

# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**Auckland, September 2:** Mrs. Mountjoy District President, in the chair. Good attendance. Miss A. M. McLay led Devotions. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Anstice. National Council of Women and Maori Girls' Hostel reports given by Mesdames Mountjoy and Long respectively. Letter from Mrs. Ella Boole giving particulars of World Convention read. Successful Jumble Sale held in August. All arrangements for Annual District Convention finalised. Miss Cook reported the loss to Grey Lynn of two members called to Higher Service during the month. Remits for Convention discussed.

**Wellington District:** The Wellington District Executive was held on August 28th at Johnsonville Presbyterian Church Hall. Representative gathering although the weather was stormy. Devotions led by Miss Kirk. Psalm 124 read. She spoke on the apathy that can creep into unions by failing to attend. Likened meetings to an army. Generals could do nothing without their men. Officers of our Unions need support of every member. Before absenting ourselves, be sure it is a reason we could give to God. Roll call answered by a text condemnatory to the Liquor Traffic. Wellington Education Board considering Temperance education in upper classes. Cheered by the forward move at Masterton, who have collected sum of £94 for Fighting Fund to be used during coming Election. Sounds as though they intend keeping their district DRY! Great preparations are afoot, too, for District Convention to be held there in October. Glad to report through the fine work of Mrs. Reed, our District Secretary, that Petone has revived. May the Union grow rapidly. Interested to learn that an address is to be given on the 5th September at St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Mr. Burley, topic being "The Challenge of the Drink Traffic to the Churches." Discussions on N.C.W. remits. Literature being widely used by Wellington Central Union. Each delegate at meeting took away a good supply. Gave preliminary thought to Headquarters and postal voting for Annual Convention. Thanks to entertaining Union for hospitality. Luther's Hymn and Crusade Psalm brought an interesting Executive to a close.

**Marlborough, 16th August:** The quarterly District Executive meeting was held in Wesley Class Room. Ten members were present and Mrs. V. Underhill was in the chair and conducted the opening Devotions. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. J. Millen and family of Picton, and Mrs. Reuben Watson and family, late of Renwicktown, in the loss of husband and father. Sympathy also expressed to Mrs. Leslie in the loss of her father. Letters of cheer sent to Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. F. C. Wilson. It was decided to hold the District Convention on the 24th September in the Methodist Hall, and to invite Mrs. Mackie, of Christchurch, to be the guest speaker. Noontide was observed in the usual way, Mrs. Robinson taking the Prayer. It was resolved to make application to the Marlborough Agricultural and Pastoral Association for permission to conduct a Sales Stall at the Show, and arrangements in connection with same were made. The President reported on some of the business conducted at the Dominion Officers' meeting, and various phases of the work were fully discussed. The meeting continued after an adjournment for lunch and terminated at 2.30 p.m. in the usual way.

**South Canterbury:** May meeting held at the Sailors' Rest, Timaru. Mrs. Densen, the new President, was welcomed, and also Miss Pearl Tooley, our new Secretary. The attendance was good. Mrs. Densen led Devotions. Nine copies of the "American Letter" were received from Mrs. Grigg. It was agreed to send some to the Ministers' Associations and local unions. Word received from North Canterbury re the Convention, asking if dates were suitable. Report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Miller (Tinwald). August 13th: Only a fair attendance owing to sickness. Mrs. Densen presided and led Devotions. A letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Fyfe in the death of her sister, Miss E. Andrews, Educational Officer, to be asked to visit the District. Decided not to send a delegate to the Alliance Conference.

Ashburton reported interesting meeting when Mrs. Woodward (Sailors' Rest) and Miss Stephens travelled there and gave a talk on the work of the "Rest." It was left in the hands of the President to appoint a delegate to Convention. Timaru reported that they hoped to hire a Temperance film in the near future.

## UNION REPORTS

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Mount Eden** invited Women's organisations of four Churches to their meeting on September 3rd. Two solos by Mrs. Lauder, and very fine address by Mr. A. T. Dow, N.Z. Alliance organiser, on "The Franchise and its Responsibilities." Miss A. M. McLay presided. Collection 13/7.

**Kohi-St. Heliers** met August 15th at Mrs. Kasper's home, Mrs. Farr taking Devotions.

**Remuera, August 26th:** Decided to give £3 towards Dominion Convention expenses, and £1 for the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Kasper presided and Mrs. Laird gave the Temperance Fact. "International Day" observed. A reading, "Taxation and the Liquor Laws in America" given.

A good attendance is recorded for **Otahuhu's** meeting held August 15th, when the business connected with Poll work, the appointing of representatives for work with the Alliance, and Dominion Convention was discussed. Mrs. Ward presided.

**Ponsonby** met on August 15th, Mrs. Joiner presiding, and Mrs. Osborn leading Devotions. Mrs. McKenzie, from Spreydon Union, gave greetings, urging members to "keep the banner flying," and thanked the President for the opportunity of speaking. Convention arrangements made. Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. Discussion on Drink problem in our midst.

**Takapuna** had only a fair attendance at the August meeting. Mrs. Winston presided in place of Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who was ill. Devotions, Miss Cullen. One new member. At the September meeting, the President was in the chair, Miss Cullen again leading Devotions. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Roper. Collection for Food parcel for Britain at each meeting.

**Auckland Union** met September 10th, Mrs. Long presiding, and welcoming the Guest speaker, Ensign Newton, whose address is reported elsewhere.

**Onehunga** did their usual routine business at the "Pay-up Social" on August 8th. Beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. Day; and on August 22nd, held a combined evening meeting, inviting all women's organisations. Solos were sung by Mesdames Day and Clark, and Miss Fisher, Mrs. Hatton contributing recitations. (Addresses reported elsewhere.)

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Hamilton** meeting was held on the first Thursday. Attendance good. Mrs. Gatman presiding. Temperance Fact and Pledge taken. Mrs. Bradley appointed delegate for District Convention. Report on new "Y" branch given by President. Six Maori girls had signed the Pledge. See "Special Reports."

**Tauranga** met September 3rd. Good attendance. Band of Hope, Youth Rally, Women's Representative Committee, and formation of N.C.W. all reported on. Guest speaker, Mrs. Thompson, Opotiki. Decided December "Bring and Buy" for "Caravan Fund." Mesdames York and Bulmer Convention delegates.

**Cambridge** meeting well attended by members and friends on August 22nd. A Social Hour followed the usual routine of business and the address. Mrs. Stan Hall, pianist, Mrs. C. Mackenzie, vocalist with her own harp accompaniments, and Mrs. Farr, vocalist and steel guitar soloist, contributed items. Mrs. Kemsley elected delegate to District Convention. Guest speaker, Mrs. Stephenson Craig.

**Thames** meeting held September 4th, was very successful Cradle Roll afternoon, attended by seventy mothers and children. Songs and recitations by girls and boys and an address by Lieut. Hodge of the Salvation Army, made a fine afternoon's entertainment, completed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Several abstinence pledges signed.

**Te Awamutu** held their annual meeting August 15th, previous officers all being re-elected. Convention arrangements well in hand.

**Fencourt's** September meeting was presided over by Miss P. Rickard in the absence of the

President, Miss R. Clark leading Devotions which were concluded with a moment's silent prayer. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Fiesst. Interesting discussion on the report of the Royal Commission. Solo by Miss O. Clark. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT.

**New Plymouth** reports a good business meeting, for August, Mrs. Brown presiding and Mrs. Wells giving the Temperance Fact. Reports on Executive meeting and Alliance meeting given. Thanks expressed to Miss Appleby for her visits to New Plymouth and other District Unions. Seamen's Rest Mart arranged.

At the **Hawera** meeting on August 7th, Mrs. Thayer, President, took the chair and led Devotions. Several Temperance Facts given, and a report on the District Executive meeting given by the delegates. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton.

### WANGANUI DISTRICT

Mrs. Duxfield presided at the September meeting. Mrs. Gill leading Devotions. Mrs. Goodey was tea hostess, and Mrs. Mercer had charge of the "Bring and Buy." Feeling reference made to the death of Mrs. Grinstead, who was always a reliable, active worker. Decided to send £2 to Headquarters Fund and the same to N.Z. Fund; to Frances Willard Day Fund, 10/-, other allocations being made also. Report on Executive meeting. Regular meetings of Alliance announced for 3rd Monday evenings. Mrs. Duxfield announced that she would not be able to stand for presidency of local union again. Mrs. Mercer urged that each member pledge herself to win another total abstainer each year.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

At the September meeting of **Palmerston North** Mrs. Shearman led Devotions. Reported that two parcels had been sent to British Unions during the month and soaps, jelly packets, sea-meal, custard powder, etc. asked for, for next meeting.

### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings** July meeting well attended. Mrs. Hickmott presided and Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Scientific Fact given by Mrs. Murtagh. Pledge re-affirmed. Article on "Memorial Day" read by President. The August meeting was also well attended. Miss Jackson of Masterton welcomed and brought greetings. Devotions led by President, who referred to Misses Powell and Lang. Mrs. H. E. Grainger reported on Alliance annual meeting at which she had attended as delegate from the Union. Pledge re-affirmed. Guest speaker, Rev. G. R. Harris. Tea hostess, Mrs. Warren and helpers.

**Dannevirke** has kept Memorial Day, "W.R." Day, Mothers' Day, and Frances Willard Day. The banner won last year is prominently displayed at meetings. Two new members gained, and five new subscribers to the "W.R." Band of Hope is well attended. Cradle Roll has been successfully inaugurated. Mrs. Toomers' Newsletter much appreciated. Good work going on for the Poll. Visit paid to the Salvation Army for a Temperance Day. Mrs. McLean told her Life Story. Miss Thompson welcomed.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Lower Hutt's** meeting for August 28th was presided over by Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Swift led Devotions. Guest speaker was the Rev. Mr. Clement. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Buck and Bayley.

### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson** held its Annual "Pay-up" Social on August 13th. In Mrs. Toomer's absence, Miss Cooke presided. Devotions led by the Rev. Mr. Shapcott. Reports given on Mental Hospital visit (Mrs. Neal), and members were asked to do all possible to make known the desperate need of more Staff, and on the supplying of free refreshments for the men of the "White-sand Bay" during its short visit to Nelson (Mrs. C. J. Kidson). Cradle Roll cards distributed among members, who were asked to try to enrol as many as possible. Mrs. V. Rowe gave two recitations; Executive members served tea. "Caravan Fund" donation of £1/1/- agreed upon.

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Springlands** met August 20th at the home of Mrs. Gascoigne. Devotions led by Mrs. Leslie. Greetings sent to Mrs. J. W. Doggett, sick in hospital. Good response to Roll Call in variety of verses. Mrs. J. Fyles appointed