

to World's Missionary, Maori, "White Ribbon" Day funds, and to Women's Reformatory. Mrs. Clarke, District President, took the chair for the election of officers, the result being:—President, Mrs. E. Edmond; Secretary, Mrs. G. Ellis; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Inns. Mrs. Flower, retiring President, spoke of the pleasure she had had in our work during her five years of office.

Christchurch, Nov. 13: Miss C. Henderson presided. Members promised to help with Y.M.C.A. street collection. Mrs. Lennon reported on Shirley-Richmond's afternoon social, and Miss Gordon on the Linwood garden party. President read extracts from World Temperance News.

Nov. 27: Miss Henderson in the chair. Thanks received for donation to Christchurch Area Council. Further donation sent to the Alliance, also to our N.Z. Fund for Publicity. Invitation received for Fresh Air Home Christmas Party. Usual Donation sent. Our President read extracts from the "Vanguard."

Papanui: Annual meeting, November 30. Thirteen members and two visitors present. Devotions by Mrs. Malcolm. Roll Call, a text of Scripture. Pledge. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Hampton. Annual report showed a satisfactory year's service in several departments. Mrs. Griffiths presided for the election of officers, all of whom were re-elected. Superintendents also appointed. Thanks expressed to Mrs. Griffiths. Votes of thanks to the Press and to the Hon. Auditor, Miss L. Orchard.

Woolston, Nov. 21: Good attendance. Mrs. Ramsay presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Spier. Officers elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Ramsay; Secretary, Mrs. Tomlinson; Superintendents also appointed. Good reports of year's work given. Mrs. Ramsay thanked all members for the work of the year. Mrs. Black, District President, gave a very interesting address. Benediction.

Sydenham, Dec. 5: Annual meeting, Mrs. J. Filer presiding over an attendance of eleven members. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Atkins, District Treasurer, presided over the election of officers which resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. J. Filer; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Drewett; Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Seivers; C.R., Mrs. Garlick; "W.R.," Mrs. Julius. Usual reports presented. Closed with "All Round the World" and prayer by Mrs. Cookson.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive, Nov. 21: President in the chair and six members present. During the Devotional period, members offered prayers for success at the Licensing Poll. Reports presented of the Stall conducted at the A. & P. Show and accounts passed for payment. Letters of thanks directed to four men who very kindly erected and dismantled stall. The President reported on the arrangement made with Marlborough "Express" for printing an insert to be published and delivered with the paper, which has a circulation of 4,600. The action of the President in making this last effort in connection with Poll work was confirmed. Mrs. Underhill reported on the Officers' meeting and various matters were discussed. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs. McFadden in the sudden death of her husband. A new member welcomed.

Springlands, Nov. 19: Annual meeting held in Methodist Schoolroom, eight members and two visitors present and welcomed by Mrs. Underhill. Three apologies owing to ill-health. Greetings to be sent to these members. Reports were given by the Superintendents, all of which showed faithful and consistent work throughout the year. The Treasurer presented a very satisfactory balance sheet with credit balance. Helpful quotations were given in response to the Roll Call. Arrangements made to combine with Blenheim for the Xmas Social, in place of December meetings. President expressed appreciation of co-operation and fellowship enjoyed throughout the year and gave brief talk. Officers and Superintendents re-elected. On behalf of members, Mrs. Gascoigne thanked the President for her interest and activity in the Branch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Temuka, Nov. 27: Annual meeting, Mrs. H. Grocott presiding over a good attendance. Members stood in silence in memory of the late Mrs. R. D. Gibb, who was a foundation member. Secretary's report was the subject of congratulation by several members. Thanks extended to Mr. and Mrs. Grocott for the

use of their home for the preparation of literature for posting to every house in Temuka. Treasurer's and Superintendents' reports read and adopted. Officers elected were as follows:—President, Mrs. Wm. Hewson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames R. Flintoff, H. Grocott and J. H. Woolford; Secretary, Mrs. J. Holliday; Treasurer (re-elected), Mrs. W. Brewer; Superintendents also appointed. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Brewer and Woolford. Very helpful address given by Mrs. W. H. Davey. Temperance Doxology and prayer by Mrs. Flintoff.

Ashburton, Dec. 3: Annual meeting. Mrs. Browning presided and led Devotions. Condolence letters to be sent to Mrs. Church and Miss Jenninson in the loss of a sister. A new member was initiated. Annual and financial reports given, good work being recorded. The Secretary had written 110 letters. Superintendents' reports also received. Thanks to all workers. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Sister Mildred (Miss E. M. West); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Adjutant Smith, Robinson, Browning and L. E. Lion; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Holmes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harwood; Treasurer, Mrs. Tulloch; Superintendents and pianists also appointed. Temperance Fact given. Enjoyable meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Browning, and the Doxology.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Dunedin South: Annual meeting. Good attendance, Mrs. Rippin presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Williamson. President gave details of recent election distribution of literature. Mrs. Rippin proposed as a remit for Dominion Convention, "That all officers be allowed to attend meetings of District Execu-

tive." Carried. Mrs. Dow read reply to letter of sympathy sent to Mr. George Dash on the death of his wife. Officers elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Rippin; Vice-President, Mrs. Williamson; Treasurer, Mrs. Graham; Secretary, Mrs. Dow.

North East Valley: Annual meeting. Officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Green (Acting President during Mrs. Green's illness, Mrs. Peart); Secretary, Miss Gibbs; Treasurer, Mrs. Johnstone. Annual report showed a satisfactory amount of work done during the year. Two staunch members lost through death during the year, including Mrs. Sanders, who was for many years Treasurer, and Mrs. Gibson, a long-standing Vice-President. Among matters discussed, the increasing number of divorces was mentioned, and the following statement by Judge Sharboro was read: "Divorce is the nation's most alarming social question; and drinking is the most important factor. 75 per cent. of the divorces are due to this."

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill: A "Pioneer Rally" held in the Temperance Hall, November 12, with Mrs. Holmes, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Richards, Evangelical Superintendent. Agreed to vote for the return of all Dominion officers. Speaker was the Rev. Mr. Harford, his subject being "Pioneers and Their Christian Duty."

Winton, Nov. 19: Annual meeting. President reported on District Convention. Annual report read and adopted. Treasurer's report read and adoption to follow later. All officers re-elected. Duets rendered by Misses Joyce and Daphne McIntosh. Benediction and supper.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

KOHI-ST. HELIERS

On November 30th a combined party was held by the Kohi-St. Heliers W.C.T.U. Francelle Eady, the President of the Legion, presided, and welcomed all present. Mrs. Kasper, the Leader, also spoke briefly, extending a welcome to the mothers of the children. Items were rendered by Francelle Eady, who played a pianoforte solo; Marilyn Kasper and Alex Harkon, who sang a duet; Jeanette Row and David and Alex Harkon, who gave recitations. Margery Bell led the Devotions. One baby was enrolled. A large Christmas tree held a gift for every child.

Beautiful bouquets were presented to Mrs. Biddle, Secretary of the W.C.T.U.; Mrs. Mills, L.W.R. Superintendent; and Mrs. H. Kasper, Leader of the L.T.L.

The L.T.L. girls played games with the little ones, and the W.C.T.U. members served afternoon tea.

REMUERA

Another combined Cradle Roll and L.T.L. Christmas party was held by the Remuera W.C.T.U. on December 7th, and was most enjoyable. The L.T.L. children conducted a model meeting. Trevor Marshall, the President, presiding. He welcomed all present. There was a large number of children and parents present. Devotions were taken by Lois Fenton and Elaine Jensen. Pianoforte solos were played by Spencer Maxwell and Trevor Marshall; Jeanette Jensen and Marilyn Kasper sang solos, Lois Fenton recited, and three little tots sang a trio; Ray McCarthy and Spencer Maxwell also sang a duet.

The District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, was present, and enrolled three

babies; also giving an address to the mothers and children.

A Christmas tree, laden with gifts, was soon stripped, each child receiving a gift and a bag of sweets. Bouquets were presented to the officers of the Union, to Mrs. Mountjoy and Miss Bond, Cradle Roll Superintendent. Mrs. Kasper also received gifts and flowers from the children. A warm vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who provided afternoon tea.

BLENHEIM AND SPRINGLANDS

To close the activities of both branches for 1946, a combined social evening was held on 5th December in the Church of England Schoolroom, Blenheim, when there was a pleasing attendance, considering other functions being held. Opening with the hymn, "While Shepherds Watched," followed with all repeating "The Lord's Prayer," the District President, Mrs. V. Underhill, welcomed the visitors, and the evening was then spent in entertaining games, competitions and music. Winners of competitions were Mrs. J. S. White and Mr. H. Oldham. All joined in singing Christmas carols, and items were given by Misses Marge and Muriel Hale (duets), Miss Fear and Mrs. Underhill (songs). Mrs. Milgrew accompanied with violin and Mrs. Crow was at the piano. Miss Betty Vercoe danced the Sailors' Hornpipe and Mrs. Crow gave two amusing elocutionary numbers. Mrs. Forbes was in charge of a Sales Table which was well worth while, and Mrs. Girling was in charge of the supper arrangements. Mrs. Underhill gave the apologies and proposed a vote of thanks to all who had entertained. Supper was dispensed and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion.