

drinking scenes in a picture we see and the way in which these are used to focus interest on characters or plot, and to report these to our unions?

An article on "Liquid Bread," reprinted from America—is not that worth cutting out and putting in an envelope and sending to someone whom you know is not a **total abstainer**, perhaps one of those moderate, social drinkers?

And the "Beacon," our young people's paper. Detach this and send it to a Bible Class boy or girl, or a Varsity student you know. I think Varsity students—flung as they are into the unnatural atmosphere of a small world of people all approximately the same age, need a steadying influence. The articles we are getting in the "Beacon," written by young people for young people, are making this paper more valuable than ever.

Again, an article in the back pages of this issue on Child Welfare gives food for thought in our work for humanity. Read it over again and then pass it on to a young mother or a school teacher.

Home Makers' Column and Crossword Puzzle, something to try ourselves and something to pass on; the recipes to a neighbour or friend and the puzzle to a young relative, or a patient in hospital, or one of the house-bound invalids we know.

Do you not like to read what our other branches are doing?

And look at the Literature advertisement and decide whether you, as a member of the union, can spend a few pence on a new leaflet to distribute at your guild or missionary union, or on a Scientific Temperance Instruction booklet to give to a teacher you know.

By this time there will not be much left of your "White Ribbon," and you will probably send to me for another copy; but think, will you, of how far your one copy can go—and see that it goes!

POLL WORK

Thames Union reports that donation of £1 by ex-member shall be spent weekly on advertisements in local paper and that more literature for distribution shall be obtained. The town has been divided into blocks for this purpose.

Hawera has purchased literature for distribution.

Napier is arranging for the distribution of literature at the Annual Show.

Feilding reports that Temperance literature has been delivered from house to house.

Brooklyn Union is distributing leaflets.

Riccarton reports that the Rev. Mr. Carlyle had distributed 200 pamphlets for them amongst the State houses, and that other ministers were being asked to assist similarly.

Christchurch has distributed 1515 leaflets to date.

Maori Girls' Hostel

ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY MRS. J. W. LONG (Slightly abbreviated.)

During the year monthly committee meetings have been held at the Hostel, Mrs. Mountjoy presiding and acting as Treasurer for the Donations Account. We regret the withdrawal from the Committee of Miss Harlow, on account of overwork. We owe her a real debt of gratitude for valuable help given at all times.

The work is constant, not easy, and calls for persistent effort built on faith that never wavers, but trusts in the power of God. It goes on from morning to night, day after day. We have had some lovely girls pass through, who are now out in positions where their training will be of great value to them. Many letters are received from them, telling of their love for the home, and its influence on their lives.

The young Maori, coming from the quiet country life to the big, busy city, with all its temptations, may soon be engulfed in wickedness, vice and liquor, unless they are led into the shelter and quietness of Hostel life.

The young people in our hostels are enjoying one of the greatest privileges ever offered them. They learn that one cannot live for self, but must serve others to make a success of the whole. We believe we are undertaking something the Maori people cannot do, and know the results will be seen in the future.

It is almost three years since the Hostel was opened, and during that time over 200 girls have been under our care, some only a short time, others much longer. Our Samoan students are still with us; exercising a splendid influence in the home, as they with others, take part in our Devotions.

A personal contact has been made with ten of the girls' mothers during the year. Some have stayed overnight, and others for a week. All have expressed surprise and gratitude for what has been done. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting many more mothers in the days ahead. The invitation extended by the Matron to Unions to visit the Hostel and hold a meeting, as is usually done, or spend a social hour, has proved a great success. Interest has been deepened and many useful gifts have come to the Hostel as a result. Mr. Long has been kept busy mending and repairing, and has built a good fowl-house for the fowls we raise ourselves, and which are now providing us with a good supply of fresh eggs and some for the time when they will be scarce. The garden has been levelled and planted, new paths made, and the work goes on steadily.

Several functions have taken place during the year which have given the Matron, Master, Molly and the girls much pleasure. A Christmas Party was given and the Committee agreed that each girl should receive a small gift. This was a real surprise, and Mrs. Kasper, as Dominion Vice-Presi-

dent, was asked to distribute the gifts. The girls arranged their own programme of action songs, and had their own chairman. The Matron and Master provided the supper and ice-cream.

A Kitchen Evening was given one of our oldest girls who was leaving to be married, this also being a great success.

The great event of the year was the coming-of-age of Molly, our assistant and cook, a splendid girl, whose Christian influence and example speak with no uncertain sound. To show our appreciation of her stand among the girls, we decided to give her a birthday party. To keep it a secret was another matter. However, we managed, and Molly received a tremendous surprise as she arrived by taxi at the Presbyterian Church to find 78 friends waiting to receive her. Mr. King took charge, and it was a really splendid evening. Sister Jessie from the Hepburn Street Hostel with a party, and Mr. King with a party of his Maori boys came along. Several of our members came. The beautifully iced cake was Molly's great thrill. She did not want it cut, but wanted to keep it and just look at it. Many beautiful presents were brought for Molly, and the evening closed with Devotions conducted by Mr. King.

Miss C. McLay also gave the girls a pleasant evening in the form of a Lantern Lecture evening, and a Temperance talk, this being much enjoyed.

During the year we have suffered the great loss of Miss L. Read, one of our first helpers. Her memory will always remain in our Hostel. A gift of mats came from her just before her death.

We now have, through a gift sent by Mrs. Lee Cowie of California, and the Misses Pyle, a very nice bedstead and bed, with a silver plate inscribed: "A loving tribute to the memory of Lydia Read from Mrs. Lee Cowie and the Misses Pyle." We are greatly indebted to these ladies for this loving expression of appreciation.

Another very valued friend has been called to Higher Service. I refer to Mr. W. D. Glaister, whose kindly interest and lovely messages endeared him to us all. Through the loving thought of Mrs. Glaister, we have today a new bathroom added to the Hostel for the use of the Matron and Master. We are most grateful. The room is now ready for use.

Two new sets of concrete tubs have been put in the washhouse. These were very much needed.

Still another addition has been made in the shape of a new refrigerator, made necessary by the long week-ends and the large stocks to be laid in. We are most thankful for this.

The Hostel pays its own expenses and has also paid for £50 worth of household goods, including bedsteads, mattresses, and many other items. We have ended the year with a good balance after paying rent, insurances,

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