

All that was possible was however done, and not without a considerable measure of success.

The commodious Rest at Greymouth underwent complete renovation last year, enabling the work to be carried on with greater efficiency.

The work has been well maintained during the year. Comforts and refreshments for visiting seamen have been liberally provided, and expenses met by special effort.

Mrs C. H. Hansen, who for many years gave faithful and energetic service, has retired from the work. The resignation was received with regret.

Pahiatua supplied 24 Christmas comfort bags and 24 needle books for sailors.

These most useful items in an overseas sailor's outfit were gratefully welcomed by the recipients.

This Union also sent 24/- in cash, for the purpose of putting 1/- in each bag.

Timaru has again done excellent work. The previous caretaker leaving for Australia, the duties were taken up last February by Mr and Mrs Woodward.

The Rest was made as home-like as possible, everything being done that could be to make seamen comfortable and happy.

The Timaru public have liberally supplied magazines, books and papers. These and writing material provided have been fully appreciated.

Socials and pleasant evenings have been given whenever large vessels were in port.

During the year 490 seamen made 900 visits to the Rest. These figures would have been larger but for the closing of the Rest during the influenza epidemic.

Most gratifying work has been done at Wellington, full details of which will appear in the Annual Report of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society Branch.

Notwithstanding the compulsory closing of the Rest during the influenza epidemic, the comfort and welfare of a large number of seamen has been provided for in various ways.

The chief feature of work here, and the most successful is the evangelistic work on Sunday evenings.

On two of these occasions effective and welcomed addresses were given by the National President, Mrs Don, and by Sister Moody Bell.

A special donation of £10 to the funds of this Branch by Palmerston North Union was gratefully received.

Contributions to the W.C.T.U. Sailors' Tea Fund have been received amounting to £10 (details later.)

Convention having authorised a second campaign for raising funds to provide the mine-sweepers with warm clothing, an appeal was made with most gratifying results, full details of which will be given in a separate report.

£1000 was cabled to London for this special purpose. £200 was also cabled to the New Zealand High Commissioner, Sir T. McKenzie, for distribution among New Zealand sailors who were prisoners of war in Germany.

Of that sum our New Zealand Y's. contributed the sum of £63/10/1, viz.:

			£	s.	d.
Avondale	...	...	4	4	9
Palmerston North	...	...	10	0	0
Auckland	...	...	2	16	9
Aramoho	...	...	5	0	0
Wanganui	...	...	5	0	0
Normanby	...	...	22	8	7
Hawera	...	...	14	0	0
Total	..	...	£63	10	1

Our young people deserve a word of commendation for this splendid work they have done.

A number of letters have been received from recipients of woollen articles of clothing, expressing in admirable language the writer's gratitude for the "most splendid and useful work," for the "very nice gifts," and "most acceptable socks," etc., sent, and praying that God will bless the ladies who provided them.

The following is copied in full:—

"H.M.S. 'Haleyon II.,"

"Lowestoft, England,

"20th October, 1918.

"Dear Madam,—

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of two pairs of socks and one woollen comforter, which I received on Thursday last at the Sailors' Bethel. In thanking you for these things, I may say that it is not so much the gifts that we Naval men appreciate, but it is the spirit of love which we believe prompts the sending of them.

Charity in the generally accepted sense of the term is not what we care for; but the charity (love) the Apostle Paul speaks of in his epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 13.

"This I trust some of us have been taught to value, and believing that such a spirit prompts these acts of kindness, I am led to value your gifts more than that of a millionaire.

"May the blessing of Him, who said, 'inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren,' etc., rest upon you is the desire of,

"Yours faithfully,

"EDWARD G. TRICKER, R.N."

As Superintendent, I have been surprised and concerned at the total absence of any reference among my reports to Gospel work having been done at any of the Sailors' Rests.

I regret this very much; this is the principle work done at the Wellington Rest, and it has been much blessed to many a precious soul.

May I suggest, therefore, that all Sailors' Rests get to work for the Blessed Master, and try and win our sailor men for Christ.

List of Donations and Comforts for Mine-Sweepers and Crews of Torpedoed Ships.

Bluff, £15 10s, goods valued £3 12s; Woodville, £5 2s 6d, goods valued 7s 6d; Cambridge, £15 6s, goods valued £18; Wanganui District, £35 0s 6d, goods valued £9 8s; Wanganui Y, £5; Wanganui East, £2 11s; Hamilton East, £11, goods valued £14 10s; Feilding, £15, goods valued 12s; Auckland District, £30, goods valued £73 19s; Ponsonby, £1 10s; Takapuna, £1; Grey Lynn, £3 11s 9d; Henderson, £1 13s 6d; Devonport, 16s; Papatoetoe, £1; Eden, Auckland, £1; Avondale, £12; Onehunga, £3 2s; Nelson, £23 10s, goods valued £12; Ashburton, £20, goods valued £3; Methodist Church, Ashburton, £4; Palmerston North, £30, goods valued £12; Palmerston North Y, £10; Invercargill, £126 10s 6d; Oxford, £2 6s; Mr C. W. Smith, Wellington, £1; Mr A. Parton, Wellington, 15s; Mr Seville, Wellington, £1; Friend, Wellington, 2s 6d; Mrs Gaudin, Wellington, 6s 6d; Mrs Crowther, Wellington, £1; Mrs M. Bell, Mataroa, £5; Mr Pettigrew, Wellington, 10s; Mrs Greenwood, New Plymouth, £5; Mrs Oliver, Mangaweka, £5; Kaiapoi, £1; Lower Hutt Patriotic Guild, £25; Lower Hutt, £26 3s, goods valued £22 10s; Ormondville, £3 1s 6d; Waihi, £5 10s; Norsewood, £5; Hamilton, £41 9s and 5s; Blenheim, £39 8s 6d; Tuatapere, £26; Mr Bellringer, New Plymouth, £1; New Brighton, £21; Pakiri, £27; Tauranga, £70; Avondale Y, £4 4s 9d; Miss Bassett, Audit Office, Wellington, £5; Miss Rowlett, Wellington, 5s; Kaimata Dairy Co., Inglewood, £33 10s; Napier, £103 1s 2d; Eltham, £22; Eltham Presbyterian Guild, case of goods; Taoroa, Taihape, £15 4s; Sawyer's Bay, 10s; Auckland Y £2 16s 9d; Manaiia, £16 18s 3d; Edendale, £22 3s; half proceeds lecture by Mrs Kinton Parkes, £6 16s; Balclutha, 10s; Dunedin, £1 10s; Gore, £10 12s; Waipukurau, goods valued £50; New Plymouth, £27 12s 6d and 10s; Aramoho Y Branch, £5; Sister M. Bell, Rata, £3; Mrs Hamilton, Warkworth, £14 3s 6d; Dannevirke, £23 1s; Gisborne, £44 3s 6d; Leigh, £4; Wellington Central, £2 16s; Wellington District, £4 4s; Normanby Y Branch, £22 8s 7d; Port Chalmers, £2; Pukekohe, 10s; Stratford, 7s; Hawera, £52 5s 5d; Hawera Y Branch, £14; Ngaere, £1 5s; Petone, £1 4s; Mrs Boucher, Greytown, 5s 6d; Rakaia, £4 18s; Marton, £1; Okaiawa, £2; Hastings, £37 1s 6d; Waimate, £24 10s; Masterton, £72 13s 7d, goods valued £47 10s; Waipawa, £40; goods sent in by other Unions not priced by W.C.T.U., and combined with goods from general public, total value amounting to £95 1s 6d. Totals: Cash, £1344 9s 9d; goods, £362.

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