

received from Miss C. M. McLay for "Y.P. Supplements" sent to her for her work amongst the Maoris. Railway station box kept well supplied with our literature. "Bring and Buy" did good trade. Attendance good. Collection for Seamen's Rest at New Plymouth realised £1/1/6. Mrs. Stewart closed the meeting with prayer.

**Levin, April 21:** President in the chair. Mrs. King led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact and Band of Hope report. Mrs. Muirhead, Leader. Letters of greeting sent to several sick friends and members. Mrs. Burnham read Dominion Secretary's report. Decided to have Sales Table at each meeting. Good response for gifts of produce to be sent to Maori Girls' Hostel. Tea hostesses Mesdames Hale, Austin, Henshie and Miss Patching.

**May 19:** Mrs. Storey presided. Devotions led by Mesdames Foston and Kennerley. Pledge and Roll Call. Temperance Fact. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Long for produce sent to Hostel. Article on Peace Day read by Mrs. Burnham. Adjutant Major gave most interesting talk on work conducted in hotels in several areas in which he has worked. Votes of thanks. Tea hostesses Mesdames Henshie and Plasher. Prayer and Benediction by Adjutant Major.

### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Wellington District Executive:** The Wellington District Executive was held on June 24 in the Lower Hutt Methodist Parlour. Only one Union failed to send a delegate. The District President gave a stirring devotional address. Mrs. Spencer extended a warm welcome to all delegates. She paid a tribute to the late Mrs. Tyler of Carterton, mentioning her great love for the W.C.T.U. The District President asked all to rise as a token of our respect. Letters of sympathy to be sent to those in sorrow and to our beloved sick. Peace Day came up for discussion and an attempt is to be made to hold a large Peace Meeting, the date and month yet to be decided. The Treasurer gave the financial statement. Mrs. Watt spoke with much appreciation of the Youth Work in Belmont and suggested that a donation of £1 be granted towards expenses. All were agreed upon this, and later it was proposed that the Brooklyn "Y.s" should have the same amount. To show our appreciation for services rendered by our District Secretary, Mrs. Reed, during Dominion Convention we took up a collection and presented it to her as a love gift. She suitably replied, and a posy of flowers was given to her by Mrs. Freeman. Noontide observed. Mrs. Sired read the N.C.W. Remits and discussion followed on them. Mrs. Grigg spoke on the "White Ribbon," emphasising the special article on Nationalisation of the Drink Trade by Cecil Heath, B.A. She brought a few spare copies for sale. Masterston brought a brief account of what has been done in their Union since Dominion Convention. Mrs. Spencer told of Mrs. Emery's interest in commencing the Youth Work in Te Kuiti, and we were delighted to hear from Mrs. Grigg that a Band of Hope has been formed. All were glad to know that Petone Union, recently re-formed, shows signs of holding on. The weather was kind, adding to the pleasure of a happy and useful day. The Benediction concluded the meeting.

**Brooklyn, June 29:** Mrs. Pearson was hostess at the meeting held in her home. 13 present. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. Usual business. Essay and Poster Competition announcements to be sent to all Sunday Schools and also to the Day School. Team elected to help in CORSO packing on July 14. Members are knitting cuffs for CORSO. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Gillings read from "White Ribbon." Members in turn spoke for two minutes on "Why I joined the W.C.T.U." Collection taken for "W.R." Mrs. Pearson did good business at the Sales Table. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

**Wellington Central, June 15:** "White Ribbon Day." Mrs. Sired presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Andrew. Several sick members written to. Mrs. McDonald, a visitor, spoke of her early associations with Wellington Central. Mrs. Morris appointed delegate to District Executive at Hutt. Mrs. Grigg gave interesting talk on early days of the "White Ribbon." Benediction pronounced by President.

### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Blenheim, July 6:** Mrs. N. Forbes presided. 18 present, including two visitors. 10 apologies. Mrs. W. B. Wilson led Devotions, reading Psalm 145. Roll call, a verse of Scripture. The speaker was the Rev. K. Gregory, Vicar of Wairau Valley Parochial District, his subject being taken from Gal. 5, verses 22 and 23, and emphasising the importance of "joy." Mr. Gregory spoke on food conditions in Britain, which he left three months ago. Appreciation voiced by several members, and a vote of thanks passed by acclamation. Mrs. Wilson closed meeting with Prayer.

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Christchurch, June 9:** Miss C. Henderson presided, and to celebrate our Peace Day gave instructive talk with helpful suggestions to show us what our attitude was to Prevention of War, and the establishment of International Peace Courts. Report on New Brighton Social Temperance Essay and Poster Competition posters taken and delivered at schools and Sunday Schools.

**June 23:** To celebrate "W.R. Day" members read extracts from our paper, and Miss Henderson, who presided, gave an interesting talk from the Editor's article on the 50 years of the "W.R.," holding in her hand a fifth year copy. £3/3/- sent to "W.R." Fund. Report on successful Social given by Riccarton Union. Gifts received for "Food for Britain." A new member welcomed and initiated.

**Reefton, June 9:** Mrs. Thompson, President, led the meeting. Mr. Trim, Methodist Minister, attended the meeting with a questionnaire from the Methodist Temperance Connexional Committee, 1948. An interesting afternoon was spent in answering the questions. Collection for "W.R. Day" Fund. Meeting closed with Prayer.

**Spreydon:** Mrs. Ancall, President, chaired the meeting and gave a five-minute paper on Gambling, which opened up some discussion on the subject. Patients of the Mental Hospital expressed appreciation of gifts provided. District report presented and correspondence received. Financial position firm. Invitations to sister Unions' Birthday celebrations received and accepted. Benediction.

**Riccarton, June 29:** Good attendance at the home of the President. Mrs. Griffiths led Devotions. Visitors welcomed. Three letters of sympathy to be sent out. "White Ribbon," Treasurer's and Executive reports given. Remit on delaying of emigration pending provision of housing discussed, also rationing of beer. Mental Hospital report good. Two articles on Gambling read by the President. Vote of thanks to President for her hospitality. Benediction.

**July 8:** 21 present. Devotions led by Miss Hughes. Executive report received. Three members offered hospitality for District Convention. Request for helpers for CORSO collection. Four months' supply of "Beacon" had been purchased by President for distribution amongst Methodist Sunday School children. Essay and Poster Competition discussed. "Memorial Day" observed by a talk on "Pioneer Women" by Mrs. Newth, for which she was warmly thanked. "All Round the World" and Benediction.

**Sydenham, July 1:** Mrs. Filer presided over attendance of 10. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Very comprehensive address from President of District, Mrs. E. R. Clark, on harmful physical, moral and spiritual effects of alcohol. Interesting discussion on figures recently published showing drink bill for 1947 to work out at £9/1/11 per head of the population (£16,208,343). Attention given to press correspondence on the fact of liquor being supplied to youths of 15 years of age and upwards after sports gatherings.

### OTAGO DISTRICT

**Port Chalmers, June 16:** Fair attendance of members. "White Ribbon Day" observed by each member present reading an article, which helped to make up our own edition of a "White Ribbon." Collection for "W.R." Fund amounted to 4/-.

### SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

**Mrs. Mackie in Southland:** Mrs. E. M. Mackie visited Southland during June, spending a week in Gore and a week in Invercargill. A meeting with the District Executive opened activities in Invercargill, followed next day by a combined meeting of Unions, to which members of other women's organisations were invited. Four new members joined at this meeting. Next day Bluff was visited, when Methodists and Presbyterians combined at the latter's Guild Meeting with the members of the W.C.T.U., 30 women listening to Mrs. Mackie's address. Mrs. Mackie was interviewed by a representative of the Press and given a good write-up in the morning paper. She was also invited by the Superintendent of the Boralst to visit that institution, and was taken throughout the departments there. Her visit South cheered and enthused the Branches here and gave members fresh heart to go on with the work of the Union.

**Winton, May 18:** "Bring and Buy" sale held for Union Funds in the S.S. Hall. A fair attendance of members spent a pleasant afternoon.

**June 22:** Members met at the residence of Mrs. Williams to do honour to Miss Jean Bromley on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The President presented a gift to Miss Bromley. Mesdames Eastlake and Smart sang and a competition was won by Mrs. Haigh.

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