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## OUR WILLARD HOME.

It is often asked, "What is the W.C.T.U. doing?" That means in actual practical work. The W.C.T.U. has about 8,000 members pledged abstainers. Its branches hold monthly meetings, whose educative value are enormous. It has many children in its L.T.L's. and Bands of Mercy, who are being trained in our principles—the 3 P's., Prohibition, Purity and Peace. It publishes an official organ, "The White Ribbon," which has a circulation of well over 4,500. This keeps Unions in touch with every branch of its Dominion work. Also, contains articles dealing with the world-wide war against alcohol and Mars, and telling of the advance every land is making in its fight for the advancement of women, and the safe-guarding of the home.

Its practical work in this Dominion is steadily growing. It has nearly

£1,000 put away in the bank for the purchase of Headquarters. It runs a W.C.T.U. Hostel in Auckland, and it has a Seamen's Rest in Timaru and Greymouth, and New Plymouth is now raising funds for a Seamen's Rest.

Willard Home caters for the children who have none to care for them, and is a work which peculiarly appeals to mother-hearted women.

assistance for the Willard Home for children at Palmerston North, and our Editor thought that some facts about the Home would be interesting to the readers of the White Ribbon. During the Great War, the Palmerston North branch of the W.C.T.U. organized a Hostel for soldiers' wives and children. At the end of its usefulness, they had several hundreds of pounds worth of furniture on their hands, and decided to use it in organizing a Home for children who needed a home for any cause. They started in a small way to gain experience. The Home accommodated 19 children and two of a staff, a most satisfactory staff. The Home has always been approved of by the Government inspectors. The children vary from 2 or 3 years old, to 10 or twelve. At present, there are 14 boys and 5 girls; sometimes the girls predominate. Thanks to the generosity of the W.C.T.U. branches



MRS. E. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

Mrs Crabb, President of the Home Committee, and Mrs Birdsall, are indefatigable in their labours.

The following letter from Mrs Crabb will be of great interest to all our readers.

Dear Sisters,

Every branch of the W.C.T.U. will have received a copy of the appeal for



MRS. CRABB, President.



MRS. (Dr.) BARNETT.