

Barrell and Misses Stephenson and Johnstone.

#### WAITARA.

November 19. Mrs Andrews presided, good attendance. Annual meeting report and balance sheet presented, showing very satisfactory work done for the year. Mrs Andrews was elected Vice-President. All others in office remaining another year. Letter of thanks from Seamen's Rest Committee, New Plymouth, for donation, also from Willard Home for gift of £1. Thanks extended to Managers Knox Church, for use of the Church for monthly meetings. A very favourable report to hand of combined Band of Hope, young people showing much enthusiasm. After the Doxology, a pleasant social half-hour was spent by all.

#### AUCKLAND.

November 30. Annual meeting, Mrs Cook presided, good attendance. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Dowling, Treasurer, in her illness. The annual report showed a year of activity, good work done in connection with W.C.T.U. Committee of War Memorial Library, thousands of magazines, books, papers and children's books sent to the Back Blocks, and had been greatly appreciated. Parcels of clothing sent to the Maoris, and very satisfactory work done by Mrs Fulljames. Good work had been done in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Cause, the responsibility to the rising generation much urged. Major Gordon gave an interesting report of her work among the women prisoners, telling pathetic instances where drink has been the cause of downfall. A donation was passed towards her Christmas Cheer for the women. Reports were given in the various departments of work, Evangelistic, Social Hygiene, Cradle Roll, Legal and Parliamentary, Press, White Ribbon, Peace and Arbitration, Notable Days, the Hostel. The officers of the Union were re-elected:—President, Mrs Cook; Recording Secretary, Mrs J. W. Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. Dewar; Treasurer, Mrs Dowling; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hutchinson and Fulljames, re-elected; Mesdames Ready, Pierce, and Williams. Votes of thanks passed to officers and Superintendents for work during the year. Afternoon tea was dispensed. The Union goes into recess till early in the New Year.

#### MAUNGATUROTO.

November 17. At Mrs Pasley's, 11 members present, Mrs Bycroft presided. Correspondence dealt with. Letter received from Mrs Henderson stressing importance of work among the Maoris, and announced the appointment of a special worker for same. Decided to hold Cradle Roll Day on December 8th. (postponed on account of the weather). Mrs Fulljames gave an interesting address on the work of the Union, and exhorted us to strive for increased membership. Two new members initiated. Hearty applause given Mrs Fulljames. Afternoon tea dispensed at close.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

November 10. Mrs Richards presided. Correspondence read from National Peace Council, asking for a representative at the "No More War Demonstrations," on November 14th. Decided to ask Mrs T. E. Taylor, Mrs J. McCombs, and Mrs W. J. Williams, named as substitutes. Reports on recent Jumble Sale were received, takings amounting to £8 5s. 7d. Several members read various Medical Temperance facts on the ill-effects of Alcohol on the human body, an interesting discussion following. Further arrangements were made for the annual meeting, to be held on December 8th.

A general meeting held on November 24th, Miss Henderson presiding. The pledge was repeated as usual after the reading of the minutes, Miss Henderson stressing the importance of the pledge as the first condition of membership to the Union. Miss Henderson and Mrs Richards were appointed to represent the Union at a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 1st, at the Municipal Buildings, to discuss arrangements for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" sale after the meeting on December 8th, members to be asked to bring cakes, sweets, etc., the Secretary to send a notice to each member. It was resolved to donate £3 3s. to the New Zealand Union Fund. Recently, a combined Evening Social was held, be-

tween the Adult Christchurch Union and the Young People's Branch. A very enjoyable musical programme was arranged by the Y's., and a most inspiring and interesting address was given by Mrs Odell, on her work in the Methodist Mission in the East end of London during the war. Supper served.

#### GORE.

November 23. Annual meeting. All the office-bearers were re-elected, with the addition of Miss Dickie, who was appointed Evangelistic Leader. A "Bring and Buy" sale was held, which was quite a success.

#### DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

December 7. Annual meeting. Mrs Hiett was re-elected President, Mrs Douglas and Miss Powell, Recording and Correspondence Secretary, Mrs Macartney, Treasurer. Two delegates to be sent to the Annual Convention in Auckland. Reports were read from Mrs Hutton, Home Meetings and Entertainment Superintendent, Miss Nichol and Mrs Blakely, "White Ribbon" Superintendents. Subscribers now number 85. Our paper has been sent to most of the institutions in the city. Miss Bryant, Cradle Roll, reported 178 babies on the list. Mrs Elliott, N.E.V., was elected by the Union to act as Supervisor of backward children. Mesdames Hiett and Driver were appointed representatives of our Union on the Bible-in-Schools League. Mrs Downing reported that Politicians had been urged to support the Bible-in-Schools Bill, Amendments to Destitute Persons' Act, Appointment of Women Police and Women Jurors, and oppose Art Unions, Licensing Bill as presented to the House and Liquor being introduced into the King Country. Mrs Gain reported on Band of Hope, Executive agreed to assist the Committee to draft a syllabus for 1927, and set essays on the evil effects of Alcohol. Two successful Street Sales were held during the year, and £10 was voted to the New Zealand Alliance from the proceeds of these Sales. The flowers which decorated the room were sold at the close of the meeting for the General Fund, and also several paintings by Mrs H. H. Driver for the benefit of the West Ham Mission in London.

#### WARKWORTH.

December 2. Social Tea; there was a good and enthusiastic attendance. Mrs Phillips outlined the Life of Frances Willard, and gave a brief outline of the W.C.T.U. work. Several items were given, and afternoon tea was served. Resolution passed expressing regret that the Warkworth Tennis Club has decided to open its courts on Sunday, and urging the Town Board to take action to prevent this. Two new members. The election of officers:—President, Mrs H. I. Phillips; Treasurer, Mrs Green; Secretary, Mrs Hamilton; Reporting Secretary, Mrs Thompson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Roy Civil. Mrs Cook and Mrs Thompson offered to forward the clothing parcel to Sister Esther. Our next meeting will be held in February.

#### HASTINGS.

December 9. A Cradle Roll Garden Party was held at the residence of Mrs J. Collinge, the newly-appointed Superintendent. Sixty mothers and children partook of afternoon tea, and were entertained with music and games. Mrs Paul, President, welcomed the guests, and short speeches were made by Mesdames Harper and Wilson. Literature was distributed to the mothers and home-made sweets to the children. A vote of thanks to Mrs Collinge concluded a happy afternoon. 16 new names for the Cradle Roll, and three new members.

#### INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

December 7. Presided over by Mrs Garrett. Election of office-bearers resulting as follows:—President, Mrs Pasley; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Garrett, Macgregor, and Pryde; Rec. Sec., Miss MacCallum; Cor. Sec., Mrs Macgregor; Treasurer, Nurse Griffiths; Assist. Treasurer, Mrs Latham; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Crozier; Notable Days Supt., Mrs Parker; Social and Hygiene Supt., Mrs McLean; Press Reporter, Mrs Reidy; Pianist, Mrs Parker. Tea and Rest Rooms for Show Day in readiness—public catered for attentively. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs Baird, members stood in silence. Letter of sympathy to be forwarded to relatives. Those Schools competing for prizes in the Temperance Essays

will receive them shortly, when all essays are in.

#### ASHBURTON.

December 7. Annual meeting, Mrs Robinson presided. An interesting account of a visit paid to Willard Home by Mrs R. Buxton, was given. Contributions of cash or clothing were again solicited. A comprehensive report of the year's activities was submitted by the Secretary. The Superintendent reported 96 subscribers to White Ribbon mostly paid up. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet revealed a satisfactory credit balance. The reports were adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent. Decided to donate £5 to Organizing Fund, also that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Buxton for her work and donation to the Funds. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs W. H. Robinson; Secretary, Miss E. Trevurza. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Amos for the splendid work carried on by her as Treasurer. The Superintendents of Departments were re-appointed, subject to their consent. Look-Out Committees were formed in connection with the Churches, an effort being made to increase the attendance of members. Decided that the Secretary convey to Mrs W. T. Lill, Ex-President, the continued remembrance of members and Season's greetings. A cup of tea was served, and with thanks to all including the President, and an exchange of kind wishes, the meeting closed till February with the special closing service of the W.C.T.U.

#### PORT ALBERT.

November 19. Sister Nichol's, in company with Miss Gitto and Mrs Hinerangi Simons, started a branch of the W.C.T.U. in Port Albert. There were present several members who had joined the Union a year ago, during a visit in the district from Mrs Lee-Cowie. No officers had been elected, or meetings held, however. Under the reviving touch of the three visiting Sisters recently, we held a meeting on November 19th, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Grindlay; Secretary and Cor. Sec., Miss E. Hartnell; Vice-President, Mrs E. Hartnell; Treasurer, Mrs B. Gubb; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ted Thompson. On November 30th, a meeting was held in the afternoon, the President presiding, and giving a very interesting and helpful address to those present. We have thirteen financial members, and hope soon to have more. The meeting closed with the Benediction. (Hearty congratulations and best wishes to the "youngest member of the family."—Ed. W.R.)

#### OAMARU.

November. Mrs Clarke occupied the chair. Miss A. Webb acted as Secretary. Letters of thanks were received from Mrs Chase for sympathy expressed by Union, and from Willard Home for parcels of clothing sent. The collection was taken for the Maori Work. Miss A. Webb read an article on "The effect of Prohibition on American Youth." Mrs Clarke reported having met Mr Edmond and others. Mr Edmond said the outlook was brighter than last year, people were attending Churches more regularly and there was less drinking at dances. A good majority of the House of Representatives pledged to support a two-issue ballot paper. Furthermore, 88 per cent. of the teachers in the State Schools are willing to give Scientific Temperance Instruction.

#### SEFTON.

October 27. Fair attendance of members. Mrs Thorne presiding. Decided to renew subscription to League of Nations Union. Continued reading article on "Cell Poison." President gave interesting report of Convention. Maori Day celebrated. Paper by Rev. A. J. Seamer, "Ourselves and Our Maori Citizens" very much appreciated. Collection in aid of Maori Fund. In September, a special Home meeting was held at the Manse, Mrs Richards giving an interesting address.

November 17. Annual meeting. Reports of work during the year were given by various officers. Article concerning Scientific Temperance Instruction read. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs P. J. Thorne; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Farrar, Mrs Withers; Secretary, Mrs Ford; Treasurer, Miss Quick; L.T.L., Mrs Thorne; Social and