

# Bulletin of Union News

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting: Christmas Party.** The annual Christmas Party of the Auckland District Executive was held in Pitt Street Methodist Church Parlour on December 2nd, when Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, was in the chair and welcomed large number of guests, every Union being represented. An excellent programme of musical and elocutionary items was presented by several ladies, one of the girls from the Maori Hostel contributing an item.

During the afternoon Mrs. Mountjoy gave a short address and Mrs. J. W. Long voiced the thanks of the meeting to the artists who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable. The following resolution was passed by the meeting: "That this meeting of the Auckland District Executive of the W.C.T.U. strongly protests against the granting of public school grounds for sports on Sundays by the Education Board."

**Ponsonby, Nov. 27:** Annual meeting, Mrs. Joiner, President, in the chair. Eleven members present. Devotions, Sister Jessie. Temperance Fact, Miss Runciman. Literature for distribution given out. Annual report given by Secretary, who was complimented on its compilation by President and members. Very interesting report given by Sister Jessie on the Maori work being done in connection with hostels, this being felt to be of great importance to all Unions and members. Departmental reports given by Superintendents, who were thanked for the year's work. Resolution re the protest against the use of School grounds for Sunday sport sent to Executive. Sister Jessie presided over the election of officers, all being re-elected, with one alteration, that the secretary act as treasurer in the absence of Mrs. Christopher. All were thanked for their work, the Secretary voicing the thanks of all to Mrs. Joiner, President, who wished all the compliments of the season. Pledge repeated and Benediction.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, Nov. 21:** Meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis Eady. Devotions, Mrs. Farr, Evangelical Superintendent, who, with Mrs. Kasper, President, spoke of the need for prayer, especially in planning work for the coming year. Temperance Fact. Annual report given by Secretary, Mrs. Biddle. Elected officers for ensuing year were: President (acting), Mrs. Kasper; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Machin and Mrs. Eady; Secretary, Mrs. Biddle; Treasurer, Mrs. Phillips. Superintendents also appointed. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Eady. A new member from Hamilton Union welcomed.

**Epsom-Green Lane, Nov. 21:** Fifteen members present, Mrs. Eccersall presiding. Last meeting for the year—an informal happy time of fellowship. Mrs. Eccersall gave an inspiring talk on "Women of the Bible." Meeting closed with hymn, "God Be With You," and Prayer.

**Titirangi, Nov. 19:** Meeting held at "Dundonald," home of Mrs. McFarlane. Miss C. M. McLay presided. Thirteen members present. Temperance Fact read. Sympathy with Mrs. Whitburn expressed, a past Secretary, in the death of her husband. Union represented at funeral and flowers sent. Annual meeting. Officers elected: President, Miss C. M. McLay; Secretary, Mrs. Parrish; Treasurer, Miss Broady. Tea and Benediction.

**Remuera, Nov. 25:** Annual meeting. Mrs. H. Kasper presided. Good attendance. Two new members initiated. Mrs. Kasper led Devotions. Election of officers resulted thus: Acting President, Mrs. Kasper; Secretary, Miss Tozer; Treasurer, Mrs. Laird; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. Robinson. All superintendents reported on their work, and were re-elected. Thanks to all officers and superintendents were expressed for their work.

**Warkworth, Dec. 12:** Closing meeting for the year. Very fair attendance. Mrs. Baker appointed delegate for Dominion Convention. Solos given by Mesdames Rowe and Nelson; recitation by Mrs. Moore. Miss Taylor, missionary from India, gave an address telling of the changes Christ brings to Hindu women. Happy year of inspiration and service brought to a close with afternoon tea.

**Onehunga, Nov. 14:** Annual meeting. Devotions, routine business, and arrangements made for workers and catering for booths on election day. Temperance Fact. Reports

from superintendents and officers read and appreciated. Gratification on hearing that a newly-formed "Youth Travel Club" for young men and women announces that liquor will not be allowed. All officers re-elected.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Hamilton:** Annual report presented by Mrs. Burt. Superintendents all reported. Congratulations to two Hamilton scholars who had secured good marks in the Temperance Exams, and books to be presented. All officers re-elected, and most of the superintendents, one notable exception being Mrs. Davey, who had been Treasurer for twenty-five years, whose place was filled by Mrs. Pickles. Special tribute paid to Mrs. Davey. Devotions conducted by Miss May, a Japanese internnee from Shanghai, who after reading Psalm 34, related one of her outstanding experiences of deliverance. Xmas greetings and flowers to be sent to sick members. President thanked all workers. Benediction.

**Tauranga, Dec. 3:** Closing Social, Mrs. Christian presiding. Miss Kirk, Dominion President, led Devotions, making reference to Poll result, and encouraging the downcast. Reports on Band of Hope closing meeting, N.C.W. also, and an address by Miss Kirk. Musical items and competitions and a "Bring and Buy" stall for the "Caravan Fund."

## TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera:** Annual meeting. Mrs. R. Thayer presiding. Financial statement and annual reports presented. Election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. R. Thayer; Vice-Presidents, Major Woolford, Mesdames Gould and Page; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Barron; Superintendents also elected. "Bring and Buy" for local funds.

**New Plymouth:** Annual meeting, well attended, Mrs. Brown in the chair. Devotions and Temperance Fact. Annual report and Seamen's Rest reports read. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. Oliver; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wood; Treasurer, Mrs. Norwood. Thanks to tea hostesses and artistes. Benediction.

**Eltham** report a good annual meeting, with good year's work reported. Six new members secured at Cradle Roll party and much interest shown in this department.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui East:** Annual meeting showed good work done for the year. Miss Day re-elected President; Miss Jarvis, Treasurer; Mrs. Robb, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. James, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ogier, R. and L.T.L. Superintendent.

**Wanganui Central:** Nine present, Mrs. Duxfield presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Goodey. Sympathy and sorrow expressed concerning the death of Mrs. Heatley, for many years a leading member. Agreed that with decreasing attendances, all lines not strictly Temperance be cut out, a falling-off in departmental work being revealed in reports, resulting from illness. Good financial statement. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Duxfield; Secretary, Mrs. Ogg; Treasurer, Mrs. Goodey; Superintendents also appointed.

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Palmerston North:** Annual meeting, December. Annual reports presented. Previous officers re-elected. Mrs. Carter, who is going to make her home in Auckland, was presented with a suitcase and a bouquet; Mrs. Coles, President, expressing her deep appreciation of her devoted service over a number of years. A special "Bring and Buy," arranged to raise the Union's quota of £12/10/- towards the Alliance advertising fund, resulted with donations, in the raising of the required amount.

**Feilding:** Annual meeting, December 4th. Mrs. Spence presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Kendall. Officers' and Superintendents' reports showed progress. The Gold Medal had been won by a Band of Hope member in the Temperance examinations, Miss Ruth Eade. Mrs. Spence, after sixteen years of inspiring and faithful service as President, declined nomination, her place being taken in this office by Mrs. Tremain. Mrs. Taylor spoke on Mrs. Spence's splendid work during those years, and Mrs. Spence thanked all those who had worked with her for their co-operation. Mrs. Spence closed with prayer.

## HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings, Nov. 28:** Annual meeting. Reports received with keen interest, a fine record of work being presented. Mrs. H. Hickmott, President for many years, declined re-nomina-

tion on account of ill-health, but accepted the position of Vice-President. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. H. M. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Pitt; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Grainger. Superintendents also appointed.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Wellington Central, Nov. 24:** Annual meeting. Mrs. Webb presided in the absence through illness of the President, Mrs. Sired. Devotions led by Mrs. Israel. Special prayers for sick members, and for our Poll and other work. Treasurer's report. Two parcels to be sent to England. Each member undertook to write to, or visit a sick member. Sympathetic reference made to the passing of Mrs. Hufham, for many years a supporter of our cause. Birthday greetings and posies presented. Report of Masterton Convention given. Delegate to Convention, Mrs. Reed. All officers re-elected. Superintendent's reports, and re-appointments to be dealt with at the February meeting. Mrs. Hout warmly thanked for serving tea throughout the year. Benediction. Miss Keys gave two delightful piano solos.

**Lower Hutt:** Mrs. Spencer presided and Mrs. Swift led Devotions. Secretary's report showed good work done during the year. £5 donated to Hutt Temperance League, £1 to the Alliance, and 10/- to the Church Trustees. All officers re-elected. Benediction.

## NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson, Nov. 12:** Annual Meeting. Mrs. Toomer presided over fair attendance. All officers and superintendents re-elected. Reports showed a busy year and satisfactory balance sheet. Message of thanks sent to the Rev. Mr. Blampied for his work among children on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. Ranking gave an interesting talk, showing how fear can affect health, but that God's healing power is ever at work. Temperance Fact. Benediction. December: See "Special reports."

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Riccarton:** Special meeting, October 24th, held at the home of Mrs. Griffiths, President. Twenty present. President led Devotions. Two members reported having visited Ojawa Union and had attended a Church parade. Mrs. Toomer's letter read. Donation from Mrs. Chas. Bell, of Wellington, for C.R. funds received. Mesdames Gundy and Harris reported interestingly on the recent District Convention, and received the thanks of the meeting. Mrs. Griffiths thanked for the use of her home. Bundles of literature given out for distribution. A five-minute paper written by Mrs. Ancell on Gambling was read by Mrs. Gundy. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

**Nov. 14:** Annual meeting. Good attendance. Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Donations received for Leper and Union funds. Several letters of thanks and appreciation to be sent out. A short "Service of Memories" held in memory of White Ribbon Sisters who had passed away. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports read and adopted. Good work shown for the year. The final "pyramid" effort handed in a total of £19/18/3. Chocolate and donations for Mental Hospital Christmas cheer handed in. Mrs. Clarke, President off Bryndwr presided over the election of officers, all previous ones being returned. Thanks to the officers and to Mrs. Clarke were expressed by the President, who also thanked members for their attendance and co-operation during the year. Literature handed out for distribution. "God Be With You" sung, this being the last meeting for the year.

**Linwood:** Annual meeting held recently. All officers re-elected. Annual reports showed satisfactory work for the year. Good balance after paying all dues.

**North Brighton, Nov. 19:** Annual meeting presided over by Mrs. Noonan. Five Band of Hope members had gained certificates in the Temperance Exams. Annual report showed good work done, the Secretary being complimented on its comprehensive nature. Superintendents' reports also very good. Band of Hope had held twelve meetings and had 21 new pledged members. Mrs. Noonan appointed delegate for Convention. Mrs. Clarke, District President, took the chair for the election of officers. All previous ones re-elected. Greetings from District Executive brought by Mrs. Clarke.

**New Brighton, Dec. 5:** Mrs. Flower presided. Devotions taken by Salvation Army Lieut. Pledge re-affirmed. Temperance Fact given. Good annual reports given by Secretary and Superintendents. Annual donations to be sent