

SPECIAL REPORTS

SYDENHAM UNION

August meeting was addressed by Mrs. Pryor on the value of tolerance of the beliefs and opinions of others, first, in a personal way, second in a national way, and third, in all matters pertaining to the Christian religion.

An article dealing with the Youth Convention at Oslo was read. Mrs. Pryor pointed out that tolerance of the various attitudes taken up by others did not imply weakness in regard to our own individual principles; nor should we at any time fall below our own high standard. A chapter from Leslie Weatherhead's "Jesus and Ourselves" brought the address to a close.

The September meeting took the form of the Annual Social, the guests being members of Church Guilds, Mothers' Meetings, etc. The President, Mrs. Filer, presided over an attendance of sixteen members and twenty-one visitors.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies and the Temperance Fact was given. In appreciation of ten years of faithful service, the Secretary, Mrs. Drewitt, was presented with a lovely shoulder spray, and a gift in the form of a cup, saucer and plate, very much to her surprise.

An enjoyable programme of vocal items by Mesdames Webb and Ellis, and recitations by Mrs. Gee was presented by Mrs. Weatherhead. District officers for the coming year were nominated. Closing prayer.

BLENHEIM WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

There was a good attendance at the Blenheim Women's Day of Prayer held on the last Saturday in August. Special requests for prayer were handed in, and the sick were lovingly remembered. Many individual prayers were offered by members of the congregation present. Leaders taking part were Mesdames E. Leslie, P. Stephens, E. Pickford, A. Lawrie, and Miss E. Tarrant. The leaders chose helpful subjects and hymns in keeping with the message were chosen by the leaders. A most interesting letter from the China Inland Mission was read. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

SPARKLETS

Read at Auckland District Executive Meeting. — "The members of the W.C.T.U. in India fully intend to co-operate with the Government of India in the conservation of foodstuffs, and are glad that the Congress policy is so strong on total abstinence. They are also encouraged by the article in "Qualifications for Congress Delegates," which reads:—"No person who carries on trade in liquor, or is addicted to drink, shall be eligible for election."

New Plymouth was addressed on

MRS. HICKSON IS APPOINTED DELEGATE

My Dear Winnie,—

You'll have to excuse me if this is a short letter. What with the rain coming down in deluges every half hour or so and my washing being out on the line four solid days, you can see I won't have much time at the end of the week for letters. Sick of it, I am really. Here's September, and the post office telling us we must hurry with our English parcels, and Christmas will be here before we can turn round, and the weather's like the middle of winter. I suppose there's nothing we can do about it but let it go on doing as it likes, but all the same, I'd like some warm days now.

Well, you'll be surprised to hear that I'm going to be the delegate for our District Convention. They asked me to go, but I said no, I couldn't think of it, because who'd get John's dinner for him, and so on. Well then our President said how we ought to have a delegate or else we had no vote about who would be the district officers. Not that that mattered much anyhow, because they've been the same for years and years. Still one never knows, and anyway, I didn't like to think we hadn't a chance to vote just as much as any other Branch. I thought John got a good dinner every day in the year, and perhaps he wouldn't mind if he had to get his own for a day or two. He can always manage if he likes. So at last I said I'd see what I could do about it and I'd let them know. And when I asked John, he gave that great laugh of his and said I was going in for being a real modern woman, having two Conventions in one year. And he said I wasn't to think he couldn't feed himself without me to fix everything. So I'm going. I'll tell you more about it next letter.

Clothes are a bother, though, when you can't tell if it's going to be as hot as summer or as cold as the middle of winter. I don't like between the seasons. Summer clothes look miserable and one's sick to death of winter ones.

Yes, I am a bit grouchy today—touch of liver, I expect.

Ta ta.

Yours affectionately,

MEG.

Woman, a tremendous influence in the world, Christian—against all evil, Tempered word — Temperance, Union throughout the world and with Christ," by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

Noted at Dannevirke.—"Last year, the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. C. R. Attlee, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Professional Workers' National Federation dinner, held at the Bonnington Temperance Hotel, preceded by a reception in the Derby rooms. Neither wine, cocktails, nor any other alcoholic liquor was served."

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

Mrs. Cox, President of Eltham Union, writes as follows:—

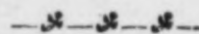
"We have a very busy time here in our little town. We have an excellent Secretary in Mrs. Betteridge; although she has four young children, she is always in her place. We have had four new members, but one has transferred to New Plymouth.

One of our older members who cannot come out to meetings in wet weather, has given us the use of her home for our meetings, and with the shortage of power we have been very grateful to Mrs. Ricketts, who has reached the age of 84, and is an old pioneer.

We had our Executive meeting in New Plymouth, and even if we don't seem to get far, we have fellowship with our sisters, which helps us on.

Mrs. K. Tarrant has resigned her position as District Secretary through ill-health, and I have taken over the position, though I feel myself not quite equal to it. But I feel boiling over the Masterton Trust, and mean to fight for the King Country. It is very uplifting to see that the Te Kuiti and Otago Unions are re-opened in that district. I feel if we get busy now we shall get somewhere later. Thank God the Maoris don't want liquor in their country, and we must pray and fight for victory.

Yours truly,
E. COX."



WITHIN THE VEIL

MRS. E. V. WEIR

Maungakaramaea Union

Maungakaramaea Union, in the Northland district, has recently suffered loss in the passing of their President, Mrs. E. V. Weir, of Tauraroa.

Mrs. Weir joined the Union in Whangarei. She was a very keen supporter of the Temperance Movement since her Band of Hope days, and was president of Maungakaramaea for over ten years. For several years she was treasurer of the Northland District, and was conscientious and efficient in both positions. She took a prominent part in the work of the Presbyterian Church, being a Manager at Mangapai Church, a member of the P.W.M.U., and with her late husband, closely associated with the work of the local Sunday School. She was a past president of Tauraroa Women's Institute. She will be greatly missed in the district.

MRS. I. PASLEY

Maungaturoto Union

The Maungaturoto Union regrets to report the passing of one who was, for many years, an active member and secretary of the Union, Mrs. J. Pasley. For the past few years, Mrs. Pasley has lived in Auckland, and on account of ill-health, did not link up with another Union. Her husband predeceased her some years ago. Our sympathy goes out to her family in their great loss.