

## Y's Column.

### HOW TO WORK A Y BRANCH.

(By Mrs Young, Dominion Supt.)

Last month my suggestions were for forming a Y Branch. This one we will consider how to work a Branch. After electing all your officers, see that you have a complete set of books; also a note book for each officer, for no Union can be successfully worked unless each officer keeps proper books. The Recording Secretary has her minute book, a note book, and a **Roll Book**; into this roll book the name of every person (paid or unpaid) who signs the pledge and joins the Union is entered; while a copy of all important letters is kept in the Corresponding Secretary's book (almost any book will do if the proper nib and carbon paper is used) The Treasurer's roll book has the name of every financial member, also the list of honorary members. Besides this, she keeps her Treasurer's books. The "White Ribbon" Superintendent must rule her book carefully in red ink, leaving a column for "remarks." Each Secretary, as well as the superintendents of each committee, must have a scribbling book. No entry should ever be made in any Union book in anything but ink. If Temperance work is new to most of the members for the first meeting, get some senior officer to address them on our work, at the same time instructing members how to address the chair. A member must always speak to the Chair, and begin by saying "Madam President," always standing to do so. All members must be particular to always wear our white bow, if not in business, then to and from business, and at all other gatherings. By wearing our badge you show you believe in and are proud to belong to our great White Ribbon Army. Your influence will certainly help, and perhaps strengthen, some weaker sister or brother who is trying to make up her or his mind. Always take a Convention number of "White Ribbon," as well as the last month's copy, with you to every meeting. Begin all meetings with prayer, reading, and praise. Before closing, while all members stand, together repeat our Pledge. Urge members to canvass for new members, and then decide how you are going to make money. Each Union knows its own district best, and so can better judge the form your money raising scheme must take. A Sale of Work, where old and new clothes are sold, always proves a success. A children's concert will for sure draw a packed house, especially if you train them to give one or two action songs. An educational class in connection with a Y Union is a wise venture, especially an elocutionary or speakers' class. Where you can get the young people often together, arrange for Union meetings fortnightly, or even weekly, especially if a class is run with the meetings.

### INVERCARGILL.

May 28. Good attendance. Reported that a successful jumble sale had been held on the Saturday previous. Letters of thanks to be sent to Mrs Gray and Mrs Bridgman for their generous donations, also one of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr J. J. Wesley, and also one to Mrs Gerard for the loss of her son, who was a Y member. Our young men members gave a very successful social evening on the 23rd inst. A large attendance. White Ribbon Day was celebrated, and a paper was read by Miss Seed, showing the chief aims of our W.R. paper, and the benefits to be derived from reading it. An appeal being made for more subscribers, three names were handed in, and during the month every Y is to try and get more W.R. subscribers. Decided to advertise in the W.R. a list of officers, etc. The work amongst the Maoris was also dealt with and a collection taken up. Mrs Young and Miss Birss, along with Y members, are visiting the Bible Classes, and from three classes 31 signed our pledge and were initiated, and we hope to soon have them all as paid-up members. Decided to send for the new constitution. An initiation service for 10 new members was held. The affiliation of the N.Z. Union with the League of Nations was fully discussed, and a vote being taken unanimously in its favour.

### CARTERTON.

May 16. Social evening. The Superintendent, Mrs Wilton, presided. About 40 present. Three persons joined; membership now 25. A short musical programme and several competitions. One was guessing the names of Electorates gone dry in New Zealand, the first and last letters being written, and a dash for every intervening letter. Supper was supplied by the members. Mrs Every gave an interesting address on the Y work in other centres. Also a report of Convention.

June 2. Special meeting to appoint a Treasurer. Miss Grimmer was elected. K. Tyler and R. Jones were appointed White Ribbon agents. A Social Committee was also set up.

### NELSON.

May 14. The evening was spent sewing, and extracts from Charles Dickens were read. Supper; closed with prayer. The Y Branch gave an entertainment at the Deficient Home May 26th, and was much appreciated.

An open meeting was held May 28th. Boys and girls held a debate, "Are Men More Slaves to Fashion than Women." Won by the boys; women are more slaves to fashion.

### HASTINGS.

May 1. 21 present. Committee set up to arrange hard-up social, Miss Deale convenor. Prizes offered for Competitions. Eight new members.

Miss Dodge elected Cor. Sec. Articles selected by members were read and discussed.

May 15. Very successful hard-up social; attendance large; games, competitions, and musical items filled up the evening. Prize for hard-up dress won by: Girls, Miss Beale; Boys, Don Hagensen. Collection, 10s. New members were initiated. Supper handed round, consisting of bread and golden syrup. Voices of thanks to all who helped.

### OXFORD.

March 24. President in the chair. All enjoyed very much an instructive and helpful reading given by Rev. Duncan. Decided to hold the first Band of Hope in May. A committee of three was formed to arrange for the first programme. Decided to hold our birthday social at the end of May. On Wednesday, May 2nd, our Y girls entertained Mrs Watkins to tea, after which Mrs Watkins gave a very interesting chat on "Home Nursing."

### INVERCARGILL.

May 7. Nearly 40 were present, over which Miss Stewart (Vice-President) presided. Owing to sickness, the President was absent. Mrs Young reported that she and Mrs Lillicrap had visited Riverton and formed a Y Branch. Decided to send greetings to the new Y's. Letters of sympathy to be written to two members. Misses R. Finlayson and Seed, along with their Superintendent (Mrs Young) reported that they had visited and spoken at four Bible Classes, setting forth the aims of our Y's, and had been successful in securing several members, and they hope to visit the remaining classes. Miss Blaikie read an excellent paper on the aims and pledges of our Y's, and Miss Seed spoke for a few moments on some of the different branches of work we take up. Several new members had been gained during the month, and an initiation service for nine was held. The meeting closed with Mrs Lillicrap giving the Benediction.

### THE CALL.

Oh, then, if gleams of truth and light  
Flash o'er thy waiting mind,  
Unfolding to thy mental sight  
The wants of human kind,  
If, brooding over human grief,  
The earnest wish is known  
To soothe and gladden with relief  
An anguish not thine own . . .  
Though only to the inward ear  
It whispers soft and low . . .  
Noiseless as dew fell, heed it well,  
Thy Father's call of love.

—J. G. Whittier.