

# Bulletin of Union News

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville had a small attendance on September 10th. Mrs. Green presided. Apologies received from many. Temperance Fact given. Discussion, following on literature distribution.

Dargaville's report last month inadvertently put under Warkworth.—Editor.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting.**—October 7th. The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy presided. Miss J. Campbell led Devotions. Mrs. J. W. Long was appointed District Superintendent for Maori work, and Sister Jessie of "Y" work.

A good report of the Hostel work for the month was given by Mrs. Long, who stated that the Hostel was full at present.

A letter was to be sent to Mr. Allum thanking him for the stand he had taken in upholding the law forbidding the showing of films on Sundays.

Further suggestions with regard to Dominion Convention plans were discussed.

Mesdames Mountjoy and Joiner were appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at a meeting called by the Mayoress to consider a proposed Memorial to the late Miss Ellen Melville.

A letter was received from the Methodist District Youth Council re our request to have Scientific Temperance included in the Syllabus for all Youth Camps. The letter stated that this matter was now in the hands of the Camp Committee, and would not be overlooked.

—ROSE A. JOINER.

**Auckland, October 8th:** Mrs. Long presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Warring. Messages from sick and aged members. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Swan. Reports of District Executive and N.C.W. were received, discussion following. Mrs. Long gave interesting details of Maori Hostel. Mesdames Warring and Massam reported on District Convention very fully. Grants passed for Dominion Headquarters, Dominion Convention expenses, Women Pensioners' Christmas Tea, and Maori Girls' Hostel.

**Onehunga, September 12th:** Interesting address by Mr. Lopdell, ex-superintendent of police. One new member initiated.

**Titirangi, September 17th:** At Mrs. McFarlane's home, "Dundonald." Very good attendance. Miss C. M. McLay presiding. Mrs. Hiett, C.R. superintendent, was presented with the Dominion Banner for 1945. Major A. T. Dow gave an interesting address on "The Franchise and its Responsibilities," referring to his work with the N.Z. Alliance. Solo by Mrs. Campbell greatly enjoyed.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, September 19th:** At the home of Mrs. Lediard. Mrs. Farr led Devotions. Address by the Rev. S. W. Webber, for which a warm vote of thanks was accorded him. Thanks also to Mrs. Lediard.

**Takapuna:** October meeting fairly well attended. Mrs. Morgan-Richards presiding. Devotions, Miss Culler, followed by prayer, Mrs. Escott. Mrs. Petchell gave a fine report of the District Convention, and voiced the opinion of all members in strong objection to the opening of hotel bars in the evening, also the serving of liquor in restaurants. Collection for towels for the Maori Hostel. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Winstone. Mrs. Prussing gave details of food parcel sent to a Branch in England on our behalf. Pledge. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**Warkworth, October 10th:** Good attendance; several visitors. Maori Day observed by "Bring-and-Buy" and special collection for Maori Hostel. Time spent in making arrangements for Alliance Organiser. Special afternoon tea. Mesdames H. Torkington and R. Moore, Convention delegates to Auckland Convention gave reports, both stressing the great need to interest youth and young married people in Temperance work, and the keynote of Convention, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting.**—Held at Te Awamutu prior to District Convention. Five Unions represented, Mrs. Christian presiding. Opening with prayer, the meeting discussed the needs of the district in regard to the visit of Miss Appleby, Dominion Organiser. It was

agreed that Unions which had suffered from the war years in various ways and had not recovered their strength should be visited if arrangements could possibly be made. Otoro-hanga and Taumarunui were felt to be in need of help. Miss Kirk's work during her stay in the district had been very helpful. It was agreed that Convention be recommended to contribute £5 to Dominion Funds. It was also to be a recommendation to Convention that the South Auckland District should be divided into a Bay of Plenty and a Waikato area. Arrangements regarding Convention were finalised, and Mrs. Gatman closed with prayer.

**Hamilton, October 3rd:** Mrs. Gatman presided, Mrs. Clark leading Devotions. Mrs. Burt reported on the District Convention. The reading of Isaiah 62, v. 10 by a delegate had struck an impressive note. All business had been of progressive nature and of high spiritual value. Members stood in silence in memory of a beloved member who had passed during the week. Benediction.

**Taumarunui, September 26th:** Good attendance of members and friends, Mrs. Coulson presiding. Devotions and Temperance Fact. Speaker, Miss Kirk, Dominion President. A member gained. Good response to an appeal for funds for literature. Benediction and a happy half-hour of chat with Miss Kirk.

**Thames, October 2nd:** Devotions conducted by President, Mrs. Paul, and Roll Call of texts and quotations on "Service." Report of District Convention read by delegate. Accounts passed for payment. Benediction.

**Tauranga, October 1st:** Good attendance, Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions led by Miss Daphne Maunder. Reports on Band of Hope, N.C.W., District Convention (Mrs. Maunder), and Financial Statement. Maori Day observed by special prayer. "Bring-and-Buy" for Maori Fund. Two new members initiated.

**Te Awamutu:** District Convention held on ordinary meeting day, members all assisting in providing morning and afternoon tea and luncheon. Flowers presented to all District Officers and the Guest of Honour, the Dominion President, Miss Kirk, whose address was inspiring. Delightful solos by Mrs. Wade and elocutionary items by Mrs. Hull.

## TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera Union celebrated "Franchise Day"** at their last meeting, taking up collection for N.Z. Fund. Mrs. Page, Acting President in chair, and took Devotions. Mrs. Page made feeling reference to the death of Mrs. Bone, and to her good works, especially in the Temperance cause. Members stood in silent sympathy with the family. Mrs. Page led in prayer and Mrs. Tozer sang "Abide With Me." Mrs. Bone was a foundation member of the Union, and Mr. Bone was an honorary member. Several Temperance Facts given. Secretary to send letters of sympathy to three sick and sorrowing members. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Major Woolford, the Guest speaker, closed the meeting with prayer and Benediction. His address was on Roto Roa Island, and the Army Home for inebriates.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui Central, October 3rd:** Mrs. Goodey presided, and Mrs. Duxfield led Devotions. Tea hostesses, Miss Wadsworth and Mrs. Duxfield. Ten present. Letters of sympathy to be sent to members absent through sickness, their own or their husband's. Mrs. Clarke welcomed on her recovery. Carefully prepared financial report presented. "White Ribbons," "Vanguards" and religious papers to be sent to Mr. Tate for Bay of Plenty Maori work. Big bundles of good magazines sent to Y.W. and Y.M.C.A.'s. Much-appreciated clothing sent to CORSO. Letter from Alliance re questions to Parliamentary candidates read and discussed. Reports from Dominion Officers and three N.C.W. remits were discussed. The latter were received but felt to be beyond the technical knowledge of members. Remits for District Convention were discussed.

## HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting, September 11th:** Apologies from Gisborne representative, because of travel restrictions, and from Mrs. Smales, of Waipukurau, because of illness. Delegates from Dannevirke, Waipawa, Hastings and Napier in attendance.

Meeting just about to commence when the District Secretary, Miss Ennor, was called away on account of the passing away of her

brother in Auckland. Members expressed sympathy with the bereaved. Sympathy was also extended to the family of Mrs. Macalister, a dearly beloved pioneer member, and to Mrs. McDonald, of Wairoa, in the death of a son.

Reports from Unions show varied evidence of renewed life and continued interest, and it was felt that in many cases the devastating report of the Licensing Commission had acted as a stimulant to the careless and apathetic. Plans for the forthcoming Show in October were again discussed. A Marquee and Stand have been secured, and newly-formed Alliance Branches are to be approached for help and co-operation in the setting up of a worth-while Temperance display. Suggestions for attempting to put new life into Unions were considered and practical steps decided upon. Annual meeting arrangements were discussed and certain features agreed upon. Mrs. Calcott, of Dannevirke, closed the meeting with prayer.

Napier Union hosted visiting delegates for luncheon and afternoon tea.

**Napier Union, September 17th:** Mrs. Lewis presided over fair attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Oldham. Arrangements made for Blind Folks' Parties, and Huhurere Girls' School. Arranged to assist weaker branches to be visited by contribution to District Funds. Mrs. Lewis impressed the need to be equipped with Temperance Facts and to make them known. Band of Hope commenced with eighteen members on the roll. The afternoon took the form of "Information," several members giving extracts from the "W.R." and "Vanguard." Prayer in closing.

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Feilding, October 2nd:** Mrs. Spence in the chair. Mrs. Kendall led Devotions from 1st Psalm. Prayer, Mrs. Cummin. Report from Dominion Headquarters was read. C.R. Social plans made. Vote of appreciation to our President for her splendid work for the "O. and G." appeal. Collection taken up for Maori Fund. A delegate appointed for District Convention. Closing prayer by Mrs. Tremaine.

**Palmerston North, October meeting:** Devotions, Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, also solo. Recitations, Miss R. Edwards, who also gave report of work among seamen. Parcels brought for the New Plymouth "Rest," and some food brought for parcels for Britain, these to be sent away by Mrs. Coles.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Lower Hutt, September 25th:** The Annual Social and Reunion of members. The following took part: Mesdames Clarke and Crawford sang solos, and Mrs. Buck gave a very interesting reading from Anne Hepple. A competition was won by Mrs. Bayley. Hostesses were Mesdames Aldersley and Slinn. Benediction.

**Brooklyn, September 24th:** Mrs. Billings, Vice-President, in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Greenwood. Pledge. Miss Appleby cordially welcomed, also Miss Strong, Central Branch, and all members. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Dudley. District Executive report, Miss Cracknell. Memorial Day, tribute to deceased members was observed with a Service of Memory. Miss Appleby gave a most interesting and educative address, a vote of thanks being carried by acclamation. Mrs. Gillings conveyed greetings from Mesdames Kasper and Prussing, Auckland, the latter being a past member and for a time secretary of this branch, during her residence in Wellington. Sigil Prayer and Benediction. Baptist ladies were tea hostesses, serving a very dainty afternoon tea.

## \* NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson, September 10th:** Mrs. Toomer presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs. Grigg, President North Canterbury District, was welcomed as Guest speaker, and gave a very interesting talk on the beginnings of Temperance Reform. Mrs. Grigg spoke of the fearlessness of great Temperance leaders in the past, stressing the need for fearless workers to carry on the present-day fight. Mrs. Grigg was warmly thanked for her address, and presented with a bouquet. Benediction.

## MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Springlands, 17th September:** At home of President. Ten members and two visitors. Deep sympathy with Mr. W. J. Neal in the loss of his young wife, and Cradle Roll mother. Message from Mrs. Doggett. Members reported distribution of literature. Roll Call well