

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT.

Pukehuia: We are thankful to report that our yearly public meeting and "Bring and Buy" was again a success. The meeting began with Devotions taken by the President, followed by half an hour of showing of the films lent us by Headquarters, in which the audience was greatly interested. We had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Edmed and a friend, who kindly gave us a dialogue. People were very liberal in giving and buying. Literature was distributed.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Executive Meeting, April 15: Opening meeting for the year, later because of Easter. Mrs. Long presided and welcomed members back to the work. Ensign Newton read the 34th Psalm, giving account of the experiences of a S.A. Officer in Malaya during his internment in a concentration camp, and God's wonderful help. Mrs. Long gave a wonderfully vivid report of the highlights of Dominion Convention, which had been a source of inspiration and help to all who attended. Two members added to membership by transfer. Deep sorrow was expressed at the passing of Mrs. Peryman, and tribute paid to her work and strong personality.

Auckland Executive, May 5: Mrs. Mountjoy presided, Miss Appleby leading Devotions. Arrangements for Mother's Day gathering finalised. Agreed that members assist with the Red Cross "Save the Children" Appeal to be held shortly. A strong protest against persons convicted of crime being let off by the magistrates on the plea of drunkenness when committing the crime. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at an Educational Conference to be held in Auckland this month. A vote of thanks moved to the District Officers for all the work they did at the Dominion Convention. During the afternoon an address was given by Mr. C. W. Lopdell, President of the Council of Christian Education, on the findings of the Royal Commission. Decided to hold a Day of Prayer at the end of May. A special greeting to be given to Mrs. Kasper before she leaves for the World Convention.

Posonby: Mrs. R. Joiner, at the April meeting, welcomed all members, and especially Mrs. Christopher, who had returned to Auckland after a long absence and signified her willingness to act as Union Secretary during the absence of Mrs. Osborn. Mrs. Christopher also led the Devotions. Convention report given by the President, who was thanked by the members. Pledge and Benediction.

Remuera, April 28th: Mrs. Kasper presiding. Mrs. Robinson read the Scripture and members engaged in prayer. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Good attendance. Delegate from Hawera, Mrs. Hayward, brought a greeting from the Hawera Union. Mrs. Gibbons reported on her Flower and Philanthropic work. Successful "Bring and Buy" table. Mrs. Kasper gave a short address on resolutions brought up at District Convention. Benediction.

Mount Eden: Mrs. J. D. Smith, Vice-President, presided at the April meeting and led Devotions. Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, gave a report of the Dominion Convention, and suggestions for making meetings interesting were given by several.

May 6: Miss A. McLay presided and led Devotions. Temperance Fact emphasised effects of alcoholism on vision in relation to traffic accidents. Each member brought a quotation on "Friendship." Miss McLay told of a recent visit to Rotorua and Temperance work there. Miss Pudney read an extract on Road Accidents and Alcohol.

Warkworth, March 13: Fair attendance. Mrs. Baker read short paper on Frances Willard. Mrs. Baker gave an interesting report of the Dominion Convention. Congratulations to Mrs. R. Moore on becoming a Dominion Superintendent (L.T.L.), and also on Warkworth L.T.L. winning the Dominion Banner.

April 10: Very good meeting. Two new members. Mrs. O. T. Roke presented with thirty years' service badge. Silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. Peryman. Meeting then open to visitors, the mothers of Cradle Roll members. Several items. Afternoon tea—a special party for the children who were each presented with a white ribbon.

May 8. Mrs. Baker presided over good attendance. One new member initiated after general business. Poems and extracts read about Mother's Day. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc. brought in and sent to the Maori Hostel.

Henderson.—April 9: Good attendance, Mrs. Chadwick presiding. Interesting talk by Mrs. Anderson on the life and customs of the people of China, where she and Mr. Anderson spent a number of years as missionaries.

Kohi-St. Heliers, April 17: Held at the home of Mrs. L. Eady, Mrs. Kasper presiding. Mrs. Farr acted as Evangelistic Superintendent and was presented with a beautiful vase as a token of gratitude for nine years' service in this capacity, as she is leaving the district. Mrs. Eady also presented with a spray. Solos by Mrs. Gray. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Phillips. A vote of sympathy passed with the relatives of Mrs. Peryman, all standing in silence. Mrs. Kasper read resolutions sent to the Government, and spoke of her part in the coming World Convention.

Auckland, May 13: Mrs. Long presided, each member bringing a text bearing on "Confidence" for the Devotional period. Sympathy expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Garlick, one of the early members who passed away in her 100th year. District Executive and N.C.W. reports given. Day of Prayer and Red Cross drive for clothing for European children were organised. Mrs. Mountjoy, District President, warmly welcomed, and gave a very interesting educational talk, quoting statistics of appalling numbers of road accidents in Britain, the thousands of lives so lost being a tragedy to the community. Queensland figures were also given and increases in numbers there very disturbing. Large proportion due to intoxicated drivers. The moderate drinker the greater menace. Abolition the only cure.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, May 6: Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley. Financial and N.C.W. reports given. All stood in silence to the beloved memory of Mrs. Ferguson, the mother of our secretary, who had passed on since our last meeting at the venerable age of ninety-nine. Thanks received from a recently arrived bride for flowers sent from the Union; and arrangements made for another bride to be so welcomed. A sick member had been visited in hospital. Address on "Sabbath Observance" given by Mrs. Bryan. Sales table for "Caravan" Fund realised £1.

Cambridge, April 24: Large attendance of Fencourt and Cambridge members. Mrs. Kemsley presided. Fencourt was given a warm welcome. After routine business, Mrs. Lewis, District Secretary, and Dominion Superintendent of Education Bureau, gave a full and very interesting report on the Dominion Convention, for which many members expressed their gratitude. Fencourt moved a vote of thanks which was carried unanimously. Afternoon Tea and Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, April: Mrs. W. Page presided and Mrs. Burton led Devotions. Reports on the District Executive meeting, and on the Dominion Convention were given. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Page and Burton.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, May meeting: Miss C. Thompson led Devotions, giving a brief talk especially for those who had topped the hill of life. Many could look back on disappointments and sorrows as well as joys and pleasures, but all could say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." "He would be our Guide even unto death." Sympathetic reference was made to the death of our esteemed friend and member, Mrs. Pitcher, at the advanced age of 98. Members stood in respect to her memory. The speaker was the Rev. J. F. Jack who spoke on "The Power of Womanhood." Mrs. Spence taking Devotions. District Executive Report given and very good and interesting report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Tremain. Library to be given "W.R." copies. Letter of thanks from B.W.T.A. in England for two parcels sent, was read. Two letters of sympathy to be sent to sick members. Closing Prayer. (See also Special Reports.)

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, April 24: Held at Upper Hutt, Miss V. Jackson presiding. Members stood in silence in memory of the and conducting Devotions. Large attendance. late Mrs. Peryman and Mrs. Dudley (Brooklyn). Letters of condolence to be sent to relatives. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Tankersley (Masterton), in her illness.

President stressed that each Union ascertain if Scientific Temperance Booklet is being used in schools, 2,000 having been distributed in the Wellington Education Board area. President gave full report of Dominion Convention. Mrs. Grigg, in presenting "White Ribbon" report, suggested increased circulation by distributing to orphanages, school hostels, etc., free copies, Unions to defray cost.

Decided to write Levin Union re continuation of work of late Mr. J. W. Gibson in distributing Y.P. Supplements to all schools in Levin area. Suggested that each Union have box on table for Dominion Convention expenses next year. Mrs. Reed given power to make contact with ministers in Naenae district for the purpose of furthering Temperance work, and to organise and open a W.C.T.U. if possible. Prayers asked for this project. Thanks to entertaining Union for hospitality. Meeting closed with prayer.

Wellington Central, April 16: Mrs. Sired in the chair; fair attendance, several apologies through sickness. President made touching references to the passing of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Peryman, and urged all members to re-consecration in all parts of life and especially to the Temperance cause as a memorial to our late sister. Mrs. Andrew welcomed back after a long illness. Convention numbers of "W.R." taken for distribution. Box to be put on table in preparation for Convention expenses next year. Birthday sprays presented and U.N.A. literature handed to members to read. Sales Table good.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Springlands, 15th April. The monthly meeting held in Methodist School, Mrs. Underhill in the chair. There was a good attendance, and three visitors were welcomed and were the recipients of sprays of flowers. The Roll Call brought forth helpful responses in Biblical and other lines. An invitation from Blenheim Union to combine for White Ribbon Day was received and accepted. Mrs. Clements of Spreydon Union extended greetings and gave a helpful message. Mrs. P. Stephens presented a full and interesting report of Dominion Convention which was enjoyed by all and for which she received a vote of thanks.

Blenheim, May 6: In the absence of the President, Mrs. N. Forbes, the chair was taken by Mrs. W. J. Girling. Intercession period held at the opening. Mrs. A. T. Milgrew read an article from the English "Mothers' Union" paper. Copies of "W.R." Convention number were taken for distribution. The following interesting articles were read by different members: "Christianity Re-introduced into German Schools," "Medical Missions," "Why Don't We Say 'Amen'?", "Lambeth Dole," "Above All Nations," and "Our Deadliest Enemy." Letters to bereaved families had been sent. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Adjutant Kearse.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton: Mrs. Edmond presided at the April meeting, also leading Devotions. Mrs. Mitchell warmly thanked for lovely wreath made for Anzac Day parade, which was carried by two members. Mental Hospital report given. Two dozen Convent on "W.R.'s" for distribution. Peace Day paper read by Mrs. Edmond.

Linwood: Mrs. Mackie presided over attendance of thirty-two, and led Devotions. Welcome to a "W.R." sister from Glasgow, now visiting New Zealand and wearing her "honours Badge," significant of good work done. Fine collection of raffia and woodwork materials for Templeton Farm Home. Special mention made of Mrs. Mackie's approaching departure for the World Convention at Asbury Park. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, M.A., spoke on the Royal Commission, which proved very educational to all present. Benediction.

Christchurch, April 9: Meeting presided over by Miss C. Henderson. Votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Peryman and the Hon. D. Sullivan, M.P., were passed. Invitations to attend Socials from Woolston and North Brighton Unions. Mrs. Clarke,