

Treas., Mrs Robinson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Smales; Band of Hope Supt., Mrs Duckworth; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding and Major. Secretary gave interesting report of year's work. Afternoon tea.

NAME NOT GIVEN.

Eight meetings have been held, with an average small attendance; they have been enjoyable. The first work undertaken and accomplished has been the founding of a local branch of Plunket Nurses' Society in our township. It has an Executive of its own, but four out of its eight members are W.C.T.U. workers, and its President and Secretary are Vice-President and Secretary of the W.C.T.U. The Society is very popular, and the nurse has quite a lot to do on her weekly visit. Our Cradle Roll Supt. has had a lot of illness, but we have 32 members on the roll, and hope for better results next year. We offered prizes to the four upper standards in our local school for essays on "Effects of Alcohol." Eight prizes were given, and eight promised for next year.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 12. Mrs Taylor presided over a good attendance. The annual report was read by the Secretary. It showed a year of steady work. The number of members on the roll is 193, the rate of increase being reduced owing to the formation of five suburban Unions. The work of the year comprised prizes offered to school children for essays on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Human Mind and Body," literature sent to back-blocks every month, effort to promote the principle of peace and arbitration, work among the young people, visits and annual tea to inmates of Jubilee Home. Good Citizenship and the several notable days were observed, and the Union held stalls at several street corners, and collected £92 on Poppy Day for the Soldiers' Unemployment Fund. Two new members were received. Decided to go into recess until the last Wednesday in January, 1924, when the annual meeting will be held.

ONEHUNGA.

Dec. 13. A very successful Cradle Roll picnic was held in Jellicoe Park. A large attendance of little ones and their mothers. Cradle Roll Supt. reported 104 now on the roll. There were races and prizes for the children; a gift of a pretty handkerchief to each child, and swinging balls for the babies. The eldest boy and girl on the roll each received a good book. Children not at the picnic to have their gift sent to them by the Superintendent. Members of the Union provided the refreshments, and, with the visitors, helped in the games, watched over the slides and swings, so helping to make it a happy time for all. The mothers were especially welcomed. Mrs Neal (Dominion C.R. Supt.) and Mrs Lee-Cowie (District Supt.) gave short talks.

WARKWORTH.

Dec. 6. The annual meeting. The attendance was fair. After the ordinary business was finished, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs Curran; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thornley and Phillips; Treas., Mrs McKinney; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Supt L.T.L., Miss McGregor.

OTAUTAU.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Past office-bearers were re-elected. Mrs Brown (President) encouraged members to continue in the good work, and wished all the season's greetings. Band of Hope (45 members) had a very successful session, and the wind-up concert was a great success. Our Union had a visit from Mrs Paisley, Invercargill, and from Mrs Walker, the latter taking away with her parcels for the Jumble Stall of the Y branch of South Invercargill.

NAPIER.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. President in chair. Small attendance. Election of officers left over until the New Year. Members to work up good representative meeting for February, to discuss ways and means to dispose of Willard Hall and obtain a more central and suitable building for W.C.T.U. requirements. Mrs Hull appointed delegate to Convention. Regret at losing Mrs Hay from our Branch: transfer given to Cambridge Branch. Afternoon tea provided by members.

OAMARU.

Dec. 10. Annual social. Solos were rendered by the Misses K. Allen, Common, Marshall, and Mrs Steenson, and met with hearty applause. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke; Sec., Mrs C. Blair; Treas., Miss R. Day; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Steenson and Hutchison, Misses Wilson and Stephenson, M. Milligan; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Smyth; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Corlett; Organists, Mrs Stenhouse and Miss Ironside; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott. The reports of the different departments were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance. The "White Ribbon" circulation had been maintained, and purity works had been efficiently done. The Press Reporter's work was much appreciated. Vote of thanks to the Press for their kindness and courtesy. Vote of thanks to Mr Clarke, Auditor. Secretary's report read and adopted. Refreshments served.

WAIMATE.

Dec. The inspiration of numbers was very evident at our annual meeting, when there was an unusually large and representative gathering of women. The Secretary's report showed marked progress, and the work was being carried on with enthusiasm. The Treasurer reported a good credit balance. The Canterbury Convention had been held in Waimate in September, with most inspiring effect on the work of the

Union. Mrs Kippenberger was unanimously re-elected President, Mrs Hurst Rec. Sec., Mrs Harold Hayman Cor. Sec., and Mrs Roy Treas. Mrs Hitchcups, who had been acting-Secretary for a year, and Treasurer for 13 years, declined nomination. Decided to place on record appreciation of her very efficient services. It was decided to form a Cradle Roll. Mrs Hurst reported that the Rest Room had been established. Reference was made to the great spiritual uplift resulting from the Healing Mission. The Temperance Doxology brought to its close a meeting that, both in point of numbers and enthusiasm, augurs well for the work of the Union during the year.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Attendance fair. Mrs Pasley (President) in the chair. Annual report read and adopted. Final arrangements made for the tea and rest tents on Show days. Donated £1 to be spent on fruit for patients in hospital. £1 10s passed for Temperance essay prizes. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs McGregor; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pasley, Smart, Fairbairn, Garret, Aiken; Cor. Sec., Mrs Crozier; Rec. Sec., Mrs Parkin; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Pasley; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Wilson; Notable Days Supt., Mrs Garret; Purity Supt., Mrs Graham; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs Pasley; Press Reporter, Mrs Piper.

TINWALD.

Dec. 12. Annual meeting, combined with Cradle Roll social. Mrs R. J. Liddell presided. Excellent attendance. Report showed good progress, increased membership, sound financial position, growing interest. After two years' splendid service, our President (Mrs Liddell) was compelled to decline nomination, owing to leaving the district. Mrs Lill appointed President. Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. Thompson, Jennings, Stevenson; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Miss Turner; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gill; "White Ribbon," Mrs Smith. Six prizes donated by Union to Tinwald school children for Temperance essay, presented by President at "break-up" of school. Thus opportunity given to advocate our principles. Mothers and children entertained at afternoon tea. Items by Misses E. Liddell, Petrie, and Staff-Captain Carrol.

KAIAPOI.

Dec. 12. Annual meeting. Mrs Merrin presided over a good attendance. Mrs Barnard read a paper on "Woman's Work and Influence." The following officers were elected for 1924:—Pres., Mrs S. Jackson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Merrin, Scott, and Barnard; "White Ribbon" Agents, Mesdames Stanton and Keitley; Pianist, Mrs Chapman. Mrs Merrin, our retiring President, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her work during the year. One new member was initiated.