

Special Reports

THIRTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY, OXFORD UNION

Spring flowers and sunshine made a bright setting for the Oxford W.C.T.U. when they met in the Coronation Hall on September 15th to celebrate their thirty-seventh Birthday, and also Franchise Day. Several visitors were welcomed by the President. It was decided to offer prizes to the school children for essays on the effects of alcohol. Plans were made for a special effort for Headquarters Fund. Songs, recitations, and a pianoforte solo were much appreciated by those present. An interesting address was given by the Rev. T. Weston, who told some of his experiences as a Temperance worker. Mrs. Weston spoke of some of the women who worked so strenuously to bring about the enfranchisement of women in New Zealand. A birthday cake, iced and decorated, the gift of the President, was cut during afternoon tea. In a brief parting message, the President urged all to go forward in the work in spite of all discouragements.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY, FEILDING UNION

On October 6th, the Cradle Roll Party was held. Though the weather was not of the best, there was a good number of mothers and children, and a happy time was spent.

Mrs. Captain Rundle gave a very interesting talk to the children on "Decisions," and asked them to decide, while they were young, to do right, and to decide that they would not touch strong drink.

The children entertained us with some very good recitations and songs which all enjoyed. A good afternoon tea with orange drink and ice-cream to complete properly, all went home happy.

MEETING AT HAMILTON ADDRESS BY MRS. KASPER

On October 10th, there was a large attendance of members and visitors at the monthly meeting of the Hamilton Union. Several members from Fencourt Union were also present. Mrs. Clark presided. Two new officers were elected—Secretary, Mrs. Buick, and Treasurer, Mrs. Hood. The report of the District Convention, prepared by Miss Rickard, President of the Fencourt Union, and read by Mrs. Ringer, was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P., gave a most delightful and informative talk on some aspects of the World Convention held in the U.S.A. last year. The speaker carried her audience with her in the delights of air travel, scenery, life in the hotel which housed 2,183 delegates (a veritable League of Nations), and in Convention.

Reports from many countries in Europe were very moving, revealing tremendous courage and hope under appalling conditions of danger and hardship. Every speaker stood four-

square for **Prohibition**—no compromise with State or any other control.

Two outstanding addresses were mentioned—one by Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, World Corresponding Secretary, on "World Peace—We Must Have Peace"; and the other by Clifford Howard, on "What's Wrong With Prohibition?"

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and a friendly chat over the teacups ended a worthwhile afternoon.

PRESENTATION "LONG SERVICE" BADGE—AUCKLAND UNION

At the October meeting of the Auckland Union, Mrs. Massam was presented with a Thirty Years' "Long Service" Badge, with a beautiful spray of cyclamen. Mrs. Massam has been a member of the Auckland Union for thirty years, and is a most devoted and faithful worker. She has been Cradle Roll Superintendent for many years, and also the convener of the Tea Committee. She has always been a zealous Temperance worker. Before she came to New Zealand she was a W.C.T.U. member both in England and Australia.

RE-OPENING OF LAPSED UNION —STRATFORD

It is joyful news that Stratford Union, which has had a lapse of two years, has re-opened with a membership of fifteen. Mrs. Briseman is President, and Mrs. Urry is Treasurer. Mrs. Cox is acting as Secretary for the coming year. Three meetings have been held and an Executive (district). Nine members have attended each meeting, and four new ones were enrolled at the Executive meeting. At the October meeting the Convention report was given and much enjoyed. Miss Davis, as Superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Presbyterian Church, sends out the "Y.P. Supplement," which we think is a great work. She is also "White Ribbon" Agent.

Of course all our meetings are opened with Devotions, and the October one was helped by a recitation entitled "Friendship."

It is a great joy for the members to have recommenced their Union work.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY, WAIROA

On October 12th, in St. Andrew's Hall, Wairoa, the twenty-first birthday of the Wairoa Union was celebrated. Beautiful flowers decorated the Hall. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mrs. McDonald (Vice-President) took the chair. The Rev. Mr. Caldwell opened the meeting, after which the Minutes of the Formation meeting were read. Three of those present at that meeting were still with the Union, and all stood in silence for a moment in memory of those who had passed on.

The Guest speaker was Mrs. Lewis,

President of the Hawke's Bay Union, who was presented with a shoulder spray. Mrs. Lewis gave an interesting talk, giving facts and figures from many countries, and urged members to use voice and influence, or part of the world tragedy of wrecked lives would lie at their door; to be sure of convictions and have courage to speak; to educate themselves so as to be able to verify facts when involved in controversy.

Much appreciated and encored solos were given by Mesdames Single and Winter, Mrs. Stewart being at the piano. Mrs. Winter was the winner of a competition.

Pride of place was given to the birthday cake with its twenty-one candles. This was the work of the Secretary, and Mrs. Lewis cut it after Mrs. Edlington, holder of a Thirty Years' Service Badge, had blown out the candles. Cake was sent to absentee members with greetings. A happy party was brought to a close by Mrs. Lewis, who pronounced the Benediction.

Among the Departments—Contd.

ever, and is having an influence on the girls that will long be remembered. They take to her their joys and troubles, knowing that she will give ear and wise council. There are usually 25 in residence. Considerable improvements have been carried out in the interior of the house, and the roof has been painted. These days of high prices make us go slowly, but we are looking forward to painting the exterior as soon as funds are available. In making your allocations this year, I hope you will remember our Hostel Funds.

Yours sincerely,
R. M. MOUNTJOY,
Chairman of Committee.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Miss E. M. Appleby

How quickly the months go by. Now we think again of annual reports. I would be glad if all Unions would send reports as soon as possible after the annual meeting in November.

I should receive one from every Union, because the Devotional Period is observed by all.

Please report to

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