

NAPIER.

OUR 41st BIRTHDAY.

June 16th.—A most enjoyable afternoon was held in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge, the occasion being the 41st Anniversary of our Union, combined with "White Ribbon" Day; over 80 members and friends being present. Mrs Speight, President, presiding.

Mrs Leask, Vice-President, gave a short resume of the early days of the Union, while not a foundation member of the Napier Union, she was one of the earliest to join in Dunedin. Mrs Paterson was the first Napier President; Mrs Bendely, now of Auckland, did yeoman work in those early days. The late Mrs Oldham, we remember with deep gratitude for her work as Editor and Manager of the White Ribbon, which was for four years printed in Napier. During her term of office, the Willard Hall was built and opened, and is free of debt.

As far back as 1885, Mrs Troy started a Woman's "Home." It supplied a great need in those days, was self-supporting, and many a needy girl and homeless woman found a home and opportunity to make a new start under Mrs Troy's wise guidance.

In 1893, the New Zealand Convention was held here, Mrs King presiding. Dean Hovell presided at the Public Reception.

Napier Union suffered a great loss, all their earliest records being burnt; we were unable to trace all the foundation members. Many have passed to the Home above; they rest from their labors, but their work lives on.

Among those present were Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ward Lascelles and Miss Williams, old pioneers in the Work.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ward Lascelles were decorated with the "White Star," as foundation members.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams were received from all parts of New Zealand.

To Mrs. Drake and party we extend our warmest thanks for musical items.

Miss Spencer gave a most interesting talk on "Woman's Power," in the World.

An invitation was given to join the Union and also an appeal for subscribers to "White Ribbon."

Sweets and afternoon tea was provided by members of our Union.

Singing of our Doxology and

pronouncing of the Benediction brought to a close a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

REVIEW.

"Agnes E. Slack—A Woman's Work in Four Continents," by Aelfreda Tillyard. Publisher, W. Heffer, Cambridge, England. Price 3/6 or 7/6, postage not included.

Miss Agnes Slack, who is a sister of the late Sir John Bamford-Slack, M.P., has worked as Poor Law Guardian, is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Women's Liberal Federation, the World League Against Alcoholism, the National Women's Free Church Council, and has given her help to many Women's Movements, but Temperance is her life work. She is Presi-

dent of the National British Women's Temperance Association, and one of the two Hon. Secs. of the World's W.C.T.U. She has travelled 200,000 miles to give her message. She has had many adventures, of which accounts are given in this book. She has been lost on the Canadian prairie, garlanded with flowers in India, slung from a basket across raging waves on the South African coast, she has spoken to 10,000 people at Chatauqua, U.S.A., crawled on hands and knees to enter Kaffir and Lapp huts. This book gives a vivid account of an intensely interesting and earnest life. Lady Cecilia Roberts has written the preface.

SWISS WHITE RIBBONERS.

The W.C.T.U. in Switzerland is in two sections—the German-speaking and the French-speaking. The German-speaking branch is doing very fine educational work, also a wonderful practical work in the fight against alcohol. Thirty years ago the first temperance refreshment house in Europe was founded at Zurich by Mrs Orelli, who is now nearly 80 years old. Now there are 13 big houses, as well as a large number of private temperance houses. They provide wholesome food and temperance drinks at moderate prices, served in clean and comfortable premises; also

football matches and sporting events are supplied with temperance drinks. The staffs are well salaried, and no "tips" are allowed. There are 500 girls and women working in these houses. At first it was supported by voluntary contributions, but now they are self-supporting. The annual turnover is over four million francs. The number of daily visitors is more than ten thousand. All profits are reserved for carrying on the work and for new foundations.

Temperance canteens in factories have been created by another Swiss White Ribboner. There are now 43 of these.



Temperance Canteen for Soldiers and Airmen at Dubendorf, Switzerland, conducted by Mrs Zueblin-Spiller, a Swiss White Ribboner, and Her Associates.