

hospital is visited and flowers and literature supplied; and the clergyman of the Anglican Church has been memorialised *re* use of unfermented wine.

TIMARU.—The chief work of this branch is in connection with the Sailors' Rest. The rest is under splendid management, and 1341 sailors have visited it during the year. Miss Hughes' visit was a stimulus to our work. A protest was made *re* Licensing Bill, and one drawing room meeting held, at which Mrs Webb's paper on Purity was read.

DUNEDIN.

Mr McKenzie, who has charge of the Sailors' Rest during Mr Falconer's absence, reports that the work is going on steadily. As far as possible, every ship in Port is visited, and the seamen cordially invited to the Rest, and when leaving, parcels of literature are placed on board. The meetings are very encouraging both as regards attendance and interest manifested.

A series of resolutions bearing upon the Premier's Child Life Preservation Bill, were passed.

At the Congress of Nations entertainment, given by Miss Hughes, a resolution was passed protesting against the setting aside of the vote of the people in Newtown and Bruce.

We have Miss Moody Bell with us as Secretary of the local Y.W.C.A. Miss Bell has given two "Talks to the Girls," and at the latter one the Y.W.C.A. Hall was packed.

NASEBY reports considerable interest in the work and an increase of membership.

PORT CHALMERS considers that in a No-License town it is difficult to keep up the enthusiasm but looks forward to more active work.

BALCLUTHA, having only just started, has not accomplished much but hopes to do good work.

SOUTH DUNEDIN branch was organised in April 1904 by Miss Hughes, and is, of course, still in its infancy, but a vigorous infancy, promising well for the future. House to house visitation is the special work taken up, and it is hoped by this means to reach the women and so gain many votes for the forthcoming election. Help is also given in connection with the work at the Sailors' Rest.

INVERCARGILL.

During the year we lost four and gained twelve new members.

A mothers' prayer meeting has been sustained on the third Tuesday of every month during the past year.

A band of singers visits the Hospital once a fortnight, and through the kindness of the Battalion Band in rendering concerts, we have been enabled to purchase an organ for their use.

The work in and around here has been greatly stimulated by the visit of Misses Powell and Hughes. Branches were organised by Miss Powell at Otautau and Gore, and the whole work reorganised at Waianiwa. We hope to be able to state in our next report that we have carried No-License. We were only ten votes short at last election, and we mean to work as hard as ever.

The "Victoria Home," for fallen and friendless girls, is worked under the auspices of our Union, but by a committee appointed by an annual meeting of subscribers. The income during the year was £196 1s 7d, and the expenditure £22 7s 2d less.

BLUFF reports holding meetings regularly during the year. On Regatta Day they conducted a luncheon booth close to the wharf, from which they obtained towards their ground fund, £17 17s 9d. Towards the Newtown and Bruce appeal case they gave £2 10s. 117 attend their monthly Band of Hope.

TAPANUI.—The membership is small. They report having a Band of Hope and a class for Bible study, in connection with the Union.

GORE.—This branch was organised by Miss Powell in May, 1904, and reports progress in the work. The twenty members are all ardent, earnest workers. Several have interested themselves in the Band of Hope. Others waited upon the minister of one of the churches, and secured the substitution of unfermented wine for fermented at Communion. Temperance literature is circulated. The addresses and papers of the President are much appreciated.

OTAUTAU.—The Union was organised by Miss Powell in April, 1904. Good work has been done among the young people by means of the Band of Hope. In this work the members have had the help of several gentlemen in giving addresses. The *New Chivalry* and other literature is circulated.

WAIANIWA.—We have only held four or five meetings since being re-organised by Miss Powell in April, 1904, as our President has been unable to attend through illness, and the only work undertaken has been the distribution of literature.

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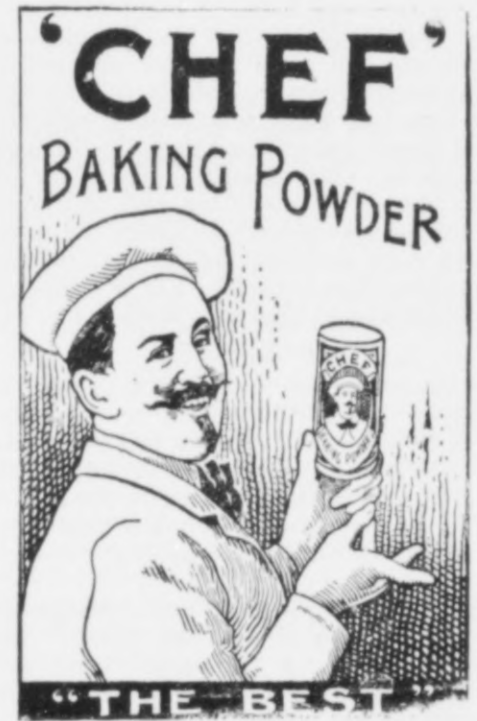
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