

who spoke on the importance of correct reporting, both in speech and in writing. Harm often done through the circulating of false reports due not to dishonesty but to incorrect observation of facts in listening and reading.

Felding, June 5th: Mrs. Spence in chair. Mrs. Kendall took Psalm 23rd for devotions. Report on District Executive meeting given. Also a report on Miss Appleby's meeting for the young people was given. In observance of "White Ribbon" day, Mrs. Tremaine gave a talk on the working of the "W.R.," which showed that the cost of publishing it had risen, so it was decided to have a "Bring and Buy" stall in August for funds for the paper. Plans for work in connection with the Poll this year were talked over. Meeting closed with prayer.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Masterton, May 2nd: Miss Jackson presided. Reported good meetings held during the week with the organiser, Miss Appleby, who showed Temperance films to Band of Hope Schools and Brigades. One new member initiated. Decided that gifts suitable for the shop day on July 31st be brought to the June meeting. Members asked for gifts and ditty bags for the Seamen's Rest at New Plymouth.

Wellington Central, May 19th: Good attendance. Arrangements made for hospital visiting. Peace messages and prayers for same. Birthday posies presented. Mrs. Davidson's sales table good results. Arrangements for next Executive to be the responsibility of the branch. A great privilege to have with us Mrs. Spencer, Superintendent of Belmont L.T.L., who brought a group of L.T.L. members, who entertained us with Temperance choruses and solos. Mrs. Spencer, in urging the importance of the work, urged anyone who could get a group of children together to train them in Temperance education. Doxology.

Lower Hutt, May 22nd: Mrs. Spencer presided and Mrs. Swift led devotions. The thought for the month was: "If God be for us, though all else be against us, we shall prosper." Our L.T.L., which meets at Mrs. Spencer's home each week, gave us a varied programme of songs, recitations and marches.

Brooklyn, May 28th: Mrs. Gittings presided, fourteen present. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Hospital visitation reported. Pledge cards distributed to members. Preamble in Constitution read by Mrs. Cracknell. Temperance fact given by Mrs. Didley. A letter, also a typewritten article by Mrs. Mackie, Dominion Peace Superintendent, entitled "The World is my Country; all Mankind my Brethren," brought forth a friendly discussion which aroused the interest of a few members. The letter was pronounced to be a very fine one and of the highest order. Sigil prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, May 14th: Mrs. Toomer presided and Mrs. Goring led devotions, giving an inspiring talk on the "abiding peace," which Christ promised His followers. Mrs. Hay reported on the Rev. Mr. Greenslade's address on "Trust Control" given at Dominion Convention. Plans for alteration of Hall were on display. Decided to concentrate on Poll work for this year; alterations to Hall to follow as soon as possible. Members were asked to distribute literature. Press and screen to be used for advertising. A very successful "Bring and Buy" was held for Campaign funds. Meeting closed with Benediction.

Blenheim, June 4th: President, Mrs. Forbes, in the chair. Devotions, led by Mrs. Adjutant Kears, were on the subject of Peace. Hymn, "Peace, perfect Peace," and reading from John 14. Letter to be sent to a sick member, Mrs. J. McFadden, in hospital. Wonderful paper from Mrs. E. M. Mackie read; also an article from the Australian "Mothers' Union" paper entitled "Am I my brother's keeper?" showing from the social viewpoint the apathy and indifference of many Christians to the evils of gambling, drinking, and impurity around us. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 21st May: Held in Methodist Sunday School. Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a good attendance and welcomed three visitors. Devotions, Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne. Good response to Roll Call. Report of District Executive meeting given and arrangements for "White Ribbon" Day made. Letter of sympathy to Treasurer, Mrs. J. Eyles, in hospital. Mrs. M. Hegglin, lately of Canada, was the speaker, and was presented with a shoulder spray. She gave a most entertaining account

of life in Canada, describing the beauties, climate, etc.; also in reply to several questions she told of education, State Control, homes, shopping, and rationing. Mrs. Hegglin was accorded warm thanks for her very interesting talk. Meeting closed with pronouncing of Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton, April 16th: Seven members and one visitor present. Prayer meeting and hospital reports were given. Mrs. Noonan reported two Band of Hope meetings, 23 and 15 being present respectively; and two pledges signed. Decided to buy a spray for Anzac Day, and two members volunteered to walk in the procession at New Brighton. Mrs. Ancel was nominated for the District Vice-presidency. One new member initiated and an old member rejoined. The following remit to be sent to the District Convention: "The members of North Brighton W.C.T.U. urge the Executive to send a letter of congratulation to the Rev. Thorpe commending his attitude re the food problem. This Union is of the opinion that the first step in the saving of food for Britain should be in the abolition of brewing; malt and sugar being two very necessary foodstuffs."

Woolston, March and April. Mrs. Tomlinson took devotions, Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Ramsay welcomed all present and spoke feelingly of the passing of Mrs. Barrell. Members stood in silence to her memory. A gift afternoon for seamen was held. An interesting report of Dominion Convention was given by Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Webb, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, was the youngest member of Convention. Two new members were welcomed.

Papanui, May 15th: Mrs. Tillman presided. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance fact, Mrs. Malcolm. Roll call, a text of Scripture. Invitations received to birthdays of Riccarton, Spreydon and New Brighton Unions. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Thornton. Paper on "Peace," Mrs. Malcolm. Arrangements finalised for Silver Jubilee on May 29th. "Bring and Buy" for expenses.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Mrs. Webb read an interesting paper. Arrangements made to honour Mrs. J. T. Norton at the May meeting.

Woolston, May 9th: Birthday Social held in the McDonald Hall presided over by Mrs. Harvey. Mrs. Tomlinson took devotions. The Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large number from city and suburban Unions. A full programme of musical items was enjoyed by all present. A "Bring and Buy" stall brought in a nice sum. A lovely supper was handed round and we concluded with the National Anthem. Thanks to all performers and helpers.

Spreydon, Feb. 12th: Two first and two second prizes awarded to pupils of the Spreydon School for Temperance essays.

March 12th: Mrs. Woodcock elected Secretary. Twenty years' service badge presented to Mrs. Dennis.

April 9th: Convention Report. Donation to Spreydon School funds. One new member.

May 14th: Dominion Secretary's letter on post-convention planning read and appreciated. Minutes of 1925 inaugural meeting also read and voted interesting. Another new member welcomed.

New Brighton: June meeting took the form of a 35th birthday party. Mrs. R. Flower presided and Mrs. Goodland took the devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. N. C. Fraser, our Treasurer for twenty years, whose death has meant a great loss to our Union. Five of our members due to receive their twenty years' service badges were presented with sprays as the badges were late in arriving. A good gathering of ladies enjoyed a musical programme. A competition closed a happy afternoon.

Papanui: Our Silver Jubilee was held in the Papanui Methodist Schoolroom on a beautiful sunny day. The President, Mrs. Tillman, welcomed a large gathering of visitors from other Unions. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, District President, presented twenty years' service badges to Mesdames Carr, Hayton and Tillman, and each received a pretty floral spray. The jubilee cake was made by Mrs. Tillman and iced by Mrs. Hilton. There was a programme of musical and elocutionary items.

Reefton, May 14th: Mrs. Thompson presided. Owing to ill-health Mrs. Absalom, "White Ribbon" agent, has resigned. Secretary to send for samples of posters and leaflets from list received from Mrs. Ross. Meeting closed with prayer.

Sydenham, 6th June: Owing to the absence on holiday of our President, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. K. Archer, there being an attendance of eleven. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies, and our Pledge was re-affirmed. Invitations were received from Spreydon and Riccarton branches to attend their Birthday Socials. "White Ribbon" Day was the theme of the meeting. Several members gave readings on various subjects, and an informal discussion took place, mainly on the serious aspect of food wastage by the brewing industry and the ever-increasing amount spent on liquor by the people of the Dominion each year. Mrs. Archer led us in prayer at the close.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate, April 10th. Meeting well attended. Devotions taken by President. Letters of sympathy sent to Mrs. L. Hoare in the tragic death of her husband, all members standing in silence. Congratulations sent to Mr. and Mrs. Kippenberger on attaining their golden wedding anniversary, Mrs. Kippenberger being one of our Vice-Presidents. As it was "White Ribbon" Day, every member read an extract from the "W.R."

May 8th: Meeting well attended, the President taking the devotions. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Simpson, our Treasurer, in the sad loss of her husband, all members standing in silence. Our speaker was the Rev. Mr. Griffiths, a returned Padre of this war, and prisoner of war for some time. His address was instructive and inspiring, for which Mrs. Stark proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Kippenberger seconding this, it was carried unanimously.

Temuka, May 29th: The Peace meeting was well attended, visitors being present from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Guild, who were accorded a warm welcome, and whose greeting, conveyed by Mrs. Green, was Psalm 34-14. The special speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. R. Parker, of Timaru, who took for her text Psalm 39-11. Mrs. Grocott presided, and suitably acknowledged Mrs. Parker's splendid address, which was much appreciated by all present. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Allenby and Davey. Benediction.

May 8th: The Cradle Roll party was held, and owing to very unfavourable weather the attendance was not very good. Mandolin items were given by Mesdames Moulton, Fletcher and Shepherd, also items by Elizabeth and David Borrie. Each child was presented with a pencil inscribed "Vote New Zealand Dry and protect New Zealand Youth." An address to mothers was given by Mrs. Prattley on "The Mothers of the Bible."

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin: Fourth Thursday. Mrs. Rippin presided, and Mrs. Smith led devotions. The passing of Miss Bruce, sister of our Miss Fanny Bruce, after years of suffering, was remembered in our prayers. Two apologies received. Letter re Temperance Examinations received. Mrs. Rippin read a lengthy report of the advance towards the return of Prohibition in the States (U.S.A.). The excesses of students on Capping Day elicited strong protests from members, who wanted to know why educated men escape when "hoodlums" would be "run in." Agreed to send for copies of election literature for distribution; 10/- being passed for payment to Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Madigan. A "Round the World" survey of Temperance Leagues showed the increase of public estimation and influence.

North East Valley, May 23rd: Mrs. Peart presided. Members took part in discussion on various aspects of Temperance work. The Treasurer reported that the sum of 13/10 had been received in freewill offering at the social afternoon which had been held the previous month.

Oamaru, May: See special reports.

Kaikorai, May 28th: Mrs. Flett presided. Mrs. Donaldson, District President, was welcomed, and read an article from the "Scottish Women's Temperance News," "The Quiet Hour." The resignation of Mrs. Masterton, our Treasurer, from office on account of ill-health, was received with regret. The Secretary was asked to act as Treasurer in the meantime. A new member was welcomed. Mrs. Flett reported on the L.T.L. which was opened a fortnight ago and is getting good support.