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to N.Z. Fund. Miss McCarthy gave a short but interesting address on the Montessori system of teaching children. The banner presented by Mrs Patterson, of Manaia, for Union obtaining most members for the year has been beautifully painted by Mrs H. H. Driver, and was displayed on the wall. It should be greatly prized by the Union fortunate enough to secure it.

WANGANUI Y's.

June 12. Twenty-two young women met and spent the evening sewing and knitting babies' garments for the local Plunket Society.

June 26. Owing to very heavy rain, only 12 members met, and continued their work for the Plunket Society. Decided that in the future the meetings would be held monthly, instead of fortnightly, and that between the meetings the girls should continue their sewing at home.

Aug. 21. Mrs Upton, Vice-President, and Mrs McKenzie, Secretary of the local Branch of the W.C.T.U., attended the meeting in order to give any needed assistance or advice, and also to encourage the girls in their work. Decided that besides holding the usual sewing meetings, a musical and elocutionary competition evening should be held occasionally, and prizes awarded to the winners. Miss Chisholm was appointed Secretary pro tem.

OTAMATEA.

I tuano he huihuinga ma tenei roopu Karaitiana wahine Otamatea ite 3 o nga ra o Hepetema i te whare o Te Auwe Tiki-Tiki i te rua o nga Haora i te ahiahi. Ka Karakia te Perehitini a ka himenetia te 23 o nga himene, whaka mutua kite inoi, ka whakapuaretia te whare mo nga take ete Perehitini e Rutera Karena. (1) Koohi marama moni awhina na te Rev. F. Paikea 2s 6d. (2) Perehitini Rutera—Karena: Kia ora katoa nga hoa aroha i roto ite roopu Karaitiana tae atu hoki kia koe e tama e Paraire Paikea. Kua tae mai nei ano koe ki tenei huihuinga a matou, kia mihi tahi tatou ki tenei o tatou hoa aroha mema. Kia Mereana J. Grey i runga i te mea kua tae ano tetahi pouritanga kia raua ko tona hoa tane i runga i te wehenga atu ia raua o taraua kotiro kua tae nei ia kite rangatiratanga ote rangi kite kainga ote okiokitanga.

Te Auwe Tikitiki mema: Keite whakapai ahau kinga korero ara mihi a to tatou Perehitini e mihi nei ki tenei o tatou hoa aroha. Kua tae mai

nei ano ia kia tatou huihuinga irunga i te ngakau mamae kua pa ano ki tona tinana. Kaati mate matua ano ite rangi e whakaatu te rangi marie ki a ia ara kia tatou katoa kua hui mai nei tae atu hoki ki ta tatou mokopuna ki a Paraire Paikea hua tae mai nei hei hoa awhina tohutohu hoki inga tikanga mo te rangimarie. Kaati ma te matua ano ite rangi e whakau o tatou ngakau kinga mea tikoake a hei tuara hoki mo tatou iroto ia tatou mahi katoa. Rev. F. Paikea: He tuake tenei he whakaamihia atu kia koutou e nga hoa karaitiana e kaha nei kite hapai inga tikanga. Kahore atu he kaha tua atu i tenei kua kite nei ahau. Koia nei te nui o te mihi o te ngakau kia penei tonu to koutou kaha kite pēhi katoa inga mea he e kite ana e koutou e mahia ana i roto i tenei marae i waenganui ia koutou karaitiana nei, A e nga hoa aroha kia kaha ano hoki. koutou ki te whangai i nga ngakau o tatou tamariki kaumatua tae atu ki nga tamariki no nōhi katoa kia kaua ratou emahi inga mea he e mate ai te wairua. Ko taku kupu tenei kia koutou kia maia kia kaha kia toa mate matua ite rangi ewhakau enei kupu kio koutou ngakau. I whakamutua te huihuinga ki te inoi e Paraire Paikea kia tau te rangimarie kia tatou katoa.

I tu te hui o Otamatea Roopu wahine ite 6 onga ra o Akuhata, kite whare o Kerei Mu, i muri ite karakia ahiahi. Na te Rev. Paraire Paikea i whakapuare te mitingi kite himene. Nana hoki te inoi ki te Atua kia homai he maramatanga kia matou iroto i tenei hui. Ka tu te Perehitini kite mihi kia Te Paraire. E hoa, nui atu te whakamihia ote ngakau kia koe kua tae mai ki waenganui ia matou kite tohutohu, kite awhina hoki i tenei huihuinga, kite whakaako hoki ia matou kia matau ai kinga mahi e paingia ete Matua ite Rangi. Kote take tuatahi, he kōhi marama. Na Te Riu Tapihana i tu kite homai inga kōhi whakamutunga a Makareta Mu. Miraka Karena: E kore au e pai kia tangohia e te Roopu aua moni. Me waiho hei aroha ma matou kite hoa kua ngaro atu nei. Mrs Karaka Paikea: He mihi ki tana tamaiti, kia te Paraire, katahi ano ka ora ake i tona mate. Kōa atu matau mo tana hokinga mai kia kite i ana whanungu. Ka tu mai nga mema toko rima kite ki ake penei na, kia puritia ete Roopu nga moni kōhi o Makareta Mu, i runga ano i te mohio, me i konei aia, ka riri ia ina ka whakahakia tona moni. Ko tona hiahia tenei kia awhina ia i tona roopu. Tautokona ana tena take.

Kua hoki mai a Mereana J. Kerei ki te Roopu. Kerei Mu: Nui atu

taku koa mo te hokinga mai o taku hunaonga ki te Roopu, kia noho ia hei riwhi mo tana hungawai. Ko taku hiahia tenei kia hapai tonu tatou ite taonga o taku hoa wahine.

Te Mari Woodhead: He panui i te reta a Mrs Walker, e whakahau ana ia matou kia u kite mahi. Tautoko ana nga mema. Te Riu, me nga mema katoa, i whiriwhiri mote taenga mai o te hui toru marama ki konei. A oti pai tenei take. Na Miraka Karena i whakamutu kite inoi.

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NATIONAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

This League, with its office in Masterton, has been organised with a view to helping returned soldiers. Sir Robert Stout is President, and its Patrons include such well-known names as Hon. W. Massey, Sir J. Ward, Dr. Gibb, Rev. J. Dawson, Hon. A. L. Herdman, and many military officers, Mayors of boroughs, etc. The pledge is: "I promise to help to obtain work, in their work, business, or profession; to do kind actions, say kind words, to entertain, and do all I possibly can to help in business and social life every man who answers the Empire's call. I also promise to give preference to the manufactured goods of New Zealand and the British Empire."

The annual subscription is 1s. If any of our readers wish to help the returned soldiers they can forward 1s to the Editor, "White Ribbon," Pert Chalmers, and in return will receive a badge of membership and a pamphlet explaining the League's work. Fifty badges have been sent to our office. We hope White Ribboners will purchase them all. 3d out of every member's subscription is given to some orphanage for the children of fallen soldiers.

Every man has to carry the burden of to-day; only the unwise will add to it the burden of yesterday. What is to be said of those who also take on that of to-morrow?