

BRITISH DOMINIONS WOMAN SUFFRAGE UNION.

WAR RELIEF WORK.

A public meeting and exhibition of gifts and clothing from the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union to sufferers from the war in the Homeland and Belgium, was held in London last July. Miss M. C. Newcomb, Hon. Secretary, B.D.W.S.U., read a report of the war relief work of the Union. She told how in the first days of the war the Women's Suffrage Societies had stopped their own special work and devoted their offices, their resources, and their army of trained voluntary workers to the care, mainly, of women and children in distress through the war. Miss Newcomb had appealed to the British Dominions over sea, and she told how nobly they had responded to her appeal. The part of the report telling of New Zealand's answer to that appeal is specially interesting to us. Last January our gifts started to arrive in the Homeland, our Government taking them in transports free of charge, and defraying all the expenses of delivery in London. Lady Stout sent much beautiful clothing. The Wellington District Union, per Mrs Boxall, sent warm and useful clothing, also 1000 dainty bags, each containing a handkerchief and a coin. The boys and girls of two schools had assisted with these gifts, and sent charming messages and letters with them. Christchurch also sent cases of warm clothing, one being from the W.C.T.U. The following money contributions were sent from New Zealand:—Lady Stout, £10; Miss Ellis Wilkinson, £1; Mrs D'Arcy Hamilton, 10s; Mr and Mrs Ensom, £5; Miss Lovell-Smith, 5s; Miss Bishop, £1; Kaiapoi W.C.T.U., 26s; Invercargill, proceeds of a concert given by girls and boys of the Southland High School, £86.

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