

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn. "The only glory in life is to leave the world better for having been in it; and intoxicants will not help us to do that. Alcohol does not spare anyone—a Robert Burns or a Coleridge—any more than a poor woman. A thousand times have I thanked God that I have kept clear of the drink handicap."

Sir Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador.

Given at Dargaville. "The liquor traffic stands alone, the monumental robber of every other industry on earth."

Professor Hopkins.

"Alcohol is a **swell poison**. It swells the head and swells the death rate."

"Drinking and Driving. Alcohol and petrol don't mix—when one goes into the driver's mouth, and the other into the carburettor. Alcohol is a drug which, no matter how we may try to talk ourselves out of it, affects the brain. This is just cold, scientific fact."

From August "Consumer News."

Given at Auckland Executive Meeting. "The word 'Toxic' always implies poison. So a man who is intoxicated is poisoned. Scientists tell us that alcohol, which is a product of fermentation, is a deadly poison. Our Saviour came to give health and life and liberty, so we know He did not make the drink of death at Cana of Galilee."

Given at Remuera. "The present day prevalence of the drink evil must be largely charged to the indifference of Good people."

Given at Brooklyn. "Legalising the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages is wrong, as all history and every development of the traffic proves it to be—a moral, social, and political wrong."

Abraham Lincoln.

"A ban on spirits being supplied at sea to deck and engineer officers under 25 years of age has been introduced on the "Union Castle" liners and cargo ships travelling between Southampton and South Africa. More than 250 young officers, about half the officer strength of the Line, on 16 ships, are affected by the new rule. Officers are not allowed to buy spirits ashore to take on board."

"Daily Herald," 8/3/48.

Given at Northland District Convention. "One is justified in believing that alcohol is at the present time the chief and most deadly of plagues that infect humanity. It is a subject which in the past few years has occupied the thoughts of, and disturbed and frightened all Europe, and France in particular."

Bishop Latty, French Prelate.

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT

District Executive, February 7th: Mrs. Mountjoy presiding over good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Grigg, and Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Warring. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. Prussing, reported a sum of 16 6s. contributed by W.C.T.U. to Cancer Campaign Fund. Special Jumble Sale planned on behalf of District Funds and Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Mountjoy appointed Convention Delegate for the District. Good report on Maori Girls' Hostel given by Mrs. Long. Plans made for work in connection with the referendum on hotel bars closing time.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Kuiti (Maori), November: Meeting held at the Pa, in the Maori Hall. After the singing of the hymn, "Come to the Saviour," in Maori, the Devotional Period was led by Miss C. M. McLay. The President, Mrs. Aupouri Joseph, presided, and welcomed all present, especially the Maori Organiser, Miss McLay. Temperance Fact. Minutes read by Mrs. Ewan and confirmed.

February 4th: Date altered for Convention arrangements. Only fair attendance for first meeting; ten being present. Donations made for Convention expenses. President, Mrs. Joseph, explained the question upon which a vote is to be taken; and said that all should vote for "No Licence," and preserve the Pact. Sister Waitata closed the meeting with prayer.

Tauranga. Special meeting for business connected with the Poll. Meetings for prayer arranged by Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs. A. A. Bensley. Delegate instructed as to voting at Convention. Prizes for entrants in poster competition arranged for. Tea for young people undertaking distribution of literature throughout the town, starting straight from business, to be provided at Wesley Hall.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, January 20th: The District Executive met in the morning; and the Union in the afternoon; Mrs. Hurrell in the chair. Mrs. Holley led Devotions, her motto for the New Year being, "Wait on the Lord." Mrs. Simons rendered two beautiful solos; and Mr. McKinney, an unexpected, but welcome visitor, gave some practical suggestions re the coming Poll. Our next speaker was Mrs. Weggery, who got right into people's hearts, and whom we hope to hear again.

Hawera, January 25th: Good attendance. Mrs. Hayward, President, in the chair, and led Devotions. District Executive meeting held at New Plymouth, was given by the delegate. Two Temperance Facts given. Reading by Mrs. Howard, "A Footballer and his Church." Mrs. Elliot, Secretary of Te Kuiti Union, told of some of the work that has been carried on in the King Country, against the breaking of the Pact. Tea hostesses Mesdames Page and Burton. Mrs. Page closed the meeting with prayer.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui Central, December 2nd: Mrs. Duxfield opened with prayer and took the chair. Annual meeting. Mrs. Morrison of Motueka a visitor.

January 3rd: Mrs. Duxfield opened with Devotions and took the chair. Twelve members present, including two new members on transfer. Business meeting and election of officers. Miss Wadsworth closed with prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, 1st February: First meeting for the year. Very well attended. Mrs. Forbes presided, and welcomed two members of the District Executive. Devotions led by Mrs. P. Kirkham, with a talk on "Stumbling Blocks." Temperance Fact, Mrs. Lane. Letters to bereaved and sick friends and members authorised. Full discussion on the forthcoming Poll; all being against extension of sale hours and off course betting. Arrangements made for Women's World Day of Prayer to be held March 4th.

District Executive Meeting, Mrs. V. Underhill presiding. The theme for Devotions was "Faith" and part of Hebrews 11 was read. Correspondence from Messrs. Mathieson, M.P. and T. P. Shand, M.P., in answer to protests sent regarding the Licensing Amendment Bill. The Treasurer, Miss Tarrant, reported on the good result of a combined effort by the Blenheim and Springlands Unions, by which both

Unions, and the District Executive had benefited. Convention delegates were instructed as to voting. Names of members who had passed away during the year were to be forwarded for inclusion in the Service of Memories. Mrs. McDougall reported on her investigations re Film Advertising. Appreciation expressed of the willing and sympathetic co-operation of those she had interviewed. It was agreed to send a donation to the Alliance towards the cost of the present campaign against extension of hours of sale and off course betting. A letter asking for the prayers and support of the congregations was to be sent to the Ministers' Association. The congratulations of the Executive were to be conveyed to Master Graeme Eyles, on winning first place in the Junior Group in last year's Dominion Poster Competition. A picnic lunch was enjoyed after the meeting.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

New Brighton, February 1st: Mrs. Armstrong presided, and Miss Armstrong led Devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Letter of thanks received from Scotland for soap parcel sent by members. Treasurer's Balance Sheet presented; and her resignation received with regret. Mrs. Mitchell elected as Treasurer, in place of Mrs. Inns. Mrs. Ellis appointed Convention Delegate. C.R. party arranged. Three new members gained. General meeting to be called in connection with Referendum Poll. Mrs. Williamson elected Vice President.

Sydenham, February 3rd: First meeting for the year presided over by Mrs. Filer, ten members present. Devotions led by Mrs. Davies. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Members asked to assist in the campaign against extension of hours of sale of liquor; and £1 was donated for this cause. Dominion Convention delegate appointed and new syllabus arranged. Mrs. MacLachlan closed the meeting with prayer.

Reefton, February 8th: Mrs. Thompson presided and led Devotions; "Do all in the name of God" being her message. Decided to get church posters re six o'clock closing. Members expressed concern at the sale of liquor at the Sports Meeting held on February 5th. Meeting closed with prayer.

IN HIS GARDEN

I wandered in the shadows
Through dreary wind-swept years,
And drank from deepest fountains
Of loneliness and tears;
Then in my worldly wisdom
I searched the way in vain,
For streams of living waters
To wash away the pain.

The Lord of Greatness found me,
A weary, fainting soul,
And in His tender mercy
He made my spirit whole.
No longer do I languish
For Hope now reigns supreme,
And high above the turmoil
I see His Love-light gleam.

The dark of night has lifted,
The morn of Faith is here,
A rainbow paints the heavens
And gone is every fear;
For He has led my footsteps
Through paths of joy and peace,
Into His sunlit garden
Where all may find relief.

And now my heart is singing
Of glory I have found
Within His restful haven
Where Truth and Love abound;
The brightness of His features
Has cleared the mist away
And brought my wounded spirit
A golden dawn of day.

—Rose L. Firth, Vancouver.

—Canadian "W.R."