

BACK TO THE FOLD

By Mrs. Lee-Cowie

'Twas a sheep not a lamb that strayed
away
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep had gone astray
From the ninety-nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
sought,
And back to the flock, safe into the
fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
brought.

And why for the sheep should we
earnestly long,
And-as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger. If they go
wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong, it will not
take long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep, we earnestly
plead
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible
cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

The above poem has been received
from Mrs. Lee-Cowie with several in-
teresting programmes of Church ser-
vices of the Lake Avenue Congrega-
tional Church, Los Angeles, California.

It is good to know that our dear old
friend is still energetic in the service
of her Master, as is shown by various
notices in the programme announcing
her as the speaker or preacher for dif-
ferent occasions.

We wish her continued health and
joy in the work she is carrying on.



CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Fencourt

A very enjoyable Cradle Roll Party
was held in the Fencourt Sunday
School Hall on February 9th. Mrs.
Clark, President, presided; and Miss
P. Rickard took the Devotional period.
Solos were rendered by Mrs. Roberts,
Miss E. Turner, Miss A. Archer, and
the Misses G. and O. Clark; Miss J.
Archer rendering a pianoforte solo.
Mrs. Clark extended a cordial welcome
to all present; and also expressed her
sorrow that the speaker for the after-
noon, Mrs. Gatman, was unable to be
present owing to illness. Mrs. A.
Wiseman, C.R. Superintendent, and
Miss G. Clark presented each child
under eight years of age with a gift
from the tree. Mrs. Kemsley, Presi-
dent of the Cambridge Union, initiated
two new members for our Union. The
singing of a hymn, serving of tea, and
the Benediction brought a pleasant
afternoon to a close.

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland, February 4: The first meeting for the new year. Mrs. J. W. Long, district president, in the chair. Good attendance. Mrs. Long was appointed to represent the district at the forthcoming Dominion Convention. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Miss L. M. Read, who was at one time district president. A letter from the world president, Miss Ella Boole, was read, telling of the postponement of the World Convention till 1947. The report on the work being done at our Maori Hostel, given by Mrs. Long, showed that at present 24 girls are in residence there. Tentative plans were made for poll work for the election which will take place towards the end of the year.

UNION REPORTS

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, January 30: First meeting of the year. President, Mrs. Haywood took devotions. Treasurer reported on district executive meeting held at Eltham in December. Plans and arrangements in preparation for the district convention to be held at Hawera in February. President closed meeting with prayer and Benediction.

New Plymouth, January 30: Monthly meeting. Small attendance. Devotions. Temperance fact. Sympathy with sick, and in the passing of Miss Ashworth, an aged, but interested member. District convention, February 14. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Accounts passed. Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, February meeting: Good attendance to start the year, nineteen being present. Devotions led by Mrs. Wadsworth on the keynote of combining faith with work. Only small "bring and buy" as superintendent absent. Thanks received for donations towards the Maori Hostel and the Royal Commission expenses. Full discussion of remits for Convention to enable delegate, Mrs. Prince, to vote according to the opinions of the majority of the branch. Welcome to Miss Ogg after long illness and to Mrs. Phizacklea. Routine business.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, February 5th: Mrs. Coles in the chair, spoke of CORSO, mentioning a meeting convened by the mayor who hoped all would help; decided to leave arrangements to the committee. Miss Jamieson gave a talk on the National Council of Women. Delegate appointed to Dominion Convention was Mrs. Coles. Announcement made of competition arranged by Dominion executive for temperance leaflets.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Lower Hutt, January 23: Mrs. Heyes presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions, taking the message for the New Year of "Consecration." A syllabus was drawn up for the year and plans of work were discussed. Items of interest were read from the "Vanguard" and "The Challenge." A "bring and buy" held monthly helps considerably with funds which will be needed during election year. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, February 5: First meeting for 1946. Quarter-hour session of prayer and intercession prior to meeting. Special prayers for U.N.O. conference in London. An old member, Mrs. Goslin, welcomed back. Minute's silence observed for Mrs. Digby Jenkins. Letters to be sent to two sick members in hospital. Miss E. M. Tarrant appointed as delegate to Dominion Convention. Band of Hope meetings to be postponed to the spring. Mrs. Forbes, president, gave an inspiring talk. Interesting articles, "Whither Love?" and "Bitter Bread of Old Age," were read by Mrs. Girling and Mrs. Rodgers respectively. Devotions were taken by Mrs. A. J. Milgrew, who read verses 1 to 11 of psalm 70. Meeting closed by Mrs. Bailey with prayer and Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton, February 7: Mrs. Flower presided and conducted the devotions. A donation of 10/- was made to assist the Band of Hope picnic. Members stood in silence as an expression of sympathy to those bereaved. Letters and floral tributes were sent. Arrangements made for hospitality to Convention delegates. Visit made to mental hospital with Christmas cheer. Satisfactory balance sheet presented by treasurer.

Sydenham, February 7: Our president, Mrs. J. Filer, presided over an attendance of ten members. The usual routine business was transacted. Arrangements were made for our branch to be represented at the forthcoming Dominion Convention and the syllabus for the year 1946 was drawn up.



General Dwight D. Eisenhower, on whom has been conferred the Freedom of the City of London, constantly warned his troops against excessive drinking. Last summer, when he christened the flying fortress "General Ike," in England, he did it by smashing a bottle of Mississippi River water against the baffles of her guns.

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