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SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

To All Unions.—Important.

I am pleased to report that at last a Maori Organiser, and one most highly recommended to us, is in the field, Mrs Poraumati, from Rotorua, having started work for us this month. Will all Unions desiring a visit from her please at once communicate with me, so that her plan of work and travel may be completed. Also let me know what hospitality is provided for her in their district. I would also strongly appeal to all Unions to make a big effort to supply the needed funds. The thanks of this Department are due to the following for money received this year:—Ponsonby, £1; Mrs Whincop, Greytown (collected), £1; Wanganui, £1; Carterton, £1 1s; Wellington Central, £1; Wanganui East, 16s; Oamaru, 10s 3½d; Feilding, £1; Hastings, £1; Greytown, £2 4s. Mrs Poraumati is an earnest Christian and Temperance worker, and has worked in our cause for over 30 years, and with nearly all denominations, and we are fortunate in having secured her services. It is most important that this department should not suffer for lack of funds, therefore I make a strong appeal to all our members and Unions to support it in this way. Anyone wishing to collect for this good cause can receive collecting cards from me.

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Supt. Maori Work.

"Gortgowan," Upper Fox St., Gisborne.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Dear W.R. Sisters,—July 27th is the Notable Day on which we celebrate the life and work of that great leader of the Prohibition movement in New Zealand, the late Mr T. E. Taylor.

A. C. JONES,

N.Z. Supt. Notable Days.

W.C.T.U. ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION, TARANAKI.

The annual Provincial Convention of the W.C.T.U. was held at Normanby on June 15th. A very successful meeting, marked by exceptionally good attendance and much enthusiasm. This was noticeable especially in the discussions, in which practically all the members took part, and in the confidence with which new work was undertaken.

Officers and delegates from every branch of the Province attended, and practically all the reports showed progress in one or another form of work during the year, though in several cases a slight falling off in membership was noted. To meet this, it was decided, during an animated discussion, to work up the scattered members division, and Mrs Hayward, of Hawera, was elected Provincial Superintendent, each Union being asked to elect a local superintendent.

The Convention approved the resolutions sent in by several branches during the year asking for the training and use of policewomen, also protesting against indentured labour in Samoa.

Several branches reported successful sales for various causes. Manaia had raised most money by this means, £380 for the Central European Fund and £90 14s 6d for shelter sheds for the school children; Hawera had raised £100 for the Central European Fund; Wanganui, £200 for a Women's Hostel; Eltham, £60 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes; besides smaller donations by several branches to the Seamen's Mission and other deserving objects. Literature had been well distributed, flowers sent to hospitals, and Ngaere had collected 60 garments to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

During the afternoon a five minutes' speech competition was held, with four entries, on "The Power of Prayer," Mrs Curtiss and Mrs Hill, both of Hawera, tying for first place.

Mrs Atkinson spoke on the prospects of victory at the coming election, which she concluded had never been brighter.

The provincial officers, Mrs Phillips (Pres.), Mrs Jameson (Treas.), Miss Pat-

erson (Sec.), were all re-elected, and it was decided to accept the invitation of the New Plymouth Branch to hold the next Convention in that town. Eltham and Ngaere also sent invitations.

Reports showed the total membership 581 active members, 67 honorary members, 775 Cradle Roll members, 126 "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Special praise must be given to the New Plymouth Cradle Roll Department, under Miss Ambury, with 302 members, and the L.T.L. at Manaia, under Miss Patterson. Mention must also be made of new work undertaken by several Unions in putting members on School Committees.

A vote of sympathy with Mrs X. Jones in the loss of her husband was passed, all standing.

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