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Our Eleventh Convention.

THE Annual Convention of '96 was ushered in by weeping skies and biting winds. Our own journey was made in the train, and was damp enough to quench the spirits of any woman who was not a "White Ribboner." But that it takes more than a damp journey to depress a "White Ribboner" we ourselves can testify. We travelled with six of them, to say nothing of an honorary member—a mere man—and a brighter, merrier company one wouldn't wish to see. As we have hinted before, Dunedin skies were gloomy on our arrival, but Dunedin hearts are warm, and the faces of our hostesses were bright as a summer's day. The reception was given in the Choral Hall, which was decorated for the occasion, and advantage was taken of the gathering to extend a welcome to the members and friends of the Otago Prohibition Council, who were holding a Conference at the same time. The music was good, the speaking was good—very good. Our space being limited, we leave our contemporary to report the speeches of the Prohibition delegates. Mrs Dick, the President of the Dunedin W.C.T.U., grace-

fully and cordially welcomed the members of Convention. We suppose that, in arranging for several gentlemen to speak, and only one lady, the framers of the programme intended to pay us a delicate compliment, the assumption being that they considered one woman equal to four men. Our Recording Secretary was in good form that night, and worthily sustained the reputation of the W.C.T.U. Lest we might be accused of partiality, we give the following account supplied by one of the Clutha Delegates to the Prohibition Council:—

Miss Kirk gave a very fine address. On opening she delighted the audience with her fun and wit, and showed that she possessed that indefinable quality of humour that is so seldom truly possessed by the public speaker. But, after making her audience very merry, her tone changed, and with quiet but persuasive earnestness she spoke of the need there was for workers, and of the duty that was laid upon every man and woman to become a member of Prohibition League and Women's C.T. Union—well, not every man, for the latter body was a Woman's Union—but, yes! even every man, for they could be honorary members. And then she just touched on the horrible nature of the drink traffic. We had often heard it denounced before, but from Miss Kirk it came with new force, and one was filled with a resolve to take one's part in helping to cleanse the land of this traffic.

Then followed a short appeal to young men in particular to take their part in rooting out a traffic that was dragging down themselves in particular.

That was all, and yet it was not all. But the rest you would need to have been there to hear and see. You would need to have seen the pleasant and natural manner, to have heard the persuasive voice, and to have caught the choice language in which each thought was clothed.

And yet, if you had been there, you would have found yourselves thinking about none of these things. You would have found yourself catching something of her inspiration, and forming resolves that would be all the more easily carried out for the having heard that voice.

"How did you like it?" I asked a friend as we were leaving. "Very much," he answered. "Wasn't Miss Kirk good? Oh! I *will* work when I get back home."

On Saturday we met for business in the Hall of the First Church. In the afternoon our delegates were entertained by Mrs John Hislop, at her residence at the North-East Valley. The beautiful surrounding scenery and the generous provision made by the hostess for our pleasure and comfort made our visit a delightful one. During the afternoon Mrs W. Downie Stewart photographed the group of delegates and friends in front of the house, and was very successful with the negatives obtained.

In addition to this party pleasant gatherings were held at the residences of Mrs Dick and Mrs Boot, and other friends, during Convention.

Sunday morning saw us scattered throughout the various Dunedin churches, but in the afternoon we gathered together for a Gospel Temperance service in the Garrison Hall. Addresses were given by Mrs Schnackenberg, Miss Kirk, and Miss Maginness, Mrs Dick presiding.

Business was resumed again on Monday morning, and at two o'clock on Wednesday the Convention was closed by singing "Bless'd be the tie that binds," and prayer by the President. We felt that, on the whole, the Convention of 1896 was a good one. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships formed, and the bands that bind Union to Union throughout the colony were visibly strengthened. Misunderstandings have been removed, increased respect for each other's work has been gained, and while all have realised more fully the obstacles that obstruct our path, we have become more determined to grapple with them. There has been an increase both in our membership and in the number of Unions. We are therefore encouraged to hope that the Convention of 1897, which is to be held in Christchurch, will receive a record of work which will surpass anything we have had before.

Our Conditions of Membership.

The article on our conditions of membership, which appeared in the March issue of the WHITE RIBBON, formed the subject of a discussion at Convention. It was argued that legal prohibition being one of the objects in our Constitution, it must necessarily follow that every

member, and especially every officer, must be a Prohibitionist. On the other hand, it was pointed out that prohibition was only one of our objects, and that it would be unwise and foolish to insist on one object more than another.

The Presidents of two Unions—one in the North Island and the other in the South Island—said that when they joined the W.C.T.U. they were averse to prohibition, and that if their assent to this form of Temperance work had been demanded they would not have become members. They had joined because they were total abstainers, and were interested in women's work, and their conversion to prohibition was entirely due to their connection with the W.C.T.U. The President of another Union stated that a former President had demanded of her officers an assent to the doctrine of prohibition. Not being able to give it, they had retired from the Union, which had been materially weakened ever since. The tone of Convention was decidedly against any narrow or restrictive reading of the conditions of membership, it being felt that, so long as women were willing to pay their subscriptions and sign the Constitution, we should gladly welcome them as members.

The following resolution on this subject was passed by the Convention:—"Any woman signing the Constitution and paying her dues may become a member of any W.C.T.U., and may be elected to any office in the Union."

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The W.C.T.U. page of the *Prohibitionist* of April 4 contains the following words referring to our conditions of membership:—"In any case no person should be elected to office who is not willing to accept the whole constitution. The Prohibition Leagues receive as members those who, while wishing for the abolition of the liquor traffic, are not themselves total abstainers; but the Leagues would never think of appointing to important offices those who are not teetotallers."

By referring to the resolution of the Convention quoted in the leaderette above, it will be seen that the writer in the *Prohibitionist* is in direct conflict with the W.C.T.U. authorities. This is much to be regretted when it is remembered that the page in which the statement appears is paid for by the Christchurch Union specially "to further the interests of the W.C.T.U." Our authorities have expressly stated that any member is eligible for office.

The analogy that is sought for in stating that the Prohibition Leagues accept members who are not abstainers but will not elect them to office does not apply. The Prohibition Leagues exist solely for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and while to outsiders it may seem peculiar that the Leagues should admit as members persons who

drink alcoholic liquors, yet we take it that the Leagues know their own business and have a right to decide for themselves. We also claim the same right to decide for ourselves. The W.C.T.U. has many departments of work, and needs as members and officers every woman who is willing to work for God, and Home, and Humanity. The splendid record of Mrs Hewitt's temperance work appears in our columns of this issue in the "Report of work among the Maoris." We do not know whether Mrs Hewitt is a prohibitionist, but if not, is it to be for one moment supposed that we would turn her out of office and stop her work? Our authorities are wiser than that. The report of the Dunedin Union of work done among the seamen is heart-stirring. Are we to demand that the kind-hearted women who labour for the good of our sailors must accept the prohibition ticket or resign office?

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It must not, for one moment, be supposed that the W.C.T.U. is half-hearted in its desire for prohibition. Anyone who has, for any length of time, been engaged in the work of "educating public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence," of "training the young," of "saving the inebriate," cannot help coming to the conclusion that we must have "legal prohibition of the liquor traffic." That conclusion was arrived at by the W.C.T.U. many years ago—many years before there was any thought of separate prohibition leagues. While we do not demand to know which of our objects each member may be most in sympathy with, yet the W.C.T.U. is practically a solid body of prohibitionists. We rejoice most heartily that it is so. But we will firmly resist any attempt to impose any inquisitorial test on women who may wish to become members of our organisation. Our work and our sympathy is wide and varied, and we will gladly welcome any good woman who, being a total abstainer, will sign the constitution and pay her dues.

Some Notable Women.

By K. W. S.

(Continued from March.)

MRS MARGARET SIBTHORP

is a prominent and important figure among women-workers in London. One can learn something of her mind and spirit from *Shafts*, the monthly paper which she so ably edits; but it is a further revelation to look into her face, where one can see her strong, brave soul shining forth. Mrs Sibthorp looks as if in times past she had suffered; but, if so, the result, happily, has not been to embitter her nature, but to draw out her sympathies for

others, and especially for women. She is one of the pioneers in advance thought, advocating the principle of perfect freedom for women. She believes in their economic independence, their right to citizenship, equality in everything with their brothers in the eyes of the law, their right to equal remuneration for equal work in the industries and professions, and especially in the right of married women to their individual freedom. She is as strongly against the "subjection of women" as ever John Stuart Mill was in his day, and strikes out fearlessly at everything which tends to perpetuate the evil. She has made a study of hygiene, and has thought out and adopted a certain style of dress, which she invariably wears. She is a lover of animals, and so is an anti-vivisectionist. She often pleads in the columns of her paper that the lives of birds might be spared, and that women would give up wearing wings and feathers in their head gear. She calls the habit of wearing such ornaments a relic of barbarism, and the wings, &c., "death trophies." Mrs Sibthorp is strongly opposed to vaccination, is a vegetarian in practice as well as theory, and an abstainer from alcohol.

Her love for suffering humanity is a passion with her, and yet her emotional temperament does not hinder her strong brain from going straight to the cause of the suffering, and trying to remedy the conditions which induced the trouble rather than endeavouring to palliate the immediate effects. She corresponds, and tries to keep in touch, with women in all English-speaking countries, and takes the keenest interest in their welfare and progress. She is constantly asking the question, although the form varies greatly:—

"If she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall men grow?"

And her great longing is to see women strong and free, and taking their rightful place in the world. One feels inclined to "thank God and take courage" after meeting such a woman! Long may she be spared to edit *Shafts*, and through that paper to stretch out a hand of kindly sympathy and help to all who need it.

MADAM SARAH GRAND,

whom we have known best as the authoress of the "Heavenly Twins," opened the discussion already referred to at the Pioneer Club—viz., "Moral versus Physical Force," and, judging from the reception she received, was very much appreciated. She has a strikingly expressive face, pretty, soft hair, and she dresses most artistically. Her voice is pleasant and tuneful, and she enunciates clearly and without effort. As I sat listening to her I wondered whether if some of those who had criticised her book so severely, and

speculated as to what kind of monster Madam Grand must be, would not, if they saw her then, feel some of their prejudices melt away; and whether, as they heard her speak so earnestly on the higher morality, it might not have dawned on them that they had misjudged her. Let us hope so.

MRS JOSEPHINE BUTLER

Is now a dear venerable old lady, so frail, but so tenderly watched and cared for by her many friends and co workers.

I attended one of the morning meetings of the Conference of the "British Federation for the Abolition of State Vice," held last July twelve months, in St. Martin's Hall, London.

When I got into the Hall I found that I had seated myself behind our old friends, Dr. Kate Bushmell and Mrs Andrew.

Mrs Butler spoke for a few minutes, and although her voice was weak, her mind was as clear, and her spirit as strong as ever. After the morning session was over, Mrs Andrew introduced me to Mrs Butler, and we all adjourned to the celebrated vegetarian restaurant in Little St. Martin's Lane, where we had lunch. Mrs Butler was most congratulatory to us in New Zealand on our having obtained the Franchise, and earnestly hoped we would use it for all good ends, one of the most important to her mind being the repeal of the C.D. Acts. I was glad to be able to tell her how many of our Women's societies felt most strongly on the question, and were determined not to rest until the Acts were swept from our statute books.

If ever a woman fought a good fight Mrs Josephine Butler did. It is difficult for us to realise in this day of comparative toleration the odium which attached itself to any woman who came to the front forty or fifty years ago in any way. When we add to that the nature of the work to which Mrs Butler has given her whole life, we must feel that hers is one of the noblest souls that ever breathed, and that the English-speaking race owes her a deep and lasting debt.

The First Meeting

OF

The New Zealand National Council of Women,

Formed at Christchurch, April 13, 1896.

THE gathering of representatives of the various Societies throughout the colony, which was convened by the Christchurch Women's Institute, was an unqualified success. The meetings were held in the Provincial Council Chamber—probably

the most beautiful hall in the colony—the use of which had been granted by the Government.

There were present: Mrs Schnackenberg and Mrs Daldy, Auckland; Mrs Sievwright, Gisborne; Mrs Williamson, Wanganui; Lady Stout, Mrs Fleming, and Mrs Tasker, Wellington; Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Wells, Mrs Widdowson, Mrs Izett, and Miss Sheriff-Bain, Christchurch; Mrs Alley and Mrs Isherwood, Malvern; and Mrs Hatton, Dunedin.

The Sessions opened on Monday, April 13, and were—with one exception—continued morning, afternoon, and evening throughout the week, concluding with a conversazione on Saturday evening. At the first meeting, it was resolved to form a National Council of Women. Mrs Sheppard was elected President, and Mrs Wells (to whose labours the success of the gathering is mainly due) was elected Secretary. The list of subjects discussed was as follows:—National Council of Women, Federation of Women, Unitary Homes, Sweating, State Bank, Marriage and Divorce, Economic Independence of Women, Village Settlements, Pauperisation, Single Tax, Land Nationalisation, Constructive Socialism, The New Woman, Party Government, The Referendum, Elective Executive, Reform of the Upper House, The Treatment of Criminals, Technical Education, Problem of Purity, Old Age Pensions, Undesirable Immigrants, The Criminal Code Bill, Political Disabilities of Women, and Women in the Service of the State.

It was decided that the meetings of the Council should be annual, and that the next meeting should be in Wellington. It will be seen, on referring to the list above, that the number of subjects for discussion was sufficient to satisfy even a glutton for work. It cannot be pretended that sixteen sittings of the Council afforded nearly enough time for adequate discussion of so many difficult subjects. But the different questions were ably treated, and were valuable from an educational point of view. Much public interest was shown throughout the sessions. The attendance of the public in the gallery was large and, without exception, orderly. The conduct of the business was methodical, and as one noticed the prompt, decisive ruling of the successive chairwomen, and the strong, saving common sense of many of the members, one could not but feel that the question should women be eligible for Parliament needed no answer.

Alcohol gives neither water, nor salts, nor albumen, nor fibrine, nor fat. Hence it is impossible that it can nourish the animal body.—Dr C. R. Drysdale, Consulting Physician to the Metropolitan Hospital of London.

W.C.T.U. Convention, Dunedin, 1896.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BELOVED COMRADES, "WHITE RIBBON"
SISTERS—

By the good hand of our God being upon us we are gathered together at another Convention. It is somewhat later in the year than on former occasions, but it seemed good to the friends who had the arrangements in hand for some of the meetings that it might be a mutual advantage if we met at the same time as the Prohibition League. With their work we are in fullest accord, and as they are in sympathy with us, there could be no objection to a union which might prove a source of strength to both Societies.

Another year, which opened with great promise in some respects, has for ever gone, with its purposes and plans, its hopes and expectations. Let us take the courage that results from any measure of success, however small, and the lessons which can be learnt from efforts and hopes unfulfilled.

In appropriating Miss Willard's suggestive motto, "Do everything," we feel that no work where woman's hand is needed is unfit for the W.C.T.U., and that "Whatsoever our hands find to do we should do with our might." Some of our friends take exception to our interfering in any work which is not strictly Temperance, but we consider that as women it is our duty to help other women who need our help, and, in the name of our Master, try to raise the fallen, loose the bonds of those who are slaves of sin, endeavour to influence legislation in favour of the protection of our homes, and in every way in our power work for the uplifting of Humanity.

Departmental work will be reported by the various Superintendents, but we may to some extent anticipate a few of the subjects which will be brought before the Convention.

One of these is Temperance Sunday. This, as you will hear in its proper place, was last year quite a success. For this year it has been decided by the Wesleyan Conference that *all* the Ministers of that Church preach Temperance sermons on the Sunday immediately preceding the next election. Of course I mean Parliamentary election. I would suggest that this Convention make it a recommendation to the ministers of *all* denominations that they preach Temperance sermons on that day. We cannot estimate the good that would result from such simultaneous action in all our Churches.

Home meetings for mothers living in isolated and scattered districts are a great boon to many. I should like to refer to the work of this nature now being carried on in New Plymouth. I was able to visit New Plymouth itself, Stratford, and Hawera, and was cheered to find the women in each place

eager to take up the distribution of literature, house or cottage meetings, visiting absent members, and to assist in sending one of their members who may be designated Superintendent of Country Meetings to the outlying districts where she holds meetings for all classes, mostly the industrial men and women, who are glad to get a Gospel Temperance talk.

In our legal and petition or Parliamentary work we shall have several memorials to consider. The first of these is for the repeal of the C.D. Acts. While we are grateful to the House of Representatives in that they did last year repeal those Acts which are a moral wrong—unconstitutional because they endanger the liberty of the subject—we shall have to ask the House for a repetition of their vote in favour of repeal (which was refused in the Upper House) until the Acts are for ever removed from the statute books of the colony.

It is a very great pleasure to this Convention to welcome our beloved comrade Mrs. Sheppard, who has spent some time in the old lands, and has returned once again to cheer us by her presence. We had hoped she would have been able to take a prominent part in Convention proceedings, and must express regret that indifferent health will prevent much of this; but we do hope that from time to time Mrs. Sheppard will tell us some of the things she has seen, and the stirring scenes in the World's Great Convention in which she took part. We pray for our beloved sister full restoration to health, and a long life of service in the White Ribbon cause.

During the year we shall have an opportunity to exercise our citizen rights. We must remember that this is a sacred duty—a great responsibility. While we are not partisans, we should vote only for those men who are known to be of good moral character, and who will be on the side of righteousness, giving their interests and vote in favour of moral reform, including the people's right to abolish the liquor traffic, and ourselves vote straight for prohibition. We know the Lord Jehovah reigns. As loyal subjects of the great King, let us faithfully do our part in the great struggle.

Other subjects for your Convention are the Age of Consent, the time elapsing during which informations may be laid. The Divorce Bill, the Disabilities Act, and others will be brought to your notice, and, I trust, receive right consideration.

Rescue and relief work we must ever keep in front. We are asked, as an outcome of the last World's Biennial Convention, to take up a department of mercy. This is especially for the young people—Bands of Hope, Loyal Legions, and similar societies. We should encourage these Bands of Mercy, as they inculcate kindness to animals as well as to their schoolmates.

We are not to forget scientific Temperance instruction. Invercargill Union has presented a copy of Dr. Sir B. W. Richardson's lessons to the teachers in their State school. Let others follow so good an example. We must in this department agitate, agitate, agitate, until every child attending our State schools is taught the dangerous nature of alcoholic poisoning.

So let us go on, keeping in mind our three watchwords—Agitate! Educate! Organise!—till this land is clean from the curse of strong drink and impurity, and the new earth awakes to an eternity of peace and good will. Then shall we rejoice with all co-workers in the great cause, and give praise for ever to their Lord and ours.

Yours, in "White Ribbon" bonds,

A. J. SCHNACKENBERG

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

DEAR WHITE RIBBON SISTERS,—

It is with much pleasure that I sit down to write a report of the year's work all over the colony. Twenty Branches have sent me reports, though I regret that none has reached me from Dunedin, Feilding, or Rangiora. The outlook is a hopeful one. Our Unions are holding the fort, and several new ones have been formed. Four report an increase of membership, while in the Taranaki district over 70 women have joined our ranks. In view of the approaching elections it is of the utmost importance that we strive to gather in all earnest, thoughtful women, and so extend our influence.

As the local reports will be read in your hearing, it is unnecessary for me to enter into details. I may, however, be allowed to express my thankfulness at the way in which Social Purity work is coming to the front. Several Branches are engaged in Rescue work, and others in the still more necessary work of preventing young girls from swelling the ranks of our poor fallen sisters.

But the most prominent feature of the reports is the activity displayed in distributing evangelistic and temperance literature. Hardly a Union, however small, but has a share in this effort. If, all over the colony, the W.C.T.U. had done no other work than this it would still have justified its existence. The great need of the time is to *educate* the people, and the books and pamphlets sown broadcast in our trains, trams, ships, hotels, and back streets—as well as among our own members—are exercising an influence which will bear fruit all through eternity.

I note with satisfaction that several small Unions, unable to do much work, are enlivening their business meetings with essays or extracts bearing

upon one or other of our departments. This is a step in advance. Every woman attending those meetings is storing up facts which will stand her in good stead when unexpectedly called upon to give a reason of the hope of Prohibition that is in her. Some of the smaller Branches are so discouraged that they feel almost inclined to disband. Sometimes they cannot even get enough members together to hold a meeting, and, when they do succeed, are able to do so little work that they feel it to be almost a farce to call themselves a Union at all. May I speak a word of encouragement to these? Dear sisters, the very existence of a Union, however small, is an education to outsiders, because it makes people *think*, and that is exactly what we want to do. If you do nothing but meet occasionally and keep each other warm, you have done something. Never give up. Some of our most flourishing Unions have passed through the same dark experience, but they determined to keep together and do their best, and by-and-bye their numbers increased, and they now thank God that they were enabled to hold on until the sun shone out once more.

I note with regret that very few Unions make mention of pledges obtained. Where are the 20,000 for which Mr Isitt asked before he left for England nearly a year ago? Let us, even at the eleventh hour, set to work and enrol as many as possible.

In conclusion, let me say that I greatly regret being unable to attend Convention this year. I shall think of and pray for you all, asking that the Master Himself may preside over your deliberations, that His own Spirit of love may characterise all your proceedings, and that this Convention may leave an impress upon the history of our land.

Yours in the truest of bonds,

MARY S. POWELL,
Cor. Sec. N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Report of the Annual Convention of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union, held at Dunedin, April, 1896.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

Mrs. Schnackenberg, Auckland, President; Mrs Kirkland, West Taieri, treasurer; Miss L. M. Kirk, Wellington, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Troy, Napier (Social Purity); Miss Dalrymple, Levin (Educational); Mrs. Litchfield, Blenheim; Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Mrs. Sheppard (Parliamentary), Christchurch; Mrs. Guilbert, Timaru; Mrs. Hiskins, Lyttelton; Mrs. Begg (Sailors' Rests), Mrs. Dick, Miss Nicol, Mrs. Miller (Young Women's Work), Dunedin; Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Soulbly, Kaiapoi; Mrs. Widdowson, Ashburton;

Miss Johnson, Hokitika; Mrs. Hodge, Port Chalmers; Mrs. Chisholm, West Taieri; Miss Filleul, Oamaru; Mrs. Bringans, Mosgiel; Mrs. Jones, Invercargill. Miss Sears was also present as visiting delegate from the C. E. Union.

A reception meeting in conjunction with the Otago Prohibition Council was held in the Choral Hall on Friday, April 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. The chair was taken by Mr. Jago, and addresses were delivered by Mrs. Dick, Mr. A. S. Adams, Mr. Greenwood, Miss Kirk, and Mr. Baxter. Selections of music were given and refreshments served during an interval.

FIRST DAY.

The first meeting was held in First Church Hall on April 4, and commenced with a prayer meeting, led by Mrs. Schnackenberg. The president's address was read, and was followed by a discussion as to the possibility of obtaining Mrs. Hoffman's services before the General Election. The question was deferred till later on in the session.

Mrs. Kirkland read the New Zealand Treasurer's report and balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of £14 7s. 2d. The total of the cash balances held by the local Unions was given as £202 2s. 11d., and the turn-over for the year as £2617 7s. 1d.

A discussion as to the possibility of augmenting the funds of the New Zealand Union followed, and it was resolved—"That for next year the New Zealand Treasurer live in the district where Convention is to be held, and that it be her duty to devise means for increasing the New Zealand fund."

Mrs. W. S. Smith read the report and balance-sheet of the WHITE RIBBON, showing a deficit of about £21. A discussion ensued, which was adjourned to the next session.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention resumed its sitting on Monday, April 6.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Nicholls, of South Australia, and a letter was received from Mrs. Packe asking that Miss Slack, the World's Corresponding Secretary, be kept informed of the progress of the Union.

The discussion on the WHITE RIBBON report was resumed. It was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Miss L. M. Smith and Mrs. Venables for their services during the year. Officers were elected as follows:—Editor, Mrs. K. W. Sheppard; Associate Editor, Miss L. M. Smith; Treasurer and Business Manager, Mrs. W. S. Smith; Distributing Department, Mrs. Venables; Committee, the New Zealand President and Corresponding Secretary, the Presidents of District Unions, Mrs. Wells and Miss L. M. Kirk. It was resolved that the reports be printed in the next issue of the WHITE RIBBON, and that the Convention number should be double the ordinary size.

BRUNNERTON RELIEF FUND.—It was resolved to give £2 3s. from the New Zealand Fund, and a further sum of £3 3s. was promised on behalf of the Christchurch Union. The report of the Superintendent of Unfermented Wine was read.

The request of the Kaiapoi Union to be made a District Union, in order that it might be able to comply with requests to form branches in the surrounding country, was unanimously granted. The report of Evangelistic Work was read by Mrs. Kirkland. Mrs. Miller presented the report of Young Women's Work, which was discussed. Ultimately it was resolved that it be a "Recommendation" that Unions form a Y. Department, admitting young women as members at a fee of 1s; members to have full voting rights at local meetings; an evening quarterly meeting to be held especially in the interests of such members, if desired."

The report of Juvenile Work was read by the President, as was also the report of the Literature Department.

Mrs. Schnackenberg read several letters from the Moral Reform Union and kindred Societies, and the Social Purity Report was read by Mrs. Troy. It was resolved that resolutions be drafted for presentation to the Premier and the Legislative Council. It was resolved to ask that the age of consent be raised to 18 years.

In compliance with an invitation from the N.Z. Alliance, it was resolved that Mrs. Ostler be asked to act as the W.C.T.U. delegate to the Convention in June.

It was also resolved that Miss L. M. Kirk represent the N.Z. W.C.T.U. on the Alliance Executive during the coming year, and that Mrs. Schnackenberg and Mrs. Widdowson be our representatives at the Convention to be held in Christchurch to form a National Council of Women.

Mrs. Litchfield gave an interesting account of the work of the Blenheim Union. The Parliamentary Report was read by Mrs. Sheppard.

THIRD DAY.

Owing to the First Church Hall being otherwise occupied, the Convention met in the Hall of the Congregational Church.

After a discussion on Mr. MacGregor's Divorce Bill, it was resolved "That, in the opinion of this Convention, the condition of divorce should be equal for both sexes."

Greetings were read from the Queensland Union and the Otago Prohibition Council.

Dr. Emily Ryder was received by the Convention, and gave a short address.

The report of the Superintendent of Cottage meetings was read by Mrs. Kirkland, and that of Scientific Temperance Instruction by Mrs. Schnackenberg. By invitation of the President Miss McGuinness made some interesting remarks on the subject. Miss Filleul gave an account of work among the boys and girls in Oamaru.

On the motion of Mrs. Sheppard, it was resolved—"That this convention thanks Dr. Newman, for his action in introducing the Political Disabilities of Women Bill, and trusts that he will re-introduce it during next session."

It was also resolved—"That this Convention, deploring the terrible prevalence of gambling in this colony, and earnestly requests the Government to suppress the totalisator, and thus remove the disgrace of deriving revenue from the vices of the people."

FOURTH DAY.

At the morning session of April 8, the Report of Maori work was read with much interest, and a letter of apology from the superintendent, Mrs. Hewitt for non-attendance.

The following resolutions were carried:—"That the Repeal of the C. D. Acts being necessary in the interests of Hygiene, Social Purity, and ordinary decency, this Convention expresses its regret at the action of the Legislative Council in throwing out the Repeal Bill passed by the Lower House."

"That this Convention urges the members of the Legislative Council to make themselves acquainted with the most recent information as to the uselessness of the C.D. Acts, and unites with the House of Representatives in removing these infamous blots on our Statute Book."

"That this Convention thanks the Premier for his action *re* the C.D. Acts in the House of Representatives, and earnestly requests that the Repeal Bill of 1895 for the removal of these Acts be re-introduced."

"That the Convention of the W.C.T.U., now sitting in Dunedin, tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Presbytery of Dunedin for their action *re* their appeal for the removal of the C.D. Acts from the Statute Book of the Colony."

Miss Dalrymple proposed "That a letter be sent to the Minister of Education, expressing dissatisfaction with the language and style of the New Zealand Reader." She considered that much of the book was slangy and vulgar, and that the sentiments expressed in not a few of its pages were such as to lead to cruelty of disposition and conduct, and to awaken and strengthen feelings of indifference as to the sufferings of others.

It was arranged that a Sub-Committee be formed, consisting of Mrs Schnackenberg, Mrs Widdowson, and Miss Dalrymple, to enquire into the matter, and draw up a letter of protest to be sent to the Minister of Education.

The Convention appointed Mrs Sheppard to write, asking Mrs Hoffman to come to New Zealand not later than the end of July, and to request that she should cable her reply.

It was resolved that "Any woman signing the Constitution, and paying her dues, may become a member of any W.C.T.U., and may be elected to any office in the Union."

A question asked by Mrs Hiskins, of Lyttelton, as to the opinion of the local Unions as to the introduction of the Irish Scripture Text-book, was relegated to local Unions.

The following recommendations were made to local Unions:—1. If any officer fails to be present at three consecutive meetings without a reason, the Union can accept, another shall be elected in her place. 2. If any Superintendent fails to report work for three consecutive meetings without a reason which the Union can accept, another can be elected in her place.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dunedin Union, to Mrs Hislop for hospitality, to Mrs Downie Stewart for photographing Convention, to the Press, and to the First Church and Congregational Church authorities for their kindness in lending a room.

The invitation of Christchurch Union to hold Convention of 1897 in that city was accepted with thanks.

A grant of £4 was voted to the WHITE RIBBON Fund.

It was resolved that Convention urge every member of every local Union to use every effort to increase the subscription list and forward the interests of the WHITE RIBBON. Unions were also requested to respond as liberally as their means permit to the Business Manager's statement of the debt that must be paid before the end of June.

It was decided that Convention number be sold to Unions at threepence.

A telegram from Miss Powell was received stating that she had resuscitated the Union at Feilding.

It was resolved that the matter of grants to Departments be left to the Treasurer and President.

Convention was closed by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Reports of Departments.

LITERATURE.

The great undertaking of the year has been the launching of the WHITE RIBBON. Although the circulation is not what we hoped for, and which is essential to its financial success, still perhaps we should not think too lightly of the progress made. With a little co-operation to tide over present difficulties, we will hope to see the WHITE RIBBON holding its own among the papers of New Zealand. Only one report has arrived—viz., from Invercargill. Christchurch has again undertaken the page in the *Prohibitionist* paper, copies of the *Woman's Signal*, *Union Signal*, and the *Medical Pioneer* being subscribed to. The latter has been posted to the Christchurch doctors. Four hundred extra WHITE RIBBON papers were bought for distribution on the Show Grounds. A great deal of Social Purity literature has been distributed in different parts of the colony. We think much

of the power of these silent messengers, and trust that our Unions will redouble their efforts in this direction.

Invercargill reports that sixteen members take the WHITE RIBBON. The *Medical Pioneer* is posted to the local doctors. Several copies of Dr. Richardson's Temperance Hand-books have been purchased, with a view of persuading schoolmasters to adopt them as class-books.

C. VENABLES,
Superintendent.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Auckland has gained permission to teach this subject in the schools. The Band of Hope Committee employs a teacher who visits all schools every week, and finds the scholars much interested in the subject.

In Wellington some of our members waited on the Minister of Education to place the subject before him, when he expressed himself favourably. Invercargill has been active in this matter, as their local report will show. Napier also has been urging the subject. This is the only town in New Zealand where the school committee have passed a temperance law. The Superintendent wishes to impress on the Unions the great need of the children in this direction. She has never yet met with a teacher who refused to impart the lessons, and there are many who are interested, and who constantly teach the poisonous nature of alcohol and its baneful effects on the human system.

A. J. SCHNACKENBERG,
Superintendent.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs Miller reports that several of the young women have lapsed of late, and she is most anxious that the members should not be lost sight of. She proposes that they should be united to the Parent Unions at a subscription of 1s. per year, and power to vote given to them. Many of them have taken up Christian Endeavour work, but they cannot be spared from Temperance Work. Oamaru reports a membership of twelve, with two honorary members. They have thirty Loyal Legion members. Seven pledges were taken during the year, and thirty-eight ordinary meetings were held. They keep a box at the Railway station supplied with literature, and supply the waiting-room with bright texts. Mrs Miller hopes that next year will show a more encouraging report.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

One hundred and fifty-two Cottage Meetings were reported during last year. In answer to questions asked, your Superintendent sent circulars to the various local Unions with hints and suggestions for the carrying on of these meetings, and it is gratifying to learn that they were adopted by several Unions, and found to be helpful. Hokitika sends a cheery account of their weekly Cottage Meetings. Forty meetings for Bible Reading were conducted by Young Women members of our W.C.T.U.

MARY KIRKLAND,
Superintendent.

DRAWING-ROOM MEETINGS.

Five were held in Dunedin during the year and considerable interest was shown in the Bible study carried on at these meetings. Three were held at the Manse, West Taieri, at which the subjects of Purity and Hygiene were considered. Christchurch has held many meetings with great success, many joining the Union as well as the Prohibition League by their means. It is found that many will attend a drawing-room meeting who will not attend the usual gatherings, and many will speak at these who do not consider themselves fit for platform speaking.

The subjects dealt with have been the various phases of the Prohibition movement, and the laws of Heredity and Physiology, and the necessity for Social Purity.

MARY KIRKLAND,
Superintendent.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

A great deal of correspondence was carried on during the year on this very important subject. The Superintendent made vigorous efforts to get some firm to take the matter up as a business question, but all replied that in the meantime the demand would not justify much outlay. If medical men could be urged to take the subject up, it would soon be settled. A Napier friend testified to the beneficial results of this wine on a person who had "run down," and who was completely restored to health through its agency. In August 1,000 leaflets were printed and distributed among the Unions, asking the Presidents of each to send copies to all ministers of the Anglican Churches, and their Churchwardens; also to Presbyterian ministers and their Elders and Deacons.

In September the Dunedin W.C.T.U. presented a petition through Canon Webb, urging the use of Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table. Four ministers said they would use it forthwith.

AGNES W. BEGG,
Superintendent.

JUVENILE WORK.

The Napier Union reports persistent work in the direction of persuading school committees to make more use of Dr. Richardson's Text Book supplied by the Union to the school.

Miss Hewson, Christchurch Superintendent, reports that thirty-one meetings of the Sewing Class have been held during the year. There are fifty-eight names on the roll, and the largest attendance has been thirty-eight. Some of the girls have attended with great regularity, one having never missed a meeting. Recently the class spent a very pleasant afternoon at Sumner, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Buttle, of the Deaf Mute Institution. Several ladies kindly contributed provisions, and the excursion proved a great treat. Miss Hewson desires to thank several ladies who have kindly helped in the cutting-out of the clothes, which afterwards (on payment of a small sum) became the property of the children; also different ladies and gentlemen who have visited the class, encouraging the children by short addresses, and by hearing their songs and recitations.

Miss Sears, Dunedin, reports that a very large amount of work is being done in the city by Bands of Hope, Juvenile Lodges, and Junior Christian Endeavour Societies. Miss Sears and her co-workers visit monthly two or three of these Bands, giving regular instruction to the children.

Hokitika reports a Sewing Class for girls under 15 years of age, which was attended by sixteen girls. Much interest was taken, and as a reward for diligence a few cookery lessons were given them. The Superintendent reports having distributed literature, which was appreciated.

MRS. G. A. BROWN,
Superintendent.

PARLIAMENTARY REPORT.

Three petitions have been forwarded to the House as directed by Wellington Convention—that for Inebriate Homes in the four centres through Mr. G. J. Smith, M.H.R. for Christchurch, and those for the repeal of the C. D. Acts and raising the age of consent through Mr. Button, M.H.R. for Auckland. Formal replies that they had been referred to the Petitions Committee for favourable consideration were received, but nothing further has been heard of them. Several Women's Societies of different names have been forwarded

through your superintendent to Dr. Newman, approving of his Removal of Political Disabilities of Women Bill; but in spite of this encouragement the Doctor was unable to save the Bill.

L. M. KIRK,
FOR MRS. SHEPPARD.

WORK AMONG THE MAORIS.

THE NEW ZEALAND SUPERINTENDENT'S SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

We have held many interesting and important meetings among the Maoris with good results. The number of pledges taken were 21. Twenty-four of these were taken by Victoria (Mrs Davis), of Patiki, Wanganui, and twenty-seven by Mrs Webb, of Lyttelton. We have distributed badges to all those who have kept their pledge one year—having again visited those who signed last year—and we were richly rewarded in having fulfilled our promise to do so by the approval and pleasure expressed by the Maoris at seeing us again. The most unsatisfactory cases were those at Levin, which is all the more to be regretted as there is a branch of the W.C.T.U. there, and also a flourishing Good Templars' Lodge, which should be a help to them. The social held in Wellington for Maoris and Europeans was so successful that people have suggested it should be an annual gathering during the session. Besides being a return and recognition of the hospitality shown by the Maoris to us when visiting in their districts, it also gives an opportunity for the display of Maori talent in singing and speech-making.

In October we again visited Petone, where we obtained twenty signatures to the pledge, and had very interesting meetings in the house of the chief Te Pahi, two of the sons taking part in them, and one of them deciding to be a clergyman. He said, It is my desire to preach Jesus Christ to my people, but I shall not fail to warn them against "waipiro." Why did not the early missionaries warn us against "waipiro," as you are doing now?

In November I held meetings at Manakau, one being a tea-meeting, which gave great satisfaction. One fine young chief said it was the first time he had ever been invited to meet the Maori and Pakeha together, or seen them so friendly together. He said Mrs Hewett came to see us a year ago and warned us against taking the "waipiro." We listened to her words, and we have become a sober people. Another chief, an old Maori who had a very dry humour, said, "When the Pakeha first came to New Zealand they offered the Maori Christianity and the 'waipiro,' and they have accepted both. Now Mrs Hewett comes to us and tells us the 'waipiro' is bad. So now we accept the Christianity without the 'waipiro.'" I then presented these two chiefs with silver pledges, on which was inscribed the words—"Kia pono: Be faithful"—amidst the hearty applause of both Europeans and Maoris. Two of the ringleaders in drunkenness signed the pledge, a man and woman. The man has the reputation of being a prophet, and being able to cure sick people. He has always been a strong opponent of the Temperance cause, but is now on our side. He made an earnest, touching speech as he thanked me for taking so much interest in them. He said: "I wish this good lady had come many years ago. She might have saved many lives, men, women and even children, who have all died from the 'waipiro.' See," said he, waving his hand sadly, "how few of us there are left, and once we were a powerful, numerous tribe. This is the work of the 'waipiro.'" In December and January I had more meetings in Mauakou, and much, if not all, my success there is due to the valuable help I received from Mr Beavan, who is a total abstainer, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Maoris. I also received much help from Mr and Mrs Fred. Brown, of Manawhao, especially

with the Maori children; I had indeed to attend the English Government school, Mrs Brown having promised prizes to the two Maori girls whose sewing was the best. At the end of January we had a splendid meeting at Papawai, Greytown, and were most hospitably entertained by the Chief Kumeroa, who is one of my Committee, and is a really magnificent man. He called together all the Maoris—about 300—into the large meeting-house. I spoke on Temperance and our Saviour's commandment, "Love one another." Twenty-eight signed the pledge, and the Maoris were delighted with Mrs Medley's short address to them in Maori; at the close of which they simultaneously shouted "Kia Ora," and cheered us both. At the close of the meeting books, Testaments, and Temperance tracts were distributed. About 2000 in all have been distributed, and one wild young Maori girl was converted by reading the New Testament. She said, when speaking to me about it, "Before I read my Testament the Maori boys say to me, 'Come and dance' (the Maori dance not good). But now I say 'No.' I like best to please God, and every day three times I read my Testament and have Church," by which she meant prayers. I regret my inability to attend this Convention, as there are many interesting incidents I could have told you. I sent a balance-sheet of money received and expended, and the report from Lyttelton, which should be read. I am waiting in this Waikato district—where I could have a large and interested gathering of Maoris, but I am now short of funds for books and more pledge cards. I am keeping the few I have for Tokanui, where I have promised to go, and am now waiting to be driven there by my son. I am hoping to persuade the Maoris to get up a Temperance Club, where they can stay when in Wellington. Letters have been received from Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Agnes Slack, the hon. sec. of the World's W.C.T.U., saying that a notice of our W.C.T.U. work among Maoris has been sent all over the world, and a notice published in the *Union Signal*, Chicago, November 14, 1895, so that the work is becoming well known.

Mrs Brittan, who is one of my committee, and who now lives at Tauranga, has decided to become a member of the N.Z. W.C.T.U., and to start a branch Union at Tauranga. I sent a large package of Maori pledge cards and tracts to her, and I believe she has obtained about twenty signatures, which should be added to the number mentioned in my report. Mrs Brittan is the daughter of Mr Grace, one of the early missionaries to the Maoris, and Mrs Brittan is deeply interested in the Maoris, and is willing, if I have to go to England, to take my place as superintendent.

Reports of Local Unions.

(Abridged from those presented to the Convention.)

AUCKLAND.

The past year has been quiet and uneventful. The membership roll shows 66 ordinary and four honorary members. The Union has been favoured with visits from Mrs Courtenay Smith, President of the Sydney W.C.T.U.; Mr T. E. Taylor, of Christchurch, who gave us a stirring account of the Temperance work in that city; and Mrs Ardell, Australian Superintendent of Legislation. Besides addressing the Union, Mrs Ardell gave a most thrilling public address on the Rescue work carried on in Sydney. She also took an active part in forming a Rescue Society in Auckland. Ways and means are now being discussed for establishing a home for the fallen and other social purity work. Under the guidance of our President, measures are being taken for dealing with the C. D. Acts. The circular from Mrs Kirkland, N. Z. Evangelistic Superintendent, was received and adopted, and copies sent to 46 ministers of

this city, many of whom preached sermons on the subject. Literature, consisting of leaflets and pamphlets bearing on Social Purity, Communion Wine, and other subjects, have been circulated. "THE WHITE RIBBON" has been appreciated and we cannot but rejoice that we have now a paper of our own, and trust that it will prosper.

NAPIER.

We have 40 ordinary members and 8 honorary members on our roll. To increase the number of the latter we have reduced the fee from 5s to 2s 6d. We have held 26 ordinary and one special meeting during the year. The latter took the form of a social to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Union in Napier. The Dean of Waiapu presided, and our own President gave a resumé of the work accomplished since the inauguration of the Union in this town. We have obtained a number of subscribers to the WHITE RIBBON, and the Union subscribes regularly to the *Union Signal*, *Woman's Signal*, *Prohibitionist*, and the *Medical Pioneer*. The latter is sent to the local doctors in town. At Mrs Kirkland's suggestion we asked all ministers in the district to preach temperance sermons at stated times, and a number acceded to our request. The Superintendent of Mission work forwarded a quantity of clothing to the Zenana Mission. A petition from the Union to the Anglican Synod, asking that unfermented wine be used for Communion purposes, was presented by Canon Webb, and favourably received. It was also decided to send a petition against the C. D. Acts to the Medical Congress. The Napier School Committee were communicated with on the subject of Temperance reading books. N.Z. Alliance leaflets have been distributed in railway trains and steamships.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

On the occasion of the visit of Mr Thos. E. Taylor of Christchurch, a women's meeting was held, and it was then decided to organize a branch of the W.C.T.U.; officers were elected and 17 members enrolled, which number has since increased to 50, with 8 honorary members. The Home Meetings department under Mrs Douglas has been very successful. Meetings have been held in different parts of the town, and have blessed and helped many. Literature.—This department is doing good work, over 1000 leaflets and pamphlets are distributed every month in the town, and the superintendent receives cheerful help from many members in this work. Visiting Absent Members.—Good service is done in this department, many members unable to attend meetings are kept in touch with the Union. Electoral Roll department.—Mrs Isaacs and a Committee of five members have added many names to the Roll. Mrs Collis has done good service as Organizing Secretary in the country districts, establishing branches and Somerset Unions. Her offices as Secretary and Treasurer, have been taken by Miss M. R. Abier and Mrs Runciman respectively. We have had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Kirk, and at the time of writing Mrs Schnackenberg is with us, and we have been greatly helped by these visits.

MARTON.

This Union has a membership of 29 ordinary and six honorary members. Seven meetings have been held during the year. The meetings from various causes have not been well attended, but many of the members who have been unable to attend regularly are still interested in the work of the Union. We continue to distribute the *Prohibitionist* and other temperance literature.

FEILDING.

No formal report is to hand from Feilding, and from a letter received from Mrs A. J. Thompson we gather that, owing to the removal of officers and other causes, the local

Union has almost ceased to exist. The members have, however, still retained their love for Temperance Work, for they have a capital Band of Hope, and distribute a hundred copies of the *Prohibitionist* regularly. While Convention was in Session a telegram was received from Miss Powell, saying that the Feilding branch had been revived.

LEVIN.

During the earlier part of the year our members worked very hard in endeavouring to prevent a second hotel being established in this district. In concert with other Temperance workers, Licensing and other meetings were attended, and several petitions prepared, the last of these being signed by 75 per cent. of the settlers. Despite our efforts, and in defiance of the wish of the great majority of the people, four Committees-men granted the removal of a license to Levin, close to the State farm. We have now two hotels, both of which are very harmful. In our great fight we had hearty help from other places. We have pleasure in acknowledging the assistance given by Miss Kirk and Mr A. W. Atkinson, of Wellington, Messrs Grant and Stubbs, from Palmerston North, and the Messrs L. M. and F. W. Isitt and Mr Crabbe. These friends, by their public addresses and personal influence, caused a large growth of temperance sentiment. We sent delegates to the Conventions held at Palmerston North and Wellington, and also to the reception given to Mrs Sheppard on her return to New Zealand.

HAWERA.

This branch was organised on January 13, 1896, by Mrs Collis, of New Plymouth, a few days after a visit and address from Miss Kirk. The number of members on our roll is thirteen, and several others have been elected, but have not yet signed the constitution. The departments arranged for are Literature, visiting absent Members, Home Meetings, and Legislation.

STRATFORD.

This branch was organised on January 29, 1896. The number of members on the roll is twenty-four. Superintendents have been appointed for Literature, Franchise, Influencing the Press, and visiting absent Members.

WELLINGTON.

The work of the Union has gone on steadily during the year. The Annual Convention of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. took place here during the year, the reception meeting being held on March 18, at 3 p.m. The Union provided breakfast for the meeting of the N.Z. Alliance, and also assisted in the arrangements for the farewell meeting to the Rev L. M. Isitt. The department of Relief work under Mrs Corlett has done good work. Homes have been visited, clothing supplied, maternity bags lent, and sewing classes for little girls have been held during the winter. Hospital work has been superintended by Miss Wilkinson, visits being paid to the Hospital and the Home for the aged and needy. The Committee greatly regrets that the Chinese work so ably conducted by Miss L. M. Kirk had to be given up to avoid clashing with the work of the Chinese Missionary, who is supported by the C. E. Union. We have signified our intention to resume the work if the C.E.U. abandons it. Miss Ball has been appointed to superintend the supply of reports to, and the obtaining of subscribers for, the WHITE RIBBON. Literature is regularly distributed at the railways. The Union sent a circular to the Medical Congress and the local medical men re the C.D. Acts, and also took action on Mrs Kirkland's letter re temperance sermons. Our Union appointed three delegates to attend a conference of workers called by the leaders of the Forward Movement to consider the unemployed difficulty. A report was sent to the Minis-

ter of Labour, and a Standing Committee formed to watch events. We also joined in preparing a petition to the Governor for the removal of those members of the Licensing Committee who granted the removal of the license from Lambton Quay to Newton. Our membership roll contains the names of 55 ordinary and 8 honorary members.

BLENHEIM.

There has been no increase in the number of members. Early in the year the Union purchased a piano, on which £20 has been paid. This sum was raised by donations, collections, entertainments, &c. The Union acknowledges its indebtedness to Mr T. L. Buick, M.H.R., and the ladies and gentlemen who assisted him for three lectures on "National Song," which realised £28 13s 6d. During the greater part of the year, Saturday Evening Socials were held at the rooms. The attendance was good, and the appreciation hearty. A public meeting was called by the Union to discuss the New Licensing Bill. As an outcome, a large debating society was formed, and vigorously worked, resulting in a contribution of £4 13s 9d to our funds. Drawing-room meetings have been held by Mesdames Noseworthy, Litchfield, and Rose. A successful Temperance Picnic was held on March 10, in grounds lent by John Holmes, Esq., followed by a social in the rooms in the evening. Joint proceeds £8 2s 9d. There has been no distribution of literature during the year, but some has now been procured, and will be distributed. The Union acknowledges its indebtedness to Mrs Penny for her economical and successful management of the Reading and Dining-rooms. These are now under the management of Mrs Wheeler, who is devoted to the cause.

HOKITIKA.

The members on the roll number 20. Ten business meetings have been held, at which Temperance literature has been read,

Evangelistic—Cottage meetings have been held weekly throughout the year, save in the month of December, with encouraging results.

Missionary Work—A monthly missionary prayer meeting has been held, at which gleanings from the Mission field have been read, and contributions for the China Inland Mission received.

Juvenile Work—During the winter a sewing class for girls under 15 was held, and was attended by 16 girls. Some of the articles made are to be presented to the Old Men's Home, and the proceeds of the sale of the remainder will be devoted to the same charitable object.

Work Amongst the Maoris—The Pah at Arahura has been visited, hymns sung, Scriptures read, prayer offered, and Maori tracts distributed.

Unfermented Wine—Leaflets have been sent to ministers and office-bearers of the various congregations.

Literature—The *Woman's Signal* is taken by the Union, and individual members subscribe to the WHITE RIBBON and *Prohibitionist*.

Flower Mission—Bouquets, with texts attached, have been sent to the patients at the Hospital.

BRUNNERTON.

The membership is nine, being diminished by death and removals. Eight meetings have been held. Ministers have been written to re Temperance sermons, and have complied with our request. Signatures have been obtained for the Moral Reform Union Manifestoes. A committee has done good work among the sick and needy, giving practical assistance where necessary. We have discussed several subjects, "Alcohol as a Medicine" proving specially interesting and helpful.

GREYMOUTH.

The Union has a membership of twenty-eight. Every Sunday morning each vessel in port receives a parcel of Gospel and Temperance literature. In this way over 200 vessels have been visited, and many of the sailors come to church at our invitation. On May 2, we entertained the crew of the Rangitiki, and on Dec. 20 the crew of the Ganymede. The room was decorated, a bright programme gone through, and supper provided. We joined with the Good Templars in opposing a license to an hotel. In Rescue Work we have reason to believe that we have done good in two cases. Hospital visitation is continued every fortnight by two of our members. Gospel and Temperance leaflets have been distributed every Sunday in the back streets. About 100 signatures were obtained to the Moral Reform petition.

CHRISTCHURCH.

We have 61 members on the roll. Social Purity—Active work has been continued in this department. The attention of the Inspector of Police was called to the fact that the law affecting disorderly houses was disregarded. With the hope of arousing parents to a sense of their responsibility, a series of Mothers' Meetings was arranged in different parts of the city and suburbs. In conjunction with the Canterbury Women's Institute we forwarded a petition to Parliament dealing with the Repeal of the C.D. Acts, the Age of Consent, the Divorce Laws, and other matters. The Legislative Council having thrown out the Bill for Repeal of the C.D. Acts, a public indignation meeting was held to protest against such iniquitous action. Our local medical men were supplied with the pamphlets issued by the Wellington Union. Rescue Work—Several young girls have been helped and looked after. Clothing and lodgings have been provided. Relief Work—Assistance in cash and in other ways has been given. Temperance—Petitions have been sent to the Annual Assemblies, Synods, etc., of the various Churches. Arrangements have been made for visiting certain districts for pledge-giving. In view of the election, some hundreds of names have been placed on the rolls. The kindly visit of Miss Kirk was greatly appreciated. Miss Kirk addressed a public meeting, a crowded drawing-room meeting, and addressed meetings at Ashburton, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Timaru, and Lyttelton. Franchise—A large drawing-room meeting was held in the Art Gallery in September, to commemorate the enfranchisement of woman. Afternoon tea was provided, and the room was tastefully furnished. Addresses were given by Mesdames Munnings, Venables, and Newton, the Rev Munro and F. W. Isitt and T. E. Taylor. Sewing class for young Girls—This class is being successfully continued. Coffee Rooms—These rooms meet with public approval, and the balance-sheet is satisfactory. Temperance Booth—The Booth at the A. and P. Society's Show is as successful as ever. Literature—The Union subscribes to the *Union Signal*, *Woman's Signal*, and *Medical Pioneer*, and pays for the page in the *Prohibitionist*. Leaflets have been distributed at Mothers' Meetings, and in other ways. A consignment of "White Ribbon Hymns" has been received. Prison Gate Missions—Mrs Venables has continued the Women's portion of this mission. She reports several discouraging cases, and advocates longer periods of detention for habitual criminals.

KAIAPOI.

We report 46 members, being an increase of six. Bible meetings have been held on alternate Wednesdays, and have been useful in deepening our spiritual life. Sewing meetings were held, which resulted in a sale of work netting a sum sufficient to clear off the debt on our piano. Miss Kirk paid us a pleasant visit in August and gave us an interesting and practical address. Two of

our members distribute Temperance leaflets, and leave them in the waiting-room at the Railway station. In preparation for the election we are now distributing the Alliance leaflets. We keep a lot of clothing for relief work. The Refreshment Rooms, with the aid of concerts, lectures, etc., have just paid their way, and we have arranged with the Sons of Temperance, who now own the building, to continue them.

LYTTELTON.

Our Union has 20 members. The first Tuesday of each month is devoted to Temperance work, and the remaining Tuesdays are in the charge of the Evangelistic Superintendent. Visits have been received from Mrs Munnings in connection with Social Purity, and from Miss Kirk. In connection with the visit of the latter most interesting afternoon and evening meetings were held. Thirty-three pledges (mostly Maori) have been obtained. Literature—Two pounds' worth of leaflets have been distributed in the town and at the Seamen's Rest. Leaflets in Maori have also been distributed to Natives. The Irish Text-books have been circulated. We acted on Mrs Kirkland's letter, and three of our ministers preached Temperance sermons. Seamen's Rest—Four of our members form a visiting committee. A piano has been bought and partly paid for. A pleasant hour is spent by some of our members in singing hymns to the seamen at the Rest after the evening service.

RANGIORA.

Our Union is still doing quiet work, and we have added eight new members. Several special meetings have been held. At one we had a most interesting address from Miss Kirk, who also addressed a large public meeting in the evening. At another, we had a most interesting address from Mrs Munnings on the necessity of mothers not only living pure lives themselves, but training their boys and girls to do likewise. As the outcome of that meeting we have established a Mother's meeting, and hope to do good work.

ASHBURTON.

We held 16 meetings—three were public ones. We have 12 members. Tracts have been distributed at the Railway Station, and Temperance sermons were preached by the various ministers. Besides the annual sermon, the Presbyterian minister gives a Temperance address to the young monthly. During the winter Saturday evening open-air meetings were held, at which pledges were signed and signatures obtained for the Moral Reform League, London. Our number of workers are so few that we cannot undertake much work, but will try, though discouraged, to keep the Union together for at least a little longer.

TIMARU.

We have forty-eight members on the roll. Ten ordinary meetings, several special ones, and a monthly prayer meeting during the winter months, have been held. One public meeting was addressed by Miss Kirk. Lectures and addresses were given at three others by the Revs F. W. Isitt, Gillies, W. Scorgie, and Mr Theo. Wake. One drawing-room meeting has been held, and we had a social and coffee supper for seamen. Our long-talked-of Sailors' Rooms are now an accomplished fact. The rooms are central and very convenient, and are useful for our own meetings, and for meetings of the League. The Dorcas work has been helpful and successful, and has been a spiritual as well as a temporal blessing to mother who seldom attend church. Literature—We have printed and distributed some thousands of leaflets. Unfermented wine and Temperance sermons have been attended to as requested. During the year we have striven to make

our monthly meetings more attractive, and after the business is disposed of an essay by one of the members or an interesting article is read. We find these of great advantage to members who do not take an active interest in the business part.

DUNEDIN.

The membership has increased during the year. Bible readings have been held in different houses with great success. Children's Work—The Superintendent has addressed several meetings, and has also provided speakers for a number of Bands of Hope and Christian Endeavour Societies. Leavitt House—A Christian band of workers are continuing their good work at Leavitt House. Unfermented Wine—The Superintendent reports many enquiries for pure grape juice for Communion purposes. Many representatives of different churches have written to say that they are using the unfermented wine. Dunedin Sailor's Rest—The Rest is open daily (except Sunday) from early morn till late at night. Every vessel is boarded and every sailor welcomed. Probably tens of thousands visit our Rest during the year. Writing material is provided free. We have the local daily and Home illustrated papers and magazines and books. We freely distribute thousands of Gospel books and tracts, also Bibles and Testaments in various languages, during the year. Help is afforded as far as we are able to destitute seamen. During the year we have had our Friday and Sunday Gospel meetings, and frequently social gatherings. It is no uncommon thing to see Britons, Americans, Indians, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Germans, French, Italians, Russians, and men of other nations joining together in a hymn or listening to the Gospel of God's grace—not unfrequently from the lips of one of their own number. We (workers at the Rest) write to our sailor friends, and receive during the year scores of letters from them from different parts of the world. We have given what time we could to the weary sick and dying during the year. Grateful thanks are expressed to a large number of kind friends who assisted in many ways and with many gifts.

PORT CHALMERS.

The work done by this Union has been of the usual kind, cottage meetings and women's tea meetings being the most prominent feature. Twelve business meetings and ten cottage meetings in different parts of the port have been held. A tea-meeting for women was held in June, which was addressed by Mesdames Don and Kirkland; and one in September, at which addresses were given by Mrs Kirkland and Miss Sears. Literature leaflets and copies of the *Prohibitionist* have been distributed during the year. A resolution for the suppression of immorality was forwarded to the Premier. A request to Ministers to preach Temperance sermons was complied with. A meeting of women in the Sailors' Rest was addressed by Miss Reynolds in the interests of the Y. W. C. A., and several present signified their willingness to join the Dunedin branch.

MOSGIEL.

The work of the year has consisted mainly of Temperance work and relief of the poor. A Mothers' meeting has been held every Saturday evening throughout the year. The Band of Hope in connection with the Union is very flourishing, and affords good scope for our energies.

WEST TAIERI.

West Taieri presents no startling record for the year, but a healthy interest is maintained in the Temperance movement. Our membership is twenty-four. A Mothers' Prayer Meeting is held in connection with our meeting.

Resolutions have been passed re the C. D. Acts and Reformatories. Literature on the C. D. Acts has been distributed. Cottage meetings have been held, and the Sailors' Rest has been assisted by gifts of various kinds.

INVERCARGILL.

This Union reports a membership of 71. A long paragraph of the report dwells on the importance of supporting the WHITE RIBBON, as being the official organ of the W.C.T.U., as affording a medium for the discussion of subjects bearing on the social, political, moral, and religious questions of the day, and as being essentially a Woman's paper, that will deal with the many phases of the "Woman Question" in its legal and social aspect. It considers that the paper will not only help to bind the various branches of the W.C.T.U. together, but remind the White Ribbon woman that she belongs to a world-wide organisation of 800,000 women. Association in Aid of Friendless Girls—This Association has been of great assistance to several dangerously placed girls. A comfortable home, with active supervision, is provided for friendless young women until suitable situations can be found for them. Miss Reynolds, the Secretary of the World's Y.W.C.A., gave an interesting and instructive address in the Don street Church, and also to a Drawing-room meeting. Unfermented Wine—Much activity has been shown in this department, and a petition was presented to the minister and session of First Church on the subject.

BALANCE-SHEET

OF

THE WORLD'S

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION,

March, 1895-96.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| 1895—To Balance in hand March, 1895 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 10 | 1½ |
| CAPITATION FEE:— | | | | | | |
| West Taieri | ... | 0 | 1 | 9 | | |
| Port Chalmers | ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | |
| Blenheim | ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Brunnerton | ... | 0 | 1 | 2 | | |
| Christchurch | ... | 0 | 4 | 8 | | |
| " | ... | 0 | 0 | 5 | | |
| Dunedin | ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | |
| Timaru | ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Mosgiel | ... | 0 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Kaipoi | ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Lyttelton | ... | 0 | 1 | 8 | | |
| Ashburton | ... | 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| | | | | 1 | 12 | 11 |
| Wellington, 5s 6d; Hokitika, 1s 9d; Rangiora, 4s 6d | | | | 0 | 11 | 9 |
| | | | | £3 | 14 | 9½ |
| Too late for insertion:— | | | | | | |
| New Plymouth | ... | 0 | 3 | 5 | | |
| Napier | ... | 0 | 3 | 4 | | |
| | | | | 0 | 6 | 9 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------|----|----|
| 1895—Cash remitted to World's Treasurer ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Exchange and stamps ... | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| To balance in hand ... | 1 | 13 | 1½ |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £3 | 14 | 9½ |

Examined and found correct,

A. KIRKLAND.

M. H. KIRKLAND,

Treasurer N.Z. W.C.T.U.

March 4, 1896.

BALANCE-SHEET

OF THE

NEW ZEALAND

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION,

1895-96.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| To balance from last year ... | | | | 15 | 14 | 11 |
| CAPITATION FEES:— | | | | | | |
| Timaru ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Blenheim ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| West Taieri ... | 0 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Christchurch ... | 1 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Brunnerton ... | 0 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Dunedin ... | 0 | 17 | 0 | | | |
| Auckland ... | 1 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Mosgiel ... | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Kaipoi ... | 1 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Lyttelton ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Ashburton ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Wellington ... | 1 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Hokitika ... | 0 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| Invercargill ... | 1 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| Marton ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Oamaru ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Rangiora ... | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Levin ... | 0 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Port Chalmers ... | 0 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 12 | 15 | 6 |

REPORTS—

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| Napier ... | 0 | 5 | 9 | | | |
| Lyttelton ... | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Feilding ... | 0 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| Hokitika ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Invercargill ... | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Brunnerton ... | 0 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Dunedin ... | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Kaipoi ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| West Taieri ... | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Mosgiel ... | 0 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | 2 | 7 | 3 |

REFUNDS OF POSTAGE—

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|----|---|---|----|---|
| Juvenile, 10s; Hygiene, 5s 6d ... | 0 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| Mrs Gilkison ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Dalrymple ... | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 13 | 0 |

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|---------------------------|--|--|--|-----|----|---|
| Sydenham Defence Fund ... | | | | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | £38 | 12 | 8 |

Too late for insertion—

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|---|--|--|--|
| Napier ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| New Plymouth ... | 1 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| | £2 | 4 | 0 | | | |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|----|---|----|----|
| Minute Book ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Kirk ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Sydenham Defence Fund ... | 6 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Printing Convention Minutes ... | 3 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| WHITE RIBBON ... | 3 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Stationery ... | 0 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Pledge Cards ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| POSTAGES— | | | | | | |
| Purity ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Juvenile ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Legislative & Parliamentary ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Press ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Scientific Temperance Institution ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Literature ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Recording Secretary ... | 1 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Postage and Exchange ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | |

Balance in hand ...

24 5 6
14 7 2

£38 12 8

Audited and found correct.

J. KIRKLAND.

M. KIRKLAND,

Treasurer.

March 31, 1896.

ANNUAL BALANCE-SHEET OF
W.C.T.U. WORK AMONG THE MAORIS.

Receipts.—Donations: Mrs Lingard (annual), 5s; Mrs Brandon, 10s; Mrs H. D. Bell, £1; Mrs Habey, £1; Mr A. Turnbull, 10s; Capt. Rose, 10s; Mrs Soulbey Etopi, 2s; Mr C. Black, 2s 6d; the Government grant, £5 5s; Mr Aitken, 10s; Mrs Brittain, £1; Mrs Hunter Brown, 4s; Mrs D. Anderson 5s; Mr Kircaldie, 10s; Mr Lindsay, 2s 6d; Mr Thomas Waters, £1; Macewan and Churchill, 3s 6d; Mr Morrison, 3s; Miss Jackson, 10s; Mrs Levin, 2s 6d; Mrs Grady, 2s 6d; balance from last year's funds, £5 7s; total, £19 4s 6d.

Expenditure.—Printing Report, £2 5s; Railway expenses to Petone, 2s; printing tracts (omitted in last year's account) 12s 6d; illuminated texts, 3s; three dresses for Maori girls to attend school, 9s; tea meeting for Maoris at Manukau, £1 17s; three Bibles in Maori, £1 7s 6d; postage, 2s 6d; Petone meeting railway expenses, 3s 6d; one Maori Bible, 10s 6d; postage, 1s; six Maori Testaments, 15s; three Prayer-books and six Hymn books, 10s 6d; three story-books and texts, 9s; badges for the Maoris (receipt for same in the hands of Messrs Morrison and Atkinson), £5; seven dresses for Maori girls, 14s 9d; Maori Testaments, Prayer, and Hymn books, £2 12s; tea and sugar (tea meeting at Manakau), 3s 3d; three silver medals at 4s 6d, 13s 6d; two do. with gold, 13s; total, £19 4s 6d.

I certify this to be a true and correct statement of accounts,

March 28, 1896.

JOHN E. PETERSON.

ABRIDGED BALANCE-SHEETS

OF

Local Unions.

AUCKLAND.—The Balance-sheet of the Auckland Union shows:—Receipts:—Cash balance, 1894, £9 4s 3d; Members' Fees, £6 10s; Honorary Members, £1; other items, £2 7s 8d. Expenditure:—Capitation, £1 8s 6d; W.W.C.T.U. Fee, 5s; Travelling Expenses, £3 1s; Rent, £2 2s 6d; other items, £3 5s 8d; Cash balance, £16 9s 10d.

NAPIER.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £1 6s 8d; Members' Fees, £5 10s 2d; Social, 8s; Refund Gates Fund, £1 3s.

Expenditure:—Travelling Expenses, £1 15s; Capitation, 19s; W.W.C.T.U. Fee, 3s 2d; Reports, 5s 4d; Subscription to newspapers, 14s 7d; other items, £1 3s 6d; cash balance, £3 7s 3d

WELLINGTON.—Receipts:—Cash balance, 5s 7d; Members' Fees, £7 7s 6d; Honorary Members, £2; Special Donations, £1 7s 6d; Part proceeds Alliance Breakfast, £3 7s; Collection Public Meeting, £2 12s. Expenditure:—Balance of debt on Show Account, £11 17s; Expenses of Breakfast, £1 17s 9d; Advertising, £1 13s 6d; other items, 17s 2d; Cash balance, 14s 2d.

MARTON.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £5 4s 7d; members' fees, £1 7s 6d; other items, 9d. Expenditure:—Prohibitionist, £5 10s; Advocate, 18s; other items, 3s 6d; cash in hand, 1s 4d.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Receipts:—Members' fees, £4 17s 6d; honorary members, £2 0s 6d. Expenditure:—Subscription to WHITE RIBBON and *Union Signal* 14s 11d; printing and stationery, £1 3s 1d; other items, £1 7s 5d; cash in hand, £3 12s 7d.

BLenheim.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £1 7s 6d; subscriptions, £21 15s 9d; collections, £37 15s 4d; sale of refreshments, £187 14s 0d; donations and collections, piano fund, £20; discounts, 18s 4d. Expenditure:—Magazines and advertising, £8 9s 9d; furniture, £6 11s; rates, gas, insurance, £36 10s; property account, general expenses, £19 10s 6d; wages, £41 18s; supplies, £115 16s 7d; piano, £20; other items, £16 5s; cash in hand, £5 0s 1d.

HOKITIKA.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £5 16s 10½d; members' fees, £2 5s; honorary members, 7s 6d; work sold, £1 0s 6d; other items, 11s 6d. Expenditure:—Rent and gas, £2 6s 3d; donation to Maori work, £1; capitation, 12s 9d; advertising and stationery, £1 2s 4½d; materials, £2 4s 1d; other items, 4s 8d; cash in hand, £2 11s 3d.

GREYMOUTH.—Receipts:—Cash balance, 11s 7d; members' fees, £3 2s; donations, 8s. Expenditure:—Capitation, 6s 6d; W.W.C.T.U. fee, 1s 1d; sailors' social, 18s 6d; lawyer's fee, 10s; rubber stamp, 7s 6d; stationery and literature, 17s; other items, 2s 6d; cash in hand, 18s 6d.

BRUNNERTON.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £1 6s 10d; members' fees, £2. Expenditure:—16s 7d; cash in hand, £2 10s 3d.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Receipts:—Cash balances, £93 3s 5d; members' fees, £6 1s 11d; sale of *Prohibitionist*, £8 5s 6d; donations and collections, £5 3s 9d; cash taken at Show, £181 15s 11d; donations and collections for Show, £16 14s 5d. Expenditure:—Grants to Departments, £29 18s 3d; page in *Prohibitionist*, £49 2s; expenses of Miss L. M. Kirk's visit to Canterbury, £15 15s; franchise "at home," £44s 2d; donations, £8; capitation, £1 10s 6d; W.W.C.T.U., 5s 1d; printing, stationery, etc., £7 9s 10d; other items, £2 14s; expenses of Show, £115 14s 6d; cash in bank, £76 10s 9d.

COFFEE ROOMS (Christchurch).—Receipts:—Cash balance, £49 19s 10d; receipts, £651 16s 10d. Expenditure:—Rent, £95 10s; wages, £70; provisions, etc., £419 17s 11d; repairs and sundries, £48 5s 8d; cash in Bank, £68 13s 1d.

LYTTELTON.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £2 1s 3d; members' fees, £2 10s; collection (Miss Kirk's meeting), £2; donations, £1 9s 6d. Expenditure:—Capitation, 10s; W.W.C.T.U. fee, 1s 8d; rent of hall, £1 5s; Reports, 6s; donation to piano fund, 15s; stationery and advertising, 19s; other items, £1 14s 6d; cash in hand, £2 18s 7d.

ASHBURTON.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £6 2s 9½d; collection and subscriptions, £3 9s 3d. Expenditure:—Sundries, £2 7s 10d; cash in hand, £7 4s 2½d.

RANGIORA.—Receipts:—Cash balance, 5s 11d; members' fees, £1 10s; balance from Miss Kirk's meeting, 12s 4½d. Expenditure:—Capitation, 7s 6d; "WHITE RIBBON," 2s 6d; sundries, 8s; cash in hand, £1 10s 3½d.

KAIAPOI.—Receipts:—Cash balance, 19s 3d; members' fees, £5 15s; honorary members, £2; donations, etc., 11s 9d. Expenditure:—Capitation, £1 3s; license for Coffee Rooms, 10s; rates and insurance, £3 11s 9d; relief, 9s; "Alliance" leaflets, etc., 3s 4d; stationery and advertising, £1 7s; cash in hand, £2 1s 11d.

TIMARU.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £3 16s 11d.; members' fees, £4 18s. 9d.; donations, 12s 6d; proceeds of public meetings, £14 19s 4d; Dorcas Society, 16s 11d; sale of WHITE RIBBON, £1 5s; sale reports, 1s. Expenditure:—Capitation, £1 1s; rent of halls, etc., £12 8s 6d; donation to Rev. F. W. Isitt for temperance work, Christchurch, £3; WHITE RIBBON, £1 5s; advertising, etc., £3 9s 9d; Rev. Scorgie, expenses and leaflets, £1 10s; other items, £1 13s; cash in hand, £2 3s 2d.

SAILORS' REST (Timaru).—Receipts:—Cash in bank, £20. Expenditure:—Furniture, £3 19s 3d; wages, £1 5s; nine week's rent, £2 5s; cash in hand, £12 10s 9d.

DUNEDIN.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £26 13s 10d; members' fees, £6 5s; rent from Leavitt House, £36; on account of furniture, £1; proceeds tea meeting, £1 3s 3d; sale of work, £5. Expenditure:—Capitation and World's fee, £3 5s; Clutha Litigation Fund, £2 2s 6d; expenses tea meeting, £1 10s 8d; rates and insurance, £4 14s 6d; Harbour Board rent, £28 5s 6d; advertising, £1 10s; other items, £3 6s 5d; cash in hand, £27 13s.

SAILORS' REST (Dunedin).—Receipts:—Cash balance, £46 9s 6d; subscriptions and donations, £44 4s 2d. Expenditure:—Salary, £40 16s; fuel and light, £12 5s 3d; repairs and insurance, £5 7s 9d; tracts and books, £2 19s; donation Miss Ferguson, £2; other items, £2 8s 3d; cash in hand, £24 17s 5d.

PORT CHALMERS.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £1 18s 3d; members' fees, £3 1s 0d; donations, £1. Expenditure:—Capitation, 12s 6d; W.W.C.T.U. fees, 2s 6d; reports, 2s; travelling expenses, 17s 7d; women's tea, £1; literature, stationery, etc., £1 17s 8½d; *Union Signal*, 9s; cash-in-hand, £1 14s 1½d.

MOSGIEL.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £2; members' fees, £1 15s; poor box, £1 1s 9d; Band of Hope, £5 5s. Expenditure:—Capitation, 7s 6d; W.W.C.T.U. fees, 1s 3d; relief, £1 1s 9d; reports, 1s 3d; sundries, 8s 6d; cash in hand, £8 1s 6d.

WEST TAIERI.—Receipts:—Cash balance 12s 7½d; members' fees, £1 17s 6d; donations, 3s 6d; goods sold, 5s; proceeds of soiree, £6 3s 6d. Expenditure:—Travelling expenses, £1 5s; capitation fees, 12s 3d; expenses of soiree, £4 10s 6d; reports, 1s; *Prohibitionist*, 9s; donation Sailors' Rest, 7s 6d; other items, 3s 4d; cash-in-hand, £1 13s 6½d.

INVERCARGILL.—Receipts:—Cash balance, £4 13s 10½d; members' fees, £4 13s 1d; sale of goods, 11s 6d; returned by delegate, 10s; collection Miss Reynolds's meeting, £1 1s 9d; Y.W.C.T.U., £4 5s; other items, 5s 1d. Expenditure:—Literature, 19s 10d; printing and advertising, £1 1s 6d; delegates' expenses, £3 5s; donations, 15s, donations to Friendless Girls' Committee, £1; travelling expenses, £1 1s 10d; postage, stationery, etc., 5s 4d; on account Miss Reynolds's visit, £2 0s 8d; affiliation fee Prohibition League, 5s; reports, 7s 6d.

N. Z. Officers and Superintendents of Departments.

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Maori Work—Mrs Hewett, Weineiro, N. aruawahia,
Waikato.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs Schnackenberg.

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Rescue Work—Mrs Jones, P. M. Parsonage, Forth-street,
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Names and Addresses of Local Officers.

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Treasurer, Mrs Gibson, Cuba-street.

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President—

Secretary—

Treasurer—

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President—Miss Dalrymple.

Secretary—Mrs Sedcole.

Treasurer—Mrs R. Prouse.

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President—Mrs J. P. Leithbridge, Philholm.

Secretary—Mrs C. Parkinson, Marton.

Treasurer—Mrs Mossman, Marton.

BLLENHEIM.

President—Mrs Litchfield.

Secretary—Mrs Rose, Keyworth.

Treasurer—Mrs Douglas.

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President—Miss Douglas, the Manse.

Secretary—Miss Jack, Besley-street.

Treasurer—Miss Batten, Brittan-street.

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President—Mrs Gaskin, Cobden.

Secretary—Mrs Miller, Tainui-street.

Treasurer—Mrs Hansen.

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President—Mrs Smith.

Secretary—Mrs Scott, Dobson.

Treasurer—Miss Evans, Taylorville.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

President—Mrs Drew.

Secretary—Miss Ahier.

Treasurer—Mrs Collis.

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Secretary—Mrs John Mackay.

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Secretary—Mrs Janet Bringans, Forth-street.

Treasurer—Mrs C. Murdoch, Factory-road.

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