

EVANGELISTIC.

(Mrs Upton.)

Hamilton reports six evangelistic meetings, which have proved a great blessing to all who attended. Two united prayer meetings have been held, at which all in the room engaged in prayer.

Auckland.—Members of the Union lent great assistance in the Chapman-Alexander Mission. The half-hour devotional service is still maintained. Pastor Bissett addressed a large meeting on the "Pocket Testament League." Many joined the League.

Wanganui.—The half-hour devotional service has been better attended this year. Gospel addresses have been given by the New Zealand Superintendent of Evangelistic Work at several Bands of Hope in the town and suburbs. The band of workers have still been faithful to their duty by visiting the Hospital and imparting cheer to the patients from time to time.

New Plymouth has no Superintendent for this department, but there is a growing conviction in some of the members that if war against the evils that exist is to be successful, they need not only to work more, but pray more. Resolved to have special prayer half an hour before business meeting, to pray for victory at the next election.

Ngaere.—This Union has still a Sunday School. Five of the Bible Class girls have lately given their hearts to Jesus, also one of the young men, and there is a decided spirit of interest and enquiry among the young people. Visits have been paid to those who have been sick or in trouble of any kind.

Wellington South.—The Victoria Hospital has been visited, and the consumptives' shelter also. Evangelistic literature has been distributed. The patients have been read and prayed with. The aged and blind have also been visited, and passages of Scripture read to them.

Christchurch.—The local Superintendent opens each meeting with devotional exercises. The Bible reading and short addresses are much enjoyed, and prove instructive and interesting to the members. An address was given from the 3rd chapter of Isaiah on modesty and chastity in dress, pointing out the evil of extremes of the present day, and

suggested that a society be formed for reform in women's dress.

Napier holds a monthly evangelistic meeting, and endeavours to reach those people who do not attend church or prayer meetings.

South Dunedin.—Prayer meetings have been held in members' houses in different localities. The Old Men's and Women's Institute have been visited regularly each month, and suitable literature distributed. Several evangelistic addresses have been given by members in different parts of the district.

Invercargill.—Temperance pleasant Sunday afternoon meetings have been held each month at Amethyst Hall. Mrs Lee-Cowie, the local Superintendent, conducted services and meetings in town and country on evangelistic lines. Sister Moody Bell has also conducted services and meetings, and a large amount of evangelistic literature has been distributed.

Warkworth, Hawera, Timaru, Lyttelton, Norsewood, Wellington Central, Hastings, and Nightcaps have all written to say that they have not been able to do much in this department, but hope to do more in the future.

Several letters have been received asking for information re this department, which have been replied to, and we hope that next year there will be more reports.

We have heard that many receive great blessings at the special devotional services, and believe that God will lead them forward into greater work and service for Him.

PURITY AND MORAL EDUCATION.

(Dr. E. Dunn.)

I regret very much that I cannot be present at Convention this year. In writing my report on the work done in the Purity and Moral Education Branch of our Union, I find that the prominent note in all the reports sent to me is an awakened interest, a realisation that this is a branch of education which cannot be ignored without danger to all.

A number of women refuse to accept the time-worn axiom that their safety from the fear of sexual assault is owing to the fact that there are prostitutes in their midst, ready to meet what has been considered for

ages a necessary demand; they attribute their safety to quite another cause.

If all women would definitely study the subject as it applies to themselves and their children, and teach their children the truths they have grasped, we should not have so many unenlightened young men and maidens ready to please themselves, heedless of the consequences to others. The sale of literature has been greater this year, owing to the splendid work done by Miss Powell. Cash received by sale of books, £17 3s 3d; cash in hand to meet book order sent out this month, £6 4s 1d.

Wellington Central reports that good work has been done in lending books to members and non-members, and leaflets and a number of "American Motherhoods" and "Purity Advocates" were distributed amongst the young girls when the opportunity occurred. It was a matter of regret to them that no lectures upon this subject could be arranged; three distinct efforts had been made, but without success.

Palmerston N. reports that Dr. Dunn visited them once and delivered two lectures, one to married women, and the other to young girls. Both were much appreciated. Numbers appeared to wake up to the fact that there are many privileges peculiar to womanhood, and although these privileges are invariably linked to responsibilities, the right acceptance and appreciation of both can only bring blessings upon themselves and those who depend upon them for knowledge and understanding. They have been very keen in circulating literature, because they feel the great need there is for persistent teaching on this subject. Lady Stout's call for signatures to the resolutions for better laws for women and girls was enthusiastically responded to.

Nelson reports that the Superintendent leaving soon after her appointment, and no one being found to take her place, not much work has been done; but they have been able to establish an agency for the sale of literature, and the "American Motherhood" magazine has been circulated amongst the members.

Invercargill reports that a large number of "Purity Advocate" subscribers have been secured; "American Motherhood" magazine copies circulated; that Sister Moody Bell has