

# Among the Departments

## WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Would all District Superintendents please send their reports to the Dominion superintendent, at her new address:

MRS. GARDINER,  
22 Alma Street, Nelson.

## DEPARTMENT OF MAORI WORK

115 Bassett Road,  
Remuera,  
Auckland S.E.2.

Dear Sisters,—

The importance of the work among our Maori people has been clearly demonstrated through the Maori Hostel movement. It has the approval and assistance of the Government, and it is the privilege of our Union to extend and strengthen the good work. For many years, in quiet ways of prayer, personal contact, organising and planning, the W.C.T.U. has been laying foundations for the Social, Moral, and spiritual improvement of our Maori people. By education of children and youth, we have endeavoured to protect them from the devastating impact of alcohol which has so seriously threatened, and in many cases spoilt their social and moral life; thus leading to the quenching of their spiritual gifts. In our work for Abolition of the Liquor Traffic, we are seeking to protect the race from this, their deadly foe, which has wrought and is working such awful havoc among them in the Past, in the homes and in our great cities.

The daily press reports of Maori youths charged with crimes and committed to Borstals and Prisons should be renewed challenge to us to fight, to pray, to wrestle on until this power of darkness is removed for ever.

Will all secretaries please report to me as soon as possible all work done by Unions in this department.

Greetings and best wishes,

CATHERINE McLAY.

Dominion Superintendent, Maori Department.

## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. Paterson, Pukatea Street, Eastbourne, will be glad to receive reports of any work done in these departments, by December 30th.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

Dear Sisters,—

We are nearing a Dominion Convention, and as the Unions go into recess in November, there is not much time to make an appeal for reports in the "White Ribbon." I am anxious to present a report showing fully the work done in the above Department at the Convention.

Will you please report to me by the end of December? The following questions, if answered, will give the work of the Department.

1. Have you formed a Study Group, or had talks on the Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U., the Duties of Officers, or the New Zealand Constitution?
2. Have you formed, or introduced any new methods this year?
3. How many of your members have attended a Study Group or School of Methods?
4. What subjects did you study?
5. What work have you done with regard to the "Five-fold Plan"?
6. What other work have you done under this Department?

With warm greetings to all White Ribboners,

AMY KASPER,  
Dominion Superintendent.  
169 Tamaki Drive,  
Kohi, Auckland.

## SOCIAL AND MORAL HYGIENE

Dear Friends,—

In August, I wrote you about the other half of my Department, Health and Nutrition. This month I want to say a few words on the above.

"Social and Moral Hygiene" is simply purity of thought and deed. Purity of thought, A child's mind. Look at it. It is very unwise to talk of the funny sayings of a child in front of them. Their minds are automatically, unconsciously receptive. Without looking up from their play they may repeat after you what you have just said, almost as part of their game.

They learn more quickly through the eye than the ear. Taking them to pictures that **you** want to see is unfair. Choose only suitable ones if you take them at all. Better be the censor yourself than risk anything that is helping to mould wrongly the character of your child.

Choose good books for them and for yourself. There is so much trash in our libraries to-day that it is difficult to discriminate between the good and the bad. When you find a good book that has been cheering and uplifting to you, tell others. That's how I feel. When I read a good book, I want to talk about it. You will find great pleasure in discussing books and music, too. Why do we have this jazz and swing music? The world seems to have gone crazy. Let us at our little gatherings, have the better type of music. Why, they even "swing" hymn tunes nowadays. I am not old-fashioned, but a musical evening with good songs and the music of old masters is much preferred by me to "swing" music.

Gambling! What a waste of money. You seldom benefit. It's usually the promoter who reaps the profit. Even a bottle of oysters, worth 3/-, was raffled in Auckland recently, for 3d. a ticket by some man—against the law, of course. That's not the only point. I would hate being "had." I don't mind giving money away where a donation is needed, but I will not assist in this gambling. Gambling is like a canker—it grows.

Once more I would say, "Get speakers to address your meetings on the subject."

R. M. MOUNTJOY,  
Superintendent.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 10th October to 10th November, 1946.

Ponsonby, 2; Birkenhead, 1; Henderson, 1; Hamilton, 1; Woodville, 1; Hastings, 1; Riccarton, 3; Opawa, 1. Total, 11.

Total number from 1st February to 10th November—161. A. D. GRIGG.

## "WHITE RIBBON"

Donations to "The White Ribbon" Fund, from the following unions, are acknowledged with many thanks:—Waianiwa, 5/-; Maungakarama, 15/9; Temuka, 10/-; Ponsonby, 10/-; Takapuna, 10/-. Total, £2/10/9. Total subscriptions to date, £34/6/3.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Rosser. Auckland Union.

Mrs. Rosser was a loved and faithful member of the Auckland Union for many years, and kept up her membership to the last, although she has lived "up north" for some years. She was a devoted and energetic worker and took a deep interest in the work of the Union, ever ready to do her part and to go the "second mile." She was our pianist. She was also an earnest worker in the Pitt Street Methodist Church, taking an active interest in all its activities.

Her memory is very fragrant to all those who knew her. God has taken her to the joy of His presence. Our loving sympathy is extended to the members of her family in their sorrow.

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Miss E. Mathieson. Auckland Union.

In the passing of Miss E. Mathieson of Auckland, on October 12th, 1946, we lost a very loyal and valued worker, and the Dominion "Y" work, Auckland District particularly, will greatly miss her untiring service.

Although handicapped by a great physical disability, (having been stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of seven,) she was ever ready to give a helping hand. Never did she allow her lameness to hinder her from doing her duty.

The members of Newton East Mission will ever remember her friendship and co-operation throughout the years.

She was also interested in Band of Hope work, and rarely missed a meeting. Sometimes it was not an easy task for her to attend in all sorts of weather.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Wilson, who spoke of the quiet unassuming way in which she went about the King's business.

A memorial service was held in the Newton East Mission, when several friends testified to her help in the various spheres of Christian service.

Surely it shall be said of her: "She hath done what she could."