

**IN THE FIELD.**

Before leaving Patea I gave a talk to the girls, spoke at an after-church meeting in the Druids' Hall (the attendance at which was small), and addressed a home meeting at the manse. On Thursday, October 14th, the ordinary Union meeting was held, but there was a poor muster of members. Altogether 17 new members were enrolled, a pleasing feature being the number of girls who joined. In consequence of this infusion of young life, it was decided to call a meeting with a view to organising a Band of Hope. Patea has now made an increase of 150 per cent. on last year's membership, and as I hear one other Union has done the same, I shall be curious to see who gets the banner!

Several months ago Gisborne made application for my services during the month of October, and on Wednesday, 20th, I arrived in that pretty little town, being met at the wharf about 6.30 a.m. by Mrs Graham (President) and Mr F. Malcolm, my kind host. An Executive meeting was held the same afternoon. The following Tuesday the ordinary meeting was held, the attendance being fairly good, though less than usual, owing to the fact that the A. and P. Show was in progress. As no visiting could be done just then, I went up country to Matawai, where we made an attempt at a Sunday evening meeting, but arrangements had to be abandoned owing to long distances and bad roads.

On November 2nd a social gathering was held in order to welcome new members. There was a fine attendance, and the sum of £2 15s 6d was collected towards the expenses of a visit to Tokomaru Bay, which the Union had long desired me to pay, but which had almost been abandoned for lack of funds.

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Miss Powell's address for next month: Care Mrs Burton, Chapel Street, Masterton.

**The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Johnsonville.**

**ALCOHOL AND WAR.**

A letter received by a gentleman in Victoria, B.C., from his son, who is with the Medical Corps at the Front in Flanders, is as follows:—

"And let me say in all seriousness that the poor fellows who have sodden themselves with alcohol haven't an earthly chance of recovering from the ghastly wounds caused by shrapnel; even the fellows who have been fairly temperate have a far harder fight for recovery as against abstainers. I don't know what you're doing in Canada about the drink business, but if you've any influence, for God's sake use it to suppress the cursed liquor traffic during the war. It's efficiency all the way, and how can the men be efficient if they let their systems down by the use of liquor? **Let me tell you that the Government did a criminal thing in allowing the liquor interests to send that rum into the trenches.** Fellows who got badly frost-bitten were mostly those who consumed most rum, and besides, it intensified the sufferings of others; and then there were some weak young fellows who imbibed that hadn't touched liquor before, naturally to their undoing. The Medical Superintendent did his utmost to prevent the stuff coming through to the firing line, and even the commanding officers were reluctant, for, taking them altogether, the officers are abstemious, whatever they were in the South African war. And we cannot understand how Kitchener permitted that quantity to come through to the troops. King George's example has told its tale with the men, and if Lloyd George is the man you've always told us, he surely will close down the liquor houses, for if we're to win this war our soldiers must be deprived of the power to get drunk. It may seem hard to meddle with the personal liberty of a man, but, as Carlyle said, "there is no greater slave than the man who is subject to his appetite."

**FRENCH WOMEN FARMERS.**

At one of its last meetings, the Institute of Agriculture in France paid a special tribute to the splendid efforts of peasant women, who have shown just as many remarkable administrative qualities in large as well as in small matters of agricultural work.

**HOW NOT TO SPOIL A CHILD.**

1. Be yourself what you want your child to be.
  2. Do yourself what you want your child to do.
  3. Say yourself what you want your child to say.
  4. To teach self-control—Practice it.
- When these suggestions are tried faithfully, you will be making many discoveries, and if really put into practice, will fit you better to train your children.

**Some Practical Hints.**

Don't give baby something because he cries for it.

Don't put a thing out of sight always to keep a child from crying for it; teach it early it cannot have all it sees.

Don't bribe a child to be good, or to do as you want.

Don't promise unless you are sure you can perform. Rather say, "I will if I can," if it is right you should say so.

Don't yield if you should not. If you can say "Yes," be prompt. So a child has not to keep asking, attend at once to a request.

Don't let a child's repeated asking make you yield. Let your *yea* or *no* be sufficient.

Don't say "No" carelessly—mean it.

Don't allow arguing. Let the reason "Mother said so" be all-sufficient.

Don't deceive a child. Let it know mother's word is to be trusted.

Don't try to frighten a child into being good by saying, "There's a policeman at the door to carry naughty children away," or "A black man is coming," etc. On no account let such be done, unless you want to make a child nervous and learn you are untruthful. Watch outsiders on this point.

**CRADLE ROLL CERTIFICATES.**

Will Unions note that 8th year Cradle Roll Certificates can be obtained from Mrs Neal, price 2s per dozen, post free?

**LOOK AT THIS.**

In Georgia, U.S.A., bankers, editors, and police chiefs have decided that inointoxicating drinks shall be furnished at any of their social functions.