

Brooklyn, April 30th: Mrs. Brewer presided. Sixteen present. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Mesdames Brewer and Jordan elected to attend as delegates a United Meeting re help for CORSO. Report of district executive meeting by the President. Advised that the projector is now ready for hiring. Remits passed at Convention were discussed. An advisory and explanatory letter sent by Mrs. Toomer was listened to with interest. Sales table presided over by Mrs. Pearson. Sigil prayer and benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 16th April: The Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne, presided over a good attendance. Vote of sympathy with Secretary, Mrs. L. Green, in the death of her sister. Roll call responded to with helpful verses. Decided to hold a Sales Table at the May meeting. Mrs. Roussell, delegate, gave interesting account of Dominion Convention. Resolutions read and discussed.

Blenheim, May 7th: President, Mrs. N. Forbes, in the chair. Good attendance of members. Devotions taken by Mrs. A. T. Milgrew and Mrs. Adjutant Kears. Interesting passages read by Mrs. Milgrew from the book, "Ambassadors for Christ." One new member initiated, and one transferred from the Tua Marina Union. Letter of appreciation and thanks to be sent to the manager of the picture theatre for having shown no pictures on Good Friday. Mrs. Adjutant Kears gave a graphic account of her many and varied experiences in the King Country. Vote of thanks to her proposed by Mrs. Bailey and carried by acclamation. Benediction pronounced by speaker.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, April 11th: Meeting opened by partaking of Holy Communion, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Blight; twenty-six ladies being present. Apologies received. Temperance fact given and Pledge re-affirmed. Five Handbooks ordered and members given their lists of members to collect "W.R." subscriptions from. Invitation accepted to attend Methodist Ladies' Guild social afternoon. Letter of thanks received from Girls' High School for copies of "White Ribbon" sent. This will be continued monthly. Letter of sympathy to bereaved family acknowledged with thanks. Pyramid cards distributed, to be filled in to the value of one guinea, to raise funds. Our President's (Mrs. Griffiths) name sent forward for nomination as acting Vice-President for the District Executive till September. One new member gained; and an inspiring spiritual address given by Miss McKenzie on "The Responsibility of Woman Today." Votes of thanks to speakers and hostesses, and meeting closed with prayer.

Papanui, April 17th: Mrs. Tillman presided, devotions being led by Mrs. Elliott. Mental Hospital report, Mrs. Hawker. Books sent to New Plymouth Sailors' Rest. Arrangements made for Silver Jubilee to be held on May 29th. Talk on the Maori race by Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg; their travels to New Zealand, and the serious results of the introduction of strong drink by the white man were touched upon. "Bring and Buy" sale. Donation to Maori Hostel.

Reefton, April 9th: Mrs. Thompson presided. Convention report read and received. A letter of thanks to the delegate who represented Reefton. Owing to small attendance, the paper on U.S.A. repeal to be read at next meeting. Special thanks to Mrs. Sara, Cradle Roll Superintendent, and Mrs. Leaning for success of the C.R. party. Meeting closed with prayer.

New Brighton, May meeting: Mrs. R. Flower presided and conducted devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Several invitations were received from other Unions to their birthday socials. Arrangements made to hold an open birthday social in June. Mrs. E. Mackie was our Peace Day speaker, and was warmly thanked for the informative talk, which was on the subject of "Future World Peace."

Christchurch, April 10th: Miss C. Henderson presided. A good amount of tinned foods received to be forwarded to Great Britain. Report of Dominion Convention received from Mrs. Toomer, Hon. Cor. Secretary. President read interesting extracts regarding Temperance work in other countries.

April 24th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Votes of sympathy passed in the passing of Mrs. M. J. Miller, our loved Devotional Superintendent and valued and esteemed member. Flowers and greetings to Mrs. Patchett on

the recent celebration of her ninetieth birthday. Peace Day and sixty-first birthday arrangements made. The President read extracts from the "Vanguard."

Riccarton, May 9th: Twenty present. Opened with devotions led by Mrs. Harris. Motion of sympathy passed. The President welcomed Mrs. Hiatt, past Dominion President, and Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Peace Superintendent. Mental Hospital report good. Invitations received and accepted from Woolston branch to attend their ninth birthday party; and from Papanui branch to attend their Silver Jubilee; and also from Spreydon for their twenty-first birthday party. Letters of sympathy to be sent out; also one of thanks to Mrs. Toomer, Nelson, for her pamphlet letter re Convention. Treasurer's statement taken. Collection; and special collection for floral tribute and copper trail. Mrs. Mackie read a very instructive and interesting paper on "Some Economic Causes of War," and a pamphlet on "The Atomic Bomb." Vote of thanks to the speaker passed. Mrs. Hiatt spoke briefly on "Alliance Activities," and closed the meeting with prayer.

Sydenham, 2nd May, in the Colombo Street Baptist Schoolroom. Mrs. J. Filer presided over an attendance of eleven. The Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Davies, after which Miss Gainsford led us in prayer. The usual routine business was transacted. Invitations to attend their birthday celebrations were received from the following branches: Woolston, Christchurch, Papanui and Spreydon. Taking as the theme of her address on "Peace" the text, "Little Children, love one another," Miss Gainsford placed before us in no uncertain manner the only remedy for the unrest and chaos which is apparent in practically the whole of the civilised world at the present time.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, April 30th: Mrs. Densem presided over a fair attendance. Mrs. Prattley led devotions, giving a strong message entitled "Don't Quit," based on Luke 5, v. 5. Two new members initiated. Mrs. Parker gave a comprehensive report of the two final days of Convention. It was decided to purchase Pledge cards and stickers. Mrs. Woodward reported having arranged an entertainment for the men of "The Black Prince" (H.M.S.) on the Sunday evening. Strong disapproval was expressed by all that the men had been able to procure liquor on the Sunday evening. Mrs. Densem read Temperance fact. Accounts passed for payment, and meeting closed with the Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT

N.E. Valley, April 30th: Social afternoon, with enjoyable musical items and playette. Address by Major Hiddlestone greatly appreciated. Free-will offering for campaign fund amounted to £11.

Lawrence, May 2nd: Small attendance. President in the chair. Very little business. Report of Dominion Convention given by District Secretary, Mrs. Rippin, and very much appreciated.

Kaikorai, April 30th: Mrs. Flett presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Orr, the subject of her talk being, "Cast thy bread upon the waters." Mrs. Flett reported that a branch of the Band of Hope is opening in May, and asked for the co-operation of the W.C.T.U. members. Mrs. Duder, in an interesting talk, outlined the origin of the Evangelistic Campaign which is to open in the district in May. Benediction.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill Central, May 8th: Mrs. E. M. Brown in the chair. Prayer led by Mrs. Wesley. Temperance fact by Mrs. Ruthven, after which several discussions took place. It was suggested that, considering the scarcity of food in other countries, beer should be rationed, along with other commodities, thus utilising the ingredients in the manufacture of more valuable food to assist in the relieving of starvation in countries overseas.

Winton, April 16th: Mrs. Thomson presided. Pledge repeated. Devotions led by Mrs. J. B. Wilson; reading being from Cor. 1, chap. 13, and the excellent blessing of Love was spoken of. Preparations for a twenty-first birthday party to be held in June were made. The following readings on the life of the late Mrs. Agnes Slack-Saunders were taken: Mrs. Dixon, her marriage; Mrs. Edgerion, her death; Mrs. McWilliams, her writings; Mrs. Haigh, "The Fighters of Finland."

ANOTHER'S BURDEN

"My burden is too heavy, Lord,"
I tremblingly said;
"I can no farther carry it!"
And tears I shed.

Then came a sudden cry of help
From one sore pressed;
I ran to seek him, gladly gave
Him of my best!

Then thought I of my heavy burden
But, lo, 'twas gone!
The gloom and doubt had vanished quite
And love's light shone.

When we another's burden lift
Or try to bear,
Love's gentle hand removeth swift
Our load of care.

—"The Spirit"

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