

and Maori Organiser's Fund. The Union have celebrated White Ribbon Day, Franchise Day, and T. E. Taylor Memorial Day. In connection with Good Citizenship, two of our members are on the School Committee, and a lady also was nominated for the Education Board, but her name was withdrawn before the election. A debate was held on "Should the Franchise be Limited." Two of our members were delegates to the N.Z. Alliance Convention. Letters were written to the Ministers' Association re Citizen Sunday, and members of the Union were allotted districts in connection with checking the roll. Several "Home" meetings have been held, including one to welcome Lady Holder, President of the South Australian W.C.T.U., The Sabbath Observance Supt. has been instrumental in getting a number of shops closed on Sundays. The laundries and match factories have been visited, and flowers and texts given out. Parcels have been sent to the backblocks, and the Alexandra Home and the Home for the Aged Needy have been visited. Deputations re appointing official lady visitors to the Gaol; in preventing the soldiers in the city getting so much drink; Sunday trading, and the Criminal Amendment Bill; waited on the Hon. Mr Herdman (Minister of Justice). Sabbath Observance Literature, 500 leaflets on "Appeal to the Men of New Zealand from W.C.T.U.," 1000 copies of the Gisborne pamphlet have been distributed, and also 50 marked Testaments sent to the troops. Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mrs Hughes, and also to Mrs Keene and Mrs Rose of Blenheim who had both lost loved ones. The officers of the Union were all re-elected, but owing to want of time the election of the Supt. of Departments was held over.

NELSON.

Sale of Work on November 11th, in the Temperance Hall. Miss Atkinson was welcomed back a few days before the sale, and pleasure expressed to have her amongst us again, much better for her stay in Wellington. Net profits of Sale were about £29. Attendance good, both afternoon and evening. Programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations in the evening. The Mayoress, Mrs Lock, in opening the Sale, spoke of the good work done by the Union, and expressed her entire sympathy with its aims.

October 27. Good Citizenship Meeting. An animated discussion took place as to whether any artificial restrictions should be imposed upon the employment of married women. The meeting decided that there should be no such artificial restrictions, but that every woman, whether married or single, should be free to live her own life in the way that seemed to her best.

November 27. Annual Meeting held. 20 present, Miss Atkinson presiding. Arrangements made for the

Public Meeting on the following Tuesday. Secretary read her Annual Report, showing a year of quiet, but steady work. The reports of Departments were also read. The Cradle Roll Department reported 131 names on the roll. The Good Citizenship reported eleven meetings held during the year, and the Literature, including the Library, and Magazines, had been well patronised. The Treasurer's Report, read by Mrs A. Brown, showed a balance of £24 13s in hand; £17 10s being in the Bank. The election of officers resulted as follows: Miss Atkinson, President; Mrs Knapp, Secretary; Treasurer, Mrs A. Brown; the Vice-Presidents and Superintendents of Departments were also re-appointed. "White Ribbon" Agent Mrs Whitford.

December 1. Public Meeting. Attendance good. Chair occupied by the President. Mrs Crump wrote expressing her disappointment at being unable to be present, and it was resolved to send her a letter of sympathy from the meeting. Rev Wm. Baumber gave an address upon the work of the Union. He said that the Union stood for purity of life in all its relationships, and although members had a strong foe to fight in the liquor traffic, yet victory was certain if they kept their faith in God unshaken, for He was ever on the side of the forces that make for righteousness. He concluded by urging members to give their vote both for National Prohibition and for Local Option, and to use their influence with others to do the same. A song, recitation, and afternoon tea provided.

PATEA.

Nov. 10. Inaugural meeting held in St. George's Schoolroom, Mrs Lacombe (Mayoress) presiding. After Mrs Mowlem (Organiser) had told what the W.C.T.U. stood for and of the far-reaching results of alcohol, she asked all who were willing to join the White Ribbon Army to stand. Almost every woman stood. The election of officers resulted in: Pres., Mrs Robbie; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ireland and Bridgman; Treas., Mrs Ireland; Sec., Mrs Bridgman; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Harrison.

A second meeting was held in the Municipal Chambers on November 18th, Mrs Robbie presiding, and after a preliminary meeting, the Rev. K. S. B. Hammond gave a very helpful and inspiring address; and the President, in a few choice sentences, voiced the feelings of the meeting in proposing to our distinguished guest a very hearty vote of thanks.

WANGANUI

Annual Meeting held. Mrs Upton, Vice-President, presiding. A strong committee was formed to work at the W.C.T.U. Tent on election day, and all members requested to pray on that day for success. Mrs Herbert Taylor wrote acknowledging letter of condolence sent from this Union. Mrs Walker wrote thanking the Union for

its donation towards the Maori Organising Fund. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Evangelistic reports read and adopted. Feeling reference was made to the departure of Mrs Smith, our late beloved President, all joined in wishing her health, peace and prosperity in her new home. Election of officers: President, Mrs Blamires; Secretary, Mrs McKenzie; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Bassett and Mrs Upton; Treasurer, Mrs Siddells; Recording Secretary, Miss McAneny; Press Reporter, Mrs Bott. Superintendents of Departments: "White Ribbon," Mrs W. Grant; Evangelistic, Mrs J. Grant; Purity, Dr Dunn and Mrs Blythe; Christian Citizenship, Mrs Sydney Butler; Literature, Miss Little; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Bassett; Librarian, Miss Brechin; Organists, Mrs Craig and Miss Little.

KAIPARA.

Nov. 30. Tena ra koutou enga mema onga roopu wahine Maori. Kanui te pai onga mahi onga roopu ate takiwa o Kaipara. Kei a Tihema ka tu teteahi tea meeting ki Otamatea, hei mahi moni mate whare karakia. Ko te Roopu ano kei te whakahaere itenei ngahau. Kati, ko te tino kiahia inaeanei, e nga hoa, kia kahlia tatou kite rapu oranga mo a tatou hara Maori. Ko nga mea e whai whanaunga i waenganui inga tai tamariki e haere ana kite tiaki ita tatou motu, kia kaha kite inoi kia tiakina ratou inga mate. Kia kaua hoki a tatou tangata e tahuri kite inu. Kate take kia tino kaha ano te tinana, kia kaua he mea hei whakangoikore ia ratou, katahi ano ratou e hoki ara mai ano kia ta'ou. Kaua rawa tatou e ngaikore kite inai kite Matua inga ra katoa, kia tiakina ratou, kia arahima ratou a tae noa kite mutunga otenei whawhai. Hai ano te kupu atenei wa. Mate Atua ano koutou e Manaaki.

Maari Woodhead.

THE WEAKER SEX.

"Look at her," said the ironmonger, indicating a departing customer. "She sent her wringer here to be repaired. I promised it her for this week provided that I could get a certain new part in time from the makers. I couldn't get it. Now she wants me to pay a charwoman who came unnecessarily—half-a-crown and twopence tram fare. Then she wants me to pay the laundry bill for the clothes." The ironmonger paused to breathe heavily. "But that's not all. Her husband dines out on washdays, and as he dined out on a washday which wasn't a washday—you understand?—she says that I ought to pay for his dinner. No, she doesn't ask anything else. And they call 'em the weaker sex!"—"Manchester Guardian."