

SPECIAL REPORTS

KING COUNTRY DELEGATION TO PARLIAMENT

Included in the King Country delegation of Maori Chiefs to Parliament in connection with the Pact made between the Government and the King Country Maoris in 1883, were the President of the Maori Te Kuiti Union (Mrs. A. Joseph) and two other members, Mrs. Jane Emery and Mrs. Mary Hynes, also Superintendent Sister Heeni Taylor, and Miss Huia Riddle of the Rahui "Y" Branch (Hamilton).

The object of the delegation was again to ask the Government and special Licensing Bill Committee to keep sacred the Pact that was made between the Government and the Maori Chiefs in 1883 to keep liquor out of the King Country.

On the 26th of this month, Mrs. Joseph and other members of the Union attended a meeting of the Otorohanga Union, when the Rev. Mr. Brown in his address, said, "There is a Pact between the Government and the Maoris of the King Country; for the symbol of it is on the window pane of the Methodist Church, and it stands there to this day."

CRADLE ROLL PARTY TE KUITI MAORI UNION

On Saturday, November 13th, the Social Hall of the Te Kuiti Maori Pa presented a busy scene at 12 noon. A fir-tree, decorated with 100 gaily coloured balloons filled one window of the beautiful hall. Two tables very prettily set out with red and gold jellies, cakes, sandwiches, sweets, etc. delighted the 60 small guests and the 40-odd mothers, grandmothers and visitors. Mrs. Coyle represented the European Union. Miss C. M. McLay, Maori Organiser, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Mr. Kukutai gave a welcome, and opened the gathering with prayer. Mrs. Turner, C.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. A. Joseph, president, were hostesses. An apology from Sister Nicholls, who was sick, was received with regret. We missed her very much. A Model Talk to the older children was given by Miss McLay, followed later by a talk to the mothers on "Guard your race." The noontide hymn was sung. Balloons and sweets to the children closed a happy day.

DAY OF PRAYER, BLENHEIM

There was a fair attendance of women at the Monthly Day of Prayer on November 25th. Morning sessions began at 10.15, when Mrs. O. Webb as Leader took "Love" as her subject, reading from 1st Corinthians, Ch. 13. Mrs. Powell followed for the next session and gave a very fine address on the Nativity. At 2 p.m., Mrs. C. Booth led; and we listened with interest to her address on "Friendship." The final session was led by Mrs. Forbes, who spoke on the Advent

message, and "Pen pictures of Christ." Special prayers were offered on behalf of the sick; and of our King. Many of the congregation led in prayer. Mrs. Forbes thanked those who had assisted; and greetings were exchanged for the Christmas season. It was decided to continue the gatherings in the coming year.

A. AND P. SHOW DAY

Tauranga's Effort

Assisted by Alliance members, the Tauranga Union undertook publicity work for Six o'clock Closing at the local Show on January 15th. A tent, bearing a large calico sign, visible to everyone who came and exhibiting various and many posters bearing slogans was staffed all day by members, who distributed hundreds of specially prepared leaflets in addition to large numbers of our well-known standard leaflets. Great courtesy and for the most part, approval was shown by all who were spoken to; and the workers, who went on duty in relays, were fully convinced that the day's work had been of great value.

Organisation for the Referendum Poll, in co-operation with the local branch of the Alliance, was given a good start at a recent meeting; a most encouraging and representative number attending. Committees for Publicity, distribution of literature, arrangement of public meetings, etc. were set up; and a further meeting being arranged for reporting progress one week later.

DECEMBER 30th BLENHEIM AND SPRINGLANDS

Combined Social Afternoon

A very successful Christmas Social Bring and Buy afternoon was held in the Anglican school room, Blenheim. Mrs. E. M. Forbes presided and welcomed the many friends present. Mrs. Christian led in prayer following the singing "Soldiers of Christ." The Rev. P. Kirkham congratulated the members on the fine attendance and commended their consistent work. He then gave a telling Temperance address. A programme of vocal music was given as follows: solos, Mrs. S. J. Sanders, "The Piper from over the way" and "Waiata Poi"; Mrs. F. J. Platt, "A Bird sang in the Rain" and "Rackety Coo"; Miss J. Osborne, "His Star was a Candle" and "She's mighty like a Rose." A trio "Fairy Cradle" was given by Mesdames N. Grylls, W. Glennie and B. Patchett and the Methodist Women's Fellowship members gave a bracket of Christmas hymns and carols. Mrs. W. E. Glennie was the accompanist.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was served and the stalls were well patronised, the sum of £21 5s. being realised. Mrs. Underhill expressed thanks and appreciation to the performers and all who had contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment. The hymn "O Come all ye Faithful" followed by the pronouncing of the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Kirkham, brought a successful afternoon to a close.

CONFERENCE REMITS, 1949

Manawatu

1. That as at President Truman's request the American distilleries closed down for 60 days in order to save grain for needy European countries, could not our Government be asked to do something similar with the breweries in N.Z.?

2. That W.C.T.U. members assist in making a special feature of Temperance Sunday each year by speaking, where possible, to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and by arranging for Temperance films to be shown.

3. That Bible Class Unions be approached to include a Temperance talk or study on the programme for their Rallies and/or camps, and show films when possible.

Taranaki

4. That we are alarmed at the prevalence of indecent assaults upon women and children, and that the punishment imposed according to law is inadequate to check such offences.

Hawke's Bay

5. That in view of the ignorance of the real nature and effects of alcoholic beverages on our young and older people and the effect on the race, would the heads of Government and Private, Secondary Schools and Churches give, or arrange for at least one talk yearly, to be given by a Doctor or other suitable person who could give the facts from a scientific, moral and spiritual point of view.

6. That in view of the fact that even one alcoholic drink can slow up a person's action in an emergency, and make all the difference between safety and an accident, would the Minister inform us if these same regulations in regard to the taking of alcoholic liquor and any other narcotic, are in force in New Zealand as the Australian ones quoted, and if not would he consider adopting regulations of a like nature.

Note.—Among orders issued to the pilots of Trans Australian Airways is the following: "No officer is to consume alcoholic liquors in any public place while in uniform. The officers shall not consume any alcoholic liquor while on duty or during a period of twelve hours prior to returning to duty, and shall not whilst on duty be under the influence of any alcoholic liquor or narcotic. Any officer breaking the above regulation will be subject to immediate dismissal."

7. That we deplore the ever-growing practice of Art Union tickets being sold by children, and urge that a Dominion-wide publicity campaign be instituted by the W.C.T.U. to inform parents and teachers that it is illegal for children to be given such tickets to sell.

8. That this Convention requests the N.Z.W.C.T.U. to petition Parliament to enquire into the possibility of having applied to motorists involved in collision (where intoxication is al-