

SPECIAL REPORTS

MR. GEORGE DASH VISITS ASHBURTON

After having addressed the W.C.T.U. meeting at Ashburton on May 18th, Mr. George Dash took charge of the Band of Hope meeting in the evening, making a festive and instructive time with rhymed "Quiz" items, and an address.

On the Thursday evening, at the Ashburton "No License League" meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev W. T. Blight, Mr. Dash gave an address, using the half-hour for which he had been asked. His subject was "Publicity," and was so interesting that two speakers rose to protest that the speaker had only spoken for half his allotted time.

Mr. Dash travels to meetings at his own expense, and is available for meetings where reasonably possible. His prayer is to be of use in the Temperance cause for as long as his health will allow. We wish him God-speed in his quest for opportunity, remembering with gratitude his many acts of constructive generosity.

YOUTH WORK Northcote Union

At the Northcote meeting on Tuesday, 10th June, there were 14 present. A book was presented to Mrs. A. Turner, the junior member of the Union, in appreciation of her Temperance training of the Girls' Life Brigade, of which she is the President. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Turner and to the Brigade on the success of the girls at the recent Temperance examinations when the 20 members who sat all passed with approximately 80% marks—the second highest in New Zealand.

Mrs. Mountjoy, President of the Auckland Executive, who addressed the meeting, added her congratulations and also those of the Executive.

Mrs. Wright, Cradle Roll Superintendent, reported an increase of four little "White Ribboners." Mrs. Hales, the senior member of the Union, who shortly celebrates her 90th birthday, pronounced the Benediction.

SILVER JUBILEE Riccarton Union

Riccarton Union celebrated their Silver Jubilee on June 12th, Mrs. Griffiths, President, in the chair. The room, bright with flowers, was filled to capacity, invitations having been sent to all women's organisations in the district, and to sister W.C.T.U.'s.

The meeting opened with a hymn, and the Lord's Prayer; and a very telling Temperance Fact was given.

Vocal items were given by Mesdames Fulton and Morrow, elocutionary items by Mesdames Wooley and Maddams, and violin solos by Mr. Maddams—seventeen items in all. The accompanist was Mrs. Hilda Reeves. This very enjoyable programme was arranged by Mrs. Middleton.

A presentation of a beautiful reading

lamp was made to Mrs. A. T. Newth by the members, with loving appreciation of her twenty-five years' unbroken service as Secretary.

Afternoon tea was dispensed and a birthday cake, made by the President, was cut.

Mrs. Clark, District President, gave greetings and thanks for our co-operation with the District during twenty-five years.

The President thanked those who had given items and Mesdames Reeves and Middleton, and a most enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology.

MISS McLAY IN HAWKE'S BAY

The Gisborne Branch of the W.C.T.U. was very pleased to welcome Miss C. M. McLay to the Gisborne district last month. During her visit to us she spoke at a meeting of the Turanganui Tribal Committee who were particularly interested in her account of the Maori Hostel for girls in Auckland, because of their proposal to establish a hostel on similar lines in Gisborne. Miss McLay also addressed the League of Mothers, the Salvation Army Home League, an After-Church Rally at the Y.M.C.A., the Presbyterian Bible Class, and the Methodist Girls' Club, where there is the possibility of forming a "Y" Branch. Miss McLay met members of our local Union at a Social Afternoon, and a happy time was spent getting to know one another. During Miss McLay's visit, opportunity was taken to present Mrs. Goffe, our retiring President, with a book of Daily Devotions, as a token of love and gratitude from the members for her long and faithful service to the Gisborne Union.

MISS McLAY AT WAIROA

Miss McLay arrived on the 11th of May, and on the 12th addressed a combined meeting of women in St. Andrew's Hall. The attendance was very disappointing, but those present were very much uplifted by Miss McLay's personality and address. On the evening of the same day Miss McLay addressed a combined Rally (Youth) at which the attendance was again small. Temperance films were shown. An endeavour to form a "Y" Branch was unsuccessful.

On Wednesday the 13th, Miss McLay addressed a meeting chiefly of Maoris at the Takatimu Hall. This was the most successful meeting of her visit, being well attended. As the outcome of the meeting, 50 Y.P. leaflets are to be distributed monthly amongst Maori children by the Rev. Mr. Tamahori.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Christchurch Union

On May 28th, Miss C. Henderson presiding, an Afternoon Social was held in celebration of our sixty-second Anniversary. Our President welcomed the visitors, Mrs. Hardy-Cookson

(Mayoress), Miss Mary McLean, and a good percentage of delegates from other Unions.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. F. Price, a valued and esteemed member, and thanks for sympathy were received from Mrs. D. G. Sullivan and family.

Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, Vice-President of our District Executive, conveyed to us greetings from the District Executive, with congratulations; and delegates from all Unions present extended to us their Unions' greetings.

Mrs. Horwood gave an inspiring address on the "Life of Mrs. Josephine Butler," to show what individual women can do to right the wrongs in the world. During the afternoon, vocal numbers were sung by Miss Isabel Riddle, and humorous recitations were given by Mrs. Collins. Greetings and flowers were sent to Mrs. Patchett, our senior member, who has just celebrated her ninety-second birthday, and posies were presented to our guests of honour, to the performers, to our President, and to Miss E. Gordon, a foundation member of our Union.

THIRTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

New Brighton

On June 2nd, New Brighton celebrated their 36th Birthday with a most successful Social Afternoon, when good representation of other Unions was present. Our President, Mrs. Edmonds, expressed particular pleasure at having with us Miss Gordon, and Mrs. Graham, formerly Miss Harband. Greetings were received from other Unions. Mrs. Middleton had kindly arranged to bring the visiting artists, who provided us with a most entertaining programme, consisting of piano solos, vocal solos and duets, recitations and humorous sketches, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Thanks were expressed at the close. Tea was served by members of all our Unions.

"MOTHER'S DAY" SOCIAL

Oamaru

The Oamaru Union held a "Mother's Day" Social on May 12th, Mrs. Winn, President, presiding over a good attendance of members and friends. After taking the Devotional period, Mrs. Winn welcomed all present, making an appeal for new members, and stressing the importance of individual Temperance work. A White Flower was presented to all present by Miss Lonasnell. An enjoyable programme of musical and elocutionary items was presented, and Mrs. Rix gave an appropriate address. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell and give good wishes to Miss Kirkness, Mayoress, on her approaching marriage, flowers being presented and a fruit bowl. A happy evening in a beautifully-decorated Hall was spent.