

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, October 14: Mrs. Jolly presided. Mrs. Green taking Devotions. Special mention made of the appointment of two of our members to District offices at recent Convention—Mrs. Green as President, and Mrs. Hill-Taylor as Treasurer; and of the presentation to Miss Edmed of a Twenty Years' Service Badge. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Jolly in the death of her father. Correspondence from Pan-Pacific Association to be brought forward next year. Maori Day observed and collection for Maori Fund taken up. District Convention report given by Mrs. Moorhead Jnr. Pledge, Temperance Fact, Benediction and tea.

Wellsford, October 28: Devotions, Mrs. G. R. Thompson. Mrs. Singleton presided over a good attendance. Maori Day observed and collection taken. Special address on Scientific Temperance given by Mrs. Singleton and keen interest taken by members. Plans of work much discussed. Union organised in August with twelve members, now twenty-two. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meetings, October 6th: District President, Mrs. J. W. Mountjoy presided; Devotions being led by Miss Cook, her subject being "Faith and the Cross of Christ." Mrs. Mountjoy invited members to a "Bible in Schools" afternoon. The Maori Girls' Hostel report was given by Mrs. Long and the N.C.W. report by Mrs. Mountjoy. Letter of sympathy to Mrs. C. Day in the death of her sister, Mrs. Hovord, who was a member of the Devonport Union.

November 3: Mrs. Mountjoy presiding; Devotions, Mrs. W. J. Cullen, her subject being, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." Nine new members reported from the Wellsford Union. An invitation received from Sister Jessie to attend the opening by the Mayoress of Auckland, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, of another Maori Girls' Hostel, in Shelley Beach Road. Jumble sale arranged for Hostel painting expenses. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed delegate to Dominion Convention. Christmas party to take the place of the monthly Executive meeting in December. N.C.W. report given by Mrs. Mountjoy. Greetings sent to the Christchurch Union by Mrs. H. Kasper, who is visiting there shortly.

Warkworth, October 9: Good attendance. Mrs. Baker, President, displayed the Silver Vase won by the Union and presented at the Auckland District Convention for best work done this year. Reports on Convention given by Mesdames Baker and Moore, and Maori Day was observed by an address given by Mrs. W. Phillips on her early life in a Maori village, stressing the great difference that Christian teaching made to the outlook and character of the natives. She deplored the lives of many Maoris in the cities today. Special afternoon tea in honour of Mrs. L. Davies, who is leaving the district.

September 11: Attendance fair. Interesting paper on Franchise Day read by Mrs. Baker, President; this being followed by an excellent paper on "Anti-Gambling," by Mrs. Thompson who told of personal experiences of the tragic results of gambling in a P.W.D. camp. A lively and thought-provoking discussion followed. Mesdames Bartle and Thompson elected Anti-Gambling Superintendents.

Kohi-St. Heliers, October 16: Fair attendance at the home of Mrs. Reid. Devotions led by Mrs. Kasper. District Convention report given by Mrs. Biddle. Maori Day remembered in prayer. Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting account of her plane trip to U.S.A., and read an article on the drinking by young women and girls at Los Angeles, the use of cocktail's, and the many crimes committed as the result. Thanks to Mrs. Reid for hospitality.

Onehunga, October 9: Arrangements made for special Home meeting in November, with sale of work. Excellent reports of District Convention given by delegates Mesdames Cullen and Ashton, and Miss Hobden. The tablecloth in memory of Miss Frances Willard was on view. Interesting discussion on the Licensing Bill.

Takapuna, November 5: Annual meeting presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who

also took Devotions, in the absence of Miss Cullen. Reports read showed a satisfactory state, especially that of the Secretary, Mrs. Prussing, which was received with acclamation. All officers re-elected. Lovely bouquet presented to President, Mrs. Morgan-Richards, also to Miss Cullen, and toilet accessories to Mrs. Prussing, all being heartily thanked for past year's work. Tea and Benediction.

Remuera, September 17: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. G. W. L. Robinson. Good attendance to welcome Mrs. Kasper on her return from the U.S.A. where, at the World's W.C.T.U. Convention, she had been re-appointed World Superintendent of the School of Methods. After routine business, Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting talk on her travels, and a very happy afternoon was spent. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Kasper, and tea brought the meeting to a close.

Henderson, September 17: Mrs. Chadwick presided. Devotions, Mrs. E. V. Phillips, recently transferred from the Gairkworth Union, gave interesting account of good work done there.

Ponsonby, September 21 and October 16: Mrs. Joiner presided at both meetings, the Devotions being led by Mrs. B. Christopher. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Millar. Mrs. Millar had been a most consistent member of the Union for some years, representing the Union at District Conventions. Miss Appleby spoke on "The White Ribbon Bow" at the September meeting, and Sister Jessie, on Maori Day, on the "Young Maori People." She dealt with their difficulties regarding drink, especially in the cities, and showed how efficient they became when converted to the Christian Faith. Pledge and Benediction.

Auckland, October 14: Mrs. Long presided over good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Douglas. Very interesting reports on District Convention given by our delegates, Mesdames Warring and Massam. The Bronze Vase, gained by our Union for second place in work on the "Five-fold Plan," was displayed on the table. Grants passed for Dominion Headquarters, Maori Girls' Hostel, Henderson Union School Essay Prize Fund (to enable more prizes to be given). Cards for the Ellen Melville Memorial Fund sent in. Need for painting of Hostel brought before meeting and members made donations.

November 11: Annual meeting. Report and Balance Sheet, and four Superintendents' reports were given. Letters of thanks for donations from Dominion Headquarters, Maori Hostel, Henderson Union, and the Y.W.C.A. Election of Officers resulted thus:—President, Mrs. Long; Secretary, Miss Dewar; Treasurer, Mrs. Swan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Holmes, Massam, Warring, Whitburn and Douglas; Departmental Superintendents also appointed. Mrs. Long appointed delegate for Dominion Convention. £1 voted for Bible in Schools. All officers and superintendents thanked. Recess from now till March. Benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Kuiti, October 13: Meeting held at the P.A. Good attendance. Sister Nicholls led Devotions and gave an address on the evils of liquor and gambling. The President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, reported on District Convention held at Tauranga, at which she was present, giving a very full and comprehensive account of the concern shown regarding the drink evil, and the need for early training of the young so that they may avoid its pitfalls. Morning tea brought the meeting to a close.

Tauranga, October 7: Maori Day. President in the chair. Good attendance. Fine paper given by Mrs. W. Ferguson on the Maori Character, based on many years of teaching in a Maori School. Convention report given by Mrs. Bensley. Two new members initiated. "Bring and Buy" for Maori Fund.

November 4: Annual meeting. Good attendance. Mrs. Bensley presided in absence of President through illness. Mrs. Hunt appointed delegate to Dominion Convention, and also to local N.C.W. Reports of officers and superintendents read and adopted. All officers thanked for year's work and re-elected. Superintendents appointed, Mrs. Anderson new C.R. Superintendent. Members promised to bring envelopes and stamps to assist her in the work, and "Bring and Buy" proceeds for the day voted to her use. Letters of sympathy to sick members and flowers to president and Mrs. Bryan.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, September 24: Franchise Day. Good attendance. A new member and one returned after sickness warmly welcomed. Letter of appreciation received from Dr. Gilbey for food parcel, and four members offered other parcels. Mrs. Bailey reported that between 60 and 70 men attended the social evenings at the "Sailors' Rest." Gift bags asked for. Mrs. Stewart spoke interestingly on the gaining of Women's Franchise, and Miss Drew told something of the life of Josephine Butler.

October 29: Excellent attendance. The President spoke of work among the Maoris, and the guest-speaker, the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, spoke from long experience in the Seamen's Mission, of the evils of drink amongst seamen, the rum ration being responsible for a very large proportion of crime. Enjoyable solos were given by Mesdames Raynor and Hawkins, and elocutionary items by Mrs. Brown.

November: An enjoyable social was held on the meeting day, items being given by several ladies. The Rev. Mr. Sedgwick gave an interesting address on his work in the slums of London, and told of the great part played by drink in unhappy homes. Miss Paterson, retired Plunket Nurse, joined the Union and was heartily welcomed. Benediction.

Hawera, October 28: Mrs. W. Thayer presided and led Devotions. Two 22lb. parcels sent to Miss Dorothy Staunton, Westminster, London, the contents being contributed by members. A further parcel almost ready. Afternoon tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Maori Day observed and collection for Fund. Mrs. Thayer gave reminiscences of a recent Methodist Bible Class Camp where she was Camp Mother, and also gave a reading about Carrie Nation, called "A Cyclone In Petticoats." Mrs. Page read the "W.R." article on Maori Day, and also reported having received a special donation for food parcels for Britain. Prayer and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, November 5: Mrs. Tremaine in the chair, and Mrs. Kendall led Devotions. A book, "Happy Recollections," was received from a link in Dorset, in appreciation of a food parcel sent from our Union, also two letters were read from links in Coventry, expressing thanks for parcels received from us. A box for literature had been fixed at Feilding station. District Convention report given by the delegate. Annual reports presented, and showed much good work done. Three First Class Certificates and two Silver Medals had come to the Band of Hope from the Temperance Exams. Visitor from Ashburton welcomed and greetings sent to her Union. All officers re-elected.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, October 14: Mrs. Toomer presided, Mrs. Doel leading Devotions. Maori Day observed. Mrs. McMillan gave a most interesting Convention report. Mesdames Toomer and Sherratt told something of the work being done through the Maori Girls' Hostel, and Mrs. Kidson read several extracts from the evidence given before the Royal Commission concerning the Maori Race and the liquor problem. Mrs. Hippolite, a Maori visitor, gave much pleasure by singing a hymn in her native tongue. Collection for Maori Fund, and an appeal for gifts for the Hostel made. Hostesses, Mrs. Gardiner and Miss Every.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, October 7: Mrs. Adjutant Kearsle led Devotions, reading from "Here Too Is Valour," by Elinor Mordaunt, describing the wonderful courage of people during the war years of 1940-41. Only fair attendance owing to wet weather. Full and interesting report of District Convention given by Miss Tarrant, who was congratulated on her first-time service as delegate. Benediction.

November 11: Annual meeting. Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Kearsle. Annual reports showed satisfactory service. One new member. All officers re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. G. Harrison as a Vice-President. Mrs. Kearsle appointed Evangelical Superintendent with a committee of five members. Votes of thanks. Interesting extracts from the "Vanguard" read by Mrs. Forbes. Benediction.

Springlands, September 16: Mrs. Underhill presided over fair attendance. Very interest-