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## NEW ZEALAND'S BEREAVEMENT.

ALL New Zealand mourns the passing of that noble, fearless, gifted man, T. E. Taylor, whose short life of less than forty-nine years has given such impetus to every movement in this country tending to the uplift of humanity. Born in England, he was twelve years of age when he arrived with his parents in New Zealand. As a lad he entered the employ of Messrs J. M. Heywood & Co., and rose to the position of manager; leaving in 1895 to go into business for himself, thereby securing greater freedom and time for political and temperance work. As a boy in London he liked attending meetings, and signed the pledge at a gathering addressed by the late Dr. Bernardo, and throughout his life he earnestly sought to save his fellow-men from the evils of drink. He became a member of the Addington Methodist Church when he was seventeen, and at church meetings and literary societies he gave evidence of his coming powers. It was in 1890, in connection with temperance matters, that he came into public notice. With characteristic clear-sightedness, he saw it was better to stop the cause of drunkenness than to spend one's life in heart-breaking and often fruitless efforts to reclaim the drunkard, and so, enlisting the Rev. L. M. Isitt in the cause, he organised the campaign which resulted in the election, by the ratepayers, of the famous

## Sydenham Licensing Committee,

pledged to refuse every license in their district, and the quashing of whose decision, in the Supreme Court, gave rise to the magnificently conducted crusade by Rev. L. M. Isitt, throughout the Colony, for the Local Option vote. Sydenham has the honour of forming the first Prohibition League in New Zealand, with T. E. Taylor as Secretary.

which debars women from Parliament, and the Local Option Act by the hated three-fifths majority. From this time Mr Taylor was a public man. He was then a member of the Sydenham Borough Council, a position he filled for six years. In 1896 he was a candidate for Christchurch at a by-election, and though defeated then, he was returned at the general election held at the end of the same year, and events and work have crowded his life ever since. In addition to Parliamentary duties and work for the Prohibition movement, the Police Commission, his labours in connection with the Lake Coleridge scheme, and the organisation of the Electrical Construction Co., which secured and carried out the contract for the construction of the Christchurch tramway system, are monuments to his wonderful ability and marvellous energy. But that which distinguished him most was his

## MR. TAYLOR'S LAST WORDS.

"I want to say that this year of 1911 is our year of emancipation if we are true to God and to our opportunity. They call us fanatics, but National Prohibition is worth living for, and worth dying for. I have had a happy life, and it has been full from the beginning to the end. I am very tired. I know I shall be happier where I am going, but I am glad to think I have lived out every moment, and that I have tried to do always what was right."

Alongside the demand for Local Option raged the agitation for Woman's Suffrage, and the success of our cause owes much to Mr Taylor's stalwart championship. So splendidly and strenuously were these reforms fought for that 1893 saw them both passed into law, though both Acts are marred, the Woman's Suffrage by the clause

every proposal that made for the better protection of women and children was sure of his warmest support. No thought of his own personal advantage or disadvantage ever stayed him from the most unflinching hostility to that which he considered wrong or opposed to the public good. Abounding cheerfulness, dauntless courage, untiring

## Self-Sacrificing Devotion

to the cause of humanity. The humanitarian legislation passed in recent years was strenuously worked for by him both in and out of Parliament, and

energy, unswerving integrity, combined with great intellectual gifts and wonderful powers of eloquence, made up a personality that never failed to charm, and which has inspired and lifted hundreds and hundreds of lives.

Opinions may differ concerning Mr Taylor as a public man, but as son, husband, father, he stands above all criticism; it was

#### His Private Life

that inspired the deep, passionate devotion of those privileged to come into contact with it. Deeply religious, he translated his religion into a life of active service to all, and when the call came for him to lay down his work here, he faced death with calm and cheerful courage, confident that the fight he had so nobly led would be crowned with glorious victory. The last hour of his conscious life was filled, as his whole life had been, with thoughts and words for others, and his last reference to the cause he loved so well should ring like a trumpet call throughout New Zealand. [See front page.]

His heroic and beautiful life had

#### A Fitting End.

He died in harness, surrounded by those he loved best, and the sorrow and gloom that rested upon Christchurch for days testified to the love that the people bore him. To no other man in this country, neither statesman, soldier, nor social reformer, has such a tribute of sorrow, affection, and appreciation been accorded, from every part of the Dominion. A silent, sorrowful, reverent multitude of fifty thousand people lined the streets through which his body was borne to its last resting-place; every head was bared as it passed, and not a sound was heard as the long funeral train of over two thousand persons slowly and solemnly moved along. At the conclusion of the beautiful service

#### At the Graveside.

his dearest friend and comrade, Rev. L. M. Isitt, addressed the great assemblage, and his voice rang out as of old, though his face quivered with emotion, as he referred to the great life now ended here, and again urged us "to be true to God and to our responsibility."

In this time of sad bereavement, all hearts have turned with deep

sympathy to the loving wife and faithful comrade, and to the children so early orphaned. Only intimate friends know how very happy Mr Taylor was in his domestic relations, and how great was the sacrifice made by Mrs Taylor in giving up so much of her husband's time to public work. But for her loving care and unceasing watchfulness, he would never have been able to compass the marvellous amount of work he performed, and her loving ministry only ceased with his last breath.

Mr Taylor was a man of many and diverse gifts. He was artistic to a wonderful degree; he loved music and delighted in poetry, and it was a rare treat to hear him read some favourite piece. He was a tremendous reader, and his mind was a rich store house of knowledge on many and various subjects. In conversation he was brilliant and interesting. A born fighter and leader, he loved the battle, and the weak and oppressed always found in him a protector and defender.

#### He Loved Life,

which he held to be great gift, and he had a marvellous faculty of enjoying. A beautiful landscape, flowers, sunshine, growing things, all the hundred and one odd things that lighten and brighten life, appealed keenly to his sense of enjoyment. He was intensely alive, and always the centre of interest wherever he moved. Amid his manifold occupations and duties he never forgot his friends nor failed to give them pleasure by some act of courtesy or remembrance. No wonder life has lost its zest for many, and that the sense of personal loss grows keener as the days go by. The good die not, and the influence of his heroic, bright soul will dwell with us until the day comes when we too shall be made free to enter into that higher service to which this great soldier and servant of God has been promoted.

J. R. ROBERTS.

#### A Tribute.

A leader has gone from amongst us. One of those dominant spirits who have at different times in the world's history, swayed public opinion, inspired their fellows, and led thousands to a higher conception of life's duties and responsi-

bilities. With a magnetic personality, a strong vibrant voice, it is little wonder that he swayed thousands by his inspiring utterances, as no man in this country has ever done.

But what he was to us, the women of this land, words fail to express.

To myself he was ever a true comrade and friend, and I recognise that one of the greatest privileges life has brought to me, has been the friendship of this bright and joyous spirit; and so to his memory I am glad to bring a tribute of admiration and affection. To our Union he was ever a strong and sincere friend, and he often expressed his appreciation of our work, our aims and influence. He was ever ready to give his assistance to our organisation in politics and reform measures, and only a few weeks ago, when in the midst of discharging heavy civic duties, he gladly attended as one of a deputation to the Minister of Education, to give his support to a measure directly affecting the homes, the girls, and the women of this Dominion. In our agitation against the sale of drink at military encampments, we had his strong support and assistance, and by voice and vote and influence he upheld our demand for the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act. But to enumerate all the humanitarian enactments to which he gave his support and sympathy, would take up too much space here. Suffice it to say that all proposals for moral reform, for bettering the conditions under which men and women lived and worked, for the removal of the civil and political disabilities by which women are handicapped, for the relief of the poor, the fallen, the down-trodden, had his sympathy and assistance in Parliament and out of it.

T. E. Taylor had never to be persuaded that women should be allowed to take their place in the civic and political life of this country, for he always held good meant woman to be a helpmeet to man, first at the hearthstone, and afterwards in all relationships of life—at the ballot box, at the council table, on our boards, and in the councils of the nation, among our legislators.

His greatest work for women was after all that which he did in the direction of annihilating the drink traffic, the traffic which brings such sorrow, such anguish to women, such unutterable woe.

It is not to be wondered at, that the women of Christchurch cast their vote time after time to send him to represent them in Parliament. They knew their interests were safe in his hands, and that what man might do, he would do for the sake of the little children and those they loved so well.





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It has been said that the votes of the women put Mr Taylor in Parliament. It is only partly true, for men voted in as large numbers as women for his return. But that he was a women's hero is true, for he upheld the best traditions of our race by his purity of thought and life, his unstained record as son, husband, and father. "His strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure," and he was the champion of all weak things.

He believed in us, and our influence, and so we believed in ourselves, and took courage to go forward in untrodden paths. He was ready to take advice from any woman, if he thought the advice good, and did not reject it simply because it had come from a woman. His heroism appealed strongly to women as also did his utter fearlessness. He feared no human being and no human power. Public opinion he never considered, expediency had no meaning for him, and social ostracism no terrors, for he saw clearly the path set before him, and he followed to the end the light which shone upon him in his youth, when he first decided to consecrate himself to the service of God and humanity. He blazed the way for many reforms, and his friends gladly followed.

If he seemed at times relentless in his fight against newspaper men and politicians, it was because he saw that they stood in the way of reforms, or stood for that which was undesirable in politics and in the life of the community. Of his greatest political opponent he said: "I could have loved that man, if I had not been obliged to fight him."

Those who knew our fallen leader best, loved him most, and those who saw him in his home, saw at their best his most genial qualities of wit, humour, tenderness and kindness. There in his home his deep religious nature had full play, and those who have been privileged to hear his deep vibrant voice reading stately passages from Isaiah or some of the Psalms he loved so well, will never forget the effect then produced, nor the insight then gained into the man's deep love for the word of God.

We have lost in our departed comrade a high-minded patriot, the cause of humanity a great hearted champion, and our Union feels his loss as a personal bereavement. To his wife who is worthy to be the mate of such a man, we owe a debt of deep gratitude for her unselfish sacrifice, for the patient endurance of long, lonely days, when husband and father was absent fighting the battles for righteousness and truth.

To her we offer our overflowing sympathy and love, and to the dear children

so sorely bereaved of a loving, devoted father, praying that the God of all comfort may be near to console and comfort.

F. COLE.

## MEMORIAL FUND.

### Great Public Meeting.

The Christchurch Chamber of Commerce was crowded by representatives of all sections of the community, when a public meeting was held to set up a memorial fund in memory of the late Mayor.

Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M., who presided said that he wanted the public to accept his presence there as chairman as the best possible assurance they could have that the movement was entirely unconnected with any party or faction or branch of the work that the late Mr T. E. Taylor during his strenuous life had been connected with. (Applause.) He took the position apart from any party, and he wanted those present to think only of T. E. Taylor, the man. Mr Taylor had given his talents and the whole of his physical strength to advance the best interests of the Dominion, and he had left an imprint that all hoped and knew would live in the country for years. That was proved by the simply marvellous tribute that had been paid by all the people and all the newspaper Press of the country. Had their dead Mayor been able to see the esteem in which he was held, he might well have said that he had not lived in vain. And he had not lived in vain. Continuing, Mr Bishop said that it had been his proud privilege to be associated with Mr Taylor for many years, and he had realised more and more of late years those wonderful qualities that had made the man one of whom all were proud. He had worked unceasingly to help the people of his country and all would agree that any person who tried to raise the standard of life in the Dominion was deserving of the highest praise. He remembered Mr Taylor as a loving and devoted son and as a loving husband and father, and it was only in that he had given his talents for the public weal that he had not left adequate provision for the maintenance of his loved ones. His wife, five daughters and one son were not sufficiently well off to raise them above the worry of educational and other considerations, and no person present would wish to add to the sorrow and strain being endured by the widow, whom all wished to relieve as far as possible. Then the circumstances of his mother should also be considered. They would accept his assurance that it was necessary to establish such a fund to

provide an adequate income so that the immediate effect of their friend's death would not be so severely felt. That was not the occasion for formal speeches, for no word said that day could add to the worth of the man as evidenced throughout the Dominion, and he wanted them to be absolutely practical and assist in the movement.

Mr Bishop read apologies for absence from the Hon. H. F. Wigram, the town clerk, the city surveyor, Messrs T. C. Field, J. A. Frostick, P. Hercus, the Rev. J. Mackenzie, Dr. and Mrs Sandstem (who forwarded twenty guineas) and Mr S. Hurst Seager, who suggested that a memorial volume containing the life and a collection of speeches by the late Mayor should be published in aid of the fund.

Mr R. Malcolm moved:—"That in the opinion of this meeting a memorial fund should be initiated in this Dominion to the late Mayor of Christchurch, Mr T. E. Taylor, M.P., for the benefit of those who were dependent upon him. It recognises that with a self-sacrifice as rare as his abilities were great, he gave his whole life and energies to the service of the people of this Dominion, and it believes that his friends and admirers will respond eagerly to this opportunity of showing in the most practical way possible their love and gratitude to him."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. H. Garland, who said: "He is worthy for whom we should do this thing." Mr Taylor had been so absorbed in his work that he had had no time to grasp business opportunities. He had in no mean sense laid down his life for the people.

The motion was carried.

Mr J. J. Dougall, who was received with applause, said that the occasion was not one on which to make long speeches about the city's lamented leader. He had lived not for sordid gain, and his great personality had left him a living example of what a man can do to stir up the human sentiment in any people of any territory. He would suggest that a shilling fund should be instituted, and he moved that the following committee should be appointed to carry out the scheme:—Mayor of Christchurch (chairman), Mayors of other municipal corporations, presidents of Trades and Labour Councils, Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M., Messdames Cole, Wells and Newton, the Revs. J. Dawson and J. Comrie, the Hons. C. M. Luke and G. J. Smith, Messrs R. M'Nab, R. Malcolm, M. A. Fergusson, O. T. J. Alpers, J. A. Fleisher, C. H. Poole, M.P., D. M'Laren, M.P., A. S. Adams, S. Saunders, Wesley Spragg, J. A. Frostick, G. T. Booth, A. W. Beaven, H. G. Ell, M.P., G. Bowron, A. C.



## News of the Unions.

[The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.]

### AUCKLAND.

July 12th and 26th, Mrs Dewar presided. Several Departmental letters were received, also a letter from Mr Saunders, No-License Organizer at Huntly, stating he had formed a Union in that part, and that he thought it would be a means of blessing there. It was decided to write and congratulate Mr Saunders, as Huntly was considered a rather difficult place for a Union to be formed. As Huntly is in the Hamilton District, intimation was sent to that Union so that they might officially organize. Miss McNeish is to visit Huntly. Miss Evans gave an interesting address on the No-License work. One new member was initiated. It was decided to hold a series of public meetings, instead of our usual meetings, at which Ministers and others will give addresses. Good reports were given by different members who had been canvassing in the Crusade cause.

### ONEHUNGA.

July 25. Miss Somerville has been elected Treasurer. We are sorry to lose the services of our able Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs Howes, she having been compelled to resign. The flourishing state of the work is due solely to her untiring work and devotion. Miss Burden was elected Superintendent in her stead. Mrs J. H. Mackenzie gave a good address. Several names were added to the Roll, and five new members to the Union.

### MORRINSVILLE.

Held in Methodist Vestry, Mrs O. W. Brown presided. Three representatives elected to No-License League. Mrs Carter read a report of New Plymouth Convention, which was much enjoyed. The total membership now is 24. Meetings are held on second Thursday monthly. It was decided to hold a monthly prayer meeting on the fourth Thursday.

### PONSONBY.

July 13, at the house of Mrs Harris, President. Circulars read and discussed were Purity, Mothers Meetings, and Temperance Sunday. Miss Harris, a member of the Cradle Roll, rendered a solo, and is a young helper in the field. Mr Harris is to be a Prohibition candidate for Parliament; it is hoped he will be successful. The Crusade movement was explained and signatures obtained.

### PUKEKOHE.

A meeting of ladies was held in Comrie's Hall on July 6th, when Miss McNeish was present to organize a Union. Eight new members were initiated and officers elected as follows:—President, Mrs Blamires; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bell and Thornley; Secretary, Mrs Cowen; Recording Secretary and Agent for WHITE RIBBON, Miss Goldsworthy. We decided to start at once on

Crusade work, and a Committee was set up to get it going. A sub-Committee was also appointed to consider the matter of doing some collecting to assist the Franklin No-License League. We have 17 members, and know of several who are intending to join, but were unable to be present at the meeting.

### HAMILTON.

July 6, in Wesley classroom. Resolved that a monster temperance tea and after-meeting be held on August 10th in the Town Hall, Miss Anderson Hughes to address the after-meeting, the ladies of the different Churches to provide tea. A social afternoon was arranged for the 19th instant to welcome Mrs Letham, Canvasser and Organizer for No-License in Waikato. Resolved that the discussion on the Women's Crusade be delayed for Miss Hughes' visit, an afternoon meeting to be arranged. Three Superintendents were appointed for Home Meetings, these to include Evangelistic and Mothers Meetings in various parts of the town. The President gave an interesting account of her visit to the Ngaruawahia Union. Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed to the families of Mesdames T. and J. Tidd in their recent bereavements.

### NGARUAWAHIA.

A special meeting was held in the Town Hall June 29. Mrs Auld, District President, and Miss McNeish, Organizing Secretary, both addressed the meeting. About 30 ladies were present. Musical items were much appreciated.

July 6, our meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Mrs Bycroft presided. It was resolved to try and get the Maori Organizer to visit the Maoris here at the end of the month, when large meetings of natives are being held.

### TUAKAU.

July 21, in Wesleyan Church at 7.30 p.m., Mrs Hunter presided. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Franklin No-License League asking for contributions; resolved that we donate a portion to the *Home Journal*. The Treasurer's report for the past year showed that all expenses have been paid, leaving a balance in hand. The Superintendent of the Cradle Roll announced having obtained 172 children's names. Five new members were initiated. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs T. E. Taylor in the loss of her husband. This Union fully comprehends the gap which has been made in our ranks.

### GISBORNE.

July 25. Reports received from following Departments of work:—Literature, Visiting, Anti-Opium, Maori, and Treasurer's. It was decided to present a gold medal to the Bands of Hope for the best essay on "Temperance," taking the word in its broadest meaning of "moderation and self-control in all things." Mrs Gaskin, President of the Greymouth Union, was present and gave a very interesting little "talk" on white ribbon work, speaking of the visits she had lately paid to Auckland and other centres, where she had found the Unions active and doing much good work.

### HASTINGS.

We had a splendid time during Mrs Barton's visit. The Women's Crusade was inaugurated and at that meeting 58 names were handed in, since then the work has been taken up heartily

Caughey, R. S. M'Kenzie, Frank Thompson, J. T. Forrester, H. Holland, G. Laurenson, M.P., A. R. Atkinson, F. G. Horrell, H. D. Bell, J. G. W. Aitken, W. J. Hellyer, C. H. Gilby, A. F. Wright, and Dr. C. J. Russell, the committee to be empowered to add to its number.

Mr J. R. Hayward seconded the motion, which was carried.

The chairman expressed a hope that he would like to see everything done quickly, as it was miserable to let such a thing drag.

The meeting decided to keep the fund open until the end of September.

On Mr Isitt's motion Mr J. M'Combs was appointed secretary to the committee, Mr Isitt stating that he was one of Mr Taylor's greatest personal friends, and Mr C. E. Salter, treasurer of the fund.

It was agreed that the committee should have power to appoint trustees to administer the fund.

A subscription list was opened in the room, and the sum of £267 4s was subscribed.

Mr F. G. Horrell undertook on behalf of the Farmers' Union that its organisation should be used to collect subscriptions for the fund.

A large number of representatives of labour bodies who were present at the meeting did not subscribe there, as they are organising a collection of their own towards the memorial.

Subscription lists have already been opened at the newspaper offices and many of the principal business places.

At a subsequent meeting it was decided to appoint the National Bank the bank of the fund.

The presidents of chambers of commerce, chairmen of education boards, harbour boards, and county councils, were added to the committee, and also the following:—Messrs G. R. Whiting, J. Young, H. Cole, G. E. Good, Misses Roberts and Henderson and Mrs Day.

It was also decided that a representative from each church should be appointed member of the committee.

The following executive was appointed: Messrs H. W. Bishop, S.M., L. M. Isitt, H. Holland, G. T. Booth and G. Bowron, with the Mayor of Christchurch and the treasurer of the fund being members *ex officio*.

### OBITUARY.

It is with extreme regret and sorrow that we record the death of Mrs R. Doubleday, of Hastings, on 9th July, after a very serious operation. Last year she was the President of the Hastings Union, and took a great interest in the Band of Hope work. A short memorial service was held during the last meeting of the local Union.

and there are many more names to be added. Twenty-four of our workers have taken up a house to house canvass of Hastings distributing literature, &c., in connection with the No-License League, and are meeting with great success. We trust that our efforts will, with God's blessing, bring forth fruit at the coming fight.

At Mrs Barton's afternoon meeting six new members were initiated.

#### WOODVILLE.

We have had good times in connection with our work lately.

In June we had Mrs Barton; everyone enjoyed her addresses.

In July our New Zealand Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Peryman, paid us a visit. We had a splendid afternoon meeting; 5 new members joined our ranks. In the evening Mrs Peryman gave another address, which everyone enjoyed.

We meet on the last Tuesday in the month; meetings well attended.

We have started our Crusade work. We hope to assist in carrying National Prohibition.

#### FEILDING.

July 26, a social was held at which Miss Powell gave an excellent address. She proved the damaging effects of the drink traffic, and said that many of the large hospitals were practically doing without alcohol, and doctors classed it amongst arsenic, strychnine, and other poisons. She urged all to strike out the top line of each voting paper, also to take up the Women's Crusade work. Many responded and took pledge books. Mrs Budd presided.

August 3. It was resolved to get a lady speaker to hold an afternoon meeting at Cheltenham, in this electorate. Resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs T. E. Taylor, also to contribute to the Taylor Memorial Fund. Decided to try and procure a short leaflet containing reasons for voting No-License and National Prohibition, for distribution, and to procure cards for the Cradle Roll.

#### WANGANUI.

July 14, the first of a series of Mothers Meetings was held at the residence of Mrs Collier. Between 40 and 50 present; this must be considered a record attendance (the distance from town is two miles, and most of those present walked both ways). Dr Dunn gave a capital lecture on "Motherhood." The collection taken up was for the benefit of Organizing Bazaar Fund.

July 25, at Putiki, a meeting was held to welcome Miss Rebecca Smith. This was the best meeting yet held at the pa. A number of Maoris, both men and women, joined the Union.

July 27, an "At Home" was held at Mrs J. Smith's, Wilson Street, to meet Miss Rebecca Smith; about 40 members were present. Miss Smith gave an account of her work in a short speech, and sang a duet with Munga.

August 4, in St. Paul's Hall, Mrs J. Smith in the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs T. E. Taylor in her bereavement, the members standing.

#### PUTIKI.

July 25, there was a very good attendance, about 40 or 50 being present. Miss Rebecca Smith, Maori Organizer, was with us; also three friends from the Wanganui Union. The

meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer by the Rev. A. O. Williams, who then gave a short address showing the good of No-License, quoting as an example the town of Masterton, where, during 1907 under License, there were 450 convictions at the Court, and during 1910, under No-License, only 56. Miss Smith addressed the meeting, telling of her experiences in other places, and urging the claims of the No-License cause. Mrs Upton and Mr Hori Takarangi also spoke, the latter welcoming Miss Smith and offering his hearty support to the cause. Miss Smith then asked if there were any present who had not signed the pledge and who would like to do so; 14 responded, 8 men and boys and 6 girls. Three new subscribers to the WHITE RIBBON were also secured. Officers elected:—President, Miss Mangu Tahana; Vice-President, Mrs Forsythe; Secretary, Miss O. Williams; Assistant Secretary, Miss A. McDonnell; Treasurer, Miss I. Hare.

The Wanganui President, Mrs Smith, explained that a Gift Sale in aid of the Organizing Fund for Maori and European work was to be held in September, at which she hoped our members would assist. It was suggested that they furnish a fern stall, and Rev. Williams kindly volunteered to drive several fern-collectors to the bush. Miss Smith then gave a little advice to the officers. The meeting was closed by the Rev. Williams with prayer.

#### NGAIRE.

We have, once a month, established a prayer and praise meeting, and they are proving a means of blessing to all who attend.

At our June meeting three new members were enrolled.

July 4. A farewell meeting was held at Mrs Clark's, one of our oldest members, who is leaving the district. Great regret is felt at Mrs Clark's removal.

We have lately lost quite a number of our members—Mesdames Wickham and Kennington amongst others. We have resolved to work up the Women's Crusade, and have appointed Mrs Kennington, senior, Superintendent of Mothers Meetings and Purity combined.

August 1, at Mrs Morrison's, good attendance, Mrs M. T. Phillips, President, in the chair. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs T. E. Taylor. The greater part of the afternoon was taken up making final arrangements for the Provincial Convention to be held here on August 9th. We are hoping for a good number of Delegates and friends, and good meetings.

#### KIHI KIHI.

Our Branch held their first Band of Hope meeting on 14th July in the Presbyterian Church. The crowded audience assembled showed great appreciation of the excellent programme rendered. A Temperance address delivered by Mr Crispin, Auckland, was listened to with keen interest. The Rev. W. Woollass presided.

Mrs H. Sutherland, President, arranged a drawing-room meeting to introduce Mrs H. W. Gilling, President, Matapu. Two new members were initiated and a Band of Hope meeting arranged for August 12th.

#### WELLINGTON.

July 6, Mrs Boxall presided. The resignation, owing to ill-health, of Mrs Johnson, Recording Secretary, was accepted with

regret; Mrs Neal consented to act till the annual meeting. The President gave an account of the tea arranged by the W.C.T.U. in connection with the City and Suburbs No-License League Convention held on July 5th. It was arranged to hold a drawing-room meeting at Mrs Ward's on the 19th. Correspondence was read and discussed, and two new members were initiated.

#### NELSON.

Our July meeting was held in the Diocesan Library, kindly granted to us by the Bishop, when over 50 were present. Miss Atkinson presided. Miss Grimley, of Leicester, England, gave an earnest address on "Women's Work in the Temperance Cause." We have decided to take up the Women's Crusade as proposed by Mrs Driver. Arrangements are being made for holding a Sale of Work in October with a view to getting funds for campaign expenses. Since last meeting we have added 18 new members to our list. This is due chiefly to the holding of drawing-room meetings, with addresses given by Miss Grimley, and by visitation.

We purpose starting a "Y" Department, with Mrs Israel as Superintendent.

#### BLENHEIM.

July 22. Cards asking for prayer to be offered daily for victory at the next poll were received, and resolved that at the next meeting they be put into the hands of our workers and that every house should be visited and supplied with one or more cards.

The Mothers' Meeting is very well attended, and the fortnightly meeting is looked forward to.

July 5. Rev. Richards baptized two babies and gave a short address on "Baptism."

July 19, a drawing-room meeting was held at the residence of Mrs D. Sinclair. Mrs Rogers read an interesting paper. A letter from Mrs Griffin re the Women's Crusade was read; resolved to bring it forward at the next meeting.

#### GREYMOUTH.

A good attendance, Mrs Mason presiding. Letters re Mothers Meetings and Temperance Sunday were discussed. We were pleased to hear that Mrs Lee Cowie would visit our coast very soon, and members intend to do all they can to make her visit a success. Resolved to hold a small sale of work in October for the funds of the Sailors Rest. We were glad to have the addition of three new members to our Union. Mrs Walton, at whose house the meeting was held, provided afternoon tea.

A very good entertainment was given on 1st August by the members of the Band of Hope, under the direction of Mrs McIntosh and Mr Smith, the children and young people doing their parts really well.

#### CHRISTCHURCH "Y's."

August 1, presided over by Miss Lovell-Smith. Deep regret was expressed at the death of Mr T. E. Taylor, and sympathy for Mrs Taylor and family. The "Y's" are to work more earnestly and thoroughly in the great work Mr Taylor has been so suddenly called from. Miss Baynon superintended the sewing for the children at the hospital. A kitchen bazaar is to be held the last week in August in aid of election work.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

June 27, in the Methodist Bible Class Room, Mrs Cole and Miss Roberts gave two very in-



teresting addresses, after which eighteen ladies were initiated as members. Officers elected:—President, Mrs W. Bellamy; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. Clark and E. Hanham; Secretary, Miss R. Goodwin; Treasurer, Miss I. Wyatt; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs F. Spratt. It was decided to hold meetings fortnightly.

July 10, Miss Roberts kindly took the chair. A Committee of four was appointed to arrange Band of Hope meetings. Mrs McKinney was appointed WHITE RIBBON Agent and Mrs Bruce Superintendent of Cradle Roll. Five new members were initiated.

#### LYTTELTON.

In the Methodist Schoolroom. Mrs G. Wilson was appointed Delegate to the Provincial Convention to be held on September 5th and 6th in Christchurch. It was decided to write to all inland Unions in Canterbury asking them if they would assist with "comfort bags" to be given to the seamen at Christmas. £1 was granted from the funds towards purchasing tracts to be given to the seamen attending the Seamen's Rest on Sunday evenings. The advisability of starting a Women's Crusade was discussed, and it was decided that it would be practicable if the Ministers would assist at the meetings, which it was proposed to hold in the Churches after the services on Sunday nights, provide it did not overlap the work done by the No-License League. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs T. E. Taylor and family.

#### WINCHMORE.

At Mrs Prebble's home on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Driver's circular *re* Crusade books was read, also a paper on "Purity."

#### ASHBURTON.

July 11, Mrs W. T. Lill presided over a large attendance. Business in connection with the District Convention at Christchurch in September was arranged, Mrs W. J. Elliott and Miss C. Thomas were elected Delegates. Resolved to make arrangements to hold a public meeting at an early date to be addressed by Mrs Barton. The question of forming a Women's Crusade in connection with the Union was held over. Mr W. J. Brown, No-License Organizer, addressed the meeting briefly on the work to be undertaken in the coming campaign. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

#### DUNEDIN.

Mrs H. Driver, Superintendent of the Crusade, reported that the movement is spreading all over the Dominion, and the books are being signed freely. Sunday night prayer meetings have been held at close of the usual service in many of the suburban Churches, and wherever possible Delegates are taking the pulpit and advocating No-License. Mrs J. Chisholm reported several most successful home meetings, held in different parts of the city, addressed by prominent No-License workers. Mrs Barton, from Glasgow, has had a short campaign in city, holding two mass meetings in Garrison Hall and smaller gatherings in the suburbs, and is now in North Otago using all her powers of speech and organisation for the Crusade. Mrs H. Cole, our New Zealand President, came from Christchurch to preside at the Garrison Hall meetings, and while here gave an earnest address to a meeting on Sunday night organized by the Reform Council. The Executive of the City

Union had the pleasure of meeting her at an informal gathering held at the residence of Mrs Peter Dick, and received much useful information, as well as inspiring advice about work for the future. The date of the annual Convention has been fixed, proceedings to commence on the first Wednesday in March, 1912. Hospitality and other Committees were arranged for, that preparations may go quietly on through all the stress of Crusade work. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs T. E. Taylor in her sad bereavement was passed by members silently standing. Several who knew him best spoke feelingly of his life's work. All acknowledged a *great* and *good* man had gone from us. He fought the fight and kept the faith; may grace be given to all of us to follow in his train.

#### OTAUTAU.

July 14, in the Presbyterian Hall, arrangements were made for social afternoon on the following Tuesday, to enable members and friends to meet Mrs Lee Cowie.

The meeting proved very successful—about forty women signed the Crusade pledge book; afternoon tea followed.

In the evening a meeting was held in the hall, when Mrs Lee Cowie again spoke to a large audience.

#### INVERCARGILL.

July 4, Mesdames Baird, C. W. Brown, and Harper reported having brought the subject of the establishment of homes for defective girls under the notice of the local member, Mr Hanan, and having found him most sympathetic. It was moved that efforts should be made to have the selling of race tickets by young boys made illegal, and that Branch Unions should be asked to take the matter up. Great satisfaction was expressed at the success of the Sale of Work on 28th June, over £25 having been taken, besides the proceeds from the stalls of the Bluff Union and the Victoria Home.

A Gift Afternoon has been held on the 14th June at the residence of Mrs Lee Cowie, and was largely attended. Mrs Laycock and others gave brief addresses. Four new members were initiated.

As a part of the Women's Crusade it has been arranged to hold afternoon prayer meetings for women on the third Tuesday of each month, also general evening meetings at various Churches in town, and Sunday prayer meetings after evening service.

After the afternoon prayer meeting of July 18, a business meeting was held. It was resolved that Sister Moody-Bell be appointed Organizer of Crusade work. Mrs Lee Cowie, it was announced, was prepared to receive Sister Moody-Bell during her residence in this district. Arranged that two Executive Committees be formed, one to organize the pledge taking effort, the other to superintend arrangements for mass meetings.

July 5, an evening meeting was held at Mrs Lee Cowie's and, despite stormy weather, was well attended. Mrs C. W. Brown gave an address, reviewing the work accomplished since the formation of the Union in New Zealand, and urging that members work earnestly and hopefully for the end in sight. Mrs Lee-Cowie followed with an animated address, pointing out how workers in the Crusade could make clear the advantages of the abolition of the liquor traffic throughout the Dominion, and answer objections as to supposed evils resulting from it.

August 1. Sister Moody-Bell, who has been appointed Organizer of the Temperance Crusade in this district, was introduced, and gave a brief address describing the progress made in Crusade work in Dunedin. Arrangements for the plan of campaign were discussed, and several districts in the town were allotted to volunteers who undertook to canvass or to distribute literature. Mesdames Hunter, Stuck, and Smith were appointed Delegates to the Reform Council. A parade is to be held at the Baptist Church; Sister Moody-Bell will speak at the after-service meeting. Mrs Barton, from Glasgow, arrives in Invercargill on the 9th, and will give addresses in Invercargill on the evenings of the 13th and 14th, on her return from the Bluff. Mrs Baird briefly and feelingly spoke of the loss the cause had sustained by the death of Mr T. E. Taylor and of the lessons afforded by his life work. Two new members were initiated.

#### MENTAL PURITY.

(A Paper read by Mrs Graham, President Gisborne Union).

Were I so tall to reach the Pole,  
Or grasp the ocean with my span,  
I must be measured by my soul:  
The mind is the standard of the man.

—Watts.

The mind rules the body, therefore the importance of maintaining purity of mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Persons who are impure in mind will soon be impure in their actions. Let a person cultivate purity of mind, chastity of thought, and abhorrence of vileness and impurity, then the character will be ennobled and the power of resistance to sin strengthened.

Purity of thought and action in the married state should surely be the chief aim of all Christians. To produce children better than ourselves is the duty of of duties. To transmit life both mentally and physically strong to our children's children is the chief end of man and of woman; and herein we glorify God, when we plan for the welfare of the yet unborn, and woe be to those parents who by their uncontrolled passions injure their offspring, for theirs may be the sin of sins. The promise unto Abraham was that if he lived aright, his seed should be as the stars of heaven for multitude; and Christ our Master taught us the great love of God for humanity, when He said: "See that ye hurt not one of these little ones, for their angels do always behold the face of My Father."

The sexual function is necessary only for the propagation of the race—Divinely ordered so—and not for the health or the appetite of the individual. And there is also a limited time to this Divine order, when the wife reaches that period of life when she ceases to bear children. Too often, both husband and wife fall into bad health by undue sensuality, and

hundreds have set on record that lust buries love.

Happiness may be perfect in the married state without the passionate embrace. Happy indeed are the husband and wife who have so disciplined their minds and so trained their bodies that they are able to hold within natural bounds the promptings of their lower nature, and may at will suppress them altogether.

When we consider the great increase of diseases among women, we are justified in saying that young people should be taught self-control from their earliest days. There are thousands suffering today who have never learnt the importance of self-control.

Banish lust from the married state, and subject the passions to the severe rule of reason, and half the trials of married life will disappear, and our race will be purer mentally and physically. The family institution, divinely set up by God, will rise to a higher plane. What is the present state of things? Are we preventing the evils that so easily beset our race?

Is not the uncontrolled sexual passion the author of this black list of sins? Prostitution, abortion, prevention, sex diseases, divorce, defective parenthood, race-suicide, inability to nurse, and an increased death rate.

What shall we say to these things? Are they not the unpardonable sins crying out upon the house-tops?

Salvation from these evils can only come by education in the divine laws of God, when the young shall be taught that their bodies are the living temples of God, in Whom we live and move and have our being.

Teach them that character is property—it is the noblest possession. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." An honest man is the noblest work of God.

The so-called higher education will not keep men pure. We have on record of men of the highest education having fallen to the lowest depths of impurity.

It is the education of the heart we need. They who leave out Christ must fail. Reformers fail, when they reject Christianity, and Christians will fail if they reject reform.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." To make the home happy, and the children mentally, morally, and physically pure, is the greatest object men are permitted to achieve, and this is doubly true of women. Finally, preserve the family, and you preserve all,

## Our Workers.

Miss Hughes' movements for August:

- 1st—Morrinsville
- 2nd and 3rd—Rotorua
- 4th—Cambridge
- 5th-7th—Huntly
- 8th—Ngaruawahia
- 9th—Frankton
- 10th-11th—Hamilton
- 12th-13th—Te Awamutu
- 14th—Tuakau
- 15th—Te Kuiti
- 16th—Raetahi
- 17th—Ohakune
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**EUGENICS.**

THIS comparatively new science of Eugenics is well worthy of the careful study of our Unions, because it is a philanthropic science, and on its platform may meet not only scientists. but all those who have at heart the good of mankind. "For Humanity," is part of our motto, hence Eugenics is part of the work we aim at doing. The word, recently coined, is derived from the Greek, and means "Well-born," and the science may be defined as "The study of the agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations of the human race, either physically or mentally."

Branches of the Eugenics Educational Society of London have been formed in Dunedin and in Welling-

ton, their objects being the same as those of the mother Society:

(1) To set forth persistently the national importance of Eugenics in order to modify public opinion, and to create a sense of responsibility in the respect of bringing all matters pertaining to human parenthood under the domination of Eugenic ideals.

(2) To spread a knowledge of the Laws of Heredity so far as they are surely known, and so far as that knowledge may affect the improvement of the race.

(3) To further Eugenic teaching at home, in the schools, and elsewhere.

This new study has been forced upon the minds of thinking people by the deterioration of the race and its declining birth-rate. Though this latter is an evil to be deplored for many reasons, it is improved quality rather than quantity that is desired. The teeming millions of China and India show that quantity will not raise the standard of the race. It is not so much the declining birth-rate, as the fact that the birth-rate of the fit is declining, while that of the unfit is increasing or stationary. Among the "unfit" may be included the habitual criminal, the tubercular, the insane, the mentally afflicted, the alcoholic, the diseased either from birth or from excess. To quote from Sir John Findlay's address given under the auspices of the Eugenics Education Society of New Zealand: "One family of defectives, in all its branches prolific, will, in a few years now, have cost us for maintenance in asylums, gaols, and homes, £20,000. Two imbecile girls, both themselves illegitimate, have produced fifteen illegitimate imbecile children, and everyone of these, throughout their whole lives, will be dependent on the State for everything, including their ultimate burial." Tragic reading this, and a remedy must soon be found in legislation.

In America, the Indiana law makes it impossible for certain classes (habitual criminals and others) to reproduce their kind. A few other States already require medical certificates before licenses to marry are issued, and this is probably where our legislation will have to begin. But such measures

must be supported by public opinion, and it is one of the aims of the Eugenics Society to educate public opinion on this vital subject.

Sir John Findlay attributes one of the causes of national decadence to urbanisation, or the drifting of the population from country to town. In older countries this has long been a deplorable fact, but the evil has started even in our young country. This means overcrowding and slums, and it is in the slums where the unfit live, that the birth-rate is highest. In Berlin, in the poorer and most squalid parts, 214 children are born to every 1000 married women, in the richest parts, 121, and in London the difference between the best and worst quarters is about the same. It has been estimated that, taking rural districts generally, the birthrate is 33 per cent. higher, and the children of a better, healthier physique than in the cities. The remedies for this urbanisation are: (1) To keep the people on the land, (2) to enforce and assist the most approved methods of town planning and improvement.

One aim of Eugenics is to enlighten ignorance on the vital subject of sex. The mock modesty of many a mother in allowing her children to grow up without such knowledge, or in allowing them to gain it from impure sources, is the cause of many a downfall. To-day there are so many good books on the subject that there is no excuse for any mother not doing her duty in this respect. Children should be taught early the sacred functions of their own bodies.

Dr. Benham, of Dunedin, concluded his address on "Heredity and Eugenics," by quoting aptly from Ruskin: "There is as yet no ascertained limit to the nobleness of person and mind which the human creature may attain, by persevering observance of the laws of God respecting its birth and training."

This is striking a not unreasonably optimistic note, and there is much to hope for from the Eugenics societies, including as they do in their membership, scientists and philanthropists of high standing among their fellows.

C. S. L.

## 1911 ELECTION FOR NO-LICENSE and DOMINION PROHIBITION.

### An Appeal to the Women of New Zealand by a Daughter of Scotland.

DEAR COMRADES,

Although separated from you by thousands of miles of land and water, the women of Scotland are anxiously and longingly looking to you for help in the great cause of Temperance Reform and National Prohibition.

Your fellow-women in the Motherland have been face to face with the misery and wretchedness caused by centuries of legalised liquor traffic: an enemy which is subtle and powerful by its greed and grinding, and which records one of the blackest pages in the nation's history. We have arrayed ourselves in a Holy Crusade against this destroyer of our people, this wrecker of our homes, this slayer of our children, this tyrant that enslaves humanity, and the real hinderer to the coming to earth of the Kingdom of Righteousness, which alone exalteth a nation. We are therefore united in a common bond of Sisterhood with you our comrades: we join hands and hearts, for thoughts are wafted over the sea and heart can speak to heart.

We feel that you in this democratic country, with your advanced legislation and great privileges, your power of the franchise, which we so much desire, could do a great deal to help us in securing the same privileges which you so much enjoy and highly esteem as a mighty weapon to be used in the moral and social uplift of humanity. As daughters of a great race, it is your opportunity of proving to the whole civilised world that Womanhood means co-partnership with God in the emancipation of the slaves of a legalised vice.

There is a magnificent work laid to your hands, a glorious dawn before you; the shadows of misery, sorrow and oppression that have dogged the footsteps and blighted the lives of thousands may be turned into songs of gladness, peace, and victory. Your vote counts for so much, surely you will use it in the best interests of your Home and Country.

Women have been heroic patriots in all time reforms. We have, for example, Deborah, a mother in Israel who helped Barak to overthrow the tyrant Sisera with nine hundred chariots of iron; Mrs Harriet Beecher Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which stirred the Christian conscience against slavery; the Martyr Women of the Covenant, who died for the Faith; Elizabeth Fry, who helped to reform the prisons of Britain;

Florence Nightingale, who went to the battlefield and gave succour to the wounded and dying; Grace Darling, who saved the shipwrecked mariners; Catherine Booth, who founded the Salvation Army, and brought new hope to the poor outcasts of earth's children; Frances Willard, our own Patron Saint, who gave such an impetus to the women's movement all round the world. One might mention more noble women, but, what about the hundreds whose names have never been heard of, yet have given of their best, to bring in the nobler modes of life, with sweeter manners, purer laws.

Thousands of your sister women are looking to you now, in the day of battle. Now is your great opportunity in bringing about the greatest reform of this age, and make thousands of people's lives the world over, pure, sweet and wholesome, by striking out the top line in both ballot papers, and doing all you can to get others to do the same at the coming election for No-License and Dominion Prohibition.

Your Victory will be our Success. Oh! don't fail us, dear comrades!

New Zealand's Daughters, in your might,  
Your Homes defend, your People's right,  
With Sons and Fathers now unite,

And vote for Home and LIBERTY!

Yours for God and humanity,

HELEN BARTON, Glasgow.

## ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

Stratford, August 7th, 1911.

DEAR SISTERS,

When writing my last report I was just on the eve of organizing at Pukekohe. The meeting was held in Comrie's Hall, between 20 and 30 ladies being present, eighteen becoming members. Several ladies whom I visited promised they would join the Union, and regretted they could not be present at the initiatory meeting either through illness in their homes or not being well enough themselves to attend. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Blamires, Methodist Parsonage; Secretary, Mrs Cowan; Treasurer, Mrs J. Comrie; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Goldsworthy. A Committee was appointed to meet and work in conjunction with the local League for the next few months, also a Crusade Committee was set up to prepare for Miss Hughes' coming, and to canvass the district.

The great need for a social meeting place for young people was spoken of, and ere long I am sure we will hear of the Pukekohe W.C.T.U. having arranged a social meeting room for young

people. This Union has energetic and capable women at the head and there are prospects of good work being done in and around Pukekohe.

While in this district I visited Buckland and Mauku, and, from what I could gather, think there is no need to form Branches, as both settlements are within a few miles of Pukekohe.

The following week I organized at Huntly. I must first thank members of the local League for calling the ladies of the town together and pointing out the necessity for their united help in the coming great battle there. The meeting was held in the Methodist Church the Rev. Baxter, Presbyterian Minister, presiding. Some 18 ladies have joined the Union, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Butler; Secretary, Mrs C. Gleeson; Treasurer, Mrs Leather, Huntly Road. After explaining the Union work it was decided to set the Crusade movement on foot, to invite the Maori Organizer to visit the district, also to give the local League all possible help. The Waikato League are helping Huntly in a very practical manner by sending Mrs Latham, of Sydney, to canvass from house to house, and Mr Marion to give addresses. Although Huntly is fighting against great odds there are prospects of a thorough routing in the enemy's quarters.

The next week I visited Waihi and found this little Union doing very good work in a quiet way, as already results have proved. A very enjoyable and profitable meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church. The Crusade movement was heartily taken up and a Committee was appointed to visit Paeroa, Waikino, and Karangahake to ascertain how the land lies *re* forming Branches at these centres. If favourable I shall organize on my way through to the Bay of Plenty district. Three members joined at this meeting.

The following week I spent in Te Aroha, visiting all those likely to be interested. A meeting was arranged for the Friday, when Mrs Auld, Hamilton, kindly came and presided; 14 ladies were initiated. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Blair, The Manse; Secretary, Miss B. Wild; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rayner. Mrs Auld spoke of the great help the Union members could be if a Committee was arranged to meet the local League and work in conjunction with same. It was also decided to obtain pledge books and be in readiness to take up the work as soon as Miss Hughes' visit could be arranged.



Last week, before leaving for Taranaki, I visited the Cambridge meeting. This Union is very busy, and a huge Temperance demonstration is being organised to take place in the Town Hall just before election. The Crusade movement has been taken up; Miss Hughes was to address a women's mass meeting there last Friday under the auspices of the W.C.T.U.

On my way through I called on the President at Marton, and found the Union there about dead, and, from what I can judge, reorganization is the only chance of resuscitation. I hope to spend a week at Marton on my way from Taranaki.

At Hawera the Union is making marvellous progress and after slight opposition, the Crusade movement has been commenced.

At Stratford I find Union matters rather depressed, but have hopes after the Provincial Convention this week at Ngaire a better state of things will exist.

The latter end of this week I hope to visit Opunake and organize in that district.

For the month 9 new subscribers for the WHITE RIBBON have been obtained.

Yours for service,

JEAN MCNEISH.

Address for month—

P.O., Hawera,  
Taranaki.

### MAORI ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

Pipiriki, Akuhata.

On July 29 I visited Koriniti, a Maori settlement 25 miles up the Whanganui River. Miss Mangu Tahana and Takarangi Mete Kingi went up to Koriniti to help me to do the W.C.T.U. work. There were about 135 Maoris from all parts of the Whanganui River. After the Maoris usual welcome, I told them the reason of my visit. I was assisted by the Rev. Henare Keremeneta, the Minister of the Maori Parish. At the end of my speech several old Maori chiefs and chieftains supported my work on behalf of the W.C.T.U. Thirty members signed the pledge and I have formed a W.C.T.U. in this Koriniti. This new Branch gave me 14/-, and asked me to attend a Maori gathering at Pipiriki.

You will be surprised to know amongst the gathering there were four different denominations—Church of England, Roman Catholic, Ringatu, and Wesleyans. There were four children in one family baptized that day by the Church of England Minister, Rev.

Henare Keremeneta, and he gave me 5/- towards the Organizing Fund; another is Whatahoro, 5/-; and another woman named Maunga Hekera, from Wairoa North, gave me 4/-; total, 14/-; 15/- was given for the Church work amongst the Maoris. Mrs Forsyth, President of Putiki, gave me £2 for the expenses up the Whanganui River. Mrs Forsyth does her very best to help our work, not only in Whanganui district but up the river. We have a lovely Union at Koriniti, they are all ready to help the Whanganui Union with their bazaar in September.

Afterwards I went up to Pipiriki, and on to Raetihi and Ohakune; due to arrive at Ngaruawahia next month.

Yours in His service,

REBECCA SMITH.

Address—

Maori Organizer,  
c/o W.C.T.U.,  
Ngaruawahia.

### REPOATA MAORI.

Hurua i te 18 o nga ra ka tu he huihui whakangahau a te Uniana i nga tamariki o Hukarere me o Te Aute ki roto i te horo o te Paki Paki. Henui te ahua reka o nga tamariki me nga kau matua hoki i taua po i wai a ta nga kotiro o Hukarere me nga tamariki o Te Aute a he mihi hoki na ratou ki nga tamariki a kia hau hoki i mihi ana a Tangiora mohi a Pohe Henui kia hau a i whaka hoki a ano ahau i a ratou mihi me te aroha ano kia ratou i te mea kua roa rawa matou e noho huihui ano a e kore ano hoki ahau e whare ware ki te nui o te mana aki a Pohe raua kotou a hoa ia hau no te mea no Aperira ahau kanoho kia raua a tae noa te ra i runga ake nei tino pai waimarie he nga wari hoki to matou ahua te tahi ki te tahi na reira e kore ahau e ware ware kia ora koutou katoa i ru nga o te Paki Paki me nga Uniana o nga wahi kua tae ahau. I te 19 ka haere mai ahau ki Whanganui i taku tae nga mai ki Pamu tana ko Miss Powell i te meet ia hau e 3 haora i noho ai ahau i reira ka haere maua ki te hui o te Uniana Pakeha i whakatu ngia e ratou hei kara nga ia hau kia mohio ai ratou ki te nui o nga mahi me nga ahua hoki o te whaka aro o nga iwi i nga taki wae haere tia ana e ahau hoi i muri i aku whaka marama nui atu to ratou koa, he maha atu o ratou i tu tua rua ki te mihi a i te 5 p.m. ka haere au i te tereina ki Whanganui i te iwa i te po katae ko Mrs Smith, Mrs Forsyth, Miss Hare, Miss MckDonald, Nurse Mataira, me Miss Potope MckDonald, i te tutaki ia hau i noho ahau ki te kainga o Mrs

Forsyth i te 23 ka hui ki te whare kara kia he nui ano nga tangata i hui mai a i tono a Takarangi kia haere ahau ki Koriniti a whaka ae ana a te Wiremu na maua ko te Wiremu i (draw te plan) tautoko katoa nga tangata i nga mahi me nga tai tamariki hoki o te Putiki, i te 25 o nga ra ka tu ano he hui nui ki te whare kura e 50 tangata i tae mai ano nga mema Pakeha o Whanganui ki te hui na te Wiremu i whaka Puare. Ki te Himene me te inoi a i korero ano ia i te pai o te kore o nga Papara kauta i kaha ano taua kupu ki nga tangata kia kaha ki te hopu i nga tikanga pai o ti ra mate kaha ki te inoi ki te atua i runga i te pono ka ri te nga mahi katoa a i korero au i te ahua o nga takiwa kua tae ahau i korero ano a Mrs Upton, Hori Takarangi i korero ano i Powhiri auiki hoki ia mana ahau e mana aki a e whaka pi ki hoki ki te mahi i nga mahi he mema hoki ia no te Kaunehera me Hoani Tauri, Moana Tauri, ko enei nga mema i ki nui ratou matou tahi e haere ki Koriniti ki te kawe i nga mahi ki nga mea kahore ano i hopu i enei ri te nga papai i whaka atu ria e ahau nga mahi me nga ahua ta nga katoa o te Uniana hoi. Te kau ma wha i haina e 3 tangata i ta ngo i te ripine ma, i whakatutu ngia ano he mema hou ara he Tumuaki i pooti ngia a ka tu ko.

Tumuaki 1, Mangu Tahana; Tumuaki 2, Mrs Forsyth; Hekeretari 1, Oriwa Williams; Hekeretari 2, Annie MckDonald; Kai Tiaki-moni, Miss Airini Hea, school teacher, Putiki.

I tu ano hoki te tahi ropu mo nga tamariki ta me o te Putiki ara Y.M.C.A. ko te Tumuaki 1, Maaka Pineaha; Hekeretari, Wiri Emia; Kai Tiaki-moni, Maaka Pineaha. I tu te Tumuaki Pakeha o te ropu o Whanganui ki te tono ki nga Maori kia whaka piki ia ratou i te Pi iha he Kohi moni hei utu i nga (expenses) o te Organizer, mo te taha Maori tae atu hoki ki te taha Pakeha i tau tokona e te Wiremu e ki a te Wiremu e ki noa atu te ka ata i nga Piu e kitea e nga mema o Putiki, i muri i enei take katu ano ahau ki te tohu tohu i te mahi mama, mema hou kua whaka, tu ngia nei ki o ratou tu nga a i tautoko katoa ratou i nga kupu.

I 26 ka tu te hui o te ropu Pakeha o Whanganui he tono ia hau kia korero kia ratou i te ahua o nga iwi Maori, kua tae nei ahau ki e tahi o tatou takiwa haere ai hoi i korero tia e ahau nga mea katoa i ki te au a i rongo hoki he nui to ratou whaka mohio ki enei take i hopi kia e nga mea i hopu enei ritenga hoki kua rongo nei nga wahi whai ropu i raro i te Uniana. Tino kaha te whaka mihi a Mrs Smith, te Tumuaki Pakeha o Whanganui, i tenei wa tonu ka tae mai

te a te takiwa o Akarana, hoi ka whaka ae ngia mai te tonono a Akarana, e te Tumuaki o Nepia, e te Poneke hoki a he nui ano te kai a te Pakeha ma matou aku hoa haere ko Mrs Forsyth, Miss Tahana, Miss MckDonald, Miss Hare, Miss Potope MckDonald. He wai a ta ano te mahi anga wahine Pake ai wai a ta ano a maua ko Mangu Tahana, he pai rawa atu tenei hui i tonono ano kia haere au ki te Ngairi, ki te hui a te ropu Pakeha, o te rohe o Taranaki a i tae mai ano te tonono o Raetihi, hoi na te hu hua o nga tonono i te taoma kotahi. Ka tiro tiro hia a whaka ae ngia ana te tonono o te takiwa o Akarana.

Koriniti, Hurae 30, 1911.

No te ata o te rahoroi ka rere mai to matou, tima i te taone o Whangau, ki Koriniti, he pa Maori kei runga o te awa nei. Nga tangata i tae ki te kawae ia Ripeka Terauhanga Smith, ko Takarangi Mete Kingi, me tona potiki, me Mangu Tahana. He mea tonono mai kia tae atu. Tae atu to matou tima ki te tauranga e powhiri mai ara a Ngatipamoana me Ngapoutama kia matou. E tu mai ana te tangata kei waho tonu nga karu me te arero o te tane me te wahine. Ka tu matou ki te marae, ka tangi, ka mutu te tangi, ka noho matou ki runga i nga tu uru. Ka tu mai a Wi Kahi, a Hekera Ponga, a Whatitiri, a Kairahi, me etahi atu o nga rangatira o roto o te awa nei. Ka mutu nga mihi mai kia matou katahi a Takarangi Mete Kingi, ka tu ki te mihi atu kia ratou, muri mai ia ia ka tu atu te Rev. Henare Keremeneta, muri mai i tena ko ta matou manuhiri tuarangi ko Ripeka Terauhanga Smith, ka tu atu hoki ki te whaka hoki atu i nga mihi mai mona. Ka mutu nga whai korero, ka tomo matou ki te wharepuni ka hora te tepu kai ma matou me nga hunga kua eke atu ki te marae i mua atu ia matou. Kaore i rikarika te kai na te Kereru me te tui, me nga kai huhua noaiho, haunga hoki tenei kai te poaka nui atu. He piharau ana ke te kai i ngaro atu, he kore kaore he wai o te awa na reira ka kore he piharau. Ka mutu te kai. Ka tangi te pere karakia ka tonono mai te tiaki whenua, ki te karakia i mua o te karakia ta nga ka tu mai tetahi o ratou ki te whakamarama. Whakarono mai e te iwi ko nga hahi e tau nei i roto i to tatou whare e wha he ringatu he Mihinare he momona he Katorika. Tona whakamarama e mea ana ia me karakia katoa aua hahi. Na te ringatu te karakia tuatahi muri ko te Mihinare ka whaka mutua i reira te karakia. Na Ripeka Terauhanga Smith i kau whau te karakia mutu nga. Ka mutu te karakia ka timata ano nga mihi mihi. No reira ka tu mai a te J. A. Jury, Whatahoro, ki te mihi mai kia matou

me etahi o nga mea i whai korero ra kia matou i te marae. Awatea tonu atu te iwi nei e ara a na ko te tikanga o ta ratou ara e tautohe ana mo nga marena. E wha te hunga marena ko te tane a tetahi he katorika e tohe ana te tane me marena raua ki tona hahi, kaore rawa te wahine me nga matua i whakaae, ka ati riro ana, ki te taha, ki te wahine. I te ata o te wiki ka karakia matou ki roto ki te whare karakia, ka mutu ka tahi matou ka hoki mai ano ki te wharepuni ki te parakuihi. No muri i te tina ka tonono te iwi hei waho hei te marae he korero ta nga mo Ripeka Terauhanga Smith. Ka hui katoa te iwi ki te marae, katahi ai a ka tu atu ki te korero mo te turaki i te waipiro. Ka inoi ka mutu te inoi ka timata te korero na Hekera Ponga i kawae te inoi he rangatira no te Wairoa, he reimana na te Rev. Wepiha. Tu katoa mai te iwi ki te tautoko i tona take nui atu te hari me te koa ia ratou katahi ano etahi o ratou ka mohio he ma te he aha noaiho. Tino nei te hari me te koa i matou i te mana akitanga mai i ta matou take. Kahore i ata mutu nga mahi, ka nekehia kia mutu te iri iri i nga tamariki tokowha a Tiakipipi Potaka. Ka me atia matou nga ingoa e whi ake nei hei matua tua, J. A. Jury, Whatahoro Wineti, Tita, Pokiha, nga wahine Miss R. T. Smith, Miss M. Tahana, Ada Pokiha, Rangihikitia, Mrs Hekera Ponga. Ka mutu katahi ka timata te haina i te "Pledge," tino nui atu nga tangata i haina ka mutu te haina katahi ka whakatungia he Uniana wahine, tane mo Koriniti. Ko te Rev. Henare Keremeneta te tangata hapai o nga Parihi o roto o te awa nei. Tino nui te whakamiharo i te ki te nga he whare karakia kei taua pa. E mohio katoa ana tatou, ki te kitea he whare karakia ka matau tatou kei roto ena i te rangimarie e noho ana. I te po o te wiki ka tu atu matou ki te poroporoaki kia ratou ara tonu matou awatea tonu atu. I te ata o te mane ka hoki mai matou ki te tsone nei ara ki Putiki. Ka ati kua whakaaetia atu e Ripeka Terauhanga Smith te tonono mai a nga tangata o Pipiriki ko tenei wahi kei te mutu nga mai o te rere a nga tima e ahu atu ana ki Taumarunui Koia nei tetahi o nga pa tino nui o roto o te awa nei. Kua whakaae te Uniana Pakeha me tae ia ki reira. Kahore au e mohio e tae ra nei au ki taua hui e kore ranei, ki te kore ahau e tae ma te Hekeretari o nga wahine o Koriniti e kawae ia ki Pipiriki ara ma Ada Pokiha. Heoi ano ra ta tatou nei mahi ta nga Uniana i muri ia ia he inoi kia tiakina ia e te atua i nga wahi katoa e tae ana. Kia tau te mana akitanga a te atua ki nga Uniana hou ka tu nei o roto o Whanganui me etahi

atu wahi o to tatou moutere o Nui Tireni. Ka mutu i konei nga korero kia tau te mana akitanga a te atua, mana tatou e whakakaha ki te hapai i nga mahi pai hei pai nga kia tatou uri a eni whaka tupuranga e tu mai nei.

Heoi ano na,

M. TAHANA,  
Prehitini. } Putiki  
A. McDONNELL, } Uniana.  
Hekeretari.

Nga ingoa tenei o te Komiti o te Uniana hou o Koroniti. Nga ingoa tenei o te Komiti o nga wahine:—

Tumuaki, Ngarongo Pokiha; Hekeretari, Ada Pokiha; Tiaki-moni, Ngareta Tuka.

Koia enei ko te Komiti o te Y.M.C.A.:—

Tumuaki, T. W. Potaka; Hekeretari, Matiu Potaka; Kai Tiaki-moni, Parete Wereta.

Kia tau te mana akitanga a te atua ki enei pononga ana kua uru nei ki te mahi hei pai nga hei ora nga mo tatou mo te iwi Maori. Ma te atua ratou e tiaki i nga wa katoa.

## Official Correspondence.

### Maori Work.

August 4, 1911.

DEAR WHITE RIBBON SISTERS,

Knowing how deeply interested you are in the work that is being done among the Maoris, I am sure you will be glad to know that our Organizer, Miss Rebecca Smith, is doing splendid work for our cause among her people. She has worked in the Hawke's Bay District, and in Gisborne too, and this month is busy at Putiki and other places on the Wanganui River. Wherever she has been her work has been much appreciated, Maori Unions have been formed, as well as No-License Leagues, and pledges taken. The Maoris have taken great interest, and some have given real good help. There are requests for Miss Smith's services in more places than she can possibly go to. However, she tries to be at those places where large numbers are assembled, such as weddings, huias, and other large gatherings. We are very fortunate in having such a grand worker among our Maori people. Now we, who have sent her, must also do our part to keep her going. Her salary is not heavy, but when travelling expenses are added it makes large demands on our finances,



Will all who have collecting cards kindly forward the amounts collected, and those who have not yet been supplied with cards can have them by sending me their name and address.

This is a work that calls for our support, and all that we can do for the Maoris is little enough when we consider our responsibility in this matter. This year, for the first time, the Maoris are allowed to vote for or against the sale of liquor among them, and we are extremely anxious that they shall be so influenced that they will vote against the traffic which has brought nothing but evil to them.

Any contributions to this work will be gratefully received.

Yours very sincerely,

In W.R. bonds,

H. G. HUGHES.

Postal Address -

Mrs R. H. Hughes,  
Mount Eden,  
Auckland.

### Notable Days.

DEAR SISTERS,

I find "Franchise Day" (September 19th) is drawing near, and take this opportunity of reminding all Unions to observe this day. It is desirable, if possible, to have addresses given or papers written bearing on "Franchise Day"—"How we Won the Franchise," "Are we Making the Best Use of the Franchise?" "Is the Franchise a Success?" &c., &c. Besides this it is absolutely imperative that an offering be taken up for the New Zealand Fund. We noticed in WHITE RIBBON our New Zealand Treasurer is calling our attention to the need of more generous support being given to this important Department. Will every Union do their best and see that we have a record offering for this "our emancipation year?"

With best wishes,

Yours in W.R. bonds,

ANNIE DUXFIELD,

Superintendent Notable Days.

Hawera, August 5, 1911.

### Organizing Fund.

Amounts received for the Organizing Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss McNeish, profit on Badges	10	0	
Wellington Central	1	5	0
Hawera Union	1	0	0

A. R. C. TAYLOR,

Treasurer Organizing Fund.

### Badges.

DEAR SISTERS,

I have just received a fresh consignment of 8d and 3d badges—supplied to Unions at 6/1 and 2/1 per dozen respectively, but only when cash accompanies the order. This rule has to be strictly adhered to, as, even if the cash is sent immediately upon receipt of goods, extra work is involved and extra postage.

*N.B.—Secretaries please cut out this paragraph and paste in the Minute Book, and*

**DO IT NOW!**

Yours in the work,

M. S. POWELL.

38, Main Street E.,

Palmerston North, 5/8/11.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

To August 8th, 1911.

To March, 1911—Mrs Oakley, Gisborne, 2/6.

To May, 1911—Mesdames Murray, Hislop, Dunedin, each 2/6. Mrs Hay, Wellington, 7/6.

To June, 1911—Mesdames Webb, Lanyon, Lyttelton; Mesdames Manning, McEwan, Thompson, Doneghue, Austin, Petone; Gray, Dunedin; Rogers, Papanui; Barbour, Hastings; Miss V. Davies, Blenheim, each 2/6. Mrs Murgatroyd, Petone, 7/6.

To July, 1911—Mesdames Harris, Auckland; Ross, Masterton, each 2/6.

To August, 1911—Mrs Arthur, Dunedin, 2/6.

To September, 1911—Mrs Wilkie, Argyle, 2/6.

To December, 1911—Mesdames Wilkinson, Auckland; Campbell, Ashburton, each 2/6. Mrs Lawry, Reefton, 5/.

To February, 1912—Mesdames Meredith, Waimate; Townshend, Lincoln; Goffe, Gisborne; Miss Cannon, Christchurch, each 2/6.

To March, 1912—Mesdames Sinclair, Blenheim; Siddells, Wanganui; Strand, Lower Hutt, each 2/6.

To April, 1912—Mrs Snow, Palmerston North, 2/6.

To May, 1912—Mesdames Freeth, Rogers, Pike, Blenheim; Totty, Wanganui, each 2/6.

To June, 1912—Mesdames Witby, Bromley, Hildyard, Hatchwell, Lyttelton; Fisher, Rose, Parker, Brewer, Mackenzie, Cresswell, Avery, Hay, F. Davis, Smith, Clark, Oxbrow, Mills, Webster, Tunnicliffe, Blenheim; Boase, Bone, Tonks, Twigg, Hawera; Hunter, Campbell, Frampton, Sage, Harding, Dent, Clothier, Jary, Young, Thomas, Ashburton; Graham, Dash, Waimate; A. Graham, J. C. Graham, Gisborne; Dewar, Auckland; Elliott, Dunedin; Blamires, Stevenson, Pukekohe; Gleeson, Huntly; Venables, Yates, Christchurch; Fenwick, Tariki; Oakes, Horne, Toneycliffe, Cottingham, Gisborne; Blyth, Bassett, Collier, Smith, Wilton, Wanganui; Neutze, Bloor, McIlraith, Annat, McMillan, Baxter, Jenkins, Gillanders, Waddington; Colthart, Sheffield. Bauchop, Hewitt, Johnston, Mawson, Schnack; Port Chalmers; Morrison, Ngaire; Vickers, Auckland; Eason, Jemison, Tariki; Fenwick, Waipuku; Smith, Waipukurau; Darling,

Rangiora; Misses Scott, Hamilton; E. M. Butterick, Ashburton; Brechin, Wanganui; Goldsworthy, Pukekohe; Smith, Hokianga; Menelaus, Port Chalmers; Wilkie, Ashburton; Lawrence, Christchurch, each 2/6.

To July, 1912—Mesdames Baker, Hawera; Bardsley, Timaru; Watson, Port Chalmers; Gilmour, Wanganui; Miss Hare, Heri Wikipoa, Putiki; Revs. A. O. Williams, Putiki; Keremeneta, Pipiriki; Keta Paaki, Paki Paki, each 2/6.

To August, 1912—Mesdames Knight, Lower Hutt; Frost, Westwood; Miss Dwen, Tuakau, each 2/6.

*Correction.*—Mrs White, Hawera, in July issue, should read 3/., not 2/6; Mrs Weston, Christchurch, 5/., instead of 2/6.

Will subscribers kindly note that all money (unless paid to local agents) should be sent to "MISS M. J. HARRISON, Business Manager WHITE RIBBON, France Road, Napier."

Papers returned, marked "Gone! No Address":—Mrs Jones, Te Kohanga, Auckland; Mrs Gibbs, Brougham Drive, Wellington. Will anyone knowing new or correct addresses kindly oblige by forwarding same to Business Manager.

## The Storyteller.

### THE GRIT THAT WON.

[BY FLORENCE THORNE RING]

Lieutenant-Colonel Ensor had married late in life, and from the hour that his wife had presented him with a son, the Colonel had but one thought in life—"The Boy." His extraordinary devotion to the child indeed provoked many a good-natured smile from the men of his club, and was a source of admiration among the ladies who called upon his wife.

"Such a devoted father, Mrs Ensor," sighed the Vicar's helpmeet, the despairing mother of five plain unmarried daughters; "my husband never took much interest in the children, but then, of course, parish affairs occupy all his thoughts."

"Naturally the Colonel is wrapped up in the child," commented Lady Throckmorton, who was vainly struggling on reduced means to bring up a family of eleven lusty boys and girls in a manner becoming their father's position, "its your only one, Mrs Ensor, you know."

Mrs Ensor admitted the fact, and invited her visitors to take tea on the terrace, as it was on the shady side of the house, and from there they could watch the tennis in comfort. A rather exciting

set was drawing to a close : the Colonel and a nephew of his wife's, both excellent players, against Sir Geoffrey Throckmorton, who two years ago had been champion for the County, and a youth, who with his mother had recently come to the neighbourhood. They rented one of the Colonel's new cottages, and were evidently very poor. Young Hallam was understood to be a junior clerk in the bank at the small market town near; but the Throckmortons had taken a fancy to him and he had been invited to make up a four in an informal Saturday afternoon game. He was a fine player, and he and Sir Geoffrey, after a close contest, finally won the set.

Colonel Ensor threw down his racket; "I've had had about enough of it," he said, and he strolled towards the ladies on the terrace. "Where's the boy?" was his first question, as he looked round for his five-year-old son. "Oh, he has probably gone to look at his pigeons," replied his wife; shall we have tea, dear?"

"Tea for fair ladies," said the Colonel, gallantly; "but whiskey and soda for us, after that stiff game, in this hot sun."

The man-servant brought iced drinks, but when the spirit was offered to the young bank-clerk he modestly refused: "May I have tea?" he asked shyly.

"Oh, nonsense, er, what's your name, Hallam," said the Colonel; "What, teetotaller! sir, are you?—oh, er, of course please yourself."

Edward Hallam became aware that his host was annoyed, and felt very uncomfortable: his discomfort was increased by the fact that the other young man present, Mrs Ensor's nephew, who had mixed himself a stiff glass of whiskey and soda, turned and favoured him with a well-bred stare of astonishment.

"Oh, I say!" he cried, "I thought all that sort of thing was voted bad form, nowadays." He was first cousin to Lord Stafforde, and subtly conveyed the impression that he felt it was rather good-natured of him to play with an unknown bank clerk; but of course as Throckmorton had brought him—

Hallam rather awkwardly began to apologise.

"On, pray please yourself," said the Colonel, "but from a long experience I can only say, young man, that when a fellow sets up teetotalism, non-smoking, and all those—er, cranks you know, he isn't much good in the service—unsociable generally, a bit wanting in manliness, and not up to the scratch when the time comes, you know."

Sir Geoffrey felt he must stand up for his protégé. "Oh let him be, Ensor,"

he said; "I daresay he is not above a good cigar; and—well, you know, they say some of the doctors are running down whiskey for the young folk."

Hallam lifted his head, his shyness seemed to have vanished suddenly.

"I don't smoke, either, Sir Geoffrey," he said, quietly but firmly.

His friend shot him a quick glance; "the boy has grit, anyway," he thought, admiringly.

But the Colonel was much annoyed; he had caught his nephew's shrug of the shoulders, and flushed angrily. His invitations were much sought after by the young people of the district, and this whipper-snapper from no one knew where, apparently thought he could behave as if he were at some miserable Temperance restaurant: he must tell Throckmorton not to bring him again, even informally on a Saturday; it would be quite easy to drop the fellow.

Meanwhile a gentleman must be civil to his guests, even while inwardly deciding to forget their inconvenient existence in future.

"Well, every man to his taste," he said as dismissing the subject, "but you will not be up to the scratch, sir, when the time comes."

He had scarcely spoken when a piercing shriek from the Vicar's wife attracted everyone's startled attention; the butler, who was carrying a tray of tea things, dropped it with a crash.

The time had come.

Right up above the terrace, at a dizzy height near the roof, ran a tiny iron balcony with a single low rail in front of it, which ended where a handsome gable rose from the eaves to the top of the building. Here was perched a snowy pigeon sunning itself in the golden light; and creeping towards the bird, carefully balancing itself on the narrow ledge formed by the miniature balcony, could be seen a little figure in a light blue suit. It was easy to see how the child had got there, disused attics looked on to the balcony, and of one of these the window was open.

"Go back, Lionel, oh, go back!"

But apparently the child did not hear; nor could anyone help him; the narrow window would let no one through at all bigger than himself, and the frail little balcony, which was merely an ornament, running from gable to gable, would support no weight bigger than his.

Hatless, intent, cautious, the little figure crept along, while the band of watchers stood below frozen with horror. They decided that it was better not to call again, as they might startle him; perhaps, God only knew, he might get safely back again the way he had come:

if he fell he must be dashed to pieces on the marble terrace at their very feet.

He had nearly reached the bird, he had got to the end of the balcony—ah! his little arms were too short.

Unconscious of the mischief it was causing, the peerless creature preened its snowy plumage under the radiant blue.

And now the child steps, the better to reach it, *outside* the low rail; holding on with one hand he stretches out his arm, when suddenly the pigeon spreads its wings and flies off, unconcernedly. The child sways on his insecure perch; both hands are now on the rail but there is no purchase for the little feet; the Colonel's breath comes in hissing gasps, the women are kneeling, all except the mother, who stands like a statue in stone, rigid, silent.

A peacock screams by the lake, nothing else breaks the deathlike stillness, unless it is a low moan from the butler, who, with chattering teeth, is huddled in the midst of his broken tea cups.

Then the child slips and falls downwards.

A mist swims before the eyes of the watchers. Mrs Ensor sinks like a log on the terrace; and Sir Geoffrey catching her as she falls, lays her gently down in merciful unconsciousness.

But the child is still there; with his little hands he is clinging on to the rail, hanging now as a man hangs from a trapeze.

"Ah!"—the father grips Sir Geoffrey's arm in a vice—and points upwards.

With naked feet young Hallam is rapidly nearing the little boy; he is walking backwards down the sloping roof.

Just above the row of attic windows runs a little stone ledge; it is almost the height of a man above the balcony. Hallam reaches it, sits on it, and then lowers himself backwards, supporting himself on the stone ledge only by the knees. Head downwards he hangs, and immediately his strong hands close round the strained arms of the child; slowly, with bursting veins and cracking tendons, he draws the child's body up into his arms, and then, once—twice—tries to raise himself to the stone ledge.

There is white foam tinged with blood on the Colonel's lips, Mrs Ensor still half swooning, opens her eyes, and Sir Geoffrey promptly covers them with his hands; great silent tears are streaming down the faces of the other two ladies, the Vicar's wife is praying aloud.

Young Hallam makes a third attempt and succeeds, with the child in his left arm he cautiously makes his way up over the roof again, and in a few



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minutes presents himself on the terrace and sets Lionel, now beginning to cry, on his feet.

The child runs to his mother, and there is a scene of confusion and tears. Afterwards no one could remember what happened until suddenly the Colonel was seen holding young Hallam's two hands in his own. The young fellow stood looking supremely ashamed and embarrassed—his feet were bare, and his tennis shirt soaked with perspiration, one of the sleeves was torn and a tiny stream of blood, from a scratch on his arm, was dripping slowly on to the white stone floor.

The Colonel's face was red and white in patches, and his voice was husky:—

'It was a gallant deed, sir, a gallant deed—and I said you would not be up to the scratch; forgive! I was a prejudiced brute, sir; God bless you! God bless you!'

At length Hallam managed to make good his escape in the direction of the bathrooms. When he came down again he found the party having tea at last, on the lawn under a tree and out of sight of the terrace and the gabled end of the house. With the self-control of the well-educated, Mrs Ensor was making tea and the Colonel was handing the cups—albeit with a trembling hand—Lionel was munching cake on the grass, and the first cousin to Lord Stafforde strolled down from the library whither he had taken refuge from the youth of bad form, and had apparently beguiled his solitude with more whisky and soda.

Mrs Ensor gave Hallam some tea with a little tremulous smile; she was a woman of perfect taste, and made no reference to the event that was in every one's mind; but the visitors very shortly took their leave, and left the shaken parents alone with their little one.

The following day Mrs Ensor called on Mrs Hallam, and in the evening Edward went to see the Colonel at his particular request.

'I should be a fool to try and thank you, sir,' said that gentleman, in the interview that followed, 'but do I rightly understand that your father is dead?'

'He died when I was an infant,' said young Hallam, simply.

'Ah, and left you nothing, I fear,' said the Colonel.

The boy's eyes shone proudly:—

'Sir! he left me the stainless honour of his name.'

'Er, yes, of course. Will you mind telling me why you don't drink anything or smoke?'

'My mother doesn't wish it,' was the answer.

'Gracious!' said the Colonel, boys of your age generally please themselves.'

'I guess, sir,' Edward said, 'it depends on the sort of mother they've got.'

The Colonel was silent a moment, then he said abruptly:—

'I congratulate you on yours.'

The boy's face flushed, and a tender smile played round the young mouth.

'I hear,' continued the Colonel, 'that you aren't keen on banking, and would like to be a doctor like your father.'

The light faded from Edward's face—'It is out of the question, sir,' he said quietly.

'Er, well, Mrs Ensor and I would like to give you the chance.'

'If you think, Colonel Ensor, that I want to be paid—for—for yesterday; that I would accept—'

'Good heavens! No!' roared the Colonel. 'Don't be such a consummate ass, boy; Mrs Ensor and I have a profound respect for your mother. It seems it is her dearest wish for you to follow your father's profession, a profession I may say, which—next to the service—I have the highest admiration for. You could do a lot of good, spread your temperance notions, &c., and my wife and I have means, ample means. It is churlish, my lad, to refuse. If—er—even if yesterday had not happened, I know of no young fellow I should like to give a helping hand to, so much as yourself. Your mother did not say no; but I gather she has that noble pride which strangles mere petty pride out of existence.'

They were generous words, tactfully chosen, and with a white face and eyes that resolutely blinked back the tears, Edward spoke his broken thanks.

Some weeks after, young Hallam was dining at the Ensors, after an evening at tennis.

'Where shall you take out your lectures?' asked Sir Geoffery Throckmorton, who was also of the party.

'At Edinburgh, where my father qualified,' was the eager answer, with a

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look of joyful gratitude in the direction of his host.

'And you really think that teetotalism helped you in that recent extraordinary gymnastic feat of yours?'

'Well,' said the boy, modestly, 'not alone, perhaps, I am keen on my work in the Gym.; but I do think a fellow's muscles must be stronger and his nerves steadier without constant doses of alcohol and nicotine.'

'And his brain clearer,' grumbled the Colonel.

The first cousin of Lord Stafforde was his ward, and he had just failed a second time in his Army Exam.

'Yes, and his brain clearer, I think, said Edward. 'My mother used to show me when I was quite a little boy, that my cress seeds wouldn't grow, and my tadpoles died, if I put alcohol in the water; and she used to make little drawings to show me how it injured the nerves and brain cells.'

'But how did she know all these things?' asked Sir Geoffery.

'Oh, she is a member of a Society called "The British Women's Temperance Association".'

Colonel Ensor rose.

'Gentlemen,' he said, 'to the health of Mrs Hallam; and if you don't mind, we will drink it in water.'

Mrs Ensor looked at Edward when the toast had been drunk:

'I want you to tell your mother from me,' she said, smilingly, 'that Lionel is going to be brought up a teetotaller.'

## PALMERSTON NORTH

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## HAMILTON WCTU

**M** EETS on First Thursday in the month in Wesley Class Rooms, at 2.30 p.m. President—Mrs Auld, Victoria-st, Hamilton; Sec, Mrs J. M. Jones, Claudelands; Assistant-Sec, Mrs Carter, O'Neil-st, Claudelands; Treasurer, Mrs Dempster, Selkirk-st, Hamilton.

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**T** HE Union meets on 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday in St Paul's Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Pres—Mrs Oldham, France-rd; Recording Sec, Mrs Clatworthy; Corresponding Sec, Miss Hunter, Milton road; Treas—Mrs Theakstone, Roslyn Road; Legal and Parliamentary—Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings—Mrs Kerr & Miss Shepherd; Press & Backblocks, Mrs Israel; Literature—Mrs Laurie; Purity, Mrs Oldham; WHITE RIBBON Agent—Mrs Freeman, Shakespeare Road

## BLENHEIM WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the 1st Tuesday in the month at 3 p.m. Pres.—Mrs Litchfield, Livermere; Sec—Mrs D. Sinclair; Treas—Mrs Hay; WHITE RIBBON AGENT—Mrs W Parker

## WANGANUI WCTU

**T** HE Union meets in the St Paul's Classroom on the 1st Friday in the month at 2.30 p.m. Pres, Mrs J Smith; Sec., Miss Tucker, 73 Campbell Street; Treas., Mrs Siddells; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs T. Totty

## ASHBURTON WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Baring Square Schoolroom. President, Mrs W T Lill, Willowby; Sec, Miss Thomas, Cameron st; Treas Miss Watson, Middle road, Allerton; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Butterick, Wakanui

**L** YTTIELTON WCTU meets in the Methodist Schoolroom on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays in the month. Pres.—Mrs Whitby; Sec.—Mrs Bromley; Treas.—Mrs Clark

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## NEW PLYMOUTH WCTU

**T** HE Union meets the last Wednesday in the month in Baptist Church, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Courtenay Street; Cor Sec, Miss Ambury, Gover st; Treasurer and WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Road

## AUCKLAND WCTU

**G** ENERAL Meeting in the Central Mission Hall, Albert Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m. Executive meets 2.30

Pres.—Mrs Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby

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Corresponding Sec—Miss L N Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT UNION

**M** EETS First Thursday in each month, in Rooms, Constable street, at 3 p.m.

President—Mrs Boxall; Cor Sec—Mrs Low, M A. Manly Terrace; Rec Sec, Mrs Johnson, 26 Coromandel-st; Treas—Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace-st; WHITE RIBBON Agent—Mrs Amos, Colombo Street

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**M** EETS in Y M C A Rooms Third Friday, at 3 p.m. Pres, Mrs A R Atkinson, Wadestown; Vice-Pres, Mrs Macalister, Kelburne; Cor Sec, Mrs Whitecombe, Hataitai; Rec Sec, Miss Kelly, Nairn-st; Treasurer, Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay

## DUNEDIN WCTU

**G** ENERAL Meeting held in the Y W C A Rooms, Moray Place, 1st Tuesday in the month, at 3 p.m. President—Mrs Blair, 74 Upper Cargill street; Secretary—Miss Nicol, William street; Cor Sec, Mrs Peter Dick, York Place; Treas—Mrs W Evans, Queen-st, WHITE RIBBON Agent—Mrs J Jarvie, 108 Dundas st; Agent Writing Pads, Mrs Heatley, 426 George street; Superintendent Sailors' Rest, Mrs Pearson, Castle-st

## INVERCARGILL WCTU

**G** ENERAL Meeting held on the 1st Tuesday of every month in Allen's Hall, Kelvin St., at 3 p.m. Pres—Mrs Laycock, Spey-st; Vice-Pres, Mrs Baird, Spey-st; Sec, Mrs J. McKenzie, Northend; Treas & WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs James Hunter, Don street

## DEVONPORT WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the last Wednesday in the month in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, at 3 p.m. President, Mrs Griffiths, Victoria Road; Sec, Mrs Veats, Lake road; Treas, Mrs Butler, Domain st, Devonport.

## FEILDING WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian School Room. Pres—Mrs Sutherland; Corresponding Sec—Mrs J C Thompson, Denbigh-st, Rec Sec—Miss Bell; Treas—Mrs A L Frost; WHITE RIBBON Agent—Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer

## PETONE WCTU

**T** HE Union meets in the Church of Christ, Sydney-st, on 1st Tuesday in month, 3 p.m. Pres, Mrs G Rowse, Bay-st; Vice-Pres, Miss L. Kirk; Sec—Mrs Corner, Nelson-st; Treas Mrs Donaghue; Flower Mission, Mrs Holland; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Miller

## MASTERTON WCTU

**M** EETS on the First Tuesday in each month in Knox Hall at 3 p.m. Pres, Mrs Devonport, Sec, Mrs D'Ews, South road; Treas, Mrs Millar; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Rigg.

**T** IMARU WCTU. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Arcade. Pres, Mrs Rule; Sec., Miss Aveson; Treas., Mrs Cave; Evangelistic & Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Brooker; Maori Work, Mrs Norrish

## RANGIORA WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the last Friday of the month in the ante-room of the Institute Hall at 3 p.m. Pres—Mrs R. Darling; Sec, Miss Newton; Treas, Mrs Hadecke

## REEFTON WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the 2nd Wednesday in the month, in the Wesleyan Parsonage, Shiel St. Pres—Mrs McClymont, Black's Point; Treas.—Mrs Humphreys; Sec.—Mrs R Wills; Assist. Sec.—Mrs Jas. Lawn; Vice-Pres.—Mrs Watson; WHITE RIBBON Reporter—Mrs Humphries

## NELSON WCTU

**T** HE Union meets in the Methodist Schoolroom on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, at 3 p.m. Pres, Miss Atkinson, "Fairfield;" Sec, Mrs Knapp, Alfred-st; Treas, Mrs Grove

## TARIKI WCTU

**T** HE Union meets in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, on the 3rd Wednesday in the month

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Secretary—Mrs Eason, Tariki

Treasurer—Miss Jemison, Tariki

## GREYMOUTH WCTU

**M** EETS 1st Wednesday in the month at 3 p.m. in the Vestry of the Methodist Church. Pres, Mrs Gaskin; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; Sec., Mrs Hansen

## LOWER HUTT WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the last Tuesday in the month, in WCTU Hall, Queen's Road, 3 p.m. President, Mrs McCaw; Vice-Pres, Mesdames Strand (sen) & Jansen; Sec, Mrs Jansen, Victoria Petone; Treas, Mrs Kavanagh; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Knight

## LEVIN WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on the 1st Wednesday in the month, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Remington, Bath street; Sec., Mrs Gibson, Winchester street; Treas., Mrs Meller, Tiro Tiro road

## NGARUAWAHIA WCTU

**T** HE Union meets on First Thursday in the month, at 2.30 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church. President—Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres, Mrs Moris, Mrs McBurney, Mrs Hutt; Sec, Miss L Kay; Treas, Mrs Nicol

## GISBORNE WCTU

**U** NION meets 2nd Thursday in the month in the Presbyterian Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs A Graham, Kaiti; Sec., Mrs N F Walker, Fox Street; Treas, Mrs Goffe, Ormond rd; WHITE RIBBON Supt, Mrs Stewart

## HASTINGS WCTU

**U** NION meets 2nd Wednesday in month in St Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres—Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Road; Vice-Pres—Mesdames Ramsay, Wallis, and Miss Rumball; Sec.—Mrs Walker, Boundary-rd; Treas—Miss Nicholls, Riverslea road; WHITE RIBBON Agent—Mrs Griffiths

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