

## NEW UNIONS ORGANISED.

Paparoa:—

Mrs Hames, President; Mrs Kings, Vice-President; Mrs Burtles, Secretary; Mrs Abbott, Treasurer; Miss Stella Hames, White Ribbon Agent. Dargaville:—

Mrs Harry Page, President; Mrs Hodges, Vice-President; Miss Andrews, Secretary; Mrs Spragg, Treasurer; Mrs Martindale, White Ribbon Agent; Mrs Simpkin, Cradle Roll Superintendent.

Te Kopuru:—

Mrs Webb, President; Mrs Staffworthy, Vice-President; Mrs Kelly, Vice-President; Mrs Bickers, Secretary; Mrs Morgan, Treasurer; Mrs Wordsworth, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Miss Taylor, White Ribbon Agent.

## SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

August 20th, 1926.

Dear Sisters,

You will have noticed in last Convention Report that the Maori dept. of our Union work is now to have a Day of its own, (October 16th) instead of, as formerly, being held on W.R. Day in June. In response to a request from me, the Rev. A. J. Seamer, General Superintendant of the Methodist Home and Maori Missions, has kindly prepared a paper entitled "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow Citizens" for the use of our Union. I am getting copies of this printed, and will be glad to forward one to any Union applying for it, for their use on Maori Day. Please apply in good time and address Mrs N. F. Walker, Gortgowan, Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

I am etc.,

N. F. Walker,  
N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.,  
W.C.T.U.

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

S. CANTERBURY.

Aug. 9th. Mrs Boag presided and opened the meeting with prayer. 10 Delegates and Officers present. A very exhaustive report of the Alliance Convention was received and Mrs Boag touched on some of chief points. Circular letters re-

ceived from Mrs Judson. Several Members spoke on the splendid article on the League of Nations appearing in the School Journal Director of Education to be thanked. All Branches had been working on behalf of Bible in Schools League. Mrs Boag reported on her visit to Geraldine and Temuka. Reported a "Y" Branch was being formed at Pleasant Point and there were hopes of Methven Branch being revived. Sec reported cards had been sent out on behalf of Membership Campaign. Instead of a paper each member spoke on some special phase of the work in her own Branch and many helpful hints received.

Decided to send a wire to Prime Minister, urging the immediate introduction of Licensing Bill.

## CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

(The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed in this column.)

### WOMEN DOCTORS WANTED.

Can any of our members devise or suggest a plan to assist families in country districts when illness arises, and when the expense of bringing the Doctor is anywhere from ten to sixteen pounds for a half-hour visit, or the alternative of taking the patient forty miles away to be nursed or treated? In the case of expecting mothers, much is added to their anxiety by being compelled to leave a number of young children to the care of friends or neighbours to enter a Private Hospital or Maternity Home, at a cost of about five pounds per week, Doctor extra. The same cost thirty shillings per week twenty years ago, and the writer thinks with special gratitude of a Home called Cornwall House, where motherly care was meted out by one of the best women she ever knew; true, it is there were less capped and approved probationers, and we had gruel instead of morning tea, and the mothers' health and happiness came first. Are there any woman Doctors who would accept a district with over seven-hundred people for an income well under the sum of a thousand pounds per annum, with a home provided? If anywhere on earth, the Back Block districts deserve better nursing facilities, yet, as a rule, they are without any, and pay hospital rates for which they receive little return. Town woman do not realise

what their country sisters endure, being separated by miles of bad roads and small incomes from medical aid in the time of their greatest need to secure it for them nearer home would surely be noble work for the W.C.T.U.

The above letter contains matter for earnest thought. It is written by one of our real live White Ribboners, and she wishes to have suggestions from our readers as to what help can be given.—Ed., W.R.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received since the date of last report:—

### NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Timaru, £2; White Ribbon Day collections; Blenheim, 11s. 9d.; Maitara, 10s. 6d.; Greymouth, 7s. Miramar and Spreydon, 5s. each; Motueka, 3s. 6d.

### ORGANIZING FUND.

Martinborough and Timaru, £5 each; Spreydon, £3 15s.; Riverton, £3; Mrs Findlay (Miranda) £1; Per Miss Burls, £17 1s. 6d.; T. E. Taylor Day collections; Maitara, 10s.; Ponsonby, 5s.

### MAORI FUND.

Martinborough, £2; Timaru, £1 10s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.  
10th September, 1926.

**APITI**, meets first Thursday, in the Library, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Gill; Vice-Pres., Mrs Haynes and Mrs Murray; Treas., Mrs S. Gould; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm.

**ARAMOHO**, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbrae Place.

**AUCKLAND**, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Senticel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.

**AUCKLAND Y's**, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

**BALCLUTHA**, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Oatons, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. R. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.