

Girls' Friendly Society

Two council meetings were held during the month of July. At the first meeting, on the 6th, a discussion was held on the building of a Lodge, and three ladies representing the H. B. Ladies' Syndicate attended by invitation. This Syndicate has presented to the Lodge Fund the sum of £330 on condition the Lodge was completed within twelve months. A building Committee, consisting of Mrs Tuke, Mrs Lowry, Miss E. Williams and Messrs F. W. Williams, G. F. Morley and F. J. Stopford was appointed. The Secretary was asked to write to Miss MacMichael, who represents the Diocese in England, for help from the Central Fund towards the Lodge.

At the meeting on the 22nd, a letter was read from Mrs Colquhoun, the Dunedin Diocesan Secretary, asking if the Waiapu Diocese would agree to the appointment of Miss Raine as Organising Secretary and contribute £30 towards her expenses. The Council consented to do so.

Miss Griffin sent in her resignation as Secretary to S. Luke's branch, Rotorua, which was accepted with regret and Miss Hare was elected in her place.

Hostel Subscriptions Received.

J. S. Large (2nd donation)	1	1	0
Mrs Hansard	2	2	0
Mrs White	2	2	0
Miss V. Russell	1	0	0
Misses Williams	10	0	0
Mrs Lowry	5	5	0
Mrs A. H. Russell	5	0	0
Associate	2	0	0
Mrs Coleman	5	0	0
Mrs T. H. Lowry	50	0	0
F. Logan	2	2	0
Mrs Wenley	3	0	0
T. Clark	5	0	0
J. N. Williams			
(2nd donation)	100	0	0
Frank Williams	5	5	0
"A Friend"	2	2	0
Mrs Sydney Johnston	10	0	0
Mrs W. M. Newman	1	0	0
Miss A. L. Williams	30	0	0
Taylor White	2	2	0
Miss Keith	5	0	0
Kowhai		10	0
Mrs C. H. Maclean	5	0	0
Mrs Canning	1	1	0
Jumble Sale (small sums still to come in)	53	1	6
Mrs Martin		5	0
	308	18	6
Previously acknowledged	687	1	6
Total	£996	0	0

Rescue Work.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs Sedgwick, Bishopscourt, Napier.

Secretary—Mrs F. W. Williams, "Te Rawhiti," Napier.

Mrs Compline, Havelock North, H.B. (representing Matamau and Country Districts of Dannevirke).

Mrs Harding, Waipukurau (representing the District of Waipukurau).

Mrs Frank Hutchinson, Jun., Risington, H.B. (representing the District of Puketapu).

Miss Keith, Pukehou, H.B. (representing the District of Otane).

Mrs Munro, Te Hauke, H.B. (representing the Maoris).

Mrs W. H. Nelson, "Laureston," Woodville, H.B. (representing the District of Woodville).

Mrs Richmond, Havelock North, H.B. (representing the Parish of Havelock North).

Mrs Ruddock, Napier Terrace, Napier (representing the District of Weber).

Mrs Thorp, Colenso Hill, Napier (representing the District of S. Augustine's, Napier).

Mrs Sedgwick, Bishopscourt, Napier, H.B. (representing the District of Takapau, H.B.).

Mrs Sheath, Fitzroy Road, Napier (representing the Cathedral Parish of S. John the Divine, Napier, H.B.).

Mrs Kinross White, Puketapu, H.B. (representing the District of Ormondville, H.B.).

Mrs F. W. Williams, "Te Rawhiti," Napier (representing the District of Tolaga Bay).

Miss Williams, "Taumata," Napier (representing the District of Waipiro Bay).

The need of a Rescue Home was affirmed by the Synod of the Diocese in 1912, and the Bishop was requested by the Standing Committee to secure the services of a Deaconess to organise this work of mercy and to take the oversight of such.

A Deaconess who has been trained in England, and who for some time past was the head of a Deaconess' Institution in the Home Country, is due to arrive in New Zealand towards the end of August.

Buildings which are thought to be suitable have been secured for the "Home," and it is estimated that it will be necessary to raise the sum of £300 for working expenses

in the first year, besides the cost of furnishing the same.

The Committee make an earnest appeal for donations to meet the initial outlay and for yearly subscriptions for the maintenance of the work. Such may be paid to members of Committees established in the various parishes or districts of the Diocese, to members of the Central Committee or directly to myself.

M. H. SEDGWICK,

President.

Napier, July 15th, 1914.

Bible in State Schools.

After taking the trouble to look into the operation of the Bible reading in schools' system in Australian States, Mr G. N. Thompson member for Dunedin North, has come to the conclusion the New Zealanders need have nothing to fear from its introduction, and he declares without hesitation for the granting of a referendum so that the people as a whole may decide at the ballot box. Mr Thompson told his constituents in his pre-sessional address that he would have been quite content to see the Bible, or parts of it introduced into the schools as a daily part of the curriculum to be used by the teacher. "The morale of our schools is very high," he went on to say, "and no suspicion of sectarianism exists. I am an old Bible class leader myself, and want to see the book on which our whole system of morals is based in the hands of our children. But I don't like the right of entry. Clergymen, as a rule, are not good teachers, and they are frequently blind to the merits of any but their own particular "doxy." But in spite of these objections, I find by first-hand conversation and information derived from Queensland and New South Wales that the scheme works well there, therefore I intend to support the Referendum."

"The family is the unit of the Nation," when it prospers the commonwealth flourishes. But if we substitute houses for homes, national degeneration follows as a natural consequence.