

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Sage, Vice-President of the Pukehuia Union, passed away on Easter Tuesday. She has been a great Temperance worker for many years, though not connected with the W.C.T.U. until this branch was opened about two years ago. Before last Poll, though not very well, she visited hundreds of homes, among the Public Work's camps, and the settlers, and Whangarei, and helped to make friends for our cause wherever she went, with her big bundle of literature and her kindly talks.

In our meetings she would take her "Casket of Jewels," which she called her Bible, and bring out of that treasure things new and old. After she was laid aside by the long, lingering illness, she used to say, "How thankful I am that I did what I could when I had my health." We miss her, for we all loved her.

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News of the Union.

Write in ink; on one side of paper. Don't send newspaper reports. Don't send reports 2 months old; they only go in waste paper basket.

AUCKLAND.—May 13. Mrs. Cook presided. Miss Latter was welcomed to the meeting from Victoria. The resignation of Mrs. Dowling as Treasurer, through continued ill-health, was received with deep regret; a tribute was paid to the splendid work she had rendered to the Union. Miss Paul gave a most interesting report of the Dominion Convention. She was much impressed with the deep spiritual tone of the Devotional meetings, and said she was sure their influence would be felt in our future work.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU.—May 6. At Mrs. Morgan's. The balance-sheet was read, and after sending monies to Willard Home, the Maori Fund, the Headquarters Fund, Organizing Fund, World Missionary Fund, and the N.Z. Fund, the local Union has the satisfactory credit balance of £1 5s. Mrs. Hill-Taylor read a particularly interesting paper on "Peace," the League of Nations work in this connection, and the good accomplished. A report of Convention was read. Miss V. Taylor sang a song most effectively. Mrs. Morgan served a dainty afternoon tea, and was heartily thanked.

ASHBURTON.—June 4. Mrs. Grigg presiding over a fair attendance. The Temperance fact dealt with the danger incurred through using "Medicated Wines." Vote of sympathy passed with relatives of late Mrs. Kemp. Letters of cheer sent to sick members. Minister of Railways wrote, stating, that as majority of ladies preferred travelling in the ordinary carriages, the Department would not be justified in placing a special car for them on the South Island Railway. Received. Mesdames Hocking and Nich represented the Union at Timaru Area Conference on June 3rd. Interesting report submitted by Mrs. Robinson. Petitions had been signed, asking for removal of compulsory clause in the Defence Act, and returned to Christchurch. Two new members joined. Miss B. Chapman appointed Assistant Organist. A much-appreciated solo was contributed by Miss I. Chapman. A paper on "White Ribbon Day" by Mrs. Peryman, was read by Miss Watson and much enjoyed, and an appeal again made to secure new subscribers. A collection was taken up in aid of the Winter Show Prize Fund. A dainty afternoon tea was provided by Miss Watson, who was heartily thanked. An animated discussion took place on the merits and demerits of "John Bull" and "Uncle Sam," in regard to Prohibition, Peace, and Progress.

BLenheim.—June 4. Splendid attendance; presided over by Mrs. W. M. Smith. Rev. H. S. Kings and several new members were welcomed by the President. Decided, after some discussion on the subject, to forward the following resolution to the Dominion Union: "That this Union supports the Trained Nurses' Association in its strong disapproval of private hospitals being used for the training of nurses." Decided, during the winter months, to commence the meetings at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Kings gave a very inspiring address, which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present. He paid a high tribute to women's influence, and said that often when God required a good man, He looked first for a good mother. In wishing our Union every success in its endeavours, Mr. Kings hoped that the day was not too far distant when ministers would be united in an endeavour to do away with intoxicating drinks at wedding breakfasts, where so often young couples began their life together under the shadow of the wine glass. Vote of thanks.

May 27.—Mother's Afternoon. About 160 present at Social Afternoon, held with the object of interesting the mothers in our work. Mrs. W. M. Smith presided, and the Hall was very prettily decorated with Autumn flowers. Miss C. M. McLay gave a very splendid and helpful address on "Children's Rights—Home Protection," stressing the fact that education was looked upon as the most important factor in the

child's life, and emphasising the overwhelming need for more spiritual knowledge and guidance, which should be recognised as the most vital, influencing element in the training of our children. Nine new members. Afternoon tea, and several musical items.

BROOKLYN.—May 27. Well-attended meeting. Mrs. Sawden, President, gave a short account of the Timaru Convention. Mrs. McMillan (who has spent 3½ years in Palestine) gave a graphic word-picture of conditions and people of that land. Items were rendered by Mrs. Bennett and Miss B. Sawden. Two new members.

BALLANCE.—May 30. Mrs. Hancock presided over a good attendance. Correspondence from Mrs. Peryman and Mrs. Taylor was read and discussed. Mrs. Holdaway gave a splendid account of the Timaru Convention. Afternoon tea dispensed. Bring and Buy Parcel Sale realised £1, part of which is to be given to Headquarters Fund and part to be spent on "W.R." hymn books. One new member.

BALFOUR.—May 16. The President presided; fair attendance. Miss Robertson gave a most interesting report of Convention, which was much appreciated by all present and a vote of thanks was accorded her. A motion of sympathy with Mrs. Thomson in the illness of her son. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs. A. Alexander.

BELFAST.—May 8. Good attendance. Temperance fact being "Alcohol causes fat to grow inside the heart, so that regular drinkers, even in moderation, often get fatty, diseased hearts." Congratulations were received from Miss Blackwell on the election of three women to the School Committee. Report of Executive (District) was given by Mrs. McLean. Mrs. Goldman sang a solo; much appreciated. Afternoon tea served. Mrs. Goldman addressed the meeting, and dealt largely with facts given by Dr. Mildred Staley on the success of Prohibition in America; she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

CARTERTON.—June 4. Large attendance of members and friends present. A paper was read by Mrs. Every, and portions from "White Ribbon" were also read by members. A dainty afternoon tea was partaken of.

CAMBRIDGE.—May 29. Mrs. Martin presided over small attendance. Letter from Miss Harband re membership postcards. Mrs. Boulton gave an account of her visit to Willard Home and Palmerston North Union.

COLLINGWOOD.—May 30. Seven present; Mrs. Jamieson in the chair. Decided to hold a Social Afternoon on 27th June, in aid of Headquarters Fund, also to order extra copies of "Beacon" and "Young People's Supplement," and distribute them amongst the young people.

CHRISTCHURCH.—May 14. Peace Day; Miss Henderson presided; good attendance. Mrs. Pedler thanked members for their loving sympathy in her sad bereavement. It was reported that £64 had been collected by members on Poppy Day. Miss Bishop proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Rev. L. B. Neale, for his address on Anzac Day. During the afternoon Miss West-Watson gave an address on the "Conference at Kyoto," in Japan, last year, which she attended as a delegate. She congratulated the Union on having a special day set apart for Peace, and in a very interesting and inspiring address, explained how these Pan-Pacific Conferences tended to bring people together from other nations, where their problems and differences could be discussed, and in a way helped to be solved.

May 28. Pay-Up Social; Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. Miss Palmer gave a very interesting address on her 20 years' Missionary work in Egypt, and said that the drug habit had grown by leaps and bounds since the war, cocaine being taken by girls and young men, who only lived two years after the habit was contracted. There were musical items, and supper was dispensed by the Social Committee.

DEVONPORT.—May 21. Mrs. Williams presided over a fair attendance. Rev. Lawson Marsh gave an inspiring address on "Peace." Misses Ruth Day and Valerie Wyatt played pianoforte duets.

DARFIELD.—May. At Greendale; Mrs. Cullen presided; fair attendance; and read her report on Convention for those members who were unable to attend first meeting. Peace Day was celebrated, and a paper was read by the Secretary. Mrs. Jones read a Temperance lecture. Bring and Buy was held, amount being raised, £1 14s 9d. It

Grandpa had been to the cinema for the first time. "Ah! these be wunnerful times," he said, "but I must be getting deaf in me old age. All the time I was there I couldn't hear a word they were saying."