

## SPECIAL REPORTS—Contd.

**"WELCOME HOME" TO MRS. MACKIE, LINWOOD UNION**

On May 25, a well-attended meeting of members and visitors from other Unions (by invitation) assembled to give Mrs. E. M. Mackie, a "Welcome Home" after her visit to America to attend the World Convention. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. F. Fuller, Vice-President, presided. Mrs. Mackie was presented with a shoulder spray by the Secretary, and with a book by Mrs. Dunlop, to mark the occasion, when loving reference was made to our guest's valuable work for our Union. Several members also spoke. Mrs. Mackie gave a most interesting and informative address on the World Convention and on her trip, and was heartily thanked. Four new members were initiated. Decided to present "Twenty Year" Badges to several foundation members at our July meeting. A parcel of writing material for CORSO was sent.

**OPEN MEETING AT OAMARU**

On May 17, the Oamaru Union held an open meeting for men and women in the evening, at which there was a fair attendance.

Mrs. Rawson presided. After the routine business, a short musical programme was enjoyed. The Guest Speaker, Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, said of the Trust Hotels in Invercargill, that they were no different from other hotels. It was a great mistake to think that in no-license areas only was sly grog selling. It was just as bad in places where there are licensed hotels. Lounge drinking, bottle shops, and restaurant drinking were all alike a menace to women, to men, and to young people. The Trust Hotel had not made less drinking, but had encouraged it very considerably.

A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to Mr. Dash and thanks expressed to all who had helped towards an enjoyable evening. After the Benediction supper was served. A Sales Table helped the finances.

**SOCIAL AFTERNOON, NELSON UNION****Mrs. Mackie Welcomed**

A Social Afternoon was held in May by the Nelson Union, in the Presbyterian Hall, to which representatives of all women's organisations were invited to meet Mrs. Mackie and hear her account of her visit to the World Convention. The result was a very happy gathering, as Mrs. Mackie was amongst old school friends, and also had a very interesting story to tell. Afternoon tea was handed round, and Mrs. Jones sang two delightful solos.

The President, Mrs. Sherratt, thanked Mrs. Mackie for her inspiring address, and at the close two new members were initiated.

Mrs. Mackie also visited Richmond and Motueka, seven new members being enrolled at Motueka.

**MRS. MACKIE AT MOTUEKA**

A special meeting was held by the Motueka Union on May 19, when Mrs. Mackie, of Christchurch, was the speaker. The subject of her address was her trip to New Jersey to attend the World Convention last year. The account of her travels, and of the Convention, was very interesting, and it was a great pleasure to her audience to hear her. At the close of her address eight ladies came forward to be initiated by Mrs. Mackie and received the White Bow. This was a very happy ending to a good meeting.

**CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT MOTUEKA**

On May 24, the Little White Ribboners' birthday party was held and a good attendance of mothers with their little ones listened to an address from Mrs. Toomer, of Nelson. The speaker gave a lesson to the little ones on Obedience. When afternoon tea had been served, Mrs. Toomer spoke to the mothers, giving good advice on the training of little ones. Mrs. Carter, our President, provided a birthday cake with candles, which was very much enjoyed.

A "Bring and Buy" was held very successfully. Our C.R. has doubled during the year.

**TWENTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY PARTY, NORTH BRIGHTON**

The Baptist Church presented quite a festive appearance on the occasion of the 22nd birthday of the North Brighton Union. Bowls of chrysanthemums and small vases of French marigolds adorned the platform. Mrs. Noonan presided, and welcomed a record attendance of members and visitors. Two one-act plays, produced by Mrs. McIntosh, were presented by the members of the Christchurch Women's Institute, and other items included songs by Mrs. Goldman and Miss Pauline Daniels, and recitations by Mrs. Beilby. "Twenty-years' Service" Badges were presented to Mrs. Gadd and Mrs. Thompson. The birthday cake, decorated by Mr. J. Compton, was cut by Mrs. McIlwraith. Letters from Mesdames Hall and Graham, wishing the Union continued success in the work, were received.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER, MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT**

There was a good attendance at the Blenheim monthly Women's Day of Prayer, on Thursday, May 27.

The opening session was conducted by Mrs. J. Taylor, who spoke on the "Friendship of Jesus." Mrs. Ford was Leader for the next period and took for her theme, "God's Remedy." Mrs. P. Stephens followed, and spoke on "Faith." The last session was taken by Mrs. A. O. Jones, who took as her subject, "Prayer." Interesting and helpful messages were delivered, and sincere prayers were offered by

leaders and members present. Suitable hymns were chosen and many requests for prayer were made. The sick and the U.N.A.C. were specially remembered.

**PAY-UP SOCIAL, AUCKLAND UNION**

On June 8 Auckland Union held its Annual "Pay-up" Social in the Board Room of the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Long presided and welcomed a fine gathering of members and friends. The National Anthem and the Doxology were sung at the opening, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Long. Apologies and greetings were received from sick members and others unable to attend. A very enjoyable programme of music and elocution was presented.

In her Chairman's remarks, Mrs. Long spoke of the threatened evils likely to be passed by Parliament, naming the extension of hours of sale, evening sales, stronger liquor to be sold, and restoration of bar-maids. All these evils had been so strongly fought against by Temperance people in the past days. Christ is the only One Who can destroy these works of the Devil. Votes of thanks were passed. Afternoon tea brought a very happy afternoon to a close. One new member was received.

**RICCARTON'S TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY SOCIAL**

On June 10, Riccarton held its 26th birthday celebration. The room was tastefully decorated and was filled to capacity by Sister Unions and other women's organisations in the district. Mrs. Griffiths presided, and the afternoon was opened with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer. Business was postponed to a specially arranged later meeting.

The Drama Club of the Women's Institute entertained with two plays entitled "Gran Plays Trumps" and "Fortune Favours Fools." Musical items, rendered by Mesdames Colthart, Swallow, R. Williams and Scott, were enjoyed. Tea was dispensed and a nice birthday cake, baked by the President, was cut and enjoyed. Votes of thanks to the performers were carried by acclamation, and a very happy afternoon closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

**CHRISTCHURCH CELEBRATES SIXTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY**

An afternoon Social was held by Christchurch Union in celebration of the 63rd birthday. Miss C. Henderson presided. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Quarman. Our President then welcomed 50 delegates present from Oxford and suburban Unions, who later gave greetings from their Unions. Mrs. R. Black, Hon. District Secretary, spoke for the District Executive in the absence of the President, Mrs. Clarke.

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