

pressed keen interest and a real desire to learn more, that I am very sure Granbrook will prove one of our strongholds as soon as we can find an opportunity for another visit and more detailed instruction as regards our work.

FERNIE gave me the warmest welcome I had in the whole tour, and four crowded meetings were the immediate result. But since then Fernie has had bad luck, owing to the absence of one able woman, the illness of the woman who promised to act as secretary or convener of the Branch, but who has been relieved of that office, and the extraordinary backwardness of several most capable and "bright" women, who assert they don't know how to work up a Branch or what to do to form one! However, with a list of nearly thirty names all ready, I hope that Miss Gordon may find time to take this in hand, for she is exactly the right person to do it, only she is one of the busiest in the town. Anyhow, a place with such an exceptional number of clever and enthusiastic girls, backed by so many local "lights," ought not to remain outside our chain of Branches.

CRESTON is an example of the pluck women are ready to show when a vital question is at stake, and Mrs. George Young is to be congratulated on so unselfishly coming forward to fill a somewhat difficult position as President in a very scattered and consequently "slow" district. Creston people have possibly difficulties in the way of getting to meetings, and they are mostly more or less newcomers, and, therefore, have hardly yet become a co-ordinate society. While the meetings were well attended, and the Resolution carried unanimously, the individual response has been hesitating and doubtful, as compared with other localities, and consequently it is all the more to the credit of the energetic secretary

Mrs. Crompton, that the Branch is so large as it is. It will probably develop more rapidly when the winter is over, with the development of the neighborhood and the influx of settlers who have learned elsewhere the need for this Movement. Meanwhile, regular meetings for study and co-operation are having a very definite and sure effect on the public mind there, and will probably be rewarded by a sudden access of new and vigorous membership.

NELSON is surely a most unlucky city. "Wars and rumors of wars" seem to be its unenviable lot, with the result that almost every citizen is too distraught with the effects of the last upheaval or the prospect of the next to find time to consider our great question, the solution of which would go far towards solving many of the very problems now engrossing its anxious attention. No Branch here, and no chance of one at present. The one or two women not involved in one or other of the crises of the moment are unable for other reasons to take any active part. I did have a most splendid meeting at Nelson, one of the most successful, and if the Branch had been a matter for men to organize, it would have been one of our triumphant centres today; but the women of Nelson cannot be got hold of to any practical purpose. Those whose help would be most ready and most valuable had just pledged it to the special reform of the city; others were quite lethargic as regards the wrongs of their sisters; others were forbidden by their husbands to venture forth into our extremely peaceful and unopposed crusade; so finally I had to leave Nelson and the women who were really ready to work, but had not the opportunity nor the qualifications for organizing (or thought they had not)—a gap in the chain. But this link will, I hope, be forged before long, and meanwhile, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Logie, Miss Pettit,