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eloquent address by requesting them all to help in the work of the Union.

ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

This Union was formed by Mrs. Leavett on the 4th February, 1885, and is in a very satisfactory and encouraging position.

Work is being done in nearly all the departments mentioned in the Constitution.

The prisoners are being visited in their cells, and cared for on their release.

Auckland was the first to take up the barmaid question. Upwards of 13,000 signatures were obtained to the petition.

Two thousand votes were obtained in a fortnight, through our efforts, for prohibiting the selling of strong drink to children under sixteen years.

There are 600 temperance pamphlets being circulated, which will, when necessary, be replaced by fresh ones.

Six hundred and thirty leaflets and tracts have also been distributed. Ten of the members subscribe to the *Union Signal*. One hundred and two copies of the *Leader* are distributed weekly. The members are working hard in view of the coming licensing election. There are one hundred and sixty-five working and eighteen honorary members.

NAPIER.

This Union was formed by Mrs. Leavett on the 11th June, 1885.

The meetings are held every Thursday, in St. Pauls Schoolroom.

The first work undertaken was to obtain 800 signatures to a petition against the employment of barmaids.

A supply of temperance literature has been obtained from America, and distributed from house to house. Eight of the members subscribe to the *Union Signal*.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the formation of an Industrial Home.

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