

Onehunga: Two W.C.T.U. members assist in training the children of the Band of Hope, held in connection with churches.

Nelson: Commenced year's work with a picnic. Fortnightly meetings; 20 new members. Seven of the seniors have joined the "Y's." Held one concert, making sufficient money for Legion work, and donated £1 to the Atkinson Memorial Fund. Had charge of Christmas Tree, and gave items at the W.C.T.U. Sale of Work. Closed session with social evening, parents and friends invited; musical and other items by Legioners; a farewell presentation to Miss Knapp, who has been Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer for two years.

Ashburton: After seven years of work, the Superintendent, Mrs Broome, resigned. At a social she was presented with a gift of books. The question of a Band of Hope was referred to the No-License Council; a committee formed of members of the Council and the W.C.T.U. The Secretary wrote to each church in the district, with the result that a number of Bands of Hope have been formed, and good work done.

Hampstead: A W.C.T.U. Band of Hope.

North-East Valley: United Band of Hope, organised by the following churches: Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, Church of Christ, and Salvation Army; 169 members; all have signed the pledge. Each member is given a blue ribbon badge, bearing the initials "N.E.V.U. B. of H." (North-East Valley Union Band of Hope). Temperance address and good interesting programme at each meeting, each church being responsible for two items at every meeting. Concert at close of session resulted in £9 being handed over to the N.Z. Alliance. The W.C.T.U. gave five prizes for the best essay on "Why Should Every Girl and Boy be a Band of Hope Member?" All meetings reported in daily papers.

Riverton: Band of Hope began with 23 members; closed with 41 names on the roll. Weekly meeting Friday afternoon, after school closes, when various songs, recitations, and dialogues for the public meeting are rehearsed, and sometimes a short temperance address given. Once a month a well-attended public meeting; good collections. After paying all expenses for prizes, literature, gas, etc., sent £2 to the Atkinson Memorial Fund, and have a balance of more than £1 to commence work next year. A friend has promised a luminous wristlet watch to the boy or girl who secures the most new members.

Maori Band of Hope—

Putiki: During Mrs Poraumati's visit to Wanganui, members of the W.C.T.U. attended a meeting held in the Putiki day schoolhouse. The school authorities are in favour of temperance teaching, but do not favour the signing of pledges for Maori children. Mrs Goody volunteered to conduct a monthly temperance class. Three meetings have been held in the schoolroom, and tem-

perance lessons given. Attendance, 32 Maori boys and girls, ages from 6 to 14 years. They sing nicely, and it is proposed to teach them temperance songs and recitations.

The following Unions purchased L.T.L. badges: Wanganui, Invercargill South.

L.T.L. Lesson Manuals purchased by: Wanganui, Waimate, Renwicktown, Ashburton, Invercargill, Te Aroha.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards purchased by: Sawyer's Bay, Invercargill, Wanganui, Nelson, Te Aroha.

Programmes purchased by: Ashburton, Wanganui.

Reciters purchased by: Wanganui, Waimate, Renwicktown, Ashburton, Hamilton East, Petone, Te Aroha.

Marching songs purchased by: Wanganui, Invercargill, Riverton, Ashburton, Petone.

L.T.L. Handbook supplied to: Wanganui, Waimate, Renwicktown, Ashburton, Invercargill, Te Aroha.

Band of Mercy.

In connection with every Legion there should be a Band of Mercy.

"Children trained to extend justice, kindness, and mercy to animals become more just, kind, and considerate toward each other. Character training along these lines, when the children are young, will result in their being better men and women, with broader sympathies, more humane, law-abiding, and in every respect more valuable citizens."

Upper Aramoho: 3 meetings; membership, 34; honorary, 2; pledges, 12. An address on "Mercy" given by the Rev. Campbell. Lessons on "Kindness to Dumb Animals," "Peace Instead of War," "Love to One Another," given by the Leader. Story leaflets and copies of "The Little Animals' Friend" given to the children to take home. Made scrap-books from cards, scraps, and pictures cut from papers and journals for the sick children in the local hospital. Flowers taken to the sick. Many messages carried. Performed many acts of kindness. Meetings reported in local papers and the "White Ribbon."

Mercy leaflets and cards purchased by: Sawyer's Bay, Ashburton, South Invercargill, Upper Aramoho.

Balance-Sheet.

Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy.

RECEIPTS.

1920 Balance	£9 18 5
Band of Mercy Grant from N.Z. Union	0 7 6
Sales Cards, Manuals, etc.	26 15 0
	£37 1 7

EXPENDITURE.

Printing Birthday Cards	£6 16 0
Carriage Books, Cards, etc., Feilding to Auckland	1 1 0
P.O. Money Orders and Registering Letters	1 4 8

Postage on Parcels and Letters	3 17 3½
Cradle Roll Badges (English) Manuals, Song Books, etc., from U.S.A.	10 0 0
Refund Mrs Mary Lovell, U.S.A.	1 0 0
Duty on Badges	0 6 3
Balance in Hand	11 6 4½
	£37 1 7

ASSETS.

Cash in Hand	£11 6 4½
Amount owing to Dept.	5 17 5
Envelopes	0 9 6
Cradle Roll Badges	0 15 10
Cradle Roll Pledge and Birthday Cards	14 1 0
L.T.L. Manuals and Recitation Books	2 5 5
Programmes and L.T.L. Hand-books	0 16 0
Band of Mercy Leaflets and Cards	0 5 0
Cradle Roll and Mothers' Leaflets	0 5 0
L.T.L. Manuals, Song Books, etc., on order from U.S.A.	5 0 0
	£41 1 6½

208 letters written and 133 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

Y REPORT.

(Supt.: Mrs Young.)

In connection with the Y Branch, seven of them have reported to me.

Auckland Branch re-organised with an "At Home." 90 young people attended, and 50 joined Union. They have held 4 ordinary meetings, and 3 public meetings during the year, also united fortnightly prayer meetings. At a combined social a beautiful hand-painted white satin bannerette was presented to their Branch by Mrs E. Miller, who started the first Y Branch in the Dominion over 30 years ago.

Aramoho Branch held 10 ordinary meetings, and one Executive meeting, and are grateful to Mrs Campbell and Sister Hazel for addresses there on different occasions. A Frances Willard evening, and two sewing evenings and a gift evening, in aid of a bazaar; and one social was held. They report regularly to two daily papers, and also to "White Ribbon," to which they have 11 subscribers, a decrease of 2 from last year. Sold 12 copies of Convention number. Splendid work has been done in the Cradle Roll department, its membership now numbers 100, 41 of these having been gained during the year. Eight members reached the age of 8 years.—Eight certificates. Medical, Purity and Mothers' leaflets were sent out, also visits paid. Regular visits have been paid by Miss Bathgate and Miss Jean Norton to the Hospital. Several letters of sympathy to the sick and bereaved have been sent during the year. They assisted at a bazaar, held in aid of the Hostel, and altogether have raised about £30 for the Hostel. Their mem-