

ing and helpful quotations given in response to Roll Call. President reported on canvass for CORSO which was very satisfactory. Mrs. Roussell appointed delegate to District Convention. Reference made to winning of the Franchise and the work of pioneer W.C.T.U. members. Paper entitled "Romance of Missionary Enterprise," by Miss C. M. McLay, was read; also commentary on writings of Mrs. Paul Robeson, both enjoyed.

October 28: Good attendance. Mrs. Roussell gave brief account of District Convention. Annual donations passed for payment. Very helpful quotations in response to Roll Call. One new member welcomed and initiated. Social hour followed. Piano solos played by Mrs. J. Eyles and Miss O. Blick. An amusing play-reading by Mesdames Gascoigne and Underhill. Sales table assisted funds.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Papanui: Maori Day celebrated on October 15. Mrs. Tillman presiding over a good attendance. Devotions by Mrs. Elliott. Temperance Fact and Pledge; also Roll Call answered with text. Mental Hospital report given by Mrs. Hawken; shoes being urgently needed by some patients. Miss Gainsford welcomed by President, and gave an inspiring talk on the United Mission work among the Maoris.

Sydenham, October 2: Maori Day. Small attendance. Mrs. J. Filer presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Miss Smart, one of our members, gave a really excellent talk on the life and work of the Missionary, Rev. Peter Milne. Thrilling description of hardships borne by this brave man and his young wife in early days on Nguna Island, New Hebrides. Dominion Officers nominated.

November 6: Mrs. J. Filer presided over Cradle Roll afternoon, the mothers and children, with ten members being our guests. Devotions, Mrs. Davies. Arrangements were carried out by our C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. Garlick. Miss Matthews contributed Temperance recitations, some of the small folk also taking part in the programme.

Riccarton, October 9: Good attendance. Mrs. Griffiths presiding, and Mrs. Harris leading Devotions. Various invitations received from other Unions and organisations. Executive meeting report received. Mental Hospital Concert and Women's Reformatory reports given. District Convention report given by Mrs. Anderson. Other correspondence and plans discussed. Benediction.

Woolston, September 18: Nine members present. Mrs. Ramsay presiding, and Mrs. Spier taking Devotions. Business discussed. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

October 14: 12 present. Mrs. Ramsay presided and Mrs. Spier took Devotions. Maori Day and the Rev. W. E. Moore of the Methodist Church gave a very interesting address on Maori work. Mrs. Carrington reported on the Band of Hope and Cradle Roll. One new member welcomed. Parcel of clothing sent for Maori work. Song and Benediction.

Christchurch, September 9 and 24: Miss C. Henderson presiding. Replies received to letters to M.P.'s re Masterton Trust Control Bill. Letter from Miss McLay in "W.R." re her strenuous and most successful organising among the Maoris, read by President. Gifts of clothing for Britain sent to Red Cross. District Convention report given at second meeting by Mrs. R. Black, and greatly enjoyed. Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith endorsing all she said. Many gifts of fat and soap received for sending through Red Cross to Britain.

October 8 and 22: Miss Henderson presiding. More gifts for Britain. Address on Maori Day from Miss Cone, late assistant deaconess on Maori Mission Field. Extracts read by President from "Outlook" re harm to young people through Alcohol and on the life of Elizabeth Fry, among women prisoners over a hundred years ago.

Spreydon, 2nd Tuesday: Mrs. Ancell presided over fair attendance. Miss Olds's report on District Convention gave some very interesting facts and figures. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Woodcock. Mrs. Ancell reported pleasure given to Mental Hospital patient by gift of eggs from member. Recommendation forwarded to District Executive that a speaker from that body be appointed to wait on Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders, stressing the need for regular Scientific Temperance lessons to be given. Votes of thanks. Benediction.

New Brighton, October 2: Mrs. Edmond presiding and leading Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Reports on Mental Hospital visiting and District Convention. Mrs. Inns thanked for latter. Bad weather notwithstanding, our members sold £14/4/3 worth of Health Stamps on the first day of sale.

North Brighton, September 16 and October 21: Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings, reading a portion of "The Wines of Scripture," by Mrs. Lee Cowie, at the first, and the service arranged by Jennie A. Stewart at the second; other members taking part also. Executive, Band of Hope and Mental Hospital visiting reports all given in October, and Officers congratulated on successes in Temperance Examinations. Decided to hold special "Bring and Buy" in October for Mental Hospital patients. Convention report given by Mrs. Noonan. Convalescent members welcomed and sympathy sent to bereaved member.

Reefton: September 9 and October 14: Mrs. Thompson presiding at both, and speaking on "Highest Ideals" in September, and "The Beauty of Service" in October. Mrs. McElwee read "Challenged to a Debate" from the "W.R." in October, and 10/- was donated to the N.Z. Fund; 10/- also for the Maori Fund. After the reading of the annual report and balance it was agreed to send balance in hand to Headquarters Fund.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Temuka, September 30: Mrs. Holgate presiding. District Convention reports very interesting. Franchise Day observed. (See "Highlights.")

Timaru, October: Mrs. Hewson presided. Two outstanding speakers welcomed, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, and Sister M. Viney, of Timaru. The former spoke most interestingly on the Drink evil as he had seen it, in passing up and down the country; and Sister Viney delighted her audience with a most vivid picture of life among the Maori people of the North Island, with whom she had worked before coming to the South Island. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Buck and Holliday. Benediction closed a most enjoyable afternoon.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, October 7: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson presiding. Following on business, the President gave a very interesting talk on the life of Mrs. Lee Cowie. Mrs. McNeilly read a paper, "If Any Man Thirst." Mrs. Duguid gave a recitation. Hymn and Benediction.

Oamaru, October 13: Miss Cowan presiding. Maori Day observed and paper read. Mrs. McWhirter appointed Delegate to Convention. Appeal for books for "J" Force and parcels for Britain through Red Cross. Help asked for Salvation Army street appeal and for sale of health stamps.

Port Chalmers, October 15: Good attendance of members and one visitor. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Mirams, our ex-President, on the sad loss of her husband. Prayer was also offered on her behalf. Letter on work at Maori Girls' Hostel read. "Bring and Buy" Sale held which raised the sum of £2, £1 to be donated to General Funds and £1 to Maori Hostel.

#### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill Central, July: Miss H. Jamieson in chair, mentioned the passing of five members, Mrs. L. B. McKenzie, ex-President, and ex-District President, and Mrs. J. R. Wesley, who was a Vice-President, and Evangelistic Superintendent at the time of her death. The President gave a talk on The Invercargill Licensing Trust Act, and explained the provisions.

August: The President referred to the passing of a member, Mrs. Thos. Pryde, and welcomed members who were present after a lapse of time. Typed lists (addressed) of members distributed, and membership divide among those present for the collection of subs.

September: President in chair. Reported resolutions sent urgently to Prime Minister and local M.P. Correspondence from Alliance read; also extracts from "White Ribbon."

October: President in chair, welcomed members present by invitation from Invercargill North and South. Pledge repeated. Arrangements for District Annual Meeting read. Nominations for Dominion Officers. An address by Rev. A. M. Kirkwood on "Social Evils Due to Gambling." Solo by Mrs. R. Buick, and social cup of tea.

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## HOME MEETING, ONEHUNGA

On October 23rd at the home of Mrs. Mountjoy, a Home Meeting was held by the Onehunga Union, when, after Devotions, recitations by Mrs. Hatton, and solos by Mrs. Brown were given. Mrs. Moore, Leader of the Kurahuna L.T.L., gave a statement on the recent Temperance Examination results, much satisfaction being expressed at the success of the members, which reflected credit on the training given. Most interesting address on her travels was given by Mrs. Hugh Kasper, special interest centred round the fact that the "Polyglot Petition," taken round the world by Mrs. Mary Leavitt for signatures, contained fifty-six Onehunga names. The name of Miss Emily Ball, it was felt, would certainly be among these. This lady was a faithful member of the Onehunga Union till the day of her death about fifteen years ago, at the age of 94. Mrs. Leavitt, at the time, organising in Auckland in 1885, was a guest in the home of the Ball family, and it was recalled that she told Miss Emily that God would certainly bless her for her good care of her father. This was fulfilled in every way.

November: President in chair. District Convention delegate appointed. Correspondence discussed and referred to District to arrange meetings for Mr. George Dash, ex-mayor of Waimate, during his forthcoming visit to Southland.