

share of patriotic work in raising funds and also giving their sons and brothers to stand side by side with their white brothers in response to their country's call. The work, however, is gaining steadily, and never was there a time perhaps when temperance sentiments and teaching needed more to be insisted upon than the present. In the February number of the "White Ribbon" I published a list of those Unions who have kindly given donations to this work, and our very sincere thanks are due to them for their practical sympathy and help. I have only received reports from seven Unions.

**Lyttelton** reports visiting the Pah twice, distributing literature. Usual entertainment and Xmas Tree held in December which was greatly enjoyed by old and young, a large party of friends going out from Lyttelton. Mrs Smith the Superintendent was presented with a beautiful Maori bag and Poi-poi by the Maori young folk, which showed her work had been appreciated by them. Three of the boys, bright, steady and promising youths have gone with the Maori Contingent. The prayers of this Union for their guidance and protection follow them.

**Hastings.**—Maori Bible, the gift of a member has been presented to the Y.M.C.A. This Union is collecting, and hopes to do more next year. Has endeavoured to keep in touch with the Maoris round them, but finds the war has greatly interfered with their work.

**Invercargill.**—Collections and contributions forwarded to Treasurer of Maori Funds. This Union is making a great contribution to the future welfare of the Maori race in the continued loving care and maintenance of Fanny Thomson, a Maori lassie, by Mrs H. Lee Cowie, who is training Fanny with the hope of service later on to her own people.

**Pahiatua.**—President spoke at a Home Meeting on the need for keeping an organiser always at work among our Maori sisters, and also drew their attention to the difficulties, and even dangers the organisers in many instances have to face in their work. Sent contribution.

**Hawera.**—Contribution sent. A very interesting address given by Sister Nellie on her work amongst the Maoris. A superintendent was appointed, and it was arranged to ask Sister Nellie to give a lecture at some future time, the proceeds to be given to this cause.

**Ngaere.**—Sent contribution. Through various causes have not been able to do much this year, but are planning for future work.

**Gisborne.**—Not very much to report, Mrs Halbert, Te Arai, President, having been very ill for the greater part of the year. In the month of March, during Convention, a big meeting was held at Manutuke, when the visiting delegates were entertained and welcomed by their Maori sisters. Mrs Don and Atkinson, and Miss Woodhead spoke, and laid the aims

and objects of the Union before the meeting. Our district had fully expected a visit from our organiser before this, but as Miss Woodhead has been laid aside with serious illness her plans of work have been interfered with.

You will remember that at last Convention Miss Woodhead brought before the notice of our Union the terrible condition of affairs with regard to the sale of drink in the King Country. This was reported to the New Zealand Alliance who dealt with the subject very fully at their annual convention, and brought it under the notice of the Premier who promised to have the matter fully investigated and remedied.

Our organiser started up the East Coast directly after Convention, and rode through to the Bay of Plenty, doing very good work all the way. In the month of June, however, a return of the serious trouble that had affected her health the previous year took place, and she was obliged to spend some time in the hospital and in the doctor's hands. The thanks of this Union are due to Miss Griffin and Miss Hare, Heads of the Whakarewarewa Mission House, for their great kindness and hospitality afforded to Miss Woodhead during this trying time. However, before very long our organiser, whose heart is in her work, was able to take up correspondence with the Unions. In the meantime I had been in communication with the Hon. Mr Herries and the Hon. Ngata, and had procured through them a number of Dr Pomare's pamphlets, on the "Care of the Home and the Child" and "Sanitary Precautions Against Enteric," in the Maori tongue; these Miss Woodhead has since been distributing amongst the Unions.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the 30 Unions, some of them quite small ones, who have helped our work this year with monetary support. This work cannot be carried on without funds. Our organiser has exceptional ability and is eminently suited for this particular work, being a European who is a very good Maori linguist, and has lived amongst the Natives, and fully understands their customs and ways. She is also a very conscientious and capable worker, with enthusiasm and judgment in her work. But we must remember that the work is of an arduous and strenuous nature, and we must do all we can to make it lighter and easier for one who sometimes forgets to take enough care of herself. The thanks of our Union are also due to the Rev. F. W. Chatterton, Principal of the Native Theological College, Gisborne, and his assistant, Rev Wi Paraire, for the valuable advice and assistance that they have given, and are always ready to give us in this department of our work.

As by far the larger number of Natives are in the North of the North Island, the work so far has been largely in that district, but our organiser hopes that under better conditions of work during the next year she may be

able to visit those districts which have been through force of circumstances rather neglected, and looks forward with confidence and hope to a very busy year.

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## LITERATURE.

**Auckland.**—Constantly distributed No-License and Prohibition literature in house to house visiting right throughout the year, and two months before the poll instituted a special weekly variety under the direction of an organiser at each house. Camps and sawmills were also catered for, and trust these silent messengers accomplished good results.

**Opoitiki.**—Just appointed a Superintendent. During the year have distributed a small amount of literature, and previous to the election a number of No-License pamphlets were disposed of.

**New Plymouth.**—Four parcels of the "Vanguard" sent to Mr Logie. Four dozen Band of Hope literature forwarded to Ngaere, and 4½ to Stratford.

**Ngaere.**—A large amount of literature has been sent to bush and railway camps, also hospitals kept well supplied with magazines and other reading matter. The "White Ribbon" and "World's Bulletin" are circulated amongst members.

**Hawera.**—Railway station box kept well supplied with literature; also sent to backblocks.

**Napier.**—Some hundreds of the "Appeal to Men in N.Z." sent to Territorials, members of the Expeditionary Force, and various meetings of men. Members worked very strenuously distributing literature from house to house, and striving to gain votes for Prohibition and No-License. The station box is now under the care of one of our original members. Both Purity and Medical Temperance leaflets bought and distributed, bringing good results. Hospital Superintendent also takes reading matter when visiting patients.

**Pahiatua.**—Distributed some hundreds of Hon. Paul's booklet, Mrs Field's leaflet, and "What Women Have Gained Since 1893," also "Purity Advocate," "World's Bulletin" and "White Ribbon" distributed and sent to reading room, and new subscribers obtained. Medical Temperance and N.Z. Alliance literature also given away at meetings.

**Wellington.**—Literature boxes well maintained, and would like to thank all for their support in this branch of the work. The travelling public appear to appreciate our efforts in this direction, to judge by the empty boxes.

**Nelson.**—Sales during the year at our depot have kept up well, and have added a number of English books to