

# Bulletin of Union News

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**North Canterbury:** Devotions taken by Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie. Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg was elected President in place of the late Mrs. C. W. Barrell. Mrs. Ancel was elected Vice-President. It was decided to hold District Convention in September in the Central Mission Rooms. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. M. J. Miller, late Salvation Army officer and member of the W.C.T.U. Congratulations were sent to Mrs. Patchett and Mrs. Judkins, who have attained their ninetieth birthday.

**Marlborough, 16/5/46.** The quarterly meeting of Marlborough District Executive held in Wesley Hall. President, Mrs. V. Underhill, in the chair, and following present: Mesdames W. J. Girling, N. Forbes, S. Harris, P. Stephens, A. T. Milgrew, S. E. Wells, E. Leshe, L. Rodgerson, B. Burroughs. Apologies, Mrs. A. Robinson and Miss E. Tarrant.

The President conducted devotions and prayer offered by several members.

Members stood in respectful silence in memory of two valued members who had passed away during the quarter, the late Mrs. A. J. Mills, Grovetown, and Mrs. A. M. R. Mills, past District Treasurer for many years.

Mrs. Leslie reported that Miss Jean Stratford, of Canvastown, had resigned the position of Cradle Roll Supt. of that area on account of her approaching marriage and departure. Decided to convey the appreciation of Executive of her services, together with good wishes to Miss Stratford.

Letters directed: Sympathy to Mrs. W. Murray in illness of her husband; congratulations to Editor, "Marlborough Express," on the attainment of 80th anniversary, and expressing appreciation of consideration in reporting Union activities over the years.

Noontide observed with singing the hymn and prayer.

Concern and regret felt by all present on learning of the proposal to include lockers for holding liquor in the improvement scheme of the Returned Soldiers' Association Club, general feeling being that it would not be in best interests of men. Resolved to advise R.S.A. that members could not support the Carnival if funds to be used for this purpose.

After lunch adjournment meeting resumed at 1.30, Mrs. Girling offering the opening prayer. The President reported on the officers' meeting held in Wellington.

It was decided that as part of Poll work, Publicity Stall be conducted at the A. & P. Show in October. Preliminary arrangements for District Convention discussed. Meeting closed at 2.30.

**Auckland:** June 10th. Meeting held in the Temperance Room. District President, Mrs. J. W. Long, in the chair. Devotions led by Miss A. M. McLay. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. W. Taylor, of Otahuhu, who had been a member of the W.C.T.U. for over fifty years, and until last year had never missed a District Convention. Mrs. Taylor knitted 536 garments for the Red Cross during the war just ended.

Quite a lot of preparations and decisions were made concerning the work for the coming poll. Mrs. Long gave the report of the work being carried out at the Maori Girls' Hostel, stating that at present thirty girls were in residence. It was decided to hold the Mother's Day gathering at the Town Hall Concert Chamber next year. The resignation of Mrs. Long from the presidency came as a shock to the meeting, and was received and accepted with much regret. Nearly every member present voiced her appreciation of Mrs. Long's work as President, and their great regret at her resignation. Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy was elected Acting-President until the District Convention.

## UNION REPORTS

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Auckland:** May 14th. Meeting held in Y.W.C.A., Mrs. Long presiding and leading devotions. Reports of the District Executive meeting and National Council of Women were

given. Extracts were read from the American Research Department showing the work done by women in connection with the Prohibition movement. Dr. Craig was welcomed to the meeting and gave a very helpful, bright address, basing her remarks on Acts 16, v. 9—"A cry from Macedonia." There was a cry to the women of the churches from the W.C.T.U., "Come and join our ranks and help us to fight the Liquor Traffic." All women were needed in the Christian warfare. She urged the importance of getting into touch with women's meetings in churches, and of reaching young mothers for the sake of the children. Dr. Craig sang very beautifully, and a hearty vote of thanks to her was passed. Benediction.

**Kohi-St. Heliers, May 18th:** Meeting held at Mrs. Machin's house in Speight's Road. Mrs. Kasper read from Matt. 7th; building on the Rock from which nothing can sweep us away. A faithful member, Mrs. Gribble, died on Monday, May 5th. Temperance Fact given. Mesdames Lediard and Phillips read poems for Mother's Day and a due; was given by Mesdames Machin and Phillips. Mrs. Kasper gave a talk on "Child Psychology." Vote of thanks to Mrs. Machin for pleasant afternoon.

**Epsom-Green Lane, May 16th:** Attendance fair. In the absence of Mrs. Eccersall, Mrs. Neal presided. Devotions taken from I Corinthians 13, and Phil. 2 and 16. Theme: Winning souls for Christ. Mrs. K. H. Cole gave us much food for thought in her address, "Alcoholics' Foundation." This is a club formed in America by an ex-drunkard to convert drunkards by their own experience and change. A question period followed and was found most helpful. Benediction.

**Remuera, May 27th:** Mrs. Kasper presided. Temperance Fact given and Pledge re-affirmed. Mother's Day and Peace Day observed each member giving a reminiscence of her mother. Discussion re raising funds for Dominion Convention. Benediction.

**Takapuna:** A very pleasant drawing room meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wallace, when a good attendance was encouraging. The May meeting was presided over by Mrs. Morgan-Richards. Mrs. Escott led in prayer, and Miss Cullen took Bible reading. Stormy day prevented Mrs. Long from coming as speaker, but opportunity was taken for the discussion of many subjects. The need of securing the interest of our young people was stressed by Mrs. Morgan-Richards, and it was hoped that steps might be taken in regard to the drinking on the beaches. Benediction.

**Mount Eden, June 4th:** Miss A. M. McLay, President, in the chair. Small attendance. Decided to help the district by direct giving, to raise funds for work for the Poll and the Dominion Convention. The President read a paper prepared by Miss Pudney on "The Position of America Regarding the Liquor Question" which was most interesting and instructive. Letter of thanks to Miss Pudney and also sympathy in her illness.

**Onehunga, May 17th:** The annual Cradle Roll party was somewhat spoiled by very rainy conditions, preventing any but those children living nearby from being present. This was very disappointing for Miss Caughley, C.R. Superintendent, who always gives of her best for this work, but for those able to attend the afternoon passed very happily with games and races. All did full justice to the good things provided.

**Auckland, June 11th:** The annual "Pay-up" Social was held in the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Long presided. There was a large gathering of members. A most enjoyable programme of songs and recitations was given. Sympathy was expressed to Mr. Taylor in the death of his wife, who was in years past a very faithful, devoted worker in the Auckland Union. In her remarks, Mrs. Long spoke of the work of distributing literature for the coming poll. She also spoke of the good work at the Maori Hostel. Afternoon tea brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Three new members joined the Union.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Cambridge:** April meeting postponed on account of Anzac Day. Mrs. Kemsley presided. Fencourt members also attended and the numbers were good to hear Mrs. Lewis, District Secretary, report on Dominion Convention. Much interest was shown, and flowers were presented to the speaker by one of the Fencourt members. Benediction.

**Tauranga, June 4th:** Good attendance. Mrs. Christian presided. Devotions, pledge and a devotional talk by Mrs. Williamson. Report

of annual meeting of Women's Representative Committee, and meeting decided to support the proposal to turn the Committee into a branch of the National Council of Women. Report on Band of Hope and financial statement. Arrangements made for an afternoon Social for fund-raising purposes. Mrs. Christian welcomed Mrs. Wood, a member from New Plymouth, and Mrs. Wood spoke briefly on the work of the Sailors' Rest. Visitors from Hawera, Waverley and from India were welcomed. President gave a talk on "Medical Temperance," dealing with the effects of alcohol on cell life. "Bring and Buy," afternoon tea, and Benediction and Doxology.

**Thames, May 1st:** Peace Day observed. Good rally of members, who contributed texts and readings on the subject in answer to Roll Call. The Rev. F. Handy gave a fine address, treating the subject in a novel way.

June 3rd: Good attendance. Adjutant Chalmers spoke helpfully on "The Discipline of Delay," basing her remarks on verses in Exodus 13. Temperance fact by President, also a humorous poem read. Visitors welcomed.

**Taumarunui, June 6th:** Mrs. McDonald presided. Devotions, Temperance fact and Pledge Letter read from Parent-Teacher Association, and we resolved to send representatives to a meeting to look into condition of schools. Miss Andrews to be invited to speak to High Schools. "White Ribbon" day observed.

**Hamilton, June 6th:** Mrs. Gatman presided and conducted devotions. Matters of Temperance interest received, and Pledge re-affirmed. Report from the National Council of Women was given by Mrs. Moore. The guest speaker, Mrs. Gagan, gave an interesting talk on the work of the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland. The lesson of work and worship was emphasised from the gospel of St. Matthew. The speaker was generously thanked by Mrs. Stephenson Craig. Tea hostesses appointed—Mrs. Harwood and Miss Parry. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

### TARANAKI DISTRICT

**Hawera, May:** Mrs. Thayer, President, took the chair and led devotions. A letter read from District Secretary, Mrs. Hochs, re the tour of Miss Appleby in the district arranged for July. A report of the District Executive meeting held at Stratford on May 2nd was presented by Mrs. Barron. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Miss V. B. Logan for her work in judging the picture-painting contest and essays; and to Keith Tozer and friend for typing the invitation cards for the Cradle Roll party. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Page and Burton. President closed meeting with prayer.

### HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

**Hastings:** The monthly meeting held, Mrs. Hickmott presiding; excellent attendance. Devotions conducted by President. Pledge re-affirmed. Letter re Temperance examinations to be sent to Sunday Schools. Literature to be purchased for distribution in view of the coming Poll. The guest-speaker was Mrs. Colonel Burton, to whom the President presented a bouquet of flowers. The speaker took as her subject the words, "Be of good cheer," and gave a message of comfort and cheer which everyone enjoyed. Mrs. A. Hopper and Mrs. Thomas thanked the speaker for her inspiring address, and the meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. D. Osborne and helpers were tea hostesses.

**Napier, May:** A visit from the Dominion organiser, Miss Appleby. Agreed to purchase a projector to show Temperance films, and booklets for the Temperance examinations. It was agreed that members would provide hospitality for Merchant Navy men when in port. At next meeting books and papers were to be brought for distribution among prisoners in the local jail. Flowers and welcoming messages to be sent to brides of returned soldiers. Miss Appleby visited the "Y" branch, showing scientific films, and expressing desire to hold "Y" camps.

### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Palmerston North:** Devotions, Mrs. Carter. Motion of sympathy passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Boyes, formerly pianist. Mrs. East appointed superintendent of Home meetings. It was announced that literature would be given out at the July meeting for distribution; also that a retiring collection would be taken up at that meeting for the Chair of Obstetrics. Speaker for the day, Miss Edmed,