

of the Liquor Traffic, which was making so much havoc among the young people. One new member received, and three others by transfer. Letter received from Mrs. Kasper.

July 8: Maori Day. Meeting held at the Maori Girls Hostel, Mrs. Long presiding, and a large gathering of members and friends. Capt. and Mrs. McCallum of the Salvation Army were the speakers. Each gave thrilling accounts of their experiences in their part of the recent "Commando" raids on the Wellington hotels. Afternoon tea and prayer closed a very happy meeting. Two new members joined, and collection was taken for Hostel funds.

Remuera, May 21: Meeting at Mrs. Laird's home to say farewell to Mrs. Kasper before her departure for the World Convention in the U.S.A. The usual routine was followed for the first part of the meeting, Mrs. Kasper giving a talk; and the second part of the afternoon was of a social nature, musical and elocutionary items being given. Tea brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close, Mrs. Laird being thanked for her hospitality.

June 23: Good attendance, presided over by Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. Laird leading Devotions. "W.R." Day observed, extracts being read, including article by Mrs. Grigg, and "News from Far Away."

Ponsonby, May 15: Mrs. Christopher gave a brief talk in the unavoidable absence of the arranged speaker, giving stories of her early life when she first joined the Salvation Army, of which she is still a member. She then, on behalf of the Ponsonby Union, presented Mrs. Joiner with a "Long Service" badge, which had been given at the Dominion Convention for twenty years' continued service.

June 19: Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. The speaker was Mrs. A. Lloyd, and she gave a most interesting talk on her work as a Deaconess, especially stressing the work among young children and young people. At both meetings, Mrs. Joiner, President, was in the chair; and Devotions were led by Mrs. Christopher.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, June 3: Mrs. Bulmer presided, and Mrs. Bensley conducted Devotions. Reports on Band of Hope and N.C.W. meetings given. "W.R." Day observed, Mrs. Grigg's paper on "What the 'White Ribbon' Means to Me" being read by Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Williamson also reading an article. "Bring and Buy" for W.R. Fund.

July 1: Good attendance, Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley; Temperance Fact by Mrs. Foxcroft. Reports as usual. Plans for Silver Jubilee discussed, and decision made to hold celebration in connection with District Convention in September. Memorial Day observed, Mesdames York reading a paper on T. E. Taylor, and Mrs. Bensley giving personal reminiscences of the Rev. W. Ready. Mrs. Don was also remembered and the special prayer for the day was read. A new member was enrolled, and news of a transferred member was received with pleasure. Pledge reaffirmed and Temperance Doxology sung in closing.

Cambridge, June 26: Mrs. Kemsley presiding over a good attendance. "W.R." Day observed by reading from the "W.R." and a new subscriber gained. Unanimously agreed to forward a letter to Mrs. Hilda Ross, M.P., congratulating and thanking her in regard to her very forceful article on "Moral and Social Hygiene," which appeared in a recent issue of "The Challenge." Strong protest sent against lifting of liquor advertising restrictions. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting. Tea and Benediction.

Fencourt, June 5: Good attendance. Roll Call answered with a verse of Scripture containing the word "gentleness." Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Feisst. The President, Miss Rickard, read an article on "The Secret of Rest." Meeting closed with prayer.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, May 27: Mrs. M. Thayer presided, and took Devotions. Mrs. J. K. Nairn was warmly welcomed to the Union. She is an ex-president of the Ngaire Union. Mrs. Thayer gave a reading entitled "The Door"; and Mrs. Page read an extract from the "Southern Cross," telling of the work being done by a group of women regarding cocktail bars in the U.S.A. Tea hostesses Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction.

New Plymouth, June 25: A very helpful meeting. "W.R." editorial read by new President, Mrs. Stewart. Members each told briefly what, in our paper, held special appeal for them. One new subscriber. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Wood in the death

of her son. An old member, Mrs. Looney, has passed on, and all stood in loving memory. Solos by Mrs. Hawkins.

Hawera, June: Mrs. Page, Vice-President, presided, and with Mrs. Burton, took Devotions. "W.R." Day observed in readings from the "W.R.", and talks on the "W.R." collection in aid of "W.R." funds. Protest against the lifting of the restrictions on liquor advertising. Secretary to write to our M.P. and to Miss Henderson, our Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent. Tea served by Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction by Mrs. Page.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central: At a fine meeting welcomed Mrs. McGregor after her absence caused by being knocked down by a motor car; also welcoming two visitors. Eleven members present. Mrs. Mercer reported help given on Street days, an activity decided to discontinue for the future. Mrs. Duxfield reported promised visit with educational films. Arranged for these to be shown at several schools during her brief visit, and for her to speak at July Union meeting. "W.R." Day observed by reading the President's Convention address.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Palmerston North, June meeting: "White Ribbon" Day. Miss M. Hill led Devotions, referring to Elijah praying seven times for rain, and his confidence in God. Christians should not be fainthearted because prohibition tarries; their duty is to be faithful and leave the rest to God. Four members told of articles in the "W.R." that had interested or helped them. Chorus singing in between led by Mrs. Shearman. Subs. received by Mrs. Coles.

July: Maori Day celebrated. Speaker, Sister Madeleine Holland, a missionary in Ratana Pa, who gave an account of her work there, bringing three Maori girls with her. They gave much-appreciated items. Members brought used clothing which was packed after the meeting in a sack and taken by Sister to the Pa.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings: May meeting well attended; members unable to attend for many months were welcomed by President, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Thorp led Devotions. Speaker was the Rev. Mr. Cattanan, who gave a most instructive talk on "Russia, and the Church Life There."

June: Well-attended meeting. Members and visitors welcomed by Mrs. A. M. Smith, President. Devotions, Mrs. Thorp. Mrs. H. Ross, M.P.'s article from the "Challenge" read. Congratulations to be sent to a helper on his marriage. Mrs. Lewis, District President, spoke on "W.R." Day. A new member initiated by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. A. M. Smith was the recipient of a "Long Service" Badge, which Mrs. Lewis presented, with evident pleasure. Mrs. Smith joined the Kaiapoi Union in 1906, and became a Foundation member of the New Brighton Union in 1910. Since then she has served in the Blenheim, Hamilton, Palmerston North and Hastings Unions. We give thanks to God for this loyal worker.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

District Executive: Bi-monthly meeting held at Karori Presbyterian Church on 26th June. Despite a very cold wet day, a good number gathered. Greetings to a member going into hospital to be sent, also letter of sympathy to member in bereavement. Personal greetings to be conveyed to Mrs. Israel, Supt. Sabbath Day Observance Department. A letter of congratulation and a small gift to be sent to Mrs. Helyer, who has been treasurer of Wellington Central Union since its inception. Reported that the Scientific Temperance booklets were reaching the teachers in the schools, one headmaster assuring a member that the teaching would be given to the children, and expressing sympathy with our aims. For the benefit of unions, the list of Superintendents of Departments was read and a vacancy filled. Ten departments are being worked by District. The Secretary reported that a reply had been received to resolution sent to Government re hours of sale and advertising. Mrs. Reed, District Organiser, reported having contacted ministers and others in suburbs where no unions exist, and doing visiting at Waiwhetu, Petone and Miramar. The first meeting of Petone Union had been held and one new member gained. At Waiwhetu a home had been promised for a meeting if one can be arranged. At Miramar, a member of Central Union had undertaken to organise Cradle Roll work, from which it was hoped to build up other branches. Mrs. Reed also gave information to members re transfer of licenses. Mrs. Turner reported on a visit to the Brown Owl, when staying in Invercargill. Central

Union also reported two new members gained. Karori, Brooklyn and Johnsonville reported on work done, plans for Convention funds, and Books to Schools fund. Lower Hutt reported new members, also good work being done with L.T.L.'s and "Y's" at Belmont, a special event being a Parents' Evening to be held in the Men's Social Hall on July 16, at which Mrs. Spencer will speak. Posters are being made by some of the young people for display at this meeting. A "Y" branch at Brooklyn was planning its first meeting for the 29th June, to be a Sunday Tea, followed by Temperance Instruction. Carterton and Masterton reported special protest made to Cabinet, and that twenty associations were working for the best possible conditions for control of liquor, and funds being raised for CORSO and our own work. A request from British Sailors' Society for help in street collecting was left to individuals to respond to, as the day set coincided with our Executive meeting. Preliminary arrangements were made for 1948 Convention, and small committees formed to arrange hospitality and halls for meetings. Karori Union were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

Wellington Central, May 21: Fair attendance. Special welcomes to Mesdames Long and Bond present after long illness; and Mesdames Dow, of Oxford, and Faulkner. Prayer offered on behalf of several members absent through sickness. Arrangements made for hospital visiting.

Mrs. Spencer attended and brought the members of her L.T.L. at Belmont, and the "Y" Branch, who entertained with a great variety of items. These items were evidence of the excellent work being done by Mrs. Spencer. A hearty vote of thanks was passed, and one of the members expressed their thanks at being allowed to come to the meeting. Members of the Union were asked to remember this work in their prayers, especially because of the possibilities of whole families being won to our ranks through these young people. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Hault and helpers. Birthday posies presented, one special one for Mrs. Helyer, who will be 89 this month.

June 10: Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Sired. Article on "W.R." read by Mrs. Cullen. One new member, who offered to assist with Cradle Roll work at Miramar, and one member on transfer. "Long Service" badge arrived for Mrs. Long, many years C.R. Superintendent. Y.P. leaflets supplied to Sunday Schools during the year numbered 254. Mrs. Kent spoke on her experiences during a ten-weeks' visit to Melbourne. She did not see one drunkard, but saw a great deal of drinking among young girls of seventeen years and thereabouts. Brewery buildings larger than any she had seen in New Zealand. Benediction. Tea hostess, Mrs. Hault. Mrs. Sired presided at both meetings.

Petone, June: About nine present; report of Convention given and much interest shown. One new member signed the Pledge and paid her first subscription. Re-organisation election of officers resulted thus: President, Mrs. Reed; Secretary, Mrs. Peterson; Acting Treasurer, Mrs. Peterson; C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. Dillard. Other officers to be appointed at next meeting.

Masterton, July 3: Held at the home of Mrs. Speedy, Miss V. Jackson presiding. Mrs. Adjutant Home led Devotions. Two new members gained. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Two members appointed to represent us at Women's meeting to nominate two women for the Trust Board. President reported on District Executive meeting. Vocal items rendered. Tea, thanks and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, June 13: Mrs. Toomer presided and took Devotions. Fourteen delegates were present, representing Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka. Encouraging reports were received from each Union, Richmond and Motueka expressing thanks for help received from visits of District Officers.

Mrs. Toomer reported that the Baptist and Methodist Branches of the G.L.B. in Nelson had been asked to combine for Class instruction for the Temperance Examination. A letter of appreciation was received for a food parcel sent to Britain by the Motueka Union. It was decided to send a appeal to the Liverpool branch of the B.W.T.A. from the District Union. Members were reminded to order Handbooks. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Nelson, June 10: Mrs. Toomer presided, Miss Cooke taking Devotions. Members who had recently visited Tauranga and Hokitika gave greetings from these Unions. Temperance