

Officers elected:—President, Mrs Bycroft; Vice-President, Mrs Morris; Secretary, Mrs W. Paterson; Treasurer, Mrs J. Williams.

### HAMILTON.

December 19, a special meeting was held in Wesley Classroom, and took the form of a special thanksgiving service for the partial Prohibition victory. Mrs Wrigley on behalf of the members took the opportunity of presenting a very chaste silver cake basket and a couple of silver serviette rings to Mrs Aul. President, and a handsome silver-mounted salad bowl, spoon, and fork and two silver serviette rings to the Secretary, Mrs Jones, as a token of appreciation of their Union work. Both ladies were completely taken by surprise, and feelingly thanked the members for their valuable gifts and kind appreciation.

### MORRINSVILLE.

December 14, annual meeting held in the Methodist Church Vestry. The rules were read and the roll called. The President thanked those members who helped so willingly on election day. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Brown; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Scott, Lindsay, Richmond; Secretary, Mrs Turnbull; Treasurer, Mrs Smith; WHITE RIBBON Superintendent, Mrs Lindsay. The Secretary's report was read, also the Treasurer's, which showed a good balance in hand. A paper written by Mrs Wrigley, Hamilton, on "Women's Enfranchisement," was read and much appreciated by the hearers. It was agreed to read the same paper at next meeting, when it was hoped more would be present.

### RAETIHI.

November 27th, in the Salvation Army Hall presided over by the Vice-President, Miss Gibson. Mrs Fletcher read a very interesting paper on "Anniversary Anecdotes." The meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

The Band of Hope is doing splendid work, all the meetings being well attended.

December 19, annual meeting, the President occupying the chair. Two new members were received. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Gibbs; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Underwood and Fletcher; Treasurer, Miss Ashwell; Secretary, Mrs Stanley. The Treasurer read the yearly report, which was very satisfactory. A donation was voted to the Band of Hope. Mrs Underwood read a paper entitled "How Children are made Drunkards."

At the close of the meeting a farewell tea was given by the President, Mrs Gibbs, on behalf of the Vice-President, Miss Gibson, and Secretary, C. Trenwith, leaving the district.

### NORMANBY.

November 15, third meeting of this newly-formed branch was held in the Club rooms, the President, Mrs A. Thompson, presiding. It was encouraging to see a good attendance of women. Decided at the previous meeting to take up Women's Crusade work.

December 20, the last meeting of the year, and the Branch being only just in its infancy, it was unanimously agreed that the present officers be re-elected. Decided to ask Mrs Patterson, of the Manaia Branch, to give us an address at our next meeting. Many of the members remained to make preparations for a banquet to be tendered by the local No License League to Mr Halliwell, President of the Hawera No License League.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

December 21, annual meeting, Mrs Boxall, President, in the chair. Reports were read of the different branches of work. The Crusade work has been very heartily taken up and it is hoped that something will be done in the future on the same lines. Several members from the Hutt and Petone were present. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Boxall, Constable Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. L. Wright, Ostler, and Ministers' wives; Secretary, Mrs Neal, "Clinton House," Bay Street, Petone; Treasurer, Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street; WHITE RIBBON Superintendent and Press Reporter, Mrs J. Webb, 37, Hall Street. Two new members were initiated. The result of our year's work has not perhaps been what it ought, but we have fought for "God and Humanity" with all our might during the recent No License campaign.

### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

December 15, annual meeting in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Mrs Atkinson presided. Reports were read from the Superintendents, which showed that considerable interest is being taken in the various departments. During the year 20 new Unions have been formed. Officers elected and Delegates appointed to attend the Convention, which is to be held in Dunedin early in March. The following resolutions were passed:—"That this meeting, while regretting that the smaller issue of No License has been overshadowed by the larger issue of Dominion Prohibition, rejoices greatly at the magnificent majority of votes polled at the recent election." "That this meeting begs the Convention to consider the advisability of influencing Parliament to remove the vote of Local Option from general election day to the day of Licensing Committee elections."

### WELLINGTON "Y's."

December 19, an elocutionary medal contest was held in the Y.W.C.A. rooms, Dr Whyte presided. Six young ladies entered for the competition, which was judged by Mrs Sutcliffe. At the close of the evening Mrs A. R. Atkinson presented the silver medal to the winner, Miss Foster. An excellent musical programme was provided.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

December 13, annual meeting. It was decided to send 24 comfort bags as Christmas gifts for the sailors to the Lyttelton Branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The annual report—with its auxiliaries, Lyttelton, Ashburton, and Winchmore—was read and adopted. Officers elected:—President, Mrs H. Cole; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs W. H. Day; Recording Secretary, Mrs T. G. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs W. H. Seed. Three new members were received. The following resolution was passed:—"This Union desires to express its deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the great advance of Temperance sentiment throughout the Dominion as evidenced by the splendid vote recorded for National Prohibition at the recent poll. The Union emphatically protests against the unjust handicap which prevents the will of the people, with a majority of over 60,000, being given effect to, and pledges itself to work strenuously for the repeal of such a gross injustice."

### NEW BRIGHTON.

December 12, annual meeting held in Methodist Church. Officers elected:—Pre-

sident, Mrs A. U. McKinney; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bellamy, Cooper, and Clark; Secretary, Miss R. O. Goodwin; Treasurer, Miss I. Wyatt. Superintendents—Evangelistic, Mrs Spratt; Parliamentary, Mrs Clark; WHITE RIBBON, Miss Glanville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hanham. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Bellamy, the Secretary, and Treasurer.

### SHEFFIELD.

A very successful meeting was held at "Pynegrove," the residence of Mrs J. Gillanders, Lower Waddington, Mrs Neutze presiding. Mesdames McMillan and McIlwraith gave addresses, and several new members were enrolled.

A second drawing-room meeting was held at "Thornside," the residence of Mrs Sime, Kimberley. Miss Roberts, of Christchurch, gave a very interesting address. Six new members were enrolled.

### RANGIORA.

December 8, annual meeting. While not able to rejoice in having carried No License in our electorate, we were thankful to see the large majority that had been polled for National Prohibition. The Refreshment Committee reported a good day on election day, when over £14 was cleared; £10 was voted to the Prohibition League, making a total of £15 from the funds of the W.C.T.U. The ready response for money and provisions from the townspeople was very cheering to the Temperance workers. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Metherell; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Darling, Cresswell, Miller, and Robinson; Secretary, Miss Newton; Treasurer, Mrs Hadecke.

### NAPIER.

December 14. Annual meeting held in the new Willard Institute. Mrs Oldham presided. Reports were read by Miss Hunter, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs Theakstone, Treasurer. A great deal of work has been done through the year in connection with the Maoris and the refreshment booths at the A. and P. Shows. The L.T.L. and Cradle Roll departments, Literature and White Ribbon are taken up, and will be more efficiently worked in the more convenient premises. Mesdames Freeman and Gibson were appointed delegates to the Dominion Convention. Mesdames Theakstone and Findlay were appointed collectors to help the treasurer to get in the absent members' subscriptions.

Officers elected, President, Mrs Oldham; Recording Secretary, Mrs Clatworthy; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hunter; Treasurer, Mrs Dearlove.

### TUAKAU.

November 27th. Annual Meeting. The reports showed excellent work had been done by the Union during the twelve months. Open air meetings had been addressed by the Rev. E. P. Blamires. Visits had been paid to Mercer in a motor launch to give them help in the work there. Officers were elected, Mrs Northmore appointed as Corresponding Secretary in the place of Mrs Scanlan who is leaving the district on a holiday.

Mrs Katharine Lent Stevenson, World's W.C.T.U. Missionary, was one of the Delegates to the Great Ecumenical Methodist Conference recently held in Toronto.