

been held during the year, and interest was steadily increasing. A visit from Miss Burls early in the year had proved stimulating and encouraging to members. Political action had been taken in regard to several measures:—Religious Exercises in School Bill, Proposed Amendment to Licensing Bill, Employment of Women Police, Appointment of Women Justices of the Peace, Inclusion of Women upon Juries, The Mother of a Family having Equal right of Jurisdiction with the Father, Amendment of Police Offences Act, Destitute Persons' Act. Representation had been made at the Dominion Convention held in Christchurch, and the Wellington District Convention had been entertained in Masterton. The Union is also represented on the Plunket Society and the New Zealand Alliance. The various departments Superintended by members of the Union, all reported good work done, especially the Loyal Temperance Legion, under the leadership of Miss Jackson, she having now about 100 names on the roll. Revs. Beckett, King, and Weymouth brought greetings from their Churches, and briefly addressed the meeting. Musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea served by the Social Committee.

NORMANBY.

October 27. The 15th annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. held at the residence of Mrs W. Gane. Miss D. Bates presided, 18 members present. Reports of the year's work were read and adopted. Election of officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Mrs Scott; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bevan, Clement and Fletcher; Secretary, Mrs Gane; Press Correspondent, Mrs E. Harrison; Treasurer, Mrs Meull; W.R. Agent, Mrs Lamond; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; Maori Superintendent, Mrs Pohipl. Mrs Thrush appointed to arrange list for afternoon tea. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Scott in her illness, and congratulations on the completion of her 13th year as President of our Union. Miss Bates gave an interesting address on the good work being done by the Alliance. Two new members joined. Vocal items by Mrs McEwar, and elocutionary items by Miss Bates. Decided to hold Hospital Day, November 4th. Afternoon tea being partaken of, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

MANAIA.

October. Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, took the chair. The Secretary's account was passed. Mrs Fendall made Parliamentary Secretary, Mrs Hansen, Sick Visitor. Several amounts were received for the Willard Home donation. Letters of congratulation or of condolence to several members were to be written by the Secretary, in whose recommendation it was also decided that members should bring their contributions to the forthcoming Plunket Sale, to be taken together, instead of separately, to emphasize the Sympathy of the Union as a body, as well of its members individually, with the work of that Society. It was decided to make careful enquiry as to the possibility of starting a branch at Auroa. Members are reminded that special attendance is desirable for the annual election of officers at the next meeting.

November. The meeting of the Union was postponed, owing to the death of its President, Mrs D. E. Scott. The attendance was small, Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, taking the chair. After standing in respect to our late Leader, business was proceeded with, the reports of the year in every branch being handed in, discussed and passed. The membership has been reduced through the removal of a good many, including several brides. Number on roll 59, including 4 honorary. Number paid up, 38. New members this year, 5. Cradle Roll membership numbers 50, new names 12, number left at age limit, 3. The Union is free from all debt, though owing to the number of subscriptions not yet paid, the balance in hand is small, £3 7s. 8d. The officers for next year appointed were:—President, Mrs Robinson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Orchard and Smith, Miss Kennington; Secretary, Mrs Hanson; Treasurer, Mrs Robinson; Parliamentary Recorder, Mrs Fendall; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Young; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Hanson; Press Reporter and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Mercer. A vote of thanks to Rev. Mr Orchard and the Methodist Church Officials for the use of the Church was passed. A motion asking Rev. Mr Smith for permission

to use the Vestry of the Presbyterian Church for next quarter's meetings, to point out the undenominational nature of the Union's work, was then discussed, and it was agreed that a deputation should wait upon him. (This report has been held over to be able to add that Mr Smith saw the Officials of the Church, and was able to give not only permission for use of the Vestry, but his promise to open next meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in February. Armed with this, the President and another Officer have since begun a Visiting Campaign, looking for new members and better attendance, so far with promises of decided success.) Correspondence received was then read, consisting of a letter of thanks for help sent to the Willard Home, and a request for reading matter, from the New Plymouth Prison Department. Decided to send copies of the White Ribbon and the Vanguard monthly, members to bring them to the meetings to be forwarded. A suggestion re educational work in the neighbouring Pah was held over, but it was agreed that in accordance with the last message of our late President, sent within a few days of her death, the Union would spend renewed energy in a stronger effort to "carry on."

BIRKENHEAD.

November 18. Meeting at the home of Mrs Smelley, Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Neal gave a very interesting account of how the "Travellers' Aid" help the immigrants by meeting the boats, finding their friends, and taking them to where they can get refreshment and be guided to their destination. Tea was dispensed by our hostess. A very pleasant and profitable meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

HASTINGS.

November 25. Annual meeting, Mrs Banks in the chair; 24 members present. Fourteen apologies for absence. Reports from Secretary, Treasurer, Evangelistic Supt., Cradle Roll Supt., Literature Supt., Y. Supt., and Social Supt., were read and adopted. These all showed another year of work, and in some instances, sacrifice. Miss Robson, of the Y.P.T.C.U. attended, and read their report which was a very comprehensive and satisfactory one. White Ribbon report showed 67 subscribers on the roll, a decrease of 13. Election of officers for 1927 were:—President, Mrs Paul; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Banks and Darby; Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs Boshier; Superintendents:—Young People's Work, Mrs Wilson; Evangelistic, Mrs Fawcett; Literature, Mrs Harper; Social, Mrs Smith; Cradle Roll, Mrs Collinge; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

HAWERA.

November 22. A very enjoyable "Pay-Up" Social, Mrs Exley presided. Solos were given by Mrs Carter, Mrs Curtis, and a duet by Misses Smith and Hadenott, recitations by Miss Brough, all items being encored. Refreshments were handed around. Mrs Spavin reported progress in getting in subs. for the White Ribbon.

November 26. Large number present; annual meeting, Mrs Exley presided. All present repeated the Pledge. Feeling reference was made to the loss to the Union by the death of Mrs D. E. Scott, all standing in silence. Mrs Exley thanked all members for the loyal support they had given to her, and trusted each one would still continue to work together in harmony and do still more for the Temperance Cause. The Superintendents of the various departments then gave their reports, showing good work done during the year. Successful functions had been held. Donations had been sent to several worthy objects:—Local Maori Work, Saller's Rest, New Plymouth, Willard Home, Palmerston, etc. Election of officers then took place. Mrs Exley was appointed President; all others holding office were re-elected with the addition of Mrs Melville, Superintendent of Literature, and Mrs Curtis, Organist. Next meeting of the Union to be the last Friday in January. Afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.

November 4. Mrs Duxfield presided, fair attendance. Correspondence from Mrs Peryman in the interests of the "White Ribbon" paper was listened to with interest. Several members expressed willingness to canvas for new subscribers. Some interesting extracts sent by Miss J. Walker, at present visiting

San Francisco, were read, reports of National W.C.T.U. Convention then sitting, being of special interest. As this was the date of our annual "Pay-Up" Social, the meeting was closed and all gathered for a social chat and cup of tea. Mrs Wight delighted all with her solo, "Eventide," and Miss Elaine Gill gave several recitations.

November 26. A very successful "Afternoon" was held in St. Alban's Hall, and sales of cakes, sweets, produce, flowers, afternoon tea, realized £7 14s. in aid of Organizing Fund. A donation of £1 has been received to this Fund. During the afternoon Mrs Codd sang a solo, and also took part in a duet with Miss Gill. Misses Stella Wight and Floris Ellis played pianoforte solos.

CAMBRIDGE.

November 10. President, Mrs Martin in the chair, a small attendance. Annual meeting, and the various reports were read and adopted. President, Secretaries, and Treasurer were re-elected; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs Easter; Evangelistic, Mesdames Tate and Boulton. Mrs Tate was initiated, and the meeting decided to send a parcel of clothing to "Willard Home" immediately. Love and Season's greetings to the Editor.

HAMILTON.

December 2. A record attendance for the annual meeting, and one new member initiated. Mrs Jones presided. The Secretary gave a report of the year's work, and thanks are due to all the ladies for addresses and papers given which have been of great educational value, and maintained the interest in the Union throughout the year. Reports were given on other departments of work, the Cradle Roll with Miss Ambury as Superintendent and Mrs Mitchell as her assistant are worthy of praise, for they have enrolled 173 babies in a little over a year. Afternoon tea was served. Protests re the recent Beauty Competition and the running of Sunday Trains to be sent for discussion at Convention. Decided to send delegate to Convention. Officers elected were:—Mrs J. M. Jones, President; Mrs Craig, Secretary; Mrs Davey, Treasurer; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Gilbert, Paris, and Gilmour. A hearty vote of thanks and confidence in our Officers and Superintendents of departments was enthusiastically carried. Mrs Watson was elected "White Ribbon" Agent in place of Miss Alexander, who has left the district.

MASTERTON.

December 2. Mrs Cocker presided over a good attendance of members. General business meeting and election of officers:—President, Mrs J. Cocker, Albert Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Rutter, Reid, Weymouth, and Ross; Secretary, Mrs S. J. Smith, High Street; Treasurer, Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Weston; Assistant, Miss Tappersley; Loyal Temperance Legion, Miss Jackson; Committee, Mrs Kitchener and Miss Sutherland; Home and Mothers' Meetings, Miss E. Jones; Committee, Mesdames McIver, White, and Trevorra; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reid; Committee, Mesdames Freeman and Rowse; Scattered Members, Mesdames Miller and Donald; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Willoughby; Organist, Miss Jones.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

December. Annual meeting, Mrs Goodey presided. The annual report read by Mrs Upton was encouraging, much good work having been accomplished this year. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Goodey; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton; Rec. Sec., Mrs Irwin; Treasurer, Mrs Warwick; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Mara. The mothers of the Cradle Roll children were present, and were entertained to afternoon tea. Mrs Copeland, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, reported that 16 Cradle Roll members had been passed on to the Loyal Temperance Legion. Three new names were added to the Roll during the meeting. There are now 134 members on the Roll. Mrs Goodie gave an interesting talk on Children's Work. The following contributed items:—Mrs Barney, Miss V. Smith and Miss D. Cuthbertson. Miss Piper was the accompanist. Our next meeting will be held the first Thursday in February.

N.E. VALLEY.

November. Owing to an accident to Mrs Peart, President, Mrs Don presided, and