

LAWRENCE.—Nov. Annual meeting. good attendance. Year's work reviewed and commented on. One new member. Devotions. Election of officers, same as last year. Afternoon tea.

LOWER HUTT.—Nov. 25. Annual meeting. Mrs Mowlem in the chair. 12/- raised by coin afternoon. Number of comfort bags were brought for the Seamen's Rest at Timaru. A splendid report of the year's activities given by Mrs Tait. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. The Treasurer's report showed £24 17s raised during the year, and a balance of £4 5s 1d in hand to date. The "White Ribbon" Agent reported 48 subscribers and two new ones. Cradle Roll Supt. reports 166 babies on the roll, 19 being new ones. Garden party raised £2 6s 6d towards funds. The Librarian reported little work being done, and a suggestion was made to add some new books during next year. Visiting Committee have done sick visiting, etc., during the year; also sent many letters to absentees. A letter was read from Mrs Every asking each member to do her best to keep our paper going, and to endeavour to get new subscribers. Mrs Mowlem congratulated the Union on its activities, and urged all to go forward. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Lopedell; Sec., Mrs Tait; Treas., Mrs Aldersley; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Taylor; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Senr., and Mrs Taylor; Librarian, Mrs Green; Reporter, Mrs Crawford; Vice-Pres., with one exception, re-elected; Pianiste, Miss Page; Evangelistic, Mrs Spencer. A vote of thanks to the officers of the Church for the use of the building.

LEVIN.—Oct. 9. Address from Major Smythe, on furlough from Japan. Most interesting address on W.C.T.U. work in Japan and other organisations to uplift the women-folk of that country. Vote of thanks passed to our visitor. One new member.

MAUNGAKARAMEA.—Nov. 18. Annual meeting at Mrs J. T. Walker's. Nine members present. Reports from Secretary and Treasurer presented, and adopted; also reports from different departments. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Weir; Vice-Pres., Mrs Byrt, Mrs Hannam; Sec., Mrs Gillingham; Treas., Mrs Adams; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Harvey; Little White Ribboners, Mrs Hannam; Evangelistic, Mrs Walker; Notable Days, Mrs S. Purdon; Membership Reporter, Mrs Hannam, Junr; Press Reporter, Mrs Gillingham; Committee appointed to arrange Cradle Roll picnic, Mrs Hannam, Mrs W. Cook, and Mrs Gillingham. Decided to write to local School Committee asking them to consult parents re Bible reading in the Maungakarama School, as we have a young lady from Institute who could give the lessons next year.

MOTUEKA.—Nov. 25. Miss Cresswell in the chair. Eleven present. Two new members, and one babe for Cradle Roll. Election of officers. 16/9 collected for Willard Home. Social for the mothers of the Cradle Roll, a fair number present; had a very pleasant time. Mrs Moffat and Miss Cresswell gave short addresses. Mrs Bell read a paper on "Purity." Mrs A. Herrick sang two solos. We also had several gramophone records. Afternoon tea served.

MAKOTUKU.—Nov. 5. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Mann's. Prayer meeting. The following officers:—Mrs T. Fothergill, Pres.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs J. T. Dally; Sec., Cradle Roll, Band of Hope, Miss Maldon, Treas., Band of Hope; Mrs Golly, Evangelical Supt. A birthday cake was presented by Mrs Fothergill in honour of the fourth birthday of W.C.T.U. Mrs Mann lit the four coloured candles, and the President cut the cake. Christmas box to be sent to Willard Home. Dainty afternoon tea served by hostess.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Nov. 5. Very successful Mothers' Day held in manse grounds. Musical items rendered by Misses D. and E. Cullen and Mrs Knightbridge, and readings by Mrs Flower and Mrs Pasley. Race for small children, and each child received bag sweets. Afternoon tea dispensed, and enjoyed, especially by the children. Next meeting in February, 1932.

N.E. VALLEY.—Nov. Good attendance. Annual meeting. Officers' and Superintendents' reports were read and adopted. Credit balance of £20. Mrs Peart, retiring President, thanked officers and members for their loyalty during her 15 years of office. Mrs Don conducted election of officers: Pres., Miss A. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Peart, Miller, Anstice, Wilcox, and Gibson; Sec.,

Miss Begg; Treas., Mrs Sanders; Maori, Mrs Bath; Pianiste, Mrs Miller, Moss and Begg; Band of Hope, Misses Moss and Bayling; "W.R." Mrs Valance; Evangelistic, Miss Clifford; L.W.R., Mrs Green; Press, Mrs Coulter. Mrs Don gave short address.

NAPIER.—Dec. Annual meeting, presided over by the District President, Mrs Speight, who complimented the Union on the splendid report of the year's work, although we had been so seriously handicapped through the great earthquake. Our earliest minute books were in the hall at that time, and if any lady has seen them we would be most grateful to have them returned to us. Mrs Olliver presented Secretary's report, and Mrs Williams Treasurer's, which showed the finances to be in a healthy state. Mrs E. L. Martin, the last foundation member, gave a report of the founding of the Union in Napier by Mrs Leavitt, who held several meetings, resulting in the formation of a branch of the W.C.T.U. on June 11th, 1885. The principal office-bearers at that time were: Pres., Mrs Patterson (wife of Rev. J. G. Patterson, for many years Presbyterian minister of St. Paul's); Sec., Mrs J. P. Troy; Treas., Mrs Hutchins. A farewell meeting for Mrs Leavitt was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom, over which Rev. Patterson presided. The election of officers: Pres., Mrs Milner; Vice-Pres., Mrs Macalister and Mrs Hull; Rec. Sec., Mrs F. Freeman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson; "W.R." Mrs Alexander; Cradle Roll, Mrs Donnelly; Evangelistic and Home Meetings, Mrs Venables; Philanthropic and Flower Mission, Mrs Stokes; Prison Supt., Mrs North; Maori Supt., Mrs Hull. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers for their work, and to Mrs Speight for presiding.

NELSON.—Nov. 8. Large attendance. Mrs Moyes gave the Temperance Fact. Sent £3 3s to Willard Home, and an appeal made for clothing. Farewell social to Mrs F. W. Smith, who is leaving for a trip to England. President spoke of the good work Mrs Smith had always done. Mrs Moyes spoke on behalf of the young people. The President presented Mrs Smith with a leather bag from the members, and Mrs Knapp a bouquet of roses. Solos rendered. One new member.

OHAKUNE.—Nov. 5. Twelve present. Mrs Lynn read letter from Mrs T. E. Taylor. Successful "Bring and Buy" afternoon in aid of Headquarters Fund was held. Songs and elocutionary items were given by Mesdames Webb, Beck, Morgan, and Miss Foster. Amusing competitions were won by Mesdames Phillips and Keats. A dainty afternoon tea provided by members.

ONEHUNGA.—Nov. 12. Secretary reported successful year; 11 meetings held, and 71 members. Treasurer reported donations to H.Q. Fund, Maori Work, and Orphanage. Cradle Roll, 108 members. "W.R." subscribers, 40; six extra copies sold each month. Birthday League, 19 members. We have members on local School Committee and Benevolent Society. Temperance literature has been distributed, Notable Days observed, and letters of sympathy sent to the sick and bereaved. Seven very successful Home meetings held this year. Meetings have been well reported in the two daily papers. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Ashby; Sec., Mrs Craig; Treas., Mrs Mushet; Home Meetings, Mrs Ashby; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Petchell; Birthday League, Mrs Taylor; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Mountjoy; Good Citizenship, Mrs Parker; Medical Temperance, Mrs Lamond; Anti-Gambling, Mrs Craig, Bible in Schools, Mrs Denize; Press Reporter, Mrs Stacey; Pianiste, Mrs Green. Hearty vote of appreciation to retiring President (Mrs Leadley) for work faithfully done.

ONEHUNGA.—Nov. 25. Most enjoyable home meeting at Mrs Craig's, 30 present. The programme, given by the Orpheus Musical Club, under the direction of Mrs J. Craig. Songs were rendered by Mrs Spence, Mrs Petchell, Mrs Craig, and Mr J. Stacey, recitations by Miss Bilkey, and iver part songs by a combined choir. Mrs Craig outlined the objects of the W.C.T.U. movement. Mrs Ashby occupied the chair. Eight new members were initiated, and four names added to the Cradle Roll. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to our hostess and the artists.

OTOROHANGA.—Dec. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Tozer; Vice-Pres.,

Mesdames Burton and Rogers; Sec., Mrs P. L. Fairbrother; Treas., Mrs E. F. Fairbrother; Evangelistic Supt. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs Bell; Membership Recorder, Mrs Webster. A parcel of clothing and 10/- is being sent to Willard Home. Afternoon tea was partaken of, including a beautifully iced fruit cake, presented by the President, and decorated with four candles, denoting the four years since the branch was formed.

OTAHUHU.—Nov. 19. Annual meeting. Letter read from our Dominion President. Special donation given to Headquarters, Maori and Dominion funds, and to Willard Home. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Eccersall; Vice-Pres., Mrs Gatman, Mrs McArthur, and Captain Martin; Sec., Mrs Taylor; Treas., Mrs Hall; "W.R." Agent, Mrs West; Cradle Roll, Mrs Handyside; Notable Days, Mrs Burman; Anti-Gambling, Mrs Eccersall; Birthday League, Mrs Redshaw; Evangelistic, Mrs Gatman; Home Meetings, Mrs Muir.

OAMARU.—Nov. Annual meeting. Miss Smyth presided. Good attendance. Secretary's and departmental reports showed steady progress, and interest in meetings well sustained. Officers elected: Pres., Miss Smyth; Vice-Pres., Misses Cowan, Milligan, Beaton, and Mrs Hall; Record Sec., Mrs Bridgman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Scott; Treas., Miss Rose Day; Pianist, Mrs Jackson; "W.R." Agent and Press Reporter, Mrs Corlett; Cradle Roll, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Beckingsale; Scientific Lectures, Miss Cowan; Social Committee, Mesdames Clarke and Corlett, Misses Cowan and Johnston; Sick Visitors, Mrs McIlraith, Misses Cowan and Johnston. Two new members. Small Bring and Buy Sale held.

OHAI.—Oct. Good attendance. Mrs Balneaves presided. Devotional exercises and pledge repeated. Distress cases dealt with. Mrs Lamb gave a paper on Bible reading for the night. President delegate to District Convention. Miss Raper read "The Old Rugged Cross," by request.

OTAUTAU.—We are still holding on. We have 26 members; four new ones as the result of Miss McLay's visit. Closing social of the Band of Hope was a great success. December meeting closes the branch till March. £1 to the Willard Home from our W.C.T.U.

OXFORD.—Nov. 18. Annual meeting. President in the chair. Balance-sheet adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Auditor. Mrs Hawke gave an account of a very successful meeting held at the residence of Mrs S. Magrath, Bexley, when one new member was initiated. Superintendents' reports showed good work done. 66 names on Cradle Roll, 13 for this year. Band of Hope met regularly. Y.P. Branch active, and increasing in membership. The President thanked the Secretary and the members for their help, and a vote of thanks was passed to the newspapers for their courtesy in inserting reports. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs G. Ryde; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Mrs Rol; "W.R." Agent, Mrs D. Hawke; C.R. Supt., Mrs C. Morris; Evangelistic, Mrs Malcolm and Miss Whiteman; Legal and Parliamentary, Miss Caverhill; Notable Days, Miss Waterman; Scattered Members, Mrs Jones; Flower Mission, Mrs J. Baxter and Mrs E. Magrath; Band of Hope, Mrs C. W. Tritt; Y.P. Branch, Mrs Comyns. One new member.

PETONE.—Dec. 1. Annual meeting. 18 present. Mrs Carter presided. Balance-sheet read, and showed improvement on last year's. Election of officers: Pres., Mrs Playtor; Cor. Sec., Mrs Silbury; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. L. Battersby; Treas., Mrs Woolford. Hearty vote of thanks and appreciation passed to our retiring President, Mrs Carter. In reply, Mrs Carter extended a warm welcome to Mrs Playtor, and asked the members to give her every help and encouragement in the coming year. Social afternoon was held at Mrs Corner's, a good gathering of members and friends being present. Speakers, Miss Avison, Miss Kirk, and Mrs James. Vocal solos were contributed by Mesdames Wakelin and T. L. Battersby. Vote of thanks to all who took part, and to the hostess.

REMUERA.—Nov. 17. Annual meeting. Secretary's report and departmental reports read and adopted. Treasurer's report showed that after paying capitation and donations to all Dominion funds, a creditable balance was in hand. 18 members gained during year. Home meeting held.