

SPECIAL REPORTS

VISIT OF MISS C. M. McLAY, DOMINION ORGANISER

Dannevirke Union

The visit of Miss McLay to Dannevirke was productive of much good. Apart from personal visitation, by which means she gained six new members for our Union, she addressed Knox Bible Classes at 10.15 to 10.45 on Sunday, gave a fifteen-minute address to the Methodist Youth Group in the morning service, and gave the address at the Salvation Army Hall in the evening.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Paviour Smith kindly opened her home for a company of women to join our W.C.T.U. members in enjoying a recital of the early days' fight and warfare to banish drink, and eventually to commence the W.C.T.U. We were all deeply stirred by what we heard. Captain Mounsey prayed, Mrs. Borlace sang a solo very pleasingly, and Mrs. Skuse returned thanks to all.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Methodist Missionary Union granted Miss McLay permission to speak briefly to those assembled, on the object of her mission. Mrs. McLean was able to arrange for our visitor to visit the Maori Pa, when she was able to tell the residents about the work being done for their people in Auckland. They were very thrilled and pleased with all she told them. About forty were present. They afterwards entertained her to supper.

It was unfortunate that Miss McLay's visit took place during the absence from home of our Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President.

We are all very grateful for the work

The Power of Womanhood—continued.

spite of this, was his companion in labour, and occasionally, in times of stress, blossomed out as a prophetess.

In India, woman was considered a thing of infidelity, extravagance, envy, impurity.

In China, it was much the same; she was the man's beast of burden.

Jesus had changed all this, and, therefore, woman would do much for Him. They had been the last at His cross and the first at His tomb.

The salvation of the world, the speaker said, depended on women. They could save it if they lived up to the ideals of Frances Willard. If they would band together and assert themselves, they could stop wars. If they would proclaim, "This shall not be. My sons shall not be used as cannon fodder," there would be a new world, and women would be there to greet it.

Mrs. Hodder expressed thanks for the inspiring and challenging address. She said our motto was "For God, Home and Humanity," and if this were lived up to sincerely and fully, it would help in the bringing in of the new world of which he had spoken. She hoped all women would accept the challenge.

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done by Miss McLay, and now are hoping for a return visit.

MARLBOROUGH WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The monthly Day of Prayer for Women was held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, May 29th.

Special requests for prayer were again handed in, and the sick were specially remembered. Those taking part were Mrs. F. Blythell, Miss E. Tarrant, Mrs. Kirkham; Mrs. Milgrew and Mrs. E. Leslie acting as organists.

Inspiring and helpful addresses were given by the leaders, and reverent prayers were offered in which the congregation joined. Hearty singing, appropriate Scripture readings, combined to produce a deeply spiritual and helpful atmosphere which was felt by all. A missionary letter from China was read, also one from a young girl in Germany. This was especially interesting, as the writer, in spite of hardships and sufferings during the war, having lost all her possessions, including her health, could still claim to be a Christian, and in her letter could still praise God for His wonderful goodness and preservation of her.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY

Masterton Union

The Masterton Annual Cradle Roll Party was held in the McLaren Room, Knox Hall, on May Day. Bowls of flowers and a fine day added to the pleasure of all present. Mrs. J. Taylor, Cradle Roll Superintendent, welcomed the mothers and children. A good number of mothers and over thirty children were present. Toys and picture books were distributed to the tiny tots, and sweets to the older ones. Items rendered by children from the Methodist Home, and the Reynold twins, were most enjoyable. Salient points from the Dominion Convention were reported by Miss Jackson. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and done full justice to by the children.

A happy afternoon party concluded with the singing of the Temperance Doxology.

HOME MEETING

Onehunga Union

A Home meeting, held at the residence of Mrs. Mountjoy, at Onehunga, was well attended. A solo was given by Mrs. Clark, duets by Mesdames Batterham and Terverndale, and a recitation by Mrs. Hatton. An address was given by Major Brown, formerly a Salvation Army officer, who had married another officer. Following on his death, she had come to reside in Onehunga. The speaker told of God's marvellous leading, in sickness and health, throughout her life; of the many occasions when she had made what she considered good arrangements, which ended in disappointment at the time, but were in the end realised to have been divinely planned as they eventuated, and much better than her own planning. She described various incidents during passing years, telling of her life in England, many years in India, and later of her life and training in New Zealand. Mrs. Brown is musical, a fully qualified nurse, and an

interesting speaker. We were told of how she became truly converted at the age of ten, while at a boarding school in India, and ever since then has proved the truth of the promise that God will never leave or forsake those who trust Him. Much information was given, and photos were passed round. Time not allowing the conclusion of the address, Mrs. Brown consented to finish it at our May meeting. Afternoon tea concluded a very profitable gathering.

MISS McLAY VISITS THE NAPIER UNION

Words fail to express the grateful thanks of the officers and members of Napier Union to Miss McLay for her untiring efforts on behalf of the work so dear to all our hearts. Miss McLay opened her work in this district by speaking at the monthly meeting in Napier. Following that, Miss McLay visited Southern Hawke's Bay, returning to Napier for a brief rest before going on to Wairoa and Gisborne.

On her return to Napier, Miss McLay was kept very busy visiting and speaking at the following meetings:—The Hawke's Bay Steam Laundry, during morning tea, the proprietors kindly extending the time from ten to twenty minutes, to allow the speaker time to present her message more fully; The B.W.M.U., Home League, Methodist Auxiliary, Torch Bearers, Hukarere "Y's," Maori Club, Methodist Bible Class, Baptist Sunday School, Napier "Y's," and a public meeting held in Y.W.C.A. Room on May 29th. At each of these meetings, Miss McLay gave a vital, up-to-date message, all different to suit ages and types. An invitation was extended to all who were not members to join up, with the result that the membership was increased by sixteen.

At Hukarere

It was fortunate indeed that the usual monthly meeting at the Hukarere Maori Girls' School was due during Miss McLay's visit to Napier, as it afforded an opportunity for her to meet the girls, just about a hundred in number, and gave the girls the greatly appreciated privilege of hearing Miss McLay speak of the Hostel work, and her contact with the Maori people in Auckland and elsewhere.

Before Miss McLay went on to the second part of her address, a break was made in which the secretary of the group, Pat Smith, read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the girls entertained with action and part songs.

The girls listened with keen attention as Miss McLay went on to tell of the injury that alcohol and smoking do to the human brain and body in general, and to warn against the beginning of habits which can so quickly dominate and ruin splendid young lives.

Ngahine Morgan, President, duly thanked Miss McLay for her words of interest and advice. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction, after which the girls clustered round their guest for a personal chat until taxi time, and in this way sealed the friendliness of the whole meeting.