

message of love and cheer was sent to Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Vice-President of the district in her trying illness.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth: At the March meeting an excellent report on Dominion Convention was given by the President, Mrs. Stewart, a vote of thanks being accorded by acclamation. Cradle Roll party and plans for CORSO assistance were discussed. A collection for an overseas parcel was taken up, and a Sales Table was operated by Mrs. Wells.

April 28: Visitors and one new member welcomed. Donations of money and goods brought for CORSO. Meeting addressed by the Rev. Mr. Allen, who gave a Temperance Fact. A remit on the wastage of food in the production of alcoholic liquor is to go forward again. Encouraging report on the Seamen's Rest was given. Letter of appreciation from Dr. Gilbey for a parcel sent, a handkerchief causing great delight to an old lady of 94. Mrs. Oliver appointed N.C.W. Delegate. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, April 1: Mrs. Duxfield in the chair. Mrs. Ogg led Devotions. A special report on Convention was given by Miss Christie.

May 6: Mrs. Wilson presided and led Devotions; 11 present. A talk on "Peace" was given by Pastor P. D. Griffith.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier, April: Meeting held in the evening so as to include young people who are "Y" members. Five new members were enrolled. The guest speaker was Mrs. Brough, who had lived for many years in India as a missionary. Her address was very moving, as she told of the evil of strong drink among Indian people. The Misses Burgess rendered two beautiful duets. After the closing Devotions supper was served, which brought a good meeting to a close.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central, March meeting: Mrs. Turner presided in absence of Mrs. Sired, and gave fine report of Convention. Deep regret expressed on the death of Mrs. Clark, one of the oldest members, all standing in silence. Mrs. Reed reported having visited the Maori Pa at Porirua when a number of children were put on the Cradle Roll, the women showing much interest. A large parcel of beautifully knitted bed-socks was handed in; these to be given by Mrs. Cullen to the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary. Members promised to knit woollen caps for the old men. Sales Table under Mrs. Davidson did good business. Two new members received and warmly welcomed. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Bond, who is in hospital. Birthday posies presented by Mrs. James. Tea hostess, Mrs. Morris. Benediction.

Brooklyn, April 27: Mrs. Brewer in the chair. Loving sympathy expressed to Mesdames Pearson and Bogren, who are both in hospital. Mrs. Pickering also absent for health reasons. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Sawden Delegate to District Executive held in Johnsonville. Mrs. Brewer gave her impressions of the Dominion Convention, many favourable, but she regretted that there were so few outsiders present, and also the absence of the "Y.s." The remits were discussed. Some were passed and some deleted. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, March meeting: In the absence of the President, Mrs. Sherratt, at Convention, Mrs. Walker presided. Mrs. Rankin, Health and Nutrition Superintendent, took Devotions, and gave a talk on the part fear plays in our lives. Next meeting a Gift Afternoon for CORSO. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Lummis and Snodgrass.

April 13 meeting: The President, Mrs. Sherratt in the chair. Good attendance. Mrs. Doel gave a good report of Convention. Members donated a number of gifts for the work of CORSO in China and subscribed enough money to buy a spinning wheel. Decided to hold the first Youth Meeting on April 15. Hymn and Prayer.

May 11: Good attendance presided over by Mrs. Sherratt. First 15 minutes given to Devotions when prayers were offered for world peace. Plans made for future meetings. Birthday posies presented by Mrs. Lummis. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Westley and Buchanan.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, April and May meetings: Mrs. Forbes presided at both, good numbers attending. Mrs. Kirkham led Devotions in April, her subject being "Thou art," from Psalm 119, and Mrs. W. T. Girling in May, speaking on "Prayer." Mrs. Watson reported on the Dominion Convention at both meetings. Letter of welcome to Captain and Mrs. Christian, newly-appointed S.A. officers, and Mrs. Christian welcomed in person at the May meeting. CORSO appeal remembered with donations and gifts. "Bring and Buy" stall well patronised. Arrangements made to visit Springlands Union.

Springlands, March 16: Attendance fair. Devotions, Mrs. Gascoigne. Roll call and helpful responses given. Contributions received for parcel to CORSO. President gave brief resume of Dominion Convention. Closed early to attend welcome to Miss Howard, Minister of Health.

April 20: A message of assurance and comfort contained in Devotions led by Mrs. E. T. Heggum. Vote of sympathy carried to Mrs. Underhill in the death of her mother, and with Mrs. Russell and family in the death with Mrs. Russell and family in the death of Mr. Russell. Fine responses given to Roll Call. Mrs. R. Watson of Blenheim Union and Delegate to Convention, was welcomed, and she gave an interesting and helpful report, especially dealing with messages contained in the various addresses. Also presented the Cradle Roll Banner, won by the Superintendent, Mrs. E. Leslie. Mrs. Watson was accorded a vote of thanks.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch, April 14: Donations and gifts received to be despatched to China through CORSO. Temperance extracts read by President from women's missionary paper in Ottawa, showing slow and hard fight.

April 28: Gifts of tinned goods received for Great Britain. Visitor, Mrs. Harding of Auckland welcomed. Mrs. Neutze reported on North Brighton Union's Social. Miss Henderson (presiding at both meetings) read extracts from the "World Bulletin News" re remits passed at Convention. The film "It's the Brain that Counts" is being shown in secondary and technical schools. Miss Henderson presided at both meetings.

May 6: Usual "Peace" meeting held. **Sydenham,** April 1: Mrs. J. Filer, President, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Temperance Fact given. During the month a very enjoyable Home Meeting was held at the residence of our President, there being an excellent attendance to enjoy musical items and competitions. Proceeds for funds £3/5/-. A comprehensive and interesting report on Dominion Convention was given by Mrs. Smith of the Riccarton Union, who was one of the Delegates. Numerous gifts of soap, writing paper, etc., were donated by members in response to the appeal made by the N.Z. CORSO.

May 6: Usual "Peace" Meeting held. Well-prepared and interesting address given by Mrs. Pryor, on "How we look at things." Invitations received from Linwood and Christchurch Unions. Mrs. Filer presided.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, April 8: Good attendance of members and visitors, Mrs. Griffiths presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Harris. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Decided to contribute £1 per year to Secretary's salary when the appointment is made. A debate on gambling is also to be arranged. Letters of sympathy to be sent. Literature distributed. Invitation to North Brighton's Birthday received. Agreed to send 30/- to Executive Funds. Financial statement given showing collection £1/3/-, copper trail 4/3. Afternoon tea. Miss Murray gave a most enlightening and educative talk on mission life in Egypt during two wars. A vote of thanks accorded. Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Port Chalmers, April 21: Good attendance of members. Welcome extended to six members of the Otago District Executive. After usual business Mrs. Hiett addressed the meeting, giving an interesting account of the Dominion Convention. Mrs. Mirams expressed thanks on behalf of those present.

Lawrence, May 4: Fair attendance. Miss Ferguson presided and led Devotions. Report of Dominion Convention read. Arrangements made for combined meeting to try to gain new members. Thanks to Miss Farquhar and Mrs. Hiett for report. Pledge, Hymn, and Benediction.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Winton, April 20: Special meeting held in honour of Mrs. Wilson. A "Twenty Years' Service" badge was presented to her. Songs contributed by Mesdames Smaer and Irwin. One new member enrolled.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Dargaville: "The future belongs to the child. The three great enemies of child life are ignorance, poverty, and alcohol. And the greatest of these is alcohol."—Sir Donald McLean, K.B.E., P.C.

Also Dargaville: "Vitamin B is made in the gastric secreting cells of the human body, and it has been found by medical research that alcohol destroys the capacity of the secreting cells to manufacture this vitamin B."—Statement made by Dr. A. Ninian Bruce, D.S., F.R.C.P.E., in the course of an address to the Edinburgh Branch of the National Commercial Temperance League.

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