

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Hastings: Monthly meetings during the past four months have been well attended, with added interest. At the February meeting four ladies gave a short talk or read an article on an outstanding character known to them. A most successful meeting. The Easter message was delivered by the Rev. Russell Graves, of the Baptist Church, a stirring call to be remembered by all. Miss Mildenhall, our Convention Delegate, gave an excellent report at the April meeting. Members are concerned at the loss of 213 members. The May meeting was conducted by members of the Napier Union. Our grateful thanks to them for an outstanding meeting. The speaker, Mrs. Berg, of Napier, told an interesting story of her years of service in India. Birthday posies are presented to members at the monthly meetings—a happy link with members. Three new members have been gained. Band of Hope planned to open in June.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, June 2: Mrs. Tremain presided, Mrs. Kendall leading Devotions. Items from the "White Ribbon" were read by several members. The President also conducted a "Quiz" session, which was heartily entered into by members. "Bring and Buy" planned for next meeting. We strongly supported the N.C.W. in their Remit to be sent to the Prime Minister, asking that brewers be not allowed to use grain for 60 days for brewing and the grain thus saved be a help for Europe. A new member on transfer from Wellington Central was given a warm welcome. Good attendance. Collection for "W.R." £1/2/6. Mrs. Tremain closed the meeting with prayer.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, May 25: At the home of Mrs. Cracknell, who received the members. Mrs. Gittings occupied the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Watt, District President, who was the guest of the afternoon. Temperance Fact. Reports of District Executive by Mesdames Brewer and Sawden. Mrs. Jordan elected delegate to next Executive Meeting. Several apologies received. Mrs. Pickering welcomed after illness. An article recently published in the "Post" re British gambling was read. This was called a "National epidemic," and spoke of the gambling on horses, dogs and football. Mrs. Greenwood closed with prayer.

Masterton: "White Ribbon" Day. Miss Jackson in the chair, Mrs. Parry leading Devotions. Fair attendance. Novel procedure of Secretary having portions of the "White Ribbon" attached to her clothing. Main theme discussed was the need for the youth of this country to be educated to know the evils of drink. Letters written to all Youth Councils in the town. Letter read from the Rev. J. Chambers, Youth Director, referring to difficulties to be overcome. Ways to help "Bible in Schools" considered. Three members to attend meeting in Wellington at the end of June.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, June 8: Mrs. Sherratt presided. Meeting opened with 15 minute Devotions. Welcomes to visitors and one new member. Mrs. Walker appointed to visit sick members. Letter of congratulation to be sent to the Presbyterian Church on the occasion of their Centennial celebrations. Several copies of the English "White Ribbon" were distributed and a collection made for "W.R." funds. Volunteers were asked for to help with tea at the Youth Meeting. Temperance Fact. Closing prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, May 20, held in Wesley Hall: Mrs. Underhill presiding. Several apologies received. A letter of cheer sent to Mrs. Rodgerston, who is in ill-health. In the Devotional period the needy children of the world were remembered in prayer. Mrs. Harris reported on the business of Dominion Convention, on which a discussion followed. The resolutions passed were re-affirmed and those affecting Government Departments were directed to be forwarded to Mr. Shand, M.P. The President reported on a visit with Mrs. Watson to the Picton Union, when the Convention report was given. The matter of

opening work in Seddon was discussed, and it was hoped that a visit from the Organiser could be arranged. It was decided that in future meetings would be held on the third Thursday in February, April, July and November. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all and the meeting closed at 3 p.m.

Blenheim, June 6: Mrs. Tocker presiding over good attendance of 19. Four apologies received. A visitor, Mrs. Bade, of Wellington, was welcomed. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. A. T. Milgrew, a member of long standing. Many tributes were paid to her, and her favourite hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, arise," was sung. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. J. Bailey, who read 2nd Kings, chapter 7, verses 1-11. Roll Call was a verse of Scripture. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Lane. The speaker was Mrs. W. B. Wilson, who gave a talk on "Peace." Since our last meeting an old member, Mrs. Curnow, had attained her 90th birthday and received flowers and greetings from the Union. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Bailey.

Springlands, May 18: Despite very wet weather a most enjoyable meeting held in Methodist Sunday School. Eleven members of Blenheim Union warmly welcomed and Mrs. J. McDougal, who was later initiated into membership. Mrs. P. Kirkham gave an interesting and instructive address on "The present situation in Palestine" for which she was accorded thanks. A "special" afternoon tea was dispensed and the following contributions given: Recitations, Mesdames Forges, Kirkham, Bailey, Green; solos, Mrs. T. Blick; readings, Mesdames Gascoigne and Underhill. Mrs. Wells reported two new subscribers to "W.R." Sales table well supported.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Papanui: Mrs. Tillman presided at the April and May meetings, Mrs. Malcolm leading devotions at one and Mrs. Elliott at the other. Mrs. Hampton gave Temperance Facts at both meetings. Pledge and Roll Calls taken. Collection for District Funds brought 13/-. Birthday invitations received from Riccarton and New Brighton. Five Mental Hospital patients had been visited and entertained at afternoon tea. Readings were given in April by Mesdames Hawken, Hodder and Tillman, and at the May meeting Mrs. Clark, District President, gave a very comprehensive talk on "Peace," which was much appreciated.

Oxford, May 10: Met for day of Intercession for World Peace. Suitable reading and address were given by Mrs. Markham and members joined in intercession for peace among the nations. Decided to accept invitation to the 63rd anniversary of the Christchurch Union.

North Brighton, April 20: Band of Hope report showed that three meetings had been held. Two new members initiated. Two Handbooks to be purchased. Reported that Miss Henderson's leaflet on "State Control" was on sale at 1/- per dozen. Reports on Prayer Meeting and Coin Evening. At the latter £2/5/- was raised for CORSO. Miss McDonald reported on the Dominion Convention.

May 18: Cradle Roll, Band of Hope, and Mental Hospital visiting reports were given. Invitations to New Brighton and Riccarton birthday parties. Mrs. Griffiths, President of the Riccarton Union was the guest speaker, her subject being "Understanding and co-operation the foundation of Peace," basing her remarks on an article in Arthur Mee's "A wonderful year." The speaker was heartily thanked. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

Reefton, May 27: Special meeting called. No one available to take office. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Gilmour agreed to carry on in the meantime. Mrs. Thompson spoke on "Convictions: Have we any? And have we the courage of them?" Miss Watson closed the meeting with prayer.

Riccarton, May 13: Eighteen present, Mrs. Griffiths presiding. Miss L. Hughes led Devotions. Two new members initiated. Three members had attended North Brighton's Birthday Party. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Long for large parcels of old silk stockings for mat making. Several invitations received. Letter and flowers sent to a sick member. Mental Hospital report very good. One patient discharged. Mrs. Griffiths gave a very instructive talk on Peace and read extracts on the subject from the Australian

Nurses' Journal, and also from Arthur Mee's "A Wonderful Year." Speaker thanked by special vote. Benediction.

Christchurch, May 12: Miss Henderson presided. Thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. J. W. Palk, who recently lost her husband. Gifts of coats received and handed in to Red Cross depot. A gift of £10 donated to "Save the Children" fund.

Sydenham, June 3: Fourteen members present. Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, was in the chair. Mrs. Davies conducted Devotions, after which the usual business was transacted. "White Ribbon" Day was observed by members contributing readings, vocal solos being rendered by Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, April: Short business meeting, then all adjourned to Bay Hall to "Home and Family Week" display, and talk by Mrs. Warren, of Christchurch. We had a small display stand and literature for distribution.

May meeting: Mrs. Holdgate presided. Devotions based on "Peace." Prayer for peace in our hearts. Sister Marion gave a talk on Peace in the Home and the Community. Mrs. Holdgate reported on the N.C.W. meeting. Mrs. Woodward reported a quiet month at the "Sailors' Rest." Sales table at each meeting is proving well worth while to augment Union funds.

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