

At **Palmerston North**, in addition to the distribution of literature, a number of members joined in making shirts and other garments, and some members regularly send illustrated papers to men in India and elsewhere.

**Auckland** reports the distribution of literature and the frequent visitation of the camps by members.

**Nelson** also reports the distribution of literature, etc.

It must be remembered that many of our members have also been working on Patriotic Committees, whilst the splendid efforts made on behalf of the Belgium Relief Fund of a collective character have been most heartily supported by our members. It is impossible to tabulate, therefore, the amount of work done in and for the military camps and our soldiers in the field, but it is satisfactory to be able to report that amidst the action of Committees our Unions have not neglected their distinctive work, for which we are banded together. I would, however, once more draw attention to the need of providing illustrated papers and magazines for the camps that will be held in the immediate future. These will be always acceptable to the Y.M.C.A. or C.E.M.S., or any Senior Chaplain of either of the churches.

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### BACKBLOCKS.

**Ngaere** reports having sent twenty parcels of assorted literature to railway and other camps; also visited one camp. Temperance leaflets are placed in each parcel.

**Pahiatua**.—There are 14 Government camps some 200 miles away. Thanks to the kindness of Messrs Herbert and Co., who supply the camps with food, the Superintendent has been enabled to send seven parcels of literature each time to each camp.

**Warkworth**.—During the year our Union has sent several parcels of books and literature to the North Auckland railway camps, also a letter was written to the manager asking him to distribute the contents of each parcel amongst the men.

**Timaru**.—The Timaru branch of the Union send literature, also the "White Ribbon," regularly to backblocks.

**Invercargill**.—Literature and books have been sent from time to time.

**Hawera**.—Hawera Union has sent several parcels of books and magazines to workmen in the backblocks.

**Nelson**.—Regularly large parcels of literature were sent each month during the year till October to men working at sawmills. These parcels were looked for, and much appreciated.

**New Plymouth** Union has nothing to report in backblock department this year.

**Gisborne**.—From January, 1914, to October, 1914, posted to Rakauroa, Matawai, and Metu 167 papers and leaflets; to Wihaka 20 papers and leaflets; also a number of letters written in connection with the work. Fourteen magazines and temperance leaflets to the Gisborne Gaol.

### FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Christchurch Jubilee Home visited by members every month and Fruit and Flowers, etc., are distributed to the old people. One tea was also given to the inmates. Articles of clothing sent to the poor of Britain. A collection taken up for the Huntly Relief Fund. Sick and absent friends visited by members of Visiting Committee.

**Hamilton**.—Members visit the Hospital two or three times a week and distribute jam, eggs, jellies and literature, etc. Many homes have been visited and food and clothing given to the needy.

**Kaikoura**.—Hospital regularly visited and flowers and literature distributed. Relief in the shape of clothing, etc., has been given to several families.

**Kaiapoi**.—Money collected, and about 15 quarter and half-tons of coal distributed during the winter. Large parcels of clothing sent to those in need, also jam, groceries, etc.

**Timaru**.—Hospital visited and flowers and comforts taken to the patients.

**Lyttelton**.—Members provide the Seamen's Institute with flowers every week, and help with provisions, comfort bags, etc., for the Christmas Tea.

**Gisborne**.—Members visit Hospital, and Old Men's Home. Have given two musical evenings, two afternoon teas at the latter. Cakes, sweets and clothing distributed. Visits paid to sick and several singing afternoons given.

**Warkworth**.—This Union has collected and mended a large quantity of clothing, which has been sent to the London, Belgium and Auckland poor. A lot of knitting has also been done for the soldiers. The sick have been visited, and jellies, etc., distributed. Two mothers helped with clothing for their babies. Subscriptions sent to the Huntly Disaster and Belgium Relief Funds.

**Napier**.—Hospital visited and gifts of fruit, flowers, eggs, and jellies distributed. Also literature and cards given to inmates.

**Otautau**.—Clothing collected packed and forwarded to the poor and needy in the London slums.

**Wellington**.—Four factories, three laundries, Alexandra Home for the Aged Needy visited. Distributed flowers, Scripture texts, Purity and Temperance literature to each woman and girl in the nine Institutions.

**Pahiatua**.—Members supplied one poor family with food and clothing.

**Ngaere**.—Fruit, flowers and vegetables distributed to needy cases. Eight large parcels of new and second-hand clothing sent to the poor of Belgium and London; also at Christmas a box of Good Cheer (including a lamb given by a member) was sent to the Salvation Army Boys' Home at Eltham.

**Invercargill**.—Hospital visiting and singing to the patients is carried on. Cases of clothing sent from Amethyst Hall to the London poor, and also to local families. A Sale of Work, promoted by the Victoria Home Committee, resulted in £10. Bales of Clothing have also been sent to the Belgium Relief Fund. A vote of £1 and donation of blankets were also given to the local Ambulance Corps for the Home base of the Army.

**New Plymouth**.—Maternity Bag lent twice during the year. A parcel of babies' clothing sent to the Poor of Britain Fund. Visits paid to General and Private Hospitals, and flowers, etc., distributed.

**Winchmore** supplies two vases of flowers for the Church every Sunday and for any extra service. Also they send or take flowers to any one in the district who is sick.

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### PEACE REPORT.

Never was there greater need of "the peace which passeth understanding" than at the present time. War is of the Evil One. The first shedder of blood was Cain, and his memory has been a shame for thousands of years. The wholesale shedders of blood are equally deserving of execration, and the world is plunged into a fearful condition of poverty, sorrow, and pain to-day through the madness of militarism. Never again will people be able to give utterance to the old foolish axiom of "To ensure peace, be prepared for war," for the nation that was best prepared for war launched the civilised world into the present awful calamity. We must in all our branches urge the doctrines of the Prince of Peace. One of England's greatest preachers is urging the British nation to "save its life by losing it." To be willing to disarm and trust in the living God rather than in weapons and war vessels. This may seem a strange doctrine at the present time, but "Jesus came to make us a peculiar people, zealous in good works." "It is the soul and not the sword must conquer men." Our branches have held peace prayer meetings, and in some cases given addresses. Mr Forbes, of Sawyer's Bay, Dunedin, the well-known Prohibition worker of Gore, is forming "Christ's Peace Society," and will be glad if our members will send him names of clergymen and others who would be willing to join, and advocate