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### IN THE FIELD.

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On July 7th I arrived at Eltham to pay my final visit to that Branch, and on the Sunday afternoon went around to the Salvation Army, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools, talking up the proposed L.T.L. On Tuesday night I had a talk to the girls in the Oddfellows' Hall, and at the close slipped upon the polished floor and broke a rib, which handicapped me somewhat. On the 14th we had a meeting of the Union, the attendance being very good. Some days were spent in visiting Hawera, and on 20th T. E. Taylor Day was commemorated, and a collecton taken up for the Organising Fund.

For many months Mrs Crabb, Palmerston District President, had been in communication with Marton, and on Friday, 21st, Mrs Scott having kindly promised hospitality, I journeyed thither, and after spending several days in visiting, organised a branch in the Coronation Hall on August 1st, with 26 members, the officers' list not being yet complete. I shall be able to visit them again. Next day I left for Hawera, where I arrived in "a gale and a half" of wind, accompanied by rain, hail and snow. As all the taxis were promptly taken up by young men, it was "a drowned rat" that Mrs Browne received as visitor, especially as, in the darkness, I had twice splashed into several inches of flood water. Next day Mrs J. J. Patterson sent the motor and conveyed me to her hospitable home at Manaia.

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### REVIEW.

The session of Parliament is over, and as members of the Temperance Party, we must confess we are disappointed with the result. In spite of petitions and protests, women's meetings and patriotic meetings, very little has been accomplished in the way of placing restrictions on the Liquor Traffic. True, the anti-treating clause has been passed, but it remains to be seen to what extent it can be evaded, or how far it will become a dead letter. Over early closing the battle raged long and fierce, the efforts for reform being defeated by the time-worn expedient of "talking it out." An amendment in favour of 8 o'clock closing was all but carried, but the fates were unpropitious, and through different adverse circumstances, the two votes that would have secured the reform were lost. And so New Zealand must still lag behind the rest of the civilised world, and enjoy the unenviable distinction of doing less than any other part of the Empire to secure the physical, moral, and economic efficiency of her people. What now is to be done? First and foremost, the people must wake up to the necessity for more united action, there must be a more general willingness for self-sacrifice, and readiness to let personal ease and comfort go for the sake of manifesting wholehearted enthusiasm. Are there not 3000 persons in Wellington who earnestly desire 6 o'clock closing? Where were half of them on the evening of the 30th June, when their presence was urgently required at the Town Hall? A demonstration was needed to prove that the people were in earnest, that they would not brook refusal on the part of the Parliament to pass the early closing clause. Every man and every woman who honestly believed in the desirability of shutting the hotel bars at 6 o'clock ought to have made a point of being at that Patriotic Meeting, no matter how inconvenient it might have been, nor what other important engagement had to be set aside. The resolutions were such as to appeal to every patriotic heart burning to secure the highest good for the community. The speakers were in good form, and brought forward cogent arguments in their support, but instead of being packed or overcrowded, the hall was not much more than half full. A well-known M.P., who was present, at the

first half of the meeting, but was obliged then to return to the House, was asked in the lobby, where there were several Cabinet Ministers, what sort of a meeting it was? Obligated to confess the true position, he could not but realise the damning effect upon the chances of the clause going through. The Government, weak-kneed and fearful, in the face of the powerful Liquor Party, could snap their fingers at the Temperance folk, who at the critical moment had so signally failed to present a solid and determined front. When will the people wake up and realise that they can obtain their demands only as they prove their earnestness and sincerity by their readiness to make sacrifices for the cause?

Or to take up a matter that lies nearer home to us women of the W.C. T.U., why is it that so small a proportion of members of a Union think it necessary to attend the meetings? Important resolutions are passed, protests are raised, but a great deal of the force they would have is lost because they have so little backing by the Union members. Not every member can speak in public, not every one can take up public work, but every member, though absolutely silent, can exercise an influence for good, even by merely being in her place on every possible occasion. Sisters, bestir yourselves! Even now you are threatened by a very real danger, it is time that you showed yourselves in deadly earnest, resolved not to be trifled with. Over and over again it has been said: "If the women of this Dominion would only stand shoulder to shoulder, with unbroken ranks, they could carry any reform that they set their minds upon." Act and agitate! Let your voices be heard with no uncertain sound that the accursed evils that are threatening the welfare, the very lives of our young men and maidens, may be swept away, and our land be made in very truth—"God's Own Country."

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The "Pall Mall Gazette" of December 7th says:—"The effect of the first week's operation of the new drinking order in London has been remarkable. Drunkenness has declined so substantially that in comparison with the state of things a week ago there was yesterday a decrease at some Courts of nearly 50 per cent."