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IN THE FIELD.

On Tuesday, June 5, I gave a talk on "Girls and Their Lovers," Deaconess Brand presiding. There was a fine audience, and in response to a show of hands a Purity meeting was arranged for the following Monday, but this was abandoned on account of the floods.

A few days were spent in Waipukurau, where I was the guest of Mrs R. Harding, and on 26th I attended the meeting of the Woodville Union, spending the night with Mrs Perkins. Mrs Cowie had just visited them, and secured a number of members, several of whom we initiated.

Dannevirke was reached on 15th, hospitality being kindly extended by Mrs Heenan and my old friend, Mrs Griffin, of the Parsonage. On the Sunday I had an opportunity of setting forth our work in the Methodist Church, this effort being followed up by a home meeting at the Parsonage during the week.

On 27th Mrs Chote, of Tipapakuku, threw open her house, and we had a very fine home meeting, and the following day the campaign was concluded with a meeting in Knox Hall, Dannevirke. Altogether seventeen new members were secured and six "White Ribbon" subscribers.

I went up to the June meeting of the Norsewood branch, which was held at Mrs Christiansen's, and did a little visiting, and on 29th arrived at Ormondville, where a branch was organised, under the leadership of our late Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Webb, who transferred from Norsewood. Thirteen new members were secured, the Branch being unique in having as Vice-Presidents three ministers' widows—two Anglicans and one Presbyterian. I spent the night with the last-named—Mrs Smale—and on the Monday went on to Norsewood. Here there were three dear ladies ready to entertain me—Mrs Speight, Mrs Gatman, and Miss Oleson. Home meet-

ings were held at the homes of Mrs Anderson and Mrs Speight, and well attended, and another was arranged for Miss Oleson's for July 4th. Rev. Gatman came for me in a perfect gale of wind and rain, and on the way to Garfield we were treated to a hail-storm. Before we had gone a dozen yards my storm-cap and motor veil took flight, and I rolled my rug over my head, and twice it was torn off by the wind. However, I was glad I braved the elements, for two ladies had done the same, and we had a chat over the work.

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EXPLAINING THE QUOTATION.

"Man wants but little here below."

He wants his meals cooked just right, and composed of the particular things he likes to eat. He wants his clothes kept in perfect order, and the buttons sewed on. He wants to get up when he gets ready, and then he wants to swear because he misses his car to the office. He wants to be cross when he comes home, and not have it mentioned. He wants to leave his coat, hat, and shoes just where he happens to take them off when he comes in. He wants his slippers right in a certain place, where he can find them without effort. He wants to put the ashes from his cigar in the most convenient place while he smokes. He wants to yawn and go to bed when his wife wants him to go out with her and make a call. **He wants everything just as he wants it,** and he wants no talk about it.

A stockbroker remarked, "I tell you, the world looks different to a man when he has a bottle of champagne in him," and received the courteous but illuminating reply, "Yes, and he looks different to the world."

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

Mrs Lee-Cowie wishes me to ask Unions and friends to please note that all donations to the funds of the Strength of the Nation Movement should be sent to the Union Treasurer, Mrs Bendely, Aratonga Avenue, One Tree Hill, Auckland.

C. HENDERSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

EDITH CAVELL.

(Shot October 12, 1915.)

She faced the firing squad alone,
And with unbandaged eyes
Looked upward to the moon that shone,
The moon of English skies.

The prison faded from her view,
The trampling armed men,
And in the lanes her childhood knew
She roamed a child again.

A tiny flag upon her breast
Showed where her heart did lie;
I am glad, she smilingly confessed,
For England's sake to die.

A volley! and her spirit fled
From earth without a groan.
O foeman, wept ye o'er the dead,
Or had ye hearts of stone?

Know none of you her gentle hand
Had smoothed your comrades' cot?
Shrank none of you from their command
To fire the fatal shot?

Her blood proclaims with crimson stain
The doom of tyranny;
They die for freedom not in vain
Who die as brave as she.

—E.S.B.

THE RUSSIAN BUDGET.

Despite war expenses amounting to 12,000,000,000 roubles, and thanks to the abolition of the alcohol monopoly, the financial strength of the country is growing. The savings of the nation since the beginning of the war have increased by 2,000,000,000 roubles.—The Russian Minister of Finance.