

# News of the Union.

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**AUCKLAND.**—May 12. A tribute paid to the splendid work in the interests of womanhood by Lady Stout, whose death had occurred in Wellington. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to her memory. A very inspiring address was given by Mrs. Inglis on the text, "Be of Good Cheer, it is I, be not Afraid," pointing to the true source of cheer in these depressing times. The following resolution was passed by the meeting, copies being sent to Premier and M.P. of District:—"The members of the Auckland W.C.T.U. desire to protest against the issue of a new Brewery License in the Auckland District, being of the opinion that such brewery will increase facilities for obtaining intoxicating liquor, and also increase the huge annual wastage of over £8,000,000 on intoxicants. It therefore urges the Government not to grant a license for such brewery, and immediately amend legislation in order to give Government more control over such licenses." Songs were contributed by Misses Hill and Davies. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

**ASHBURTON.**—June 2. Sale of cakes, produce, etc., in aid of the Headquarters Fund. The Church Hall nicely arranged; good attendance. The Sale opened by Rev. W. Crigg, Willowby, who congratulated the Union on their work and wished them every success. Short, enjoyable programme contributed, and an address on "Temperance" by Mrs. W. J. Thompson. A competition won by Miss C. Jackson. Three new members. In recognition of "White Ribbon" Day, the President referred to the able and self-sacrificing work of our esteemed Editor, Mrs. Peiyman, and made an earnest appeal for new subscribers. Tea was served, and a social half-hour spent. Good business was done at the Stalls, presided over by the following ladies:—"Cake," Miss Watson, Mrs. Nich and Mrs. Church; "Sweets and Flowers," Mrs. Wear, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Tinker; "Produce," Mrs. G. Tulloch. Hearty vote of thanks to speaker, performers, and all who had assisted in any way.

**BAINHAM.**—May 14. Mrs. Jamison gave a report of Convention; most interesting to all. Decided to meet fortnightly in members' homes, and make articles for Xmas Tree, in aid of Union funds.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—May 7. Home meeting at Mrs. Hayman's; Mrs. Todd in the chair; fifteen present. Mrs. Kasper gave a very descriptive report of Convention. A resolution was passed against a new Brewery License at Pidgeon Mountains, near Pakuranga, the same to be sent to the Prime Minister, local Member of Parliament, etc. Next meeting to be in the Zion Hill School Hall.

**BROOKLYN.**—May 30. Miss Sawden read Scientific fact. A duet, rendered by the Misses Sawden, L.A.B., and Turner, was much appreciated, as also was "My Prayer," sung by Miss Turner. Members reminded of the Bring and Buy, June 11th, in aid of Headquarters Fund; several volunteered to assist. Mrs. Brewer to represent the Union at District Executive. Decided to donate 5s. to World's Missionary Fund, also to help Y.W.C.A. with their Street Day Appeal on June 26th. The meeting unanimously endorsed the proposed Bible-in-Schools Bill: "That no grants be made to Private Schools for Religious purposes." Mrs. Mowlem spoke on "Alcohol and the Human Body," illustrated with charts; most interesting; good attendance.

**CARTERTON.**—June 2. Very well attended meeting. A lengthy paper was read on "White Ribbon" Day, and was very much appreciated. Temperance fact read by our President. A very interesting article was given, "Faith—Vision—Venture." Faith is the giving substance to things hoped for. Hostesses for afternoon, Mrs. Wisely and Mrs. Rodgers.

**DEVONPORT.**—May. Mrs. Kasper gave an interesting account of the recent Dominion Convention. Resolutions were sent to the Prime Minister and the Member for the District, protesting against the issue of a new Brewery License in the Auckland District.

**DARGAVILLE.**—May 19. A Bring and Buy Afternoon to raise money for Headquarters Fund. Very fair attendance, although the weather was wet; 15s. taken. One new member initiated. An interesting competition, won by Mrs. Bonner.

**DUNEDIN.**—June 2. Replies received from Hon. G. Forbes and Mr. Holland to letters sent to them, drawing attention to the dreadful waste of £8,000,000 every year spent in drink. Mrs. Leech gave a most interesting and instructive address on "Disarmament and Unemployment," showing how disarmament could not happen in a short time, but must come slowly, giving a short definition of disarmament and showing how the immense sums spent in the manufacture of implements of war, spent in other directions, would bring prosperity.

**EPSOM.**—May 28. At home of Mrs. Hemus; good attendance. Mrs. Benfell's address on "Social Responsibility" was helpful and instructive, and enjoyed by all. Discussion followed on how to make our meetings more helpful. A Bring and Buy Table added to the funds, this to be continued at each meeting. Afternoon tea and thanks to the hostess, who invited all to return next month. Good collection.

**GISBORNE.**—May. Bright meeting; Business Temperance fact given. Mrs. Thomas led the meeting in prayer and reading of Scripture. Report of Dominion National Council deliberations. Start "Cottage" Prayer Meetings second Tuesday each month. One new member enrolled.

**GREYTOWN.**—May 26. Eight present. Decided to ask Bible Classes to include Temperance matter in Syllabus. Decided to hold Shop Day in June for Headquarters Fund. Next meeting at Mrs. Anker's. Miss Oates donated 4s. for Temperance literature. Mrs. McKenzie gave report of Convention. Bring and Buy, 4s 3d.

**GORE.**—May 26. Fair attendance. Rev. Paddison gave an address on "World Peace," for which he was heartily thanked. His address was published in the local paper. Resolution against further brewers' licenses. Decided to send for five hundred school blotters. Decided to forward money in hand for Headquarters Fund, but to endeavour to raise more. Another worker welcomed to our Union. First Band of Hope meeting held on 27th; good attendance.

**HASTINGS.**—May 28. President in the chair; attendance fair. Devotional paper by Mrs. R. Sutherland. Decided to institute Bring and Buy Table at each meeting, also to purchase literature with proceeds. Arrangements made to celebrate "White Ribbon" Day.

**HAVELOCK NORTH.**—May 22. Good meeting. Subject for Devotions, "The Atonement." Cups and saucers, bought with earthquake donation, were distributed to members. Resolved to help Headquarters Fund by Bring and Buy. Special meeting arranged for "White Ribbon" Day.

**INVERCARGILL NORTH.**—May. Short discourse on "Faith," given by Mrs. McKinnon (Evangelistic Supt.) Attendance depleted, as many members were engaged in the Tea Rooms at the Winter Show, the catering of which is conducted by the above branch. One of the objects of the meeting was to supply useful parcels for the local Clothing Club, and a liberal response resulted. Ensign Montgomery gave an impressive address on "What manner of Person ought we to be?" from a social, moral, and spiritual aspect, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

**INVERCARGILL.**—June 1. Mrs. Lillcrap presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Mathers on special prayer on behalf of our President, who is very ill. A specially interesting address was given by Pastor Fretwell on "The Aims and Principles of the W.C.T.U." much appreciated, and he urged us on to greater service. Final arrangements made for Concert in aid of the Headquarters Fund, also collection. One new member welcomed.

**JOHNSONVILLE.**—May 21. Home meetings arranged for Miss McLay's visit. Miss McLay addressed Home meetings at Glen-side and Newlands. She also addressed a combined Rally of Presbyterian and Methodist Bible Classes on Sunday afternoon; about 60 present. A very fine address was much enjoyed by all present.

**KAIAPOL.**—May. Good attendance. Decided to ask Mrs. T. E. Taylor to address next meeting. Re Miss McLay's visit, decided to have a Temperance Rally in the afternoon, and a Young People's Social in

the evening, all young people's organizations to be invited to attend. An article read by Mrs. Stocking, showing that hotel bars were being closed in Auckland, owing to reduced expenditure on alcoholic drinks.

**LOWER HUTT.**—May 27. President in the chair. Final arrangements for local effort towards Headquarters, also carrying on with Penny Trail. Some very interesting notes on "Mother" were read by Mrs. Aldersley, and were much appreciated. Some reports were given of sick members being visited, and apologies were received from several absent members.

**LEIGH.**—May. At Mrs. A. E. Grigg's; fair attendance. Mrs. D. A. Matheson in the chair. Resolved to send a donation to Headquarters Fund. Mrs. Gozar read report of Convention. Mesdames Grigg and Woodcock contributed a vocal duet, much appreciated. Mrs. D. A. Matheson read an extract entitled, "Is Alcohol Beneficial as a Stimulant." Reading by Mrs. Woodcock on "Unemployment and the Drink Traffic." One new member.

**LAWRENCE.**—May 26. Mrs. Edie presided; eight present. Devotionals taken by President. Reference made to death of Mrs. Haworth's sister, and meeting adjourned as a mark of sympathy.

**MT. ALBERT.**—May 14. Motion of sympathy with the relatives of the late Lady Stout passed. Mrs. Cook gave an interesting talk on "The Dominion Convention." A Jumble Sale was decided upon. The first of the Drawing-room Meetings is to be held at the home of the President, Miss Fyfe, Belmont Road, on 28th May. The hostesses (Mrs. Brodie and Miss Cunningham) served afternoon tea, and Mrs. Harvey sang.

**MASTERTON.**—May. Good attendance. Letter of sympathy to Mrs. Judd, Senr., who has suffered bereavement. Decided to raise Union's quota towards reducing Headquarters second mortgage by each member being levied at 2s. per head. Recommended that members make more use of Dominion Library, and tell others of good reading available. Decided to hold "White Ribbon" Day in July, Mrs. Every, of Carterton, to be asked to speak. Mrs. T. R. Barrer to address the August meeting on "League of Nations."

**MOSGIEL.**—May 20. Arrangements finalised for Sale for Dominion Headquarters Funds. The Sale took place on the 27th, and was fairly successful. The proceeds to be handed to Dominion Treasurer.

**NEW BRIGHTON.**—May. Mrs. S. Bailey offered a special Prayer for Peace. Mesdames Moses, McIlroy and Beilamy, were congratulated on being re-elected to the School Committee. Arrangements made to hold a Jumble Sale in June, to pay our quota towards the Headquarters Fund. Miss A. McLay visiting Brighton district for three days in June. A Drawing-room meeting to be arranged, also a young people's gathering. Mr. Mackie, of the League of Nations Union, gave an exceptionally good address. Bring and Buy Stall at close of meeting.

**NELSON.**—May. Good attendance. Mrs. Walker gave two very interesting Temperance facts. Decided to send £30 to Head-

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