

meeting to a close. Our next meeting, February 5th.

MOSGIEL.

Nov. 25th. Annual meeting. Very favourably reports were read by the Treasurer and Secretary. We took up a new branch of the work this year, 1924, viz.: "The Cradle Roll" and our Superintendent, Miss McLeod, sent forward a most encouraging report: she has 106 children on the roll at the close of the year. We are deeply indebted to her for her untiring labours. Election of Officers resulted in the President, Mrs Bedford; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prentice and Logan; Secretary, Miss M. H. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs A. Lenuox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Morton.

OPAWA—WOOLSTON BRANCH.

Feb. 3rd. Mrs A. D. Jenkins presided; 11 members present. Mrs W. J. Williams gave a most stirring address and enthused all present; "Strengthen your Union" was her slogan. An attractive syllabus has been distributed to members, and we hope that better attendance will result. A splendid slogan; please every branch adopt it.—Ed. W.R.)

LEIGH.

Dec. Annual meeting at Mrs Grigg's. Officers elected:—Mrs Grigg, President; Mrs D. Matheson, Vice-President; Mrs Gozar, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs J. C. Wyatt, "White Ribbon" Agent; Miss Rowena Matheson, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Mrs J. Torkington, Reporter. Arrangements were made to hold a Cradle Roll Picnic early in January. Afternoon tea brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. January 15th, 1925. The Annual Cradle Roll Picnic was held on Mr Gozar's Beach at Leigh. A large number of people assembled to entertain the children. A sumptuous lunch was spread on the grass and was much appreciated. Afterwards there were races and games for the children. Swimming was indulged in by those who are fond of the sport, the weather was perfect and the water very inviting. It is regretted that Mrs Matheson and family were unable to attend on account of illness. Everybody was ready to do justice to an early tea, and afterwards the prizes were distributed, then all dispersed having spent a most enjoyable day.

ASHBURTON.

Feb. 3rd. Mrs W. T. Lill, presiding. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs Lill and family, in their recent bereavement, also, with the relatives of the late Mrs Woodyat. The Secretary of the "Willard Home" wrote thanking the Union for the contribution of cash, and clothing for the inmates received. Also, the Timaru Union for a donation to the funds of the Sailor's Rest. The Mayfield Union wrote extending an invitation to a Garden Party at the residence of Mrs Miller, on February 19th., each to make their own arrangements to be present. Decided to take charge of supper arrangements for No-Licence Council on March 3rd. A resolution drawing attention to the many restrictions which surround the question of Temperance instruction in schools, was considered, and it was decided to forward same to Minister of Education, requesting him to expedite the publication of the annual report of the Education Department. Very interesting letters were read from Mrs R. Don, Dom. Pres., which were much enjoyed.

WHANGAREI.

Dec. The Annual meeting; about 40 ladies were present. Mrs Goodall, (Pres.,) presided. The result of the year's work was presented showing that an income £21 8s. 6d. together with various articles of clothing, had been received and sent to various cases of necessity. The membership stands at 40. The following Officers elected:—Mrs Goodall, President; Mrs Furness, Secretary; Mrs Hughes, Treasurer. A pleasant half-hour was enjoyed, several musical and elocution items being rendered by members and friends. Afternoon tea and a collection of 15/-. A stall of various articles, useful and edible took £2 3s. 6d.

Y. COLUMN.

INVERCARGILL Ys.

Dec. 8th. Annual meeting. Reports showed that Union had done good work throughout year. The two Orphanages had been visited and a sumptuous tea etc., given to the inmates; the same also done for boys at Lorne Farm. Donations had been sent to following:—Bluff Sailors Rest, £1 10s; N.Z. Fund, 5/-; Headquarters Memorial, £1; Children's Supplement W.R., 2/6; Victoria Home, Cakes; Maori Fund, £1 10s; Organising Fund, £21 10s. 6d. The following Officers were elected:—President, Miss D. Dawson, 251 North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss C. Sheriff, 165 Bowmont Street; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Swale, 7 Grace Street; Treasurer, Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street. Meeting closed with Benediction.

A MODERN MIRACLE.

Our "wet friends" said when it went dry
All business would be knocked sky high,
But we observe at Sixth and Main
They're selling bread and not champagne,

At Fifth, not far from Vine, are shoes
For sale instead of Billy Booze.
At Fifth and Elm they even dare
To replace drink with underwear.
Where once the admiral held sway
Are clocks and watches on display.

At Eighth, near State, where flowed
the can,
Is meat to feed the inner man;
Across the street the candy store
Supplants and wine shops there before.

At Fourth and Elm, where glowed the
wine,
Is headgear for your wife and mine.

At Main, near Fifth, are "glasses"
clear
Where once were glasses stained with
beer,
At Nine, six-twenty, "stews" were
found,
Now tasteful oyster stews abound.

At Eight on Broadway booze expires
And in his place are auto tires.
At Sixth and Walnut, once a bar,
There smokers' necessaries are.
At Fifth, near Race, where men oft
reeled

Now they have their "soles" all
"heeled."

At Fifth and Broadway a cafe
Stands as a grocery to-day.
The old Fox Hall is gone for sure
And there you'll find fine shirts
galore.

And just across the avenue
Confections shine instead of brew.

At Vine, near Ninth, a stock of pets
Succeeds the goods loved by the wets.
And so we might go on, but time
Will not admit another rhyme—
Go back a year and scan the stores
Where men once staggered through
the doors.

Then look again and you will see
The self-same men, erect and free,
Come through the same door neatly
clad,
With happy wives and children glad,
All armed with baskets filled with
meat,
And bread and groceries to eat.
And when you see this with your eyes
You'll know that God is with the
Drys.

Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

A GREAT SAYING.

A remarkable warning unanimously
adopted by the Judicial Section of
the American Bar Association.

"Reverence for law and enforcement
of law depend mainly upon the
ideals and customs of those who occupy
the vantage ground of life in
business and society.

"The people of the United States,
by solemn constitutional and statutory
enactment, have undertaken to
suppress the age-long evil of the
liquor traffic.

"When, for the gratification of
their appetites or the promotion of
their interests, lawyers, bankers,
great merchants and manufacturers,
and social leaders, both men and women,
disobey and scoff at this law,
or any other law, they are aiding the
cause of anarchy and promoting mob
violence, robbery and homicide, they
are sowing dragons' teeth, and they
need not be surprised when they find
that no judicial or police authority
can save our country or humanity
from reaping the harvest."

It is strange we trust each other,
And only doubt our Lord.
We take the word of mortals,
And yet distrust His word;
But oh, what light and glory
Would shine o'er all our days,
If we always would remember
God means just what He says.