

TEMPERANCE WORK AMONG THE MAORIS IN NEW ZEALAND.

MRS HEWETT, Superintendent of the work, writes as follows:—'Since my last report was published this department of work has increased and succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. The socials held in Wellington, Manukau and Rotorua have promoted a kindly and friendly feeling between the Maoris and ourselves. His Lordship the Bishop of Wellington, the Countess of Glasgow, the Bishop of Waipapa, Sir Robert and Lady Stout, Mr Harding, of Hawke's Bay, and the Rev. Donald Ross have greatly advanced the cause by their presence and speeches at these socials. Over 600 Maoris have now signed the pledge, and many of these have become earnest workers. In every place where meetings have been held there is a noticeable change for the better, especially at Rotorua, where the women are formed into branches of the W.C.T.U. and have taken up Sunday-school work, Bible classes.

Maorians are staunch temperance men. Nine branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union have been formed, 600 Testaments, Hymn, and Prayer books given away, and 120 illustrated books. Mrs Davis, of Putiki, known as Victoria Kemp, is an earnest worker in the Wanganui and Manawatu districts, and has obtained between 50 and 60 signatures to the pledge; Mrs Brittan, daughter of Rev. — Grace, of Tasaranga, about 40 sig-



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MR GEO. T. POIR, WELLINGTON,

Superintendent of St. Mark's Sunday School, who assisted Mrs Hewett by translating various tracts into Maori.

one of the best interpreters in New Zealand. In the early days she was with those who fought against us at the Gate Pah, and it was she who at the risk of her life took the water to Colonel Booth and some of our soldiers who were dying of their wounds at that fight, and were pleading for some water to moisten their dying lips.

'Some of the readers of the GRAPHIC may be interested in hearing how loyally the Maoris of Rotorua kept the Diamond Jubilee day. About 500 Maoris assembled at



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NANIWA HAEREMALA, A Wairarapa Chieftainess, who is engaged in Temperance and Mothers' Union Work.

natures; and Mr Webb, of Lyttelton, about 37. Mr Hone Heke, Te Hen Hen, and Mr Martin, of Nelson, gave me letters of introduction to chiefs all over New Zealand.

'I am sure that the Maoris are now ready to appreciate the benefits of a college for Maori girls. It has been said to me repeatedly by those Maoris who are anxious to promote education for the uplifting of the Maori race that it is essential for children to be away from the pa and their relatives whilst their education is going on, and the new college proposed by Archdeacon Dudley for young Maori girls is, I believe, the right thing at the right time. During this three years of my work I have only succeeded in persuading sixteen children to attend Government school's—I mean where there was no Native school.

'The fact that since the temperance mission began at Rotorua there were no intoxicants used at the funeral or tangi of an important chief, and also at the wedding festivities of four couples, shows that the work has taken root and is likely to be permanent. Mrs Foley, who is assistant New Zealand superintendent of the W.C.T.U. work among Maoris, is a valuable co-worker, as she is



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MRS EMMA POURAMATI, First Superintendent of the first Maori Branch of the W.C.T.U. at Rotorua.

and social purity work. The men have formed themselves into a union, which they called 'Mrs Hewett's Temperance League,' and have elected her as their general president. The Rev. Ratema is president of the Ohinemutu Branch, and Mr Taipopoki, at Whakarewarewa, and Mr Tamata Hapimana and R. Te Kerri, as secretary, have done good work at Te Ngae. President Ahimiro at Te Puke, and President Edward Clark at



Hanna, photo.

MR GEO. TAIT,

Studying at Gisborne College, worker in the Temperance cause.



Pears, photo, Rotorua.

WHAKAREWAREWA BAND, ROTORUA, N.Z.

the big meeting house at Ohinemutu, among them representatives from Te Puke, Maketu, Murea, Mokoia, Awaka, Te Ngae, and the Whakarewarewa. The natives marched into Rotorua to the music of three splendid bands, headed by their chief, Major Kemp, carrying the flag that was presented to them by the Duke of Edinburgh from the Queen for their loyalty during the last war. The men and women all carried flags, chiefly the Union Jack, with portraits of the Empress Queen. The women wore white skirts with streamers of red, white, and blue ribbon, and scarlet blouses. Their dances were very pretty, and the whole proceedings throughout the day were conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion. The most important ceremony was the unveiling of the bust of Her Majesty, which has been painted and regilded for the occasion, and placed outside their large meeting-house beneath a canopy of flags, and decorations of ferns and Maori