

responded to. Special piece from "W.R." read re Franchise, and the subject "What Have New Zealand Women Gained by the Franchise?" was discussed by several members. A sales table provided timely assistance to the funds.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, September 12th: Good attendance. Devotions led by President. Three invitations to attend other meetings received. Three letters of sympathy sent, and flowers to a sick member. Clothes, a hot-water bottle, and tatting cotton had been taken to patients in the Mental Hospital. Extract for "W.R." Day read from "W.R." by President. Royal Commission findings discussed. Recitations given by Mrs. Collins. Members brought in their pyramid cards, and £15/5/3 so far has been handed in. Hostesses, Mesdames Gundy and Wain. President thanked Mrs. Collins, and closed the meeting with prayer.

Reefton, September 10th: At the home of Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson presided over a good attendance of members. Franchise Day observed, Mrs. Absolom reading "The Franchise," from the "W.R." Collection for N.Z. Fund. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Thompson and Bannion. Mrs. Waddell closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Christchurch, September 11th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Mrs. B. James elected as delegate to District Convention. To celebrate Franchise Day, Mrs. Horwood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor, gave an address on the meaning of the word "franchise"; also comments on the title of our Union.

September 25th: Miss Henderson presided and gave an address on some of the findings of the Royal Commission on Licensing.

Sydenham, October 3rd: Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, in the chair, fourteen members being present. Devotions conducted by Mrs. Davies. Pledge re-affirmed and a Temperance Fact given. Invitation received from Opawa Branch to attend their meeting on the 22nd October. The letter from Miss Kirk with regard to the proposed Temperance Caravan was read. District Executive report was given by Mrs. Filer, and members were invited to take part in a Church Parade to be held at Addington Methodist Church on 13th October. Mesdames Davies, Thorne, Filer and Drewett reported interestingly on the District Convention. Temperance Essay: The Secretary reported having interviewed the new Headmaster of Sydenham School, and received his consent to allow pupils of Standard Four to answer a series of questions on the Temperance Teaching during the year. First and Second prizes will be awarded respectively to boys and girls. One new member was initiated.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate: August meeting well attended, President leading Devotions. Pledge. Mrs. Ashton, Hospital visitor for month. Four papers given by members of the Executive on "Home Nursing," "Youth," "Women of Note," and "Equal Rights." All ladies accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Temperance Doxology.

September 11th: Good attendance. Devotions led by President. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to our late member, Mrs. George Dash, who was one of our foundation members and did a wonderful work for our cause. Sincere sympathy with Mr. Dash in his sad loss. Mrs. Captain Stark, of the Salvation Army, spoke on Maori work, showing the great need of work among the Native race. A collection for the Maori Fund was taken up, and Mrs. Stark thanked for her talk. Meeting closed with prayer.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin, 4th Thursday: Mrs. Rippin presided, and Mrs. Smith led Devotions. President read "Our Duty to God and Our Neighbour" from the Church Catechism. Mrs. Dow, late of Waimate Union, gave brief talk on methods of work, giving prominence to work among children. District Convention held the previous day at Port Chalmers, several members attending. Mrs. Rippin reported fully, criticising action of members who left before closing of Convention. For a "Dry" assembly, it was a very cold, "wet" day.

Port Chalmers, September 18th: At the home of Mrs. Smillie; 16 present. In absence of Mrs.

Chambers, Rev. Chambers acted as secretary. Congratulated on birth of son. Usual business quickly dispensed with and preparation made for District Convention on September 25th. Delegates appointed—Mrs. Taylor (President), Mrs. Mirams (Treasurer), Mrs. Smillie (from Branch). Catering arranged and members accepted responsibilities. Thanks to hostess.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Lawrence, October 3rd: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Feeling reference made to the death of Mrs. Sanders, of Dunedin. Letter from Mrs. Toomer read. Reported that nine children sat Temperance Examination. President read an article entitled "Building a Wall for the Home Front."



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOMINION CONVENTION

March, 1947

Will delegates requiring hospitality please send names and addresses to

Miss E. Williams,

"Armley," Queen Street,

Northcote,

Auckland, N.Z.

not later than 1st February, 1947?

All delegates must remember to bring Ration Books.

CORRECTIONS

An inadvertence caused an error in the report of an address given at Oamaru. The amount of the N.Z. drink bill was given as £213,000,000, instead of £13,000,000. We apologise and thank correspondents for calling attention thereto.—Editor.

Another mistake occurred when North Brighton was credited with a gift for Headquarters, of £1/14/-, this amount having been contributed by New Brighton.—Editor.

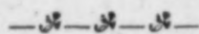
"WHITE RIBBON" DAY CONTRIBUTIONS

from the following Unions are acknowledged with many thanks:—Upper Hutt, 10/-; Onehunga, 10/-. Total received to 10th October, 1946, £31/15/6.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Please remember to send in your nominations for Dominion Officers, which must be in the hands of the Recording Secretary by November 30th.

Also, remember to make sure that all your departmental reports are sent in either to your District Superintendent, District Secretary, or the Dominion Superintendents of the Departments.



NEW MEMBERS FOR NORTH CANTERBURY

For August

Linwood	1	New Member
Rangiora	1	" "
Sydenham	1	" "
Spreydon	1	" "
Woolston	1	Transfer

For September

Spreydon	1	New Member
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MARY S. POWELL

A LOVING TRIBUTE

The old Methodist hymn came to my mind as I read of the passing of my dear friend, Miss Powell.

"Rejoice for a sister deceased;

Our loss is her infinite gain;

A soul out of prison released;

And freed from its bodily chain."

And that is the spirit in which I wish to write of her.

Only a school girl when we first met, she was my true friend all through the years. Her sympathy and understanding, her encouragement and affectionate interest in all my work have been among the strongest influences in my life.

As I have grown older, I have appreciated her gifts of mind and character. She was a gifted speaker, a born organiser, and an indefatigable and tactful member of our Union.

Reference has been made to her work as our National Organiser. I have a vivid memory of what that meant in one country district. The depth of winter, rain and muddy roads, opposition to, and criticism of, her work; tiring and trying interviews with people, and many discouragements. But she had strong faith in Divine Guidance; and succeeded in forming a Union. Her faith is justified by the flourishing branch there today.

The Temperance Union was only part of her work, for wherever she went she sought to win recruits for the Master's service. She bore her witness in her own life and in her private conversation with others. There are many who remember how she spoke of the Saviour she loved and served so faithfully. The memory of her life and work is a call to us for greater efforts. Let us try to be more courageous, consistent and charitable. Let us do all we can to win others for Christ.

For her, we rejoice to remember that

"The voyage of life's at an end,

The mortal affliction is past;

The age that in Heaven they spend

For ever and ever shall last."

Margaret A. L. Smart.

Maori Girls' Hostel—from page 5.

two sets of rates, which are high, radio, telephone, gas, electricity, repairs in small items, and keeping a stock in hand.

The expenses do not grow less, and there are items that will need attention very soon, so I am going to appeal for assistance in this great work. First, I appeal for your continued prayer support. I ask for your help to extend the Kingdom of God and His Christ among these people, to bring them into the light and liberty of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My grateful thanks are extended to all who have helped in any way towards the work among the daughters of the most wonderful Native race in the world.

Yours in this great work,

MIRIAM LONG.