

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Northland: Meeting held in the Whangarei Methodist Church Hall, June 5. Four branches represented. Apologies from Miss Edmed, Corresponding Secretary, who will be absent for a prolonged period. Mrs. F. T. Moorhead elected to act in her place. Main business was the coming Convention and the Poll. Convention to be in Dargaville in August; special speaker to be Mr. Pace, subject to his approval. Mrs. Roberts reported reply from Kaipara M.P., stating that he hoped there would be no final V Day, and that he had heard nothing of it yet, for which we were thankful. Proposed that this executive help with the caravan scheme, and carried. Donations towards delegates' expenses received. Samples of literature handed out to all members.

South Auckland: Meeting held in Baptist Church Hall, Hamilton, June 28. Devotions led by Mrs. Gatman. Five Unions represented. Convention arrangements made. Date fixed for September 19, Te Awamutu being the place. Principal speaker to be Miss Kirk, who had kindly promised to be present. Agreed to recommend the dividing of the district; to form a new "Bay of Plenty" District Union; the present district being unworkable because of distance. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Martin in the death of her mother. Mrs. Gatman reported the forming of a new "Y" branch at the Methodist Maori Hostel, Hamilton. Miss Appleby to be asked to spend some time in the district. Financial report showed that assistance would be needed from Unions. Mrs. Alexander reported that arrangements were well in hand for Convention. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Kemsley led in prayer. Special thanks to be expressed to Church officials for the use of a comfortable room.

Hawke's Bay: Meeting held in Napier, June 12. The president, Mrs. P. Lewis, was in the chair, 18 present, Gisborne, Napier, Wairoa, Hastings and Waipawa being represented. Mrs. Virtue led the Devotions. Reports were given by Mesdames Wallen, Simpson, Gillean, Pitt and Ford. General discussion on plans for the coming election, chiefly the distribution of literature. Members were urged to seek the co-operation of ministers and church members in general, with a view towards united action. Cradle Roll and Band of Hope work discussed. Mrs. Wallen reported that in Gisborne, children from the Cradle Roll are made members of the Rechabite Junior Lodge, and from that will, in the future, be promoted into the Youth Branch of the Lodge. The pamphlet, "Poison at Large," was especially recommended for distribution; and "The American Liquor Issue" from the "Vanguard" for distribution to business and professional men. The questions of having a stall at the Hawke's Bay Spring Show, and of having window displays in the different centres were discussed. Unions were asked to request their Ministers to deal with the liquor question on Temperance Sunday. It was reported that a Hastings traffic officer had stated that in all recent motor accidents in Hastings the drivers had consumed some liquor. It was suggested that where possible assistance should be given to the Alliance for expenses. A vote of thanks was passed to the Napier Union for providing lunch and afternoon tea.

North Canterbury: Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided at the North Canterbury District Executive meeting in June, at which there was a good attendance of town and country members who reported good work being done in their branches. Mrs. Hodges, Rangiora, took Devotions. Concerts were arranged for the Women's Reformatory for June and July. Mrs. Clark gave "Y" report and Mrs. Mackie reported that she had spoken on "Peace" to several branches during May. Mrs. Ramsay gave a very interesting report on an Alliance meeting she had attended under the auspices of the National Council of Women, at which Dr. Doris Gordon had spoken. Branch secretaries gave comprehensive reports of their branch work.

North Canterbury, July 3: Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg presided over a good attendance of town and country members. Mrs. Ancell, vice-

president, took devotions, basing her talk on the seventh chapter of Daniel. A representative from the Alliance gave the address, urging members to try and influence young people in Temperance work through Bands of Hope, "Y" Branches, or in any other way possible. Mrs. Grigg welcomed Mesdames A. Norton, Campbell, and Owen from the Lyttelton-Heathcote Union, and thanked them for dispensing tea. All members signed a petition, asking Government to open private homes for mentally sick people. Reports were given by secretaries of Unions.

Auckland: Monthly meeting held in the Temperance Room on July 1. The acting District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided over a good attendance. Devotions were led by Mrs. Austin. Arrangements were made for holding the District Convention during September. Mrs. Austin and Miss M. M. McIay were appointed the delegates to the "Women's World Day of Prayer." Miss E. Appleby, Dominion Organiser, gave a report of her work, which she had recently carried out in the Palmerston North District; one new Union having been formed at Woodville. In the absence of Mrs. Long through illness, the report of the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel was given by Mrs. Prussing, who stated everything to be going on satisfactorily, thirty being in residence at the moment, including the staff. Further suggestions were made regarding Poll work, and it was decided to hold a jumble sale during August to supplement funds for this purpose, also a garden party later in the year.

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Dargaville, June 11: Small meeting with many apologies. Mrs. Smith took the chair in the absence of Mrs. Green through bereavement in the family. Devotions. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance Fact by Mrs. S. Phillips. Mrs. Moorhead reminded us that June 15 was "White Ribbon" Day and read "Official Organ" from "W.R." Collection taken for "W.R." funds. Report of District Executive held over till next month. Decided to purchase literature for distribution. Benediction.

Maungaturoto, June 19: Fair attendance to hear our District President, who gave us a very interesting talk on the Convention. We all felt cheered by her presence and interest in us. A presentation was made to Mrs. J. A. Cullen, our retiring Secretary, who, we regret to say, is leaving the district. We also regret to record the passing of Miss Mabel Cullen, one of our most regular and faithful members. One minute's silence was observed in respect to her memory. She will live long in our hearts. "To live in hearts of those we love is not to die."

Auckland District.

Kohi-St. Heliers, June 20: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lediard. Good attendance. Mrs. Farr, evangelist, read from Psalm 121, and an article from the "Outlook" by her son, an ex-Padre, on Jerusalem. Pledge and Temperance Fact. "White Ribbon" Day observed by prayer by president. Dr. Craig gave a very fine address on Temperance, urging that the Press should be used for righteousness and that the churches should take part against drinking and the many handicaps in New Zealand and Australia. She also stressed the importance of getting new members, especially among young people. Dr. Craig, who has a very beautiful voice, sang two solos. Votes of thanks to her were passed, and to Mrs. Lediard. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Lewis Eady.

Otahuhu, June 20: Owing to the Home Call of our President, Mrs. W. Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Waite presided. When opening devotions and business had been dealt with, Mr. Waite spoke on the work and zeal of our late president for Temperance, and asked that a memorial to her should be erected, not in stone, but by members putting more into the temperance cause and bringing young people into the work to make the burden lighter for those who have worked so long. Mrs. Beaumont was elected to fill the vacancy till the annual meeting.

Warkworth, June 15: Mrs. Baker, president, in the chair and nine members present. Meeting opened with the National Anthem followed by "All Round the World." Reading by

Evangelical Superintendent from Matthew & Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Hope. As it was "White Ribbon" Day several members read extracts from "W.R." Letter received from District Executive asking Unions to contribute towards Convention expenses. Interesting letter from Mrs. Toomer. Mrs. Rowe was congratulated on being instrumental in gaining us the banner for the largest number of subscribers to the "W.R." Benediction.

Warkworth, July 11: Mrs. Baker, president, in the chair. Ten members present. Memorial Day service followed. Short talk by Evangelical Superintendent, Mrs. Nelson. Memorial address read by Mrs. Hamilton. "Bring and Buy" and collection, amounting to £2/15/-. Proceeds to help District Funds at coming Dominion Convention. Two letters read from District Executive. Tea Hostesses, Mrs. Chess-won and Miss Marton. Benediction.

Remuera, June 24: Mrs. Kasper presided. Mrs. Laird led devotions. Pledge recited and Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Laird appointed "White Ribbon" agent until the annual meeting. Sister Grace gave a very inspirational talk on "The Wines of the Bible," and was thanked.

Takapuna, June: Meeting fairly well attended. Mrs. Morgan-Richards in the chair. Devotions, Miss Cullen; pledge repeated; hymns, Bible reading. Very concise account of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Long who was warmly welcomed and applauded for her account. She invited members to visit the Maori Girls' Hostel on the 12th inst., when we spent a very happy time. We were shown over the building and entertained with songs by three of the girls, who seem to be thoroughly contented and well looked after in a homely atmosphere by Mrs. Long. Dominion Convention to be held in Auckland was well discussed. Meeting closed with a short Bible Reading and prayer, Mrs. Long being heartily thanked for her hospitality and an excellent afternoon tea.

Takapuna, July meeting: Attendance small, but very enthusiastic. Mrs. Morgan-Richards presided and also leading Devotions in the absence through illness of the Evangelical Superintendent. Stormy weather accounted for absence of many older members. A cosy room, with a piano, has been allowed by the Methodist Church for our meetings during the winter months, which is much appreciated. President reported on the last Executive meeting. Pledge repeated, tea, and Benediction.

Epsom-Green Lane, June 20: Mrs. Neal, vice-president, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Pederson, who took 1st Kings, 2nd chapter, for our study. Attendance smaller than usual because of some attending the "World's Day of Prayer." Mr. Pedersen gave an inspiring address on the chapter read, Elijah's rebuke to Ahab for having forgotten the Altar of the Lord. This was a challenge to us all. Benediction.

Onehunga, June 13th: "White Ribbon" Day arranged by Mrs. Ashby ("W.R." Superintendent), who had sent out many invitations to attend. Musical items, and much interesting business,—the matter of raising extra money to meet expenses of coming poll and Convention next March being decided as straight-out giving; this being felt to be preferable to other means. Mrs. Stacey being obliged for health reasons to resign the position of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Perrett was appointed. Beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. Craig before her address, which she began by reciting a poem composed by herself, written on all the letters in "WHITE RIBBON"; and advised every member, not only to buy and read our paper, but send it around the district so that real facts might become known.

June 27th: Home meeting at the home of Mrs. Breese. Very interesting gathering, musical items, etc. Mrs. Mountjoy read a paper of Mrs. Squires, of Illinois, regarding Prohibition Repeal and the ensuing conditions, showing that public sentiments are much more satisfactory than is sometimes supposed. One new member, who was the daughter of Dr. Craig, was elected.

Mount Eden, July 2: "Pay-up" Social. Good attendance. Rev. A. Everil Orr gave a very interesting and instructive address on various aspects of the Liquor Problem. He also sang two solos; and these were very much appreciated, together with the musical item contributed by Dr. Jeannie Craig. Mrs. Rennie was pianist. Many subscriptions were as a result of a special appeal for direct giving; the collection and donations received enabled us to send £5 to District Funds as a