

# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**Nelson, Feb. 21:** Quarterly meeting held at the home of Mrs. Walker, 12 being present. Mrs. Toomer gave a helpful talk on "In the Beginning, God." Mrs. Andrews' resignation accepted with regret, after a period of efficient work lasting seven years. Mrs. Andrews was thanked and presented with a posy. Mrs. Sherrat elected in her place. Mrs. Toomer elected delegate to convention, and remits for convention were discussed. A letter was received from the Patriotic Association inviting representatives to their general meeting. Also one from W.W.S.A. inviting support for CORSO. It was decided to ask Nelson, Richmond and Motueka unions to furnish a quarterly report to each executive meeting. A very successful "bring and buy" and copper trail helped towards convention expenses. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

**Auckland:** Monthly meeting held Monday, March 4, the district vice-president, Mrs. Mountjoy, presiding, and devotions being led by Miss C. M. McLay. Mrs. Mountjoy extended a warm welcome to Miss Jennie Craig, a former officer of the executive, who has recently returned to Auckland after an absence of twelve years in Australia. Plans were made for the arranging of Mothers' Day annual gathering in May. Mesdames Long and Mountjoy were appointed the delegates to the N.C.U. for the coming year. As this was poll year, Miss McLay made the suggestion that the Auckland executive hold a monthly day of prayer till the election. Mrs. Mountjoy and Sister Jennie reported on the work being done at the Maori Hostel. Twenty-five girls are in residence at present, including two Samoan girls. Mrs. Long invited branches to hold one meeting yearly at the hostel. A report of the recent officers' meeting held in Dunedin was received from Mrs. Mitchell.

**Wellington, Feb. 28:** Miss Kirk presided and Mrs. Brewer welcomed the delegates, giving a very warm welcome to Miss Appleby who was present. Apologies were received from Mesdames Spencer, Johnston and Israel. Mrs. Sanden was appointed letter-writer. Greetings to be sent to Mrs. Hiett, and letters to Mesdames Peryman, Loddell and Spencer. Letters of sympathy were to be sent to North Canterbury Union, and to Mr. Barrell; also to Mrs. Thompson Macky, of Lower Hutt. Reports of N.C.O. meetings to be limited to one speaker at future meetings. Miss Kirk and Mrs. Reed represented the district at Lady Dobbie's meeting in the town hall, and presented her with a bouquet. Mrs. Reed acting as one of the ushers. The need for more organisers was discussed and members were asked to look round for someone suitable. The sum of £16/17/- has been donated for a projector, and enquiries were to be made as to when this would be available. Letter of congratulation to be sent to Miss V. Osborn on her engagement to Mr. W. Cullum; two of our first "Y's" to go to a convention. Nice dinner provided by the Brooklyn Union. At the afternoon session, the treasurer's statement was taken after a short devotional period. Central Union kindly donated £2 to delegates' expenses for convention. Letter read from Dr. Jennie Craig, from Australia, who has taken our "W.R." for years. Mrs. Brewer moved the following remit for convention (Dominion): "That convention appoint someone who would be able to answer letters and articles in the papers dealing with various subjects." Carried. Discussion on "Bible in Schools" then took place. Benediction.

**Marlborough, Feb. 21:** The quarterly meeting of the district executive was held in Wesley class room; good attendance of members and Mrs. V. Underhill presided. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs. C. S. Leov and family, and Mrs. Alexander and family, in the death of husband and father; also with Mr. Barrell and family, of Christchurch, in the death of Mrs. Barrell. Appreciation expressed of services rendered by the late Mr. Alexander to the Band of Hope and the temperance cause in general. The report of the Dominion executive meeting was read and discussed, also the remits to be dealt with at convention were generally approved. The president, Mrs. Underhill, was appointed the delegate. The noon-tide was observed, Mrs. Robinson taking the prayer. Matters of interest were discussed and a very helpful meeting concluded with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

## UNION REPORTS

### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Maungakarama, Feb. 19:** Fair attendance. Mrs. Weir in the chair. Letter received from Mrs. Roberts, president Northland District Union, urging each individual to do her utmost in the fight during the coming year. Discussed question of sending representative to National Council of Women meetings at Whangarei. Mrs. Weir read an article on Frances Willard. Members pleased to know temperance films may be used by Education Board. Editor's remarks re reports, etc., noted.

**Pukehuia, Jan. 31:** Special meeting report.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Onehunga, Feb. 14:** Activities for another year's work satisfactorily started. Fairly good attendance. Syllabus and arrangement of programmes, with reports and much local business; votes of sympathy to relatives of members recently bereaved; also discussion of several items of news from "White Ribbon," the president and Mrs. Ashby reading the Temperance Quiz from the February "Beacon." Six of the members were called on to say "Why I joined the W.C.T.U.," all the testimonies being interesting and inspiring, in each case proving the value of home training and especially the life-long influence of a good mother.

**Remuera, Feb. 25:** Mrs. Kasper presiding. Devotions taken by Mrs. G. Robinson. Pledge recited and temperance fact given. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on Frances Willard, thus observing her "day." Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Read. Reports given on the successful cradle roll and L.T.L. party. Benediction.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Taumarunui, Feb. 21:** Small attendance. Membership reduced through removals. Discussion of plans for the coming year.

**Tauranga, Feb. 19:** Special meeting held at the home of the president. Good attendance. Mrs. Foxcroft elected delegate for convention. Remits discussed and delegate instructed in some cases. Band of Hope plans well discussed. Representative committee to be formed. Dominion corresponding secretary's report of officers' meeting read, and competition stressed. Benediction.

**Tauranga, March 5:** Opening meeting in the form of a garden party held at the home of Mrs. Bulmer. Fine weather brought along sixteen members and a number of visitors. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the United Mission being held in the town. Greeting sent to Dominion Convention. Two money donations received and "bring and buy" successfully operated. Afternoon tea, games and competitions were enjoyed.

**Hamilton, Thursday, March 7:** Mrs. Gatman presided, reading Psalms 41 and 42, taking therefrom her message, "Hope thou in God." Enquiries to be made regarding the film, "It's the Brain that Counts," and arrangements for showing it in schools to youth groups in Hamilton to be made. Mrs. Stephenson Craig appointed superintendent anti-gambling department. Mrs. Lewis to be invited to report Dominion Convention at next meeting. Mrs. Clark appointed evangelistic superintendent. Prayer and benediction closed inspiring meeting.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera, February meeting:** Mrs. Haywood presided and Mrs. L. Thayer took devotions. Mrs. Tozer, secretary, gave a full and good report of the Taranaki annual district convention held in Hawera. Letter received from the N.Z. Alliance. Stall for alliance did good business. Mrs. Barron elected as Dominion convention delegate. As Mrs. Haywood was leaving Hawera for a time, she tendered her resignation as president. Prayer and Benediction.

### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Napier:** First meeting for the year. Mrs. Lewis, president, in the chair. Good attendance. Business: £1's worth of "Vanguards" to be distributed locally. Mrs. Lewis to attend convention. Next meeting, gift parcels of food or soap for England. Convention report also.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Wellington Central, Feb. 20:** Good attendance. Happy to revert to our original day, third Wednesday. Sick members visited were Mrs. Peryman and Miss Strong. Secretary to be convention delegate. Letter from Mrs. Rowntree, giving her views on visiting Invercargill. Arrangements made for district executive meeting. Excellent cradle roll report by the superintendent. All supers. thanks for their work of the past year. Convention remits considered.

**Lower Hutt, Feb. 27:** Mrs. Spencer presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions. Address by a S.A. officer who spoke on what temperance work is to them. He paid a tribute to Mrs. Hiett and the W.C.T.U. as a whole. He had recently been in Invercargill and said it was appalling to see the number of young people drinking who would never have gone into an hotel. "Bring and buy" as usual. Benediction.

**Brooklyn, Feb. 26:** First meeting for the year presided over by Mrs. Brewer. Pledge reaffirmed. Devotions taken by Mrs. Sawden. Tributes paid to the late Mrs. Barrell, former Dominion vice-president, and her great work for the temperance cause; all standing in silence. Correspondence from Dr. Jeannie Craig, conveying greetings from the W.C.T.U. State Executive of New South Wales; Miss Wright, general secretary, Ramabai Mukti Mission; and Presbyterian Church Board. Greetings from Mrs. Tennant, Temperance fact. Mrs. Dudley appointed delegate to Dominion convention. Remits discussed and mainly adopted. Hospital visitation arranged. Plans for entertaining district executive made. Interesting address given by Mrs. Brewer on "Faith and Work," urging her hearers to wait upon the Lord for strength to go forward and carry on the work. Meeting closed with Sigil prayer and Benediction.

### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson, Feb. 12:** Fair attendance, Mrs. Toomer presiding. Temperance facts read by Mrs. Kidson and Mrs. Walker. Extracts read from "White Ribbon" dealing with Chatham Islands report, competition for leaflets, slogans and stickers, and Dr. Beeby's letter re temperance film. Convention delegates appointed were Mesdames Doel and J. Hay. The president reported that she and Miss Every (anti-gambling superintendent) had made a successful protest against children selling raffle tickets. One new member initiated. President's message for the New Year was, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." She reminded members that the coming year would call for courage and vision. Pledge repeated. Benediction.

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Tua Marina** reports that meetings are held regularly, but that death and removal are making things rather difficult just now. Interesting matters are talked over, clippings and readings being read.

**Blenheim, March 3:** Mrs. W. T. Girling presided in the absence of president, Mrs. N. Forbes, at convention. Devotions led by Mrs. J. J. Bailey. One minute's silence observed in memory of Mrs. A. J. Miller, and Mrs. A. M. R. Mills. Inspiring article read by Mrs. Girling, "The Victory of God," touching specially on the miracles of Dunkirk and Malta. Mrs. P. Stephens also read an article on "Life and Work at Kalimpong Leper Hospital, Bengal," also describing a Sunday service there. The adjutant, Mrs. Kears, of the local Salvation Army, welcomed. Benediction.

**Springlands, Feb. 19:** Mrs. Underhill presided, good attendance. Sympathy expressed with three members who had suffered loss of loved ones, and with others who had been ill. President expressed pleasure at meeting together once more. Decided to send delegates to convention and Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. Russell were nominated, these two ladies to arrange. Attention drawn to the request for suggestions for posters and leaflets. A syllabus was drawn up for the year's activities which should provide for interesting and helpful meetings.

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Papanui, Feb. 20:** Mrs. Tillman presided. Devotions by Mrs. E. Elliott. Vote of sympathy with relatives of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Mental hospital visiting by Mrs. Hawker and Mrs. Thornton. Arrangements made for twenty-fifth birthday and for annual convention. Short readings, grave and gay, given by members.

**Reefton, Feb. 12:** Mrs. Thompson presided. Decided to get suitable temperance posters for each Sunday school in the district; also leaflets for distribution.