

CRADLE ROLL PARTY, PAPANUI UNION

An enjoyable Cradle Roll Party was held on March 29th, in the Presbyterian Schoolroom. Mrs. Tillman welcomed the mothers and performers.

Miss Nan Anderson opened with a pianoforte solo, Miss Jean Anderson sang a solo, and a duet was given by Mesdames Hodder and Taylor.]

The children were given sit-down tea, with fancy bags of sweets and paper hats. A most interesting address was given the mothers by Miss Cooke, of the China Inland Mission, who was afterwards thanked by the president.

"MOTHER'S DAY" GATHERING— AUCKLAND DISTRICT UNION

A "Mother's Day" gathering, under the auspices of the Auckland District Executive, was held in the Town Hall Concert Chamber, on Sunday, May 11th. The District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, presided over a good gathering.

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name." Musical items were rendered by Mrs. May McPherson, and Mr. T. Hanna, and elocutionary items by Miss Christine Simpson. The Maori Choir also rendered several items.

The speaker was Mr. F. A. Garry, and his subject was "Mothers of Four Generations."

Miss A. M. McLay thanked the speaker and the artists who had helped to provide such an enjoyable afternoon. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.

An apology for absence was received from Lady Freyberg, who sent her greetings to the meeting.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCE- MENTS

Dominion Organiser

Miss C. M. McLay is now carrying out the work of Dominion Organiser, and Unions, District or Local, who desire her help should apply to the Dominion Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Toomer, Monaco Road, Nelson. Miss McLay would prefer to work in the North Island for the rest of this year.

• Correction

In our April issue, on page 12, a welcome was given to newly-appointed Dominion Superintendents, Mrs. Alex McClure being named as "Press" Superintendent. Please note that Mrs. McClure is "Y" Superintendent, and Mrs. Laird is "Press."

Union Reporters

in monthly as usual. Special reports saving, each reporting Union will have its reports two-monthly instead of monthly. Reporters are asked to send

In future, for the sake of space will appear as they come.

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Keatley, Wanganui Central Union.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of another of our stalwarts, in the person of Mrs. Keatley who, in her youthful days, lived first in Invercargill, then in Dunedin, and finally settling with her widowed mother, Mrs. Twemlow, in Wanganui.

In each of these centres our sister quickly identified herself with those who stood for the abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

Whilst living in Dunedin, she and her esteemed mother worked together with Mrs. Don and other prominent women, who did so much in helping the women of New Zealand to gain the Franchise. How her face would beam with excitement when relating the story of the great Prohibition meetings, packed to the doors, which she and her family so much enjoyed, and never failed to attend during the early days of the struggle to free New Zealand from the liquor evil. Mrs. Keatley could not understand anyone being half-hearted in the work for abolition. Even the smallest detail was carried out most carefully, and we shall miss her presence as well as the work she so faithfully performed in helping our treasurer in collecting the membership fees each year.

Her word was her bond, and she never missed wearing her little W.R. Bow, one of which was afterwards found on every frock she possessed.

Alas! Such women are fast passing away, and during her long life of over 80 years, it can be truly said of her, "She hath done what she could."

Mrs. C. Kendall, Wanganui Central Union.

Still another of our members has been called away, making four within a year—in the person of Mrs. Kendall. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, never enjoying good health, our sister was not able to attend meetings regularly, but she made her influence felt in quiet work amongst those with whom she came in contact. We shall miss her cheery smile and our prayers are with her dear ones, all of whom are staunch supporters of our cause.

Mrs. Wells, Picton Union.

• It is with a feeling of great loss that we record the passing of Mrs. S. E. Wells, on March 22nd, 1947, who for years has been secretary of the Picton W.C.T.U.

Her faith and courage were a joy in our meeting and she was always at her post with a ready smile and her Scotch humour. Mrs. Wells was one of the best, and the Temperance cause has lost a cultured and efficient soul from its ranks of workers.

To Mr. Wells we express our sympathy in his great loss.

MEMORIAL DAY FOR JULY

For the benefit of the many Unions whose monthly meetings are held early in the month, and are therefore deprived of any assistance from our pages, in arranging for their programmes, we are making an effort to provide something of value in the preceding month's issue. The present number contains an article for "White Ribbon" Day in June, but some forty-four Unions' meetings will be over before it reaches them. Hence the necessity for earlier publication of relevant material. The shortage of staff at the printing office causes considerable delay in the appearance of the current numbers each month, and until this position is remedied (and may it be soon!) this column will be used to make suggestions for the meeting of the following month.

"Memorial Day" is a fruitful occasion for the building up of our hopes and ideals. After long striving towards a goal which almost seems to recede before our eyes, it is good to look backward along the road, and to see again those cheerful "Happy Warriors" of the past. The great names of T. E. Taylor, in whose memory this day was first set apart in our calendar, Dr. Bedford, L. M. Isitt, John Dawson, and the equally great ones of Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, Mrs. Don, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Agnes Slack-Sanders, and leading them all, that of our Founder, Miss Frances Willard, bring to our minds a brilliant, colourful pageant of glorious endeavour and great achievement.

And in our individual Unions there are many names to be remembered with love and thanksgiving. That long list read at Convention, and since added to, represents a vast volume of unrecorded service, and the many Unions who have suffered bereavement will not need to be prompted in regard to their Memorial Day observance. With so many in our minds, we can sing—

"O fuller, sweeter is that life,
And larger, ampler is the air;
Eye cannot see or hear conceive,
The glory there.

Nor know to what high purpose Thou
Dost yet employ their ripened powers,
Nor how, at Thy behest, they touch
This life of ours.

There are no tears within their eyes,
With love they keep perpetual tryst,
And praise and work and rest are one
With Thee, O Christ."

—W. C. Piggott.



EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

We are glad to note that the New Zealand Educational Institute has upheld the principle of equal pay for equal work, in a motion carried at a session held on May 14th. In no profession has the injustice of smaller remuneration for identical work been more marked than in the teaching ranks. It will be interesting to note progress.