

Philanthropic, Miss Quick; Press, Mrs Withers. Decided to try and form Cradle Roll Department. Vote of thanks to all officers was passed.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

November 23. The President opened with a hymn and the reading of 13th chapter, 1st Cor. "Pink Slips" in connection with the Bible-in-Schools League were handed to all present, they signifying their willingness to help that movement. A brief report from Rev. Wedderspoon, who kindly judged the Temperance Essay Competition, stated that the work received had been of a very high standard, and that there was no doubt that the Competition was achieving the end in view. The "Bring and Buy" Sale held 1st December, was not the success we had hoped for. The annual report showed that much good work had been done, and several new members had been gained (our President introducing 25 of the number. The usual Xmas gift for poor children was made. Afternoon tea was served, and the annual meeting followed, the officers elected for the coming year being:—President, Mrs Walker; Vice-President, Mrs Mathieson; Hon. Sec., Miss E. M. Smith; Philanthropic Supt., Miss H. Birss; Evangelistic Supts., Mesdames McBean and Sampson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Cole; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnston; Social Committee, Mesdames Hogan, Johnston, Lillcrap, Mathieson, and Miss Birss; Sick Visitors, Mesdames McGruer and Brass.

CHEVIOT.

Annual meeting, Mrs Walmsley presiding over a fair attendance. Treasurer's report satisfactory. Officers re-elected unanimously. A motion of sympathy passed to Mrs Fraser in her loss. Mr Osborne, of the Alliance, waited on the meeting with reference to a proposed tour of a Band of Hope Concert Party during the month of January, and was warmly welcomed. Mr Osborne also gave some interesting facts on "License" and "No-License" matters. Reports of the Cradle Roll were very satisfactory. After a very brisk meeting, the pledge was repeated, the Benediction pronounced, and afternoon tea was served.

KAIAPOL.

December 1. Good attendance, annual meeting. The reports of the officers' and Superintendents' were read and adopted. A vote of appreciation was passed to the Mothers' Union for their generous donation of an electric heater and kettle for the Rest Room. Decided to postpone the Pay-Up Social until March. January meeting to receive Building Superintendent's report, and Mrs White is to read the opening speech of the President at the Peace Conference at Geneva. Decided to hold a Cake and Pudding Sale on December 17th. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Vickery; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Brighting, Mrs Barnard, Mrs Slade, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Aiken; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rinaldi; Assist. Sec., Mrs Blackwell; Treasurer, Miss Evans; Band of Hope Supt., Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs Keetley; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Warren; Assist. Supt., Mrs Attawell; W.R. Agent, Mrs Stanton; Peace and Arbitration Supt., Mrs White; Building Supt., Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs Baker.

RANGIORA.

November 26. Annual meeting. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. The annual report and balance sheet showed that satisfactory progress is being made in all departments. The number of subscribers to the "White Ribbon" is 18. The Cradle Roll has 28 names, the Band of Hope has a membership of 83, and the L.T.L. at Southbrook has 27 members. The President expressed thanks to all who had contributed towards the success of the year's work. All the office bearers of the previous year were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer, Mrs McKechnie, whose resignation was accepted with regret. Miss May was appointed Treasurer and the number of Vice-Presidents was increased by the addition of Mrs C. S. Ayers and Mrs H. Taylor. Votes of thanks to those who held office during the year passed.

NAPIER.

December 1. Annual meeting. Mrs Venables spoke of the need of extending the work of the Union. Reports of the various departments of work were read. These re-

ports showed that the interest in all was well maintained, everything is going well under the new Managing Committee. There are 122 members, 5 honorary members. Mrs Leask gave a short address, the watchword for next year, "More Prayer, more 'Home' Meetings." The Band of Hope had held 12 meetings; 40 members, 39 pledged members. At the break-up on the 19th November, Mrs Leask, on behalf of the children, presented Mrs Brocklehurst, Superintendent, and Mrs Wilkinson, Assistant, with an Eversharp Pencil. Mrs McAlister who is leaving shortly on an extended holiday, was elected to represent the Union at the World's Convention. The following officers were re-elected, President, Mrs Leask; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brocklehurst; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull; Treasurer, Mrs Wilkinson; White Ribbon, Mrs Mens; Band of Hope, Mrs Brocklehurst; Flower and Hospital, Mrs Ball; Drawing Room, Mrs Leask; Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs Leask; Church Notice, Mrs Cox; Tea Committee, Mesdames Warren, Stevens, and Miss Ellery; Evangelistic, Mesdames Dodds and Venables. New Departments of Work:—Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Saunders; Purity, Mrs Dunstall; Railway Box, Miss Gilchrist. Willard Day, February 1927, to be held in the Botanical Gardens, Mrs Brocklehurst to give a paper on Miss Willard's work. Mrs Wilkinson appointed delegate to Convention. Votes of thanks to all carried by acclamation.

EDEN.

November 17. Fair attendance. The President presided, introducing Mrs Cook, who gave a very inspiring address on "Bible-in-Schools," after which the Secretary and Treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet respectively, followed by Superintendents' reports. Afternoon tea was served, and a solo pleasingly sung by Miss Higgott, prior to the election of officers which was conducted by Mrs Auld, resulting as follows:—President, Mrs Fenton; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnston; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treasurer, Mrs Mersen; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Gaulton; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cartwright; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ramsay.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The W.C.T.U. of Cape Province held its 37th Annual Convention at Oudtshoorn, September 25th to October 1st, 1926, under the Presidency of Mrs E. J. Geard, Port Elizabeth. The delegation numbered 60, representing a membership of 2659. The fine hall of the Girls' High School had been kindly loaned for the business sessions, the Mayor's reception, and the Y evening while the public service on Sunday afternoon, and the public meeting on Thursday evening were held in the Gaiety Theatre. The total income of the Unions was £2471 7s 9d, and expenditure £2094 5s 8d. The three Red Letter Days, viz., "Willard Day," in aid of Cape Province organisation, the "MacKenzie," in aid of South African organisation, and "June," to secure increased membership and subscribers to the "White Ribbon," were well reported.

The Literature and Office report showed 2293 letters and 288 post-cards written by the Secretary. The actual turnover being £281 11s 5d, of which Cape Province contributed £241 19s 3d. Four hundred and eighty-two visitors have been welcomed during the year.

Twenty-two departmental reports were submitted. Press work is forging ahead. Grape products are arousing much interest, and the holding of raisin cookery competitions and raisin poster contests is slowly but surely educating the farmers and the public. The annual Scientific Temperance Essay Competition is making the study of handbooks more general, and the competition is keener each year. For the Intermediate Class the prize was doubled owing to a tie.

During Convention very able lectures were delivered, viz.: "Women's Franchise," by Mrs Solly, "Health Teaching in Schools," by Miss Ruby Adendorff, and "Some Thoughts on Poverty and Its Relief," by Dr. Boehmke.

The speakers at the public meeting were Miss Solomon, Vice-President World's W.C.T.U., and Mrs Solly, the former taking for her subject "Three Great Ideals," the latter "The Awakening of Women."

Morning and afternoon teas were served by the ladies of the various organisations of the town.

The delegates were the guests of the Mayor and municipality in a delightful visit to the Congo Caves.

The members of the local W.C.T.U. and the residents of Oudtshoorn spared no pains for the comfort of the visitors. All plans had been excellently prepared and carried out.

The election of officers took place on Friday, and resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Shennan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Geard McEwan, and Sutherland; Rec. Sec., Mrs Abbott; Cor. Sec., Mrs S. Anderson; Treas., Mrs Tearman; Y. Sec., Mrs W. Campbell.

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SEEING DOUBLE.

Pat had been to a funeral and on his return was a little the worse for what he had been drinking. He indignantly protested he was sober, and his boss to test him told him to walk along that straight line. Pat very unsteadily walked up to the line, smiled, and said, "Now then, boss, none of your jokes, which line do you mean?"