

Important Announcements

VISIT OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT, MRS. FORRESTER-PATON

The announcement that Mrs. Forrester-Paton, World President of the W.C.T.U., with her husband, World President of the Y.M.C.A., is to visit New Zealand in September of this year, has given great pleasure. The Auckland District is hoping that she may be able to speak in connection with their District Convention, which is to be arranged to coincide with her visit to Auckland. It is unlikely that Mrs. Forrester-Paton will be able to give unlimited time to visiting districts; so it will be advisable for those who wish to hear and see her to watch for news and plan to visit Auckland or any city adjacent to them in which she may be scheduled to speak. A World President's visit is a unique event in our W.C.T.U. history; and

MRS. HUGH KASPER—continued.

State holds encampments and Conferences. I will just give you an outline of one Camp held last September, 1948, with enrolment of 128 Campers, 12 Instructors and Adult Leaders, two part-time teachers and 17 delegates from the W.C.T.U. School of Methods Workshops. The theme of the school was "Forward together" and was well carried out. Mrs. Caroline Brooks, Chairman of Alcoholic Education of Greater New York laid the Foundation Plans for Council Studies for the coming year. Mrs. Mary Dubois conducted the classes in Parliamentary Procedure. Mrs. Helen Mayer who presented charts of Organisation Fundamentals and Poster Planning on Alcohol. Mrs. Marie Leonard, State W.C.T.U. Director of non-alcoholic fruit products and Mrs. Eva Disc Gillette, State W.C.T.U. Director of speech contests, who taught rules and regulations for speech contests. Can we wonder when we know that in every State these schools and conferences are held why the W.C.T.U. is increasing its membership and that young women are taking the places of elderly officers, the "Y" work is so thorough and they concentrate on Temperance Education.

Prohibition Divine. Prohibition was and is all right from the beginning says Mr. Clinton Howard, Prohibition is of divine origin. Prohibition was the first law after the Creation of Man in the Garden of Eden. We read—"And the Lord God commanded the Man, saying 'Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat but of the tree of knowledge, of good and evil thou shalt not eat.' (Prohibition) and God commanded the Man, saying 'of it Thou shalt not eat for the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'" That was prohibition with a death penalty for its violation.

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doubtless, many members will make the necessary effort to attend where she is to speak.

TO REMIND YOU

Will all "White Ribbon" agents, branch treasurers, and subscribers, please note that subscriptions, payments for advertisements, "Beacons" and "Y.P. Supplements" are now due and payable; and every endeavour should be made to send in these monies to me as soon as possible. JUNE is "White Ribbon" month—utilise it to settle "W.R." business.

A. D. GRIGG,
Business Manager.

Sister Eleanor Dobby notifies us that she will be glad to receive Temperance literature for use among Maoris. Her address is: 409 Main Road, Styx, Christchurch.

To Union Reporters, Secretaries and others. Please try to remember that ALL CHANGES OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES in lists of officers appearing in Union advertisements should be reported to the Business Manager, Mrs. Grigg, 1 Mallam Street, Karori, Wellington; and NOT to the Editor.

SPECIAL REPORTS

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Blenheim Union

The attendance for the Women's World Day of Prayer, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Blenheim, on March 5th, was good. The programme as set out by the World Day of Prayer Committee was used; and was closely followed by the congregation, who joined in the responsive readings. This was divided into sections, and a number of ladies, representative of the different churches, were leaders. The morning address was given by Mrs. Noel Bythell, and in the afternoon, Miss O'Brien gave a very inspiring message. The beautiful solo, "Consecration," was sung by Mrs. Fulton. The assistance of Mrs. Pike as organist for the day was greatly appreciated.

At the close of the afternoon session, Mrs. Kirkham spoke of the coming referendum poll, and urged all present to vote on the polling day, and endeavour to get others to do so. Special prayers were offered, and the National Anthem was sung.

HOME MEETING

Onehunga Union

On February 24th, the Onehunga Union held a Home Meeting at the residence of Mrs. Moss; the attendance being good, and the weather lovely. The hostess gave demonstrations showing the effects of alcohol on various foods; following this by giving an interesting description of the subjects considered, and the lessons on Temperance and Hygiene taught by her to the girls of "Kurahuna," of whom she is the Leader.

"REFERENDUM" MEETING

Karori Union

In connection with the recent referendum, a successful special meeting was arranged by the Karori Union in the Karori Methodist Schoolroom. There was a good attendance of women from other organisations. The Rev. J. D. Grocott, who was in the chair, spoke on the referendum as regarded the closing of hotel bars, and Mr. J. R. Marshall, M.P., spoke on the betting issue, giving reasons for voting against off-course betting. Both speakers urged the women to ensure that voters went to the poll. A number of questions were asked by the visitors, and two donations were given for Branch Funds. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, President, thanked the speakers.

OVERSEAS VISITORS AT WELLINGTON UNION

At its March meeting, Wellington Union had the honour and pleasure of the presence of two officers of the Victorian W.C.T.U., Mrs. Hallebone and Mrs. Cook. Members of other Unions and visitors were present, and all enjoyed the messages brought by the visitors; who each spoke briefly on our work. They emphasised the helpful, silent witness we can give by always wearing our badge wherever we are. Miss Kirk, President, was in the chair; and presented a spray of flowers to each of the guests of honour. Convention report was given and much interest expressed in it by the visitors.

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting. March 7th. Mrs. E. W. Mountjoy, District President, presided; Devotions being led by Miss Grigg.

A letter was received from the World President, Mrs. Forrester-Paton, telling of her proposed visit to New Zealand, probably about September; and it was suggested that the Auckland District Convention should be held earlier than usual to coincide with the visit. Final arrangements made for Poll work on March 9th. Arrangements also made to assist with the "Poppy" day street appeal, and for the "Mother's Day" gathering in May.

Miss Leman reported that the Henderson Union had had a visit from two ladies from Australia, Mesdames Hallebone and Cook, who are seeing New Zealand at present. Members of the Executive made a donation towards a presentation to the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. J. A. C. Allum, which is to be given to her by the Women's Organisations of Auckland on the eve of her departure for England. Mrs. Mountjoy gave a most concise and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention held in Timaru.

Auckland Union, March 8th. Opening meeting for 1949. Mrs. Long presided, giving a very inspiring Devotional address from Nehemiah. Mrs. Coombe of Greymouth and Mrs. Leslie of Hamilton were welcomed; Mrs. Coombe bringing greetings from the Greymouth Union. Mrs. Long gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention, giving the deliberations and highlights, and the resolutions passed at that very happy and inspiring gathering. Letters of greeting were received from several members unable to attend, owing to feeble health.