

people joined the recently-formed Y. Branch. Songs were rendered by Mrs Proctor and Mrs Schroder, and a pleasant time was spent by all. Supper was served, and Mr and Mrs Neal were heartily thanked for giving members an opportunity of meeting Miss McLay, whose visit to the district was much appreciated.

MIRAMAR.

Nov. 10. Fair attendance of members, and apologies from several others. Reference was made to the tragic death of Mrs Caughley, and the following resolution was passed, members standing in silence: "The members of the Miramar W.C.T.U. desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mr J. Caughley and his family in the heavy bereavement occasioned by the death of his wife. They wish also to place on record their deep respect for the late Mrs Caughley's earnest Christian character and their affectionate appreciation of the kindness shown by her when opening their Sale of Work on the afternoon of Saturday, the 5th of November." Mrs Chatfield then gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Borstal, the types of girls met there, the methods of dealing with them, the provision made for uplifting them and helping them individually. She dwelt especially on the necessity for educating public opinion as to the attitude towards the work, that its object was not to punish, but to help raise the girls in character and teach them how to become decent citizens and worthy wives and mothers. The members heartily thanked Mrs Chatfield for her talk, promised to remember the girls in prayer, and to give any assistance possible when called upon, if opportunity offered. Afternoon tea was handed round and the remainder of the business transacted. Carried that a sum of five guineas should be sent to the Palmerston North Willard Home, the remaining funds to be definitely allocated at the next meeting after consideration by the Executive. A letter was read from Mrs R. A. Wright, regretting her inability to carry out her promise of opening the Sale of Work and enclosing a donation to the funds of the Union. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "The Miramar W.C.T.U. desires to thank most warmly Mrs R. A. Wright for her handsome gift to the funds of the Union, and for the kindly interest thus manifested in its success." Address of Secretary: Mrs G. Berry, 110 Tauhinu Road, Miramar.

WAIPUKURAU.

Nov. 9. Annual meeting at 7.30 p.m.; Mrs Smales, President, presided. A vote of sympathy with Miss Caughley, who lost her sister-in-law on Sunday, under tragic circumstances, members stood in silence. We had with us, Miss Heaton, Dannevirke, our District President, also Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser. Balance-sheet adopted. Miss Heaton addressed the meeting on the Departmental Work of the W.C.T.U., and emphasized the need of Departmental Superintendents, even in small Unions; her address was most helpful. Miss McLay then explained fully the work of the Cradle Roll Department, urging us to take up this most important work among young children. Miss Heaton then took the chair and conducted the election of officers, which resulted in the following ladies being elected for the ensuing year:—President, Miss Burdett; Vice-President, Mesdames Harding, Taylor and Gore; Recording Secretary, Mrs Reid; Corresponding Secretary, to be filled later; Treasurer, Mrs Robinson; Evangelical Superintendent, Captain Cauty; Notable Days Superintendent, Mrs Smales; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Duckworth; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gilchrist; Social Convenor, Mrs Streeter. It was decided to alter the day of meeting to second Monday, at 7.30 p.m., to enable our Evangelical Superintendent to be present. The sum of 5s. was voted to Mrs Duckworth to purchase the necessary roll and birthday card for the Cradle Roll. Resolved to make an effort to give some financial help to Napier, to meet expenses in connection with the Dominion Convention to be held there next year. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Heaton and Miss McLay for their assistance.

SEDDON.

Nov. 25. Annual meeting; Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, presided, and gave an instructive address. Two new members were initiated and three old members rejoined. A Cradle Roll was formed and the officers re-elected. There are thirteen subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Miss McLay closed the meeting with the Benediction, and Mrs Kimberley, local President, dispensed afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting, Mrs Cook presided. Helpful message given by Miss Paul, Evangelical Superintendent. Telegrams had been sent to the Premier and the M.P. for Auckland Central, in connection with the Licensing Bill. A strong protest was made by the meeting against the introduction of Tim Hare Racing into Auckland. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Treasurer in her continued illness. The members took part in the Drive for the unemployed, and the Station taken by the Union on St. John Ambulance Day came second on the list for amount collected. The Secretary's report showed a year of steady work. The Treasurer's statement showed the finances to be in a healthy condition. In response to Mrs Peryman's appeal for each Union to secure two new subscribers to the White Ribbon, two ladies became subscribers. Mrs Full-james read an interesting letter from a Niue lady, telling of the keen interest of the women in the White Ribbon work and the organizing of a Young People's Branch. In connection with the War Memorial Library, 1600 magazines and 650 books had been sent to the Backblocks, and much-appreciated parcels of toys are to be sent to the children for Xmas. Practical help was given by the members for this object. Reports were given by the various Superintendents of Departments. In course of her Presidential Address, Mrs Cook paid a tribute to the work of the Hawera Penal Reform League, explaining its aims and objects. The present Dominion Officers were nominated by the Union. Delegates were appointed to the Dominion Convention at Napier. £20 was passed to the Dominion Headquarters. The election of officers resulted in the former officers being re-elected:—President, Mrs Cook; Rec. Secretary, Mrs Taylor; Cor. Secretary, Miss N. Dewar; Treasurer, Mrs P. Dowling; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Full-james, Hutchinson, Ready and Pierce. The Union goes into recess till March.

WAIHI.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting. We were pleased to have a visit from our District President, Mrs Jones. About fourteen members and friends were present, and much enjoyed Mrs Jones' address. Mrs Jones spoke on the Organizing Fund, Willard Home, New Zealand Headquarters Dominion Fund, Maori Work, and the District Fund, pointing out that money was needed to carry forward these schemes. As Mrs Jones had to leave to catch her train, afternoon tea was dispensed, after which we proceeded with the business of election of officers and payment of dues.

TAURANGA.

Nov. 25. President in chair; fair attendance. It was the unanimous wish of the meeting, that all officers be re-elected for this coming year. We are happy to have gained Mrs Jordan as Evangelical Superintendent. Our President read a short resume of our year's work, and the Treasurer's report was read. We are also happy to report a most successful year's work with the Band of Hope, in which we take a warm interest. Afternoon tea was handed round.

KAIAPOI.

Oct. 26. Mrs Vickery in the chair. A very successful Social given to the Band of Hope, about 180 attending the tea and afterwards the Concert and Prize-giving. Miss Baughan addressed the meeting, taking as her subject, "The care of the Feeble-minded." She said that New Zealand was far behind the times in safe-guarding the community. The following resolution was passed to be sent to the Hon. D. Buddo: "The Kaiapoi Branch of the W.C.T.U. desires to bring before your notice the urgent need

for provision for adult feeble-minded persons, and will be grateful if you can inform them when the report of Dr. Gray on this subject will be forthcoming."

Nov. 20. Annual meeting. The reports of the various officers were read and adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to all retiring officers. Mrs Vickery thanked all members for supporting her so faithfully throughout the year. The following are the officers for the forthcoming year:—President, Mrs Vickery; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Brighting, Mrs Bernard, Mrs Slade, Mrs Martin, Mrs Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Rinaldi; Assistant Secretary, Mrs Blackwell; Treasurer, Miss Evans; Supt. Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart; Supt. Hall Committee, Mrs Stewart; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Warren; Supt. Peace and Arbitration, Mrs White; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Phillips. A letter was received from the Council re Creche and Rest Room.

STRATFORD.

Annual meeting, a fair attendance. Different departmental reports were read. The Treasurer's report showed our Union funds to be very satisfactory. Our thanks are due to our retiring President, Mrs Fawcett, who has carried out her duties during the year at great sacrifice to herself. A Birthday League is a new department for our Union, being started last year as a means to raise funds for the Union. Members joining this pay 1s. each birthday, thus helping the Union financially. Votes of thanks to the various helpers other than our Union members were passed.

GRANITY.

Nov. 10. A special meeting; a visit from Mrs Lynn. Mrs Marr introduced the speaker, who gave a splendid address on "Why we should vote prohibition, giving many illustrations of the evils drink was causing, especially, in the number of defectives. Mrs Marr thanked the speaker. Mrs Brown gave a beautiful rendering of "My Task." Good attendance.

Nov. 24. Mrs Marr presided. Mrs Nelson reported on the visit of Mrs Marr and herself to Millerton (Mrs Lynn visited there last week and got fourteen probable names) where they formed a branch of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Nelson gave a review of all the branches of the W.C.T.U. work, also advised officers if in need of advice, to write to their District President, but above all to first read their "Constitution," and get thoroughly conversant with the contents, also to take White Ribbon, which is full of interesting matter; the officers are as follows:—President, Mrs Prosser Millerton; Vice-President, Mrs Jones; Secretary, Mrs Brown, Schoolhouse, Millerton; Treasurer, Mrs McDonald. Literature was handed out, then afternoon tea. Mrs Marr closed the meeting.

A Cradle Roll Social was held, and was a great success. The Children's Hymn was sung. Bible reading and prayers. Mrs Nelson resigned her position as Secretary. Mrs Marr expressed her regret, also the regret of the members. Mrs Nelson is leaving the District. A letter was read from Denniston, stating that they were ready to try and form a branch, if we would help them. Decided Mesdames Marr and Nelson go to Denniston as soon as members gathered together. Mrs Lynn visited this place Thursday and Friday last, and got fourteen names. We hope a branch will be formed. Mrs Henderson trained children to give an Entertainment, and it was very good indeed; the children were also entertained at tea, and they appeared to enjoy that; a most enjoyable time was spent. One new member gained.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Nov. 10. Annual meeting, Mrs Hinton presided. Secretary read the annual report and the Treasurer the balance-sheet, and both were thanked for their services. Election of officers as follows:—President, Mrs Hinton; Mrs Williams, Treasurer; Mrs Williamson, Secretary (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Miss Ford and Mrs Williamson. Passed for payment Secretary's account, and £1 for rent of hall. Mrs Williams then sang very feelingly the solo, "My Task." Afternoon tea served. Mrs Williamson read Scientific Fact, which stressed the fact that alcohol was unnecessary in fainting turns, etc., and that there were safer and simpler means of restoring the patient to consciousness. Decided to have first meeting of next year in February.