

# Bulletin of Union News

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**District Executive, February 2:** District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy presided. Mrs. Anstice leading Devotions. Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Mr. L. E. Falkner, the late Mr. T. H. Eccersall, the late Mrs. Gibbon of the Mount Albert Union, and the late Mrs. Ward-Campbell of the Titirangi Union.

A report on "Y" work was given by Mrs. Kasper, and Miss Appleby reported that a new Maori Girls' Hostel, under the jurisdiction of the United Maori Mission had been opened in Shelley Beach Road, Ponsonby.

A greeting was received from the World President, Mrs. John Forrester-Paton, of Scotland. It was reported that a jumble sale had realised £24 for the painting of the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Mountjoy reported having received a request from the Y.W.C.A. to broadcast a New Year greeting on behalf of the W.C.T.U. on January 5, 1948; and having sent a suitable greeting. Mrs. Mountjoy was appointed District Delegate for Dominion Convention.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Tauranga, February 5:** Opening meeting for 1948. Very good attendance. Special speaker, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, J.P., who gave a very interesting and graphic account of her experiences while travelling to and from the World Convention at Asbury Park, and described vividly impressions received at the Convention. Mrs. Maunder appointed Convention delegate, and Mrs. York representative on local Pan-Pacific group. Beautiful flowers presented to Mrs. Kasper. Devotions led by Mrs. A. Bensley. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs. Whittaker on the death of her husband, and with the relatives of Mrs. Ireland (a staunch supporter), and all standing as a mark of deep affection to the memory of Mrs. Nicholson, a member who had passed away since the last meeting.

## TARANAKI DISTRICT

**District Executive Meeting:** Delegates from New Plymouth, Inglewood, Ngaire, Eltham, and Hawera were welcomed by the district President, Mrs. T. Hurrell, of New Plymouth, at the meeting of the District Executive held at Hawera. District Convention arrangements made for February 25, Miss Kirk, Dominion President, expected to be Guest-speaker. In the afternoon delegates brought in gifts of soap and soap powder for sending to Britain, to be packed by the Hawera ladies and postage met by the executive. Two letters of thanks for parcels received from London. Devotions led by Mrs. Hurrell, Mesdames Arthur, Holly, and Miss Drew also partaking. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. T. Hall in the death of her husband. Mrs. Johnson was pianist, and solos were sung by Mrs. Tozer. Morning and afternoon teas were provided by Hawera members and served by the tea hostesses and members.

**New Plymouth, January 29:** Cheery meeting. Psalm read responsively, and prayer offered by two members. Mrs. Armstrong thanked for gift of tablecloth. As Miss Drew has been compelled reluctantly to give up the chairmanship of the Seamen's Rest Committee, Mrs. Hurrell has been appointed in her place. Very appreciative reference was made to Miss Drew's long and able service in this capacity, and she was the recipient of a beautiful spray made by Mrs. Stewart. Most appreciative letters received from Miss Dorothy Staunton and Dr. Gilbey, telling of the comfort and cheer our parcels have brought. Decided to send monthly parcel. Stickers and envelopes for advertising purposes to be obtained. Arrangements made for hospitality to delegates at District Executive meeting. February

meeting opened with devotions and Temperance Fact. Arrangements made for "Seamen's Rest" report for District Convention. Mrs. Walls conducted a Produce Table. Benediction.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT

**Wanganui East, Cradle Roll Party, November, 1947:** A large number of children and mothers were present. The children gave items of songs and recitations which were enjoyed by all. Mrs. G. Spurdle, District Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, was asked to present Mrs. Ogier, late District Superintendent, with a beautiful spray of flowers as a small token of appreciation of the valuable work she has done in the past. The children were entertained with games out in the open while the mothers had afternoon tea, after which the children did justice to the cakes and soft drinks.

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Feilding, February 4:** Mrs. Tremaine presided and led Devotions. District Executive report given by secretary. The president had received a number of letters from England expressing thanks for food parcels sent from Feilding Union. Donations promised for more parcels. Delegate appointed for Dominion Convention. Fair attendance. Collection for World Missions. Mrs. Taylor closed meeting with prayer.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Brooklyn:** First meeting of the year presided over by Mrs. Brewer. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood, who struck the note of courage and strength, this being followed up by the president, who made a stirring appeal for the work of the coming year. Our treasurer congratulated on having reached her jubilee wedding day, to which she feelingly responded. A gift of flowers was made to her in recognition of her service as treasurer to the Union since its inception. Collected during the year £11 for Convention expenses fund. Mrs. Jordan appointed delegate to the District Executive meeting, and, with Mrs. Brewer, to the Dominion Convention. Midday tea to be in our hands for Convention. Good financial position shown by treasurer's statement. President read "Alcoholics Anonymous Programme" from "W.R."

## NORTH CANTERBURY

**Woolston, Annual Meeting, November 20, 1947:** Devotions, Mrs. Spiers; Mrs. Ramsay presiding. Mrs. Clark, District President, chaired the election of officers, which resulted thus: President, Mrs. Tomlinson (Mrs. Ramsay not seeking re-election); vice-presidents, Mesdames Ramsay and Pedler; secretary, Mrs. Webb; treasurer, Mrs. Ramsay. Superintendents were also appointed. A successful "Bring and Buy" stall was held.

**Riccarton, February 12:** Attendance of 21. Mrs. Griffiths presided and led opening Devotions. Welcome extended to a visitor and to all members after recess. Mental Hospital report given. Delegate to Dominion Convention, Mrs. G. Smith. Five letters of thanks received and one of sympathy to be sent out. Donation of £2 5s. to be sent to CORSO to enable them to purchase a spinning wheel. A sale of fruit brought by the president brought in 16s. 6d., and collection 10s. President gave a helpful thought for the month and closed the meeting with prayer.

**New Brighton, February 5:** Mrs. Edmond presided at first meeting for the year. Mrs. Goodland led Devotions. Visit to Mental Hospital reported. Treasurer presented annual statement, and thanks were expressed. Mrs. Hopwood, of Tinwald Union, was welcomed as a visitor. She gave greetings and was given return greetings. Arrangements made for annual picnic and World's Day of Prayer.

## MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim, February 3:** Good attendance presided over by Mrs. N. Forbes. Three apologies. Mrs. Adjutant Kears read an extract from

"Your Father Knoweth" in leading the Devotional period. Letters to be sent to two sick members in hospital. Mrs. Watson appointed Convention delegate. Miss E. M. Tarratt's resignation from the treasurership accepted with regret, Mrs. C. A. Webster being appointed in her place. Arrangements made for Woman's World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Adjutant Kears farewell. Mrs. Forbes read an inspiring article on the sixth verse of the twenty-third Psalm, the Benediction being pronounced by Mrs. Kears.

**Spreydon, February 10:** First meeting of the year. Attendance fair. Several apologies. Prize-winning essays from Spreydon School read and approved. Helpful address by the Rev. Mr. Lonsdale.

**Sydenham, February 5, 1948:** Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, conducted our first meeting of the year held on February 5, there being an attendance of 12 members and one visitor. Mrs. Davies opened with Devotions. Members stood in silence as a mark of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. C. Teague, who passed away recently. The usual routine business was transacted, a Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward, and our Syllabus for the ensuing year drawn up. Mrs. Filer reported on the Christmas Party given to the inmates of the Women's Reformatory, stating that a happy time was spent by all present. The Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. MacLachlan.

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