

## Bulletin of Union News

### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Dargaville, Aug. 12:** Mrs. Green presided in Mrs. Jolly's absence, and led Devotions, speaking on the character of Deborah. Temperance Fact. Dominion Corresponding Secretary's letter was read and discussed.

**Sept. 9:** Mrs. Jolly presided, Mrs. Green leading Devotions, and speaking on the character of Naomi. Business discussed—District Convention, Community Centre, Trust Control, and Licensing Laws. Letters and telegrams sent to Prime Minister and local members of Parliament, and replies received. N.C.W. report given by Mrs. Moorhead, the main point of interest being an address on CORSO given by Mrs. Richards.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Kohi-St. Heliers, Sept. 18:** Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Pearson (see Special Reports).

**Onehunga:** "Pay-up" Social. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance. District Convention arrangements made, Mesdames Ashton and Cullen being appointed as delegates, for the first time (both young members). Readings from last "W.R." "Why I Hate the Liquor Traffic," and Mrs. Mackie's letter from America. Nominations for Dominion Officers considered. One new member initiated.

**Onehunga, Sept. 11:** Good attendance in spite of heavy rain. Varied programme, much business being done. Reports on work done, and preparations for the District Convention were dealt with. Many experiences of successful Temperance work were mentioned, Miss Grigg telling of seeing, during her recent visit to Melbourne, a drinking fountain which had been erected by the W.C.T.U.

**September 25:** Home meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ashton. Choruses, Scripture reading, prayers and Temperance readings. Recitations by Miss Campbell and Mrs. Perrett, and a competition which was won by Mesdames Breeze and Ashton, a description of a Storm in South Africa by Mrs. Stacey, and a debate between Mrs. Ashby and Miss Campbell, "Should a baby be allowed to suck its thumb?" which was decided in favour of the affirmative (Miss Campbell), made a very interesting afternoon's programme.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND

**Executive Meeting, Sept. 18:** Held prior to opening of District Convention. Mrs. Christian presided. Seven Unions represented. Devotions led by President. Miss McLay's organising work discussed. Sister Nicholls and delegates from Te Kuiti spoke on their special needs, and assistance was given by information supplied.

**Te Kuiti Maori Union:** August meeting held at the Pa. Twelve present. Sister Nicholls led Devotions. The hospital visitor, Mrs. McNaught, reported on the progress of patients visited. The C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. P. Turner, reported 40 babies on the roll. Five members to attend the Convention at Tauranga. A resolution for the adherence to the Pact (liquor), and its efficient enforcement in the King Country was forwarded to Headquarters. Financial membership of 40 reported.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Palmerston North, Sept. 2:** Devotions, Mrs. Eckersley. Long Service Badge presented to Miss Claridge for twenty years' service. In reply to a letter asking that postage on parcels to Britain might be reduced, Mr. O. Wilson wrote that parcels could be sent free of cost through the Red Cross. They would go to the Food Allocation Centre, London, and be allocated among the most necessitous cases. In reply to the protests sent to the M.P. for the district, a letter expressing disagreement with the views of the Union was received from Mr. Ormond Wilson, his reasons being given, and an offer to meet the Union and discuss matters at a later date was accepted. Parcels were brought for New Plymouth Seamen's Rest. The Superintendent, Miss R. Edwards, gave a study on the hymn, "Nearer, My God, To Thee," referring to the fact that it was composed while the writer was nursing her consumptive sister, the last verse being penned on her own death-bed, after having contracted the disease herself.

**Levin, September 12:** Good attendance. Mrs. Kennerley presiding. Devotions led by Capt. Williams. Band of Hope report. New Band at Weraroa. Scientific Fact. Agreed after discussion to join the U.N.O. Mesdames Kings and Moxham being appointed delegates. Mrs. Kings also appointed delegate for District Convention. Letters of cheer and greeting to be sent to sick members. Sister Madeline Holland, Methodist Deaconess from Katana Pa, welcomed, and gave a very interesting and enlightening account of her work among the Maori residents. A beautiful posy given to the speaker with thanks for address. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Plaster and Storey. Benediction.

**October 10:** Mrs. Kennerley presiding. Special welcome to Mrs. T. P. Lane, President Whangarei Union, and greetings sent to her Union. Devotions led by Captain Williams. Pledge. Report on the United Nations Association meeting given by Mrs. Moxham. Convention report by Mrs. Kings. Thanks showed by word and acclamation. Letter of sympathy and box of flowers to be sent to Miss Bowen, in hospital as result of accident. Hostesses Mesdames Henskie and Rose, thanked for nice cup of tea. Benediction.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Brooklyn:** Meeting held at the home of the President. Choruses, Pledge and Devotions. Sympathy sent to sick members. Donations received from Baptist and Methodist Churches towards cost of having the Temperance Text Books placed in the schools. Three protests sent to the Hon. Mr. Mason re liquor in restaurants, and the granting of ultra-liberal licenses. Mrs. Jordan appointed delegate to District Convention. Sigil prayer and Benediction. Questions and answers compiled by President proved both interesting and instructive.

**Sept. 30:** Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Gillings, J.P. Mrs. Brewer presided. 13 present in spite of bad weather. Devotions, Mrs. Greenwood. Scientific Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Maori Day observed by very interesting account of work among the Maoris by Miss C. McLay was read from the "White Ribbon" by Mrs. Pearse. Mrs. Brewer read the Pact made between the Government and the Maoris of the King Country. Delegates to District Convention appointed. Sigil Prayer and Benediction. Pleasant social chat, over tea provided by Mrs. Gillings.

### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson (Apologies for delay in publishing), Aug. 12:** Mrs. Toomer presided over fair attendance. Letter of thanks to Miss Lammars, who is resigning on account of ill-health. Letter from Rev. J. Chambers re formation of a "Y" branch. Executive to explore all possibilities. A copy of "May We Introduce Ourselves?" to be sent to every Union member with the object of increasing membership. A Temperance Fact to be published in the "Evening Mail" each week. Mrs. Rankin, Health and Nutrition Superintendent, gave a stimulating talk on "Health, Wealth and Happiness," reading from Psalm 131. Temperance Fact and Pledge. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Burt and C. Knapp. Benediction, Miss Cook.

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Lyttelton-Heathcote, Aug. 29:** Very good attendance. Mrs. Tredennick in the chair. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg gave an inspiring address on the history of the W.C.T.U. A protest was sent to the Prime Minister.

### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Timaru, Sept. 3:** Mrs. Densem presided at meeting held at Highfield as guests of the P.W.M.U. Devotions led by Mrs. Prattley. Miss Stevenson briefly outlined the growth of the Sailors' Rest in the last sixty years. Mrs. Densem spoke of the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U. The protests suggested by the Dominion President were forwarded to the Prime Minister. Mrs. Wilkinson sang a solo.

### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Oamaru, Sept. 28:** Good weather and a good attendance for spring afternoon. Lovely flowers. Mrs. Hiatt, Dominion Vice-President, guest speaker, and presented Long Service Badges to Mrs. Tiffany and Miss Toser, for 30 years', and the following ladies for twenty years' service: Mesdames Clark, Westgrove, Weston, Snelleur, Martyn, Hall, Simpson, Jackson, and Miss R. Day (sent to her in

hospital). In the President's absence, Miss Cowan presided. Several solos followed Mrs. Hiatt's address, and tea brought a happy meeting to a close.

**Port Chalmers, Aug. 20:** Good attendance of members. Rev. H. O. Bowman, B.A., guest speaker, gave an interesting address on the position of the Presbyterian Church with regard to Temperance. Capt. Gould of the Salvation Army rendered a solo.

## ANNUAL STOCKTAKING

As the annual meetings are looming up, Dominion Superintendents are making their yearly play for REPORTS, Secretaries are hunting feverishly through Minute Books, Union Superintendents are trying to recall what has happened in their departments; the question is often heard, "Why do we have to do all this reporting?"

The answer is that this is the only way in which we can do our stocktaking, and everyone knows that stocktaking is necessary in the very smallest as well as the greatest concerns. Here we are, a band of women, forming part in turn, of a world-wide association, all working in the same channels, and for the same ends, and it is of extreme importance that correct records of work done should be kept, and, at the proper time (NOW to be correct) presented for Dominion Superintendents to make up the "accounts" for publication in the Report Book handed to each delegate at Dominion Convention. There is no other way in which we can assess the work done.

Does it matter if a Union only sends a general statement of its work to the District Secretary? Is it really needful for the work in each department to be separately reported?

Well, consider what this omission will mean, and what is involved if only a general report is sent to the District Secretary.

The last-named will have to select, from your report, and perhaps several others, the special bits and pieces, and put them all together to send to the Dominion Superintendent. Fully to appreciate the delight of doing this for perhaps a dozen departments, from as many reports containing all kinds of items, one needs to do it a time or two. Then, perhaps the humane sense will triumph, and each Union will see to it that a separate report for each department is sent to the District Secretary if there are no District Superintendents, and to the said Superintendents if they have been appointed.

One Dominion Superintendent wrote the following: "At Convention this year there were quite a few complaints that I had not reported what different Unions had done for . . . It was hard for me to report if I had not received a report from them, so I am hoping that they will send it this time."

Let no piece of work, even so small as sending flowers to a sick member, remain unreported. Our statements at the end of the year are unreliable unless every Union sees to this. And remember it is NOT enough to put it all into the district report. The special reports should also be sent without fail.