

Fact given. Miss Every, Anti-Gambling Superintendent, gave an interesting talk, quoting freely from an article called "The Gambling Craze," published recently in the "Outlook," and copied from "Smith's Weekly." Figures show that on a per capita basis, every man, woman and child in Australia spent upwards of 10/- weekly on trying to pick winners. Miss Every was thanked for her enlightening talk. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Hay and Scott.

July: Good attendance. Mrs. Walker, Devotions. Protest against lifting advertising restrictions had been sent. Informative talk by Mrs. Gardner, Dominion Superintendent, Sailors' Rest, on work done at Timaru and New Plymouth. Mrs. Toomer gave talk on visit to California, and Mrs. Sheratt sang pleasingly. Temperance Fact. Mrs. McMillan, Tea hostess.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, June 6: Mrs. N. Forbes presided over a good attendance. Welcome to Springlands Union and friends from Tua Marina. Letters of sympathy to four sick and bereaved members. After a short business session, Springlands took the rest of the meeting, Mrs. V. Underhill in the chair. She sang "Green Pastures," and "Thanks Be To God." Most interesting articles read by five of their members, namely "Prayer," "The Burden of the Hour," "Description of Mrs. Lee Cowie conducting a Temperance Crusade into the Cocktail Lounges in Pasadena, U.S.A.," "White Ribbon Day," and "The Human Extinguisher." Mrs. Underhill spoke of the importance of the "W.R." Mrs. Kearse opened the meeting with prayer and Scripture reading. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Underhill.

July 1: 16 present. Minute's silence observed in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Girling in their great loss. Sick member remembered in prayer. Devotions led by Mrs. Stephens. Three new members initiated. "Memorial Day" observed by Mrs. Forbes reading an article written and an address given by Mrs. Hiatt. Benediction, Mrs. Adjutant Kearse.

Springlands, May 20: Meeting held in Methodist Sunday School; good attendance. President welcomed Mrs. G. L. Taylor, guest speaker, who was presented with a sweet spray of roses. Letter of cheer directed to two sick members. Roll Call brought forth very helpful and beautiful quotations by members. Mrs. Taylor then gave a delightful paper on the subject of the Mother of Jesus, in view of the fact of Mother's Day being so recently celebrated. Based on portions of 2nd chapter of Matthew, the speaker referred to the homely and motherly influences upon the life of her Son exercised by His mother. The address was much enjoyed and the speaker warmly thanked. After the Benediction had closed the meeting, afternoon tea was dispensed.

June 17: Members met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne, when the 12th Birthday of the Union was observed. Several members from Blenheim were welcomed and one new member for Blenheim Union was initiated. A resolution expressing deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Girling in the sudden death of their younger son was carried. An article entitled "Early New Zealand" from "The Outlook" was read by Mrs. Cunningham, and enjoyed by all. A very enjoyable afternoon tea was dispensed, a feature being the iced birthday cake made by Mrs. Gascoigne. The President and several members who were absent through sickness were remembered and messages of cheer, together with a piece of cake were sent to them. A competition was won by Mrs. E. Leslie and this, with thanks to the Hostess, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, July 2: Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, M.A. (Vice-President), in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Hodges. Scientific Fact given by Miss Gainsford. A good attendance of town and country Unions. District Superintendents reported good work done in their departments. Branch reports given. Several Unions had held their birthday parties and entertained guests from other Unions, all spending an enjoyable time together. The following resolution was passed, and the Secretary instructed to forward it to Dominion Executive: "That we support the International Conference held in London on June 16th, on human rights in their request to be made to U.N.O. on the abolition of slavery in all parts of the world." Several Unions reported having written to the Prime Minister (Mr. Fraser) on the removing of liquor advertising restrictions, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Fraser in answer to his reply, stating "We

express regret that restrictions on liquor advertising have been removed, especially in view of the fact that other war-time regulations are still in existence." Arrangements made for the forthcoming North and South Canterbury District Convention to be held at Temuka on September 16th, 17th and 18th. A letter to be sent to the Dominion Executive meeting. Miss C. McLay to attend Convention if possible.

Riccarton, July 10: At the residence of the President, Mrs. Griffiths, 21 present. Mrs. Harris led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given. President welcomed a visitor and a sick member who has returned. Mrs. Hertzell's resignation from the C.R. Superintendency received with regret. Letter of sympathy to a sick member. Decided to send 30/- to Executive funds, and a delegate to District Convention in September. Miss Gainsford spoke on "Pioneer Women," outlining the work done by Elizabeth Gaunt, among the Scottish Covenanters and Prisons of her day. Vote of thanks passed and tea served. Meeting closed with prayer.

North Brighton, May 20: Good attendance of members and visitors. The following reports given:—Finance, Prayer Meeting, Band of Hope, Cradle Roll, Executive business. Peace Day observed by the President's reading of a special poem called "Established Peace," which was followed by a special prayer for peace. Special vote of congratulation passed to Miss Howard on her elevation to the Cabinet.

June 17: Eleven members and two visitors present. One new member initiated and one received by transfer. "W.R." Day observed. President reported that a letter of loyalty and congratulation had been sent to Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her 21st birthday. A letter received from Miss Howard, M.P., thanking the Union for their congratulations. Mrs. Noonan reported on the monthly prayer meeting held at her home, and Mental Hospital report of visits and gifts was given. A protest has been sent to the Prime Minister on two licensing issues. Mrs. Goldman gave an interesting account of her recent visit to Rotorua. Mrs. Noonan presiding.

Papanui, May 21: Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. Birthday invitations received from Christchurch and Riccarton Unions. President made reference to the passing of Mrs. Baxter, a foundation member of our Union, who had not been able to take any active part for some years; but retained her enthusiasm for our work. Mrs. Hawker reported on Mental Hospital visiting. Papers on "Peace" and "World Problems" were read and discussed. Mr. Ford, of the Band of Hope Union, gave a talk on the importance of this work.

June 18th: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Hampton. An entertaining Travel Talk given by Mrs. Griffiths, of Riccarton Union, on her recent visit to Perth, W.A., was much appreciated. Mrs. Tillman presided at both meetings. Roll Calls answered with verse of Scripture, and Pledge re-affirmed.

Spreydon, May: Devotions led by President. Rev. L. C. Horwood gave a very searching talk on the vital necessity of all members being inspired by deep love and devotion to all. Warm welcome to Mrs. Foster, of Invercargill, a former member. Mrs. Clements conveyed greetings from the Springlands Union. Invitations received from Christchurch, Riccarton and New Brighton Unions to birthday celebration.

June: Devotions led by Mrs. Gemmell. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to our late esteemed member and Vice-President, Mrs. R. Petrie. Temperance Fact, Miss Olds. Mrs. Ancell gave the District Executive report. A remit forwarded therefrom to the N.C.W., suggesting the advisability of appointing policewomen to patrol wharves, and keep young girls away therefrom. Mrs. Sim reported on "W.R." activities, and Mrs. Ancell and Miss Brown on Mental Hospital visiting.

July: Devotions, Mrs. Mackenzie. Temperance Fact, dealing with amount of water used in brewing. Members dispensed morning tea to District Executive. Mental Hospital visiting as usual. Mrs. Fehrenfeld, C.R. Superintendent, reported new names added to roll. President read historical facts in regard to early efforts of stalwart pioneers in the Temperance Cause. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Gemmell. Mrs. Ancell presided at all meetings.

New Brighton, June 5: See "Special Reports." July 3: Mrs. Edmond presided and conducted Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Protest to be sent local M.P. regarding the lifting of liquor advertisement restrictions.

Woolston, May 14: Wet day but good attendance. Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Spier of Carrington led Devotions. Temperance Fact. Our tenth birthday celebrated in the lovely grounds of Risingholme, where games and competitions were enjoyed, other Unions joining in. Good Band of Hope report. Invitations to "Y" birthday party received, and New Brighton's and Riccarton invitations received.

June 19: Meeting at home of Mrs. Carrington. Birthday parties formed. Mrs. Lingham appointed Birthday Superintendent. Mr. Ford, Band of Hope President, spoke very interestingly. "Bring and Buy." Closing prayer.

Christchurch, May 25: See "Special Reports." June 11: Mrs. Pearson, a new member, welcomed. Miss Gordon gave enjoyable report of New Brighton Anniversary Social. President read extracts from the "Southern Cross," re Temperance Crusade of Mrs. Lee Cowie, now 87 years of age, and others, going into cocktail bars.

June 25: "White Ribbon" Day observed. Welcome to and initiation of new member, Mrs. Mackenzie. Reports of enjoyable social at Riccarton. Thanks for sympathy from relatives of late esteemed member, Mrs. F. Price. President and members read extracts from "W.R." and paid fine tributes to the Editor and Business Manager. Donation of £3/3/- sent to "W.R." fund. Gifts of clothing sent to Christchurch. Branch of Red Cross. Miss Henderson presided at each meeting.

Reefton, June 10: "W.R." Day; 10/- sent to "W.R." fund. Mrs. Thompson, Junior, gave a reading from the "Methodist Times," "United Nations Week." One new member. Meeting closed with prayer.

Sydenham, June 5: 14 members present. Devotions, Mrs. Davies. "W.R." Day observed, several members contributing items dealing with the evils of the Liquor traffic. Gift of flowers to be sent to a sick member. Two new "W.R." subscribers gained. Mrs. Munro closed with prayer.

July 3: Mrs. J. Filer presided at both meetings, and Pledge was re-affirmed and Temperance Fact given at both. Speaker, Mrs. H. Graham.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate, June 11: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Duckett, President. Pledge re-affirmed. Hospital visitor, Mrs. Ashton. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Speaker, Rev. Mr. Griffiths, subject being "Peace." Helpful and inspiring address thanked for by special vote.

July 9: Fair attendance. Devotions, Miss Tooley, C.R. Superintendent. Hospital visitor, Mrs. Duckett; Temperance Fact, Mrs. Johns. Beautiful spray taken from Union to Mrs. Gardner, one of our oldest members, on her birthday. Shoulder spray presented to Mrs. Ashton as parting token. She is removing from the district after very good work as "W.R." Agent. A very energetic member. Thanks for her work expressed. Speaker, Mr. George Dash, who spoke on "The Maori Race." His talk was indeed most interesting and instructive. A very hearty vote of thanks accorded.

CTAGO DISTRICT

Kaikorai, July 7: Mrs. Flett presided, welcoming members from other Dunedin Unions. Dr. Hunter gave a comprehensive address on the Royal Commission on Licensing. Thanks expressed by Mesdames Flett and Bruce. Mrs. Bruce also thanked Kaikorai for the invitation to be present. Feeling reference made to the late Miss Masterton, who had for many years given her services as Treasurer and Organist, members standing in respect to her memory.

Lawrence, July 3: Small attendance. Miss Ferguson in the chair. Protest re lifting of liquor advertising restrictions sent to Prime Minister. President read an extract on the amount of money spent on liquor, and Mrs. McNeilly read a very interesting paper on "Team Work." Hymn and Benediction.

June 5: Report of Dominion Conference sent by Mrs. Rippin very much appreciated; also Mrs. Hiatt's address on "Gambling" read. Resolution on Gambling agreed to, and forwarded to the M.P. for the district. Tea and Benediction.

Port Chalmers, June 18: Telegram sent to Prime Minister objecting to the removal of the liquor advertising restrictions. Secretary read articles on the object of the "White Ribbon." Extra copies of "W.R." to be secured each month and sent with birthday cards to Cradle Roll children. Collection amounting to 10/- was received. Greetings to be sent to Mrs. Young, who has been sick and to Mrs. Wilson, who is not able to attend meetings meantime.

Oamaru: See "Special Reports."