th January, 1919.

The President of a big whisky firm in Chicago intended to prove that whisky does not cause so much crime. Incidentally he proved that whisky prevented a man from having a clear brain. Read his words: "Crime, such as burglary or cracking a safe, is done by the trained criminal, who does not drink. That crime is pre-meditated, and carried on carefully. The men who do it do not drink, because if they drank they would get caught. A man who drinks gets caught. Now take the pickpocket; do you suppose he could go through a man's pockets if he drank? Certainly not, because he would be clumsy, and be arrested."

KEEP PEGGING AWAY.

They have altered the date from a seven to an eight

In the Almanac hung on the wall;
What counsel of cheer shall we take through the year

To help, and encourage us all,
By the happiest luck I have recently struck

On a word that's a spur and a stay,
So rousingly breezy, so heartily easy,
The motto, "Keep Pegging Away."

Last year, I'm afraid, resolutions we made

Fell flat ere a fortnight was fled,
The fault we would kill is alive in us still,

The grace we would nurture is dead.
We put such a heart in the capital start,

We fancied the rest would be play,
But nobody's winning by merely beginning,

The trick's in the "Pegging Away."
—Canon Lanbridge, in Canadian
"W.R. Tidings."

"THE TWO IDEALS."

Now with the full year Memory holds her tryst,

Heavy with such a tale of bitter loss
As never Earth has suffered since the Christ

Hung for us on the Cross.

If God, O Kaiser, makes the vision plain;

Gives you on some lone Calvary to see

The Man of Sorrows who endured the pain

And died to set us free—

How will you face beneath its crown of thorn

That figure stark against the smoking skies,

The arms outstretched, the sacred head forlorn,

And those reproachful eyes?

How dare confront the false quest with the true?

Or think what gulfs between the ideals lie

Of Him Who died that men might live—and you

Who live that men may die?

The gentle age into which we have happily been born is attuning the twain whom God hath made for holy destinies, to higher harmonies than any other age has known, by a reform in the denaturalising methods of a civilisation largely based on force, by which the boy and girl have hitherto been ridiculously trained apart.—
Frances E. Willard.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss J. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson, 78 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs Proctor, Treas., Mrs Walker; "W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Misses I. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd., Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss I. Sussex.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Bowman, Peter St., E; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterfield, Wakarui.

Avondale Y's, 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. in Ante-room, Town Hall. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley. Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Morey. Treas. Miss A. Douthwaite; W.R. Supt. Miss B. Thomas; Y. Supt; Mrs Pirrett, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Messdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, 1st Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Sec. Mrs Clark, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Miss Clark, Hall Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs Patterson, 346 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Mrs Young, Bishopscauld, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Barr, Victoria Rd., Vice-Presidents, Messdames Budd, Elliot, Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec. Mrs L. Gray, 638, Devon Street East New Flymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

Gisborne District, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, 1st Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.