

nearly all the chiefs and Wahanui appeared before the House of Representatives in support of this petition. He said, "Another request I have to make is that sale of spirits within our district shall be stopped absolutely. I do not want this great evil brought upon our people. I hope this House will be strong in preventing this evil coming upon us and upon our people." The famous fighting chief Rewi, the hero of Orakau Pa, sent this telegram from his deathbed to Lord Glasgow: "O Governor, long may you live. This is my first request that you prevent strong drink from being allowed to come within Rohe Potae. This my first request will be my last."

Premier Stout, at cutting of the first sod on the railway, said it was a feature of the arrangement that no liquor was to be sold in the territory opened for the railway.

This pact of No-License has been kept. A Magistrate at Waitara many years ago granted a wholesale license, and this had to be cancelled by a special Act of Parliament.

But to the eternal shame and disgrace of our Government, sly-grog selling has been rife in this protected area. White settlers have brought their poison and the law has been flagrantly broken. Note the difference. The Maori chiefs did all they could to protect their people, but Christian citizens of a British colony broke the law and for greed of gain procured poison for the Native people.

Now the Hostel is only one effort to help the Maori, and we are, as White Ribboners, pledged to use all proper means to stop this infamous traffic. We talk of a Campaign for Christian Order. Have licensed evils any place in a Christian order? If not, then every Christian is bound to work, fight, and pray for their abolition.

It was good to welcome the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall, and Lady Newall to our Maori Girls' Hostel, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell.

Mrs. Long, District President, escorted the visitors through the home, and "Jane," our cook, was quite at home explaining the special "kai" that appealed to the girls.

Lady Newall was interested in the activities of the girls, and Miss Appleby explained the Home routine.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

## NORTHLAND MAORI WORK.

Whangarei, June 7. President in chair. Devotions, Mrs. Whalley. Two solos by Mrs. Auld. Mr. L. Davis, Secretary of the Maori Tribal Committee, addressed the meeting. "I am very happy to meet the W.C.T.U. women, because of the great respect I have for Mrs. W. Kake, one of your members. The Maori Tribal Committee's primary object is the uplift of the Maori race, especially the youth.

"So far, much of our time has been absorbed in war work, recruiting for the army and home services, and keeping back some of the Maori farmers.

"The next important work was recruiting surplus labour for the Manpower Board. Here was the difficulty caused by overcrowding. In order to remedy this we wish our youth to be taught carpentry. Rev. Hadfield as men's liaison officer and Mrs. Mather as women's liaison officer, do a great work in Whangarei. They come in contact with so many people that their advice is valuable.

"We find that lack of higher education keeps some of our people out of important positions, so we try to persuade our girls to take up further training. There are three medical students and many nurses in training. One nurse, training in the Te Kopura hospital is a girl won to active Christianity by Mr. and Mrs. Withers. Three others are definitely taking up missionary work. Thirty girls are training as policewomen. One, we hope to get for Whangarei. As there are 200 committees north of Auckland City, the responsibility is widespread, and members in their own districts try to deal with the liquor trouble. There is no liquor at our meetings, or in the houses of committee members.

"Many of our Maori mothers are members of the Mothers' Union. Others are W.C.T.U. members. These women keep our Sunday Schools going.

"What we want now is a vigorous youth movement, and advanced education, so that our boys and girls will stand alongside yours as University men and women.

"How can you help us? By putting an end to the prejudice which exists amongst some of your people against people of other races than their own. We also hope to have a Girls' Hostel, and you can help by making this public and giving it your approval."

Members then asked the speaker a number of questions and he made some points much clearer.

## WELLINGTON CALLING.

Will Treasurers of Unions in the Wellington District please send annual remittances to Mrs. Gardiner, 20 Fernhill Terrace, Wadestown. Mrs. Sawden is ill and cannot attend to them.

## LATE ISSUE.

Owing to postal delays, shortness of staff, and sickness among staff, we regret that "White Ribbon" has been delayed, but knowing what the war costs in other lands, we say, "Better late than never."

## OUTSTANDING WOMEN MET ABROAD.

(Continued.)

MISS ESTHER Y. LING. A very charming Chinese girl who studied in the United States for two years and received her B.A. at Crozier College in Philadelphia. She returned to China and was to return to the United States to take a position as a High School principal. She opened her report with these words:—"Friends who are interested in the same great cause for humanity, I bring you greetings from your sisters in China. The life of Frances E. Willard was introduced to me when I was in my 'teens. How I was inspired by her greatness. I joined the W.C.T.U. when I was a little girl, and like many of my Chinese sisters, I pledged myself to fight against intemperance of any kind." It was a pleasure to speak to her of our work, she was so keen.

FRAU ANNA K. FISCHER. Frau Fischer was one of the most popular and dominating figures at the Washington Convention. She was a luncheon guest of the German Ambassador while in Washington, and much sought after. She is a good speaker, but when she got excited broke into the German language. Frau Fischer is a President of the W.C.T.U. in Germany. My impression of her was that whatever happens, she will stand four-square for our Union.

MRS. H. C. HERBERT, J.P., is an outstanding officer of the Australian National W.C.T.U. I had the privilege of meeting her at conferences in London, Washington, and Vancouver. She gave a wonderful report at the World Convention of the work in Australia. She is a good speaker and delivers her message with earnestness.

MRS. LEIGH COLVIN, I first met when she met the delegates at New York where they disembarked from England in the "Queen Mary." I was surprised when I heard that the woman who had gone on her knees to help me unlock my case was the President of New York and the United States National Vice-President. Mrs. Colvin is a Doctor of Oratory and a very forceful public speaker. She is an ardent prohibitionist, very fearless, and one of the best-known temperance workers in New York.

## ACROSTIC.

### The White Ribbon.

There's a paper in Wellington published,  
Having Temperance issues in view;  
Enlightening minds of its readers

With thoughts of "Things lovely and true." (Phil. 4-8.)

How then, may we seek to encourage  
Its editor's heart by the way?

That's easy. Let's all be subscribers,  
Evincing an int'rest that may

Rebound on ourselves with a blessing;  
Indeed, 'tis a blessing to be  
Bound closely together in union  
By White Ribbon Bonds, and to see  
Our cause reaching onward and upward,  
Now, list to the White Ribbon plea!  
C. MacDonald.