

Mrs Peryman, Editor of "White Ribbon," Mrs Napier, and probably Mrs Kyneton Parkes (England), would shortly be holding meetings in Wanganui East. After an animated discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"The Wanganui East Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union urges that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible and punishable. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only the law encourages a double standard of morality." White Ribbon Day was celebrated, and the Rev. W. G. Williams gave a most interesting address on work amongst the Maoris. A collection was taken up, amounting to 13s 6d.

TAURANGA.

May 29. Mrs Chappell presided, attendance fair. Mrs Webster gave a very fine address on Temperance. Afternoon tea handed round. Mrs Petchell, "W.R." Agent, resigned. Mrs Christensen elected.

June 26. Mrs Christian presided, ten members present. Letters were read by Mrs Turner. Resolved to hold special meeting to discuss ways and means to raise funds for the mine-sweepers. Mrs Ridley, Cradle Roll Superintendent, resigned; Mrs Christensen elected.

NELSON.

Monthly meeting, June 11th, Mrs Watson presiding. Resolutions of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Mrs Crump and Mr C. Y. Fell. Appeal read from Mrs Nimmo on behalf of New Zealand Sailors' Tea Fund and for the mine-sweepers at Home. Mrs Knapp appointed organiser for this work. Five names given in as subscribers to the "White Ribbon," this meeting being the celebration of White Ribbon Day. Letter from Mrs Walker, Maori Superintendent, read from the "White Ribbon," and collection (16s 6d) taken for the Maori Fund. Mrs Field read some interesting extracts from "Jus Suffragii," giving some details of the gaining of the franchise for British women on February 6th. A letter was read from Lady Stout in reference to the Kelburn raid, and the following resolution passed:—"This meeting of the Nelson W.C.T.U. desires to protest strongly against the inequality of the treatment of men and women in the carrying out of the law dealing with cases of social immorality, as evidenced by the recent Kelburn raid case." Forwarded to the Minister for Justice and the Acting-Prime Minister.

June 28. A social afternoon was given to meet Mrs Napier, Dominion Y Organiser, who gave a most interesting and inspiring address. Mrs Napier also addressed two meetings of the "Y" Branch and one of the L.T.L.

THE ABSENT-MINDED SCHOOL-BOY.

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling.)

When you've skimmed the comic papers, when you've finished "Black and White,"

When you've read the B.O.P. from end to end,

Will you kindly give a hearing while the poet doth recite

The short and simple history of a friend?

He's an absent-minded schoolboy, and his weaknesses are great,

But we are bound to take him as we find him.

When his sums he's not quite sure about, he'll rub them off his slate, And his Latin exercise he'll leave behind him!

Duke's son, cook's son, son of the millionaire,

Son of the aristocracy, it's all the same I say,

All of them do their best to make the master tear his hair,

Put their hands in their pockets deep, and play! play! play!

When he fails to say his lessons, he will look you in the face,

And will tell you, though you may it not prefer,

That his book has lost that page, sir, or he could not find the place,

Or he did not know the class had got to there.

He's an absent-minded fellow, and he'll soon forget it all,

For he does not like an old boy to remind him,

When he's got among the seniors, and is growing very tall,

He was once a little kid he'd left behind him.

Duke's son, cook's son, son of a hundred kings,

Son of the aristocracy, 'twill be all the same some day;

They all will do their best to forget that ever they did such things,

That once they had never a thought except for play! play! play!

—I.T.

Avondale. 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Stevens; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Nesbitt and Mrs Martin; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs Proctor; Treas., Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan; Organist Mrs Douthwaite.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in Y.W.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Misses E. Foster, I. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs Perrett, Market Rd. Epsom; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill; Treasurer, Miss M. L. Anderson, Lake Rd. Devonport; W.R. Supt., Miss I. Sussex.

Ashburton. 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. T. Lili; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. Holland; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevarza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Avondale Y's. 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. in Ante room, Town Hall. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens; Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Morey Treas. Miss A. Douthwaite; W.R. Supt. Miss K. Thomas; Y. Supt; Mrs Pirrett, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District. 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge. first Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Sec. Mrs Clark, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Miss Clark, Hall Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and third Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs Patterson, 346 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke. 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

Dunedin District. 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St; Treas., Mrs Young, Bishops Court, Roslyn.

Devonport. Second Thursday, Wesleyan School, room, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Barr, Victoria Rd., Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Budd, Elliot, Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy. last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec. Mrs L. Gray, 638, Devon Street East New Plymouth; Treas. Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Feliding. 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feliding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr. H. Felid; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., rs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley, hallway Box, Mrs Shearer.

Gisborne District. last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District. last Tuesday at 8 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas. Mrs Sweetman White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Greytown. Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whincop, Gasworks; Secretary, also W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.; Treas., Mrs Boucher, Humphreys St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Quin and A. Haigh.

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, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss J. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.