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It is this "solution of peculiar problems rooted deep in the inter-play of a psychology and circumstance, new in the experience of human relations" which is the background and inspiration of the women, whose "idealism stepped out upon a venture in which the concept of goodwill and 'sisterhood' was central, and which was born of religious idealism of a broad type in close alliance with practical experience and scientific technique," when those ideals emerged in the formation of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association which to-day in New Zealand we represent.

Thus have women envisaged the promise of future years, and thus are they working to bring that promise to fulfilment.

Their efforts are directed by a spiritual background, while at the same time all practical issues are by turn fearlessly faced, and difficulties probed to their uttermost sources.

They build for the present, and they build for the future—for the time when man's spirit shall have broken the shackles of materialism that now bind it in fear, and his unfettered soul shall find freedom to live the life he was meant to live.

THOUGHTS AT EVENTIDE.

It isn't the things you do, dear,
 It's the things you've left undone
 That give you a bit of heartache
 At the setting of the sun.
 The tender word forgotten,
 The letter you did not write,
 The flower you did not send, dear,
 Are haunting your thoughts to-night.

The stone you might have lifted
 Out of a brother's way;
 The bit of heartsome counsel
 You were hurried too much to say.
 The loving touch of the hand, dear;
 The gentle winning tone
 Which you've had no time or thought
 for
 With troubles enough of your own.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

Owing to great pressure upon our space, District Executive meetings and several specials are unavoidably held over, and will appear next month.

News of the Union.

Reports MUST,—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Aratapu-Te Kopuru.—April 12. Mrs. Taylor presided. Next meeting to be held at Ghink's Camp, West Coast. A further 5/6 forwarded for Jubilee funds. Temperance fact read. Round Table talk held. Sympathy forwarded to Rev. J. O. White and family.

Dargaville.—April 10. Our Secretary, Mrs. Martin, gave a beautiful reading, much enjoyed. Decided to hold Cradle Roll party on 27th, members to make paper hats for little ones, to provide refreshments and take something saleable for the stall. One of the Salvation Army officers to be asked for an address to the mothers.

Hikurangi.—April 6. Mrs. Brierly presided. Nine present. We were more than pleased to see the name of our town printed on Banner. Long may it stay there. A very interesting address was given by Mrs. Hawkins on Jubilee Convention, and she was heartily thanked. Leaflets were distributed by Mrs. Hawkins, which will be very useful in the upbringing of children. Hostesses, Mesdames Burley and Henderson.

Leigh.—April 26. Home Meeting at Mrs. Grigg's. Good attendance. Mrs. Grigg presided. Miss Shepherd read "Early Temperance in New Zealand." A chorus was sung. "When you come to the end of Election Day." Mrs. D. A. Matheson read report of the Executive's deputation to Prime Minister and Minister of Justice. Mrs. Morley read Mrs. Low's resolution re Traffic in Armaments. Mrs. Grigg read Mrs. M. Armour's greeting to New Zealand Unions. Mrs. J. Terkington read Dual Voting. Mrs. Woodcock gave the motto: "A fleet horse or a greyhound does not make a noise when he has done well, and thus a man who has done a kindness, never proclaims it, but does another as soon as he can."

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—April 10. Very good attendance. Mrs. Cook presided. Our delegates to Convention gave very interesting reports of the proceedings. Helpers were appointed for street collection on Poppy Day. Arrangements were made for the next meeting, to take a special form of interest. The prayer sigils of Colonel Carthew, V.C., were distributed at the meeting. Mrs. Cook recommended members to read John Oxenham's book, "The Man Who Would Save the World."

Devonport.—April. Mrs. Williams presided. Arrangements made for mothers' meeting to be held in May. The District Jumble Sale and Fair was discussed. Miss Read gave a splendid report on the Dominion Convention.

Epsom.—April 26. Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Worsley. Mrs. Neal presided. Mrs. Gilmour, late of Sydenham, was welcomed. Several apologies received for absence through sickness. Reports of the Dominion Convention were given by Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Carr, and Resolutions considered.

Henderson.—April. Miss Duncan presided. Reading from our "W.R." on the moral effect of gambling. Speaker chosen for May meeting, Peace Day.

Kohimarama.—April 12. Good meeting. Mrs. Kasper presided and gave a detailed report of the Jubilee Convention. The blue ribbon badge was presented to the Union for an increase in membership. Mrs. C. Williams sang two solos. Decided to hold an L.T.L. and Cradle Roll afternoon and invite mothers at the May meeting.

Mt. Albert.—Mrs. Laird presided. Mrs. Neal gave an interesting account of work done during Convention. Sympathy to Mrs. Brodie on the loss of her mother. Votes of thanks to helpers at Garden Party.

Northcote.—April 10. Mrs. Hulbert presided and spoke upon the Rich Young Ruler and the need for sacrifice in our lives. Mrs. Smith appointed "W.R." Agent. Afternoon tea served.

Otuhuhu.—April 19. Mrs. Eccersall in the chair. Mrs. W. Taylor gave a full and in-

teresting report of the recent Dominion Jubilee Convention, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given her. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs. Eccersall.

Onehunga.—April 10. Mrs. Mountjoy presided. Message of sympathy sent to member in hospital. Mrs. King to sell W.R.'s, in Mrs. Ashby's absence. Mrs. Stacy seeing to regular subscribers. A very full and interesting account of the Dominion Jubilee Convention by Mrs. Mountjoy, who received a hearty vote of thanks. In reply she said she was glad to have been to Convention and was all the better woman for the experience. One new member. Just a whisper from our new Cradle Roll Superintendent: "I've got 74 new names on the Cradle Roll since the first week in March." She certainly loves the babies.

(Nelson will have to look to its laurels if this goes on.—Ed. W.R.)

Ponsonby.—April 19. Miss Read presided, and gave a very full report of the Dominion Jubilee Convention. Mrs. Lee Cowie, a life Vice-President of the Ponsonby branch, at the Convention donated a sum of £29 through the Ponsonby branch to the N.Z. Organising Fund of the Union. Afternoon tea was served by Miss Hawkins.

Sylvan Avenue.—April 26. Attendance fair. Miss Pudney presided. Nucleus of Local Branch Library formed. The menace of increasing use of cocktails considered; decided to study matter further. Mrs. Kasper gave an inspiring and instructive report of the Jubilee Convention and was heartily thanked. Useful informal talk over afternoon tea. One new members initiated.

Waiuku.—April 27. Mrs. Ballantine presided. 7 present. 10/6 was sent to the National Fair Fund, and another donation of 2/6 was received at the meeting. We have been unable to start the Band of Hope again for lack of a Superintendent. A letter of thanks was received from Sister Eleanor Dobby for the clothing which we sent to her for the Maoris.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—May 3. Commemorated Peace Day. The President spoke on the Peace of God in our hearts, at peace with our neighbours, individually and nationally. Resolutions read on Peace and Disarmament which were passed at Convention. Mrs. Jones, delegate on the N.C.W. Resolutions of sympathy were passed with the relatives of two very valued members, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. White, a wreath to be sent. A very wet day, only 9 present. Decided that the remainder of Convention report be postponed till next meeting.

Opoitiki.—April 13. Mrs. Thompson presided. A well attended meeting. Sister Jessie gave a most interesting report of Convention; imparting a little of the inspiration and enthusiasm of the meeting; held there. Miss Pile brought greetings from Mrs. Lee-Cowie, Honolulu, and spoke re wearing the White Ribbon badge consistently. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Gow and Mrs. J. Gordon.

Otorohanga.—April 27. Fair attendance. One minute silence observed for our Vice-president, late Mrs. Burton. Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Cobin elected committee to visit sick members.

Thames.—May 2. A fairly well attended meeting presided over by Mrs. Paul. Mrs. Donnelly was appointed "W.R." Agent. Mrs. Liversedge gave a very stirring and inspiring address on "Witnessing and Character." As this is the last occasion on which Mrs. Liversedge would meet with us Mrs. Paul took the opportunity of wishing her "God-Speed," and thanked her for her help during the past three years. The following protest is being sent to the local Licensing Committee and the Member for the District:—This meeting of the Thames branch of the W.C.T.U. is of the opinion that there is an excess of licensed bars for the sale of intoxicants in the Borough of Thames. Taking into consideration the dwindling population, the large number of persons on unemployment relief works, and the financial condition of the town, this meeting believes that 12 licensed bars militate against the prosperity and well being of the inhabitants."

Te Awamutu.—April 19. Mrs. Olson presided. Fair attendance. As our delegate to Jubilee Convention, she gave a most interesting report. Mrs. Bright Wilson who also attended spoke on the Communion Service at the opening of Convention, the high character of which was the keynote of the