

NELSON.

May 7th, Miss Atkinson presided. Some particulars of the recent Convention were given by Mrs. Watson. M. S. Israel reported the satisfactory progress of the "Y" Branch, which now numbers 40 members, and the formation of a Band of Hope was considered. Arrangements were made for a Social and small Sale of Work, to be held during the month.

NAPIER.

June 5th, in Willard Institute, Mrs. Blamires presided. We regret the loss of a useful member in Mrs. Laurie, who has removed to Dunedin. It was decided to send her a letter thanking her for past services, and commending her to co-workers in the southern city.

For the benefit of members living at Napier South, it was arranged that for the present alternate meetings be held at Wesley Hall. It was thought desirable thus to help members at that end of the town to arouse more interest and secure more members. The services of Dr. Elizabeth Dunn were accepted in connection with Social Purity work, and a meeting arranged for Sunday afternoon.

We regret the absence of our President through illness.

June 9th, in Willard Institute, Dr. Elizabeth Dunn, of Wanganui, gave an address in connection with the Social Purity department. The chair was taken by Mrs. H. L. Blamires, Vice-President. Dr. Dunn spoke from the words, "Ye are the temple of the living God," and her address was listened to most attentively throughout.

INTERESTING LETTER

FROM

Miss Anna Gordon, Sec. W.W.C.T.U.

The following interesting letter has been received from Miss Anna Gordon, secretary of the World's W.C.T.U. :-

Rest Cottage, Evanston, Illinois.

My Dear Comrade,—

Thinking of the work and workers of the World's W.C.T.U., as a New Year approaches, I send you my loving wishes for the best year of your life in 1912—a year crowded with happiness and good cheer, and with success in the work which commands our highest and holiest endeavour.

The vast fields of our World's W.C.T.U. are white unto the harvest. Gains are apparent in many directions. Urgent calls are coming to us from many countries for needed help. The generous gift of our honoured President, the Countess of Carlisle, has made it possible for us to assist many of these countries with translation of litera-

ture and organising work. Again we thank the Countess of Carlisle for this liberal aid at the time of our Glasgow Convention.

Miss Agnes E. Slack has recently been in Sweden, and has other invitations for work on the Continent. Mrs. Sanderson, our Treasurer is justly proud that her home province of Quebec exceeds all others, and also our States, in the number of life members in the World's W.C.T.U.

Our World's White Ribbon missionaries are doing magnificent work. Mrs. J. K. Barney is at home in Rhode Island; Miss Johannsdottir is in Norway; Mrs. Harrison Lee Cowie is hard at work in New Zealand. Mrs. Cowie and Miss Anderson Hughes have been greatly aiding the New Zealand campaign for National Prohibition, and we do not yet know the outcome of that tremendous struggle. Miss Lochhead, in India, is beloved and successful; Miss Elma G. Gowen, after a needed furlough, is hoping soon to return to South America.

Miss Flora E. Strout, who returned to the United States a year ago from Japan, has had an extremely successful year in her home country, speaking in many States on behalf of the World's W.C.T.U. In all cases she has given our White Ribbon workers and many others a greatly enlarged vision of the World's W.C.T.U., and as a result of her meetings has substantially aided the treasury of the World's W.C.T.U.

Miss Ruth Frances Davis attended the Anti-Alcohol Conference at The Hague, and will visit Korea as she returns to Japan. Miss Davis has been doing admirable work during the past year, with constantly increasing success, especially along educational lines.

Our Branch Secretaries and Superintendents of Departments are doing their best in their varied lines of endeavour. We are sorry to lose from the associate work in the Purity Department Mrs. Rose Woodallen Chapman, who has resigned from this position. Mrs. A. R. Atkinson, of New Zealand, has also resigned from the Superintendency of the Christian Citizenship Department, and this we much regret.

The turbulent conditions in China give us great anxiety for our friends in that Empire, and we trust that a change for the better will soon be reported. Our President, Mrs.

Goodrich, is on furlough in this country, and we hope to see her before her return to China.

Mrs. Ella Hoover Thacher, of New Jersey, our World's Superintendent of the Department of Work among Soldiers and Sailors, has just started on a tour round the world. While taking this trip independently, Mrs. Thacher will carry with her our cordial introduction to White Ribbon comrades everywhere, and we trust many of our workers may have the inspiration of a visit from Mrs. Thacher, and that she may receive the joy of a personal meeting with many of you—whose names are beloved by us all.

You will be glad to know that Burma is to have the desire of its heart fulfilled, as Miss Flora E. Strout will go at once to that courageous W.C.T.U. of Burma, where a world's worker is sorely needed, and where we have so many friends of our cause, only they are too busy to give the needed time to organising the W.C.T.U.

We welcome most heartily the new national organisation in South Africa with a full corps of officers. Mrs. Mackenzie, former President of Cape Colony, is the National President. All hail to the W.C.T.U. of South Africa!

The year's work in the United States as reviewed at our recent annual Convention in the city of Milwaukee showed a gain in membership in a majority of the States. The Convention was large and enthusiastic, and many tributes of gratitude were showered upon our National President, Mrs. Stevens, who is richly deserving of them all. During the Convention one evening programme was given to the World's W.C.T.U., and proved most interesting. Mrs. Davis, mother of Miss Ruth, in Japan, reported their meeting during the Conference at The Hague, and Miss Ruth's unflagging ambition to help the Japan W.C.T.U. raise the needed money for National Headquarters. The State of Illinois is considering a plan to raise a substantial amount toward the Headquarters as a memorial to Miss Mary Allen West, of this State, who did some heroic work in Japan and passed away in the Sunrise Kingdom. It is certainly a good policy to thoroughly establish our work in a country like Japan, where we have already invested much which must be upheld and strengthened. The Japanese women have at their