

Roll work, and a joint committee of White Ribboners and gentlemen was set up to immediately inaugurate a Band of Hope or L.T.L. On the Sunday I spoke to the Pakeha Sunday School in the English Church, and one morning to a large gathering of native children in the Mission Room. I called on Mrs Farleigh, President of the native branch, but was unable to have a meeting with them, but the Pakeha Union should be a great help to them, especially as the President is so thoroughly in touch with the Maori population.

Upon returning to Gisborne, I found various patriotic functions so absorbing the attention of the public that no work was possible either there or Te Karaka, so the telegraph was set in motion, and I sailed from Gisborne in the Paloua on Sunday (November 14th), arriving at Hastings the next morning in semi-tropical heat. Several days were spent in visiting, and I attended the Napier monthly meeting, and ran into town on Saturday to see Mrs Oldham, who, though much better for her long stay in Queensland, is still very frail.

On Friday, November 26th, the Hastings friends got up a social gathering in the Y.M.C.A., which was well attended, several new members being initiated, and the following Monday I travelled to Masterton, once more finding a happy home with my old friend Mrs Burton, and her family. The following Tuesday (December 7th) the Union held their last meeting for the year, at which the attendance was very fine. Officers and superintendents of departments were elected, and delegates for Convention, while several other items of business were transacted.

M. S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

MOURNING FOR SOLDIERS.

The Women's National Council of Canada is urging the people of that Dominion who have lost loved ones in battle not to wear black as mourning. They suggest the substitution of a purple band to be worn upon the arm. The wearing of black signifies that some friend has passed away, while the purple band would be a mark of honour, indicating that the one mourned for had given his life for his country.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Comrades,—As the Kaiapoi Union passed a resolution proposing "That the Dominion Convention be not held this year," it was necessary to put the matter before the N.Z. Executive. This was done, partly by letter through Miss Henderson, and by Mrs Cowie interviewing the members on her way to Auckland. Each have expressed themselves as strongly in favour of holding the Convention as usual. That there should be such unanimity of opinion not only augurs well for a successful gathering, but shows that our officers realise the need of continuous aggressive work against intemperance. I hope that every Union will make a special effort to send a delegate, and that each delegate will go eager to get all the good she can for the benefit of the Union she represents, and prepared to do whatever she can to inspire and help her comrades. Thus we may make the 31st Convention the best ever held in the Dominion. Because of the many lives given in defence of the Empire, this will be a painfully sad season in numerous homes throughout the Dominion, and under these circumstances it would be futile to wish you a Merry Christmas, but I do pray that every heart may be garrisoned with the Peace He alone can give.

With best wishes for Peace and Goodwill to all.—Yours cordially,

RACHEL DON, N.Z. President.
54, Canongate, Dunedin, Dec. 6th.

THIS DAY.

O blessed hope, beyond the hope that lies beneath the sod;
That gallant lads we love and lose go home to be with God!
For "greater love hath none," Christ said, "Than his who for a friend lies dead."

"This day," said Jesus, "shalt thou be with Me in Paradise,"
And He who died for sinful man, for man can still suffice,
And close upon the field of strife wide open stands the Gate of Life.

O, souls that grieve! O, hearts that break o'er Death's untimely gain,
Take heart of hope, for you shall see your loved ones all again;
For, thronging up the great White Road your soldier boys sing home to God.

—"Quiver."

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—Will you please forward, as soon as possible, all reports in connection with the above department.—Yours for God, Home, and Humanity,

FLORENCE YOUNG.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Will the Unions who have any special items of interest to report concerning the celebration of Notable Days during the year, and have not already sent them on, kindly let me have reports as soon as convenient?

L. HARRISON,

Supt. Notable Days.

Tuatapere, Southland.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—Will you please forward, as early this month as possible, any report of work done by your Union during the year on "Sabbath Observance"? Each Secretary whose address is in our "White Ribbon" has been written to; but you will note a number of Unions advertise their officers' names only, and no address. For the convenience of N.Z. Superintendents, who during the year often find it necessary to write, may I suggest that next year the addresses of President and Secretary be added to their names.—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

E. A. BOXALL.

"Te Maru," Pirie Street, Wellington.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

May I call the attention of the Unions to the fact that reports of departments are now due? Work of any kind that has been done in any district is worth reporting. I know that this year it has not been possible to do as much as we would like, owing to the numerous calls upon us, but we must endeavour to keep our departments alive until the happier time when peace can be declared, for which we all hope and pray. Since my last report of donations, I have received: N.E. Valley, Dunedin, £1 13s; Invercargill, £1 10s; Kaiapoi, £1; Wellington District, £1; New Plymouth, £2; Palmerston North, £2. The thanks of the department are due to these Unions for their assistance.

N.F. WALKER, N.Z. Supt.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AND GAMBLING.

Will all Unions kindly forward me, as soon as possible, a list of resolutions sent to Prime Minister or Ministers, with any other resolutions passed in this department of work, and also kindly indicate their nature?—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

J. ROBERTS,

Supt. Legal and Parliamentary and Gambling Departments.