

KUMEU.

Nov. 10. Only fair attendance; the President in the chair. Annual meeting, the election of officers took place, and the President, Secretary and Treasurer, who were in office were re-elected. Mrs Williams, Auckland District Secretary, was present, and gave a very concise account of the late District Convention at Whangarei, and was quite interesting. The lack of finance in our branch was discussed, but decided to wait until we re-open to find means of raising funds. One new member was initiated.

ONEHUNGA.

Nov. 10. Fair attendance, annual meeting. Mrs Hunter's resignation from office of Cor. Secretary caused deep regret. Reports were read. Membership now 89; we have four of our members on the Benevolent Society, two on School Committee, and one helping in the Y.W.C.A. Classes and in the Play Association. Treasurer's report satisfactory. L.T.L. reports read by Mrs Shepherd: Junior membership, 38; Senior L.T.L. members, 29; the latter have formed a Sunshine Committee and take books and flowers to the Children's Ward in the Hospital. We believe this is the first Senior L.T.L. in the Dominion (No! Okoia.—Ed., W.R.) A special vote of thanks was passed to the two Superintendents, and also to Mrs Campbell, who is such a help with the piano and singing. Superintendent of Cradle Roll reported new names added, many had received 8-year Certificates, homes visited, and 183 on the roll. W.R. Agent: 55 subscribers, 9 of whom are not members of the Union, and she appealed to those present to help her further increase the sale of our paper. Hearty vote of thanks passed for work done, and the interest taken by these officers and Superintendents. President spoke on Licensing Bill; the value of the work done by ladies on School Committees, and thanked the officers and members for loyal support during her term of office, urging that we endeavour to increase our attendance at the meetings. Several amounts passed for payment. Next meeting a "Bring and Buy" for the Orphanage. Miss Begg, of Y.W.C.A. will be the speaker, and will tell of her work among the girls of our city. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Leadley; Secretary, Mrs Stacey; Treasurer, Mrs Musht; L.T.L. Supts., Mrs Hunter and Mrs Shepherd; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs T. Gilbert; W.R. Agent, Mrs Ashby. Mrs Fordyce, Junr. and Mrs Lamond volunteered to help the Cradle Roll Superintendent with the visiting. A solo sung by Mrs Leadley was much appreciated, and one new member was added to our roll. During the year, six members have been transferred to other Unions, and one called to higher service.

RANGIORA.

Nov. 25. Th annual meeting, Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. The reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary indicated that the work is going on satisfactorily. The reports of the various Superintendents showed 30 subscribers to the "White Ribbon," 60 names on the Cradle Roll, 83 members in the Band of Hope, 31 "Y." members, and 27 L.T.L. members. The President expressed her thanks to all who had assisted with the work during the year, and on the motion of Mrs Lane, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring office-bearers, all of whom were re-elected, with the addition of Mrs McKechnie, as Evangelistic Superintendent, and Mrs H. Taylor as Superintendent of the Scientific Temperance Department. Two new members were initiated. Several members of the Belfast Union attended the meeting, and on their behalf, Mrs Roxburgh expressed thanks for the invitation to be present.

MAHOTUKU.

Our district was visited by Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, this month, but owing to the very wet weather she was not able to do much visiting. We held our usual meeting on September 15th, most of our members being present in spite of the bad weather. One new member was initiated. Miss McLay gave us a very interesting and helpful address on, "Ways in which our Union could help." Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mesdames Bayte and Smith.

HASTINGS.

Nov. 24. Good attendance, nine apologies for absence. Mrs Banks in the chair. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read and adopted, which showed a good year's work. Cradle Roll, Literature, and Evangelistic Departments all reported. Officers elected for 1928 were:—President, Mrs Banks; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Thompson, Darby, Paul; Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs Emmett; Superintendents of Departments were:—Evangelistic, Mrs Hickmott; Cradle Roll, Mrs McArthur; Social, Mrs Smith; Literature, Mrs Rae; Visiting, Mrs Darby.

BRIGHTON.

Nov. 17. Mrs H. Hall presided; attendance exceptionally good. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs Gordon and Mrs Heal. A welcome was extended to the many visitors who were present, and the mothers and babies of the Cradle Roll Department. Final arrangements were made for the Church Parade. The resignation of Mr G. E. Goodwin who has acted as Honorary Auditor to the Union for the past 10 years, was received with regret. Subscription Cards for the Campaign Fund were distributed among the members, and Mrs F. M. Mitchell was elected Treasurer for this Fund. Mrs Hall gave a very fitting talk to the mothers on the training of the children in Temperance work. Much appreciated songs were given by Mesdames Judge and Sprosen and Miss T. Buxton. Afternoon tea was served.

Nov. 27. On Sunday morning the members of the Central, North and South Brighton Branches of the W.C.T.U., combined in holding their annual Temperance Church Parade. Headed by children of the Bands of Hope and the members of the Young People's Branches, the Parade marched, about 90 strong, from the Pier to the Presbyterian Church, where the Service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Young.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. Letters were received from Mesdames Collins, Burrell, Doreen, Ritchie and Kingston, saying they were sorry they could not be present. Two new members were initiated. Reports from Superintendents of different activities received. Mrs Birdsall gave an interesting account of Willard Home. The new building has commenced. There is money on hand to pay for the building, but more will be required for furnishing. Mrs T. Young, President, vacated the chair, which was taken by Mrs Hodder. Election of officers then followed. Those elected were:—President, Mrs Ferguson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Pacey, Mrs Hodder, Mrs Young, and Mrs Collins; Rec. Secretary, Mrs Wakeham; Cor. Secretary, Mrs Singh; Treasurer, Mrs Kingston; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Cobb; Literature Superintendent, Mrs Doreen; Cradle Roll, Miss Asprey and Mrs White; White Ribbon, Mrs Burrell and Miss Arthur; Pres Correspondent, Mrs Singh; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Ritchie; Auditor, Mr Hodder. Thanks of the Union were sent to Mrs Burrell and Mrs Kingston for their good work. A letter of sympathy to be forwarded to Mrs Doreen. Miss Moor's resignation was received with regret, and all good wishes of the Union were given her for her journey to and work in Jerusalem, whither she is going early in the New Year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs T. Young, and appreciation expressed of her good work as President for a number of years past. A dainty afternoon tea was much enjoyed, and the meeting closed with the Benediction. Votes of thanks were passed to the Press for their courtesy in reporting meetings.

RAETIHI.

Dec. 2. 19 members present and 4 visitors. Mrs Griffin, President, in the chair. Four new members proposed, and one honorary member. It being Members' Day, the roll was called and members answered mostly by verse or quotation. This being the last meeting of the year, it took the form of a Social Afternoon, and Mrs Reynolds sang a solo and Mrs Keucke gave a recitation.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

Nov. 15. Annual meeting presided over by

Mrs Fairbairn, Southland District President, who gave an impressive and helpful address on the Palsied Man (Mark 2:3) who was borne by four to Jesus, showing that our help and unity are required in the Master's work. The Secretary's report showed a progressive and successful year's work. Our Branch, having obtained the highest percentage of new members in Southland, gained the handsome table cover which is competed for each year. During the year, we lost two valued members by removal, Mrs Brown, White Ribbon Agent, and Mrs Kennedy, Evangelistic Superintendent. Our capable and enthusiastic President, Mrs Gilmour, has resigned, owing to her departure to Christchurch. At a special meeting held last week to bid her farewell, she was presented with a rose bowl, and many testified to her ardent zeal in the cause, and expressed regret at her removal from our midst. We are most fortunate in having Mrs McCartney, late President of South Dunedin Branch, to step into the breach, which she willingly consented to do. The election of officers resulted in Mrs McCartney being elected President, and Mrs Martin, White Ribbon Agent, all the other officers being re-elected. A letter of sympathy is to be sent to our former beloved President, Mrs Hopkirk (now of Wanganui East) who has been laid aside with sickness for a time. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Nov. 9. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr John Caughley for his recent sad bereavement. Miss Henderson, in proposing the resolution, testified to the late Mrs Caughley's great interest and activity in the Wellington Union. Letters thanking the Union for votes of sympathy were received from Mesdames Jenkins and Mrs G. Burn. As Mrs Pedler, a most esteemed member, was celebrating her eighty-first birthday, the President offered the hearty congratulations of the Union and presented her with a bouquet of roses. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee. Mrs Pedler was presented with a beautifully iced cake from the Union, made by Mrs Hays.

Nov. 23. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. The Secretary was requested to write letters of sympathy to Miss Thompson and Mrs G. B. Nicholls, in their recent bereavements. Misses Allen and Earnshaw in their continued illness. Miss Henderson welcomed Mrs Chandler, from Baronia, near Melbourne, also Miss Hamilton, from the Wellington Central W.C.T.U. Decided to donate £2 2s. to the Willard Home, Palmerston North. Members promised to take Collecting Cards, to provide funds for the North Canterbury District Campaign next year. Members were reminded of annual meeting on December 9th; a "Bring and Buy" Sale is to be held after the business has closed.

RICCARTON.

Nov. 17. Annual meeting, attendance good. Apologies through sickness received from a number of members. Following resolutions passed:—Special donation of £1 to Willard Home; Donation of £1 to Miss Baughan for

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