

Scientific Temperance.

Since presenting my report at last Convention several efforts have been made to get Scientific Temperance instruction made compulsory in our State schools, but so far no progress can be reported. Resolutions have been passed at different religious and temperance gatherings; also deputations have waited on the Minister.

During the sitting of Convention last year in Wellington a large deputation of delegates waited on the Minister of Education, who promised to make the recommendation to teachers *re* the effects of alcohol on the morals and health of the community more mandatory and a report issued by the British Education Department has been sent to the teachers. The Minister has promised that articles suitable for the "School Journal" might be forwarded to him and should be inserted in the Journal. I have sent several, one of which appeared, and there have appeared 3 or 4 other articles well to the point.

I have written to all the Inspectors, asking them to encourage the teachers to study the subject, inclosing leaflets. I have also send leaflets to about 150 teachers.

Palmerston reports that they tried to get two ladies on the School Committee, but failed.

They sent a resolution to the newly-elected Committee, who forwarded it to the Wanganui Board, who issued a Report, giving the lines on which the teachers should work.

Auckland reports: A resolution, asking for temperance instruction passed at a Public Meeting and forwarded to the Minister; also a deputation waited on the Board.

Christchurch reports: A deputation waited on the North Canterbury Board, urging the use of temperance wall sheets in the school rooms.

Ashburton is raising funds to get wall sheets placed in the District Schools.

New Plymouth reports that a deputation waited on the Taranaki Board, asking the Board to do all it could to encourage the teachers to teach in the schools the harmful effect of alcohol; further, a member of the Union trained the Band of Hope children to give two lessons on the effects of alcohol at an open meeting of the Band of Hope.

J. E. MAUNDER,
Superintendent.

Literature.

The work of the literature department has been carried on steadily all through the year, although comparatively few unions have forwarded a report.

Ashburton has supplied members of the Union with literature to be circulated. Parcels of papers and periodicals have been contributed. These are sorted out and sent, with suitable leaflets, to isolated parts of the electorate, to the "Old Mens' Home," and through the post.

Appreciation and thanks have been received from many of the recipients of these parcels. Literature has been left at homes by members visiting, also in the railway station, and a copy of the "White Ribbon" placed in the Reading Room at the Library.

Auckland has supplied the organiser with "Safe Remedies, etc.," and other literature for distribution when visiting the homes, the railway station has been supplied. Copies of the "White Ribbon" are placed in the Library, Y.W.C.A., and Ley's Institute each month.

Christchurch. — Twenty-four copies of the "White Ribbon" paper have been distributed monthly, as well as copies of the "Vanguard," "Union Signal," and "British White Ribbon."

Gisborne has had a small committee at work in town and in the country distributing literature. Parcels have been posted into the country, and circulated in town. Also magazines, etc., have been supplied to men at the railway camp.

Lyttelton has supplied Gospel and Temperance tracts to seamen on leaving port. Also on Sunday evenings in the Sailor's Rest. Vessels are supplied with reading matter. The Maoris at Rapaki have been supplied with literature. The "Union Signal" is circulated.

New Plymouth distributed about 600 leaflets, including "Safe Remedies in Illness," children's leaflets, Maori leaflets, and other matters on Purity, Narcotics, and other subjects. Twenty-four copies of "On the Line" are given to railway men monthly. The Union possesses a copy of Horsley and Sturge's books and recommends it for use at Home Meetings, etc.

Palmerston North has kept a box at the railway station supplied with No-Licence and other literature, such as Social Reform, Smoking, Opium Trade, and the Drink Traffic. Also evangelistic leaflets have been distributed in Hospital visitation during the year.

Wanganui has supplied the railway boxes at Wanganui and Aramoho. The Superintendent of this work, after being laid aside for some time, has been "called Home," so that a fuller report is not available.

During the year a circular letter has been sent to every Union in the Dominion, and literature forwarded to the following places:—Napier, Hawera, Onehunga, Wanganui, Wellington, Kaukapakapa, Nelson, Kaiapoi, New Plymouth, Winchmore, Ashburton, Ngaere, Trentham, Wellington, Greymouth, Feilding, Waihi, Blenheim, Auckland, Reefton, Timaru, Christchurch, Alicetown, Palmerston North, Petone, Devonport, Otatau, Island Bay, Foxton, South Dunedin, Ponsonby, Roslyn, Hamilton, Ngarua-wahia, Waimate, Gisborne, Tauranga, Hastings, Whangarei, Naseby, Dunedin, Frankton Junction, Levin, Otahuhu, Lower Hutt, Kerikeriroa, Riverton. And so from north to south of the Dominion, wherever the W.C.T.U. is working the precious seeds of Truth, Purity, and Temperance are being scattered, and surely we have a right to expect an abundant harvest, if we only persevere and be not weary in well-doing.

Much regret has been felt during the year on account of the delay caused by the slowness and uncertainty of the American mails, and apologies are offered to those who have been inconvenienced by being kept waiting for supplies.

Our warm thanks are due to the courteous manager of the "White Ribbon" for giving our "List" a place in our valuable little journal.

In regard to finance the report shows less cash in hand than usual, but we have the value in the *stock* instead of in cash. I have mentioned before, a few of our Unions forget to send along the money for goods supplied, and a few "bad debts" are *felt* when there is little or no "profit" to make up for them. When outstanding accounts are collected the funds should be sufficient for working expenses, but I have been unable to obtain it in time for this report on account of ill-health.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts for the year	12 11 3
In hand last year	2 9 7
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Total expenditure	17 4 5
Deficit	1 3 7
Stock in hand value about	9 0 0

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Anti-Gambling.

There has been very few reports sent in of work done in this department. During the year I wrote more than sixty letters, to which I have received fifteen replies.

ASHBURTON—

A series of monthly addresses were given to the school children on the evils of gambling, drinking, and smoking.

WANGANUI—

Distributed literature, and had a paper on "Gambling" read and discussed at the Bible Class, in which much interest was shewn.

NAPIER—

At a Drawing-room Meeting a reverend gentleman gave an address on "The Evils of Gambling."

Replies were also received from Timaru, North-east Valley, Kaikohe, Palmerston N., Waitara, Auckland, Nelson, Greymouth, and South Dunedin. All hope to report an increase of work done another year.

WAIPIKURAU—

Give addresses to the Band of Hope children.

NEW PLYMOUTH—

Distributes literature.

CHRISTCHURCH—

A protest was made by the Union against the holding of an art union in connection with a temperance bazaar promoted in the city, and it was decided that, under the circumstances, the members of this Union could not contribute to the same.

AUCKLAND—

Sent a protest to Parliament against the totalisator and the bookmakers.

The *Anti-Gambling* deputation received a favourable reply from Sir Joseph on several points. He admitted that the number of racing days are too great and that the licensing of bookmakers had had unexpectedly bad results. While on the subject of races I believe we were always given to understand that the idea of horse-racing was to improve the breed of horses, yet many of the promoters of racing attend the race meetings in motor cars. The