

**Spreydon, June 11th:** Twenty-first birthday party. Excellent gathering of members and friends. Short programme of vocal and elocutionary items. Address by Mrs. Horewood, vice-president, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor. Many greetings and good wishes received. Twenty years' Services Badges presented to Mrs. McKenzie, vice-president; Mrs. Woodcock, Secretary, and Mrs. Walker. Birthday cake cut by Mrs. Fehsenfeld, one of the seven foundation members still in union. One new member added.

**Sydenham, July 4th:** Mrs. J. Filer, our President, was in the chair, there being an attendance of nine members. Mrs. Davies conducted the Devotions, after which the usual routine business was transacted. A petition to the Government for the provision of Rest Homes for patients suffering from temporary nervous disorders was brought before the meeting, signatures being obtained from those present. Mrs. Davies read an extract from the "White Ribbon" dealing with the necessity to cut down the brewing of beer in view of the world shortage of foodstuffs. An address of outstanding interest was given by Mrs. T. N. Gibbs, taking as her subject the Scripture Union and a recent mission to children conducted in this city. The speaker stressed the great need, in these days of temptation to the adolescent, of getting children to make a "definite decision," thus enabling them to stand firm in later years. The meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. MacLachlan.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Waimate, June:** Meeting excellently attended. Mrs. Duckett, President, in the chair. Adjutant Lamond gave us his farewell address and Captain Gray gave us a recitation. They are leaving Waimate for Kilbirnie, and will be much missed. Mrs. Milne, whose husband is a Missionary in China, gave us a very fine address on "China and Her Needs," which was very much appreciated. A very hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Milne.

**Temuka, June 26th:** Meeting presided over by Mrs. Hewson, who also led Devotions, in the absence through sickness of the president. Roll-call answered by a text containing "everlasting." Many inspiring verses were brought to light. Decided to commence the Band of Hope on July 17th; arrangements for this being put in hand. A letter of cheer and sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Lee. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Davey. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Buck and Lovatt. Benediction.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT.

**Kaikorai, June 25th:** Mrs. Flett presided and devotions were led by Mrs. Orr. Mrs. Hiatt spoke on "Answered Prayer." The Roll-Call was answered by Scripture verses beginning with "P." After the usual routine business, Mrs. Hiatt gave a talk on "Things Which Hurt My Neighbour." Mrs. Muir thanked the speaker. Benediction.

**South Dunedin, June 27th:** Mrs. Rippin presided; Mrs. Wilkinson, Devotions. Correspondence received, read, and discussed from Miss Jamieson and Miss Toomer. Invitation received from "Rescue Lodge" (Good Templars) to attend their Anniversary. Election literature and methods of distribution discussed. President agreed to attend to this. Letter received from an Indian family in dire distress asking for help. Matter to be brought before District Executive. Annual "Bring-and-Buy" and Social afternoon arranged.

**Dunedin Central, June 25th:** Devotions led by Sister Elinor. Silent prayer on specified subjects. One new member enrolled. Flowers taken to Mrs. Downing, who is ill; £5 agreed upon as contribution to N.Z. Alliance debit in connection with the Royal Commission. Short and pithy extracts were read from the "White Ribbon" for "W.R." Day, and £1 collected for "W.R." Fund.

**Oamaru, July 1st:** Mrs. Winn presided and led Devotions. A Memorial Minute to the late Mrs. Bridgman read. Miss R. Day, an intimate friend of the late Miss Milligan, gave brief resume of her work for the cause of Temperance. Delegates elected to attend the Home League Birthday Party. The Rev. R. Mayson gave an informative talk on Prison Reform from the Rev. Mr. Moreton's book. Mr. Mayson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation. Temperance Fact. Benediction.

**Port Chalmers, June 19th:** Meeting held at the home of Mrs. G. Mitams. Very good attendance. Devotions led by Rev. H. M. Brasell, who also was the speaker. He gave a

practical address with several suggestions. Thanked by Mrs. Watson. Discussion followed, and it was decided to organise an After-Church Temperance Rally, with Mr. G. S. Gapper, South Island Organiser, N.Z. Alliance, as speaker. Rev. J. B. Chambers offered, with the assistance of Rev. Mr. Brasell, to get out a circular advertising the meeting, with facts concerning the evils of alcoholic liquors, the members to distribute same. Meeting closed with Benediction. Afternoon tea.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

**Invercargill Central, July 10th:** Mrs. Watson presided. Miss McEwen led Devotions. Mrs. Boyd read an interesting account of the life and Memorial Service of Mrs. A. E. Slack-Saunders, whose death took place in London recently. She was the Honorary Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U. since 1895, and visited over twenty countries in the cause of Temperance.

#### TARANAKI DISTRICT.

**New Plymouth, June:** Mrs. Brown presided, and Mrs. J. Roberts led the Devotions. Notice was given to the Annual "Seamen's Rest" Mart, to be held in August, and donations asked for. President read the report of the Dominion Officers' meeting held in Wellington. Mrs. Hurrell was welcomed from Hawera, having come to reside in New Plymouth. Sample leaflets for distribution were displayed. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Loveridge, Bailey, and Chivers. Benediction.

**Hawera, June:** Mrs. K. Thayer presided and took Devotions. Minutes of last meeting presented by Mrs. F. Baker in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Tozer. "White Ribbon" Day observed by quotations from the paper. A talk was given by one of the members on the operations and aims of the "W.R." Collection for "W.R." funds. Several Temperance Facts were given. Further arrangements made for the Scientific Examinations. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. President closed meeting with prayer and Benediction.

#### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

**Hastings, June:** "W.R." Day. Mrs. C. Higgs presided in the absence, through illness, of the President. Excellent attendance. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Murtagh. Devotions led by Mrs. Thorpe. An executive meeting to be held to discuss calling a meeting of Ministers and all interested to form a branch of the N.Z. Alliance. Mrs. Thorpe kindly offering the executive the use of her home for the meeting. The Guest Speaker was Major Miller, of the Salvation Army, who gave a fine address on the W.C.T.U. as team work, concluding with the words: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Mrs. Higgs thanked the speaker. Mrs. Warren and helper served afternoon tea. Benediction closed a fine gathering.



### NOTICES — SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT

#### NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Dominion Officers are called and should be in my hands not later than November 30th, 1946.

Unions will please remember that no nominations may be made without the consent of the person to be nominated.

Nominations for Dominion Superintendents may be sent in at the same time, thus assisting in the preparation of Convention business.

R. M. UNDERHILL,

Recording Secretary.

#### DOMINION ORGANISER

Miss Appleby, Dominion Organiser, has, in answer to requests sent to Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, arranged to be in New Plymouth from July 15th to August 30th; Wellington District during September; and South Auckland District, October 1st to November 15th.

#### TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS

Date fixed for September 28th.

#### NIUE ISLAND APPEAL.

Readers who noticed the appeal in our last issue for an organ, on behalf of our Niue Island Union, will be delighted to know that it was successful. Mrs. Graham, of New Brighton, has given them a "Miller" organ, in perfect condition, with eight stops and two swells. It is packed and ready for the first available boat.

A matter for thankfulness, indeed. What it will be to the Niue Island friends is not very easy for us to realise. May they have much joy in their new possession; and may it be the means of extending and deepening the sphere of influence of the Union.

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