

ville Union and District Officers and visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Roberts, District Vice-President, responded, extending greetings and giving encouragement to carry on with greater zeal, asking members to remember that the motto, "For God, Home and Humanity" applied to the work of today, any of today's reforms being the result of yesterday's work.

Mrs. Sarich, first Secretary of the Aratapu Union, read the Minutes of the initial meeting. Mrs. A. J. Wordsworth read the Minutes of the present Branch, held 21 years ago. The Roll was called of all the 30 original members, nine of whom have been called to "Higher Service." A few moments of silent remembrance "In Memoriam" were observed.

Items were enjoyed. Mrs. T. Bickers acted as accompanist. Mrs. S. S. Green, District President, stressed the importance of the work in her address and appealed for more members. Four new members joined, four previous members renewing membership. Shoulder sprays were presented to the visiting officers, artistes and older members, and the President extended thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the occasion.

Mrs. Jolly, President of the Dargaville Union, expressed, on behalf of the visitors, appreciation for the pleasant afternoon, giving best wishes for the future. Mrs. Roberts, for many years District President, cut the cake, which was decorated in icing with the Union monograms and white ribbon bows.

NEWS OF ASHBURTON UNION

Interesting meetings are held every month in Baring Square Schoolroom, under the leadership of Sister Mildred.

The Band of Hope season opened on June 3 in the Salvation Army Hall. Mr. George Dash, of Waimate, gave a series of lantern pictures, which were enjoyed by young and old. The Band of Hope musical, elocutionary, and Bible reading competitions commenced on July 16 and are proving most popular.

A successful afternoon was held for "Seamen's Day." Miss E. Jackson gave the annual report of the Timaru "Sailors' Rest" which was very encouraging.

Ashburton has suffered a great loss in the death of Sister M. Jackson. At one time President, she was also for many years the Leader of the Band of Hope, which owes its past success to her untiring efforts. She was also Superintendent of the "Seamen's Day." She did what she could for her Lord and Master, giving of her best for the W.C.T.U., to which she was devoted.

Ashburton was greatly privileged to have a visit from Mrs. Mackie. She is a gifted speaker, with a winning personality. She outlined her travels to America to the World Convention. All enjoyed her talk, which was full of amusing instances and interesting de-

tails of the Convention; also of the beautiful places and buildings she had seen. She said she was proud to be a member of the W.C.T.U. and to be amongst so many highly intellectual women of the world. The W.C.T.U. is a fine band, stating the importance of the work it undertakes.

ANNUAL SOCIAL AFTERNOON, SYDENHAM UNION

Sydenham Branch held their annual Social Afternoon in the Baptist Hall on Thursday, September 2, 1948. Our President, Mrs. J. Filer, was in the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to visitors from nearby Church Guilds. There were 13 members of our Branch present. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Davies.

Particular mention was made of the forthcoming Temperance Rally to be held on Sunday, September 19, in the Salvation Army Citadel.

A delightful programme of glee and sketches was provided by members of the Bryndwr Women's Institute, Mrs. Roberts acting as accompanist.

The Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. MacLachlan, and a happy afternoon was brought to a close.

TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY, TAURANGA UNION

On August 19 Tauranga Union held its 26th Birthday Party, a very good attendance of members and visitors being present. The hall was gaily decorated with spring flowers. Miss A. McLay, District President, was the speaker and gave a most interesting account of the work and aims of the W.C.T.U., with encouraging and helpful references to past success in many fields. A programme of music was presented, part songs by the choir of the Tauranga Women's Institute giving much pleasure. Songs by Mrs. W. Francis, and a pianoforte duet by Mesdames Edwards and Christian being also enjoyed. Competitions also formed part of the entertainment. The beautiful birthday cake was cut by the only gentleman present, Mr. Crabbe, who for many years has been a strong supporter of the Temperance Cause. A splendid "Bring and Buy" table did good business, and a retiring collection for the needs of our work brought the total takings to £11/7/10. Much interest was awakened among those present in the work of the Union by Miss McLay's address, and new members are joining up as a result. Sincere thanks were accorded Miss McLay.

"PAY-UP SOCIAL," ONEHUNGA UNION

On August 12, Onehunga Union held its "Pay-up Social." There was a good attendance. Business included the arrangements for District Convention and appointment of delegates. Solos were given by Miss Smith and recitations by Mrs. Hatton. An address was

given by Pastor L. R. H. Beaumont, who traced the work of the Christian Church through history, especially stressing the work in recent centuries. The work of the Wesleys, so tremendous in its influence and coming when it was so much needed, was described.

The speaker mentioned names and activities of many men and women in all walks of life who had toiled for the betterment of humanity. Then followed a description of the beauties of Tasmania, seen during a visit to that Island. He also told of the penal settlements and the old prisons still there, with their tiny, unlighted cells, which had been occupied by prisoners. But at that time, humanitarians were starting to work. Queen Victoria exerted a Christian influence in her day, and the British have always acted with a Christian outlook to help the oppressed and afflicted. The listeners were advised to familiarise themselves with these facts.

Important Announcements

Owing to the expected visit of Their Majesties and the probable difficulties of travelling and accommodation, it has been agreed that the Dominion Convention shall be held in February, the tentative dates being Wednesday the 16th to Tuesday the 22nd. Timaru will be the Convention town.

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS for 1949-50 are called. Consent to nomination must be obtained. CLOSING DATE, NOVEMBER 12.

R. UNDERHILL, Rec. Sec.

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A friend of ours is more than a little amused by the notes one agency puts on liquor copy it sends to newspapers. These read:

"1. Sports page preferred.

"2. Copy must be kept away from other liquor advertising.

"3. Copy must be kept away from local cut-rate liquor advertising.

"4. Copy must be kept away from headache or stomach-distress advertising.

"5. Copy must also be kept away from news items on Drunken Driving, Death Notices, Church Items, Anti-Liquor Articles, etc."

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