

speaker impressed all, and the politeness and refinement of the interpreter, Mr Hone Heke, M.H.R., charmed everyone. Te Heu Heu spoke earnestly as to the evils of waipero amongst the Maoris. He called it "that great monster," devouring alike both Pakeha and Maori. He most courteously thanked the W.C.T.U. and Mrs Hewett for taking up the work, and said he would do all he could to promote the cause amongst his people, and invited Mrs Hewett to visit them at Taupo. At the close of the meeting Mrs Hewett said funds would be required for the printing in Maori of pledge cards and temperance tracts, also New Testaments and other books for distribution. (Her travelling expenses she has paid herself.) The first lady to come forward with a subscription was Mrs H. D. Bell; and amongst others who have kindly contributed is our Governor's wife, the Countess of Glasgow, who has expressed in the kindest terms her sympathy with this department of W.C.T.U. work.

In her address, Mrs Hewett said: This work not only stirs up to activity the more educated of the Maoris, but gives a helping hand to those who see the evils of taking alcohol but who are not strong enough to step on to the side of temperance alone. Many opportunities for speaking of our Saviour arise. At our meeting in the open air Pipikiki I was told there were Maoris of all religions there, and after speaking a few words one Maori asked, "You Catholic?" and I said "Yes." Another said, "You Church of England?" Again I answered "Yes." They then began to laugh, but continued to question. "You Wesleyan?" "Yes," I replied. "You Salvation Army?"—"Yes." They then turned away with derisive looks and laughter; but I arrested them by saying, "Look at this," and I held up before them a picture of our Saviour on the cross. An instant of silence, then off went all their hats. I said, with a smile of joy, "I see you know the Christ." I said, "He died for all—the Catholic, the Church of England, the Wesleyan, the Salvation Army. He is my Saviour; He is the Saviour of all who love and obey Him—Catholic, Church of England, Wesleyan, Salvation Army." They smiled and said, "Kapai." "One God, one Jesus Christ, one religion." "Kapai; we all the same as you." That is the way in which I overcame the difficulty of so many different religions, which the Maoris say so puzzles them.

## Wellington Convention Reports.

### BRUNNERTON.

This Union was organised in November, 1893, with a membership of eighteen, and is now in good working order. Two special and ten ordinary meetings have been held, all of which have been fairly attended. Through several removals from the district the membership has diminished somewhat, and now stands at fourteen. The first work undertaken by the Union was to write to the Vestry of the local Anglican Church—the only Church here which uses fermented wine—with the hope of inducing that Church to fall into line with the other Churches of the district and use unfermented wine, but we are in the unsatisfactory position of not having received the courtesy of a reply. We have, besides, done the ordinary Union work of canvassing the district with Temperance petitions, questioning political candidates regarding the repeal of clauses in the Liquors Sale Control Act of 1893, and trying to influence voters to elect men pledged to reduce the number of licensed houses. We gave practical assistance in the last election by providing a vehicle for the convenience of busy mothers, who would otherwise have been unable to spare time for voting. We have also been able to give some time to making garments for motherless children. On the whole, considering that

the Union is in its infancy, we have every reason to be thankful that so much useful work has been accomplished during the year.

### GREYMOUTH.

Greymouth workers in connection with the W.C.T.U. have long been under a cloud. When a branch was formed here some few years ago, the necessary affiliation and capitation fees were not sent to head-quarters, consequently the work in Greymouth was not recognised outside, and was thus purely local. A copy of the minutes of the W.C.T.U. falling into the hands of the vice-President, revealed the fact that we were unknown, as no report of our work appeared on the pages of the minutes. Steps were at once taken to have matters put right, and now our standing is secure. Mrs Gaskin is our President, Mrs Spence, vice-President, and Mrs Miller (until lately Secretary of the North Melbourne W.C.T.U.), our Secretary. The membership numbers 25. The chief branches of work undertaken have been hospital visitation, and the distribution of temperance and religious periodicals to the sailors on all boats that visit our port. These are taken every Sunday morning between the hours of ten and eleven, and are gratefully accepted by the men.

One of the proprietors of the Greymouth *Argus* has been interviewed with regard to inserting Temperance items in his paper. Consent was readily given. On Feb. 22 a very interesting meeting of a social character was held by our members, when four spoke, the outcome being that nine new members were enrolled, and fresh branches of work are to be taken up. So little outside help is available on the West Coast, that the greater need is felt for the spirit of earnestness and self-sacrifice amongst our members.

### PORT CHALMERS.

So little interest had been taken in our Union that it was proposed that the Union be disbanded. However, those who had the work at heart thought it a pity to do so, therefore it was agreed to hold together as long as possible hoping that brighter days were in store. Ten business meetings have been held during the year, also two large public meetings the first of which was eloquently and feelingly addressed by Mesdames Don and Trainor. Circulars were distributed all over the town prior to the Licensing election taking place, the Union paying the expenses incurred in connection with this election. We also wrote our member, Mr Miller, and the members of the various denominations regarding the resolutions sent by the Christchurch Union impressing upon them their importance. Mr Miller replied, promising to give his fullest support to the resolutions when the Bill was brought before the House. Revs Adamson and Fisher also intimated that they would forward petitions from their churches urging the importance of the matter. Mrs Kirkland has twice visited us. The first time she held an afternoon meeting and in the evening she and Mrs Flinton addressed a gospel meeting for women, Mr Falconer helping in his usual kindly way. The second time she conducted an afternoon prayer and exhortation meeting.

Another women's tea-meeting was held in November, in the Sailors' Rest, which was addressed by Revs Borrie and Salter, also Messrs A. Thomson, A. R. Falconer, and C. Talroner. Several friends came from Dunedin and sang for us. Our members number 26.

Work is getting to be aristocratic, and not to work dishonourable. It is not uncharitable to say that a person who does nothing, is but a drone in the hive. It is the sweat of the brain, and the sweat of the brow that makes us Somebody, with a capital S, instead of Nobody, with a capital N. Let us remember that great saying: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."—*Frances E. Willard.*