

members, presented Mrs Moody with a small token of their love and esteem in the shape of our badge in gold, set with pearls, with the hope that she may be long spared to wear it, and that at no very distant date she may see her way to come back again and take up her work amongst us.

#### GISBORNE.

Meeting held August 31st, 20 present. Resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Walker in regard to the opposition she is getting about her appointment to the Hospital Board. Our members, to the number of thirteen, attended the Council meeting the same night, but the casting vote of the Mayor again and again hindered anything being gained. Five want a woman on, and five do not. Resolved to send a letter to each of our local School Committees, asking permission to approach the teachers with a view to getting essays written on the Temperance Wall Sheets. Six prizes to be offered by the Union. Decided to celebrate Franchise Day on September 21st. Resolved a resolution be forwarded to Minister of Justice on lines suggested by "White Ribbon" correspondent.

#### GREYTOWN.

At a meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday, August 27th, at which Mrs Whincop presided, Miss M. S. Powell gave an address describing the origin and work of the organisation. At the close of the address a strong branch was organised of 22 members. Mrs Whincop was elected President, Mrs Banks Secretary, and Mrs W. A. Tate Treasurer. Arrangements were made for starting a Band of Hope, Mrs Steel being appointed Superintendent, Miss McWhinny "White Ribbon" Agent.

#### OTUREI, AOROA, AND DARGAVILLE.

A meeting of the Oturi, Aoroa, and Dargaville W.C.T.U. was held at the former place on August 22, 1915. The meeting was well represented, all the members being present. It may be explained that the above W.C.T.U. has been very much in confusion for some time past, and as a result several of the members retired from active work. It is to be clearly understood, however, that the trouble did not originate itself from the W.C.T.U., nor had the scheme of the Union anything to do with it. The sole trouble was due to private affairs of members being allowed to interfere with one another, apart from the aim and work of the W.C.T.U. Owing to the above disarrangement, it was found necessary to reorganise the Union in every way.

The present President, Hinerangi T. H. Pirika, retired, and Makereta P. Parore was unanimously selected to the position of Presidentship. And on the retirement of the Secretary, Rangopai E. Campbell, it was unani-

mously selected that Wharangi W. Walsh to take the Secretaryship.

Makereta P. Parore was also made Treasurer for the Union.

Hinerangi T. H. Pirika, Rangopai E. Campbell, and Kaa H. Himene, who retired from active work in the Union, were made honorary members.

Several minor questions were dealt with, after which the meeting was closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

The meeting throughout was very enthusiastic, and we hope for a more prosperous and brighter future.

#### W.C.T.U. OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

My Dear Miss Henderson,—

It is very kind of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand to send me their congratulations on being appointed a Justice of the Peace for South Australia, and I thank them most cordially, and thank you for your letter conveying the message.

The action of the Government came as a surprise, for although such a reform had often been asked for, nothing had been said about it lately, the special request of reform societies being for women as police patrols, whom we are likely to have very soon.

We are glad the W.C.T.U. was not left out, and there seems to be a large amount of approval among both men and women. I trust we may have courage and wisdom for the pioneer work, and make a safe pathway for all women who come after us.

May New Zealand soon win all similar reforms, as its women so well deserve to do.

With cordial greetings.—Yours in White Ribbon fellowship,

ELIZABETH W. NICHOLLS.  
Miss Henderson, B.A.,  
Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U. of N.Z.

#### ON THE SAFE SIDE.

Zealous Sentry: "Afraid I can't let you go by without the password, sir."

Irate Officer: "But, confound you! I tell you I have forgotten it. You know me well enough. I'm Major Jones."

Sentry: "Can't help it, sir, must have the password."

Voice from the Guard Tent: "Oh, don't stand arguing all night, Bill; shoot 'im."

#### FOR THE MEN AT THE FRONT.

(To be sung to the tune "Melita"—  
"Eternal Father, strong to save.")

Lord God of Hosts, whose mighty hand

Dominion holds on sea and land,  
In Peace and War Thy Will we see  
Shaping the larger liberty.

Nations may rise and nations fall,

Thy Changeless Purpose rules them all.

When Death flies swift on wave or field,

Be Thou a sure defence and shield!  
Console and succour those who fall,  
And help and hearten each and all!

O, hear a people's prayers for those

Who fearless face their country's foes!

For those who weak and broken lie,  
In weariness and agony—  
Great Healer, to their beds of pain  
Come, touch, and make them whole again!

O, hear a people's prayers, and bless

Thy servants in their hour of stress!

For those to whom the call shall come  
We pray Thy tender welcome home.  
The toil, the bitterness, all past,  
We trust them to Thy love at last.

O, hear a people's prayers for all

Who, nobly striving, nobly fall!

For those who minister and heal,  
And spend themselves, their skill,  
their zeal—

Renew their hearts with Christ-like faith,

And guard them from disease and death.

And in Thine own good time,  
Lord, send

Thy Peace on earth till Time shall end!

—John Oxenham.

**Ashburton.** 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., in Baring Street Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Dent, 112, Wills St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Buchanan, Wills St. W.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil, Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**Auckland** District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent, Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St., Ponsonby.