

felt inspired by the addresses given by Mrs T. E. Taylor to do their best to carry on the work.

SUMNER.

December. Annual meeting, pleasing attendance; considering strong counter-attractions. Devotional exercises led by Mrs McCombs, gave inspiration. Annual Report and Treasurer's balance sheet were presented. Both satisfactory. Credit balance of £5 13s. 7d. Cradle Roll is 28 strong, and White Ribbon has a good number of subscribers. Stirring address from Mrs W. J. Williams on "Woman's place in the Community," for which she was heartily thanked. Social half-hour passed pleasantly with afternoon tea and a pianoforte duet by Mesdames Edwards and Hislop, and a song from Mrs Henley. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs McCombs; Vice-President, Mesdames Wilson, McAla and Sherrard; C. Secretary, Mrs Fife Slater; Rec. Secretary, Miss Dunn; Treasurer, Mrs Booth; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ogier; Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs McMillan; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Voller and Ogier; Anti-Gambling, Miss Cock; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs McCombs; Musical, Mrs Hislop. Decided to meet again first Wednesday in February.

WAKEFIELD.

September. A very encouraging meeting, two new members initiated, and two new subscribers for White Ribbon. Miss Burls visited our Union and gave a very interesting and instructive address.

October. An interesting meeting, report given of Nelson District Convention. Short paper read, "Effects of Alcohol on Human System." Arrangements for Garden Party, to be held in October or early in November.

November. A small meeting, but some heartfelt talks on the great need to banish the Liquor Traffic. Pledge read. We had advertised and prepared for Garden Party on November 6th, but weather conditions prevented, and we had to put it off, but we held it on November 15th, and considering it had been postponed, it was very successful. A few showers made it rather a task for an outside function. We added to our Union funds a little over £9. We are indebted to Mr and Mrs McPherson for their kind entertainment, and to all who so willingly assisted us.

OXFORD.

October 20. Maori Day. President in the chair. A letter from a Deaconess among the Maoris in Te Kuiti District was read by Mrs Jones. Collection in aid of Maori Fund. Mrs Roberson gave a very interesting report of District Convention. She was heartily thanked, and deep regret expressed that she was leaving the district.

November 7. Annual meeting. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Rol and relatives of late Mrs Gainsford. Secretary's report stated that membership was 42 in spite of loss of valued members by removal from the district. Reports of Superintendents showed good work done under difficulties. Monthly meetings had been held, and five Notable Days observed. Forty in Cradle Roll. Thirty-three Band of Hope members. The Y.P.s have 37 financial members, and had won the banner for percentage increase of members. The Union had catered for the A. & P. Show (assisted by Y. Branch); provided afternoon tea on two Sale Days, and had given mid-day cup of tea to cadets in the training camp. Balance sheet adopted, showed small credit. Votes of thanks to the Auditor, to the Newspapers, and to all who had assisted during the year.

INVERCARGILL NORTH.

November 23rd was a Red Letter Day in the history of the North Union, when a Mothers' meeting was held, and was pronounced a decided success. Mothers' with their little ones attended in goodly numbers, also members and friends. Mrs Gilmour, President, occupied the chair, and gave an impressive address on the sanctity and responsibility of motherhood. A fine programme of songs and recitations was submitted, and afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs L. Fraser, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, has 38 children's names enrolled which augurs well for the success of that branch of W.C.T.U. work. The annual meeting was held the previous week, when the following office-bearers were elected:—Mrs Gilmour,

President; Mesdames Holmes and Wilcox, Vice-Presidents; Miss Langskail, Secretary; Mrs Laytham, Treasurer.

STRATFORD.

November 26. Annual meeting, Mrs Phillips was in the chair. After the usual devotions the Secretary read report of last meeting, also of last annual meeting, and a summary of years work was given. There was a fair attendance. Meeting closed with prayer by the President. Officers elected were:—President, not filled; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Phillips and Mrs McAllum; Rec. Sec., Mrs McAllum, Orlando Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs D. M. Clarke, Pembroke Road; Treasurer, Miss Lilley, Juliet Street; White Ribbon, Mrs Kelly (re-elected); Back Block Literature Superintendent, Mrs Fawcett, Juliet Street, South; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Wendelborne; Secretary for Birthday League, Mrs Huston.

TIMARU.

November 9. A Social Evening held to welcome Mrs T. E. Taylor on her first official visit to the Union. Large and enthusiastic audience, presided over by Mrs Low. Mrs Taylor spoke on "The Relationship of the W.C.T.U. to the modern movements of Women," and also on the Borstal Institute in Invercargill. Three new members were initiated. The proceeds of the Garden Party, £17, were handed over to Y.W.C.A. Hostel Fund.

November 30. Annual meeting. Large amount of correspondence dealt with and Hospital and Entertainment Committee's reports received. Two Sunday Teas and Services besides week-night Socials had been held during the month. After annual report and balance sheet had been read and adopted, the following officers were appointed for the coming year:—President, Mrs Norrie; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Trott, Low, Seward, Butcher, Wright, Gordon and Brown; Treasurer, Miss Pearson; Secretary, Mrs Minifie; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Cave; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs King; Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, Mrs Low; "Y." President, Mrs Gordon.

MARTINBOROUGH.

December 1. Annual meeting. Officers elected:—Mrs W. J. Martin, President; Mrs Tyler, Secretary and Treasurer; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Shirkey, Grey Street. Good reports were received of work done.

GREYTOWN.

November. Annual meeting. Miss Oates presided, 13 present. Mrs Haigh presented report and balance sheet which was adopted. One guinea was donated to Maori Fund and one guinea for use of Schoolroom. Mrs Morison read report of District Executive. Mrs Anker reported 26 L.T.L. members. Miss Oates, District President, complimented the Union on the work done. Officers elected:—President, Mrs H. Morison; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames C. Taylor and Kearney, and Miss Oates; Secretary, Mrs W. A. Allen; Treasurer, Mrs A. Haigh; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs J. Allen; L.T.L. Superintendent, Mrs Anker; Cradle Roll, Mrs Roache; Tea Conventor, Mrs Kearney. Votes of thanks to Retiring President and Committee.

PLEASANT POINT.

December 1. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported a credit balance of £3 1s. 5d. Give and Buy Sale realised £2 18s. 9d. Reported 8 new members to L.T.L., also to Y.P. Branch. Paper on Maori Work by Rev. Seamer was read. Superintendents were appointed:—Notable Days, Mrs Crossman; Evangelistic, Miss May Smith; Mr Borrell appointed Auditor. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to officers and White Ribbon Agent. Decided to send Xmas cheer to poor family. Decided to have Sale on December 11th. Next meeting to be held in February.

NEW BRIGHTON.

November 18. Attendance very good, Mrs H. Hall presided. A welcome was extended to a member on transfer from another branch. Extracts from the "White Ribbon" re-Doctors' opinions on the use of Alcohol, was read by the President. Decided that the annual meeting be held in conjunction with a "Bring and Buy" Social. An excellent reading on World Peace was given by the Treasurer. The annual Temperance Parade was held on Sunday, November 21st.

Members of the Band of Hope and "Y." Branch turned out in goodly numbers to assist, and all assembled at the Pier and marched to the Methodist Church, where a very fine service was conducted by the Rev. R. Raine.

ONEHUNGA.

November 11. Annual meeting, fair attendance. Letter of congratulation sent to Rec. Secretary upon the birth of a daughter. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Pople and Logan. Secretary's report showed steady progress. Balance sheet read and adopted. White Ribbon and Cradle Roll Superintendents presented very encouraging reports. £2 donated to Maori Fund; £1 to Cradle Roll exes, and 10s. to our L.T.L. Fund; £5 to Organising Fund. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Stacey; Rec. Sec., Mrs Fordyce, Junr; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hunter; Treasurer, Mrs Mushet; W.R. Agent, Mrs Ashby. Retirement of Mrs Bickles, Cradle Roll Superintendent, deeply regretted, and hearty appreciation of her work expressed. Afternoon tea. Song, Mrs Ward; Duet, Mrs Larkins and Ireland; Recitations, Mrs Ashby and Mrs Hunter.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

December 2. Annual meeting, Mrs Evans, M.A. presided. The Secretary read the report of the year's work which showed progress, fourteen meetings being held, to which interest had been added by addresses being given by Rev. A. Armstrong, Dr. Platts-Mills, Mrs Evans, Mrs (Major) Greene, Miss Kirk, Sister Bessie, Mrs Weston, and the delegates to Conventions. Encouraging reports were read from the following departments of work:—Notable Days (Mrs Rowe); Cradle Roll (Mrs Logan); Railway Boxes (Mrs Brialey); Hospital Visitor (Mrs Keene); Scattered Members (Mrs Chisholm); Flower Mission (Miss E. Boxall); "White Ribbon" (Mrs Mowlem); Peace and Arbitration (Mrs Evans); Press (Mrs Evans). The balance sheet showed that the year began with a balance of £3 9s. 10d., receipts had been £50 1s. 2d., expenditure, £50 9s. 4d., leaving a credit balance of £3 1s. 3d. The Secretary read the balance sheet of the Reserve Fund, which showed a credit balance of £21 12s. 3d. Gratification was expressed that the building was now free of debt. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of members who had lately passed away. The election of officers resulted in Mrs Mowlem being elected President, Mrs Webb, re-elected Secretary, Miss Boxall, re-elected Treasurer, and Mrs Hirst, re-elected Assistant Treasurer.

RICCARTON.

November 18. Annual meeting, Mrs C. Barrell presided; attendance good. The following resolutions were passed: (1) Letter of sympathy to Mrs Barton on the death of her son; (2) Donation of £1 to Miss Bingham for Xmas cheer for prisoners; (3) Donation of £1 to Trustees of Clarence Road Church for use of same during year; (4) Purchase of Hymn Books; (5) Letter to be sent to Riccarton Borough Council advocating purchase of section for use as a Tennis Court. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs Buckley for her interest in the Prison Department. A Superintendent has now been appointed for this work. Reports from various Superintendents of departments read and proved very satisfactory. Arrangements made for Social Afternoon to Miss Russell. One new member initiated. Collection taken up for Maori Fund. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs C. Barrell; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames James, Mounsey, Ferguson, and Miss Jackson; Treasurers, Mesdames Swanson and White; Recording Secretary, Mrs Newth; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dempsey; Devotional Leader, Mrs Cannon; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs McLean; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Donaldson; Supt., Prisons Department, Mrs Swallow; Social Committee, Mesdames Gundy, Brighting, Graveston; Misses Russell, Jackson, Stevenson, and Dempsey.

November 23. Social Afternoon in conjunction with Clarence Road Methodist Ladies' Guild, tendered to Miss Russell. Mrs James spoke on behalf of Church, and Mrs C. Barrell on behalf of W.C.T.U. Presentation made of Xylonite Toilet Set and Purse. Miss Russell suitably replied. Competition won by Mrs McLean. Items rendered by Mesdames Brighting, Reynolds, W. H.