

## Tribute to Mr W. Mills, Who is in Hospital

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The many friends of Mr W. Mills Snr., will have learned with sincere regret of his serious illness. Bill (as he is familiarly known) is at present a patient in Timaru Hospital.

An earnest and capable organiser and worker in many humanitarian and philanthropic movements, Mr Mills has always been willing to take an ample share both in organising and in the manual work, and despite indifferent health for a number of years, he has never been tired of well-doing.

He has been closely associated with the Toc H movement from its establishment in New Zealand in 1924 faithfully working for that organisation through good years and troubled years, continuing hopefully when the membership stood at two—himself and Mr Arthur Bishop of this town. Mr Mills was chairman for a number of years.

### COMMUNITY SINGS

Some eight years ago, Mr Mills, in association with other members of Toc H, was mainly instrumental in promoting community sings in Waimate, with the object of raising funds for various worthy causes.

As chairman of the special Toc H committee, formed to run these functions, he gave outstanding service, sparing no effort to assure that the entertainment offered to the large public attending, was the best available, and making his own musical ability available in the Toc H band, which, though modest in numbers, was still a valued feature of the sings.

In the Anzac dawn services, again, Mr Mills took a leading part, this year's service being the first he has missed for 25 years.

### LEPER FUND

As local representative of the Leper Fund, Mr Mills has received and handed on large amounts of money each year, and he has taken an active part in practically every public appeal launched in Waimate through the years.

It will be the earnest hope of all that Bill will make a speedy recovery from his illness.