

Bulletin of Union News

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Birkenhead.—June 4th. Mrs. Luker presided. Devotions, Miss Karner. Temperance Fact, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Douglas, Notable Day Supt., gave a short talk on the life of Mrs. Don. Address by Miss McKenzie.

Henderson.—May 20. Mrs. Chadwick presided. Interesting address by Mrs. Kasper. Two new members enrolled.

Kohi-St. Heliers.—May 25th, 1942. At Mrs. L. Eady's home. Mrs. Kasper presided; Miss McLay gave an address on "How God Does His Work." Rev. Farr thanked the speaker. Report of the "Liquor Control Council" was given. Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Eady in the loss of her dear sister. Thanks to hostess. Benediction.

Mt. Eden.—March 17. Social afternoon. Songs, recitations and temperance facts given. Mrs. Kasper spoke of women's effort to control Liquor Trade. Miss McLay's subject was Home Guard, Examples of women in Bible Story, and how necessary to plant God's word in a child's heart.

Mt. Eden.—June 2. Devotions. Sympathy with Mrs. Turvey in loss of her husband. Miss Pudney spoke of a visit to Wellington and of samples of literature from headquarters. Decided to get Purity literature for mothers and enclose with birthday cards. Mrs. Brocklehurst spoke of a visit to Wairoa Union, Miss McLay read item of interest from Union Signal.

Onehunga.—May 14th. Annual Cradle Roll Party, good attendance; thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

May 27th. Home meeting at Mrs. Pearce's, well-arranged programme, devotional period, choruses, temperance information and competition. Address about the Solomon Islands by Mrs. Anderson, a returned Missionary, who described the Islands and their inhabitants, climate and general conditions of living, the animals and plant life, diseases, marriage customs, etc. Satisfaction was expressed that many books of the Bible are now translated into the native language. Sincere thanks to hostess and speaker.

Otahuhu.—May 21. 17 present. Decided to send 10/- to Dominion Fund. Mr. Falkner gave a very interesting and profitable address.

Ponsonby.—May 21: Miss Read presided. C.R. Party with good gathering of mothers and children, afternoon tea, gifts of lollies and paper hat to each child. Rev. A. E. Waite spoke on "Women and the Christian Church." Solos by Mrs. J. Roberts.

Takapuna.—Small attendance at April and May meetings but the faithful few carried on, the usual hymns, devotions and readings. The temperance fact given by Miss Read was: "Killing a cold with whisky often means killing a patient with pneumonia." The prevalence of influenza has affected our meetings. We hope it will now be over.

Warkworth.—April. Patriotic afternoon. Home meeting. Address, by Rev. Reilly. Elocutionary Items. Bring and Buy Stall. £2/4/3 handed in to Patriotic.

May.—Papier Mache Splints commenced for Red Cross. Devotions. Scientific Fact. 5/- donated to N.Z. Fund. Wreath placed on Cenotaph on Anzac Day. Prayer for Peace, 3 o'clock. W.R. Day next meeting.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Hamilton.—June 4. Mrs. Gatman presided, good attendance, though weather wintry. Special intercessory prayers. White Ribbon Day special in recognition of 47th anniversary of first issue. Report from delegate to N.C.W. Heavy stockings for seamen spun from natural wool and knitted by a member, Mrs. Burgess; exhibited and admired before being dispatched to Sailors' Rests.

Taurarunui.—May 21. Mrs. Duder presided and led devotions. A short reading, "Let the Glory Out." Letter from Miss Henderson in reply to Press reports of Maoris obtaining liquor from Breweries. A most inspiring paper, "A Life Lived Abundantly," was read.

Tauranga.—Good attendance. Mrs. Christian in chair. Meeting opened with prayer and responses. Apologies were sent by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bryan. It was arranged we take the patriotic shop on the 19th. Arrangements were made for Mrs. Kasper's proposed visit on 14th. A report was given on the Band of

Hope meeting. Afternoon tea was dispensed and a bring-and-buy held. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

TARANAKI DISTRICT.

Hawera.—April and May. Fair attendance. Talks by Mrs. Thayer on "Helen Keller and Maude Royden." Miss Hill gave experiences on temperance work and war work in Wanganui and Palmerston. Mrs. Hurrell led devotions. Bring-and-buy, 18/3. Letters re sugar rationing and proposed alterations to licensing laws read.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Wanganui.—May. Peace Day meeting. Devotions, Mrs. Grunstead. "David as a Man of War." Reports on Poppy Day collecting and Cradle Roll afternoon. Thanks received for subs. to War Victims Relief, and to Home Guard effort. Congratulations to Foundation member on her 80th birthday and to another on her 90th birthday. 1 new member. Peace Day address by Mrs. Williams, on Evacuation from Port Moresby, her late home.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—May 25th. Mrs. Brewer presided. Devotions, Mrs. Raine. Votes of sympathy to relatives of late Messrs Israel and Denton. Tribute paid to the life and work of these two stalwarts of temperance. Report of district executive meeting. Temperance fact by Mrs. Dudley. Study and discussion on Convention Number of W.R. Sigil prayer. Afternoon tea provided by Baptist ladies.

Lower Hutt.—May 27th. Mrs. Swift presided and led devotions; small attendance (bad weather and sickness). Sympathy to Mrs. Spencer in an accident, and to Mrs. Barber in the loss of her husband. Mrs. Heyes read two articles on "Peace." The monthly thought was:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace give I unto you, not as the world giveth; give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Report of recent rally. Benediction.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—May 12th. Mrs. Toomer presided, good attendance. Temperance Fact, Prayer Sigil repeated, White Ribbons sold. Very successful Jumble Sale held. Arrangements to hold Young People's Social. Bring and Buy and Copper Trail. A very helpful address was given by Rev. Hay. Birthday posies presented. 2 new members.

Richmond.—April 21. Miss Tarrant presided. Pledge, Temperance Fact. Roll call responded to with favourite quotations. More interest has been taken in our meetings of late by visitors. Sigil.

May 19. President welcomed visitors. Mrs. Cropp read an original paper, one written many years ago on "True Womanhood," the kernel of the matter being that God never meant woman to be a slave but a true helpmeet to her husband. Miss Dyson supplemented this paper by another entitled "Help Cometh." Sigil prayer.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Blenheim.—June 2nd. Mrs. Girling presided, 16 members. Inspiring devotional talk by Mrs. L. Lindsay. Monthly women's day of prayer on June 30th; £3 extra to be sent to H.O.'s fund. Interesting extracts read from W.R. journal. Decided that £2 be sent to the W.R. with a letter of congratulation to editors, business manager, on the excellent standard of the paper. Collection, 11/7. Afternoon tea and Benediction.

Springlands.—May 19. At home of President, Mrs. V. Underhill, who presided over good attendance. Mrs. E. Leslie led devotions. White Ribbon Day meeting arranged, members to read from the White Ribbon. President referred to the Women's Mass meeting in Auckland. Mrs. P. Stephens gave splendid readings from various journals. Thanks to Mrs. Stephens.

Tua Marina.—May 19. At the home of the President. Devotions led by Mrs. Robinson. Prayers by members. 5/- donated to N.Z. Fund. Apologies from 6 members (sickness). Sympathy to Mrs. Burroughs, who has lost another brother. Mrs. McRae read an interesting article on how Madame Chiang Kai Shek became a Christian. Hymn, Benediction.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—May 13th. Miss C. Henderson presided. Sympathy to relatives of Mrs. Cooper. Thanks for sympathy from Mrs. J.

Richards and relatives of Mrs. Landery. Big parcel of used clothing sent to Maori Mission, scarves and balaclavas sent to Patriotic Fund. Copies of "Vanguard" and "Death Rattle of Nations" taken by members to distribute. Reports given of Knox Church Band of Hope diamond jubilee celebrations. Extracts of progressive temperance work in other countries.

May 27th. Miss C. Henderson presided. Mrs. Neutze gave a report of 16th North Brighton birthday social. Report of visit to mental hospital and of public meeting convened by our mayoress re sending Xmas parcels to soldiers. Decided to make our own effort to raise necessary funds.

Litwood.—May 26. Mrs. Mackie presided. Long Service badge presented to Mrs. Anstice. Mrs. Turner appointed Peace Supt. Reports on Home Meeting at Mrs. Wealleans', on W.R. and Band of Hope, by Supts. Band of Hope children entertained at home of President. Donation forwarded to N.Z. Fund. Sympathy with Mrs. Wright in loss of her son on Active Service.

New Brighton.—May. Good attendance, Mrs. R. Flower presided. Devotions, Temperance Fact. Invitations received from North Beach and Woolston Unions to birthday socials. Sympathy to Miss B. Harband. Arrangements made for our birthday social. Peace Day. Mrs. L. M. Mitchell read an address delivered by Mr. F. N. Christian. Band of Hope work discussed, also reports on mental hospital visiting.

North Brighton.—May 19. 16th Birthday celebrated. Devotions led by Mrs. J. H. McLraith. Large representation of sister branches present. Mrs. Grigg, Vice-President of District, gave an interesting and instructive address on the Maori race. A fine musical programme by the following artists:—Vocal Solos, Mesdames Weatherhead and Filer; Reading by Mrs. Davies; Vocal Duet, Mesdames Weatherhead and Filer; Violin Solos, Rev. Alan Carr; Organ Solos, Mr. Grigg; Sacred Solo, with violin obligato, Mrs. D. Goldman and Rev. Alan Carr; Accompanists, Mrs. D. Goldman and Mr. Grigg. Meeting presided over by the President, Mrs. D. Goldman. Afternoon tea.

Oxford.—May 20. President in the chair. Resolution expressing sympathy with Mrs. Squire in the loss of her mother. Helpful address, based on the 72nd Psalm, given by Rev. G. Hall. Members took part in intercessory prayer for World Peace. Sacred solo, Mrs. H. Dalley. The President, on behalf of the W.C.T.U., presented the Secretary, Mrs. Allen, with a small gift in token of their good wishes for her future happiness.

Reefton.—May 12th. Mrs. Thompson presided. Members each read interesting pieces out of "White Ribbon" paper. Re Miss Andrews' visit, decided to fall in with arrangements made by Greymouth Union. For N.Z. Fund, 10/- thanks offering for convention. Mrs. Norwell closed with prayer.

Sefton.—Resume March, April and May meetings. Papers on the Life and Work of Francis Willard. Visitors at April meeting. Social afternoon, with music and competitions. Joint meeting with the Plunket Sub Branch, at which Miss Elsie Andrews, Dominion Organiser spoke. Rose pips collected by members and made into syrup and given to local Plunket Nurse.

Spreydon.—May. Mrs. Gemmill, V.P., in the chair. Devotions, Mrs. Dennis; Temperance Fact, Mrs. Murray; district report, by Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Sim reported new "W.R." subscribers. Mesdames Bilcliff and MacKenzie, hostesses. Benediction.

Sydenham.—June 4. Mrs. Puddle presided. Duet by Mesdames Weatherhead and Filer. Talk by Miss Elsie Andrews on the evils of consumption of alcohol, the drug which numbs the brain cells, causing lower efficiency in the militia and the nation, unhappiness in the home, and a great drain on the Government revenue due to accidents, crimes and mental disease. Miss Andrews was heartily applauded for her forceful and educational talk.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Rakaia.—April. Mrs. S. Wilson presided. Pledge, Temperance Fact. Readings by President and Mrs. Hopwood.

May 14.—President presided. Devotions, Mrs. Spillitt. Sympathy with sick members. Bring and Buy and Pay Up Social next month. Peace address by Mrs. Spillitt.