

alarm expressed at increased consumption of all types of alcoholic beverages. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Henchie and Austin.

July 21: President presided and led Devotions. Memorial Day observed. Roll Call answered with a text containing the word "Light." The speaker, the Rev. H. S. Kings, asked "Why should we be concerned about the Drink Evil?" Hearty vote of thanks accorded at the close. Letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Major in her illness. Tea Hostesses thanked.

Feilding, August 4: Mrs. Tremaine in the chair, Mrs. Stewart leading in Prayer. Report of District Executive given. Discussions on Headquarters and Peace-time conscription. Members gave verses of Scripture from which they have received help. Mrs. Cummin was appointed Convention Delegate. Attendance fair. Closing Prayer by the President.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, July meeting: Mrs. Pearce received members at her home. Devotions led by Mrs. Greenwood. All stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Bogren, a member who recently passed away. CORSO and other activities discussed. Mrs. Gillings gave Temperance extracts. Mrs. Pearce appointed Delegate for District Convention at Karori. The big feature of the afternoon was the "Question and Answer" period arranged by Mrs. Brewer, who occupied the chair. The work and prominent women connected with it since its inception in N.Z. were the subjects of the questions. Very interesting and educative. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Wellington Central, July: Old members and Memorial Day observed. Good attendance in spite of wet weather. Mrs. Sired in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Rowntree, who gave thanks to God for the pioneers of the W.C.T.U. Reported sick members visited and old members written to. One new member (by transfer). Interesting address by Miss J. Atkinson on "Florence Nightingale." Mrs. Sired gave excellent report of District Executive held at Lower Hutt. Birthday posies presented to several members. Benediction closed an interesting meeting.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, July 15: The quarterly meeting of the Marlborough District Executive was held in Wesley Hall, commencing at 11 a.m. Mrs. V. Underhill presided over good attendance. Apology and greetings received from Picton Union. Sympathetic reference made to the passing of Mrs. E. Milgrew, Evangelistic Superintendent, since last meeting at which she was present. Members stood in silence in memory of her faithful service. The theme of the Devotional period of "The Good Samaritan," and Prayers were offered for the leaders of the Empire and for peace. Appreciation was expressed of the "Christian Viewpoint" column recently introduced in the "Marlborough Express" to be conveyed by letter. Arrangements were made for the district Convention in September and the Agenda prepared. Items of news from "The Bulletin" were given. The President explained the terms of the Essay and Poster Competition. It was decided to personally approach leaders of Sunday Schools and other youth organisations. A picnic lunch was enjoyed and the meeting terminated at 3 p.m.

Blenheim, August 3: Mrs. N. Forbes presided. Good attendance. Several apologies. Devotions led by Mrs. Captain Christian, reading from St. John, Chapter 3, and asking for special prayers for a young couple. Very interesting readings given from "W.R." and other papers. Sales table. Afternoon tea and social chat. Mrs. Kirkham closed meeting with Prayer.

Springlands, July 20: Memorial Day, at home of President; good attendance. Mrs. Gascoigne gave a cheerful message as Leader in Devotions. Roll call well responded to. Letter to sick member. President read piece from "White Ribbon" written as a tribute to, and in remembrance of, the faithful service of those who have passed to higher service. Subject "Notable Women." Profitable discussion on several women whose character revealed that spiritual courage and strength which overcame serious physical disabilities, and who through their achievements made great

contributions to the world. Among these were Miss Helen Keller and Bernhard Dan. Afternoon tea dispensed.

June 15: Devotional study on 95th Psalm and reading from "The Steadfast Hills" conducted by Mrs. E. Leslie. A variety of quotations given in response to Roll Call. "White Ribbon" Editor's and business Manager's annual reports read, also "The Tree," "Peace in our time," "With the Organiser," from the "White Ribbon," read by members.

#### NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson: Mrs. Sherratt presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Toomer. It was decided to ask Mrs. Brewer to represent Nelson at the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance in Wellington. President reported that last month's youth gathering had been very successful, and asked for four hostesses in the July meeting. The guest speaker was Mrs. Major Moore, who gave an interesting talk on Catherine Booth, as representative of notable women remembered on Memorial Day. Mrs. Sherratt thanked the speaker. Mrs. McMillan was appointed Devotional Superintendent. Temperance Fact given. Posters for Poster and Essay Competition distributed. Meeting closed with prayer.

August 10: "Pay-up" Social. Mrs. Sherratt presiding and Mrs. McMillan leading Devotions. Arrangements made for District Convention. Mrs. Gardner gave a short talk on the work of the Sailors' Rest in New Plymouth, and gifts were received for the same. All members asked to contribute to Headquarters Fund. Temperance Fact. Birthday posies presented. Plans made for next Youth Rally. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Black and Blincoe.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Paparu, June 24: At Mrs. Hampton's home. Mrs. Tillman presiding. Essay and Poster Competition announcements distributed to Sunday School and G.L.B. Leaders. Papers read on the life of the Rev. William Ready and "Too old at 55?"

July 22: Mrs. Tillman presided over good attendance. Temperance Fact at both meetings by Mrs. Hampton. Devotions at both by Mrs. Malcolm. Roll call, a text. Papers read by Mrs. Tillman on the "Life of John Wesley" and Mrs. Hodder on "The value of the 'White Ribbon' to me." Collection for "White Ribbon" funds.

Christchurch, July 14: Miss C. Henderson presiding. Sympathy expressed with Miss Sargent in her illness. Members told of District Convention arrangements. Donation sent to District Committee. N.C.W. remits discussed. President gave interesting talk from the "Vanguard" on the enormous increase of the Drink Bill.

July 28: Miss Henderson presiding. Vote of sympathy with relatives of Mr. Geo. Adkins. Gifts of food for "Save the Children" Fund. Mrs. Toomer's official letter received. President read extracts from Scottish "W.R." All gave reminiscences of past active workers in our Cause.

Spreydon: Monthly meeting chaired by Mrs. Ancell. Mrs. E. Bowdon appointed Delegate to District Convention. Mrs. Ancell and Miss Brown to visit Mental Hospital. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Murray. District Executive report given by Mrs. Ancell. Interesting items from an English magazine on the Pastime Preferences of Her Majesty the Queen were read by the President. Benediction.

Woolston, June 17: Good attendance. Mrs. Tomlinson presiding. Mrs. Spear led Devotions. Parcel for CORSO sent. Very successful Jumble Sale held. Concert party taken to the Girls' Reformatory School. Peace Day. Mr. Horrish, Baptist Minister of Apawo, addressed the meeting, giving very interesting talk. "W.R." Day. Poem read by Mrs. Carrington. Several invitations received and accepted. Letters and flowers sent to sick members. Band of Hope and Cradle Roll discussed. Closing Prayer.

July 15: President led Devotions. Mrs. Gardiner led in Prayer. Presbyterian Minister gave a very good "Temperance" talk. Vote of thanks. Temperance Doxology.

Riccarton, August 12: 17 present. Opened with Devotions by the President, Mrs. Griffiths. Apologies received. Press clippings on intoxicated drivers and the abortion

evil. Letters of sympathy sent out. Invitations to attend St. Peter's Mothers' Union. Mrs. Toomer's letter read and discussed. Mental Hospital and Financial Reports given. Executive business dealt with. Mrs. Grinths appointed Delegate to District Convention. Study and discussion on "The Constitution" took place, proving very educational to members. Sale of goods 6/3, collection 8/6, copper trail 4/3. Benediction.

Reefton, July 13: Mrs. Thompson presided and spoke on "Courage," also reading "Headquarters" from "White Ribbon." Meeting closed with Prayers for the young people.

Sydenham, August 5: Mrs. Filer presided over attendance of 13 members and one visitor. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Inspiring address by the Rev. F. G. Reddell. Benediction, pronounced by Mrs. MacLachlan, brought a happy meeting to a close.

North Brighton, June 15: Mrs. Noonan presided and welcomed Mrs. Cockburn and Miss Moor. 11 members and one visitor present. President reported on North Canterbury Executive Meeting. Prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Mellwraith attended by four members. Two members visited Mental Hospital, taking gifts as usual to seven patients. New Brighton and Riccarton birthday socials attended. Most interesting address given by Mrs. Goldman on a trip to Queens-town and Lake Manapouri. Benediction.

July 25: Mrs. Noonan presided. Roll call answered by Scripture verse. Extracts read from the "Handy Booklet." 11 members and three visitors present. Letter of commendation re Captains Phillips and Hadfield (S.A.) from Motueka. Six new names on C.R. Six patients visited at Mental Hospital. Sympathy expressed with the Mayoress in her recent illness.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru, June meeting: Mrs. Holdgate presided. Devotions led by President. Motion of sympathy with relatives of the late Miss Cumming, who had rendered valuable service with the W.C.T.U. and "Y's" until prevented by disability. Essay and Poster Competition leaflets to be distributed among Life Brigades. Agreed to purchase a table tennis table for Sailors' Rest. A posy to be sent to Mrs. Norrie for her 87th birthday. Benediction.

July: Devotions from Psalm 91. Four new members initiated. Visitors from Ashburton and Waimate. Dr. Jeannie Craig brought greetings from Australia. She also sang two solos which were much enjoyed. Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie then enthralled her audience with her story of the World Convention and her travels in America. Mrs. Densem moved a vote of thanks to the speaker. Benediction.

#### OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, August 3: Small attendance. Miss Ferguson presiding. Report for District Convention read and approved. Letter from Dominion Secretary and also the Annual Report read. Resolved to do something for Headquarters Fund. "Twenty years" service badges were presented to Mesdames Clark, McNeilly and McKinley.

Port Chalmers, July 1: The Rev. J. B. Chambers, Youth Director, addressed the meeting, which was only fairly attended. The Rev. E. B. Stevenson presided and introduced the speaker, who gave a most stirring address on the Evils of Alcohol. A short time was spent in community singing of hymns and items by some of the young people. Supper was served and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

Oamaru, August 9: In the absence of Mrs. Rawson, President, Miss Cowan presided. Mrs. Mellwraith leading Devotions. The Secretary reported two more Chinese garments, making four for our Union, and money for a spinning wheel for CORSO. District Convention to be held in Oamaru in September. The guest speaker was the Rev. Mr. Marshall of St. Paul's; a helpful and encouraging talk. Mrs. Daniel proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Benediction.

Winton: June and July meetings well attended. Our Pledge reaffirmed, and Temperance Fact given. Speakers have been excellent and much enlightenment and help have been received from their talks. We sincerely appreciate their co-operation and good wishes.