IN THE FIELD.

The return visit to Waipukurau took place on July 5th, and the following Monday I addressed the monthly On the Tuesday, Mrs meeting. Nicholson threw open her home for a meeting, and the following day we were entertained at the vicarage by Mrs Stace. Both meetings were a decided success, new members and "White Ribbon" subscribers being gained. My hostesses were Mrs Haswell and Mrs French.

The following day the new branch at Ormondville was revisited, and a good deal of additional organising complet-One new member and four "White Ribbon" subscribers were se-Mrs Groom, senr., kindly provided hospitality.

Patea had been for some months asking for a visit, so on 13th I journeved thither. This Union has suffered much from removals from the town, most of the remaining members being the result of a meeting held at Kakaramea during my last visit to the district. A canvass resulted in one town member attending the meeting. though three drove in from Kakara-The following day I went out there, and had an attendance of thirteen, enrolling two new members. As it was impossible for them to go on as they had been doing, calling meetings which nobody attended, practically, we discussed the possibility of locating the work at Kakaramea, but this was not considered feasible. Ultimately it was decided that the members pay their World's and Dominion capitation fees, keep their Cradle Roll going (they have close on thirty babies), as many as possible take the paper, and when any special business arises the Secretary (Miss Gilshnan, of Kakaramea) will call them together. promised to try and get honorary members and to push the paper. Patea I was the guest of Mrs Hem-Mr Hemingway edits the ingway. local paper, and was a ship-mate of mine on the voyage out from Home.

Te Kuiti was reached on Friday, 20th, Mrs Wilton meeting me and driving me out to her home, where I was so kindly entertained last year, when I organised the local branch. A good deal of visiting was got through in preparation for a special meeting on the following Friday, but we were greeted by a perfect deluge of rain, and only two members and a visitor

Many of the members live some distance out. The Union is getting on its feet nicely, just arranging for L.T.L. and Cradle Roll

On July 31st I travelled to Auckland, preparatory to a campaign among the harbour and branches.

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> Oh, baby feet, that ran to us in play,

Oh, baby hands, that clung to us in fear;

Bloodstained and rugged is your path to-day,

And if you call to us, we cannot hear.

Gur hands would reach to you beyond the night,

Our hearts would follow, yet 'tis all

in vain. We cannot shield you through the bitter fight, Love cannot hush your new-found

sob of pain.

Oh, baby lips, that call from out

the past, Dear God, and was that joy then only lent?

Oh, lives we loved, the darkness holds you fast,

Our arms are empty, and our dreams at pent.

-M garet Petersen. From "The Sphere, Feb. 6, 1015.

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