

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, June 9: The District President, Mrs. J. W. Mountjoy presided. Devotions being led by the District Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Long. Meeting congratulated Mrs. Mountjoy on her election as a member of the Executive of the N.C.W.

During the month a farewell afternoon had been given to Mrs. Hugh Kasper on the eve of her departure for the World Convention to be held at New Jersey, U.S.A. Mrs. Kasper was presented with a bouquet of autumn flowers from the Executive, and a small presentation from Mrs. Long and the girls of the Hostel. A very helpful "Day of Prayer" held on May 26th, was reported, addresses given by various leaders of sessions being very inspiring. Report on School of Methods, and Educational Conference given, Mrs. Mountjoy, W.C.T.U. representative at the latter.

Epsom-Green Lane, April 17: Annual meeting. All officers re-elected. Third meeting held May 15, Mrs. T. H. Eccersall presiding. Rev. A. S. Wilson spoke on "The Sailors' Chapter" (Acts 5).

Titirangi, April 29: Miss A. M. McLay presided over a fair attendance. Delegates' reports of Convention given. Death of a "Little White Ribboner" reported and letter of sympathy sent from Union. Benediction and tea.

Onehunga, May 8: After opening Devotions, much business was arranged, reports of various meetings given, and matters of interest mentioned, among them being the large number of motoring accidents recently reported caused by drink. Mrs. Brown, who had been unable to finish her address at the last meeting, continued the story of her life, telling of her coming to New Zealand at the age of 21, of her various occupations, and religious experiences, especially noting the guiding hand of God. As a Salvation Army officer, she had a wonderful story to tell. Her earnestness was deeply impressive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames: May meeting took the form of a social afternoon for children, those of school age being specially invited. Well attended. Several recitations, solos and pianoforte solos were contributed by the children. A few minutes were spent in riddle guessing, riddles from the "Y.P. Supplement." Pastor Chalmers held the children's attention with a Temperance talk entitled "Kings." Sumptuous afternoon tea concluded a happy afternoon. Posters and blackboard slogans were used.

Hamilton, June 5: Mrs. Stephenson Craig led Devotions. Rev. Howard Matthews spoke on the urgency of winning lives for Christ, which was the keystone to abstinence from all forms of tainted living.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, April-May: Small attendances, but good work done. Two new members gained. Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Peryman, and message of thanksgiving to Mrs. McGregor for her recovery after being knocked down by a motor car. Convention report given by Mrs. Ogg. Much interest in the decision to retain Dominion Headquarters.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Dannevirke, June 10: Mrs. Paviour Smith presided. A letter of sympathy in her mother's death was to be sent to the President, Mrs. Calcott. Mrs. Smales (Waipukurau) had sent her report as our delegate to Dominion Convention, for which we are grateful. Mrs. Paviour Smith read extracts from a paper on "Wines in Scripture." It showed that pure fruit juices as well as intoxicating wines were used. "White Ribbon" Day was observed with a collection taken up. It was decided to write to the Editor, saying how much the work of the late Mrs. Peryman and Mrs. Christian is appreciated, and how valuable the "White Ribbon's" educative and "helpful for everyday living" pages are.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, March 23-May 28: President in the chair at both meetings. Mrs. Greenwood led Devotions. Mrs. Peryman's work and personality spoken of by Mrs. Brewer, several members paying their tribute to her memory at the March meeting. Report of District Executive meeting given by Secretary. Mrs. Pearson

presented with a wedding gift for her son—a tablecloth—in recognition of her good work at the "Bring and Buy" table for many years. May meeting held at a member's home, 12 attending and many absent through sickness. Hospital visitation arranged. Discussion on distributing "Y.P. Supplements" to Sunday Schools. Read with interest Mrs. Hiett's opposition to the Royal Commission findings. "Bring and Buy" takings to go for Convention expenses fund.

April 27: Special reference made to the death of Mrs. Dudley, one of the most active members, W.R. Superintendent, and one noted for her excellent Temperance Facts at each Meeting. Members had attended the funeral. Convention report given by Mrs. Ross, of Upper Hutt. District Convention report given by President. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Lower Hutt, May 28: Mrs. Spencer presided. Warm welcome to Mrs. Crawford after long absence, and to a new member. Annual visit of the Belmont L.I.L., plus, this time, the newly-formed "Y" branch. Twenty bright young people entertained an appreciative audience. Programme of fifteen items comprising songs, hymns, solos, duets, trios, recitations, readings, and a mouth organ solo. There were three announcers and three conductors for the singing. Benediction to close.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, April 8-May 13: Mrs. Toomer presided over both meetings, a good attendance at the May one. At the April meeting Mrs. Goring, who led Devotions, was thanked by the President for her help to the Union, and presented with a book as a farewell token of love and gratitude. Mrs. Doel gave interesting and comprehensive report of Dominion Convention. An interesting account of "Alcoholics Anonymous" was given at the May meeting by a guest speaker, who had personal experience of this American organisation which is dealing successfully with chronic alcoholism. Several small groups are operating in New Zealand, including one in Nelson. Interesting discussion followed. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Keeble, Sherratt, Buchanan, and Westley.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive, May 15: The quarterly meeting of the Marlborough District Executive was held in Wesley Hall when Mrs. V. Underhill presided over a good attendance of members. Apologies received from Mrs. W. J. Girling, Vice-President, and Mrs. N. Forbes, Recording Secretary. A resolution expressing sympathy with Mr. S. E. Wells in the death of Mrs. Wells, our beloved and stalwart member of Picton Union, and "Y" Superintendent, was passed in silence. The President referred to the enthusiasm for the Temperance cause and for all righteous work which our late sister had always shown, and to the great loss the Union has sustained by her passing. It was resolved to record our sincere appreciation of her work and interest. (Four members of the Executive attended the funeral and carried a floral tribute.) The correspondence included an acknowledgment of our expressed sympathy from Mr. Wells. It was decided to support the Women's Day of Prayer Committee in the suggestion of holding one hour session only in the morning and one and a-half hours in the afternoon during winter months, and to assist by taking part in the sessions. Discussion on the need for organising in Picton and elsewhere and decided to invite Miss A. McLay to visit the district in the spring, and to be the speaker at District Convention. Mrs. Harris, district delegate to Convention, gave her report of business done and there was much discussion. The resolutions passed were re-affirmed and the protest to recommendations of Licensing Commission also endorsed. These were directed to be forwarded to the Member for the District, Mr. T. O. Shand. Mrs. Harris was accorded thanks.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Lyttelton-Heathcote, May 27: Meeting held in Heathcote, 14 members present. Mrs. Stevens, Heathcote, reported on a Rechabite evening she had attended in Christchurch in honour of Sir William Williams, High Chief Ruler of the Rechabites. A "Bring and Buy" for Union funds amounted to £2/5/-.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, May 28: Mrs. T. Holdgate presided over 33 members present. Peace Day observed. Major Wilkes gave an inspiring address, emphasising the fact that only with the presence of Christ in the heart could any lasting peace be found. Mrs. C. Ballantyne delighted with

several songs. Mrs. Woodward reported a busy month at Sailors' Rest. Donations to the "Rest" were gratefully received by Miss F. A. Smith.

Temuka: Peace Day observed, Mrs. Hewson presiding and leading Devotions. Captain Taylor introduced, and gave a helpful and interesting address on "Peace," a vote of thanks being passed. Mrs. Hewson reported on the District Executive meeting, announcing that District Convention would be held this year at Temuka, in September. Band of Hope to open in June under the leadership of Mrs. Simpson, Orari. Invitation for next meeting to be held at a member's home gratefully accepted. Sympathy with Mrs. Goodman in the death of her daughter.

April meeting presided over by Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Grocott leading Devotions. Miss Tooley gave Convention report, vote of thanks being passed.

Ashburton, May: Speaker, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, subject being "Men and Events of Past Days," in response to an invitation to speak for three-quarters of an hour. The Mayor extended a welcome to the speaker, who was thanked for his inspiring talk.

OTAGO DISTRICT

North East Valley, May 22: Fair attendance. Year's programme arranged, including a visit from Miss C. McLay. "Information Bureau" occupied the greater part of the time, proving interesting and instructive. Miss Gibbs read an article on "Films," with special reference to the unsuitability of so many of them for children, and to the fact that the children could gain admission to any film showing, even if marked as unsuitable. Miss Begg reported on the N.C.W. Conference held at Timaru, including Archbishop Averill's address. Mrs. Vallance reported on the Presbyterian Synod's session on the "Abuses of Alcohol," and Mrs. Lay read an article on the effects of alcohol on the unborn child. Invitations to Green Island Union, and to a combined meeting of Mornington and Kaikōrai to hear Dr. Hunter's ideas regarding the findings of the Royal Commission. Miss Gibbs bidden "Au revoir" before leaving for an extended holiday in Auckland.

Mrs. Hickson—continued.

how awful her mother would feel if she knew her girl was looking for a home and not able to find one, and what I would have been like if Lorna or Mavis had been in the same fix.

So she's here, Win, and I will say she's as nice a little thing as one could have about the place. Lorna came in this morning and said she was glad I had the girl really, as she would be company for us. And so she is. I'm really glad I gave in just for once.

It was rather funny last Sunday, but Mr. Binns, that's our minister, you know, read that bit about "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in." I felt I had just missed being one of those that were meant, and wasn't I glad I had opened our door. So don't scold me, Win, that's a good girl.

Hope you're all well as we are. You'll be coming to see us before long. The time fairly whoops along. Here we are in the very middle of winter, and our summer clothes hardly put away yet. Marmalade time is coming and very little sugar yet. I was asking our grocer if there was any dried fruit to be had, and he said yes, I could have some prunes. I'm not so fond of prunes that I'd rush them, but they're better than nothing, so I said I'd have some and said is there nothing else? He said, yes, sardines. I laughed and said they must be sea fruit. We got a tin, but I've only looked at it yet. It's worth seeing after so long. We'll open it for some special occasion.

Much love from,
MEG.