

Bulletin of Union News

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maungakaramaea.—Sept. 17. President, Mrs. Weir, presided. Eight present. Devotions, Mesdames Way and Purdon. Pledge and roll call. President read suitable article for Franchise Day. Final arrangements made for N.A. District Conference. Benediction and afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—Sept. 9. Mrs. Long presided. Delegates appointed to the District Convention. Report of the N.C.W. meeting given by Mrs. Swan. Mrs. Kasper, District President, received a hearty welcome to the meeting and was presented with a beautiful box of flowers. She gave an interesting address on the women's challenge to the world, and told of some of the splendid work done by the W.C.T.U. women in America and Australia. Two new members.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—Sept. 18. Mrs. Kasper presided. Mrs. Parr spoke on "Faith." Miss Karmer gave most interesting address on India. Delegates to District Convention, Mesdames Biddle, Phillips, and Lediard. Solo by Mrs. Warburton. Health charts distributed. Afternoon tea. Silent vote of sympathy with relatives of late Mrs. Parker.

Leigh.—At Mrs. Gozar's; full attendance. Mrs. Gozar presided. Mrs. Yearbury gave the motto. Mrs. M. Torkington read "Liquor in the Home." Mrs. Yearbury read "Mental and Moral Rearmament." "South Carolina Again Dry" was read and discussed. Mrs. H. Torkington, delegate to District Convention. Mrs. H. Torkington, hostess.

Onehunga.—August 14. Pay-up Social. Local reports, business, and arrangements for District Convention in September. Solos by Miss Smith and Mrs. Montgomery, and interesting address by Rev. F. E. Leadley, Superintendent of Methodist Orphanages, on Orphanage work in Auckland.

Onehunga.—Sept. 11. Annual mothers' meeting arranged by Miss Caughley (C.R. Supt.). Mention of the passing of Mrs. Don. Solos by Mrs. Gibbin and Miss Caughley, who also gave an especially interesting and instructive travel talk about a holiday in Fiji and Tonga. Very successful meeting. Seven new members.

Sept. 24.—"Home Meeting" in Methodist Hall. Hostesses, Mrs. Fordyce, Junr., and Miss Caughley. Delightful elocutionary items and a W.C.T.U. competition. Address by Miss Webster, for many years a missionary in China. Two new members.

[Good work! Nine new members in one month.—Ed., "W.R."]

Otahuhu.—Sept. Mrs. Taylor presided. Devotions, Mrs. Vercoe. Major Liddy spoke on social work among men and boys. Much enjoyed by all.

Ponsonby.—Sept. 18. The President, Miss Read, presided, and announced final arrangements for the District Convention. Miss Read read a paper on "How the Women of New Zealand Won the Franchise." One new member received. Miss Woodcock gave a most interesting talk on her work among the Maori people, especially mentioning the Maori Girls' Hostel.

Takapuna.—Sept. Very poorly attended. Severe colds prevalent. Mrs. Winstone in chair and led devotions. Miss Read gave an interesting paper on "Women's Franchise." Delegates for District Convention chosen. Afternoon tea and benediction.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Hamilton.—Oct. 2. President in chair. Maori Day observed. President commented on the bravery, courtesy and self-sacrifice of the Maori, described by Lord Bledisloe as "the most intelligent and cultured of the Native races." Their degradation by the vices of the Europeans cannot be too deeply deplored. Sympathy expressed with our Maori member, Mrs. Whatu, on the death of her daughter. Report of District Convention by President; also report from N.C.W. representative, Mrs. G. Moore.

Opotiki.—Sept. 11. Arranged for Band of Hope for October. £1 to be sent to Seamen's Rest. Article read re space for liquor on boats. Suggestions for post-war reconstruction read, also article from "W.R." Afternoon tea, Mesdames J. Gordon and Sinclair. Sympathy to Mrs. Morice in the loss of her daughter.

Taumarunui.—Sept. 18. President, Mrs. Middleton. Devotions, temperance fact, pledge, text. Literature taken for distribution. Short

readings from "White Ribbon" and other papers. Mrs. Middleton told of some of her experiences in this town in connection with the drink evil. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Tauranga.—Oct. 8. Met at Mrs. Ferguson's. Wet day, small attendance. Arranged about the United Intercessory Service, the Fighting Forces Club-rooms, and the payment of another bundle of "Vanguards," also helping with the Band of Hope supper. Decided to send £1 to Headquarters Fund. A report on the Convention was read by Miss Gibbs. Bring and Buy. Afternoon tea.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—Sept. 25. Good attendance. C.R. afternoon. Mrs. Chapman Taylor and Mrs. Hooper spoke on training and feeding of children. Mrs. Murtagh, delegate to District Convention. Leaflet to be distributed by members at A. and P. Show. Musical and vocal solos. Two new members. Games and fruit and afternoon tea for mothers and children.

Napier.—Sept. 16. Mrs. Donnelly, Vice-President, was in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Goldsmith. Donations and gifts received to send to the Leper Island for Christmas. Mrs. Newnham, a missionary on furlough from India, spoke and was listened to with interest and appreciation.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

Hawera.—Sept. 30. President led devotions. Temperance facts. Franchise Day observed and collection for N.Z. Fund. Splendid address and photo shown by Adj. Houghton of S.A. Army Island Home for women victims of drink and drugs. Sad stories of its inmates were told. Afternoon tea. Reported six boys and girls sat for temperance exam. Miss Hill appointed C.R. Supt.

New Plymouth.—Sept. Pay-up social. Mrs. Ashworth presided. Temperance fact. Seamen's Rest report a large parcel of gifts for seamen from Wellington Unions, also 45 cretonne bags made and donated by N.P. Happiness Club. A social evening was held at the Rest, at which the bags, containing many useful articles, were presented to men on overseas ships, who thanked the donors heartily.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Wanganui.—Oct. 2. Mrs. Duxfield presided. Attendance 14. Devotions. Pledge. Maori report and hospital visiting. Maori Day efforts of Europeans to place the liquor traffic observed. Mrs. Sinclair read an article re the in the King Country and the opposition by the Maoris. Collection. District Convention report, Mrs. Glenn. Motion of sympathy: Mr. Don, Mrs. Wann, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Blake. Mrs. Duxfield congratulated on having been awarded Long Service Badge. Arrangements for "Social and Shop" afternoon on 23rd inst. Afternoon tea. Bring and Buy. Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Feilding.—Oct. 1. Mrs. Spence presided. Sympathy to be sent to Mrs. Brooks in hospital. Mrs. Wright gave an interesting account of a W.C.T.U. meeting she had attended in Napier. Mrs. Stewart gave report of Convention. One new member joined. Cradle Roll social to be held on October 23rd. Collection of 7/- to be sent to Maori Fund. Resolved to purchase at amount of literature.

Palmerston North.—Oct. 7. Miss Jamieson presided. Mrs. Eckersley, devotions. Temperance fact, Mrs. Hardisty. Three members initiated and welcomed. Report of District Convention, Mrs. Carter. Arrangements for Cradle Roll party. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Lower Hutt.—Sept. 24. Mrs. Swift led devotions and read a pamphlet on Fanny Crosbie, the blind singer and hymn writer, and the hymns sung during the afternoon were composed by her. Monthly thought was "God will go with us, but never for us." Mention was made of the passing of our oldest member, Mrs. Garlick, at the age of 92. Arrangements made for C.R. party, also for helping with supper at a big temperance rally on October 31. A letter of appreciation was read from one of the seamen who had received a gift from the Seamen's Rest. Mrs.

Sired gave a very interesting account of the beginnings of the W.C.T.U. in England, America and New Zealand and was heartily thanked. Hostesses, Mesdames Cooper and Crawford. Hymn. Benediction.

Wellington Central.—Sept. 17. Mrs. Israel presided and welcomed a Palmerston visitor and city ones. Mrs. Andrew read the inspiring article, "How We Won the Franchise." Each member was asked to bring something to sell in October. At each meeting Mrs. Davidson has a sales table for anyone who wishes to bring an article. Mrs. Tulloch sang very sweetly. Mrs. Israel gave an interesting report of the District Executive. Mrs. James and Mrs. Cullen were appointed delegates to the District Convention. Temperance fact. Following Dannevirke's example, a part of the meeting is now set aside for prayer on behalf of our Forces and those dear to them and our Empire. "Y" branch and Band of Hope reported on by Mrs. Sired.

Brooklyn.—Sept. 30. Mrs. Cracknell presided. District President welcomed. Devotions, Mrs. Raine. Report on hospital visiting. Temperance fact, Mrs. Dudley. Recitations by Mrs. Stimson and chorus singing. Mrs. Sired spoke on the beginning of the temperance movement here and abroad. Mrs. Gillings told how her mother had entertained Father Matthews in her home when he gave temperance addresses in County Tyrone. Report of District Convention by Mrs. Pearce. Benediction. Afternoon tea. Sales table.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Springlands.—Meeting at Mrs. E. Wells's. Social and Bring and Buy. Mrs. Underhill gave a review of the work of the pioneer women who won the franchise for us. Competition won by Mrs. R. Wells. Mesdames Underhill and Wells gave vocal solos. Sales table did good business.

Tua Marina.—Sept. At Mrs. Brock's. Mrs. S. Harris presided; 13 members present. Mrs. Robinson led devotions. Sympathy to Mesdames A. Wood and T. H. Carr in their respective bereavements. Final arrangements made for the District Convention to be held in Tua Marina on Sept. 23. This Union hostesses for the day. Doxology.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—Sept. 9. Good attendance. Devotions and Scripture reading. Miss Cooke welcomed after her illness. Delegates appointed to District Convention. Sympathy passed. Silent prayer in memory of Mrs. Don. Bring and Buy.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—Aug. 27. Miss C. Henderson presided. Thanks received for gifts of clothing sent to Nurse Maude Association and used literature to men's camp, L. Tekapo. Temperance extracts from other countries read by President.

Sept. 10.—Miss C. Henderson presided. Votes of sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. W. R. Don, Wicks, and Mr. M. J. Miller. Record of the late Mrs. Don written by our President and recorded in our minute book. Large parcels of literature sent to men's camp, L. Tekapo. Next meeting Franchise Day. Members asked to bring gifts of warm children's clothing for Lady Galway Guild.

North Brighton.—Sept. 16. Eight members present. Vice-President, Mrs. A. Noonan, presided. Devotions, Mrs. J. H. McIlraith. Mrs. Compton reported that a number of knitted comforts for soldiers had been passed on to patriotic organisations. Mental Hospital patients were visited by Mesdames Pepperell and Aston. Benediction.

New Brighton.—Sept. 4. Mrs. C. F. Scott presided. Good attendance. Reports on Band of Hope activities and mental hospital visiting. Sympathy with the Misses Adams in their bereavement. A Cradle Roll initiation service was presided over by Mrs. Lewis. Items by the children—Mavis and Dorothy Lewis, David Lingham, Jenny White and Audrey Dobson. Gifts were presented to the small artists. Three babies were initiated. A Bring and Buy was held; all proceeds are used to purchase gifts for mental hospital patients. Five new members were received. Hostesses, Mesdames Gadd and Scott.

Papanui.—Sept. 24. Mrs. Thornton presided. Temperance fact by Mrs. Tillman. Arrangements made for annual Cradle Roll meeting to be held in October. A report on Convention given by Mrs. Elliott.

Riccarton.—Sept. 11. Attendance 27. Motions of sympathy to Mesdames Watt and Gill. Invitation to St. Ninian's P.W.M.U. social afternoon accepted. Mrs. Rendell reported on E.P.S. work done in the district and asked