

ham presided over a good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs. Machin, a member of the Pan-Pacific delegation, gave an interesting Travel Talk on her visit to Honolulu and Canada. Afternoon tea. Each child received sweets and a balloon.

Riccarton.—Sept. 8. Attendance 19. - Devotions, Mrs. Harris. Votes of sympathy to relatives of late Miss Jessie Mackay and late Bishop Julius. Satisfactory reports on Mental Hospital and Band of Hope given. Children gained 12 prizes at Band of Hope competitions. Two sacks of clothing sent to Maori Mission at Opotiki. Temperance Films on Scientific Facts and "How to Vote" being screened at local Picture Theatre. Brigadier Mrs. Grey addressed the meeting, speaking of the untiring work done in the various Homes under the control of the Salvation Army, there being 33 Homes, 200 institutions and 600 officers in New Zealand. Literature distributed. Hostesses, Mesdames Donaldson and Laughlin.

Riccarton.—Oct. 13. Cradle Roll Day. Good attendance of mothers and children. Congratulations to Mrs. C. W. Barrell, President, on her appointment to District President. Arrangements made for churches in the District to be left open for Prayer on Pleading Day. Band of Hope members rendered items, the following taking part. Helen Rendell, Betty Piper, Betty Brown, Dorothy Turner, Jim Rendell, Brian Gainsford and Ian Hayes. Members assisting with provisions etc. for Y camp, at Heathcote, Labour week-end. Despite a wet night, good Band of Hope meeting had been held. Visits paid to Mental Hospital. Miss Hammond gave an address on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and Nursery Schools. Literature distributed, also toys to the children. Members dispensed afternoon tea.

Rangiora.—Sept. 18th. Mrs. H. Ryan presided. Devotions, Miss C. S. Ayers. Solo, Mrs. Horsley. Sympathy with Mrs. Logan in the death of her husband. Arrangements made for the Women's meeting, day before Poll. Reports of District Convention given by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ellis. Bring and Buy. Collection for N.Z. Fund.

Reefton.—Oct. 11. Mrs. Thompson presided. Good attendance. Flower seeds received from Miss Kirk. Mesdames Waddell and Ebbert to plant same. Treasurer reported 10/- sent towards memorial to Mrs. McCombs. Decided to celebrate 11th Birthday next month. Balance on hand to be sent to Headquarters' fund.

Sydenham.—Oct. 7. Mrs. J. K. Archer presided. Devotions and temperance fact, Mrs. Davies. Reports on mental hospital visiting, district executives' meeting and on contributions towards the E. R. McCombs Memorial Fund. Mrs. Davies (delegate) gave a concise report on the recent Provincial Convention. Solos by Mrs. Reeve. Maori Day. Most interesting and instructive address on "The Maori—his origin, characteristics, religion, customs and legends," given by Mrs. Taylor. A special "Maori Day" collection taken up, hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Benediction.

Spreydon.—Oct. 11, at 7.30 p.m. Good attendance. Presided over by Mrs. Ancall. Great regret at losing Mrs. Goring, a Vice-President who is leaving the district. Appreciation of her work. Mrs. Bowden gave report of the District Convention and received thanks. Mrs. Gemmel and Mrs. Billcliff dispensed supper. Short prayer meeting.

Woolston.—Sept. 27. President presiding. Rev. French took the Devotions. Mrs. Ramsay read the paper of Bishop Bennett's on the native race. Mrs. Lawson gave report of the District Convention. Collection of 4/- for N.Z. Fund. Benediction.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—Oct. 4. Miss Jackson presided. Good attendance. Sympathy with Mrs. Drayton, Mrs. Oliver, and relatives of late Mrs. Hansen. Financial statement by treasurer. Special afternoon arranged for October 28. Maori Day, a collection taken for Maori Fund. Address by Mr. G. Andrews on Maori race their life and character and received a hearty vote of thanks. Arrangements for taking charge of Women's Rest Tent and the A. and P. Show.

Ashburton.—Nov. 1. Sister Mildred presided. Welcome to Mrs. Livingstone, a transfer from Mosgiel. Decided to take up collection for Chinese Refugee children. Special effort raised £7. Letter of congratulations to Borough Council on opening of new Women's Rest Room. Mrs. Tinker spoke on N.C.W. and Mrs. Aitkenhead reported on Provincial Convention. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Rakaia.—Oct. 13. Pres. Miss Oakley presided. Good attendance of 45 friends and members. A very interesting address by Mrs. Moss, a former Maori deaconess, on "The Havoc caused by drink among the Maoris." A sales table, in aid of Headquarters' Fund realised over 15. Annual meeting in Nov. Afternoon tea, all members being hostesses.

Temuka.—Oct. 26. Mrs. Hewson presided. 14 present. Mrs. Douglas, devotions. Arrangements for Garden Sale to be held shortly. Prayers offered for sick members. Letters of cheer to go to two aged members. Pledge repeated. Afternoon tea. Prayer and Benediction.

Timaru.—Oct. Miss Fyfe presided. Fair attendance. Band of Hope and Loyal Temperance Legion superintendents reported good progress in work. Headquarters devoted a silver cup for competition between the two classes. Special Collection for Chinese refugee fund amounted to £1/1/- forwarded to Mayor's Fund. Decided to proceed with painting and renovation of Sailor's Rest. Mrs. Thomson gave a special report of devotional sessions at recent convention at Linwood.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Balclutha.—Nov. 1. Annual Meeting, fair attendance. Hymn, prayer, and talk by Mrs. Miller on "Thankfulness." Annual report of branch read and adopted. Band of Hope discussed. Doxology. Benediction. Afternoon tea. Officers elected: Vice-Pres., Mesdames Clark and Dawson; Sec., Mrs. Moody; Treas., Mrs. Tie; Band of Hope Sec., Mrs. Tie; Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U., Mrs. Gegg.

Dunedin Central.—October 4. Mrs. Hiatt presided, good attendance, reports of District Convention given by Miss Macandrew and others. Members urged to spend much time in prayer. Arrangements made for distributing literature.

Kaikorā.—Sept. 28. A fair amount of business was done. A small booklet was read by the President. Leaflets were distributed among members. Final arrangements made about the forthcoming District Convention. The captain of the Local Salvation Army Corps gave a short talk on the work being done by them with regard to the coming election. Afternoon tea.

Kaikorā.—Oct. 26. Well attended and though the result of the poll was not what we would wish, yet we mean to go forward knowing that victory would come "some glad day." Mrs. Adcock read the report of District Convention, listened to with interest. Afternoon tea.

Lawrence.—Oct. 4. Attendance fair. Mrs. J. McKinlay presided. Details arranged for the poll. Also questions to be put to the candidates for the coming election. Sister Alice Hatcher's visit also arranged for Benediction.

Mosgiel.—Sept. 27. Mrs. Graham presided. Attendance fair. Pay up social about 20th November. Interesting reports of District Convention by delegates.

North East Valley.—Sept. Miss Grey presided over a good attendance. Mesdames Sanders and Bruce and Miss Begg were presented with long service badges. This was the first function of the kind in connection with the Valley Union which was formed just thirty years ago. The recipients briefly responded. Miss Campbell addressed the meeting on the evil effects of the licensed liquor trade on the Maoris in certain areas of the North Island. It being a special day afternoon tea was served and a social chat enjoyed by all.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Gore.—Sept. 27. Good attendance, Mrs. E. C. Smith presided. A time was spent in prayer for world affairs. Decided to have extra meetings for prayer until the election.

The Rev. A. L. Kent spoke relative to the coming poll. Members to help to distribute literature. Benediction.

Gore.—Oct. 26. Good attendance. Mrs. J. C. Smith presided. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Rev. A. T. Kent for his interesting and instructive address on a "Forward Campaign for Temperance." Time of special prayer. Decided to send £1 to Maori Fund. Motions of sympathy passed. Members asked to attend the Annual District Convention in Invercargill, on Nov. 23. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Invercargill Central.—Oct. 5. Mrs. R. R. McGregor presiding. Fair attendance. Mrs. Gilmour lead Devotions. Ordinary business, rest of time devoted to prayer meeting for forthcoming poll. Hostesses for Afternoon tea, Mesdames McGregor, Brown and Ayson. Distribution of leaflets.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, 1st Monday, at 2 p.m., in S.S. Union Buildings, Upper Queen Street. Pres., Miss Read, 6 Bellevue Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs. William Arnley, Northcote, N.4.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. C. Alley, Queen Street, Northcote, N.4.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street, Auckland, W.I.; Treas., Mrs. A. L. Lewis, 1 Oaklands Road, Auckland, S.2.

AKAMOHU, last Thursday, St. David's Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Cheswas; Sec., Mrs. H. Good, 2 Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs. F. Read; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Walker, Paterson Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sleight, Stewart Street.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. M. Jackson, Cox Street, Ashburton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Buckler, 215 Cameron Street; Cor. Sec. and L.W.R., Mrs. Harwood; Treas., Mrs. G. Tullock, Peter Street West, Ashburton; W.R. Agent, Miss A. E. Watson, 84 Cameron Street, Ashburton.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Stimpson, "Hinemoa," 8 Alfred Street, Auckland, C.1.; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, 37 Sentinel Road, Herne Bay, W.1.; Treas., Mrs. Swan, 18 Maungate Street, Remuera, S.E.2.; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND "Y's," 1st Saturday, 7.30 p.m., in Newton East Hall. Pres., Mr. J. Smith; Sec., Miss V. Hullah, 8 Fourth Street, Auckland, S.W.1.; Treas., Miss D. Purdy; Beccol and W.R. Agent, Miss Appleby.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., in Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. Winn, Glasgow Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Moody; Treas. and Sec., Mrs. Tie, Gordon Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Clark.

BERKENHEAD, 1st Thursday, Zion Hill, Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hannah, Wairoa Ave, Birkenhead, Sec., Miss Tozer, C/o 1 Arawa Street, Birkenhead, N.5.; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dingley, Hauraki Road; C.K. Supt., Mrs. Chappell; Evangelistic, Mrs. Hall.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. Braddock, Maxwell Road; Rec. Sec., Mrs. N. Forbes; Treas., Mrs. P. A. S. Stephens, Howick Road; C.R. Supt., Mrs. H. Dunckley, Arthur Street, W.R. Agent, Mrs. L. Hodgerson, Beaver Road.

BLUFF, 1st Thursday, in Willard Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. Walker, junr, Shannon Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. Speer, The Manse; Treas., Mrs. Barber, Foyle Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Jas. Walker.

BRIGHTON, 1st Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. G. Ellis, 79 Arncliffe Street; Sec., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 111 Lonsdale Street; Treas., Mrs. N. C. Fraser, River Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. N. Clark, 22 Nelson Street; C.R. Supt., Mrs. F. Good, Victoria Street.