

## IN THE FIELD.

I travelled to Taihape on June 14th, and spent some days in visiting, finding the harvest ready for reaping. The following Wednesday I was conveyed by motor lorry to the residence of Mrs Collins, Taoroa, where a number of ladies gathered and a Branch was formed. Officers: Mrs D. G. Gordon, Mrs Collins, and Mrs Dixon. One of the girls was delighted with the idea of "chasing around after the babies," and took up the Cradle Roll work, two or three other departments being also arranged for. Hearing of this meeting, the ladies at Pukeokawa put in a claim. As usual, the White Ribbon husbands came nobly to the rescue, Mr Platt motoring me up there, Mr E. Gilbert taking me back to Taoroa, and Mr Gordon returning me to Taihape the following day.

Pukeokawa is close on 3000 feet above sea-level, and the day was bitterly cold and showery, and the men were all too short-handed to leave their work, and the mothers couldn't tramp those long distances in the wet with the babies, so just six came to the invitation of Mrs Platt. Decided to form a Branch, and Mrs A. K. Overton, Mrs E. Gilbert, and Mrs Platt were duly elected. Each took membership cards to start off on a recruiting campaign.

Next day the Taihape meeting was held. More rain. However, we organised, raising our membership to 27, and electing as officers Mrs McDonald, Mrs Haydon, and Mrs Bennet. Arrangements were made for an evening meeting on July 1st "of all interested in forming a Juvenile Temperance Society," and two or three minor offices were filled. These three branches are auxiliaries of Palmerston North.

The following day (Saturday) I started at 10.20 for Feilding, arriving at 7.40 p.m. Woodville was visited once more on the 25th.

For some weeks I have been working in the Palmerston North district. Early in June I gave a talk to the girls in Marton, a nice number gathering, and arrangements being made for a visit from Mrs Napier.

At the June meeting in Feilding a Cradle Roll Superintendent was appointed in place of the one who had left the town. A deputation was set up to try and arrange for Bible-teaching in the schools on the Nelson system. Great energy has been display-

ed in the matter, and there is every prospect of this becoming an accomplished fact within a few days.

Having paid several visits to Marton, working up the Union, I had the satisfaction on July 11th of seeing Mrs Parton elected Secretary, and Mrs Winchcombe Treasurer. For many months Mrs Knigge has sustained the burden of all three offices, but as she now has two reliable, good colleagues, things should go on well.

Feilding, too, had suffered through the removal of its President; in fact, of a succession of Presidents, but just before leaving I obtained the consent of a very suitable member to consent to nomination.

Mrs Napier and Mrs Peryman were both travelling through, and various meetings were arranged, but the stormy weather and the perpetual rain, rain, rain, forbade any measure of success.

On July 18th I went South for a rest and change, and while staying at Kaiapoi ran up to Rangiora and interviewed the members of the late Union, but found it impossible to revive it, though I succeeded in enrolling a life-member for the Dominion Union in the person of my late host, Mr Eli Scott, whom I was proud to decorate with our badge.

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One day little Flora was taken to have an aching tooth removed. That night, while she was saying her prayers, her mother was surprised to hear her say: "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our dentist."—"Everybody's."

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