

of our President, Mrs Murray, daughter of the late Mr T. E. Taylor. Extracts from her father's life were read by the President, and to all it was more than interesting. Letter received from Mrs Lynn, who proposes visiting here.

TE KUITI.—June. Very good attendance. Mrs H. Dakar appointed Cradle Roll Supt., and Mrs Bowick Treasurer. Decided to send 10/- to Willard Home. Mrs W. J. Nicholls read Mrs Peryman's paper on "White Ribbon Day," which was well written, and enjoyed. Collection, 5/10. Two new members.

TAKAPUNA.—July 2. Mrs Johnston presided. Arrangements to assist at forthcoming Winter Show completed. Mrs Miller gave an interesting talk on the "Ideal Way."

TEMUKA.—July 3. Church Parade at Salvation Army on July 12th. Representative to Women's Institute. Tuesday—Mrs Prattley spoke on "Cultivate Waste Places." Twenty-five members present. One new member. Mrs Douglas to speak next meeting. A beautiful banner presented to the Union by Mrs Elder, much appreciated.

TE AWAMUTU.—June 18. White Ribbon Day. Fair attendance. Paper read. Miss Gladys Olsen recited "The White Ribbon Bow." Sketch of Rudyard Kipling's life by Mrs Bright-Wilson, and recited "If." Bring and Buy for Headquarters Fund, most successful.

July 2. Good attendance. Mrs Lynn gave fine address on "Evils of Alcohol," concluding with: "It may be that God will use present distresses to bring about abolition of an evil trade which causes so much distress." Mrs Dann sang "There's a work for each of us."

TIMARU.—June 30. White Ribbon Day. Drawing-room afternoon at Sailors' Rest. Very large attendance. Decided to offer co-operation with Ministers' Association in connection with Bible in Schools Bill. White Ribbon paper read. Unemployment cards distributed, with instructions how to best get them into circulation. Short programme. Rev. C. W. Duncumb gave a stirring address on campaign work, and appealed to members for their hearty co-operation. Votes of thanks. Two new members.

WAITARA.—July 3. Successful Bring and Buy social raised our quota to Headquarters Fund. Reading by Captain Drummond. Song by Lieut. Lavis, and piano-forte items by Miss Saleman. Large attendance.

WELLINGTON.—July 2. Fair attendance. Campaign Committee appointed. Mrs Mowlem gave an address on "Scientific Temperance," illustrated by charts. Mrs Porte hostess. Reported £6 raised for Headquarters Fund by special efforts. Pay-up social next month.

WAIPIKURAU.—July 2. Splendid attendance. Mrs Lucas was elected Treasurer. Mrs Griffiths sang "Lead Thou Me." A nice lot of gifts were brought for the Willard Home.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.—July 2. Good meeting. Voted 25 fact cards to Cradle Roll Superintendent, to put with birthday cards she sends out. Vote of grateful thanks passed to Mr James Grant for past services. Scientific Fact read by Mrs Morrison. Rev. Page asked to address next meeting. Celebrated T. E. Taylor Day by Mrs Goodey giving an essay on the book entitled "Temperance in New Zealand," when a thrilling tale was told. Collection taken up for Sailors' Rest Fund.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Balfour reports several members elected to School Committees.

East Sandstone School.—Mrs W. Orr re-elected Secretary.

Glenuri.—Mesdames H. George and R. B. Church.

Balfour.—Mrs R. Grant. Mrs P. Mullqueen, who is not yet a White Ribboner, was also elected.

Petrol is perilous when alcohol is at the wheel.

DOMINION LIBRARY.

PRESENTED TO THE LIBRARY.

By Mrs Clayton, of Waitara:

No. 289. "The Wheels of Time," postage 2d. (By Florence Barclay.) The story of how, for one woman, the wheels of time are put back.

By Mrs Wordsworth, of Te Kopuru:

No. 302. "The Moths of the Limberlost," postage 2d. By Gene Stratton Porter.

Can be borrowed, on receipt of postage, from the Librarian,

MRS FIELD,
"The Rocks," Nelson.

NEW BOOKS.

No. 303. "My Brother's Face," postage 3d. The story of a Hindu who, obeying the unwritten law of his people, after 12 or 13 years in America, returns to his birthplace. One seems to travel with him, meeting his people, listening to their conversation, and taking part in their ceremonies. An intensely interesting book.

No. 306. "The Sensitive Child," postage 2d. A mother's experience with a sensitive boy, and how, with patience and care, she helps him over many difficult times.

Can be procured, on receipt of postage, from the Librarian,

MRS FIELD,
"The Rocks," Nelson.

(The Editor, "White Ribbon.")

Though, as a mere man, not eligible to be a member of your Union, yet I was recently privileged to read one of the books in your library, "Who is This Jesus?" and wish to tell you how much and favourably I was impressed by it. It presents the old truths in a fresh and arresting light.

I take it that the author is one of those "wise householders who can bring out of her treasure house things new" as well as "old." I sincerely hope the book will be much in demand among your members.

Yours truly,
R. HAMES.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNS.

Month ending June 8th, 1931.

ADULTS.	
Tua Marina	6
Linwood	4
Spreydon, North Brighton, Styx— 2 each	8
Belfast, Brooklyn, Wanganui East, Central Brighton, Reefton—1 each	5
Total	23

15 Unions reported.

Y's.

Aranui reports 23 new members this year.

Pleasant Point reports 2 new members this month.

B. M. HARBAND.

W.C.T.U. LIBRARY.

About three years ago I had not even heard of the W.C.T.U. Library. I have now read over fifty of the books contained therein. We have an excellent lending library in our town, but I find that in the W.C.T.U. library I can procure books which would be quite difficult to obtain elsewhere.

A few months ago I visited London, Paris, and several of the larger German cities, and there saw enough of the prostitution question to make me anxious to know the real facts. These I found clearly stated in (2) "Prostitution in Europe."

Then, too, Sex Hygiene. How many of our young people are groping with a natural curiosity, which should be healthily satisfied, for facts such as we find stated in many of the books in the W.C.T.U. library. Can the Y's join the library? If so, here is just what they desire and need.

I not only enjoy reading these books, but also spend much time in profitable discussion of the questions arising therefrom, with my most intimate friends.

There are books, too, of other types, on the Temperance movement, the present day question of the League of Nations, and others of purely devotional character.

Some time ago, in speaking to a gentleman, I happened to mention some of the books I had been reading from this library. He quickly interrupted me by saying, "Those are just the books I want, but I don't know where to get hold of them." I replied, with emphasis (knowing he was not a teetotaler), "Well, you must get your lady friends to join the W.C.T.U."

So, sisters, let me urge you to join, not only for yourselves, but also for your husbands, brothers, sons and friends. I am sure you will not regret it, as you will thereby widen your interests, increase your knowledge, and develop your character.

MACIRWYN.

May 30th, 1931.

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Kaipoi held a question afternoon. Following five questions were submitted. Will any of our readers like to send brief answers to these questions?

- (1) If gin is taken with oysters, would the oysters be preserved in the stomach?
- (2) Was it usual to have wine at 21st Birthday Parties?
- (3) In what year was the franchise granted to women? What parties were the strongest in opposing it, and who sponsored it through Parliament?
- (4) Would the carrying of Prohibition increase unemployment?
- (5) Supposing the bars were closed, would this make any difference to the amount of money the men would spend on themselves, or to the number of nights they would stay at home?