

ing diseases following in its train, protect girls till 21 years of age. But alas! these ruined girls in their turn become temptresses, and so it becomes necessary to protect the boys from the wiles of older women until 21. Punish the man or woman who tempts the boy or girl from the path of purity, and you will have made a great advance on the road to national health and national efficiency. In cases where both offenders are under 21 they should both be given reformatory treatment.

Let Unions pass resolutions along these lines; urge every church and women's society to pass them; get Labour organisations and any other organisations to pass them, and bring a vast and steadily increasing pressure to bear upon the Ministry, till we get the reforms we ask for. Voting women of New Zealand, demand from Parliament adequate protection for your children, and see that you get it. Always at it, and all at it, must bring success.

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### MRS HELEN BARTON.

New Zealand White Ribboners will regret to hear that Mrs Barton has lost a son at the Front. She was feeling too sad to reply to letters of sympathy, but wishes to tender to her New Zealand friends her sincere thanks for their sympathy in her bereavement.

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### A MODERN MARTYR.

They are killing our Sundays of long ago,  
The good old Sunday we used to know;  
The day of quiet, when everywhere  
The spirit of peace pervaded the air.  
And the whole world wearing its Sunday best,  
Sat down by the roadside of life to rest.

They are killing our Sunday, not with a blow,  
To end it suddenly, but sure and slow,  
As they did the martyrs who suffered shame,  
On the wheel and the rack and in the flame.

They are killing our Sunday, and when it is dead,  
When the last, last drop of its blood is shed,  
And its spirit has gone from the knowledge of men  
In their world-weary struggle for pleasure—what then?  
—W. J. Lampton.

### IN THE FIELD.

The ten days spent in Manaia were not productive of any very astonishing results, owing to bad weather and distance from the township. The Patterson family motored me around heroically, and Mrs Hunt kindly entertained me for a night to afford an opportunity for canvassing in the township, but not much could be accomplished. We made an abortive attempt at meetings at Kapuni and Kaponga, but a home meeting at the house of Mrs Judd turned out better, all present who had not previously donned the white ribbon doing so. The ordinary meeting of the Union was well attended, and was followed by a meeting of the L.T.L., organised by Mrs Duxfield the previous week, when twenty-eight more children gave in their names.

On Monday, August 14th, the talk to the girls was given in Hawera, but as we were running against Miss Dorothy Spinney, a Bible Class social, and a few other functions, the audience was "small but select," White Ribboners being chiefly conspicuous by their absence. However, my hostess, Mrs R. Browne, loyally stepped into the breach, taking the chair and supporting me in every possible way.

On Wednesday Marton was reached, and the following morning was spent in visiting. A meeting of the new branch was held in the afternoon, the attendance being good, although several members were unavoidably detained. Three more members were initiated, bringing the number up to 29, two of whom have already been transferred to Wellington. After the meeting, my hostess (Mrs McCoskery) hurried home and cooked a dainty little tea, which I consumed in about five minutes, and hurried off for the train, arriving at Taumaranui just after midnight, and starting for Te Kuiti at 8 o'clock, where I was met by Mr Wilton (late of Wanganui), and driven to his pretty home, "a city set on a hill, which cannot be hid."

Several very wet days followed, and one fine one I visited the Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist Guilds, and paid a number of calls. On Friday (25th) a branch was organised in the Municipal Hall; the attendance was very good, and I believe the Union will do well.

Hamilton was the next place visited, and Mrs Jones, my hostess, Mr Jones taking out his buggy and carting

luggage to save the funds. (I wonder how ever the Organiser would manage without the assistance of the White Ribbon brothers. It is a good thing so many of our members are married!)

The following day a special meeting took place at the home of Mrs Auld, the attendance being very fine. The atmosphere of Hamilton W.C.T.U. is most refreshing. Good membership, fine attendances, all working together harmoniously for the general good. The dear people said they would themselves work up the Hamilton meetings, and leave me free to assist the auxiliaries.

Accordingly I journeyed to Cambridge, and spent a week in the happy home of Mrs C. H. Bycroft, Treasurer, while visiting the Union and friends. This Union runs a very successful Band of Hope, works the Cradle Roll, etc. On Tuesday, September 5th, the ordinary meeting was held. The attendance was very good, and two new members were initiated. We also had an Executive meeting to talk over the work in general. Miss Powell's Address: C/o Mrs J. M. Jones, Claudelands, Hamilton.

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### ORGANISING TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations to the Organising Fund were received during August:—Mataura Union, 10s; Opotiki Union, £1 10s; Palmerston North Union, £5; Oxford Union, £2; Manaia Union, £3 15s. The latter Union also donated 5s towards expenses of organising L.T.L.'s. Total receipts, £13.

The expenditure for the month for Organiser's salary and expenses, and special expenses of organising L.T.L.'s, was £11 7s 9d.

For the first time for a good many months the receipts have exceeded the expenditure. I trust Unions will take note, and see that this more satisfactory condition of affairs is maintained.

NELLIE BENDELY,

Organising Treasurer.

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At the annual convention of railway commissioners held in San Francisco last month, thirty states being represented, it was recommended that every state be urged to enact laws prohibiting the drinking of liquor on railway trains.