

6d, Perehitini taku koni 2s, Ema Huti 2s, Pu 1s, Mrs Tim 2s, Hana 2s, Hori Manukau 8d, Te O 2s, Ani 2s, ata 2s, Pere 2s, whiuwhiu 2s, mate 2s, mana 4s, ka ani 1d, nata 2s, Pepehi 2s

Emi Huti. Me koha ano tatou. Kia penei ano i tenei koha, nei Hare Pomare 2s, Mari 2s 6d, Mihaka 1s, Wi 4d, Hori 6d, Mama 2s, Meri 2s, Ani 2s, Ata 2s, Perehitini 2s 6d, Mate 2s, Hana 2s, Maekino 2s, Te O 2s, Hui katoa nga moni i kohia £3 1s -d. Kei te kinga o te peeke no Masefield kena i inoi. Kia ora e nga roopu katoa i raro i to tatou karaitiana tanga. Me o tatou tumuaki pakeha. E whakanui nei i o tatou Roopu Maori.

Kia ora tatou i roto i te tau. Hou a to tatou ariki mana tatou e manaaki. Kia ora.

Na Te Hekeretai.

Pen Masefield Kena.

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### MAORI ORGANISER'S REPORT.

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December has been a most splendid working month for the work, and all the settlements of Hokianga River have been visited. Girls from each place were sent to escort me to the next place, horses and all necessities being provided by the Unions. We had splendid meetings, and in time these branches will be some of the strongest yet formed. I also lectured at some Roman Catholic settlements, and met with great success, the women taking up everything very warmly. These Hokianga Unions, though they have not taken up collections to help in the travels of the Organiser, have helped in a far better way by entertaining me and lending their best horses for some days. The Rev. Piripi Rakene has rendered great help to the cause by attending a great many meetings and urging his parishioners to join.

I am now working my way through Whangaroa and the North Cape, places which have not yet been visited. At Mangamuka two lovely horses, saddles, etc., were provided us, to be used throughout this northern campaign. Miss Kaa Smith, my predecessor's sister, is accompanying me during this trip. She is a wonderful help during the meetings, and is invaluable in guiding one from place to place, as of course this district is well known as the Roadless North. I have to ride from an average of 20 to 24 miles a day, over numerous kinds of roads, so a companion is indispensable. Mangamuka, Otangaroa, Kaeo, and Te Pu-

puke, are four grand new Unions we have formed during Christmas and New Year. On arrival at Kaeo, my horse was lame, so a kind "pakeha" insisted on lending me a splendid little thoroughbred, while my horse rests for a few days. We are now off to Matauri Bay, Ngaere, and one or two neighbouring "kaingas," before we actually go up to the far North. I cannot speak too highly of the way the Maori Unions help one through the country. Had I to hire horses for this trip, I fear it would cripple the Maori funds straight away. The Unions also wish us to do our utmost to have a Bill passed for Maoris and Europeans to have equal votes for the Temperance question.

Next month I hope to have as successful a report for you all re the North Cape. Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year, and a prosperous one for the Unions.

FLORENCE WOODHEAD.

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### OUR LATE EDITOR.

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#### WHITE RIBBON PRESENTATION.

The annual meeting of the Napier Union on December 3rd was made especially interesting by the inclusion of a presentation to Mrs J. H. Oldham, our late "White Ribbon" Editor. It was felt by many of our members throughout the Dominion that Mrs Oldham's faithful work as Editor merited acknowledgment, and this sentiment developed into tangible form on the date named.

Regrettably Mrs Oldham's state of health did not permit her to be present at the Willard Institute on December 3rd, when Mrs Jas. Bibby, President of the Waipawa W.C.T. Union, on behalf of the subscribers, presented a handsome silver tea and coffee service, on a silver tray, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Mrs J. H. Oldham as a token of respect for her work as Editor of the 'White Ribbon.' From the Dominion W.C.T.U., New Zealand, 1913." Also at the same time, a beautiful gold badge, with the initials W.C.T.U. set in seed pearls was given. Mr Oldham was present to represent his wife, and acknowledged the presentation in a graceful speech of thanks.

In the course of her speech, Mrs Bibby referred to Mrs Oldham's untiring work as Editor of the "White Ribbon," despite continued ill-health, leaving the paper, after her five years' editorship, much increased in size and usefulness, and on a sound financial footing.

Miss Johnson (Waipawa), Secretary and Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund, conveyed the felicitations of the contributing Unions, and referred to the hearty response of the subscribers, and the goodwill expressed in their letters. Mrs Oldham's work had been, and would be, far-reaching in its good effect. We could never know when the amount of good her insistent shepherding of the Temperance cause would cease.

Mrs Hopkirk, President of the Waipukurau Union, was also present, and warmly congratulated Mrs Oldham.

Afternoon tea was handed round, and the annual meeting then resumed.

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### MARRIAGE HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

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There is just now a demand from American women all over the country that laws should be passed which will require that all parties contemplating matrimony secure health certificates, and display the same before they be granted marriage licenses. Active steps are also being taken by Women's Clubs and other organisations to secure the nation-wide adoption of such laws to protect themselves and their children. There are also certain clergymen who have made it known that they will not marry couples except upon the presentation of a certificate signed by a reputable physician that both parties are physically and mentally qualified to contract marriage.

This announcement has been as a match to kindle a fire of enthusiasm, which promises to be the greatest moral and health movement amongst women the world has, perhaps, ever known. A common-sense advance, destined to obtain for themselves and their children legislative protection.

"Every pure woman," says Dr. Sarah McNutt (surgeon at New York Infirmary for Women and Children), has the right to be protected in entering into the marriage relation. She should be secure in her hope of motherhood, and in the joy of bearing healthy children. It is a disgrace to