

Mrs. Wellard's readings of some of Rita Snowden's writings have been inspiring. All are prepared to distribute literature during the coming months.

#### MANAWATU DISTRICT

**Levin:** Mrs. Kennerley, President, took the chair and led Devotions. A number of visitors welcomed to the meeting. Pledge re-affirmed. A paper dealing with Facts in the "Vanguard," prepared by Mrs. Storey, was read, and proved most interesting. It was decided that members bring a tin of food to the next meeting for inclusion in parcels to be sent to W.C.T.U. members in England. Memorial Day observed by the paying of tributes to those who have done so much in the cause of Temperance, and who have answered the call to Higher Service. Mrs. Kennerley read the hymn for Memorial Day. A competition, jumbled names of past workers in the Temperance cause, was won by Mrs. Andriksen. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Henskie and Rose. Prayer and Benediction.

**Levin, August 9th:** Small attendance. Mrs. Kennerley presided. Captain Williams led devotions. Pledge and Temperance fact. One new member. Literature to be purchased for distribution. Major Ward gave an inspiring address on "The Gift of Grace." Thanks expressed and posy presented. Report on District Executive given by President. Tinned foods for parcels for Britain brought by members. A Franchise Day competition won by Mrs. Rae and Capt. Williamson. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Burr and Moxham.

**Feilding:** Mrs. Spence presided, and Mrs. Kendall led devotions. Tinned foods for British parcels to be brought next month. "Bring and Buy" for "White Ribbon" funds realised £1/1/6, £3/8/- sent to "G. and O." fund. Literature to be procured. Letters of appreciation to be sent to Salvation Army and Presbyterian Church in Invercargill on the stand taken in regard to receiving money derived from the Liquor Trust. Prayer by Mrs. Stewart.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

**Lower Hutt, July 24th:** Mrs. Spenser presided and Mrs. Swift led the Devotions. Attendance small owing to sickness among the members. The District Executive report was read and also a piece from the "Evening Post." Each member present gave an item, this being "Members' Afternoon." The need for Temperance education among young children was discussed. Being "Coin" afternoon in aid of Seamen's Rests, the sum of 14/- was donated, also some scarves and bags. Tea hostess was Mrs. Clark. Though a small meeting, all present enjoyed it. Closed with prayer and Benediction.

**Wellington Central:** "Pioneer" day. Devotions. Mrs. Andrew reported an improvement in Mrs. Long's health. Hospital visiting arranged. Literature to be supplied to the Christian Alliance of Women and Girls. A donation of £1 received for leaflets. Aro Street Methodist Guild will distribute literature in their district, and the members of the Bible Class will also assist in this work. The speaker was Mrs. Kerr, daughter of our pioneer worker, Mrs. Brown, who arrived here from N.S.W. and settled in Invercargill in the year 1880, being one of the early members. Mrs. Kerr was thanked for her address, and presented with a posy. Birthday sprays were presented. Solo by Miss Tulloch. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Hoult and helpers. Benediction.

**Brooklyn, July 30th:** A very pleasant afternoon spent at the home of one of the members, Mrs. Cracknell presiding. Mrs. Greenwood gave an inspiring talk on John 15 and 5. Letters to be sent to Mesdames Raine and Long, who have been on the sick list. Hospital visiting arranged. Mrs. Gordon, who was delegate to the District Convention held in Wesley Hall, gave a full and appreciative account of the day's meetings. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the set of twelve "Questions and Answers" arranged by Mrs. Brewer. They were short and concise, and at the same time helpful and educational. Donations were received for the projector and also for literature. Arrangements were made for its distribution. Flowers were presented to President and hostess. Meeting closed with Sigil Prayer and Benediction.

#### NELSON DISTRICT

**Nelson, July 9th:** Mrs. Toomer presided over a good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Cook, who read Memorial Prayer for those who have passed to Higher Service. Mrs. Toomer reported on hospitality extended to men of H.M.N.Z.S. Achilles, when free refreshments were available in the National Party's Club Room for two days, and asked for volunteers for similar service for the men of H.M.S. Whitesand Bay. Decided to take a turn with other women's organisations in visiting the Mental Hospital. Attention was called to an article in "The Motor World" in which Dr. Noble-Adams stated at a meeting of the Marlborough Automobile Association that after-hour trading was responsible for 70 per cent. of the fatal road accidents in New Zealand, and that there should be a tightening up by the authorities. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Blair on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and other social service in and around London. Mrs. Blair was thanked and presented with flowers. It was decided to use the Householder post for distribution of literature, members pledging themselves to make regular contributions towards the cost. Benediction.

#### MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

**Springlands, 15th July:** Meeting at the home of the President, Mrs. V. Underhill. Good attendance. Mrs. E. Leslie conducted opening devotions, reading from the General Epistle of James, chapter 2. Fay Inchfawn's "All Behind" was also read. Sympathetic reference to the death of an old Springlands resident and pioneer of Blenheim W.C.T.U., Mrs. Edith Jackson. Also sympathy extended to two members who had experienced bereavements in their families. Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. Leslie sent messages of appreciation for letters received. Very helpful responses given to the roll call. Parcel of literature received from Headquarters and distributed. It being Memorial Day, the very appropriate hymn from "W.R." was read by the President, who also read "A Long View," by Miss C. Henderson, M.A., J.P., which was of great interest and of inspiration to all present. The members were very appreciative of the activities of the Unions in the far-off days. Another interesting contribution to the meeting was a reading from a Vancouver paper on the efforts of a Mrs. G. M. Lanning, of the Mary Forbes W.C.T.U., who has been President of her Union for 21 years. At the close of the meeting a happy time was spent over a cup of tea before a lovely fire.

**Blenheim, August 6th:** Mrs. N. Forbes presided, welcoming an old member, Mrs. Goslin, and two ladies from Tua Marina. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs. McFadden in hospital, and Mrs. Reuben Watson in bereavement of her husband. Correspondence received from Miss C. E. Kirk and Mr. H. W. Milner, N.Z. Alliance. Address by Rev. J. F. Martin. Benediction.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

**Spreydon, July 9th:** Good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Horwood, Vice-President. Donation to District Executive funds. Resignation of Treasurer, Mrs. Foster, accepted with regret. Address given by Mrs. Douglas, both helpful and inspiring. One new member. One new member in February.

**Papanui, July 17th:** Mrs. Tillman presided over a good attendance. Pledge re-affirmed. Roll call, a text of Scripture. Temperance fact, Mrs. Hampton. Devotions, Mrs. Malcolm. Mental Hospital report, Mrs. Hawker. It was agreed to supply a concert at the Reformatory in September. "Bring and Buy" arranged for next meeting, all members being asked to bring a friend. A Question Box was well responded to.

**Riccarton, July 11th:** Meeting opened with devotions by Mrs. Harris. Routine business. Agreed to buy a pair of new shoes for a Mental Hospital case, and Mrs. Wain promised to correspond with mental patients to cheer them up. Letter of sympathy and one of deep regret at the resignation of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Smith. Mesdames Gainsford and Donaldson were appointed to fill this office. A survey of our year's work was given, and some alterations in schedule were

made. A long discussion took place on Alliance activities, and how to further our cause, and the Church's attitude to the Temperance cause. Literature for distribution given out. Roll to be purged. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Gainsford and Robson. Closing hymn and prayer.

**Oxford, July 17th:** Meeting conducted by means of "Sealed Orders." Each member present was given a sealed envelope containing her appointment to some task for the afternoon. Mrs. Markham was installed in the chair, the President served the "austerity" afternoon tea, and all found themselves doing unusual duties. A sacred solo was sung by Mrs. R. White. Literature to be obtained and distributed in connection with Poll. A most interesting talk was given on the Maori people, their responsibilities and their problems, and their need of our sympathetic understanding.

**Christchurch, July 10th:** Miss C. Henderson presided. Reports given of assistance at British Sailors' Street Collection, and of N.Z. Alliance meeting. Rev. H. Gilbert speaker. Bags of clothing sent to Maori Girls' Hostel and to Christchurch Lady Galway Guild. Thirty gifts of tinned food sent, some to London B.W.T.A., and some to Christchurch Red Cross. To celebrate Memorial Day, our President read from Hebrews, chapter 11, Roll of Honour, and spoke on pioneers of our movement.

July 24th: Miss C. Henderson presided. Very great regret at the passing of our beloved Mrs. S. Adkins, for many years our Treasurer, and later our Secretary. We honour her for loyalty and great enthusiasm for our cause. Members signed petition to Parliament re establishment of small hospitals for patients suffering from nervous breakdown. Members reported distributing of literature.

**Sydenham, 1st August:** Mrs. J. Filer, President, was in the chair, and conducted the devotions in the absence of the Devotional Supt. (Mrs. Davies). Twelve members present and one visitor. The usual routine business was conducted. The Secretary was instructed to interview the Headmaster of the local School where, in previous years, it has been the custom to conduct Temperance Essay Examinations, to make arrangements for same at the end of the year. Rev. D. D. MacLachlan gave the address, which dealt with the outstanding social problems of our day. The meeting was brought to a close by prayer led by Mrs. Cookson. One new member was initiated.

**Linwood, Tuesday afternoon:** Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie in the chair. Very good attendance. Usual business, superintendents giving good reports of work done during the month. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. L. C. Horwood, who gave an account of the life of the late Mr. T. E. Taylor. After briefly outlining his early life, Mrs. Horwood spoke of his work as a Temperance reformer, and specially of the spiritual ideals which formed the basis of his work. His experience as a lad in his teens working among families degraded by strong drink had inspired him in his fight with the forces of the liquor traffic. The speaker urged all members to have the same ideals in view in their work. Many questions were asked which proved the intense interest of all present. One new member. Benediction.

**Riccarton, August 8th:** 23 members present. Flowers and letters sent to sick members. Mental hospital report showed good work among patients. Long Service Badges presented to Mesdames McLean, E. Buckley, L. Donaldson, M. Gundy, E. Daly, Ode!, and Miss Russell, Mrs. Price pinning them on. Mrs. Clark to be nominated as District President. District Convention delegates, Mesdames Gundy and Harris. Six extra "White Ribbons" to be used in various public places; members paying for these. Interesting address given by Mrs. C. St. John on "Social Credit and Monopolies." Hymn and prayer.

**Reefton, July 9th:** Mrs. Thomson presiding. Memorial Day observed, hymn being read by members. Literature dealt with. Prayers offered in closing.

**New Brighton, August 1st:** Mrs. Flower presided. Good attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Edmond, who also gave Temperance fact. Votes of sympathy taken standing in silence with two bereaved members. Mental Hospital