

Bulletin of Union News

BUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Executive Meeting: November 4th. District President in the chair (Mrs. Mountjoy); Devotions led by Miss J. Campbell. A reply from Princess Te Puia to the letter of congratulation sent on her stand regarding liquor in the King Country. Dominion Convention plans discussed, a hall having been secured for the occasion. Letters of congratulation sent to Rev. J. D. Smith on his becoming Moderator-Designate. Letter of sympathy to the relatives of the late Miss Ethel Mathieson, a special Minute being recorded of appreciation of her many years of work in the cause of Temperance as "Y" Superintendent, and in the service of Youth generally.

Maori Girls' Hostel report given by Mrs. J. W. Long, the addition of a new bathroom and other improvements being mentioned. Mrs. Long also reported having visited the Henderson Union, and presenting the prizes to the children of the Henderson school who had won them for the Temperance essays which she said were excellent.

A letter of thanks was sent to Mrs. Glaister for all the assistance, both financial and otherwise, which she has given to the Hostel.

It was decided to arrange an open competition in connection with the Dominion Convention expenses. It was agreed to hold a Christmas party in December instead of the usual monthly meeting.

UNIONS.

Onehunga, October 10th. Convention reports given by delegates and matters arising therefrom discussed. One report made special mention of the fact that Mrs. Moore, of this Union, is superintendent of a Maori Sunday school.

Mount Eden, November 5th. Annual meeting. Report presented by President showed steady work during the year. Under the capable leadership of Miss McKinney, the Cradle Roll is our best department. All notable days observed. Some interesting and instructive addresses. Officers elected were: President, Miss A. M. McLay; Treasurer, Mrs. Dunham; Superintendents re-elected. Temperance Fact, Mrs. J. D. Smith; "White Ribbon," Mrs. Pickering; Cradle Roll, Miss McKinney.

Remuera, October 21st. Mrs. Kasper presiding. Devotions included a prayer session in which members joined, and were conducted by Mrs. G. Robinson. Temperance Fact given. Maori Day observed by special prayers. One new member initiated. Reports of District Convention given by Mrs. G. Robinson and Miss Tozer. Benediction.

Kohi-St. Heliers, October 20th, at the home of Mrs. Mashin. Devotions led by Mrs. Farr. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Kasper. Convention report given by Mesdames Biddle and L. Eady. Maori Day remembered. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Mashin for the use of her home.

Ponsonby, October 17th. Mrs. Joiner, President, in the chair. Twelve members and two visitors present. Devotions, Mrs. Christopher. Letters to be sent to sick members. Temperance Fact, Miss Runciman. Hospitality asked for Dominion Convention delegates. Maori Day observed, and collection donated to the Maori Girls' Hostel. Yearly subscriptions of 2s 6d asked for Hostel Fund. Poll work luted. Mrs. Joiner gave a very interesting report of District Convention for which she was thanked. Two new members received. Pledge and Benediction.

Henderson. Has held a very successful showing of films at the Y.M.C.A. hall. "It's the Brain that counts," and "Barabbas" being shown. Mr. Dow of the N.Z. Alliance gave an instructive Temperance talk, and literature was distributed.

Takapuna, November 6th. Annual meeting and "Pay-up" Social. Very successful "Bring and Buy" stall was cleared in very short time. Mrs. Morgan-Richards presided. Miss Cullen led Devotions and Mrs. Blackwell gave the "Temperance Fact." Distribution of literature reported. All officers were re-elected. It was noted that Mrs. Prussing has been secretary for five years, and has not missed one meeting. Miss Prussing has been treasurer for almost the same time.

Auckland, November 12th. Annual Meeting. Mrs. Long presided welcoming the return of members laid aside for some time. Dominion Convention arrangements announced and responses for requests for hospitality were received. Poll work discussed. "Bible in Schools"

questions for Parliamentary candidates received from Mrs. Paterson. Donation for Bible in Schools League passed. Mrs. Long reported on her visit to Henderson to present prizes won by school children for Temperance Essays, and donated by Union members. Reports on year's work showed much good work done. At the election of officers, a tribute was paid to Mrs. Long on her re-election to the presidency, and she was presented with a beautiful spray of flowers. Vice-presidents were Mesdames Holmes, Massam, Whitburn, Waring and Seal. Mrs. Ross and Miss Paul were placed on honorary list. Secretary, Miss Dewar, Treasurer, Mrs. Swan. Superintendents also appointed. One new member. Union goes into recess till April, because of Dominion Convention. Congratulations sent to Mrs. Garlick, one of our early members, on her 100th birthday.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Taumarunui, October 17th. Small meeting. Extracts read from "White Ribbon." One new member initiated. Some Poll work done.

Cambridge, October 24th. Large attendance Mrs. Kemsley presiding. Miss Martin gave a talk on "Maori ways and customs." A surprise visit was paid by the Dominion Organiser, Miss Appleby, who told of the great advance being made in Auckland, with Hostels for young Maori boys and girls. Miss Appleby also told of her own experiences as Matron of our own Hostel. A new member was initiated by Miss Appleby. Votes of thanks were accorded to both speakers for their interesting talks. Benediction.

Tauranga, November 5th. Annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. Bulmer. Fair attendance. Union and Superintendents' reports showed a fine record of work for the year. All officers re-elected. Poll work discussed, and plans finalised for Cradle Roll Party and "Caravan" social. The gift of a beautifully worked table-cover, from Mrs. T. Allely, a past member having resided in Auckland for many years, was a great and delightful surprise. A posy of lily of the valley was presented to the President, who also presented small gifts to the officers. Thanks accorded Mrs. Bulmer. A visit to the town by the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, during which he took a service at the Methodist, and the Presbyterian churches, and addressed a public meeting.

Te Awamutu, October 17th. Fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Alexander. Letters of sympathy sent to our Treasurer, Mrs. Purdie, in the death of her husband, and to Mrs. Selby, because of a serious accident, which has proved fatal to her husband. Devotions taken by Mrs. McDonald. Arrangements made for Annual Social afternoon.

Hamilton, November 7th. The President, Mrs. Gatman, took the chair and led Devotions. Mrs. Moore reported several items of interest from the N.C.W. The Rev. C. H. Olds paid a brief call, seeking help re distribution of literature, and it was decided to assist the United Churches Campaign in this task before the Poll. Short discussion on various aspects of this coming event. Temperance Fact read. Benediction.

Cambridge, September 26th. Mrs. Kemsley presided over good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Lewis; subject "The Sower." "Franchise Day" article read by Mrs. Simpson. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Kemsley reported on District Convention. One new member initiated. Tea and Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

District Executive Meeting, October 30th. Fifteen members present. Mrs. Wood reported on N.Z. Alliance Conference. Miss Appleby's report read, and appreciation recorded in the Minutes. Poll work was urged in all districts. Letters of sympathy sent to sick members. The Tea Committee was thanked.

New Plymouth, September 20th. "Pay-up" Social. Good attendance. Devotions, Temperance Fact, and report of Mart. Musical items and elocution presented. Afternoon tea.

October 18th. Good attendance. Mrs. Brown welcomed visitors. Devotions, Mrs. Tuffrey. Temperance Fact. Letters of sympathy. The Rev. Mr. Moki gave an address on the Maori race, deploring the use of liquor. Mrs. Rugby Hawkins rendered a musical item. Literature was handed out for distribution. Benediction.

Hawera. Maori Day observed at October meeting. Mrs. Page, acting President, presided and took Devotions. Several Temperance Facts given. Mrs. Page read the Prayer for Maori Day in the "Orders of Services." Members stood in silence in sympathy with the relatives, our President and her daughters,

of Mr. Thayer, their husband and father. Several accounts passed for payment. Members took literature purchased from Headquarters for distribution. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Page and Burton. Mrs. Page closed with prayer and Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Levin, October 11th. Mrs. Kennerley presiding. Good attendance. Devotions led by Captain Williamson. Members agreed to distribute Literature. Five food parcels sent to England, members bringing gifts to each meeting for the purpose. Literature sent to Mr. Tait, Bay of Plenty. Convention report given by the delegate, Mrs. Thompson, who was warmly thanked by the President. Interesting talk on Maori life and work given by Mrs. Poananga, of Palmerston North, who was thanked and presented with a posy by Mrs. Plaster. A new member received. Mrs. G. Thomson, a devoted worker, who is leaving the district, was farewelled, good wishes being expressed, and a small gift presented by President. Mrs. Thomson suitably replied, mentioning her enjoyment of the work during her stay in Levin, and hoping to continue her work in Pahiatua. Tea Hostesses, Mesdames Storey, Thomson, Williams, and Miss Storey.

Palmerston North, November meeting. Miss M. Sutherland led Devotions. Temperance Fact given. Mr. H. Grinstead, local Secretary of the N. Z. Alliance, asked for financial help for Campaign advertising, stating that they required £25. Palmerston North Union promised to raise £12. 10s. Miss Coles, President, then gave some leading points from the Rev. J. D. Smith's address given recently in P.N. After hearing his statement that in eight years he had only found two weddings at which there was no liquor, a discussion took place, and it was agreed to send a deputation to wait on the Ministers' Association, asking that Ministers refrain from presiding at wedding breakfasts at which liquor was served. Two letters were received from Britain in which the writers expressed their gratitude for parcels received.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Napier, October meeting. Decided to hold a stall at the Hawke's Bay Show for the distribution of literature, and the furthering of propaganda for the coming poll. Agreed to write to Princess Te Puia, thanking her for her stand against the attempt to introduce liquor into the King Country. Mesdames Shaw and Ryan elected delegates for District Convention. All were pleased to congratulate Mrs. Virtue on her election as Dominion President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Lower Hutt, October 24th. Mrs. Spence presided, Devotions, Mrs. Crawford Cradle Roll party arranged. Literature being distributed. £5 donated to funds of the Lower Hutt Temperance League for their Fighting Fund. £1 to Alliance for Royal Commission expenses. Agreed to provide tea for workers on Election day. Medals and certificates won by L.T.L. members in recent Temperance Examinations presented by Mrs. Spencer. Meeting closed with Benediction.

Wellington. Miss Brooks presided. Roll Call answered with text condemnatory of Strong Drink. Agreed to send Resolutions drawn up by the Otago District, to Annual District Convention, and to Church papers. Talk by Miss Kirk on Child Endowment as it affects the Maoris. Collection for Maori Day. Benediction.

Brooklyn, October 29th. Mrs. Brewer presided, and Mrs. Greenwood led Devotions. Annual meeting Temperance Fact read by Mrs. Dudley. Convention report given from the Chair, and received with great interest, one of the main items being that the Junior Temperance Text Book, supplied free by the W.C.T.U., is to be placed in 200 schools. Mrs. Graham had visited Niue island, and found that all the women are members of the W.C.T.U. All officers and Superintendents were re-elected unanimously. Satisfactory balance shown in Financial report. Flowers with expressions of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Pearson, who had been ill for several weeks. Sigil prayer and Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson, October 8th. Good attendance, Mrs. Toomer presiding. Devotions followed by Prayer. Session. Three new members initiated. Invitation to Happiness Club Birthday accepted. Decided to send literature per Householder post, and to advertise in City Press and on Screen. As it was Maori Day, Temperance Fact was