

and hygienic knowledge carried on. Hospital visiting is much appreciated. The Seamen's Rest Committee have done good work; 3000 visits have been paid by seamen during the year, and services have been conducted each Sunday a ship is in port, the various churches taking in turn. The building has been painted and renovated. The Treasurer's report showed 92 subscriptions paid to date. A special Emergency Committee has been set up to raise funds for local work; this report was read, showing a balance in hand. Birthday greetings have been sent to all aged members, one of whom has passed her 91st birthday. Miss Drew referred to the fact that although our work is along the same lines as several other women's organisations, we are the only organisation that stands definitely for Temperance. Permission was given Mrs Dickson to hold a small stall at each meeting for local funds. A Cradle Roll picnic will be held early in the New Year. All officers were re-elected. Superintendents: Maori, Mrs Tuffrey; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; Notable Days, Mrs Brown; Evangelistic, Mrs Malcolm; "White Ribbon," Mesdames Dickson and Brown; Peace and Art, Mrs Gilliver; Bible in Schools, Mrs Read; Hospital, Mesdames Wright and Wood; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Brash.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Levin.—Nov. 9. Annual meeting. Mrs Sorensen presided. Large gathering of members and friends. Mrs McKain gave report of District Convention, and thanks were accorded to her. Reports of the various Departments were given, and considered satisfactory. Dainty afternoon tea by Mesdames Mew and Storey. Mrs Thorpe, to whom a very cordial welcome was accorded, took the chair. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Kerneley; Vice-Pres., Mrs Sims; Rec. Sec., Mrs Young; Cor. Sec., Mrs Mew; Treas., Mrs Bishop; Cradle Roll, Mrs Wiley; Press Reporter, Mrs Bott; Membership Supt., Mrs Shirley; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs McKain; Band of Hope Supervisor, Mrs Sorensen. Votes of thanks to Mrs Thorpe; to the Salvation Army, for the use of the hall; to the Press; to the retiring officers for their willing work throughout the year just past.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting. Good attendance. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Sutherland and Mrs de Forges in sickness. Votes of thanks to all officers. Flowers to Mrs Bamgart, retiring Secretary. Annual report and balance-sheet received, showed good progress. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Hickmott; Vice-Pres., Mrs Thompson; Sec., Miss Mitchell; Treas., Mrs Hudson.

Napier.—Dec. 5. Annual meeting, well attended. Reports show much activity in our Union. Progressive work includes pledge-signing in Bible Classes, formation of Band of Hope, Garden party (aim being publicity). Officers of Union re-elected. One new member.

(A fine, concise report.—Ed. "W.R.")

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Aramoho.—Nov. 29. Annual meeting. President in the chair. Letter of thanks from Willard Home. Greetings sent to Jubilee Home. Letter of sympathy to Mrs. Nicholson in hospital. Secretary's report read and adopted, showing successful year's work. Annual reports of departments read and adopted. Competitions: 1st Mrs. H. Good; 2nd Mrs. Richards. Points Prize: Mrs. Nicholson. President thanked outgoing officers. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs. Hallam; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gilmour and Chesswas; Sec., Mrs. H. Good; Evang. Supt., Mrs. Chesswas; Treas., Mrs. Dempster; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Hamer; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Walker; Afternoon Tea, Mrs. Read; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sleight; Competitions, Mrs. Richards; Press Reporter, Mrs. H. Good; Pianist, Mrs. Tizard. Meetings commence at 2.15 sharp in future, first meeting to be held January 31st. Syllabus to be drawn up early in January for six months. Extracts read from White Ribbon. Meeting closed with the Benediction and afternoon tea served by Mesdames White and Sanderson.

Ohakune.—Nov. 15. Mrs. Farr presided. Small attendance owing to sickness and inclement weather. A very interesting account of District Convention read by Miss Donald. Mr. E. Farr gave an inspiring and helpful address on the "Meaning of the Cross." Afternoon tea served.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting. Mrs Peryman in the chair. Letter of thanks from Willard Home, and from Mrs Don. Annual report by Mrs Stinson; 150 children on Cradle Roll. Mrs Pearson reported on "White Ribbon," and Mrs Gittings read balance-sheet. Solo by Mrs Bennett. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Brewer; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baudinet, Sawden, Webster and Raine; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gillings; Rec. Sec., Mrs Stinson; Treas., Mrs Gittings; Assist. Treas., Mrs Cracknell; "W.R." Agents, Mesdames Pearson and Pickering; Cradle Roll, Mrs Butler; Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs Parson. Mrs Pickering presented posies to Mesdames Peryman, Brewer, and the newly-elected officers. Mrs Peryman gave most inspiring address, urging all to have faith in the power of God and to work and pray for victory. Afternoon tea served by Presbyterian ladies.

Carterton.—Nov. Large attendance. Mrs. Avery led devotions. New member was welcomed. Captain Doyle gave a solo, appreciated by all. The temperance fact for the day was—"Alcohol kills everything that lives, and preserves everything that is dead." The President gave a very interesting talk and reading, and an excellent afternoon tea was served by the hostess for the afternoon.

Greystown.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting. Mrs Anker presided over a good meeting of members and friends. Mrs Morrison was welcomed back, after months of ill-health. Apology from Mrs W. A. Tate. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Anker; Vice-Pres., Mesdames White and Taylor and Miss Oates; Sec., Mrs Morrison; Treas., Mrs Haigh; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs White. Decided to hold "Bring and Buy" at each monthly meeting. The usual levies were passed for payment to World, N.Z., and District Funds; also 19/- to the Organising Fund. Miss Jones, District President, gave an inspiring and helpful talk on W.C.T.U. matters, and Miss Jackson gave a most interesting account of W.C.T.U. in Australia, where, at the present time there is no poll taken on the licensing question, and there are many wine shops, including one at every railway station.

Lower Hutt.—Nov. 28. Annual Meeting. President in the chair. Good attendance of members. Greetings from England from Mrs. Heyes. Secretary reported a box of clothing sent to the Willard Home. The monthly thought was: "The best things never are the easiest, in every cross Christ hides His seed of light." Our President urged all members to become efficient for the work before us in 1935. Annual report showed 10 meetings and one special. Treasurer reported Balance in hand of £4 2s. White Ribbon Agent reported two new members. Cradle Roll 104 members on the roll, 25 attaining 8 years of age, and 12 new babies. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs. Lopdell; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Routley, Garlick, Crawford, and Ballantyne; Sec., Mrs. Aldersley; Treas., Mrs. Cooper, 27 Maki St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Taylor, Tui St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Baigent, King's Crescent; Librarian, Mrs. Green, Bristol Square; Devotional Supt., Mrs. Ballantyne, Western Hutt Road; Organist, Mrs. Clark; Reporter, Mrs. Crawford; Monthly Thought, Mrs. Birrell. Decided next meeting Jan. 30th, to open at 2.15 p.m.

Petone.—Dec. 4. Annual meeting, 15 present. Mrs Playter presided. "Thought" by Mrs Murgatroyd. Secretary's annual report read, also Band of Hope report and balance-sheet. Mrs E. Battersby conducted election of officers: Pres., Mrs Jensen; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Playter, T. L. Battersby, and Carter; Sec., Mrs Chalmers; Treas., Mrs Murgatroyd; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Franklyn. Remaining Superintendents left over until February. Mrs Carter and Mrs Donoghue spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by the retiring officers. Afternoon tea served.

(Thanks for concise annual report.—Ed. "W.R.")

Upper Hutt.—Nov. 22. Annual meeting. Smallest attendance for the year. Five minute talk on "Promises in the Bible." Pledge repeated. All members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy with Mrs. Whiteman in her loss. Solo, "Ninety and Nine." Report of year's work given by Secretary. Treasurer's report received.

Mrs. Peryman was our very welcome visitor and her message uplifted us all. Mrs. Spencer, President; Mrs. Cowie, Secretary, Mrs. Roberts, Treasurer, all re-elected. Mrs. Ross, Cor. Sec.

Wellington.—Dec. 6. Annual meeting. Mrs Murray presiding. The minutes of last annual meeting confirmed. Mrs Harris, Hospital Visitor, read the report of the Ladies' Auxiliary, showing many kindnesses done for the sick. A statement of the Reserve Fund was read, also the ordinary balance-sheet, by Mrs Porte. The recent Jumble Sale realised £2 16s 3d. Mrs Ross' annual report was very encouraging. Mrs Chisholm was elected to represent us at the meetings of National Council of Women. Tea was then served by Mesdames King and Harris and Miss Clifford. Some notes on the return of liquor to America were read, showing an alarming increase in crime and motor accidents. The election of officers was conducted by Mrs Peryman, and resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Murray; Sec., Mrs Ross; Treas., Mrs Porte; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Rowe and Perry; Assist. Sec., Mrs Chisholm. Mrs Peryman addressed members re the importance of the Licensing Poll next year, and urged sacrifice to help No-License.

Wellington Central.—Nov. 21. Good attendance. Mrs Peryman presided. Annual report showed the Branch was very active. Special mention of the work of Mrs Long, C.R. Supt., who has enrolled 70 babies this year. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Barrow; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Peryman, Webb, Harry, Odell, and L. J. Boulton Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. A. Cullen; Rec. Sec., Miss W. Thompson; Treas., Mrs Helyer, with Mrs Childs as assistant; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Barrow; Musical Director, Mrs Andrew; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Long; Tea Supt., Mrs Hoult; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs F. E. Harry; League of Nations Representative, Mrs Israel. The report stated that all were extremely sorry to part with Mrs Peryman as President, for she had served faithfully and well for the last six years. Two songs by Mrs Brownlee.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—Nov. 30. A Bring and Buy social afternoon. Attendance small. Good business was done by the various stalls, and a sum of £3 13s 6d was taken. A duet was given by Mrs and Miss Madill; songs by Miss Eckford, and a recitation by Mrs Forbes.

Dec. 4. Mrs J. Stewart presided, 31 present. Mrs Stewart made an appeal for an increase of subscribers to our "White Ribbon" paper. Decided to hold summer meetings in the evening. Adjutant Hawkes gave a stirring address on the high ideals of the W.C.T.U., and begged us not to be discouraged in the face of seeming failures, but to press on, remembering that we belonged to a world-wide organisation, and though singly we might appear to be making little headway, we were collectively exerting a great influence for good on the peoples of the world. Hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea.

Tua Marina.—At the home of our President, Mrs. Burroughs, 15 present. Social half hour and a Bring and Buy.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Good attendance, Mrs Telenius presiding. Mrs Brown gave a very interesting address on "Home Life," also sang a solo. Mrs Ross gave a very comprehensive report on the year's work. Very satisfactory reports from all Departments. Satisfactory Variety Sale held on the 21st. All standing officers re-elected. A vote of sympathy passed to our President in her illness. Afternoon tea.

N. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Greymouth.—Nov. 27. Annual meeting. Mrs Burrell in the chair. Fair attendance. One new member. Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents of Departments received. Particular mention made of the work of Mrs Gilbert with the Birthday League, and of Mrs Stewart as caretaker of the Sailors' Rest. All officers re-elected. Resolved that on the next Notable Day, namely, Frances Willard Day, the meeting be held in the Sailors' Rest. The President repeated the Prayer Sigil before the Benediction. As an appreciation