

from W.C.T.U. Scientific Temperance Chart, was given by the Superintendent of Narcotics. A number of leaflets had been distributed, entitled "The Cigarette," which was also introduced at the Provincial Convention, and an address given on the same.

Mrs Duxfield says that they are excellent, and recommends them to all Unions. She also suggests that more work be attempted in this Branch of our work.

Feilding.—A letter regarding the danger and harmful effects of cigarette smoking was sent to the Young Men's Bible Classes.

Greymouth.—Letters on the evils of cigarette smoking were sent to the leaders of the local Bible Classes.

Hastings.—A circular deprecating cigarette smoking was prepared and forwarded to all local Bible Classes.

Wellington District.—Distributed literature on cigarette smoking, and spoken to young men and lads personally on the evils to their bodies and minds by indulging in smoking cigarettes.

Mrs Neal reports that a Paper is being read at the Provincial Convention on "How Tobacco Smoking affects the Body."

Ashburton typed circular letter, and forwarded to Young Men's Bible Classes.

HOME SCIENCE. (Including THRIFT AND HYGIENE).

Supt.: Mrs McDonald.

A paper on Home and Domestic Science was read at the Wellington Provincial Convention, pointing out how useful a knowledge of plumbing would be to home workers. It also spoke of the up-to-date house, both inside and outside, and urged the necessity of women architects for this work.

Hastings asked the Borough Council to take action in the matter of persons expectorating on the footpaths.

Wellington reports public lavatories inspected, and a marked improvement noted during the epidemic. The Social Service band of inspectors found a very bad state of affairs during the epidemic, children and parents sleeping in one room, while the rest of the house was let to married couples.

Another crying evil is the want of proper bathing accommodation for bathers at our seaside resorts, and Unions should bring pressure to bear on their local bodies to get suitable buildings erected. If fitted with a slot-lock they would soon pay for themselves.

Thrift.—No reports sent in. I would like to point out that this is a very live department in America, where 2500 schools in the U.S.A. have a school banking system. Every Union should order copies of "Thrift Tidings."

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

(Superintendent: Mrs Cobb).

Early in the year the Superintendent sent out 64 three page circulars. Feilding reports sending a deputation

to wait on the Ministers' Association to ask for the Nelson System to be introduced into their schools; as result of this effort fortnightly Bible lessons are given in each of their two schools.

Nelson and Waipawa reports that the weekly Bible lessons are still continued in their schools, as they have been for many years past, all ministers assisting.

Greymouth reports that the Ten Commandments are hung in their schools.

Sabbath Observance.—Literature on this subject has been distributed by Pakiri, Willowby, Wellington District. Greymouth reports a deputation to Inspector of Police re opening of marble bars on Sunday. Wellington reports addresses at mothers' meetings.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Supt.: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions report visiting hospitals and the sick at home, also soldiers in hospital, distributing eggs, flowers, literature, etc.:—Pahiatua (helped in temporary hospital during epidemic), Feilding, Timaru, Kaiapoi (furniture and utensils lent to temporary hospital during the epidemic), Gisborne (22 visits to Home, and taken old people for a drive), Wanganui Central (relief during epidemic), Wellington District, Christchurch (gives a quarterly tea and entertainment at Jubilee Home), Ashburton (members helped with nursing during the epidemic), Waipawa.

Patriotic Work.—Waipawa (mine-sweepers' social and collection, realised £50), Christchurch (£50 raised at concerts and sales), Hamilton East (assisted Hamilton Red Cross League, £19 in cash, and a large collection of provisions), Wanganui District (£181 collected by Union on Red Triangle Day), Otahuhu (sent parcel of woollens to each boy as they left for camp), Kaiapoi, Hastings (£30 taken at Red Cross shop in Easter week), Rakaia, Picton (kits made up and given to soldiers leaving on active service), Nelson (collection for mine-sweepers and Y.M.C.A. Hutment Fund), Oxford, Auckland District (collection of money and garments for mine-sweepers), Hamilton East (collected £8 6s 6d at the time of Raetihi fires toward the Relief Fund).

Wellington District visits factories and laundries, the Alexandra Home, and Home for Aged Needy, distributing flowers and texts.

Napier, visited the Hospital; Pahiatua, helped during the epidemic both by nursing and cooking for the sick, and milking for farmers who were stricken down; Normanby, raised the following for this department: For Y.M.C.A., £23 10s; Hutment Fund, £16 5s; Red Cross Shop, £104; Patriotic Tea Room, £12 5s 6d; Refreshment Room for Red Cross, £34 16s.

Palmerston North reports making for St. John's Nursing Guild: 25 sponges; 44 pillowslips, and 14 many

tails. Parcels were sent out locally where needed, and cases sent to London poor, and to the mine-sweepers. This Union also reports visiting the local Hospital regularly, and taking scones and cakes for the patients' tea.

REST AND REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Supt.: Mrs Upton.

My report will be short, as I have received but few reports from Unions. Owing to the influenza epidemic, many Unions could not work this department.

Christchurch: This Union undertook again the luncheon and tea rooms at the A. and P. Show, with its usual success; 2200 were served at luncheon, and many thousands to afternoon tea.

Oxford: This Union catered for the Oxford Show, and 50 per cent. of the profits was given to the Lady Liverpool Fund.

Wanganui: This Union dispensed refreshments at Gift Sale in aid of Mine-Sweepers' Fund.

Ashburton: At the Agricultural Show members took charge of the Rest Tent, which was well filled throughout the day, and many expressed their appreciation of the care given.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

(Superintendent: Mrs. Young.)

Educational addresses have been given, and papers read by the following Unions: Pahiatua (State Control, Women as Citizens, Alcohol as a Medicine, Scripture Teaching in Schools; Lives of Dr. Barnardo, Agnes Weston, and George Muller); Greymouth (Evils of Cigarette Smoking); Auckland (on the Care of the Babies). Auckland also reports that addresses have been given at each meeting on the subjects of the day. Prominent men and women have been pressed into service, and their addresses have been educative and instructive.

Timaru has distributed literature, and Hastings five dozen copies of educational numbers of the "White Ribbon."

Hastings and Auckland received deputations from New Zealand Institute, and assisted them in their campaign for educational reform. Auckland reports an address by the Vice-President of the Teachers' Association on the increased staffing and improvements of school ground and buildings. Also an address on continuation classes.

BACKBLOCKS AND WORK AMONG RAILWAYMEN.

(Superintendent: Mrs Moyes.)

After Convention over thirty Unions were written to, and asked to appoint Superintendents for this work. Ten new superintendents were appointed in addition to those already in office. Some Unions undertook to distribute literature to hospitals, railway stations and wharves. Owing to the difficulty of getting parcels carried on the railways, some Unions have not done all they would have liked to do, but the