

# 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.

**Maungaturoto.**—Sept. 30. Eight members present. Mrs Roberts sent report of District Convention. Letter from Mrs Peryman asking for help for "White Ribbon" paper. Decided to take two copies per month for distribution. Letters to be sent to Misses Healey and Flower on account of illness. Temperance Fact by Mrs A. Cullen. Letter of protest to be sent to Papanoa Show Committee against granting liquor license on Show Grounds. Meetings in future to be held on second Wednesday. Reading by Mrs Mollard. Decided to arrange for Temperance address in schools once a month, and hold social gathering for young people twice a year.

**Pukehuia.** Sept. 24. A happy little gathering of four met at Mrs. Heathcote's—three being young mothers. Devotions. Temperance motto. Mrs. Heathcote read article from Beacon. Extracts from Mrs. T. E. Taylor's fine paper on "Peace" read. Mrs. Tarrant read article—"What the money spent in world war could have done if used in service to the people." Decided to send letters to Prime Minister and Mr. Coates re observing the King Country covenant. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**Upper Waima (Maori).** Sept. 26. Hymn, prayer, Scripture reading from 1 Thess. 5. Minutes of previous meeting. Blackboard illustration on "Wise Spending." Another hymn. One new member initiated. Sister Eleanor presided and spoke of what an influence for good a wife and mother can be in her own home. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Devonport.** Sept. Mrs. Williams presided. Final arrangements re Miss McLay's illustrated Travelogue. Mrs. Day drew attention to the lovely cloth donated to the Union by Mrs. Williams. The cloth was made and the emblem of the W.C.T.U. worked on it by Mrs. Wrack. Miss McLay spoke on the Franchise. Afternoon tea.

**Henderson.** Sept 16. Mrs. Platt presided. Mrs. Leman Scriptural reading. Mrs. Biddle scientific fact. Members' Day. Business concluded. Social afternoon spent. Items rendered by Mesdames Noble, Hutchinson and Russell. The winner of an amusing competition was Mrs Barton. Afternoon tea. Bring and Buy table well patronised.

**Kohi-St. Heliers.**—Sept. 16. At Mrs Ernest Eady's. Good attendance. Mrs. Kasper, gave an interesting address on what we make of life and our efforts to uplift others. Being Franchise Day, she expressed disappointment that women had not made more use of their vote. Solos by Mrs. Lee and duet by Mesdames Ruffell and L. Eady much appreciated. Thanks to Mrs Eady for hospitality.

**Leigh.**—Sept. 24. Home meeting at Mrs Grigg read "A New Liquor League." Mrs gave the Temperance Fact, "Alcohol is good for the engine, but not for the engineer." Discussion on "Bible in Schools." Mrs Grigg read "A New Liquor League." Mrs J. V. Wyatt read "Dress in Church." Mrs Horton gave a reading, "Combating the Trade." Mrs M. Torkington read "Pies and Prejudices." Hostesses for afternoon, Mesdames Matheson and Grigg.

**Northcote.**—Sept. 8. Eight present. Mrs Hales in the chair, and read a report of the "School of Methods" work, and the Executive's. Mrs Allely and Mrs Hales elected delegates for District Convention. Afternoon tea served.

**Onehunga.**—Oct. 8. President in chair. Devotions, Mrs Fordyce. Report of District Convention, Mrs Petchell. Mrs Babbington, District Maori Supt., spoke on the welfare work among the Maoris, with which she had been connected for the past four years, of her connection with Methodism, and of her grandfather protecting Samuel Marsden; of the harm the liquor traffic was doing to

the Maori race, asking for our prayers and help on their behalf and suggesting we adopt a Maori Union and send them picture rolls. An item from the Auckland Star telling of the King's permission for the Toast of "The King" to be drunk in water by those who wished to do so, was read by one of the members, a temperance fact by another. Solo by Mrs. Petchell.

**Otahuhu.** Sept. 17. Mrs W. Taylor presided. Mrs. Williamson gave a paper, How we won the Franchise. Most interesting. Afternoon tea.

**Ponsonby.** Sept. 17. Miss Read in the chair. Devotions Mrs. Christopher. Temperance fact Mrs Bragg. Miss Read reported that Ponsonby had won the membership banner. "Franchise Day," a paper on the Franchise was read by Mrs. Bragg. Reference was made to the forthcoming District Convention.

**Remuera.**—Sept. 15. The President presided. Sister Grace conducted devotions. Mrs Babbington, Auckland District Supt. for Maori Work, gave a very interesting address on her work. Mesdames Percy Winstone and Robinson appointed delegates to the District Convention. Resolutions for the Convention discussed. Musical items rendered by Mrs H. Kasper and Caldwell.

**Sylvan Avenue.**—Sept. 17. Fair attendance. Four visitors. Miss Putney presided. Devotional time. Routine business. Reports of three addresses delivered to Church Guilds on Temperance and our work during the month. Fine thought-provoking address given by Mrs Kasper, District President. Afternoon tea.

**Waiuku.** Sept 25. Mrs. Speer presided and 11 present. Decided to order one dozen books of tried recipes for non-alcoholic beverages. Arrangements made for representatives to attend the District Convention. Mrs. Speer read out the names of the successful entrants at the Scientific Temperance Examination. Mrs Speer will present the four certificates and the silver medal to the children at the Sunday Schools where they attend.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Thames.**—Oct. 7. Fairly well attended meeting, presided over by Mrs Paul. Regret to report the death of one of our aged members, Mrs Gwilliam, who, while able, was a very regular attendee at our meetings. Short paper read. Discussion on "Military Training and Disarmament." Afternoon tea served.

**Taumarunui.**—Oct. 1. Fair attendance. Sister Alison read "The Day of Small Things," from "White Ribbon." Discussion on Sunday sport. Decided that Sister Alison write to Education Board re the use of school grounds for Sunday sport. Vote of sympathy passed with relatives of late Mrs Fraser, a member of our Union. Next meeting to be annual meeting. Afternoon tea. Repetition of pledge and Benediction.

**Tauranga.**—Oct. Very good attendance. President in chair. Number of visitors present. Hymn and prayer. Matters of business needing a good deal of discussion were dealt with. Decided Mrs Christian go as delegate to District Convention. Bring and Buy stall, most satisfactory. Afternoon tea.

**Te Awamutu.** Sept. 17. Mrs. B. McGechie in the chair. Maori Day observed. The president read an extract from White Ribbon Magazine showing the gratitude of the Maori race for the teaching of Total Abstinence among their young people. Mrs. H. Barnett sang "Waiata Maori." Small presentation made to Miss J. Bryant, who had acted as pianiste for 6 years. Mrs. W. Alexander presented Mrs. Wing, who is leaving the district, with a bouquet. Agenda for Convention considered, executive to make final arrangements. Afternoon tea served.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT.

**New Plymouth.**—Sept. Mrs Jemison presided, Mrs Elliot devotions. Pay-up social and "Bring and Buy" afternoon for Headquarters Fund. Fair attendance. Temperance Fact, and "old favourites" were sung. General business discussion. Afternoon tea, Benediction.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT.

**Feilding.** Oct 1. Cradle Roll social, good attendance of children and adults. We deeply regret to report the death of one of our members, Mrs. Camplin. A motion of sympathy with the relatives was passed, members standing in silence. Mrs. Pack gave an interesting report of the District Convention held in Palmerston N. in September. A letter from Mrs. Jenkins of Raetihi, telling of her work among the Maoris in that district was read by Mrs. Spence. The children gave a very enjoyable entertainment of songs and recitations. Mrs. Tremain addressed them. Two new members enrolled.

**Pahiatua.**—Oct. 1. Mrs C. M. Roberts in the chair, 13 present. Arrangements made for the final Band of Hope meeting. Decided to meet at 2.30 p.m. in the future. Mrs C. M. Roberts gave her report on the District Convention, held in Palmerston North. Maori Fund collection of 4/6. Hostesses, Mrs Willis and Mrs Ryan.

**Palmerston North.**—Oct. 2. Miss Moore presided. Miss Sutherland read the Scientific Fact. Mrs Hodder read report of the District Convention, written by the delegate, Miss Sykes, who was accorded a vote of thanks. Mrs Coupe gave much pleasure with her singing. Miss Grace Taylor accompanist. A one-act play, "Mary's Dismissal," was presented by members. Those taking part were Mrs W. A. Boniface and Misses V. Wilson, J. Spooner, J. Murray, C. Jamieson, and E. Plimmer, who were complimented on the excellence of their performance. Two little girls, Dawn and Betty Olsen, sang a duet. November meeting to be held on the second Friday. Miss Grant will give a travel talk at this meeting. Hostesses, Mrs Singh and Miss Sutherland.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

**Hastings** Sept. 24. Small attendance. Mrs. Sutherland. Devotions. Reports received from "Ys"—Miss Mitchell. Sick visiting Mrs Paul, L.T.L. Mrs. McArthur (who was congratulated on the success of her pupils in Scientific Temperance Exam.) Cradle Roll (Mrs. Lloyd), who reported a very successful party. Report of District Convention given by Miss Mitchell. Letters received from Pitcairn Island. Resolutions passed were forwarded to various Ministers. Franchise Day noted and collection taken. Afternoon tea, hostesses Mesdames Hudson and Hickmott. Next meeting (Maori Day), all members to bring suitable readings about Maori art, music, folk lore, etc. Votes of sympathy to Miss Imrie, Mr. D. Boyle, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Baumgart. Miss Imrie thanked for her work in connection with "Ys." Miss Mitchell appointed "Y" Superintendent.

**Havelock North.** Sept 25. Seven present. Devotions from St. John. Correspondence read from Miss Lovell-Smith, Miss Henderson, Miss Putney. Decided to send resolution from Miss Henderson re Alcohol and Motorist and Road Safety. Franchise Day paper read by Mrs. Nielson and 2/- donation.

**Napier.**—Oct. 7. Large attendance of members, President in the chair. Reported that material had been bought for members to make garments to be handed over to District Nurse. Mrs Bruce, delegate to District Convention, gave a very interesting report. Two songs by Miss Buckingham, much appreciated. Short talk on the Maori race. Collection, 12/6. Aprons made by members sold, and money added to Bring and Buy Reserve Fund. This fund used to assist necessitous work. Four new members joined our ranks.

**Wairoa.** Sept. 18. Fair attendance. President in chair. Mrs. Simpson. Devotions. Garment of Righteousness. "What's the Use" read. Article 60 years British W.C.T.U. Band of Hope concert arranged for the 25th. Bring and Buy table brought 15/-. One new W.R. subscriber. Afternoon tea served by Mrs. Kippenberger. Sympathy to two members in sickness and bereavement.