

present Government have limited the area of land that can be held by any individual, and are trying to stop gambling in land, by making it compulsory for tenants to reside on the land for a certain time before being allowed to sell; and yet this same Government enrich themselves by levying a tax of 1½ per cent. on all money passed through the totalisator. I am constantly being asked to give suggestions and advice as to the working of this department, so am forwarding a list of questions, some of which every Union will be able to reply to:—

1. Have you a Superintendent?
2. Have you a report of work done during the year?
3. What has been the nature of the work done?
4. Has an account been kept of crimes due to gambling?
5. How many accidents and deaths due to horse-racing?
6. What literature has been distributed?
7. How many leaflets and pamphlets distributed?
8. Have you read and cut out Press accounts of special gambling cases?
9. Have you a copy of the country's laws against gambling?
10. Are any newspapers regularly supplied with items against gambling?
11. Has your Union worked to put down raffling, coupons, prize competitions, children playing games of chance, card playing (amongst women especially), betting, the totalisator, sweeps, etc.?
12. What have the Churches and individuals done by addresses, sermons, and lectures against betting shops, pony racing?

S. ANNIE JEMISON,  
N.Z. Superintendent.

**Work Among Young People.**

I have much pleasure in submitting my report for the past year. There is cause for great thankfulness and encouragement in this department of work, for during the year nine Unions have started Cradle Roll work, an increase of four upon the previous year, making in all twenty-two towns where Rolls are established, and the number of young children very large whose parents are pledged to give them temperance instruction.

PONSONBY (Auckland) reports 40 on the Roll, with several more to be added shortly. Over 30 visits have been paid, and literature distributed and social gatherings arranged for.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL has formed a Roll within the last three months and has already 21 names. Visits are paid in time of sickness, or when help is needed. The mothers are much interested in the Cradle Roll, some having realised their own need of a change of heart before they can train their little ones in the path of purity.

NEW PLYMOUTH reports a steadily increasing Roll, having 91 names already down. Mothers' meetings are to be arranged alternately with Home meetings.

NGARUAWAHIA is prepared to start work, having sent for the necessary cards, leaflets, &c.

NGAERE began Cradle Roll work at the end of October, and has already 30 names on the list. A tea is to be given in the Ngaere Gardens to the mothers and children, when short addresses suitable to the occasion will be delivered.

PALMERSTON NORTH Union has chosen a Superintendent for the Cradle Roll. We shall hope to hear of good work being done in due time.

NELSON reports an increase of 15 names for the year, so the Roll stands at 71 names. A number of visits were paid during the year.

BLENHEIM Superintendent states that 43 names are upon the Roll. Stress of other work has prevented the increase that is possible, but better work is hoped for next year. The triplets continue to thrive. Death has removed the names of two others from the Roll.

UPPER HUTT has just begun work, and has 8 names upon the Roll.

RIVERTON is keeping steadily on, with little fresh to report.

TIMARU has 30 names on the Roll.

MASTERTON has only just begun work for the children, so has little to report.

WHANGAREI is also a new Union to take up the Cradle Roll.

ONEHUNGA reports 40 on the Roll. Meetings are being held monthly for mothers and children.

TAURANGA is just starting a Roll.

WINCHMORE also is starting with 5 names and expecting more later on.

SOUTH DUNEDIN reports an increase of names, and good meetings with mothers and children, which are being held quarterly.

DUNEDIN, TARIKI, WAIMATE, NAPIER, and HASTINGS reports have not reached me in time to be included, but doubtless all are doing good work for the young.

NEWTOWN Girls' Association has been steadily going on in spite of the many changes in the helpers. The Junior Class, which started last February, has a membership of 36 girls. The Senior Class started in April was the outcome of a social given to girls of the Match Factory, Laundries, the Biscuit and Box Factories. Purity literature was distributed at the socials and appreciated. Twenty-two girls meet under the management of Mrs. Boxall and her helpers. Forty-two garments were made during seven months, which is considered most satisfactory. "The most encouraging aspect of the work," says the Secretary, "is the marked improvement in the girls in every way, showing that the room is truly being made use of, to the Glory of our Master." The room is lent on Monday evenings to the Sunshine Guild, which has a membership of between 20 and 30 girls, who work to prepare Xmas gifts for the sick and poor. The Guild pays 1/- per month for the use of gas. During the year Mesdames Cole and McAlister and Miss Mason have visited the girls and talked with them, sowing the good seeds of the Kingdom. On June 30, nine girls attended the Rev. Cole's mission, and went into the enquirers' room, expressing a desire to follow the Lord Jesus.

CHRISTCHURCH.—At an "At Home" held in the Union's rooms on June 1st, a "Y" Union

was formed with an initial membership of about 25, which has since increased to 35. The work of the Union is divided into five sections, namely, Sewing, Reading, Entertainment, Educational, Visiting, and Flower Mission. Meetings are held fortnightly. A good deal of sewing has been done at the meetings, one maternity bag, consisting of 34 garments, having already been completed, and others are to be prepared, whilst a number of garments have also been made for children at the hospital. Papers have been read on "Physical Culture," "The Life of Frances Willard," and "The Work of the W.C.T.U." It is hoped that later on a Domestic section may be added to the work, and endeavours will also be made to interest newspaper boys and factory girls in the cause of temperance. Altogether the "Y" Union promises to prove an energetic and useful auxiliary to our work.

BLENHEIM "Y" branch has neglected to send in a report.

OCEAN BEACH (Bluff) reports eight Band of Hope meetings with a membership of 125. A Sale of Work was held in December, the proceeds of which go towards a Building Fund for carrying on work among young people. The total amount raised was £65; when £100 is raised the building will be started.

Thanks.—We feel deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father, Who has called forth all these workers and granted so much success to their labours on behalf of the young growing up all around us. To His Name be all the praise.

**Balance Sheet for year ending Feb. 1910**

Dr		£	s	d
To Printing cards	..	3	14	0
Badges and literature	..	1	0	0
Printing leaflets	..	0	7	6
Stationery	..	0	4	6
Postage	..	0	7	9
		£5	13	9
Balance in hand	..	4	5	8
		£9	19	5
Cr		£	s	d
By Balance from 1909	..	3	1	4
Department grant	..	0	7	6
Sale of cards and literature	..	6	10	7
		£9	19	5

Yours in His Service,

JESSIE SPENCE,  
N.Z. Superintendent.

**Hygiene.**

The report for the year with regard to this department is very short.

Ashburton and Christchurch are the only Unions that I am aware of having done anything.

The Ashburton Union has been continuing to keep an oversight of the Ladies' Waiting Room at the Railway Station, which is in a much better state of cleanliness than formerly.

In Christchurch we have not been able to have more than one general meeting on Hygiene, when one of the nurses of the Papanui Sanatorium gave a very able address on Health.

We have, however, been able to get friends to say a few words at the two Cradle Roll meetings, where leaflets, bearing on the well-being of both mother and child were distributed.

J. M. LOVELL-SMITH,  
N.Z. Superintendent.