

bership numbers 20; hon. members 6, and the average attendance 6.

Wellington Y's.—Hold monthly social meetings, which have proved a great success. That their membership now stands at 66, 50 of whom have taken the pledge for the first time. They commenced the year with a membership of 6. At each meeting from 10 to 20 minutes is given to something worth knowing. Debates have been held and many addresses given by prominent people. One address on "The Need of Practical Work for the Forthcoming Poll." The revenue was next when hard facts were made to sound most interesting and instructive.

Oxford Y's.—Report having 20 members on the roll. A social held in connection with their birthday evening, the proceeds going to buy material, which they made into garments for Nurse Maud, who distributed them amongst the poor. Helped the Oxford Show. During the winter months the L.T.L. and Band of Hope combined, the programme for each meeting being arranged by four Y members. Each meeting proved a great success. An enjoyable lemon evening was held for the purpose of raising funds for the New Zealand Fund, and £2 10s was sent away to help our great cause.

Timaru Y's.—Reorganised last June on my way back from Convention. The Mother Union assisted at their first meeting, when new officers were elected, and now the membership is 48. They have held three social evenings, and an American Tea. Reports of meetings are always sent to local papers, and now are reported in "White Ribbon."

Nelson Y's.—Like other Branches, had changes in their officers, but are fortunate in securing capable and enthusiastic new ones. Their membership now is 39. Fifteen new members have joined during the year, and the average attendance has been very good. Eight monthly meetings have been held. They wisely sent a delegate to Dominion Convention. At the W.C.T.U. Sale the Y's had a stall, £4 being cleared. To the Women's Mental Hospital patients the Branch gave an afternoon tea, and also collected for Christmas gifts for the Mental Hospital and the Home for Defectives at Richmond. £1 sent to New Zealand Fund, 10s to Work Amongst Sailors, and 7s 6d for the expenses of the W.C.T.U. Sale of Work. £1 has been donated for Headquarters Fund.

Invercargill Y's are still increasing, their roll now numbers 387, of whom 97 joined during the year. Classes in elocution have been held. Lectures were also given on Scientific Temperance and papers read on Social and Moral Hygiene and relating to notable days. Delegates were sent to Dominion Convention, also four delegates attended the Provincial Convention held in Dunedin. Collections have been taken up for our Maori work and other funds, and donations given to various funds. During the year they procured an or-

gan for the Boys' Home at Gladstone; at the official presenting of the instrument a tea was given the inmates. Regular monthly meetings have been held, also several Executive meetings. A good number of socials have been given, including a fancy dress one, which was immensely enjoyed. Their "White Ribbon" Agent received a word of special thanks and praise for her splendid work in gaining 37 new subscribers to our "White Ribbon," making a total of 56 subscribers for 1921.

Another year's work has closed, and during the nine months I have been Y Superintendent I have written to all Y Unions, and also to many of the Senior Branches, about Y work, in all nearly 90 letters. Some Union Secretaries replied, while others did not trouble to do so. I think some of the Senior Unions make a mistake where they have not a Y Branch in not trying to get all the young people to join their own Union. By doing so they would not only strengthen their own Union, but would quickly educate the young members in Temperance work.

MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

Supt.: Mrs Kippenberger.

The few reports that have been received from our Unions indicate good work done.

Oxford has had special addresses on "Social Hygiene" and "Home Nursing" by visiting lecturers from Christchurch, Mrs Roberts, and Mrs Watkins.

Wanganui East and Petone have distributed literature, and have had pamphlets read at meetings. This, I think, is a good method of dealing with some of the literature, as it arouses interest in this important work. Many of the members of our Unions do not care to distribute purity literature. Auckland East and Oamaru (a comparatively new Union) set a fine example in this particular. The Oamaru Purity Superintendent reports having distributed pamphlets and leaflets on a very comprehensive and praiseworthy scale.

Mrs Lee-Cowie, Superintendent for Auckland East, sends in a splendid report of work done. She has addressed several meetings in the city and suburbs on "Purity" and "Hygiene." She secured scores of signatures to the petition asking for the raising of the age of consent to 18, and distributed 500 copies of Miss Henderson's leaflets on "Social Hygiene." Mrs Lee-Cowie advocates a crusade against the immodesty of the dress—or undress—of the present day. No thinking woman can close her eyes to the increase in this immodesty of late years, and it should be a clear clarion call to more earnest service for the cause of purity.

Palmerston North reports a public meeting addressed by Mrs Peryman, which had the good effect of starting a correspondence in the papers.

Christchurch reports an important step forward in our work, when on two

occasions our Union joined other women's organisations in public meetings. On the one occasion the result was a splendid gathering of men and women workers, clergymen and lawyers, to protest against a flagrant miscarriage of justice in a Court case in which a young girl was concerned.

Literature, in the way of pamphlets, was distributed at the Kalapoi Convention, and has been sent to enquiring members, principally in the North Island.

There have been no enquiries for the larger books. They are too expensive for Unions or members to send for, and I would like to suggest that they be transferred to the Dominion Library, when headquarters are established in Wellington. A precedent for this procedure can, I think, be found in the fact that in 1920 Miss McCarthy sent out a parcel of books and pamphlets for the Dominion Library, some of which were "a gift from the Association of Moral and Social Hygiene, London."

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

Supt.: Miss Henderson.

The principal work of this department during the year has been: (1) The organising of protests against the proposal to increase the number of totalisator permits; (2) the circulation of a petition asking that women should be eligible for appointment as J.P.'s, police patrols, and jurors; (3) securing protests against the proposals contained in a suggested Social Hygiene Bill to secure compulsory notification and compulsory examination and treatment in cases of V.D.

With very few exceptions the Unions sent to their M.P.'s and to the Minister for Internal Affairs strong protests against the granting of additional totalisator permits. Fortunately, the interests of M.P.'s were strongly conflicting on this matter, and the report of the Racing Commission was not given effect to, and there has been no increase of permits.

The petition dealing with the appointment of women as J.P.'s, etc., was well taken up by a majority of the Unions, and a large number of signatures of leaders in religious organisations and social work was secured. The Petition Committee, however, treated the petition with scant ceremony, reporting to the House that they had no recommendation to make.

Resolutions confirming the opposition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to compulsory measures in dealing with V.D., and affirming belief in free voluntary, scientific treatment, in education upon right lines, and in insistence on an equal moral standard for both sexes, were passed by the Provincial Conventions of Otago and Southland, Canterbury, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Auckland, and by Christchurch, Wellington, Wanganui, and Auckland Unions.

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