

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Pukehuia: The yearly Temperance Meeting and "Bring and Buy" was held at Pukehuia on April 1. A nice number attended, and the Rev. P. Cook gave a good address especially dealing with the menace of alcohol to road safety. Miss Edmed and Mrs. Jolly contributed items, as also did two school boys, David and Allen Smith. Again the people helped by Bringing and Buying, so that £8 has gone into the Treasury to help forward the Temperance Cause. We thank God and take courage.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, held in Auckland, Monday, April 5: Mrs. Long, District Vice-President, in the chair, Mrs. Anstice leading Devotions and giving Temperance Fact.

Mrs. Long extended a warm welcome to Dr. J. Craig, who brought a greeting from New South Wales Union, and also to another visitor, Mrs. M. Drury, who came from Victoria, Canada. Decided to ask local Unions to support the CORSO appeal for China's children. Mother's Day gathering arranged to be held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, to be invited to attend. Mesdames Joiner and Knauf appointed as delegates to the United Nations appeal gathering to be held during April for European children.

A most comprehensive report of Dominion Convention given by Mrs. Long, having been written by Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, who was unable to attend on account of illness.

Takapuna, April: Presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, who took Devotions in the absence of Miss Cullen, and also welcomed Mesdames Williams and Day, President and Secretary of Devonport Union who, with some of their members, had come by invitation. The President made feeling reference to our loss by the passing of Mrs. Pendray, our faithful "W.R." Agent. Mrs. Prussing gave a very concise and comprehensive report on the Convention, and caused quite a thrill by bringing back the Membership Banner. One new member was admitted. So ended a happy afternoon.

Warkworth, March 18: Opening meeting for 1948. Mrs. C. Roke presided over good attendance. Mrs. R. Moore reported on Dominion Convention. Members viewed the Mobile S.S. of the S.S. Union.

April 8: Owing to Mrs. Roke's leaving the district, Mrs. R. Moore was elected President. Attendance good. Gifts of vegetables brought for Maori Girls' Hostel and gifts of soap, paper, etc., for CORSO. After routine business Mrs. Moore gave a talk on Bremen, Germany.

Kohi-St. Heliers, March 18: Meeting held at Mrs. Lewis Eady's home. Devotions led by Mrs. Pearson from Psalms 19 and 101. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Lediard. Mrs. Kasper gave a very interesting account of the Dominion Convention held in Wellington.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, April 6: Mrs. Christian presiding. Devotions, Mrs. Bensley. Reports on Special Alliance meeting, N.C.W., and Pan-Pacific meetings. Convention report given by Mrs. Maunders and greatly enjoyed. Discussion on various matters. Decided to keep a "Head-quarters" donation card on the table at all meetings for the year and also to hold a special "Bring and Buy" for the same. A good beginning made with £2/6/6. Plans for special effort for Dominion requirements and for gaining new members.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, March meeting: Mrs. Page, Vice-President, in the chair, also taking Devotions. Notes and Resolutions passed at Dominion Convention were given. By the help of members and friends another 22lb. parcel was packed by Mrs. Johnson and members, Mrs. Young paying the postage to Britain. Mrs. Page welcomed the Salvation Army officers recently appointed to Hawera. Five apologies received from absent members. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Bishop. Decided to hold a special "Bring and Buy" stall for the starving children of Europe at the April meeting. Mrs. Page closed meeting with Prayer and the Benediction.

February: Mrs. Thayer, Vice-President, in the chair, and took Devotions. Report of District Executive Meeting given by Secretary. Tea served by Mesdames Page and Johnson. Mrs. Page welcomed Captain Tracey, the Guest Speaker, whose subject was "The Second Mile." Captain Tracey closed the meeting with Prayer and Benediction.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier: The usual monthly meeting held. The Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D., was officially welcomed and led Devotions. Convention report given by the delegate, Mrs. Shann—excellent in matter and in detail. Warm thanks expressed. Decided to hold quarterly meetings with "Y" members, and for that purpose the next meeting will be held in the evening. CORSO appeal read, £2/5/- donated for this. Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, March 17: The President, Mrs. Kennerley, in the chair, and led Devotions. Welcome given to all present, including visitors from Christchurch and Morrinsville. Pledge repeated. Scientific Fact, Mrs. Austin. Band of Hope discussed. Comprehensive Convention report given by Mrs. Burnham (Delegate). Thanks expressed by President and posy presented by Mrs. Storey. Gifts of produce to be brought to next meeting for despatch to Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland.

Palmerston North, April: Mrs. H. R. Fitch, wife of the Rev. Mr. Fitch (Church of Christ), in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. J. Boniface. Help asked for in a letter from CORSO was to be considered by Executive. Mayoress's request for help in packing fat and other goods for Britain agreed to. Report of Convention given by Miss Jamieson.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, March 30: Chair taken by Mrs. Sawden, who led Devotions. Apologies received from two members. Welcome to Mesdames Burn and Haigh, L.R.S.M., who delighted us with songs and piano pieces respectively. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Jordan gave a very interesting account of the Convention, which was her first, and which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Brewer summed up briefly the Convention doings. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Papanui, March 17: Mrs. Tillman presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Elliott. A quantity of soap was collected for China in response to an appeal from CORSO. Mrs. Hawken reported on a visit to seven patients in Mental Hospital. Leaflets on "The Effect of Alcohol in the Home" were bought for enclosing with Cradle Roll Cards. Mrs. Black, District Secretary, gave very informative report on Dominion Convention, and was thanked by the President. Tea and Benediction.

North Brighton, February 17: First meeting for the year. Superintendents appointed. Mrs. Noonan reported that a most successful Band of Hope picnic had been held in the Christchurch Botanical Gardens, and the Mental Hospital Report told of visits and Christmas gifts for six patients.

March 16: Several plans of work made. Band of Hope, CORSO, and Birthday Social arranged for. Reports on work as at above meeting were given. Report of Convention deferred till April meeting. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, Opening Meeting, February: Mrs. Holdgate presiding. Arrangements made for special meeting of Youth Workers and other organisations. CORSO appeal read. Mrs. Dellow read a paper on the life of Frances Willard.

March Meeting: Posters procured to be used in "Home and Family" week to be held here at the end of the month. An invitation received to attend Lady Baden-Powell's reception. Mrs. Howe, Convention Delegate, reported comprehensively. Meeting closed with Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, April 6: Attendance fair. Miss Ferguson, President, in the chair. Discussion on increasing interest in Temperance work. President read a paper on "Temperance," and Mrs. McNully one on "Ruth."

A LESSON LEARNED—Contd.

were no exception. I have known them go all the way over to tell their host that they were 'on' that night and refuse with an iron will any attempt on his part to make them have one, even for the road. To them it would mean at the most death, at the least a 'raspberry' from the C.O. But worse of all, they might injure somebody else."

—Extract from "Enemy Coast Ahead," by Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.

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