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Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, Feb. 11: Devotions, Mrs. Green. Welcome to members by new President and special thanks to Mrs. Green for her work as President last year. Temperance Fact. It was with deep regret that we received our last New Year message from our District President, who has been a tower of strength during the many years she has held office. Miss Edmed appointed delegate to Dominion Convention. President read a paper on Frances Willard. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, Monday Feb. 24: District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Read. Miss C. M. McLay and Mrs. Anstice reported on the Women's World Day of Prayer. Decided to hold a "Mother's Day" gathering in the Auckland Town Hall on May 11th. All members urged to vote on the day of the Licensing Committee poll. Two Notices of Motion to be brought forward at Dominion Convention.

Remuera, Feb. 17: Mrs. G. Robinson presided and took Devotions. Mrs. Kasper, the President, was unable to attend through illness. Temperance Fact given and Pledge recited. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Frances Willard Day observed. Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, gave an address on Temperance work and was thanked.

Onehunga, Feb. 13: In spite of rain, eleven members assembled for the opening meeting. Devotions led by Mrs. Perrett. Usual business and letter from Mrs. Toomer considered. Sympathy on account of the sudden death of one of our members and the niece of another. Dominion Convention delegates appointed. Mrs. Mountjoy told of incidents of her recent holiday in Napier.

Feb. 27: Home meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ashby was well attended. Choruses, solos and interesting address by Mrs. Penmen.

Mount Eden, Feb. 25: Miss A. M. McLay presided. Fair attendance. Discussion re wine at weddings and prevalence of drinking amongst young people. Convention arrangements considered and Notices of Motion discussed. Delegate appointed. Resignation of Treasurer who is leaving to reside near Timaru, received with regret. Mrs. Dunham was thanked for her faithful service as Treasurer for three years, and a Minute of appreciation recorded. The offices of both Treasurer and Secretary both vacant. President reported Executive meeting. Happy time over afternoon tea.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, Mar. 3: Mrs. Bryan presided in the absence of the President at Dominion Convention. Good attendance. Mrs. Bryan led Devotions. A telegram to be sent to Dominion Convention. A beautiful table, presented to the Union by a generous member, was dedicated to the service of God by the Rev. A. A. Bensley, minister of the Methodist Church, in the premises of which meetings are held. A syllabus for the year's meetings was submitted for approval and adopted. Mrs. Johnson appointed to take charge of the Sales Table. Mrs. Bryan closed meeting with prayer.

Thames: Opening meeting for year well attended. Mrs. Whiteside delegate to Dominion Convention. Convention remembered in prayer and responsive Scripture reading. Syllabus drawn up for year's work. Dominion Secretary's letter read and discussed. Resolved to combine with Thames Alliance in any Youth work undertaken this year. Advertising in local paper to be continued. Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, Mar.: Mrs. W. Thayer presided. District Convention report given by delegates. Cradle Roll party arranged. Mrs. C. Barron elected delegate to Dominion Convention. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central: Opening meeting for the year. Mrs. Duxfield presiding, Mrs. Goodey leading devotions, Mesdames McGregor and Sinclair tea hostesses, Mrs. Mercer in charge of "Bring and Buy." Congratulations expressed to a member on her husband's im-

proving health, and regrets at loss of an enthusiastic member through removal. Re-organisation for the year's work discussed. Speaker Mrs. Chesswas.

Mar. 8: Mrs. Duxfield presided; Miss Wadsworth led Devotions. Miss Wadsworth welcomed on her return and Mrs. Glenn after long illness. Much regret expressed at the death of Mrs. Kendall, the fourth similar loss recently. Mrs. Ogg, delegate to Convention, will report on her return. Miss Wadsworth offered to carry on the C.R. work, left without a Superintendent by the death of Mrs. Grinstead. Mrs. Mercer thanked for work done in absence of Mrs. Glenn.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier: February meeting held in Willard Hall. Fair attendance. Mrs. Ryan presided and led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Temperance Facts read from the "Vanguard." Members brought food parcels for Britain. Mrs. Shann appointed delegate for Convention. Remits read and approved. Aged members to be visited next month. Miss McLay expected to visit the Union in April. Afternoon tea and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, Mar. 5: Mrs. Taylor presided, Mrs. Spence, Devotions. Mrs. Goldfinch, who was unable to attend the February meeting was presented with a beautiful shoulder spray and a "Long Service" Badge for over thirty years' service. Mrs. Spencer making the presentation. Greetings to be sent to Dominion Convention. Interesting letter from an absent member read. Closing prayer by Mrs. Taylor.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive, Feb. 27: Met in Brooklyn Methodist Church. Devotions conducted by our District President, Miss Jackson, who chose for her topic a well-known story from the book of Daniel. Several members engaged in a prayer session. We were all greatly encouraged to learn that the Wellington Education Board had agreed to accept the offer of book which are to be distributed to each Secondary teacher for use in the general curriculum. This is a very great advancing step. Donations from unions are solicited towards cost of same. Expense will be worth it, though. Arrangements made for those Unions not sending a delegate to Convention to be represented. Provision also made for proxy voting in connection with N.C.W., while delegates are attending Convention. Letters of sympathy to be sent to those who are sick. Noontide and lunch. Afternoon session began with several prayers, definitely remembering coming Convention. Discussion on remits going forward. Mrs. Spencer reported on the L.T.L. work at Belmont. There is a roll of 20 and now, a "Y" Branch of ten members, the result of a tiny beginning three years ago of six children. Mrs. Grigg spoke on the "White Ribbon," advising all presidents of their responsibility to see that all subscriptions are collected before the end of the year. Benediction concluded a satisfactory and helpful District Executive meeting.

Brooklyn, Feb. 25: Fair attendance. President in chair. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs. Sawden who is ill, and President expressed sympathy of all members with Mrs. Rose in the loss of her husband. Convention remits considered. Year's syllabus in preparation. Sigil prayer and Benediction. Baptist ladies hostesses.

Wellington Central: Mrs. Sired presided. Two parcels sent to Temperance workers in England. Letter from Mrs. Spencer telling of the new "Y" branch meeting in her home. Donation of £1 for New Plymouth Sailors' Rest. Report of Dominion Officers' meeting read. Superintendents reappointed. Mrs. Morris delegate to District Executive meeting. Frances Willard Day observed. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hoult. Mrs. Morris expressed pleasure of members at having Mrs. Sired with them again after her recent illness. Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive: The quarterly meeting was held in Blenheim Wesley Hall, and was well attended by Officers and members. The President, Mrs. V. Underhill, was in the chair and conducted opening Devotions, several members offering prayers. Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne was welcomed as a member of Executive, having accepted position of W.R. Supt.

Mrs. S. Harris, Corresponding Secretary, was appointed as delegate to Dominion Convention and after full discussion on remits and resolutions, was instructed in regard to voting. It was intimated that the Women's Day of Prayer would in future be held on the last Thursday instead of Friday, as from March. It was decided to convey the thanks and appreciation of members to Mrs. A. Fear, who has left for her future home in Greymouth, for her very able leadership in connection with the Days of Prayer, and to extend best wishes to her in her new sphere of service. Among matters under discussion was the disappointing result of recent Licensing Poll. Members unanimous in the opinion that State or any other control of sales, would not cure the evil of intoxication, nor alter the effect of beverage alcohol on the human body. A happy time spent over lunch and the meeting closed at 3.15 p.m. with prayer and the Benediction.

Blenheim, Mar. 4: Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Milgrew read from "Christ in the Modern Hospital." Prayer asked for Dominion Convention. Interesting talk on "Experiences in Scotland and New Zealand Among Victims of the Liquor Traffic" given by Mrs. Martin. Benediction.

Springlands, Feb. 18: Mrs. Underhill presided over fair attendance. Members stood in silence expressing deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Pyne in the loss of their infant son, who was a member of the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Herd read the Dominion Corresponding Secretary's letter which was full of interest. Mrs. Stephens, Blenheim delegate to Dominion Convention to be asked to represent the Branch. After discussion of remits for Convention and other matters of interest, a syllabus was arranged for the year's working. Mrs. Cunningham, on behalf of herself and members, wished the President every success and journeying mercies for her first Convention as a Dominion Officer. One new member received.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch, Feb. 12: Miss C. Henderson presided. Vote of sympathy sent to relatives of the late Mrs. George B. Thanks for Xmas greetings from Mrs. Better and from Mrs. Christian, Editor of the "White Ribbon." Report given of assistance given at Mental Hospital Welfare Street Collection. Thanks received from Timaru Sailors' Rest for our donation. Interesting report received of work at the Maori Hostels; also from Mrs. Toomer carefully-given information re Convention. Mrs. Fraser elected as delegate. Extracts read by President from "Vanguard."

February 26th: Miss Henderson presiding. Sympathy sent to Mrs. J. Richards in hospital. Members promised to help at coming Y.W.C.A. Fair. Satisfactory balance sheet read by Treasurer. Extracts read by President from World's Bulletin giving news of Temperance work.

Riccarton, Feb. 13: Attendance of twenty-three. Mrs. Griffiths presided, and Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Temperance Fact given. In correspondence three letters of thanks for donations received. Letters and flowers sent to a sick friend. President gave members a New Year resolution. "Yesterday has gone, to-morrow hasn't come, so do all we can with the day that it with us." Good report on Mental Hospital. Hostess, Mrs. Brighting. A bundle of dusters handed in for the use of the Disabled Servicemen's Centre. Miss Biggs gave an interesting talk on the Maori work at Nuhaka. Votes of thanks and Benediction.

Reefton, Feb. 11: Mrs. Thompson presiding. Frances Willard Day observed. The Rev. Mr. Trim gave a talk on the Drink question. Mr. Trim proposed that the services of the Secretary over a period of fourteen years be recorded in the Minute Book. Balance on hand to be sent to Headquarters Fund. One new member. Collection, and meeting closed with prayer.

Oxford, Feb. 19: Frances Willard Day. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Dalley. A most interesting address given by the Rev. R. Blair, who gave his impressions of the Prohibition period in America. Mr. Blair lived in Boston for seven years and in that time saw only one drunken person in a city of 2,000,000 inhabitants. Collection taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Benediction.

Papanui, Feb. 19: Eight members present. Mrs. Malcolm presided in absence through illness of the President. Letter of sympathy and flowers to be sent. Devotions by Mrs. Elliott.