

Bulletin of Union News

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Auckland, Monday, August 5th: Held in the Temperance Room, Queen Street. The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, was in the chair, and the Devotions were led by Mrs. V. A. Read.

It was decided to hold a Jumble Sale during August, and a Garden Party later on, to raise funds for the forthcoming Poll; and also for the Dominion Convention which is to be held in Auckland next year.

Mrs. Mountjoy gave the report of the Bible in Schools Ladies' Committee afternoon when the speaker was Mrs. Jenkins, and her talk was on the Bible in English Schools. Mrs. Long gave the report of the monthly meeting of the National Council of Women, and quite a number of Remits were dealt with as submitted by the Council. Mrs. Long also gave the report of the work of the Maori Hostel, which was very satisfactory, twenty-six girls being in residence there at present. Final arrangements were made for holding the Annual District Convention during September. The meeting passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Ellen Melville, who had been a member of the Auckland City Council for thirty-three years.

Taranaki, August 7th: Early in the morning six ladies were up with the lark to travel from New Plymouth to Eltham, where a nice fire and morning tea awaited them at the Salvation Army Hall. Five Unions were represented. Reading given by Miss Appleby. Prayer by Miss Arthur. Apologies received from Mesdames Oliver and Simpson, Thayer and Brown.

Miss Appleby spoke on the supreme need of our work, stressing the urgency of work among young people. Mention was made of the Camp to be held in January.

Mrs. M. Wood was elected delegate to the N.Z. Alliance Conference. Arrangements made for the next District Executive meeting to be held in New Plymouth on October 30th.

Discussion on literature for Poll distribution. Decided to visit two members transferred to New Plymouth and invite to next meeting.

A "Thirty-year Long Service" badge was presented to Mrs. Wells, who has been a member for forty-eight years.

Some helpful thoughts on the work were given by Mrs. Hanna. Noon tide circle of prayer and Benediction brought a happy meeting to a close.

The home-coming of the New Plymouth delegates was not so nice. One caught the bus, and the other four were left behind for three hours. The Rest Room proved a blessing, however, for by a nice fire conversation held unrestrained sway.

Wellington District: The June Executive meeting held at Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington, Central Union being hostesses. Devotions led by Mrs. Reed, District Secretary, who also reported on fine talk given to mothers and children of Belmont L.T.L. by Mr. Lopdell, of Lower Hutt. A circular sent to women's organisations and Church papers also read. Votes of sympathy to members in bereavement were sustained. District officers reported visits to Upper Hutt and Wellington Central Unions, and to Methodist Guild and Presbyterian Women's Association at Island Bay, and also that they had two invitations for further talks. Miss Appleby's report of her work in the district was received, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Reed for organising Miss Appleby's itinerary. Two donations received to film fund, two towards Scientific Temperance booklet for school teachers, also one donation to District Funds. A resolution from N.C.W. re case of cruelty to child was endorsed and supported. Unions reported on plans for literature distribution and film advertising in coming months, and decision made to supply literature in new housing areas. A request to be made to Education Board for support of Temperance teaching in schools. The Treasurer's statement showed a healthy credit balance. The President reported on arrangements made by Dominion officers regarding Poll work; on the Fund for a Caravan; the Pledge signing campaign and Temperance instruction. Proposed that at next Executive meeting the roll be re-

sponded to with a text of Scripture condemnatory of strong drink. A resolution that smoking be not allowed in those places in which the public buy or consume food was carried, the same to be sent to the Minister of Health. Also a letter of appreciation to the Minister of Railways of the efforts to have the regulations re smoking and liquor on trains carried out, and wishing 100 per cent. success. The Rev. W. Burley then addressed an open meeting to which members of other women's organisations had been invited. He gave reasons why women should stand strongly against anything that was bad in a community, and urged all women to study the facts and make themselves informed on the position in America, medical opinion, etc., and to remember that there was certainly only one final issue, victory, as this is a moral and spiritual issue; and as we engender enthusiasm for moral and spiritual reform so we gain a vision of a new earth from God. Miss Kirk thanked the speaker and the session closed with the Benediction.

UNION REPORTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Warkworth, July 9th: President, Mrs. Green, in the chair, also taking Devotions. Suggestion that "Beacon" be distributed at local High School. Temperance fact and pledge affirmed. Plans made for coming District Convention. Mrs. Moorhead, W.C.T.U. representative on Community Centre Committee, reported on work of interest to W.C.T.U. being done by Centre. Benediction.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland, August 13th: Maori Day observed, meeting being held at the Maori Girls' Hostel. Mrs. Long presided. Each member brought a gift for the Hostel. Reports of District Executive and N.C.W. were read, and an interesting discussion followed. Grants made for Dominion Convention Fund, Licensing Poll Fund, and for the "White Ribbon" Fund. Donation sent to Henderson Union to assist with prizes for Temperance Essays in connection with the public school. Mrs. Long provided very nice afternoon tea.

Otahuhu, July 18th: Mrs. Ward, Vice-President, presided over a good attendance of members in spite of a very cold, wet afternoon. A student from the N.Z. Bible Training Institute gave a most interesting and informative talk on the work and studies carried out during the two years' course, all of which was listened to with great interest.

Kohi-St. Heliers, July 18th: Very good attendance. Mrs. Eady's home being the meeting place. Mrs. Farr read from Romans 12, advising members to be watchful and prayerful for the coming election. Temperance fact. Sister Grace addressed the meeting on the use of unfermented wine at the Passover and all Jewish feasts. Memorial Day observed; past members being lovingly remembered. Votes of thanks to Sister Grace and Mrs. Lewis Eady.

Remuera, July 22nd: Mrs. H. Kasper presided. Devotions led by Mrs. G. Robinson. Jumble Sale arrangements made. Memorial Day observed in remembrance of members who had passed on to their reward. Benediction.

Titirangi, July 23rd: Meeting well attended. Held at the home of Mrs. McFarlane. Reference was made to the passing of our beloved Devotional Superintendent, Mrs. Clark, members standing as a mark of respect to her memory. The President, Miss C. M. McLay, told us something of the great work being carried out by the N.Z. Alliance in the endeavour to secure votes for prohibition at the forthcoming election. Tea and Benediction.

Onehunga, July 11th: Earnest instructive address by Mr. Pace, Alliance organiser for the Auckland and North Auckland districts, on "Prohibition in America—Failure or Success?" Proof of the success of the period was given from many sources.

July 25th: "Special."

Mount Eden, August 6th: Miss A. M. McLay presided. Report of District Executive given by President. Appeal made for clothing for Jumble Sale on August 23rd. President reported an arrangement for District Convention to be held 22nd-25th September. Messrs. F. C. Pace and A. T. Dow were present, and Mr. Pace gave an interesting and instructive address. Mr. Dow also spoke briefly. Treasurer instructed to pay District capitation fees.

Ponsonby, July 18th: Wet day and small attendance. Mrs. Joiner presided. Devotions led by Mrs. Christopher. Temperance fact. Miss Runciman. Address given by Sister Jessie on work among the Maoris in the city, especially among young people. A small Hostel for Maori lads is to be opened shortly. Pledge, tea and Benediction.

Epsom-Green Lane, August 15th: Small attendance. Mrs. Eccersall presided. Devotions, Temperance fact and Pledge. President read "How we won the Franchise." A short period of social fellowship followed and a very pleasant meeting was closed with prayer.

Warkworth, August 8th: Fair attendance. Mrs. Baker presiding. Devotions. Address given by Mr. Marshall, Minister of the Church of Christ, and also an interesting talk on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society by Miss Berg. Collectors arranged. Speakers thanked. Temperance fact. Alliance literature for distribution, and two delegates chosen for District Convention. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Chessum and Sanderson.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Te Awamutu, July 18th: Mrs. Alexander presided. Devotions. Temperance fact. Welcomes. Very helpful devotions taken by Mrs. Garlick from John 15. President gave a very informative reading, also referring to the coming Convention to be held in Te Awamutu in September. "Bring and Buy." Benediction.

Hamilton, August 1st: Good attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. Gatmen presided. One new member initiated. Delegates and Convention business discussed and to be finalised next meeting. Mr. Finlay, J.P., and City Missioner, gave an illuminating address on the soul-destroying evils due to alcohol, and related many poignant cases in his own experience as C.M. Read Isaiah 5, emphasising the six "Woes," and left urgent message to all mothers to work and pray for upholding all spiritual and moral values, as only by this protective armour could Home and Family be safeguarded against these perils. Pledge reaffirmed. Temperance fact given, and Benediction closed the meeting.

Taumarunui, August 1st: Mrs. Coulson presided. Devotions. Donation to District Funds. Literature work discussed. Next meeting to be a "Gift for Literature" day. Report of May meeting of Dominion officers and Mrs. Hiatt's "Impressions of Invercargill" read. Memorial Day observed. Benediction. Tea hostess, Mrs. McDonald.

Tauranga, August 6th: Opening devotions, Mrs. Bulmer. Correspondence included letter of thanks from Mr. Tate for periodicals sent for Maori work. Very interesting address by Miss Daphne Maunder, a missionary from India, now on furlough, telling of drink problems in her district. Reports on Women's Representative Committee, Pan-Pacific Group and sub-committee for dealing with literature received. Good "Bring and Buy." Very good attendance.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, July 31st: Mrs. Brown presided over a good attendance. Mrs. Tuffrey leading Devotions. Temperance fact. Miss Appleby reported good work around the district, and urged W.C.T.U. members to put every effort into gaining success in our cause. Miss Drew asked for the support of everyone at the annual Seamen's Rest Mart. Mrs. Ingram entertained with solos. Tea and Benediction.

Eltham: A busy month. The Rev. Mr. Miller, of New Plymouth, gave a talk to the young people advising them never to take the first drink, as that was the downfall of the drunkard. Executive meeting was held in Eltham, when Miss Appleby spoke on educating youth, telling especially of a Summer School to be held in January. Mrs. Hurrell, District President, presented Mrs. Wells with a Long Service Badge. She has been a member for thirty-eight years.

Hawera, July 30th: Memorial Day observed by President speaking of some of the W.C.T.U. pioneers. Several Temperance facts given. Flowers sent to sick member. Annual "Bring and Buy" for Seamen's Rest held, and arrangements made for the Temperance Exams. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Prayer and Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Aramoho: Although small, our meetings have been helpful in that we have discussed the many problems, in an informal way, regarding our aim to fight against the evil of alcohol.