

Maari Woodhead Kaati nui mate matua tatou amanaki whakamutua kite inoi.

AROPAOA.

Noema 16. I tu te mitingi ate roopu karaitiana kite whare o Netana Manakau. Na Paratene Hemana i whakapuarite ite mutunga ate karakia katu te Perehitini. A Heretina P. Hemana ka whakamihia kite roopu kia ora te roopu kia ora nga kaumatua munga tamariki katoa keite koa tooku ngakau mo tatou kua noho huihui nei tatou i roto ite whare. Kotahi haere maire e ooku hoa aroha i roto ite ariki kia penei ano to tatou noho huihui ki tato kite tika e whaia nei e tatou mana tatou e arahi kite huarahi ote marietanga hoira aku kupu kia tatou mate atua tatou e tiaki. Mata Harana e whaka paiana kinga kupu ate perehitini hoira he take taaku kota tatou koki mote tau 2s 6d kote paunga hoki tenei o te tau e tika ana kia koki tatou whakaaetia ana e nga mema katoa kohia ana te moni e £2 2s 1d. Whakamutua i konei nga korero ka whakakapia kite karakia.

L.T.L. REPORTS.

WANGANUI.

Nov. 27. Long-looked-for pledge-signing. Weather very wet. Attendance, 60. Mr Noble gave an address. 47 children signed the temperance pledge. Legion has a membership of 109, all keenly interested.

OKAIAWA.

Just closed with a fine entertainment, and have £5 in hand as the result.

Y's REPORT.

WANGANUI.

Nov. 27. Social evening to arouse interest for the annual meeting. A pouring wet night spoilt the attendance. A very enjoyable time spent.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Smith; Vice-Pres., Miss J. Chisholm; Treas., Miss D. James; Sec., Miss Tarrant; Asst.-Sec., Miss L. Tipper; Organist, Miss B. Smith; Asst., Miss D. Chisholm; Evangelistic, Miss Ford; Asst., Miss E. Tipper; Press Reporter, Miss D. Smith. Decided to adjourn till last Monday in January. Letter of thanks to Baptist ladies for use of sewing machine, and to Mr Sanow for use of room. Decided in future to have paper written by the girls at our meetings, and suggested that we exchange papers with local Bible Classes.

IN THE FIELD.

My stay at Katekate, Bay of Plenty, covered thirteen days, every one of which was more or less wet, while for three consecutive days the deluge continued with hardly half an hour's intermission. Happily, Mrs Baines had talked up the Union so well before my arrival that little visiting was needed, and on November 15 I organised with 24 members, and they should do well.

Tauranga was to be reached by motor, and I watched for that vehicle for just an hour and a quarter, it having got stuck in the mud on the way from Waihi. However, it arrived in due course, and I noted with interest that a prominent ornament attached to the side was a strong spade, evidently intended to facilitate the digging-out process. This implement was not, however, required during my occupancy, though at one stage all the passengers were requested to alight and plough along up a muddy hill, where the road had been mended with ti-tree. We certainly could not complain of monotony, for upon sundry occasions we were flung violently up into the air in a manner painfully suggestive of Tom Brown's blanket-tossed experiences on his first night at school. However, we came down again, and were able to reply in the affirmative to the chauffeur's anxious enquiries as to whether we were "all there." Tauranga was reached at last, and a warm welcome to her home was received from the President, Mrs F. N. Christian. This energetic lady had already sent out invitations to 70 women to attend at Wesley Hall "to meet Miss Powell." The gathering was quite a success, and eight new members were secured. The Union had held no meetings for about two years, and had grown discouraged in consequence of having lost so many members by removal. This difficulty was overcome, as, before I left, we had secured a number of new members. The annual meeting was held on November 22nd, when officers were elected and arrangements made for starting Cradle Roll and L.T.L. work. The following day I spoke to the children in the public school, describing the Legion. This concluded the work in Tauranga, but there was no boat for Opotiki until the following week, while the coach journey was out of the question, being very expensive,

and occupying three days. So I spent a few days with my old comrade, Mrs Chappell, doing a little visiting, and at 11 p.m. on Tuesday embarked on the "Ngatiawa." The ladies' cabin on the little craft was immediately over the screw, and when we commenced to move I concluded that by morning I should be a candidate for the nearest mental hospital. However, the night was fairly calm, the adaptability of human nature came to the rescue, and, assisted by the reflection that life is a matter of contrasts, and that to the boys in the trenches that cabin would have been heaven, I retained my sanity. Opotiki was reached at 8.30 the following morning, and I was welcomed to the home of the President, Mrs J. T. Thompson, and on the Friday an Executive meeting was held to arrange a programme of meetings.

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Address for this month: Isca Mt., St. Clair, Dunedin.

ORGANISING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts have been received for the Organising Fund since the last report:—

Waihi Union (per Miss Powell), 10s; Hawera Union, £2; Woodville Union, £1; New Brighton Union, £1 5s; Greytown Union, 9s 6d. Total, £5 4s 6d.

The expenditure for the same period has been £10 15s 6d.

NELLIE RENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer, Organising Fund. Auckland, 2nd December, 1916.

Ashburton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 87; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurzon, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss Wise, Short St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil. Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pampallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pampallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Ogilvie, Victoria St., Rielmond.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.: Pres. Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, 1st Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.: Pres., Mrs W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Ryecroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

"Any bottles? Any rags?"

"Queer combination you deal in, my friend."

"No, not so queer. People as has bottles generally has rags."