

delegate to District Convention. Paper by Mrs. Lee-Cowie on the "Wines of the Scriptures," read by President. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Gascoigne.

Blenheim had a good attendance at their September meeting. Devotions led by Mrs. Adjutant Kears, and readings were given by Mrs. Milgrew. Report on "O. and G." meeting given by the convener, Mrs. Gilling. Franchise Day observed with readings from "W.R." Letter of sympathy to sick member, Mrs. Looms.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch met August 14th, Miss Henderson presiding. Members gave Temperance Facts from magazines, and extracts were read by President.

Linwood August meeting was poorly attended on very wet day, Mrs. Mackie presiding. An appeal made on behalf of the "Friends of St. Helen's," and for helpers in Street Collection for the purchase of a home at Sumner as a holiday home for mental patients; this to be called "The Hilda Barrell Rest Cottage."

Papanui meeting, August 21st, had a good attendance presided over by Mrs. Tillman. Devotions, Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Pledge and Roll Call. Report on Mental Hospital visiting, Mrs. Hawker. Solo by Mrs. G. Taylor.

Spreydon had fair attendance, August 13th. Mrs. Foster, Treasurer, and a valued young member, who is leaving the district, was presented with a coat spray and a bow of silver. Street collection volunteered for on Orphanage Day. Reports on visiting of sick members and Mental Hospital given. Prizes to be offered for Temperance Essays in schools of the district, and posters in schools to be replaced. One new member initiated.

Reefton met August 13th, Mrs. Thompson presiding. Report of N.C.W. given. Short helpful talk on "Team Work," by President. One new "W.R." subscriber.

Woolston, August 15th, had a good attendance, Mrs. Pedler, Vice-President, in the chair. Mrs. Tomlinson led Devotions. Three new members on transfer welcomed. Temperance Fact given. A Temperance Board erected. Major Watkins gave a solo to her own guitar accompaniment. "Bring and Buy."

New Brighton met September 5th. Mrs. Edmond presided and gave Temperance Fact. Mrs. Goodland led Devotions. Pledge. All stood in sympathy with bereaved members. Mrs. Mackie thanked for interesting paper given on Franchise Day.

Sydenham had a Social Afternoon on September 5th, Mrs. J. Filer presiding. Eighteen members, one visitor and members of Church Guilds present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Items contributed by Mrs. Gee (elocutionary) and Mesdames Webb and Drewett (vocal solos). Competition conducted by Mrs. Weatherhead. Community singing of favourite hymns.

At **North Brighton's** meeting on July 6th, Roll Call was answered with Scripture verse. Memorial Day observed with suitable hymns and talk by Mrs. Noonan, President, on "Pioneers of the Union." Reports of Executive Prayer meeting, and Mental Hospital visiting were given. At the August meeting there were 16 adults and three children present for a "special" afternoon.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru Union met August 25th, Mrs. Densem presiding and Mrs. Prattley leading Devotions. Mrs. Ross, a valuable member for many years, was farewelled, members speaking in most eulogistic terms. Letters of sympathy sent to Miss Fyfe, and Mrs. Cave, in her indisposition. Reports were given on the Alliance annual meeting by Mrs. Howe, and visits paid to Ashburton and Rosewell Institute on behalf of the Seamen's Rest. Generous donations for the "Rest" were received at both meetings. Visit to Highfield P.W.M.U. planned for October.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin, August 22nd, was presided over by Mrs. Rippin. Mrs. Smith led Devotions. £4/17/- reported as result of July sale. A remit for District Convention protesting against the continued rationing of grain and sugar while so much is being wasted in brewing. Tea hostess, Miss Fanny Bruce.

Kaikorai met August 27th. Mrs. Orr led Devotions and gave a helpful talk. Roll Call answered by Scripture texts beginning with "R."

Lawrence met September 5th, Miss Ferguson presiding. Sickness among members caused

small attendance. Motion of sympathy to President in double bereavement.

Mrs. Winn presided at the September meeting at **Oamaru**, and led Devotions. Delegations from other Women's organisations were welcomed. After an address by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, for which thanks were accorded, a musical programme was enjoyed, and supper was served.

Port Chalmers, August 21st: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Edwards. 12 members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Taylor. After minutes had been read, correspondence and business was dealt with. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Donaldson, Otago President, who initiated two members, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Williamson, after which Mrs. Donaldson addressed the meeting. Mrs. Taylor extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Donaldson and the meeting closed with the Benediction by Rev. Chambers. Afternoon tea.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill held their meeting August 13th, Mrs. Holmes presiding and Mrs. Richards leading Devotions. Guest speaker, Rev. R. Thornby. Prayer by Mrs. Rowlands closed the meeting.

Winton held their meeting on August 20th. Social Evening to raise funds decided upon. Letters of appreciation for pieces of birthday cake sent from birthday party. Guest speaker, Mrs. Duncan.

UNION LETTER-WRITING

In many of our monthly reports we hear that special letters have been written as from the Union. What a kind, sisterly custom this is. How far-reaching it is in its consequences would be very hard to compute.

When sickness, bereavement, or other trouble has come to a member, it is a great comfort to know that she has been remembered in our prayers and thoughts at our meeting, and, equally, when some very pleasant thing has happened, a delightful feeling of "belonging" is caused by a note of congratulation. More is done by this simple means than appears on the surface, and we are making a special feature of the reports sent in, giving details of such friendly interest in each other as is shown in this way.

Wanganui Union sent letters of sympathy to the relatives of their much-loved member, Mrs. Grinstead, whose passing they mourn, and also to those of Mrs. Grigg of Aramoho, and Miss Mary Jones, of Wanganui East.

Palmerston North sent a letter of cheer to Mrs. McIvor, a member who was suffering from eye trouble, and a letter of thanks to Mrs. Edwards, of National Park, for her valuable help in distributing parcels of clothing to needy Maoris of the district.

Ponsonby made a point of writing to sick members.

Kohi-St. Heliers sent flowers and a letter of sympathy to Mrs. C. Phillips, who is in hospital.

That many other unions have carried out this kindly duty is certain. We hope to hear from them about it.

DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND

We acknowledge with many thanks the following donations:—

Auckland, 10/-; Mosgiel, 5/-; Mrs. Prattley, 10/-; Lower Hutt, 10/-; Mt. Albert, 5/-; Oxford, 17/-; Dunedin, £1; Winton, 5/-; Whangarei, 10/-. Total, £3/12/-. Total donations, £30/15/6.

COMING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Auckland is, of course, preparing for Dominion Convention, almost all unions reporting special activities for the raising of necessary funds. For the District Convention, **Onewunga**, **Takapuna** and **Auckland** Unions elected their delegates at their last meetings. **Auckland** also nominated district officers.

In the **South Auckland** district, delegates to the Te Awamutu convention (September 19th) elected at last meetings were: **Tauranga**, Mesdames York and Maunder; **Cambridge**, Mrs. Kemsley; and **Thames**, Mrs. Paul.

Marlborough Convention is to be held at Blenheim, and the local union elected Mrs. Tarrant as their delegate.

North and **South Canterbury** have their Convention in Christchurch, joining forces for the occasion. At recent meetings, **Spreydon** elected Miss Olds, and **Timaru**, Mrs. Howe, to represent them, **Sydenham** and **New Brighton** also electing delegates. To assist District funds, **New Brighton** took up a special collection, and **Christchurch** donated £2. District officers were nominated by **Sydenham**.

Wanganui East will be the hostess Union for the **Wanganui** Convention, which is to be held in the Baptist Church.

Otago delegates elected are Mesdames Madigan, Dow, Graham and McCarty from **Dunedin South**; Mrs. McDonald and Miss Dobson from **Kaikorai**. Nominations of Mrs. Rippin (President), and Miss Gibbs (Treasurer) were made by **Dunedin South**. **Lawrence** read and adopted their annual report for presentation at Convention, and dealt with other related business. This Convention will be held at **Port Chalmers**.

Wellington Convention is fixed for October 24th, and is to be held at **Masterston**. The Dominion President, Miss Kirk, is expected to spend some time in the **Wairarapa** district visiting local unions.

JOHN WESLEY—from Page 6.

them. The curse of God is in their gardens, their walks, their groves; a fire that burns to the nethermost hell."

Here was the Church speaking in no uncertain voice. John Wesley did not mince matters in dealing with evil. How many souls lived to bless his name! How many drunkards, like the barber of Bolton, broke off the chains of drink. He did for the Temperance cause of England what Dr. Lyman Beecher did for that of America. We thank God for his life and work—one of God's great blessings to Britain. May it inspire others to take up the work he relinquished.

What would he say if he knew that in Britain two thousand tons of barley are used daily for making beer, and that this could provide a full barley bread ration for seven million people a day?