

# Bulletin of Union News

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Executive Meeting, March 31:** Mrs. Mountjoy presiding and Mrs. Hooper leading Devotions. The President reported that Mrs. Kasper's health was much improved, and Mrs. Petchell reported that all those elected to the Licensing Committee at Takapuna were Temperance men. All stood in silence, in memory of Mrs. Peryman, news of whose death had just been received. Letter of sympathy to be sent to the Rev. Clifford Welch who conducted the Convention Communion Service, in the sudden death of Mrs. Welch. Mrs. Mountjoy presented Mrs. Williams with a book in token of gratitude for her work in connection with hospitality for Convention delegates. "Mother's Day" gathering arranged. President reported that a number of members had received "Long Service" badges at Convention.

**Remuera, March 24:** Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided. Attendance fair. Devotions led by Mrs. G. Robinson. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Reports of Dominion Convention given by Mesdames Robinson, Gane, and Miss Tozer. Thanks given by President for these reports.

**Epsom Green Lane:** Opening meeting for 1947, March 20, held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Members first attended the funeral of their beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Geison, at the Green Lane Congregational Church. Mrs. Geison passed away suddenly while helping to nurse a very sick friend. We thank God for every remembrance of her. Mrs. Long, ably assisted by Mollie, acted as hostess at the Hostel. Convention report given and a most profitable afternoon was spent. A "Love Gift" to Mrs. Long of £2 was made, for the purchase of some useful article for the Hostel.

**Henderson, March 19:** Mrs. Chadwick presided. Convention report given. Interesting talk by Miss Appleby on "The Ups and Downs of Organising." Discussion on the gambling question.

**Ponsonby, March 20:** Mrs. Joiner presided and led Devotions. Temperance Fact, Miss Runciman. Letter from Mrs. Lee-Cowie received by President, gave news of her, and the Misses Pyle's continued good health. Rev. H. C. Matthews, of St. John's Methodist Church, spoke on "A Life of Service." Pledge and Benediction.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, March 20:** Fair attendance, Mrs. Kasper presiding. Temperance Fact. Vote of sympathy with Mrs. Lediard in the death of her husband. £1 received from Wesley Methodist children towards Temperance education. Arrangements made for farewell to Mrs. Farr.

**Mount Eden, April 1:** Mrs. J. D. Smith presided in the absence of the President. Mrs. Mountjoy gave report of Dominion Convention. Suggestions for making meetings interesting made by members.

**Onehunga, March 13:** Annual Cradle Roll Party. Beautiful weather. Arrangements by Miss Caughley, C.R. Superintendent.

March 27: See "Special Reports."

**Takapuna, April meeting:** Fair attendance, Mrs. Morgan-Richards presiding. Devotions, Miss Cullen. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Winstone. Mrs. Petchell gave vivid account of the work of the Licensing Committee, and as all our men were elected, there was great rejoicing. Decided to invite all these new members of the Committee with their wives to a Social Afternoon, with the workers also. Mrs. Morgan-Richards was presented with the "Long Service" badge. She also reported on the first day of Convention. Sales Table did well. Benediction.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga, April 1:** Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Bensley. All stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Peryman, and Mrs. Hickey, mother of one of the members. Excellent report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Hunt, delegate. Mesdames Walker (Nelson Union), and Alley (Northcote Union) welcomed. N.C.W. report given. Temperance Fact and Pledge. Flowers to be sent to a sick member and to a bride recently arrived. Arrangements for Silver Jubilee and District Convention discussed. "Bring and Buy" for local funds.

**Hamilton, April 1:** See "Special Report."

## HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

**Dannevirke, March 11:** Mrs. Paviour-Smith presided in the absence of the President, and took Devotions. A Palmerston North visitor welcomed. Letter received from District Secretary telling of Miss C. McLay's proposed visit. Agreed that the Temperance Fact should be sent to the local newspaper for publication. Prayer in closing.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

**Wellington Central, March 19:** Mrs. Israel in the chair in the absence of Mrs. Sired on holiday. Attendance fair. Illness of several members reported and letters to be sent. Mrs. Morris reported on District Convention. A fund was planned for Dominion Convention to be held here in 1948. Letters of thanks for parcels sent to England received. Members urged to pay membership fees and "W.R." subscriptions as early in the year as possible to simplify the work of Dominion Officers. Convention report given by Mrs. Reed. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hault. Benediction.

**Lower Hutt, March 25:** Mrs. Spencer presided over small attendance. Some sick and some holidaying. Prayer of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs. Peryman. Convention report given by Mrs. Reed, District Secretary. Hearty thanks for excellent report. Benediction.

**Johnsonville:** Cradle Roll party held at the home of Mrs. Davis on March 22, nine mothers and thirteen children attending. Happy afternoon spent with games and especially the good things provided. Band of Hope and Bible Class members assisted Mrs. Davis in the entertaining of the children.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

**Nelson, February 11:** Mrs. Toomer presided. Good attendance. Rev. R. A. Blampied led Devotions. Speaker, Mrs. Sherratt, on "Life of Elizabeth Fry." Paper also read by President from "N.Z. Motor World," entitled "Booze at the Wheel." Benediction.

March 11: Miss Cooke presided in the absence of the President at Dominion Convention. Five members at Convention, so only fair attendance. Major Brunton led Devotions. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Gubb, who was in charge of Cradle Roll for a long time, and Mr. J. H. Walker, the husband of our one-time District President. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Pocklington, of Dunedin, entertained with a humorous recitation, and Major Brunton gave a delightful talk on Edinburgh, singing one verse of the "Covenanters' Hymn" as a conclusion. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Andrews, Lummis and Snodgrass. Meeting closed with the "Sigil."

## MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

**Springlands, March 18:** Mrs. Underhill presided, fair attendance. Several absent through illness. The devotional study was from Epistle General of Peter, chapter 1, the Christian's Hope. Very helpful verses given in response to the roll call. Regret voiced at the loss of their home by fire to Mr. and Mrs. Twidle. The Banner for L.W.R. was presented by the President to Mrs. E. Leslie, Superintendent. The President gave a talk on some of the highlights of the Dominion Convention as experienced by herself. The members listened with interest and thanked the speaker.

**Blenheim, April 1:** Good attendance of members and visitors. One new member initiated. Mrs. A. T. Milgrew and Mrs. Adjutant Kearse led Devotions. Very comprehensive report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. P. Stephens, who received thanks. Tea and Benediction.

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Riccarton, March 13:** 21 present. Mrs. Griffiths presided. Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Concert to be given on April 19 at Women's Reformatory. Articles for use in the Therapy Department at the Templeton Farm asked for. £4 raised for the "O. and G." appeal. Decided to send a further £2 to Headquarters Fund, and a food parcel to Britain. Mrs. Griffiths gave interesting talk on her recent trip to Perth, Australia. Vote of thanks passed. Hymn and Benediction.

**Linwood, March 25:** Mrs. Mackie presided. Members stood in silence in memory of our late sister, Mrs. Peryman, for many years

Editor of the "W.R." Mrs. Mackie, in the absence of the Convention delegate, Mrs. Fuller, spoke on her report, which was very comprehensive. Mrs. Beiby and Mrs. Hugh Graham, our Baptist and Presbyterian ministers' wives were received as members. Help for Obstetrical Hospital and Templeton Farm given. Good reports given in connection with the Band of Hope picnic, and Mental Hospital visiting.

**Reefton, March 11:** Remits received from Greymouth N.C.W. discussed. Mrs. Thompson Junr. read the story of Billy Bray, from "The White Ribbon." Closing prayer by Mrs. Thompson.

**North Brighton, March 18:** Mrs. Noonan presided and Mrs. McIlwraith led Devotions. 8 present. A new member initiated. Band of Hope report showed two meetings held, and C.R. reported 4 new members. Arrangements for 21st birthday party. Press Reporter, Mrs. McIlwraith, and "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Goldman appointed.

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, March 25:** Good attendance. Mrs. Tredenswick presided and spoke on "Missions." Mrs. Webb reported a very successful "C.R." party, 25 children having attended with their parents. Donation of £1 received from Mrs. Anderson for party expenses. Mrs. Burnell appointed Treasurer, Mrs. Webb having resigned in favour of "C.R." work.

**Christchurch, March 12:** Miss Henderson presided. Discussion on "What Doctors Say About Alcohol."

March 26: Miss Henderson presided. Convention report given by Miss Lovell-Smith, also Women's Rally report. President told of the Aims and Objects of the meeting of the International Alliance of Women held this year in Switzerland, at which twenty-one delegates attended. Peace resolutions passed.

**Sydenham, April 3:** Mrs. J. Filer presided over eight members and three visitors. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Comprehensive and interesting report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Clark, District President. Hearty vote of thanks. One of our visitors initiated as a member by Mrs. Clark.

**New Brighton, April 3:** Mrs. Edmond presided and Mrs. Flower led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. Invitations to Union Birthday Socials received. A new member initiated by Mrs. Edmond. Mrs. Ellis, our Secretary received her "Thirty Years' Service" badge, after which Mrs. Hall told us that it was thirty-two years since she had initiated her daughter, Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Ada Hall as members, and they had been faithful workers in the cause ever since. Mrs. Flower, Convention delegate, presented an interesting report, for which she was thanked. £1/10/- promised for N.Z. Fund.

**Spreydon:** Meeting presided over by Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Gemmell leading Devotions. As this took the form of a Cradle Roll party, no business was dealt with. Warm welcome given to all. Games, ice creams, paper hats and soft drinks all helped to please the children. Songs by Mrs. D. MacKenzie and recitations by Mrs. Woodcock entertained the adults. Miss Cook, a returned missionary from China, told of many miraculous escapes from bombs and imprisonment during the Japanese occupation. Thanks, tea, and Benediction.

**Riccarton, April 10:** Mrs. Griffiths presided. Pledge re-affirmed and splendid Temperance Fact given. Three parcels sent to the Therapy Department at Templeton Farm; £2 more handed in for the "O. and G." appeal, making a total of £6. An 11 lb. food parcel sent to Britain. Invitations to Union Birthday parties received. Mental Hospital report good. Mrs. Clark, District President, gave intensely interesting report of Dominion Convention. Thanks and closing prayer.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

**Timaru, March 25:** Mrs. Holdgate presided. Mrs. Wiles led Devotions. Discussion held on "Need for Women Police." Remits passed for N.C.W. Conference. Benediction.

**Waimate, March 12 and April:** Both well attended, Mrs. Duckett presiding, Pledge being re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given at both. The Rev. Mr. McNeur spoke at the March meeting, on "Fireside Chats," which was most inspiring; and Miss Tooley reported

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