

## MAORI REPORT.

Dear Comrades,—

I have to report:—Oct. 31st—Tokomaru Union visited by Mrs Poraumati; meetings held, and collection sent this department, 8/6. Nov.—Three weeks spent working for Auckland Union; much good work done, which Auckland will report; collection made by Mrs Poraumati; £10 sent to Maori Fund. Dec. 8th—In response to an invitation from Mrs Edwards. Port Albert, who had arranged a big meeting of Northern Unions, Mrs Poraumati visited Batley. I was sorry that their kind and most pressing invitation to me to accompany her there came too late to get away from here in time, so I communicated with Auckland Union, who appointed Mrs Fulljames in my place, who kindly left with her at very short notice, and has furnished me with the following interesting report (which I have condensed for "White Ribbon"): Long and tedious journey by train, then one hour in launch, then punt, and across rain-soaked paddock to Maori settlement; thence up a hill to native house, unfortunately heavy rain had set in. At last the meeting was assembled; about 60 or 70 men and women, four Maori Unions represented. First, welcome, lasting about 1½ hours, meeting altogether taking about four hours. All very interested and eager for information about W.C.T.U. work. Many of them are most anxious for the Christian influence to be brought to their young people. At Saturday's meeting 11 new members were enrolled, and at another little meeting on Sunday evening three more enlisted. An impressive Bible address was also given by Mrs Poraumati on Sunday afternoon. Mrs Fulljames reports that they now realise more than ever the great difficulties this department has to contend with, but are much pleased and encouraged by the reverence, earnestness, and great value for spiritual things shown by the natives they visited. Mrs Poraumati left Auckland on the 22nd December to attend Ratana's gathering at Wanganui, as representative of the W.C.T.U.

Thanks are due from this department to Mrs Noda's parents, who provided hospitality; to Mrs Edwards for arranging the gathering; and to Mrs Full-

james for accompanying and assisting Mrs Poraumati; also to the President and Secretary of the Auckland Union, Mrs Cook and Miss Dewar, for the able assistance they have rendered this department.

Yours in Union service

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## REVIEW.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT WOMEN."

By C. Gasquoine Hartley (Mrs Walter Gallichan), author also of two books on Art, and several on Spain.

This book, with its bold and intriguing title, is a statement of the author's faith in woman as the predominant and responsible partner in the relation of the sexes. She makes no claim to personal scientific knowledge, and punctiliously acknowledges all her sources of help. The book is divided into three parts, the first biological, treating of the origin of the sexes; the second historical, dealing with the mother-age and woman's position in the great civilisations of the past; and the third, which is the modern section.

Anyone desirous of understanding something of the deeper causes underlying the feminist movement, and unable for any reason to peruse authorities such as Havelock Ellis, Iwan Bloch, Ellen Key, and others, from whose works Mrs Gallichan freely quotes, could not do better than read this book, which is always interesting, sometimes startling, and often charming in the frank expression of its author's firm belief in the high destiny of woman.

The latter part of the book, which deals with the present-day aspects of the woman problem, could well be studied by all members of societies which from time to time discuss the various social problems exercising the minds of modern communities.

The book throughout is eminently readable, never dull, full of sound common-sense, and ending on a note of high hope and firm belief in women as the guardians of the race. Its value to the student is enhanced by the addition of a full Bibliography and a complete index, but "The Truth About Woman" is not a book for students only, but one

which every intelligent woman will find interesting, instructive, and inspiring.

This book is in the Dominion Library, and can be procured from the Librarian, Mrs T. A. H. Field, The Rocks, Port Nelson, on receipt of 8d for postage.

## N.Z. W.C.T.U.

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