

Superintendent of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church, who stressed the importance of Christian training, expressing regret at recent changes in home life. She affirmed that the family is an established institution, without which the State cannot exist, and which cannot exist without the State.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, September 20: Prior to the District Convention, the Executive met in the Ladies' Parlour, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Hamilton, Miss A. McLay, President, in the chair. Six Unions were represented. Miss C. McLay conducted Devotions. Convention plans were discussed, and preliminary reports were received. Miss C. M. McLay's organising work had borne much fruit, Hamilton Union having been re-organised, a new Maori Union having been formed at Hangitiki, and a Maori "Y" Branch having been formed at the Hamilton Girls' Hostel, with 23 members. Possibilities of organising new Unions in the district were discussed.

Tauranga, October 5: Mrs. Bryan presided in the absence of the President in Wellington for Dominion Officers' meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. Adjutant Home. Very good attendance. Convention reported on by Mrs. York most interestingly, also the great Rally held on Temperance Sunday evening after the Church services, in St. Paul's Methodist Church. Mr. McKinney, N.Z. Alliance organizer, spoke on the work of the Alliance, and stressed its financial needs. He spoke of the dangers of parts of the legislation now before Parliament in the redistribution of licenses, and extension of hours of sale. "Bring and Buy."

Cambridge, September: Good attendance. Mrs. Kemsley presiding. Report on District Convention and Temperance Rally at Hamilton given. A "First Aid" lecture was given by Mrs. McLellan, Lady Superintendent of the local St. John Ambulance. The use of bandages was demonstrated by Ambulance Sister Morrison. Afternoon tea and Benediction closed the afternoon's gathering.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

Hawera, August: Deep sorrow expressed at the news of Miss Elsie Andrews' death. Miss Andrews had visited the Union several times and her talks in the schools and colleges of the district had been greatly esteemed. Her last one had been written in the Journal as the best speech given that year. Members stood in sympathy with her relatives. Sympathy was also expressed with Miss Kirk in the passing of her gifted brother, Professor H. B. Kirk. Sympathy extended to Mrs. Tarrant in the death of her sister. Guest speaker, Mr. H. Atmore. Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Benediction.

September: Letter of thanks sent to Mr. Bishop for donation of 30/- to pay for three months Y.P. Supplements. On account of ill-health, the resignation of Mrs. Hansen, President, was accepted with regret. The guest-speaker, the Rev. L. G. Hanna, gave a very fine talk. Hostesses, Mesdames Burton and Johnson.

October: Mrs. Hayman, President, presided and led Devotions. Letters were read from Miss Elsie Andrews' sister and from Miss Kirk in reply to letters of sympathy. An airmail letter from Miss Dorothy Staunton, of London, of thanks and appreciation for another 22lb. parcel was read. A solo, "I'll walk with Jesus every day," was much enjoyed.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, October 6: Mrs. Tremaine in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Kendall, reading from Philippians 4. A letter of thanks received from Dr. Gilbey, of England, for a parcel sent by us to her for distribution. Mrs. Cumming gave the District Convention report. Maori Day observed by the President reading a paper about work amongst the Maoris. It was pleasing to know that over fifty young Maoris in hostels in Auckland had signed the pledge. Mrs. Jensen welcomed back after absence through illness. Collection for Maori Fund £12/6. Fair attendance. Meeting closed with prayer.

Levin, August 18: Mrs. Muirhead led opening Devotions, giving an interesting talk and stressing the alarm felt concerning the amount of money spent on strong drink, and the serious effects of over-indulgence on the home life of many families. The speaker later delighted all by singing a solo, for which she was

thanked by Mrs. Kennerley. Mrs. Captain Major thanked members for letters of cheer received during her illness.

September 15: Mrs. Kennerley presided and led Devotions. Feeling reference made to the passing of Mrs. A. Tomlinson, a devoted member of many years' standing, and all stood in silence. Roll Call answered with text containing the word "Thanks." The reading of an article on "Our Drinking Habits," brought forth much comment. Mrs. Moxham was appointed delegate to Convention. A competition for a vase of flowers was won by Miss Plaster. Mrs. Muirhead reported on Band of Hope. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Henskie and Moorhead.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Brooklyn, September: Mrs. Brewer presided. 11 present. President read extracts from the "Evening Post," referring to "Gifts of liquor to the Police," "Liquor controlled," and "Betting off the course." Mrs. Pearson reported on Hospital work of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Temperance Fact by Mrs. Gillings. Mrs. Pearce read extracts from the Handbook re Maori work. Collection taken for Maori Fund. Hostess, Mrs. Jordan. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

BLENHEIM DISTRICT

Blenheim, October 10: Mrs. P. Stephens presided in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Forbes, fourteen being present and eight apologies received. Six letters of cheer and sympathy to be sent. Mrs. R. Watson read a splendid report of the Marlborough District Convention. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Mrs. L. Rodgeron read an interesting article by J. B. Priestley, "You and Me and War." One new member initiated. Mrs. Stephens closed with Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, September 14: Mrs. Toomer presided, Mrs. McMillan leading Devotions. Regret expressed at the departure of our President, Mrs. Sherratt, from Nelson, who had been farewelled at an afternoon tea, and presented with a book in token of appreciation of her work since the beginning of the year. A letter of appreciation and good wishes to be sent from the Union. Members read aloud from the pamphlet, "How We Won the Franchise in New Zealand." Cradle Roll report by Mrs. Neal. Arrangements made for District Convention and the September Youth Rally. Birthday posies presented. Temperance Fact. Hostesses, Mesdames Lummis and Neal. Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

North Brighton, August 17: Good attendance. The passing of a very old member, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, was spoken of, four members having attended her funeral, and a wreath having been sent. Letter from Mrs. Toomer read and discussed. District Executive report given by the President. Six members attended the Prayer-meeting held at Mrs. Cockburn's, and six patients at the Mental Hospital had been visited. Cradle Roll service read, and two new members enrolled.

September 21: Good gathering of mothers and children on the Cradle Roll. Sympathy expressed with our Treasurer, Mrs. Mundy, in the death of her mother. Mrs. Noonan reported that four band of Hope children had gained certificates in the Temperance Examinations, very good marks having been obtained. A programme of musical items was presented, and a helpful address given by Captain Phillips (S.A.) on "The Responsibilities and Influence of Mothers on Their Children." Each child was given a card by Mrs. Pepperell, C.R. Superintendent, and a party tea was given them. Mrs. Noonan presided at both meetings.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Meetings are held alternately at Lyttelton and Heathcote, on the last Tuesdays. "Bring and Buy" was held recently for Union funds, and Mrs. Tredennick gave the life story of Mrs. Bessie Lee Cowie.

Sydenham, October 7: Mrs. J. Filer presided. Eleven members and one visitor present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge repeated and Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward. Reports on District Convention given by Mesdames Filer, Woodward and Drewett, who were delegates. The Rev. D. D. McLachlan gave an address on various aspects of Temperance work.

New Brighton, October 7: Mrs. Edmond in the chair. Devotions led by Captain Hadfield (S.A.). Pledge and Temperance Fact. Con-

gratulations received from District Executive on our having had the biggest representation at the Christchurch Band of Hope Rally on September 19. Good report on Mental Hospital visitation. Members to assist in sale of Health stamps. Nominations for Dominion Officers sent forward. Donation of 30/- for Headquarters Fund. Dittybags and soap to be sent to Sailors' Rest. Convention delegate presented her report, for which she was thanked.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Waimate: Mrs. E. M. Mackie was welcomed by the President, Mrs. W. Duckett, as speaker on the World Convention of 1947. Most interesting experiences were related, and much information relative to the Temperance position in America was given. Musical items and Devotions preceded the address, afternoon tea being served at the close.

Timaru, August: Mrs. Holdgate presided, 21 members being present. Agreed to hold special "Bring and Buy" for Headquarters Fund, and to purchase blotters and pencils for distribution to school children.

September: Mrs. Densem presided, 19 present. Invitation from League of Mothers to Birthday Party. Four members volunteered to sell Health Stamps. A settee and two easy chairs had been purchased for the Sailors' Rest. Mrs. Densem reported on the District Convention.

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