

SPECIAL REPORTS—Contd.

During the afternoon a most enjoyable programme included vocal solos by Mrs. Connie Wilson and recitations by Miss G. Musgrove. Mrs. Reeve acted as accompaniste. Then followed a most stirring address by Mrs. Adjutant Baker, who spoke of her impressions and reminiscences of Chinese life gained from her service there for five years, during the Japanese occupation, as a missionary. To illustrate her address the speaker showed us exquisitely beautiful costumes (Chinese). After votes of thanks, Mrs. Lennon presented Miss Henderson and our Foundation Member, Miss Gordon, with flower sprays. Tea was served by a special committee.

REUNION AT NORTHCOTE

A combined meeting of the North Shore W.C.T.U. Unions was held in the Methodist School Hall, Northcote, on June 8. There were 28 members and friends present and the gathering was presided over by Miss E. Wiggell (President) and Mrs. Hay (Vice-President). A welcome poem, which had been composed by Miss Ethel Piper—one of our first and most loyal workers—was read. Mesdames Williams (Devonport) and Morgan Richards (Takapuna) spoke in appreciation of these occasional reunions as a time of refreshing and inspiration. Mesdames Carter and Hampton rendered much-appreciated musical items. Sister Jessie gave a very interesting address on the Maori people and her endeavours to bring the Gospel and the Temperance cause to these of our kindred, and whose welfare is of so great concern to us all just now. The collection was for the "White Ribbon" Fund.

DISH PAN OCEAN

When washing dishes I pretend the pan's the ocean deep,
The angry waves are rolling high,
then skyward seem to leap.
They're dashing madly toward the cliff (the cliff's the top of pan)
Then break and splash and spray,
the once dry land (that's where I am).
Now from the lighthouse, I can see the dangers all about
For my dear Dish Pan people, who took this ocean route.
Oh, all the little saucers with Mr. and Mrs. Cup.
Will with these giant mighty waves,
soon all be swallowed up.
My Lifeboat hands I lower down,
manned by Ten Finger crew,
They're trained for such emergencies, all know just what to do.
Mid mighty caps of white soap suds,
they rescue those close by,
Then dive 'til every one is safe and on the deck to dry.

CAROL ANN NORTH.

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, June 8, at Dargaville: District President, Mrs. Green, in the chair, and led Devotions. Representatives from the following Unions were present: Dargaville, Te Kopuru and Pukehuia. A letter from Maungakarae asked for help in making meetings more interesting. The following ideas were suggested: (1) Get as many members as possible to take part by having a Bible text or verse as a Roll Call. (2) Newspaper clippings of special temperance interest to be read; arrangements made meeting before. (3) The appeal of something done with the hands; encourage members to bring their own handwork or work for Missions. (4) Competitions, say every three months, in flowers, cooking or needlework. Mrs. Lane appointed as our only Delegate for the N.C.W. this year. CORSO correspondence and report of work already done was given by Miss E. med. A Committee formed of Mrs. Green, Miss Edmed and Mrs. Lawrence, with power to act. Next District Convention was discussed.

Dargaville, June 8: Mrs. Jolly in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Lawrence. "W.R." Day observed and collection taken up. President brought forward important points re "W.R." and we decided to purchase two for Branch distribution. All possible help asked for hospital superintendent.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, May 31, in the Temperance Room: Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, in the chair. Good attendance of members and visitors. Devotions led by Miss Grigg. Considerable discussion on the unenviable position of many aged pensioners in Auckland due to the housing shortage, and a suggestion that something should be done to alleviate the position. Mrs. J. Joiner was appointed to represent the W.C.T.U. at a meeting called by the Mayor of Auckland, Mr. J. A. C. Allum, in connection with the Empire Cancer Campaign Society. Mrs. Mountjoy gave the report on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel, and also of the annual meeting of the National Council of Women. Mrs. V. A. Reed reported on the "Mother's Day" gathering and stated that she considered it was the best gathering that had yet been held on "Mother's Day" by the W.C.T.U.

Titirangi, May 15: Fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Hiatt, the new President. Mrs. Williams, District Superintendent, gave an address on the Cradle Roll work. Afternoon tea and Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Kohi-St. Heliers, April 15, at the home of Mrs. Lediard: very good attendance. Mrs. Pearson, Evangelist, spoke on "Faith in God," followed by prayer. Temperance Fact given. Dr. Jeanie Craig sang "My ain Countree," and gave greetings from N.S.W., giving details of the various Unions there. She urged the members to be more enthusiastic in getting the younger people interested in the Temperance Cause. Hearty vote of thanks accorded speaker and hostess.

May 20, at the home of Mrs. Reed: Mrs. Pearson read and spoke on "Hope," but the hope was Jesus. Temperance Fact. "Mother's" and "Peace" Days both observed in prayer. Mrs. Kaspa gave a talk on the sanctity of "Mother's Day," and Mrs. Reed suggested that all women should make a prayer for peace every noontide. Hostess thanked. Mrs. Gray sang "My Mother's Prayer."

Warkworth, May 13: Mrs. Moore presided over a good attendance. After general business was concluded the meeting was thrown open for discussion as to ways and means of improving membership and meetings. Many helpful ideas were brought forward. Mrs. Rowe reported that she had gained seven new members for the "White Ribbon."

Remuera, May 24: Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. For the Devotional period a chorus was sung and a Scripture portion read by the President, followed by "Chain" prayer. Pledge recited and Temperance Fact given by Miss Gane. A talk was given by Mrs. Kasper on "Peace," and a prayer for peace was read by Mrs. Laird. "Mother's Day" was also

observed, and a suitable talk was given by the President.

Onehunga, May 13: Discussion on U.N. Appeal for children and best means of assisting same. Consideration of ideas whereby younger women and business girls may be induced to take an interest in W.C.T.U. activities. Address by Miss Grey, a retired teacher from England, at present touring N.Z., her subject being the work of the B.W.T.A. in England. (Special Report.)

May 27: Home meeting at the home of Miss Grigg. Devotional period, choruses, solos by Dr. J. Craig, and recitations by Mrs. Hatton, with social intercourse, competitions and afternoon tea combined to make a pleasing programme for which our hostess was heartily thanked.

Henderson, May 19: Mrs. Chadwick presided and led Devotions. The Secretary reported on the District Executive meeting. Our speaker, Mrs. Fountain, gave a most informative talk on the work done by the Old Age Pensioners' Association, of which she is a member, to better the conditions of the Pensioners. Donation sent to CORSO.

Takapuna, June: A very happy meeting and a good attendance. After the usual business conducted by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, our Evangelistic Superintendent, Miss Cullen gave a few verses about the lost piece of silver and an interesting little talk on this. Mrs. Wallace read a beautiful letter from a soldier to his mother, which arrived after his death. Mrs. Tremain gave the Temperance Fact.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, May 4, "Peace Day" observed. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley. Reports given of N.C.W. meeting and new delegates elected. Headquarters Fund to be furthered in every way during the year and a good start made through a Donation Card to lay on the table at each meeting for voluntary subscriptions. Extracts read from pamphlet "Women and World Peace." Very good attendance and one new member initiated.

June 1: "W.R." Day observed. "W.R.'s from Africa, Canada, Australia, England and Scotland were shown, and extracts from these read by members under "Sealed Orders." Appeal made for new subscribers. The "W.R." agent, Mrs. Foxcroft, reported that practically all members were subscribers, and all paid up. Band of Hope plans made and a report of a Band of Hope meeting held elsewhere gave encouragement to start soon. Devotions were led at both meetings by Mrs. Bensley, Evangelical Superintendent, and the President, Mrs. Christian, occupied the chair. Words of farewell spoken to Miss Daphne Maunders, who expects to return to Missionary work in India very shortly. Sales table very successful and H.Q. Cards show steady interest.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, May 26: Opened by Devotions. Miss Petersen gave a helpful talk on St. Paul as a letter-writer. One new member initiated, and two others are joining, one by transfer. Grateful acknowledgements received from Miss Staunton for parcels (four), another one having been sent. Financial position of Seamen's Rest explained, strong effort being required in August. Annual report of N.C.W. read, also part of Mrs. Hiatt's Convention Address. Songs by Mrs. Hiatt. Meetings in future at 2.15. Meeting closed by Prayer.

Hawera: At the April meeting Mrs. Page presided and led Devotions, reading from the "W.R." Mrs. Hiatt's address in reply to the welcomes given at Convention. Mrs. Burton led in prayer. A stall with donations for funds to help the U.N.A.C. realised the sum of £5/15/-, which was paid over. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Mrs. Page closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction. Donations by friends and members of food and soap at the May meeting were nearly enough to make up another 22 pound parcel for Britain. Mrs. Hansen, President, whose health has improved, was able to be present and to preside and lead Devotions. Mrs. Burton led in prayer. Two very fine letters from Miss Staunton, "W.R." Editress in England, to whom parcels have been sent for distribution, expressed thanks and appreciation. The Guest Speaker, Major Spersholt (S.A.), spoke on "Woman's place in the world," mentioning eminent women in politics, literature, religion, science, medicine, and most particularly, in home life. Tea and Benediction.