

taken from Sister H. T. Wharemaru's evidence before the Royal Commission. Special Collection. Dominion Secretary's letter read and discussed. Mrs. F. Cooke thanked for Convention report. Doxology.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Springlands, 15th October. Maori Day observed. Fair attendance and three visitors. The President read from the Dominion Superintendent's report, also the special on the subject from the W.R. Discussion. Letters of appreciation received for messages sent from last meeting. Hall beautifully decorated for social hour following the meeting. Good business done at Sales table. Mrs. Eyles played a piano solo, Mrs. Gascoigne and Mrs. Underhill presented an amusing Play reading and the latter rendered two songs. Two competitions enjoyed, the winners being Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Gascoigne. The annual donations were passed for payment. Members reminded of Crippled children's effort, and the Stall to be conducted at the Show. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The convenor of the Flower Committee arranged for a lovely posy to be taken to an English bride recently arrived and married, and others to sick members.

Blenheim, November 5th. Annual meeting. Devotions taken by Mrs. Adjutant Kears. Interesting reports and satisfactory balance sheet. Election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. N. Forbes (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames W. G. Girling, S. Rodgerson, W. B. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. Watson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. Stephens; Treasurer, Miss E. M. Tarrant, (re-elected); Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs. A. T. Milgrew. Other Superintendents appointed. Most interesting talk by Miss O. Bennett, of Khandallah, on the "Fredric Wallis House" at Lower Hutt, founded by Mrs. Wallis in memory of her husband. Mrs. L. Bailey closed the meeting with prayer.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch, October 9th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Navy League Collection arranged. Extra £10 to be sent to N.Z. Alliance for Royal Commission expenses. Members to attend Church Parade at Spreydon Methodist Church. Mrs. B. James gave Convention report.

October 23rd: Miss Henderson presiding. Vote of sympathy with relatives of the late Mrs. Cracroft-Wilson. Miss Macintosh gave report of Church Parade. Invitation to afternoon social at Shirley-Richmond; and to Garden Party of Linwood Union. In observance of Maori Day, our president gave a talk on Maori problems; especially mentioning the King Country pact.

Reefton, October 28: Maori Day observed. The Rev. Mr. Trim, Alliance representative to the district, read the paper for Maori Day; also giving a talk on the Drink question and the Maori. Thanks expressed. Collection for Maori Fund. Mr. Trim closed with prayer.

Papanui, October 16th: Mrs. Tillman presided and Mrs. Elliott led Devotions. Letters of sympathy to Mrs. Carr in her illness, and to Mrs. Frampton in the death of her husband. Invitations to parties at Linwood and Shirley-Richmond. Quarterly letter from Mrs. Toomer much appreciated. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Hawker. Mrs. Orchard gave good report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary Conference held in Auckland.

New Brighton, October 3rd: Mrs. Flower presided over good attendance. Mrs. Dallaway led Devotions. Pledge reaffirmed. Splendid response to Alliance call for helpers to distribute literature over wide area. Report on Mental Hospital visitation given. Help to be given in selling Health Stamps. Letters of sympathy sent to sick members. Special "Bring and Buy" stall for "Caravan project."

Lytelton-Heathcote, October 29th: Mrs. Trendenick, president, in the chair. Good attendance. £1 worth of literature given out for distribution. Some distributed at the "League of Mothers" meeting. Letter from Mrs. Toomer read. Miss Campbell from Opawa Union gave a comprehensive and enjoyable report on Convention. Mrs. Campbell was accompanied by Miss Connal, and both received a warm welcome.

North Brighton, September 17th: Mrs. Noonan presided. Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. Franchise Day observed. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs. Aston, a foundation member, in the death of her husband, and to the relatives of the late Mrs. E. A. Felton, also a foundation member. Reports. Prayer meeting, four members attended. Mental Hos-

pital visiting, two members taking the usual gifts. District Executive nominations: President, Mrs. E. R. Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. J. Black; Treasurer, Mrs. Atkins.

North Brighton, October 15th: Mrs. Noonan presided, and Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Eight members and one visitor present. Invitations received to Women's Day Service, from New Brighton, and to Birthday parties at Opawa and Shirley-Richmond. Maori Day observed. Mrs. Noonan reported that five Band of Hope members sat for the Temperance Examinations. Several members agreed to distribute literature. Reports given on Monthly Prayer meeting, Mental Hospital visiting. Convention reports given by Mesdames Noonan and McIlwraith. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg gave the address, on the Early History of the Temperance Movement in America and England. Thanks given by President of a wonderful summary of the events which took place. Benediction.

Sydenham, 7th November: Owing to inclement weather, only small attendance of mothers and children at our Cradle Roll Social, over which Mrs. J. Filer presided. Pledge reaffirmed and Temperance Fact given. District Executive Report was given by the Secretary. An invitation was received from Shirley-Richmond Branch to attend their Birthday Social on 12th November. Mesdames Filer and Rogers were appointed a committee to purchase suitable prizes for winners in the forthcoming Temperance Essay competition at a local school. Nominations for Dominion Officers were received. Recitations contributed by Miss Matthews were greatly enjoyed, and items were given by the children. It was reported that arrangements are in hand for a concert party to visit the Women's Reformatory at an early date.

Riccarton, October 10th: Good attendance. A further £2/2/- had been handed in for the Pyramid effort. A special meeting was arranged to be held at the home of the President, as the Cradle Roll party was to follow this short business meeting. Appeals for help for the Navy League and Y.M.C.A. were received. Invitations to attend the Mothers' Union Social evening and the Opawa Union special gathering. Letters of thanks sent out. A remit sent on from the N.C.W. re wastage of barley was read.

Spreydon, November 12th: Annual Meeting. Attendance fair. Secretary's and Departmental reports excellent. All officers re-elected except Treasurer, whose place is not yet filled. District President, Mrs. Clarke, conducted election of officers, wishing them well for the coming year of work; also expressing the thanks of the Executive for the work of the Union. Two new members initiated.

New Brighton, November 7th: Mrs. Edmond presided and led Devotions. Pledge reaffirmed. Caravan Fund donation now amounts to £2. £1 received from Mrs. Mitchell for Y.W.C.A. Campaign Fund. Collection of 10/- for Band of Hope; and 4/- for Mental Hospital visitation. Arrangements made for Shop Day to augment our Union funds.

Woolston, October 26th: Fair attendance. President's home. Mrs. Spier led Devotions. 10/- donated for Maori Mission.

October 17th: Attendance poor. Mrs. Ramsay presided and Mrs. Grigg was Guest speaker. Mrs. Tomlinson led Devotions. Mrs. Grigg's subject was "Freedom." "Bring and Buy" brought in a nice amount. Mrs. Carrington reported on Band of Hope examination entries, and certificates were presented to seven members. Benediction.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate, October 9th: Excellent attendance. Mrs. Duckett, president, led Devotions. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Mrs. Kippenberger appointed Mental Hospital visitor. Convention report given by the delegate, Mrs. Ashton, who was heartily thanked. Mr. Dash gave a fine address, most instructive and encouraging, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. Meeting closed with prayer.

Timaru, October 29th, Mrs. Holdgate presiding. Mrs. Howe gave Convention report, Miss Stevenson on National Council, and Mrs. Dellow on N.Z. Alliance recently formed. The Rev. Mr. McDowell then spoke on the Drink question.

OTAGO DISTRICT

South Dunedin, fourth Thursday: Mrs. Rippen presided, Mrs. Smith leading Devotions. Mrs. Gow reported on Convention held at Port Chalmers. Mrs. Donaldson reported briefly on Bible-in-Schools activities. Mrs. Rippen stressed the importance of Dominion Convention, naming each department, and with the meeting's consent allotting various sums to some of these. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mr. George Dash on the passing of Mrs. Dash.

Kaikorai, October 29th: Mrs. Flett presided and read an article entitled "Mary's Meditations." Roll Call answered by verse beginning with "A." Mrs. Flett reported result of Temperance Examinations. Members of our L.T.L. have received first and second places in the Junior and Intermediate Grades. The Secretary read the report of the District Convention.

Oamaru, November 11th: Annual Meeting. Mrs. Winn presiding and leading Devotions. Visit to Old People's Home arranged. Special Prayer meeting to be held on behalf of the Election. Literature to be posted, and sent out through the local paper. Thanks from Matron of Maori Girls' Hostel and Seamen's Rest Timaru for donations of £1 to each. Good record of work shown in reports. Special thanks to Mrs. McIlwraith for her work in the distribution of poll literature, and in the sale of Health Stamps. A Temperance advertisement has been in the local paper for three months. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped in a very successful year's work. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Winn; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Acutt and Miss Cowan; Secretary, Mrs. McIlwraith; Treasurer, Mrs. McWhirter. Superintendents were also appointed for various departments. Benediction.

Port Chalmers, October 16th: At the home of Mrs. Bowman. 9 members present. Business mainly on report of Convention. Further literature given to members for distribution. Hostess thanked. Benediction.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

South Invercargill, October meeting: Good attendance. Mrs. Richards, Evangelical Superintendent, led Devotions. Two solos by Miss Dalrymple much enjoyed. Adjutant Palding spoke on "We are dependent on one another." Hearty vote of thanks accorded.

Winton, October 15th: Devotions. Pledge. Plans made for future meetings and functions. Benediction.

Invercargill Central, November 9th: Miss V. Jamieson presided at the Annual meeting. Mrs. Cameron led Devotions. Officers elected for next year were: President, Miss Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. D. Cameron and Watson; Secretary, Mrs. Brown; Superintendents also being appointed.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL FOR AUCKLAND MEMBERS AND 'WHITE RIBBON' READERS.

Any Auckland readers and members who can offer hospitality for one or more delegates for Dominion Convention, March 5 to 13, are requested to communicate with Mrs. Williams, "Arlley," Queen Street, Northcote, Auckland, N.4, as early as possible.

All requests for hospitality must be in Mrs. Williams's hands not later than February 1st, 1947. This is urgent, and no further notice can be given through these pages before that date, as no "W.R." is published in January.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IN VIEW OF UNIONS' RECESS PERIOD.