

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Dargaville, July 13: Miss Edmed, Vice-President, in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Lawrence. Headquarters Fund brought to our notice. Asked to think of ways and means to help. The importance of the literature explained by Miss Edmed and all asked to distribute some. Two large parcels for CORSO received. Temperance Fact. Memorial Day observed by special papers read by Mrs. Hill Taylor. A letter of cheer to be sent to Mrs. Jolly, the President, who is not well. Collection 6/6 and Sales Table 8/-. Benediction.

Wellsford, July 27: Mrs. Singleton presided, Mrs. Fordyce leading Devotions. Pledge reaffirmed and Roll Call answered by a Temperance Fact. Letter of thanks received from Mrs. Long for vegetables sent from last meeting to the Maori Hostel. Each member read an extract from a paper or a magazine. "Bring and Buy" for local funds. Cradle Roll growing rapidly. One new member initiated, bringing roll number up to 27.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, August 2: The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, in the chair. Devotions being led by Mrs. Anstice. Mrs. E. Prussing reported that she had sent through CORSO during the month the sum of £9/14/6, which had been collected by various means by local Unions to help the people of China. It was decided by the meeting to send a greeting and a word of deep appreciation to Miss Helen Keller for all she is doing for so many blind people before she leaves New Zealand. Mrs. Mountjoy gave the report of the monthly meeting of the N.C.W. Mrs. J. W. Long gave a most interesting account of the work still going on at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Further arrangements for the holding of the District Convention in September were made. Special attention was drawn to the Essay and Poster Competition to be held in September. Reports were given by several local Unions of having held special "Birthday" afternoons during the month.

Remuera, July 26: Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. Very fair attendance. Mrs. Laird led in prayer. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Memorial Day observed by reference to past members who have passed on, and the Memorial Day prayer was read by Mrs. Kasper. Some of the members attended the Memorial Service for the late Mrs. Winston, one of our members who has gone to her reward. This was held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Remuera, and at the close the members came to the Union meeting.

Warkworth, June 17: Mrs. Moore presided over a large attendance of members and friends. Pledge and Temperance Fact given. A roll call on "Cheerfulness" called forth many inspiring and soul-searching thoughts. Mrs. Rowe, "W.R." Agent, gave an interesting paper on the "White Ribbon." A touching solo, "The Three Meetings," was sung by Mrs. Thompson. The guest speaker, Mrs. Singleton of Wellsford Union, then addressed the meeting on the "Scientific and Medical Side of Temperance." The many new facts, so forcibly represented, inspired members to re-consecrate their time and talents to the Temperance Cause. Mrs. S. Taylor led in prayer. A happy time of fellowship over afternoon tea brought the afternoon to a close. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Rowe and Miss J. Martin.

Takapuna: August meeting well attended, Mrs. Morgan Richards presiding. Devotions led by Miss Cullen. Prayer, Mrs. Escott. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Tremaine. Discussion on the proposed new election paper. Mrs. Prussing reported on the birthday party for the benefit of those who had not been present. Other matters were discussed by a very keen band of workers, and the meeting closed in the usual manner.

Auckland, July 13: Mrs. Long presided. Sympathy was expressed to her on her recent illness. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Seal, Superintendent. Mrs. Long gave an interesting account of the work done by different

institutions of the Salvation Army, which the District Officers had visited at the invitation of the Army officials. District Executive Report given. Mrs. Warring, who is a granddaughter of one of the early Otago pioneers, gave a most interesting and graphic talk on the recent Centennial Celebrations, which she had attended as a guest.

August 10: Large attendance. Mrs. Long presided. A loving resolution of sympathy was passed to our Dominion President, Miss Kirk, in the Home Call of her brother, Professor Kirk. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Seal. District Executive report given by Mrs. Long. Mesdames Seal and Massara appointed delegates for District Convention. Mrs. Kasper was the speaker, and gave a most interesting talk on the World Convention and its wonderful sessions attended by 2,000 delegates. Mrs. Kasper received a hearty vote of thanks.

Kohi-St. Heliers, July 15: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. C. Phillips, Mrs. H. Kasper presiding. Memorial Day was observed, and the President gave an address on the outstanding past Dominion Officers and the late Editor of the "White Ribbon," Mrs. N. Peryman. Loving references were made to past members of the Union who have passed to Higher Service. The Service of Memories was held. Sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Lewis Eady, our Press Reporter, in her serious illness. Mrs. Pearson gave a Devotional Address, which we all enjoyed. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Phillips, our hostess.

Ponsonby, July 15: Mrs. Joiner, President, in the chair. Devotions being led by Mrs. Christopher. The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Rita Grey, a young Maori girl who assists Sister Jessie at the Herne Bay Maori Girls' Hostel.

Onehunga, June 10: "White Ribbon" Day. Considered ways and means of interesting other women in W.C.T.U. work and increasing membership. Special programme designed to interest younger women put into the hands of special committee of youngest members. Decided to each ask the Ministers of our Churches to print a Temperance Fact in each issue of their Church paper. Many reports and much business being dealt with, the new "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Ashton, took the chair. Then followed readings, impromptu speeches, etc., in which most joined. These were very interesting and an enjoyable afternoon concluded with afternoon tea.

July 8: Usual meeting fully occupied with reports, discussions, business and arrangements for future work, also the consideration of many local matters. Article from the "White Ribbon" on the "Nationalisation of the Liquor Traffic" read by Mrs. Stacey.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Fencourt, July 1: Miss Rickard, President, in the chair. Miss O. Clark led Devotions. Clothes were handed in by members to make a parcel for CORSO. Tins of fat were also brought along to be packed and sent to a Temperance Union in England. The President gave a report of a visit paid by herself and Mrs. Clark to Ward 18 of Waikato Hospital, when they distributed biscuits to the patients. Temperance Fact and Benediction.

Tauranga, August 3: Mrs. Bensley, Vice-President, in the chair in absence through indisposition of the President. Devotions included prayers by various members. Seven apologies and fair attendance. N.C.W. and Pan-Pacific reports read. A letter from ex-Superintendent Loppdell giving information regarding the system in vogue for dealing with youthful criminals and habitual drunkards was read and discussed with a view to formulating a remit on the subject. "Bring and Buy" and Benediction.

Hamilton, July 8: Mrs. Moore presided. Committee appointed and arrangements made for District Convention and "After Church Rally." Address by Miss C. M. McLay, "The Present Outlook and God's Call to Women." Message read from Mrs. Stephenson Craig, "We are not defeated till we stop fighting."

August 5: Mrs. Clark presiding and leading Devotions. Miss C. M. McLay reported three-day organising tour and the gaining of 15 new members. Also a meeting with Maori girls at Te Rahui Hostel and address given. Work of the "Y" branch there to be revived. Prospect of Maori Unions being formed. Three new members welcomed and initiated and one

received by transfer. Mrs. Tucker expressed the deep gratitude of the members to Mrs. Moore for the devotion and help she had given as Acting President during the year, and all good wishes for her visit to Otago.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, June meeting: Mrs. Hansen in the chair. Feeling reference was made to the passing away of Mrs. Poole, a former member who had reached the age of 97 years, and who was the holder of a "20 years' service" badge. Sympathy was expressed by a standing vote. A letter of warm appreciation was received from Miss Dorothy Staunton, Editor of the English "White Ribbon" for gift parcels sent from the Union to England. The last parcel contained soap and tinned foods, this being the sixth to be sent. Tea Hostesses Mesdames Page and Burton.

July meeting: Mrs. Page, Vice-President, in the chair, and also led Devotions, reading from the "Devotional Period" in the July "White Ribbon." Letter of appreciation for flowers sent to the late Mrs. Poole from the family. Another letter of thanks from Miss Staunton. Letter received from Miss Atkinson for Miss Kirk in answer to a query sent from last meeting as to the position of the W.C.T.U. in relation to proposed legislation in the present Parliamentary session. Donations and a Sales Table realised over £3 in aid of the Seamen's Rest. Hostesses as above. Benediction.

New Plymouth, July 28: Mrs. Hurrell, Vice-President, in the chair in the absence of the President. Devotions included verses from each member referring to "Our Heavenly Father." Mesdames Stewart and Hurrell have visited N.P. Schools regarding the Poster and Essay Competitions and have been well received. A note from Miss Drew showed that it was very necessary for special efforts to be made on behalf of the Seamen's Rest on the "Mart Day." Extra expense has been incurred and there will be no street collection. Excellent paper on T. E. Taylor's life and work given by Mrs. Brown, and two delightful solos given by Mrs. Hawkins. Special vote of thanks to the Conveners. Mrs. Wells in charge of Sales Table.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

District Executive Meeting, July 12: Meeting was held at Napier. Members requested that notes used for Devotions should be forwarded to the "W.R." Editor for publication. District Convention arranged for September 15 at Napier.

Dannevirke, July meeting: Memorial Day observed. President led Devotions referring to Christ's words, "This also that she has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." District Executive report given. Vote of appreciation of the Rev. R. B. Spence's brave stand in regard to the Temperance question. Temperance Fact. One new member enrolled. Mrs. MacDonald sang a solo. Dainty afternoon tea.

Napier, June meeting: Good attendance. £2/2/- to be sent to repair the billiard table at the Seamen's Rest. Reported that the Jumble Sale realised £22 for local funds. Arrangements made for entertaining the Blind Club to an afternoon and tea. Agreed to send the "Y." Supplement to the Children's Home. The Rev. W. Francis, B.A., B.D., gave a particularly interesting address on the gambling evil.

July meeting held in the evening, when the young women who have recently joined the Union can attend. Devotions were led by Miss Sadie Sproule (one of the young members), her theme being "Patience." Beautiful new warm garments brought to be sent to Germany for distribution among the most needy. Guest speaker, Mrs. McGregor, who gave a most interesting and moving account of her recent experiences in England and on the Continent. Two ex-"Y" members initiated as full members. Supper served and a happy meeting closed with Prayer and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Levin, June 16: Mrs. Kennerley presided. Large attendance. Also led Devotions. Vote of sympathy taken standing in silence with the relatives of a valued member, Mrs. Whiting, recently called to Higher Service. Mrs. Burnham read an article from "W.R." suitable for "White Ribbon" Day. Speaker, Mrs. Captain Major. N.Z. Alliance report read and