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WORDS OF WARNING.

IN the address given by Dr Hall to women students at one of America's universities (extracts from which will be found on our front page), he points out mistakes that Society has made in the past in dealing with moral questions. He states also the fact that all depends on women themselves whether reform is made. We are all too much inclined to shirk our duty in this matter. If our readers will carefully consider the statements made by Dr Hall they will feel it incumbent to raise a barrier against men of lax morality being admitted to our homes and families.

MAORI WORK.

"THE fields are already white unto the harvest." Are we at work bringing in the sheaves? Looking through the reports of work done by our local Unions, we see food and garments sent to a mission in London. This is good, but we must not forget needy sisters and families at our own doors. Money is needed here. Our Maori work languishes for want of funds. Some of our smaller Unions lapse for want of money to pay the travelling expenses for those who would visit them to stimulate and encourage the disheartened workers. We trust our wealthier Unions will consider these things.

ORGANISER'S REPORT.

ON Saturday, Sept. 4th, I travelled to Ormondville, where I was met by Miss Alice Webb, and conducted to her home. Our comrade, Miss Paterson—for several years a familiar figure at the Annual Convention—though very frail, likes to see her friends, and takes as keen an interest as ever in all details of our work.

Mrs Webb has a very fine assortment of Purity literature, of which I took a large parcel for sale. The books vary in price from a halfpenny up to 4/6, and Unions will do well to send a sum of money to Mrs Webb and ask her to make a selection for them, stating what class in particular they wish to reach.

On Monday, 6th, we commenced our Maori tour, after which I spent a week or so at Waipukurau. The Union here is most healthy, constant additions to the membership taking place. Meetings were well attended and enthusiastic. Hastings and Waipawa have each a hard row to hoe. Mrs Te Tau and I spent an afternoon in each to bring our Maori work before the friends. In both cases the meetings, though well advertised, were very small. We both spoke, and Mrs Te Tau charmed the audiences with her singing. However, the friends who were there took up my collecting scheme energetically. A similar meeting at Waipukurau was attended by a number of women and two men, one being our indefatigable White Ribbon brother, the President's husband, the other the