

Day, making special mention of the attitude of the W.C.T.U. towards children and alcohol, and stressing the fact, "Alcohol is a Racial Poison." The following rendered items:—Misses Jackson and Wise, piano duet; Mrs. Commons and Miss Jackson, vocal solos; Mrs. Biggs, piano solo; Miss Marjorie Griffiths, recitation. Miss Grigg gave an interesting talk on her work among motherless children in Khandallah, Wellington. A hearty vote of thanks passed to the speaker and those who had given the delightful items.

Afternoon tea was served by members of the Union, and a special vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Gundy, Superintendent Cradle Roll Department, for having made and presented a large birthday cake. The children were entertained with stories and games and each child presented with sweets, toys and balloons. Members reminded of the League of Nations Garden Party. Literature distributed and one dozen White Ribbons sold.

HAMILTON.

Nov. 7. Mrs. Jones presided. Annual report showed that 11 meetings had been held, three Executive meetings, a garden party and one public meeting when Mrs. Moffat Clow was the speaker. We have 78 members on the roll, 70 of whom are fully financial. There are 244 Little White Ribboners; quite a number had to come off owing to age limit.

Our White Ribbon Agent has 36 subscribers; the Union pays for a copy each month to be placed in the Library, Plunket and Rest Rooms. 100 Supplements are divided between three Sunday Schools. The Literature Superintendent reported having sent out 72 parcels with temperance leaflets enclosed.

Mrs. Jones represents us as a Vice-President on the National Council, and is also a Vice-President and Life Member on the Alliance. Decided to arrange for a Day of Prayer on November 22nd.

A remit from the Women's Institute which had been carried unanimously at their Dominion Conference held in Christchurch, viz.:—"That in the interests of the physical, social and moral welfare of our young people of N.Z., Women's Institute members use their influence to abolish the use of alcoholic drink at town and country dances." This was heartily supported and it was decided to forward the remit to other women's organisations locally.

Mrs. Jones, who had been President intermitently for twenty-five years and was relinquishing office, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations and lillies of the valley.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Stephenson Craig; Secretary, Mrs. Hayward; Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Davey; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Jones, Robertson and Bradley; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. Bradley; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Mitchell; Press Reporter, Mrs. Jones.

A dainty afternoon tea was served and the meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL CRADLE ROLL PARTY.

The yearly Cradle Roll party of the Wellington Central W.C.T.U. was held recently in the Baptist Schoolroom when about eighty children and many parents attended. The children in pretty coloured paper hats (made by Mrs. Hoult) sat at decorated tables and enjoyed their tea while the mothers waited on with theirs. Each child was presented with a pretty bag of sweets. Mrs. Barrow, the President, presided,

and Mrs. Long, Cradle Roll Superintendent, welcomed the guests. During his talk to the mothers, the speaker, Rev. J. R. Blanchard, stated that New Zealand was making drunkards at the rate of six a day, and children of to-day will become drunkards of to-morrow if New Zealand goes on at the same rate. He stressed the point of the parents voting no license as it might be any of our children who might become the victims. Miss Bennell sang beautifully for the guests. Temperance literature was distributed.

GLEANINGS IN MANY FIELDS.

That Sir Edgar Sanders has "lifted" his ideas from America is strikingly shown in the following extracts which we leave to speak for themselves:—

"We want the beer drinking habit instilled into thousands, almost millions of young men who do not at present know the taste of beer."—Sir Edgar Sanders at Birmingham Brewers' Meeting, June 15th, 1933.

"Not one-tenth of 1 per cent. of the youth in college know what really good American beer tastes like. To them it is little more than a name. They will have to be educated. . . ."—From an advertisement in the "Brewing Industry," published in New York, November 9th, 1932.

Our readers will notice that, in spite of lawlessness and violation, Prohibition

was not such a failure after all, according to these testimonies. It gave the United States **A Sober Youth.**

For the victories of the past the W.C.T.U. is grateful. "I've been saying everywhere that the Lord put the Eighteenth Amendment into the Constitution, and it would not be repealed," said a coloured evangelist. "Now it looks as though it is lost, but I still have a message. I am still saying that the Lord put it there, for it was born of prayer and consecrated effort, and that even though the powers of evil do take it out for a time, **they cannot repeal the results of prohibition.** For years I've travelled up and down, and I've seen the people of both white and coloured races under both conditions, and **I know its value.** Prohibition will come back."

THE BREWERS' CONSPIRACY. LOOK ON THIS PICTURE.

(3 points from Sir Edgar Sanders' Birmingham speech.)

PLOT No. 1—

To Reduce the Price of Beer.

"We never had such a wonderful press as we had before the Budget . . . I know they had some idea that we were contemplating a large advertising scheme if we got a reduction on the beer duty . . . and I think there is no doubt whatever that this had some effect."

PLOT No. 2—

To Increase the Sale of Beer.

"Licensees . . . have seen that they are getting the increased trade for which they had hoped."

PLOT No. 3—

To give People a Feeling of Contentment.

"Not only has the output exceeded expectations, but there has been . . . a feeling of contentment, a feeling that the people are getting full value for their money."

The Brewer Takes the Profit.

AND ON THIS.

(3 points from various Official Returns.)

FACT No. 1—

Brewers' Profits Improved.

"The position and outlook of the British Brewery Industry has undergone a marked change for the better. The profits of the main concerns are recovering under the influence of lower taxation and increased spending power."

—"Financial Times," Feb. 8th, 1934.

FACT No. 2—

Motor Accidents Increased.

458 more people were killed and nearly 10,000 more were injured in motor accidents in 1933 than in 1932.

FACT No. 3—

Drunkenness Increased.

Leeds drunkenness convictions have increased 42 per cent. from 402 in 1932 to 579 in 1933.

Salford's convictions have increased in a year from 487 to 664.

Birmingham's figures show an increase of 1,605 to 2,108.

The Public Pays the Price.

COINCIDENCE?

"Do you think that it is purely coincidence that while the increase in the consumption of beer has been 16½ per cent. since the Budget, the increase of motor accidents on the roads has been 17 per cent.?"—Dr. A. Salter, M.P.