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to pass through their school lives free from all that we understand by the term religious bigotry, and grow up with an appreciation of the essential unity of life. There is at present a stirring of the religious waters in the direction of church union. How much greater would be the probability of union if the present generation of church members had all had before them from childhood such concrete evidence of the benefits of union as the Nelson System provides! How much better that the foundation of this union should be laid in the nation's schools than that from their very childhood those who should live together in peace and friendship should be separated into antagonistic and warring camps. The nation's schools are truly national, as witness the splendid unity of their product in the face of the enemy. Why should this unity be dissolved when there is available this means of preserving it and cementing it with this course of Scripture lessons, in which all share, and from which all derive a common benefit?

IN THE FIELD.

Since my last report I have been chiefly occupied with petition work. I am now working in the Palmerston North district. Having assisted Mrs Crabb in the District Union, I am visiting in Bunnythorpe with a view to organising, but the prospects are not rosy. It is many years since our Union there collapsed, and most women taking an interest have moved away.

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ART UNIONS.

, SECOND ADDRESS BY MISS OUTRAM.

Last Sunday I spoke to you about Art Unions, which I told you were a very dangerous form of gambling. To-day I want to speak to you about the right way of giving. When our Lord was upon earth, He said to certain people that inasmuch as they had done anything for one of the least, they had done it for Him. Now, we cannot call our soldiers the least. Whenever we see a soldier, we should remember they are all willing and ready to do what our Lord did, and lay down their lives for their friends. I suppose if Jesus was living on earth just as He did hundreds of years ago, hungry, poor, no home, and with very few friends, and we were to come to Him, and were to say to Him, "Here, Lord, is a sum of money, there are hundreds and hundreds of pounds, and we raised it all by a great big Art Union—if we were honest, we should call it gambling, but we are not very honest, so we call it an Art Union). Take it, Lord, to feed yourself with, to clothe yourself, and when you are sick and wounded, and lying on a bed of pain, use it to relieve your sufferings." Do you think He would take it? I don't think He would. I think He would say much the same as He is saying in the picture we are looking at, "The Temptation in the Wilderness: "Take it as far away from Me as ever you can; I will have nothing whatever to do with it." If, on the other hand, we were to come to Jesus and say, "Here is a sum of money, not as large as the one you refused, but it is all given by those who wish to show their love for you; some have had extra good seasons on their farms, or in their orchards, and they can give you ever so much; others work on the railway, in shops, factories, or other places, and they are giving all they can. Then there are the children; they wish to help too, and they are giving some of their

money, and it is all honestly earned. Take it, Lord, and use it to feed yourself with, to clothe yourself with, and when you are sick and wounded, and lying on a bed of pain, use it to relieve your sufferings." Jesus would accept that money with a smile that we should never forget, and we should hear His "Well done, you have been faithful; faithful in that you have not caused other people to sin, and you have given to Me that which has cost you something." I said just now that last sum of money would not be as large as the one Jesus refused, and I don't think it would matter. When Jesus was living on earth, a boy one day asked his mother to give him his lunch, he wanted to go out all day to heal the great preacher. When evening came, and the disciples wanted to send the multitude away, Jesus said, "No, we will feed them here," and that boy was asked to give his lunch. Did he do it? We all know he did. He did not say, "I will give it if I have the chance of getting ten times as much to-morrow." No, he gave willingly, and Jesus took that lunch and blessed it, and prayed, and made it enough to feed that great multitude. I think if we give what money we honestly can to help our sick and wounded soldiers, and give it willingly, remembering we are giving to God, we can trust to Him to do the rest.

TARANAKI PROVINCIAL CONVENTION (Continued).

New Plymouth Report.—Membership, 103; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 35. Deputation to member re women police. Cradle Roll, 350. Literature had been distributed, and Notable Days observed. Fitzroy Union has assisted New Plymouth. £82 raised for Red Cross.

(The Secretary regrets that inadvertently the above report was omitted from the report of Convention.)