

which the "within, the above, the beyond" present to her more thoughtful and developed nature.

"Learn by doing" has precisely the same significance to my mind as "He that doeth the will shall know of the doctrine," and these two mottoes present the practical side of Froebel's basic proposition — "harmonious development."

General instruction, or the awakening of the interest of the child in things outside itself and its direct personal requirements is given in every Kindergarten, and the various "gifts and occupations" can be used as valuable aids in imparting knowledge of the universal law of cause and effect. Music, arts, and science, in their initiatory stages, take their place in all Kindergartens, so that the child has the best possible chance, and at a very early period of its life, to develop any particular bent it may possess, while more or less of all-roundedness is imparted to the budding nature.

I desire earnestly to recommend the general establishment of Municipal Kindergartens for the consideration of this assembly of wise, cultured, and noble women, all of whom are working for the good of humanity, and know that the "day of small things" is not to be despised.



[We rely on our local Unions to send us news for this column. We cannot evolve it out of our inner consciousness.]

Naseby.

A Garden Party was arranged for by this Union to introduce the petition *re* Women's Disabilities. Owing to the weather an afternoon tea was held indoors. Miss McCarthy gave a short address which was listened to with attention, and resulted in a number of signatures.

During April three meetings were held. The meeting for May the 7th, was adjourned till the 14th.

For five days Miss Powell has been working in Naseby in the Temperance interest. During that time three public meetings have been held. On Sunday the combined Anglican and Presbyterian Sunday-schools were addressed. On Monday a public meeting was held, at which the Mayor presided. Resolutions were passed against the retrograde clauses in the new Licensing

Bill, pledges were taken (24), and literature circulated. At the W.C.T.U. meeting on Tuesday a good number of ladies attended, and listened with interest to Miss Powell's address on the work and scope of the Union. An increase of 12 members was one of the results of this meeting. Briefly, this has been the most successful campaign held in Naseby. Miss Powell has delighted Temperance workers and won the respect of all classes in the community.

Nelson.

Our Union has long been desirous of commencing work in the "Social Purity" department, but from various causes had not been able to take it up definitely until last month. In connection with some other Christian workers, it was decided that Mrs Cunningham, of Christchurch, be invited to give addresses to women and girls.

Mrs Cunningham came amongst us and gave several addresses in the country places, and, in the town, two addresses to mothers only, one to girls over fifteen years of age, and one to men only at the P.S., on Sunday afternoon. These meetings were largely attended, especially the one for girls, which was held in the Theatre Royal. The subject of "Purity" was most delicately handled, the speaker dealing with principles and the laws of nature. Some literature has been distributed, and other meetings for girls are to be held in the future.

May 14th, at our monthly meeting, a thoughtful paper was read by Mrs Wastney on the training of girls for domestic service, and much discussion followed. It was decided to forward an expression of interest in and sympathy with, the Nelson Educational Board, in its efforts to establish technical classes in the schools. It is hoped that a better system of cooking etc., will aid the temperance cause.

Auckland.

At the meeting on May 8th members of Ponsonby, Onehunga, and Devonport Unions were present by invitation to hear the report of Mrs Thorne, delegate to Convention. During the afternoon refreshments were served and a letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Hughes *re* accident to her son.

On May 22nd correspondence from the Town Clerk, Inspector Cullen and others, relative to overcrowding etc., the trams and buses, was dealt with. It was resolved to again write to the Council, urging it, as the responsible

body, to take action in the matter. It was resolved that the Union advertise in the WHITE RIBBON, and also that efforts be made to induce proprietors of temperance boarding-houses to do likewise. It was decided to make enquiries *re* a tent or stand for refreshments, either in the city or at Potter's Paddock, during the Royal visit.

Greymouth.

One special and two monthly meetings have been held since our last report. It was decided to hold educational meetings alternately with business ones. Mrs Wake was appointed to preside and Mrs Taylor to read a paper. We have purchased an organ for our own use and for the use of the L.T.L.

Owing to very wet weather there was but a small attendance at the first educational meeting, held on June 6th. The paper was on the Use and Abuse of Alcohol, and was read by Mrs Taylor. An animated discussion followed, and it was agreed that alcohol was in no sense a necessity for the human body. We accepted Mrs Brown's resignation as superintendent of evangelistic work and appointed Mrs Sweetman to the vacant office.

Colyton.

The usual monthly meeting was held on May 9th. Arrangements were made for Mrs Atkinson's (N.Z. President) visit. Mrs Wilson was elected Treasurer, and one new member was enrolled. Delegates were elected to represent the Union at the Temperance Convention to be held at Palmerston North on Victoria Day.

Reefton.

The usual monthly meeting was held on June 5th, and took the form of an educational meeting. Mrs Crumpton gave an address on Temperance work, specially appealing to young mothers. We have lost one of our members through removal, but have gained a new one.

Miss Powell At Work.

The month's work was commenced with a trip to Oamaru, in which town we have not yet succeeded in raising our White Ribbon Banner, though some years ago a flourishing Y. existed. Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno were also visited. In all these little townships a strong temperance sentiment exists, and great satisfaction was expressed at the promise of a meeting and