

# News of the Union.

## NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Dargaville.**—Oct. Evening meeting, 11 present. Mrs. Jolly presided. Tribute paid to the late Mrs. Simmons and sympathy expressed for the relatives. Appreciation for faithful work by Mrs. Hay as B. of H. Supt., regret at her removal. Miss Edmed, report of work done for Poll and the distribution of literature. One new member.

**Maungakarama.**—Oct. 19th. Mrs. Weir presided. 7 present. Devotions, Mrs. Purdee. Arrangements made for Convention. Decided to have a Bring and Buy at next meeting for school Bible lessons, Benzine Fund. Solo by Mrs. Harvey much enjoyed. Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. H. Walker served afternoon tea.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Auckland.**—Oct. 11. Maori Day observed, a collection taken for Maori fund. Mrs. Stimpson presided and expressed deep gratitude and thankfulness to God for the wonderful deliverance from War which seemed so imminent. She read an article written by Bishop Bennett on Our Native Race and his earnest appeal to the people of N.Z. to protect his people from the ravages of the Liquor traffic. Report of District Convention by delegates. Report of N.C.U. by Mrs. Swan. Mrs. Holmes reported upon the successful Temperance Pageant recently presented.

**Auckland (Evening).**—Oct. 10. Pay Up Social. Mrs. J. H. Patterson in chair. District Executive report by Mrs. Kasper. District Convention report by Mrs. McKay. Musical items rendered by Mrs. Patterson, Misses Evans and Cowan. Mrs. Tennent gave interesting talk on "Nutrition." Two new members. Benediction. Supper.

**Birkenhead.**—Oct. 6. At Mrs. Dingley's. President in chair. Devotions. Pledge. Temperance Fact given. Mrs. Williams gave a good report of the recent Dist. Convention. Hymn. Benediction. Mrs. Dingley kindly served afternoon tea.

**Grey Lynn.**—Oct. Mrs. Pace presided. Sister Grace spoke on Temperance. Mrs. Neal congratulated for increased membership of Cradle Roll.

**Kohi-St. Helier's.**—Sept. 28. Report of District Convention given by Mesdames Lediard and L. Eady. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on how the women won Franchise and deplored that so little use had been made of it. Mesdames McLaren and Mills, hostesses.

**Kohi-St. Helier's.**—Oct. 26. Good attendance. Mrs. Kasper spoke on Mental troubles caused by alcohol and other causes. Successful Bring and Buy. Solo by Mrs. Warburton. Children's Party on Dec. 10th. Thanks for hospitality to Mrs. Phillips.

**Leigh.**—Sept. 29. At Mrs. Grigg's. Fair attendance. Mrs. Yearbury read an article and gave the Temperance Fact. Interesting discussion on drink taken to the Public Hall on dance evenings. Resolved to send a letter of protest to the Chairman of the Hall Committee. Animated discussion on the coming Licensing Election. Hostesses, Mrs. Yearbury and Mrs. Grigg.

**Mt. Eden.**—Sept. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Pickering's. 30 present. Mrs. Brocklehurst led devotions and welcomed visitors. Solos by Mrs. Trendgold and Misses Mather and Rimmer. Recitations by Mrs. Poole. Mrs. Kasper spoke on "Why I am a Prohibitionist." Afternoon tea. Votes of thanks closed one of the best meetings yet held.

**Onehunga.**—Sept. 8. Good attendance. Earnest prayers, much business arranged. Decided to ask local Ministers to hold United Prayer Meetings, also to print sample Ballot paper, with two top lines struck out, in their Church magazines previous to Poll. Very interesting and instructive address by Miss Anita Webster on her travels in Central Europe.

Sept. 28. Evening "at Home" meeting at Church of Christ. Good programme of musical and elocutionary items, competition, and a very stirring address by Rev. J. O'phert.

**Onehunga.**—Oct. 13. Reports and Business. Reported members had assisted at Polling Booth. Enjoyable Home meeting on Oct. 25th., at Mrs. Petchell's. Sister Jessie told of her visit to Honolulu.

**Otahuhu.**—Oct. 20. Mrs. Eccersall presided. Devotions, Mrs. Vercoe. Mrs. Hutchinson gave interesting talk of work of Protection Society. Collection for Maori work.

**Ponsonby.**—Sept. 15. Miss Read presided. Good attendance. Miss Read is leaving for a holiday trip to Honolulu, and was presented with a bouquet. Sister Jessie just returned from Honolulu, spoke of life and work of people there.

**Ponsonby.**—Oct. 20. Miss Read presided. Officers elected for coming year. Pres., Miss Read; Vice-Pres., Sister Jessie and Miss S. Ryle; Sec., Mrs. Joiner; Treas., Miss Kitt. Miss Appleby spoke on our duty to our Maori people. 1 new member.

**Remuera.**—Oct. 18. Mrs. Kasper presided. Devotions, Mrs. Hallburton. Pledge. Temperance Fact. Report of Farewell to Miss Read. Maori Day observed. Mrs. Kasper spoke on Maori work and prayer offered for its success.

**Titirangi.**—Oct. Meeting held at "Quambi." Session of Prayer for Election and Licensing Poll and for World Peace. Experimental Temperance Fact demonstrating effect of alcohol on the Brain. Miss A. McLeay read a most interesting paper on "Winning the Franchise for Women." Collection for Maori Fund, 7/-. Afternoon tea.

**Waiuku.**—Oct. 12. At Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith's, at Kohe Kohe. Mrs. J. K. Hull presided, 22 present. Rev. Binet gave a splendid address on temperance matters, and Rev. Graham gave the Bible reading and a prayer. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Graham. Two new members, two Little White Ribboners enrolled. £2/14/6 raised for the Willard Children's Home.

**Warkworth.**—Oct. Maori Day meeting, at Mrs. Roke's. Fair attendance. Pledge affirmed. Facts about the W.C.T.U. repeated. Roll call. Competition—Bowl of flowers. Mrs. Roke, 1st; Miss Martin, 2nd. Rev. Hickman gave a very interesting talk on "Prohibition." Prohibition is our opportunity to help our weaker brothers. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

**Hamilton.**—Oct. 6. Maori Day observed—article by Bishop Bennett read by secretary—temperance fact in the form of a recitation (only sixteen) by Mrs. Burnett. Agreed to help in a street collection on Nov. 1st for Sunshine League, organised by Women's Institutes. A very fine and exhaustive report of District Convention compiled by Mrs. Robertson was read by the president in Mrs. Robertson's enforced absence. The resignation of Mrs. Bartlett as President was accepted with regret. Thanks for her help and devotion to the cause. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. J. Davey for his help in the Union's efforts for Maori hostel was carried. Afternoon tea.

**Te Awamutu.**—Sept. 15th. Fair day. Good attendance. Mrs. W. Alexander occupied chair. Mrs. Cruickshank spoke on Faith and Prayer, and time was spent in prayer to God that the people might be led to record their votes aright on the license question—quite a number of ladies prayed. Report of Mrs. Kasper's meeting in Hamilton. President drew attention to S.A. W.C.T.U. Conference to be held in Cambridge and asked for a good representation. Snapdragon seeds received from Michigan were taken to be planted and distributed to members. Hymn. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**Taurarunui.**—Oct. 13. Sister Allison in chair. Good attendance of members. Sister Allison opened with devotions. Business regarding the work in hand for the election campaign was dealt with. Mrs. Capt. Hay gave a most interesting Bible talk. Meeting closed with the affirmation of our pledge.

**Tauranga.**—Oct. Annual meeting. Fair attendance. All officers re-elected with unanimous approval. Various reports read, and adopted. Arranged we send a regular copy of the White Ribbon to the Women's Institute Club Rooms, and also one to Women's Public Rest rooms. Arranged the W.C.T.U. and the Cradle Roll, both re-open with the same Garden Party next year. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

**Tauranga.**—Oct. 4. Good attendance. Mrs. Christian in chair. Circular relating to keeping the Sunday Schools open during the holidays approved. Nasturtium seeds distributed. Fine address by Sister Francis of Ngaruawahia. Various facts relating to

the Maoris, given by members. Collection taken up for Maori fund. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

## TARANAKI DISTRICT.

**New Plymouth.**—Sept. 8. Meeting well attended. Mrs. Jamieson presided. Pay Up social. Temperance Fact. Devotions, Mrs. Elliot. Two questions re liquor trade to be sent to local Parliamentary candidates before the poll. Rev. V. Mead gave a talk on Australia, remarking on the large Temperance Hotel in Brisbane which is a huge success. Miss Drew thanked the speaker. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**New Plymouth.**—Nov. 2. Good attendance. Mrs. Jamieson (chair). Sympathy with relatives of late member, Mrs. Winhurst. Maori Day. Solo by Mrs. Hawkins. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

**Stratford.**—During the month we entertained the members of the W.D.F.U. Rev. Mr. Paterson addressed the ladies on "Social Problems." Two solos rendered. Decided to hold a Bring and Buy for Headquarter's Fund early in New Year. 11 sent to Organising fund. Busy with The Campaign. One new member. 12/6 donated to Prize for "Road Safety" Essay. Mrs. McCallum farewelled. A faithful worker for over 20 years.

## WANGANUI DISTRICT.

**Aramoho.**—Sept. 29. President in the chair. Sympathy and hopes for speedy recovery sent to Mrs. Good and Mrs. Tizard. Thanks to collectors. In response to appeal for Makogai lepers one member donated gramophone and records. Gifts to be sent to Porirua Mental Hospital. Scrutineers arranged for, also refreshments to workers on election day. Social afternoon to be held early in November. Mrs. Greig gave report of District Convention. Aramoho invited next Convention. Afternoon tea.

**Aramoho.**—Oct. 27. Mrs. Hallan in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Greig. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Read. Arrangements for Annual Social Afternoon, on November 16th. Proceeds to be devoted to Headquarter's Fund. Allocation of Monies made. Chaplain Fraser gave a very interesting talk on the Maori race and was heartily thanked. Afternoon tea. Mesdames Walker and Withers.

**Wanganui Central.**—Oct. 6. Devotions, Mrs. L. Wilson. President took the chair and gave a welcome to all. Mrs. Blake gave the Scientific Fact, taken from the White Ribbon. Mrs. Grinstead, Sup. S.S. Temperance, reported only two replies received to her appeal. Mrs. Laird to be scrutineer on Polling Day. Two new "White Ribbon" subscribers received. Maori Day observed and Chaplain Fraser (native) gave a most interesting address dealing with the coming of Christianity to N.Z. when Rev. Marsden gave the first Gospel address to the Maoris on Xmas Day in 1814. But unfortunately with the coming of the white man came the vices of the European including the introduction of alcoholic liquor which has so shamefully degraded the noble Maori. By request he also gave a hymn and invited all to join heartily in the chorus. Offering received towards Maori work. President announced Annual Meeting next month, also Sale of Work.

**Wanganui Central.**—Oct. 7. Fair attendance. Mrs. R. Wilson, devotions, and also gave the scientific Fact, taken from White Ribbon. Report of District Executive by president. Election of officers and Supts. of departments. Mrs. A. H. Duxfield, Pres.; Mesdames Upton, Goodey, and R. Wilby; Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Les. Wilson, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Laird, Rec. Sec.; Treasurer held over. Annual report and Balance Sheet to be presented next month. Donation of £4 given towards adopting a Chinese orphan for one year. Members regretfully heard of the illness of Mrs. Heatley, a loyal and faithful member. Hostesses for Dec., Mesdames Laird and Duxfield. Bring and Buy did good business.

**Wanganui East.**—Sept. 13. Mrs. Day presided. Good attendance. Devotions by Mrs. Ogier. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Day reported on Dominion Executive meeting. Rev. T. Weston spoke on "Where there is no vision the people perish." He was heartily thanked. Benediction.

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