

## Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for Easy Dressmaking.

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Patriotic Work: Palmerston North (2 cases of clothing sent to mine-sweepers, £10 donated to sailors' dependants on naval battleships, 2 cases of clothing sent to Servian refugees, proceeds of catering at Skating Rink sent to sick and wounded fund, £100 collected for Patriotic Fund, 20 jerseys sent to Manawatu Mounted in Egypt, sent to hospital ship 9 dozen swabs and 127 bandages); New Brighton (£9 2s 2d in goods and 27s. in cash sent to Lady Liverpool Fund); Nelson (babies' outfits for soldiers' and sailors' wives, and clothing sent to Belgian children); Hastings (clothing to Belgians); Pahiatua (7 dozen knitted eye and head bandages sent to Red Cross); Invercargill (Red Cross, Ambulance, and Patriotic Funds helped, and clothing sent to London poor); Tuatapere (clothing sent to Belgian and London poor); Mataura (clothing sent to Highlands of Scotland); Auckland (visited Soldiers' Hospital, took charge of Soldiers' Club for five weeks, sent Christmas puddings, assisted by other societies raised £25 for patriotic work, collected money on Serbian Day); Waipawa (clothing sent to refugees, Band of Hope children donated £3 of prize money to Belgians, clothing and 13s sent to mine-sweepers); Wellington Central (home-made bread sent weekly to Red Cross shop and knitting done for their depot); Christchurch (comforts sent to soldiers, clothing, bandages, etc., sent to Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Funds, clothing to mine-sweepers, £40 raised by a lecture donated to same funds).

Palmerston North made comfort bags and donated £10 to Sailors' Home in Wellington, sent £36 to British and Foreign Sailors' Society, collected £67 for Barnardo's Homes, and clothed six families during the year; Invercargill collected for Barnardo's Homes; Wellington District. 4 factories and 4 laundries visited and 256 bunches of flowers and texts distributed, on Christmas morning visited Alexandra Home and Home for Aged Needy; Christchurch sent comfort bags to Sailors' Institute at Lyttelton, and donated £2 to Lyttelton Union to help with a Christmas tree for the Maoris at Rapaki.

### HOME SCIENCES (HYGIENE, THRIFT, AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE).

Superintendent: Mrs McDonald.

Invercargill distributed literature, and also organised a deputation to Minister of Public Health asking that

a St. Helen's Hospital should be established for Southland. A resolution re Public Health was sent to M.P.'s and the Cabinet by South Invercargill. Tuatapere made great efforts to secure a district nurse, but owing to scarcity of nurses, were not successful. Wellington Central inspects all public lavatories, and urged the City Council to replace the wooden coverings by the more sanitary china seats. This Union also purchased £25 worth of war bonds. Timaru and Waipawa held meetings, which were addressed by Plunket nurses. At Waipawa two addresses were given, one on "The Care of the Body," and another on "Hidden Dangers to Child Life."

An article on the saving of coal was sent to the "White Ribbon" and inserted. Will all members look this up in the December issue of the paper, for there is real economy in the treatment of coal with a solution of salt and soda?

### NARCOTICS.

Superintendent: Mrs Wright.

The increase in the use of cigarettes by boys and youths, and the evil effect on the rising generation of this habit. Numbers of tobacconists have been fined for selling cigarettes and tobacco to youths under age. Some of the local police are doing what they can to find out where these youths buy tobacco, and have warned tobacconists that they will be heavily fined if caught.

**Waipawa, H.B.**—Address given on the dangers of the tobacco habit by Mrs James Bibby at Band of Hope, November 17th. Systematic teaching given at Band of Hope against cigarettes and all narcotics.

**Southland.**—Invercargill Union (District) reports resolution against the tobacconists' method of advertising cigarettes, etc., by means of glaring and indecent pictures.

**South Invercargill** reports visits paid to every tobacconist's shop in the town to protest against these pictures and their injurious influence on the young men and lads.

### HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space, reports of the reception and public meeting are held over,

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