

Bulletin of Union News

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dargaville.—April. Annual C.R. Party, 40 children present and many parents and friends. Mrs. Roberts gave an address on "Peace." Appreciation of Mrs. Wordsworth's work as C.R. Supt. for 15 years, and of Mrs. Jolly as President, by presenting bouquets and sprays. Recitations, songs by children.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—April 14. Request from Missionary in Fiji for copies of "Alcohol, A Cell Poison," as Indian school teachers wanted to use it. Decided to send as soon as available. Interesting and instructive paper on "Social Hygiene," by Mrs. Holmes. One new member and one transfer.

Auckland.—May 12. Mrs. Long presided and presented each member with a white button-hole and a text in memory of Mother's Day. Help promised towards expenses for the supper for the soldiers at the Welcome Club. Major Gordon spoke on her experience of God's power to remould broken earthenware and gave wonderful instances in connection with her work of the saving and keeping power of God. One transfer.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—April 16. At Mrs. Lediard's. Devotions, choruses, pledge. Address on "Evils of Narcotics," by Miss Putney, and Mrs. Kasper spoke on same subject. Thanks to hostess and speakers.

Mt. Eden.—April 7. Mrs. Treacher welcomed back after months of illness. Sympathy to Mrs. Brocklehurst in loss of husband. Miss Pudney presided and suggested time of silent prayer for our nation. Arranged members to bring items of interest for Memorial Day meeting.

Otahuhu.—April 16. Eighteen present, one new member. Mrs. Taylor welcomed all. Devotions, Mrs. Vercoe. Address by Rev. Percy Cook on the evils of the liquor trade and facts given of present-day menace of the trade.

Onehunga.—April 9. Reports, business arrangements for Red Cross and E.P.S. activities. Regret expressed at Mrs. Fordyce's illness and decided to relieve her of treasurer's work until her recovery. Address by Mrs. Holmes on "Social and Moral Hygiene," a subject concerning everyone, affects everyone from pre-natal influences all through life and finally spiritual hygiene beyond.

Ponsonby.—April 16. Miss Read presided and led Devotions. Reply from Prime Minister to a letter re drinking among armed forces. Report on mass meeting of women in Auckland Town Hall and also one in Hamilton. Reported Maori Girls' Hostel Fund now is £227 17/-. Speaker, Miss C. M. McLay. Two new members.

AUCKLAND WEST.

Birkenhead.—May 7. Mrs. Luker presided; attendance 25. Devotions, Miss Karner; Scientific Fact, Mrs. Cullerne; speaker, Mrs. Moran, who gave very interesting talk on her work in India.

Leigh.—April 30. At Mrs. Goyar's, who presided. Letter from Mr. Harrison re "Bible in Schools," and from Mrs. A. E. Stacey. Readings by Mrs. H. Torkington, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. M. Torkington. At the annual meeting all officers were re-elected. The hostess for the afternoon was Mrs. H. Torkington.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—May 7. Mrs. Stephenson Craig presided. Mrs. Miller acted secretary. A new member welcomed. Discussion on results of mass meeting which are not yet finalised. Dissatisfaction with Government's lame effort re reduction in alcoholic content of beer. Extracts from Rev. Forde Carlisle's excellent address on "Our Fifth Columnist (Liquor)." "There is only one thing for the Fifth Columnist—death. There is only one thing for 'The Trade'—total extermination."

Tauranga.—May 5. Good attendance. Mrs. Christian in chair. Letter read from Seamen's Union. Solo, Miss Gibbs. Bouquet sent to oldest member, Mrs. Ferguson, with Union's love and best wishes. Peace Day, and an address delivered by Mrs. Christian, laying marked stress on the need for an open mind in all one's judgments. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Taumarunui.—April 16. Mrs. Duder presided. Literature distributed and a short inspiring talk by Mrs. Duder on the names "Women," "Christian," "Temperance," "Union."

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth.—April 30. Devotions, season of prayer, report of Seamen's Rest work, petition and plans of work; letters of sympathy.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Wanganui Central.—April. Sympathy with members bereaved, and Vice-Presidents absent through illness. Arrangements for C.R. afternoon left to Mrs. Griustead. Thanks from military camp and Home Guard for help given in collecting bottles. Agreed to repeat last year's sub. to N.Z. Fund and to purchase a dozen copies of new constitution. President spoke on need of faith in prayer.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—April. Mrs. Paul presided. Devotions, Mrs. Hickmott; Scientific Fact, Mrs. Turner. Discussion on W.R. paper. Donated £1 to N.Z. Fund. Very fine talk on "Health and Diet," by Mrs. Haggat; questions were answered and much interest shown. Decided to invite Napier Union to give programme at the next meeting. Shoulder spray presented to speaker and to Mrs. C. T. Russell, the oldest lady present.

Napier.—April 21. Mrs. Lewis presided, fair attendance. Devotions, Miss Grant; Scientific Fact and Anti-Gambling extract given by Superintendents. Treasurer reported £20/3/6 forwarded to Maori Hostel Fund, Auckland. Speaker, Rev. Werren, who spoke on present-day liquor advertisements and stressed fact, this is the flood tide when Christians should be up and doing in temperance work. No greater indictment against liquor traffic than daily newspaper with its tale of tragedy and vice. Grocers, butchers, do not have to urge customers to be moderate. The trade condemns itself. Speaker concluded by urging members to put full weight into and set aside a time at each meeting for prayer for the present campaign for Christian Order.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Palmerston North.—March 7. Miss Jamieson presided. Devotions. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Claridge. Arrangements for social afternoon at next meeting. Two new members received. Several bright choruses led by Mrs. Shearman. Miss Jamieson spoke on Dr. Frank Morris and the interviews he had had with some of Britain's leading statesmen. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Palmerston North.—May 5. Devotions, Miss Jamieson. Visitors welcomed. Sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Wilkinson. Items by Mesdames Lyon and Shearman. Welcome extended to Miss Elsie Andrews who gave a very instructive talk on the evils of the liquor traffic. Mrs. Wrigley expressed thanks. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Levin.—April 10. Mrs. Kennerley in the chair. Mrs. Finch, devotions. Pledge taken. Address by Adju Jones of the Salvation Army, giving many personal experiences with the drink traffic. A hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—April 28. Mrs. Brewer presided. Devotions, Mrs. Sawden. Correspondence. Thanks from Dist. President for loyal support at Rally; in reply to letters of sympathy, and from Bible-in-Schools League. Report of District Rally by Mrs. Sawden; letter from soldier in Egypt. Thanks to Mrs. Ledger for supplying Y.P. Supplement, and to Mrs. Simpson for donating and typing agendas. Remits were considered and approved. Mrs. Gibson Young's address on Bible-in-Schools League most instructive and helpful. Thanks to speaker.

Lower Hutt.—April 22. Good attendance. Members' afternoon. Pamphlets handed round for distribution. Reports of District Executive by Secretary. The following might be worth printing: For every 1d. spent on Missions 9/2 is spent on drink, 9/2 on the totalisator, 5/2 on tobacco, 2/1 on pictures and 2/- on chocolates. This makes one think how far we have to go before there can be a lasting peace.

Monthly thought:
"I will, the will of God that wars shall cease,
"I will, the will of God that men shall live in peace."

Prayer and Benediction.

Wellington.—April 2. Miss Kirk led an animated and interesting discussion on Sir Richard Acland's book, "Unser Kempf." Other members also gave their opinions of the principles set forth by the writer. Further studies have been arranged. Members invited to a social afternoon, the purpose of which is to help on our work on behalf of the officers and men sailing under the "Red Ensign." Other activities of the Union are designed to bring happy hours to children in hospital.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Lawrence.—Mrs. Garden, Otago District Organiser, visited Lawrence, addressed the P.W.M.U. and gained four new members. On Sunday she addressed the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools and was instrumental in starting a Band of Hope. She also succeeded in getting three members at Roxburgh to join up with the Lawrence Union. We tender to Mrs. Garden our deepest thanks for her visit and her enthusiasm.

N.E. Valley.—March 27. Sympathy expressed to relatives of Miss Nimmo, a staunch member. Miss Gray welcomed after a long period of sorrow and sickness. Speaker, Rev. Dunne, of Opohe Presbyterian Church. Remits discussed. Protest re wastage of foodstuffs in production of alcoholic drinks. The unsatisfactory nature of children's programme from 4ZB deprecated.

North East Valley.—April. Mrs. Peart presided; good attendance. Devotions by Mrs. Green. Several members welcomed after long absence through sickness and other causes. Remembering Anzac Day, Mrs. Peart said: "The best way to honour the dead is to pray for the living." Protest against suggested reforms of liquor trade by licensed victuallers. Members delivered 2,500 dodgers, "Death Rattle of Nations."

Oamaru.—April 13. Devotional period. Mrs. Garden to visit Oamaru, house meetings proposed. Dominion reports surveyed briefly. Log Cabin to be taken for Patriotic Appeal on May 12. Replies received for letters sent to Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Wilkinson, M.P.'s, for stand taken re drink evil. Major Rawcliffe, S.A., gave address, outline of Christian progress and betterment of social conditions during and since Victoriana. Benediction. Cup of tea.

South Dunedin.—April 23. Mrs. Williamson presided. Devotions, Mrs. Smith. Sympathy expressed for Mrs. Hinton on the death of her husband. Mrs. Edie, another member, has passed way, and also Warren Love, a seven-months member of Cradle Roll. Letters sent. Strong protest against proposed resolutions of Liquor Party to extend hours of sale, thus threatening a hardly won reform, six o'clock closing. Rev. E. L. Horwood gave inspiring address. Discussion on proposed Temperance Sunday, movement to get all Churches participating.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—May 7. Mrs. Girling presided. Devotions, Mrs. Forbes, sen. Petition on "A Call to Repentance" read by Mrs. Barley. Literature given to members for distribution. Decided to hold Women's Day of Prayer, May 29. Committee to invite all women's organisations to co-operate.

Springlands.—April 21. At the home of Mrs. Cunningham. Splendid attendance. Mrs. A. Gascoigne presided. Noted with appreciation Borough Council decided against screening talkies on Good Friday. The Union, being the means of bringing the matter forward, feel pleased? Discussion on the present state of affairs re Unkept Licensing Laws. Local Press correspondence on subject discussed; resolution passed to Dist. Exec. asking that Dominion Union further press for recognition of petition presented last year. No material improvement as yet! Very interesting paper read by Mrs. Cunningham on life and work of Irene Petrie, Missionary of Kashmir, India. Mrs. Underhill rendered two songs.

Tua Marina.—April 21. Eleven members present. Hymn and prayers. Sympathy to three members expressed by members standing in silence and prayer was offered on their behalf. Mrs. Borck congratulated on her position of Institute President. Birthday spray to Mrs. White. Cuttings from the local paper and "White Ribbon" re the drink problem were read.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—April 8. Miss C. Henderson presided. Members promised to attend diamond jubilee celebrations, Church processions, tea and concert, Tuesday, of the Enoch Church Band of Hope. Temperance Facts were read.