

friends:—9 wringers, 12 fomentation pads, 6 pairs socks, 2 pairs mittens and scarf, 56 bandages, 68 diet cloths, 9 triangular bandages, 45 operation cloths, a parcel for Belgians. Thirty shillings, collected by Bird Road friends for Red Cross work, was handed in. Decided to make comfort bags for sailors.

MATAURA.

July. The members tendered a social afternoon tea as a farewell to Mrs Abernethy, their late Treasurer, who is leaving for Invercargill.

August. Mrs Reid presided. Mrs Grant elected Treasurer. Decided to pack a box for Highlands of Scotland this month.

ASHBURTON.

July 11. Mrs Watson presided. Weather bad, attendance small. Mrs Lill reported that £50 had been sent for the Patriotic Fund. President reported that a resolution protesting against section 3 (d) of the War Regulations Bill had been sent to the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and Mr Nosworthy. Mrs Frost and Mrs McEwen appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention. Decided to invite the Provincial Convention for 1917 to meet in Ashburton.

July 27. W.C.T.U. and No-License Council held a combined rally in the Theatre Royal to commemorate T. E. Taylor Day. His Worship the Mayor presided. Stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. G. Millar and J. D. McArthur upon the early closing question. Mrs W. K. Watson reminded those present of the loss sustained by the temperance cause in the death of Mr Taylor, and of the urgent need to-day of men with consecrated purpose. Unanimously resolved: "That the Government be urged to close the hotel bars at 6 p.m. during the war and for six months afterwards."

OTAMATEA.

In honour of Mrs Kerei Mu, who passed away on July 11, after a long illness. She is at rest in the Lord. Mrs Kerei Mu was the first Maori woman of the Kaipara District to take up the W.C.T.U. work. She was also the respected President of our Union for some years, until failing health caused her to relinquish her position. Many of our meetings were held in her home, and she was a most kind and hospitable hostess at all times, keeping open house for old and young alike. Even in her last few weeks of suffering, her heart was in her beloved Union, and it was her wish that the Union should never be dissolved. Her funeral was attended by Maori White Ribboners from miles around, and each and every member has resolved that, in memory of her, we shall cling even closer one to another, and fight harder and more earnestly for God, Home, and Humanity. It was her constant prayer.

OTAMATEA.

I tu te hui ote Roopu wahine, ite 16 onga ra o Hurae, ite whare o Kerei Mu. Na Miraka Karenai whakapuarere te hui. I mua ite timatanga i inoi ia mema ia mema, me runga ite aitua kua pai kia matou, kia Kerei Mu hoki. Ara te haerenga o Makareta Kerei Mu ki tona Matua ite Ranai. Take tuatahi he mihi ki to tatou hoa kua wehe atu nei, Katahi ano tatou ka hui, mai ano i tona ngaranga, no reira, pa mai ana te mamae ote ngakau mete pouri, mete aroha kia ia. E nga hoa nana tenei take i awhina ite mauranga mai ki Otamatea. Ko ia te Perehitini tuatahi nana tatou i whakahau kia noho pono ki roto i tenei karangatanga. Me ki ake tatou, nana te taonga nei. No reira kia kaha kia u ki tana taonga. Ko ia kua okioki, kua kore tona tinana i waenganui ia tatou engari tona taonga kua mahue ihe e ia hei taonga tuturu. Ko tenei taonga hei oranga me te whanau. Ko to tatou hoa te wahine manaaki, aroha kite tangata katoa, ahakoa kaumatua, ahakoa tamariki. Kia u tatou ki tona taonga i whakarere iho e ia. Ahakoa he torutoru tatou, kia u, kia maia. Ko te atua hei tuara mo tatou, iroto inga mahi whakapono i whakaritea mo te Roopu wahine. Ite matenga o to tatou hoa, i haere katoa mai nga wahine onga Roopu wahine o ia wahi o ia wahi, kite tangi kiaia. Take tuarua. Mote kani kani i tu i muri ite nehunga to Makareta Kerei Mu i tu nga mema o Otamatea Roopu kite whakakore i tona ngahau, a kihai i taea e matou. He tino rawa no nga kaitautoko mo taua take, kia tu. I whakamatau matou kite whakakore i runga ano i a matou ngakau pouri ki ta matou hoa aroha. Ne te perehitini i whakamutu tenei hui kite inoi.

ORUAWHARO, PORT ALBERT.

Kia Mrs Walker,—Tena koe inga Manaakitanga ate atua. Tena ahau ka tuku atu inga ripoata ate roopu wahine karaitiana Oruawharo.

I tu te mitingi ate W.C.T.U. o Oruawharo i tenei ra Hurae 5 onga ra. Nate perehitini te karakia ko nga inoi nga o te ata. Ka mutu te karakia ka tu kote. Perehitini—E whaka mihi ana ahau i nga mema ote roopu a e whakamihi ana ahau ki te atua mona i haki iatou tae nonmai ki tenei ra a e inoi ana ahau ki te atua kia homai he kaha kia tatou kia kaha ai tatou ki mahi tenei turanga e tu nei tatiou araiti mahi karaitiana. Ka ati nei aku kupu kia ora tatou.

Pirihira Katene—Kia ona koe ete Perehitini mo nga kupu a korero nei koe a e inoi ana ahau kite ano kia homai he ngaka kaha kia ahau hei mahi inga mahi ate karaitiana kia ora tatou kotoa.

Matete Rapana—Tenakoe ete Perehitini kia koe me an kupu whakamihi kia tatou mate atua tatou katoa e tiake a mana e homai he kaha kia tatou, kia kaha ai tatou te mahi tenei take a tenei karanga tanga karaitiana kia ora tatou katoa. Etahi o nga

mema. Kora katoa tena ko a matou whakamihi kia tatou katoa. Mate ahua tatou katoa e whaka kaha ki te mahi i te tatou mahi.

Hekeretari—E tone ana ahau ki nga take take. (1) He whakamihi nate roopu wahine Oruawharo me Makareta Kereimu kua mate ite 27 onga ra a Hurae Haere ote matou hoa kite matua ite rangi tenei o kupu kua mahue iho me o mahi ia koe e tu ana i waenganui ite roopu karaitiana Otamatea. Na reira Keite nui te matoa tangi moni mate kaati o pai ana ahakoa kua mate koe kei muri o uri hei hapai io tikanga mete mahi ite mahi karaitiana kaati nga mihi moni. (2) I mahia ete roopu tetahi raruraru ha hui makoare a i oti iringa te mahi rangatira ate roopu a tatu ana ki te rangimarie. (3) I mahia ete roopu te raruraru me nga moni ate roopu a kua tukua e Pirihira Katene tana tuanga Peeke kia puku Harihone i tenei ra ite 3 onga raa tautokongia ana e nga mema ote roopu ko puku Harotiona hei peeke monga moni. (4) Kote kaute onga moni ate roopu a hui hui ete hekeretari £11 7s. A e whakamatua ana ete roopu kia mi haere. A e kaha ana hoki ahau te hekeretari ki te ki kei tenei te awhina ate roopu whiue Oruawharo kite hoatu moni hei awhina inga turoro inga marae Tangihanga a i nga rawa kore hoki ate mai nga ote moni ate roopu i pau kitenā ahau a keite kaha ahau te hekeretari io te ki keite nui te kaha onga wahine o tenei roopu ki mahi inga mahi karaitiana taha monga kikokiko mete waima hoki. A keite ako hoki inga tamariki kinga mahi tika kite paehi hoki ite waipiro kaati nei aku kupu. (5) Perehitini E mea ana ahau me tuku atu te kohi moni hei te tonga ote roopu a akuhata taukoto katoa nga mema. Hekeretari Me pehea nga tono kua tukua mai nei ara. Help for Patriotic Fund.

Perehitini me nga mema—Me tuku atu mote tunga ota roopu akuhata. Nate Perehitini i whakaoti nga take katoa a inoi te roopu katoa kite ahia kia homai he kaha kie kaha ai nga mema kite mahi inga mahi ate karaitiana. Nate Perehitini i whakamutu te mitingi Me inoi tatou kia tau kia tatou nga manaaki tanga ate atua amene.

ORGANISING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts during the month of July were:—Per Miss Powell: New Plymouth District, refund of expenses, 18s. Collections: Eltham, 14s 6d; Hawera, £1 5s 7d. Total receipts, £2 18s 1d.

The expenditure for the same period on account of Organiser's salary and expenses, was £9 9s 10d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer Organising Fund.
3rd August, 1916.