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SPECIAL REPORTS

Interesting reports of special occasions have reached us as follows:—

HAWERA: A picture-painting competition organised by the Union among South Taranaki school children was finalised recently, when competitors ranging from three to fourteen years of age received very nice book prizes. Seven children of the different age groups received prizes. Miss V. B. Rigden, Arts Mistress at Hawera Technical High School, was the judge.

WAIMATE held a highly successful Baby Show in December in Knox Hall, when, in spite of heavy rain, the hall was crowded with young and old. The Mayoress, Mrs. W. F. Boland, and Mrs. C. Englefield, were judges. The babies were grouped as Boys under nine months, and Girls the same; and between nine and eighteen months, also Boys and Girls. Mrs. Duckett, President, gave a much appreciated talk to the mothers present, and a programme of items was presented, followed by afternoon tea. Mr. George Dash, Hon. Member of the Union, shared with the President, the chairing of a very happy afternoon.

FEILDING made a special occasion of their February meeting, which took the form of a Social afternoon, the

Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Hoare and Mrs. L. Scott, Grey Lynn Union. Two Warriors Gone Home.

The ladies of the Grey Lynn Union were very much saddened by their loss when two of their number were "promoted to glory." Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Hoare was laid aside for many months as the result of an accident. Her bright and loving nature will stand as a living witness and will always remain as a memory. Her one thought was: "How are we progressing?" Though her eyes failed, her spirit was all for the cause of Temperance. Some of the members went to her home during her illness, singing praises and holding prayer sessions which she did enjoy. As a Salvation Army Officer, she had much to tell of her experiences among people who drank. Her whole heart was in the saving of souls for her Master. Our sympathy goes out to all the loved ones left to mourn their loss.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mrs. L. Scott was for some years one of our good and faithful members. She lived for her Master though she did not talk a great deal. She loved to sing and play the songs of Zion, having a deep and strong contralto voice. Coming from the Islands a few years ago, she joined up with the Temperance work, and her life was a very hard one, but she stood fast and kept the flag flying right to the end. Our sympathy is with her loved ones.

Members attended the funeral services of both their sisters.

special feature of which was the presentation of "Long Service" Badges to Mrs. Jones, for over thirty years of faithful service; Mrs. Goldfinch (who was away on holiday) has served for over thirty years; Mrs. Pack, Miss Watt, Mesdames Tremain and Whisker, all of whom have served for over twenty years, were each presented with a beautiful shoulder spray. Opportunity was also taken to make a presentation to Mrs. Spence, who re-

Mrs. H. MacKinnon, Northcote Union.

On February 2nd, Mrs. H. MacKinnon, our dearly-loved friend and member of our Northcote Union, passed to Higher Service. She had a wonderful personality, and her face shone with the light of one who walked with God.

She will be greatly missed by us and also by the Presbyterian Church.

"Her children rise up and call her Blessed." To them we offer our sincere sympathy.

A very lovely wreath was sent from our Union.

"The golden evening brightens in the west;

Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.

Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:

Alleluia!"

Miss F. Johnson and Mrs. Thackeray, Waipawa Union.

There passed away last year two members of the Waipawa Union. Miss F. Johnson, who had belonged to the Union since shortly after its formation, was Recording Secretary and Treasurer for twenty-five years. Her grasp of business was always a great help with any business connected with her work. Owing to failing sight and health, she had not been able to attend meetings for several years, but she was always interested in the work of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Thackeray, who had been a member of the Union for a number of years, also passed on to Higher Service. She was always keenly interested in Temperance work, and a willing worker. She had been organist for the Union for several years.

tired from the Presidency after sixteen years of very faithful service in that office. She was presented with a shoulder spray and a beautiful cushion from the members in token of their esteem. Mrs. Gill rendered a most enjoyable solo, and Mrs. Cummin a recitation.

A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of Hymn 120, and prayer by Mrs. Tremain.