

tive. Good work shown in all. Letters from Mrs. Long and Miss McLay were listened to with great interest. All Officers re-elected. Mrs. Brewer occupied the chair, Mrs. Robertson being hostess. Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

Masterton, October 7: Miss Jackson presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Brigadier Perry led Devotions. Mrs. Jackson appointed Delegate to District Convention. Temperance Fact. Mrs. H. P. Harrison spoke on the work of the Crippled Children Society, which comes under our Motto: "For God, Home and Humanity." Several questions were asked, and Mrs. Harrison was thanked.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, October 21: Good attendance. President welcomed Mrs. W. B. Wilson as Vice-President, Mrs. R. Watson as W.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. E. A. Bick as Evangelistic Superintendent. Acknowledgments of letters of commendation were received from the Principal, Marlborough College, Mr. H. A. H. Insull, Rev. Father Brice, and Mr. G. Dash, and from relatives and friends of the late Miss E. Andrews for sympathy extended. It was decided to send a letter of greeting to Miss Kirk, Dominion President. The President reported on Picton Union, six members having visited it for the annual meeting at which there were several visitors.

Miss Tarrant was appointed Dominion Convention delegate. Arrangements for Springlands and Blenheim Unions to hold a combined Christmas Social. Plans of work for 1949 discussed. Decided to approach leaders of Girls' and Boys' Life Brigades re Temperance Instruction. Picnic lunch enjoyed and the meeting concluded at 3 p.m.

Springlands, October 19: Pay-up Day. Theme of opening Devotions, "Let your light shine." President welcomed Mrs. L. Rodgeron. Very fine verses given in response to Roll Call. Annual donations to N.Z. Funds, Cradle Roll and Church Trustees were packed for payment. An instructive Quiz re Cocktails was taken from "White Ribbon" and discussed. A Sales Table realised a satisfactory sum. Mrs. Leslie read some appropriate verses and Mesdames McDougall and Underhill contributed musical items.

Blenheim, November 2: Annual meeting. Mrs. N. Forbes presided. A minute's silence observed in memory of Mrs. Goslin, 90 years of age, who had been a valued member of the Union. Devotions led by Mrs. W. J. Girling. Hymn, "For all the saints," readings from St. John, and "Come ye apart." Letters to go to sick members, and sympathy to a bereaved member. Reports received from secretary and "White Ribbon" agent. The following Officers were all re-elected: President, Mrs. N. Forbes; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames W. J. Girling, L. Rodgeron, A. H. White, and W. B. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. Watson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. Stephens; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Webster; Press Reporter, Mrs. P. Stephens. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. W. B. Wilson.

Picton, October 12: Annual meeting. Twenty present, including some members from Blenheim. Mrs. Millen presided and opened the meeting with hymn and Scripture reading. Mrs. Tennent led in prayer. Mrs. Millen warmly welcomed the visitors and invited Mrs. Underhill to take the chair. The Officers were all re-elected. Mrs. Rodgeron read a paper on "Peace" by Mr. Priestley. Sales Table realised £2/17/6. Hymn and Benediction closed a very inspiring meeting.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton, October 14: Mrs. Griffiths presided and led opening Devotions. Vote of sympathy to a bereaved member. President reported on District Convention, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Members asked to take press clippings re the Royal Commission to be discussed at a future meeting. Donation of £2 voted to Caravan Fund. Secretary reported on a "Y" meeting she had attended and urged members to attend these meetings when possible. Various reports given. Collection, 9/6; copper trail (hospital), 5/9; sale of goods, 5/8. Mrs. Inwood gave an inspiring talk on the "World Council of Churches," which is doing noble work. Vote of thanks to speaker and Benediction.

November 9: Mrs. Griffiths presided over attendance of 26, and led Devotions. Several invitations to social functions of sister organisations. Annual reports, Secretary's and Treasurer's, read. Departmental reports also read. Copies of the pamphlet, "Alcoholic Parties," purchased for distribution among

Bible Class members. Mrs. Clarke, District President, chaired the meeting for the election of Officers, all being re-elected except the Secretary, who declined nomination; Mrs. Sutherland being elected to the position. Mrs. Clarke congratulated the Union on the year's work, and the President thanked Mrs. Clarke and the members for their help and co-operation during the year. Closing hymn, "God be with you."

Reefton, October 5: Mrs. Thompson presided, also leading in Devotions, the power of love and discipline being the subject of her message. The Rev. Mr. Trim, Methodist Minister, gave a talk on the Temperance work, giving a word of encouragement to each member. In farewelling Mr. Trim from Reefton, Mrs. Thompson thanked him for his interest in the Union. Mr. Trim closed the meeting with prayer.

New Brighton, November 4: Mrs. Edmond presided. Devotions being led by Mrs. Goadland. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Nominations for Dominion Officers decided upon. Members agreed to sell Health Stamps in vestibule of Post Office during November. Three members to act as collectors in the combined Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. appeal. Members brought along a good variety of soaps for Home parcels, to be sent to Miss Dorothy Staunton. Ditty-bags also received for Sailors' Rest parcel for Timaru.

Lyttelton-Heathcote: Mrs. Tredennick presided. 13 present. Mrs. Stokes of Linwood Union gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the District Convention recently held in Christchurch. Plans made for Cradle Roll party.

Sydenham, October 4: Cradle Roll party. Welcome given by President to mothers, members and visitors. Twelve children present. Mrs. Hodder, District Cradle Roll Superintendent, briefly addressed the gathering, making a strong appeal for efforts to add names to the C.R. Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Woodward.

Christchurch, October 13: Thanks for sympathy received from Mrs. Power, sister of Miss Elsie Andrews, and her friend, Miss Kirton; also from the Rev. Mr. Horwood for sympathy in Mrs. Horwood's illness (daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor). Letter of sympathy to Miss Gordon in her illness. Good Temperance articles in "Outlook" mentioned and extracts read showing effects of prohibition in Madras.

October 27th: Miss Henderson presided at both meetings. Maori Day observed by interesting talk on Maori life and customs by President, with extracts from article in "White Ribbon." Interesting and inspiring letter from Miss McLay read, describing three strenuous days in the Te Kuiti district.

Spreydon: Mrs. Ancell chaired the meeting. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Paul Murray. Mesdames Ancell and Woodcock appointed Mental Hospital visitors. District Convention report given by Mrs. E. Bowden, special mention being made of the outstanding address given by Mrs. Mackie, which was an account of her visit to America and the World Convention, being a revelation of the strong position held by our movement all over the world. Mrs. Hayman, speaking on Peace, suggested that a Minister for Peace should be appointed by Parliament. Sympathy expressed with sick members and messages sent.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Tinwald: Meetings usually held in the Presbyterian Hall, but the October one took place at the residence of Mrs. Jennings, when the President, Mrs. Millar, presided over a good attendance, also leading Devotions, and reading from the "White Ribbon" the life of Miss Elsie Andrews, and "When I have time." Most inspiring letter read from Miss C. McLay, thanking the Union for a donation. Mrs. Stevenson, first President of the Union, presented Mrs. Jennings with a spray of flowers, and Miss McKay, first secretary, presented Mesdames Jennings and Hopwood with "Long Service" badges. Reference was made to their long and continued service through the years. The recipients suitably responded. One new member initiated. Arrangements made for Church Parade in November. Afternoon tea was followed by a musical programme, which brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close. Votes of thanks to Mrs. and Miss Jennings.

OTAGO DISTRICT

Lawrence, November 2: Annual meeting. President, Miss Ferguson in the chair. Fair attendance. Report of District Convention

read. £2 voted to Headquarters Fund. All Officers re-elected. Mrs. J. McKinley to be Convention Delegate. Discussion on the evils of raffles at various functions. Protests to be sent to the organisers.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Invercargill, November 3: Annual meeting. Small attendance. Annual report showed 100 members, including five new members. Four members removed by death included a veteran member, Mrs. S. J. Perry, in her 93rd years. C.R. gained 43 babies, present roll number 348, gaining Southland District Banner. Election of Officers resulted: President, Miss H. S. Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames E. M. Brown and J. B. Cameron; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Watson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Boyd; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs. J. B. Cameron; C.R. Superintendent, Mrs. G. E. Millard. Reference was made to the sudden death of Mrs. E. C. Smith, of Gore, a former Southland District President, who had conducted Devotions at the District Convention a few days before.

Winton, October 2: Mrs. Dixon, C.R. Superintendent, assisted by members, entertained the Cradle Roll children to a party in the Sunday School Hall, and each one spent a pleasant afternoon. A Bring-and-buy Stall was also held.

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