

## IN THE FIELD.

Petone has in Mrs Hope a live Cradle Roll Superintendent, carrying on with vigour the work so ably commenced by Miss Peach. A meeting under this head was held on May 9th, which the Superintendent and I had worked up for some days previously. Several new babies were enrolled, and six Cradle Roll mothers joined the Union. Further visiting culminated in an American Tea on the 16th, but as we, unfortunately, fell foul of a patriotic meeting, the attendance was small. However, a pleasant, amusing, and profitable afternoon was spent. I gave addresses at both meetings. Some new members were secured, also a few subscribers for the paper, and several 6 o'clock petition sheets filled. Petone is well supplied with vice-presidents, having on its roll the wives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, and Methodist ministers.

While staying in Lower Hutt I met Mrs Houlder in town several times, and on Monday, 21st, journeyed to Waipawa, being hospitably entertained by Mrs J. Bibby. The following day the usual monthly meeting was held, the 6 o'clock petitions being heartily taken up and arrangements made for organising later on. Immediately after the meeting I took train for Napier, being met by Mrs Venables and duly installed in Mrs Walker's kindly home.

A special meeting was held on 31st in Willard Hall, the attendance being very good, in spite of heavy rain. Several new members were initiated, and some who had lapsed re-joined.

Next day a number of us went out to Onepoto Gully, where the Union had for many months been trying to get a footing. We had been out earlier in the week, and spent an afternoon in visiting from house to house, working up the meeting. The attendance (outside of the faithful contingent of Napier White Ribboners) consisted of two women and two small children. But sometimes mighty movements grow from small beginnings, and though the attendance was discouraging, results were good, as arrangements were made for starting a Band of Hope, one of the two local ladies present undertaking to work up dialogues, etc., and the Napier Wesley Hall Band of Hope to give the first programme. The friends here have taken up the 6

o'clock closing petition energetically, and White Ribboners are taking their full share of the systematic canvass. The Cradle Roll is well looked after, and they are carrying on a weekly prayer meeting in connection with the Strength of Nation Movement. The attendance at the one I conducted was very good, and by holding it in different homes a larger connection is covered. Altogether, the Napier District Union is in a healthy condition. Hastings has, unfortunately, just lost by removal its capable Secretary. I visited several of the friends, but have not held any meetings, as I worked this Union 18 months ago.

M. S. POWELL,  
Dominion Organiser.

P.S.—Some lady recently paid me 8d for a copy of the "Story of Life," and I duly forwarded the order. Unfortunately, in consequence of the absence from home of the Superintendent, the address has been lost. Furthermore, the paper-covered issue is sold out, and only the cloth-covered one, at 1s 3d, is on sale. I shall be pleased to return the money if I can find the owner.—M.S.P.

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