

SPECIAL REPORTS

FLORAL AFTERNOON, KOHI-ST. HELIERS

On September 18th, the Kohi-St. Heliers Union met at the home of Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Kasper presiding. Devotional reading was taken by the President. Mrs. Kasper gave a message of love from Mrs. Lee Cowie, and was herself welcomed home by Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Pearson won the prize for the best shoulder spray and received a map, showing places where Frances Willard Memorials stand, printed on white silk. Two solos were sung by Mrs. Grey. Mrs. Kasper related some of her experiences, describing beautiful gardens. The Convention stage represented a garden. Mrs. Kasper had taken part in an L.T.L. of 50 Negro children. Mrs. Phillips thanked Mrs. Kasper for her interesting talk, and was thanked in turn for her hospitality. Benediction by Mrs. Eady.

SOCIAL GATHERING, NELSON

At a well-attended social gathering in the Presbyterian Hall, the President welcomed the guest-speaker, Mrs. P. W. Stephenson, not only for herself, but as the wife of the Bishop of Nelson, of whom we are justly proud. Also present were Mrs. Underhill, President of the Springlands Union, and representatives of other women's organisations.

An attractive programme was provided by Mrs. Nightingale and Mrs. Murray (vocal solos), Mrs. Hockey (recitations), and Miss Tucker (piano solo). The artists were thanked and presented with flowers.

In her address, Mrs. Stephenson spoke of home life and what it means to our children. In every case it is example which counts, whether it be the example of the individual to his fellow-men, or of parents to their children. "We should be prepared," said the speaker, "to give up something which is harmful to others and of no spiritual value to ourselves."

Mrs. Stephenson urged her hearers to carry Christ in their lives as an example to others, and suggested to parents a new meaning for L.S.D.—Love, Service and Devotion. Mrs. Toomer thanked the speaker for her inspiring address and presented her with flowers.

Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. G. Liner and a band of helpers.

HOME MEETING, ONEHUNGA.

At the residence of the Rev. L. A. Day, a Home meeting was held on August 28th. Solos by Mrs. Day, and recitations by Mrs. Hatton formed part of the programme. A very interesting and informative address was given by Mr. Day, who read a portion of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple, especially mentioning the words, "Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest forgive." He stated that youth delinquency in America had become much worse since repeal. Many news items from America were read, regarding present conditions.

One of these asserted that one hotel serves 3,000 women every day. Doctors treat patients for alcoholism, and four out of every ten are women. Dr. Selagar, an eminent scientist, who treats many of them, says there is hope of a cure in 30%. We were also told that one-fourth of the drunkards in America are women. Mr. Day's experience with man has led him to believe that they drink because they like it; they are selfish and don't care about the results. Finally, he urged all present to work together as Christians in seeking by all means to stamp out the evils of drinking.

ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY, TAURANGA UNION

On the Sunday following the Silver Jubilee and District Convention, Tauranga Union held a most successful Youth Rally in the Presbyterian Church, Tauranga, beginning at 4 p.m. The Rev. A. A. Bensley presided, and Mr. George Dash, J.P., of Waimate, was the speaker. A fine attendance of members of Youth organisations was an inspiring audience, and Mr. Dash made the most of a good opportunity. Twenty-four of those present signed the Pledge at the close of the address. Tea was served in the adjoining hall after the meeting.

WELCOME HOME TO MRS HUGH KASPER

TAKAPUNA AND DEVONPORT UNIONS

On the invitation of the Devonport Union, Takapuna combined with them in a Welcome Home to Mrs. Kasper. After the usual Devotions, we were all pleased to have Mrs. Kasper with us once more. Before she began her talk, she told us, for the benefit of any newcomers, that she had inaugurated both Devonport and Takapuna Unions. She also told us that she had met Mrs. Harrison Lee Cowie, showing us snap-shots of her, and a pincushion made by the dear old lady, filled with her own hair. Then followed a wonderfully interesting account of all the doings of the various delegates, and the wonderful time they had. Space forbids the giving of details, except to say that the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all, who wished it could have been longer. A dainty afternoon tea was served.



TEMPERANCE FACTS

FROM DARGAVILLE

By a nerve specialist, Dr. J. F. McKeddie, of Melbourne.

"I won't harrow you with the horrible effects of alcohol here. But let me just say this in passing. Drink seems to grease the skids on every track that leads to perdition. It accelerates, for example, tuberculosis. A man whose lung has been healed up takes to alcohol, and soon comes back with the disease ten times more firmly established. Alcohol increases it, and presently sends it surging upwards to the brain."

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS—Contd.
"Service of Memories" were conducted by Mrs. Day.

In the absence of Mrs. Duxfield, Mrs. Chesswas read extracts of the report of the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance, which gave a great deal of valuable information. Major Houghton (S.A.) led the opening Devotions for the afternoon session. She spoke of the "Battlements round the home." The four walls should be Reverence for God, Sabbath Observance, Family Worship, and Temperance.

Reports were received as follows:—N.C.W., Mrs. Day; Hospital Visiting, Aramoho, Raetihi and Wanganui Central. Mrs. Ogier reported 153 names on the Cradle Roll, and Mrs. Day reported on the work of the Crippled Children Society.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. Chesswas; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Duxfield, Day, Clancy and Sandford; Secretary, Mrs. Ogg; Treasurer, Miss Christie; Superintendents of Departments were also appointed. Mesdames Day and Chesswas were elected representatives to the N.C.W. Long Service Badges were presented to Mrs. Good of Aramoho, for 30 years of continuous service, and Mrs. Chesswas for 20 years of the same. Votes of thanks to all helpers were carried. A special tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Peryman.

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