

Sunday Schools to the end of the year, one month's supply being donated at the meeting. Happy afternoon closed with prayer and tea served by Mrs. Middleton and Miss Thompson.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Executive Meeting: Miss Jackson presided over meeting held in Methodist Hall, Lower Hutt, and led Devotions. Letter to be sent to Mrs. Tyler, President of Carterton Union, who is ill in hospital. Donations were received towards cost of Temperance Text-books supplied to Education Board. Report of N.Z. Alliance given by Mrs. Brewer. President gave a very interesting report of meetings held in Masterton re Trust Control Bill. Two women had been nominated for election to the Trust Board, and two had been included in the deputation to the Parliamentary Committee in charge of the Bill. At all meetings held in Masterton to discuss the Bill, only one person had spoken in favour of drinking in restaurants. Reports of work were received from delegates from most Unions in the District. Mrs. Spencer reported a well-attended meeting being held at Upper Hutt when she was the speaker, and the Belmont L.T.L. and "Y's" entertained with many items. The "Y" Branch formed at Brooklyn by Mrs. Reed is progressing very well.

It was decided to send an open letter to several patients in the Silverstream Hospital who were once W.C.T.U. members. Mrs. Grigg reported an increase in "W.R." subscribers and in the "Y.P. Supplements" supplied to Sunday Schools.

A vote of thanks was passed to the entertaining Union.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive, August 21: Quarterly meeting of Marlborough District Executive held at Wesley Hall; present were Mrs. V. Underhill, in the Chair, Mesdames W. J. Girling, S. Harris, N. Forbes, E. Leslie, E. Milgrew, L. Rodgeron, and Miss E. Tarrant. The opening Devotions were conducted by the President, who chose 15th Romans. As result of correspondence in regard to State and Trust Control and other measures likely to be decided upon by Parliament, it was resolved to forward protests along the lines suggested. Arrangements made for District Convention. It was intimated that Miss C. McLay would not be available this year. President reported on contacts with Picton Union and it was hoped that Officers would be able to arrange to visit the Union shortly.

Springlands, July 15 and August 19: Meetings held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. Underhill, who took the chair. Two visitors welcomed in July, one being Mrs. A. M. Smith, first President of the Union, who was presented with a dainty spray, and Mrs. Rudd Snr., who was given a sprig of daphne. Papers read by Mrs. Cunningham on Pandita Ramabai, and Mrs. Gascoigne on "The Australia League of Women Voters," both of which were enjoyed. Encouraging words spoken by Mrs. Smith and an account of her work in her own district given. Mrs. Green welcomed after illness, at the August meeting. Discussion on Licensing questions. Representative appointed for CORSO meeting called by Mayoress. Mrs. Kyles read an article from the "War Cry" on the life and work of George Railton. Devotions led by Mrs. Cunningham.

Blenheim, August 5 and September 2: Mrs. Forbes presided at both. Devotions led by Mrs. Adjutant Kears, with short prayer session. Mrs. W. B. Wilson welcomed after illness in hospital. Adjutant Kears spoke on his interesting experiences as a S.A. officer. He read extracts from an English periodical, telling of the rescue of habitual drunkards by the power of the Holy Spirit. Miss E. Tarrant appointed delegate to District Convention. For Franchise Day observance, Mrs. Forbes read the paper, "How We Won the Franchise in New Zealand." Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton, July 15 and August 19: Mrs. Noonan presiding, 7 and 11 members attended and one visitor. "Wines of Scripture" pamphlet distributed for study. Mrs. Noonan appointed delegate for District Convention. District Executive report given by President. Agreed to ask members of Executive and Council of Churches to protest

against organised sport on Sundays. Mental Hospital visiting reports given. Prayer meeting also reported on. Letter of sympathy to bereaved member to be sent.

Spreydon, August: Small attendance; Temperance Fact. Reports given by Superintendents. Mental Hospital visited, afternoon tea and gifts given to patients. Mrs. Horwood gave inspiring and interesting address on the life of Josephine Butler. Tea and Benediction.

September: Mrs. Ancell presided at both meetings, and led Devotions. Reports from District Executive re replies to protests; the visiting of sick members; Mental Hospital visiting. Patients at last named each received gifts of cakes, fruit and a fresh egg. Rev. Mr. Lonsdale, of the Baptist Church, spoke on the need for earnestness in Christian living as well as in Temperance work. "Bring and Buy."

Riccarton, August 14: Meeting held at President's residence, Mrs. Griffiths (President) opening meeting with prayer. Good attendance. A visitor welcomed. Mesdames Connihan and Anderson appointed delegates for District Convention at Temuka. Invitation from St. Peter's Mothers' Union received and accepted. "Long Service" badge presented to Mrs. Brighting for over twenty years' actual membership. Reports on Mental Hospital visiting, visiting of sick members. Literature distributed. "Bring and Buy" resulted in £1/8/3. Mrs. Tossell spoke most interestingly on her trip to the East in 1937, splendour and pathos both being felt. Thanks expressed. Benediction.

September 11: 16 present. Devotions led by Mrs. Harris. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Letters from Mrs. Toomer, Miss Henderson, and the Prime Minister and Mr. McLagan. Letter of sympathy to be sent. President read extracts from a book by W. Fairlie Evans, dealing with dancing in Church halls. Mrs. Newth read an article from the March "White Ribbon" entitled "The Alcoholic Foundation," and one from the "Star-Sun" on "Alcoholics Anonymous." The last named is expected to have organised branches in New Zealand.

New Brighton, August 7: Mrs. Edmond presided and led Devotions. Pledge re-affirmed. Temperance Fact given. Motion of sympathy in the loss of one of our members. Mrs. Ellis appointed delegate to Convention. 14/- collected for District funds. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg thanked for interesting talk on Royal Commission, and presented with a posy.

September 4: President led Devotions. Nominations for Dominion officers taken. £1/8/- collected for Headquarters Fund. Mrs. Edmond thanked for a most interesting and informative paper on "Women's Franchise."

Woolston, August 3: 12 members present. Devotions led by President, Mrs. Ramsay. Mrs. Webb appointed Convention delegate. Mrs. Gainsford gave interesting talk on the life of Elizabeth Gaunt, a pioneer missionary, who gave her life for her faith. "Bring and Buy" brought in £1/8/-.

Sydenham, August 7: Mrs. Filer presided and in the absence of Mrs. Davies led Devotions. Inclement weather caused small attendance. Mrs. Woodward appointed Convention delegate. Collection for District Funds. Address on "Tolerance" given by Mrs. Pryor. (See "Special Reports.") Thanks expressed. Closing prayer.

September 4: (See Special Report).

Papanui, July 16: Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. Pledge and Roll Call. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Anderson congratulated on her Silver Wedding. Report of Mental Hospital visiting by Mrs. Hawker. Papers read by Mesdames Hodder, Malcolm, Thornton and Tillman, on various aspects of our work "For God, Home and Humanity." "Bring and Buy" stall for "W.R." funds. Benediction and tea.

Reefton, July 8 and August 12: Mrs. Thompson presided and led Devotions at each meeting. Paper from N.Z. Alliance read at July meeting. Extracts read from "Methodist Times" on the Drink Traffic. Messages sent to two sick members. Sympathy expressed to Mrs. McElwee in the loss of her husband, and message to sick member in hospital. Prayer offered by Mrs. Thompson for the sick and sorrowing.

Christchurch, July 9: Memorial Day observed by the reading of Hebrews 11, the Bible Roll of Honour; tributes later being paid to Miss Jane Roberts and other outstanding pioneers and past workers of our Union. Miss G. Musgrove urged the necessity for Band of Hope work. Extracts read from letter from

Miss C. M. McLay telling of good enthusiastic work among the Maoris.

July 23: Miss K. Cooke welcomed from Mount Eden Union. Miss Cooke was for many years a Missionary for the China Inland Mission. Interesting letter from Mrs. Toomer, Dominion Secretary, read. Decided that our interest from the Fanny Cole Memorial Fund be in future reserved for prizes in the Essay Competitions.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, September 4: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Annual report for District Conference read. Protest sent to Prime Minister against allowing liquor to be sold in restaurants and tea-rooms. One new member from another Union welcomed. President gave an interesting talk on the "Hands of Jesus."

Port Chalmers, July 16: Seven members present. Reply received from Prime Minister re Removal of Liquor Advertising. After usual business, articles were read on the lives of Frances Willard, Mrs. Slack-Sanders and Mrs. Peryman, which proved very interesting and helpful.

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