

Bulletin of Union News

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Mangakarama.—June 17th, White Ribbon Day, each member present read something of interest from "White Ribbon." Our meeting pleased to hear of remit to Farmers' Union Conference re liquor restrictions. Members looking forward to joining in convention at Auckland.

Pukehuia.—Still holding meetings regularly, even when only two are able to be present. Four have attended the last two meetings and one has promised to become a member. The W.R. is always a great help in our meetings, and in June the special W.R. article for the day was read and helpfully discussed. Some literature is being distributed.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—June 11th. Annual Pay Up Social. Very enjoyable programme of songs and recitations and a competition. One pleasant duty was the presentation of a long service badge for 25 years' service to M's. Long, our president. She joined the Auckland Union in 1917 and Miss Dewar, who asked her to join, was present and had the honour of presenting the badge, which was accompanied with a spray of flowers. White Ribbon Day observed; 10/- donated W.R. fund. Two dozen copies of the April number of W.R. were given to the ladies and they were asked to send the copy to a soldier.

Auckland.—Evening, June 22nd. At Mrs. McLay's, Miss Appleby presided. Devotions, Miss McLay pledge, address by Mrs. Kasper on "Three things to help our organization: 1. Personal Service; 2. Financially, if possible; 3. Prayer." Financial statement given by Miss Appleby. Vote of thanks passed to hostess and speaker.

Epsom.—June 18, at Mrs. Worsley's. Mrs. Neal presided. Miss McLay led devotions, also gave an inspiring address on phases of our work, and incidents in the lives of some of our world's officers. Balance-sheet satisfactory; letter of thanks from Mrs. Norrie, Timaru; sympathy with Mrs. Carr in her increasing weakness, and with the editor of the "White Ribbon" in her accident; Mrs. McMahon delighted us with two solos; one new member. Next meeting to be held in Green Lane, where most of our members now reside. Votes of thanks.

Kohi-St. Helier's.—June 17. Devotions, Mrs. L. Eady. Mrs. Kasper presided and gave the fact; W.R. Day observed. Mrs. Hodge gave an address on the aims and objects of the N.C.W., stating that a great deal of immorality was due to drink. Thanks for useful and interesting address.

Onehunga.—June 11. W.R. Day; Mrs. For-dyce and Mrs. Perrett improving in health, and both present. After various reports and much business had been transacted, Mrs. Ashby (W.R. Supt.) took charge of the meeting, reading passages from the May issue of our paper, and an article from a church paper, written by Miss Campbell.

Ponsonby.—June 18. Miss Read presided. Devotions, Mrs. Read. Thanks to Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for his article in "Methodist Times" re conditions in Honolulu. Report of District Executive by Miss Read. Mrs. Mountjoy gave interesting talk on first aid; 2 new members. Reported that Maori Hostel Fund now is £253.

Birkenhead.—June 30th. Weather inclement, 10 present. Mrs. Luker presided and led devotions. Temperance Fact. Mrs. Chappell read a paper on Social Hygiene, written by Mrs. Holmes. Interesting extracts read from W.R. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lewis hostesses.

Otahuhu.—June 18th; 14 members present. Mrs. Metcalfe, the supervisor for the Auckland Branch of the Society for Protection of Women and Children, gave a most interesting address, dealing largely on the child labour problem, especially on farms, in these difficult days. A very interesting time was spent at the meeting.

Remuera.—June 23rd. Mrs. Robinson presided. Devotions by the vice-president. Members repeated the pledge. The Temperance fact

was as follows: It is only lately we have begun to regard alcohol in its true light as a drug and not as a food (Sir Spencer Wells M.D.). White Ribbon Day observed by members reading extracts from various White Ribbon papers.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Cambridge.—Social in honour of Mrs. Martin, for many years the union's loyal and faithful president. Good attendance and a fine programme. Mrs. Ryan, new president, presented Mrs. Martin with a bouquet and pair of slippers, and Ina Holmes presented her with a shoulder spray. Afternoon tea. Hymn, "God be with you."

Te Awamutu.—May 21st. Meeting preceded as usual by prayer session for our soldiers and empire. Mrs. Alexander presided. Devotions, Mrs. McDonald. Address on liquor question by Mrs. Patterson, of Timaru. Speaker urged unions to enlist support of churches in wholehearted and determined effort to rid country of drink traffic. Solos by Mrs. Cruickshank and Mrs. Patterson.

Te Awamutu.—June 18th. President in chair. Short prayer session for fighting forces. Sympathetic reference to the passing of Mrs. H. Fear, one of our members; also to the death of Mr. B. McGeachie, an old friend and strong advocate of the W.C.T.U. movement. Devotions, Mrs. Carlisle. Mrs. Poolman gave a talk on motto of W.C.T.U. Copies of leaflet "Death Rattle of Nations" handed round for redistribution. Benediction. Afternoon tea.

Taumarunui.—June 18. President, Mrs. Duder. Devotional reading, our duty to others. White Ribbon Day reading and collection. Paper, "Pioneer Women."

Tauranga.—Good attendance, Mrs. Christian presiding. Hymn and prayer. Our day at the patriotic shop brought in £27/10/-. Coming convention to be in Auckland. Invited to Mrs. Exley's for next meeting. Miss Gibbs Temperance Fact. Bring and buy held. Afternoon tea, Benediction.

HAWE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Napier.—June 17th. Mrs. Lewis presided, fair attendance. Devotions, Mrs. Donnelly. Mrs. Gwynne read article from W.R. Sister Kerr, Presbyterian Deaconess, was accorded a vote of thanks for a very encouraging address on "The power to see it through."

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Levin.—June 12th. Mrs. Kennerley presided. Mrs. Finch devotions, several members taking part in short prayers; pledge taken; scientific fact given by Mrs. Neal; W.R. Day; roll call answered with extracts from W.R. Pres. read an article specially written for W.R. Day. Afternoon tea; Benediction.

Palmerston North.—June 2. White Ribbon Day celebrated. Devotions, Mrs. Wrigley; Temperance Fact, Mrs. Boniface; Mrs. Carter gave a short history of the White Ribbon paper. Mrs. J. O. Boniface read an extract from the paper. Mrs. Claridge read financial statement. Items by Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Niven and Mrs. O'Connor. Afternoon tea; Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Wanganui Central.—June. Devotions, Mrs. Ogg; 16 present, 1 visitor; 2 new members, 1 rejoined. Sympathy expressed with the relatives of late Mrs. Hussey and of Miss Pamela Fell. Decided to send £2 to headquarters and N.Z. Funds, and £3 to Organiser's Fund; also to give £4 to keep a leper child for a year, as Good Citizenship work. Receipt for 10/- to Friends' War Victims. Pleasant ceremony of pencil given by Mrs. Don to Mrs. Upton, former pres., transferred to treasurer, Mrs. Chelley. White Ribbon Day kept by reading extracts, as requested.

Wanganui East.—June 11. Devotions, Mrs. Young. Mrs. Day occupied the chair. Mrs. Bloor, cor. sec., read a letter from the Prime Minister re Waiouru Military Camp, and the wet canteen. Next month Memorial Day to be celebrated by a social afternoon. It being White Ribbon Day, a collection was taken, also two new members were initiated. A donation was received from Mrs. Ashmore. Afternoon tea served by two members.

Wanganui Central.—July; 16 present; devotions, Mrs. Gorrery; Fact, Mrs. Paul; details of examination papers for B. of Hope members and sympathisers; report bring and buy table, £17/7/1 for half-year; Good Citizenship; Maori work; G.G. Superintendent; social afternoon in August; Mrs. Goodey spoke on a home of memory, the lasting effect of home lessons upon children.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Lower Hutt.—June 24th. Meeting opened with the Doxology to praise God for answers to prayer in connection with liquor restrictions. Mrs. Swift devotions; £1 was voted for N.Z. Fund and 10/- for W.R. Fund; carried that 100 Y.P. supplements be purchased to enclose with Cradle Roll Birthday Cards. Monthly thought, Lo I am with you always. Several members' names have been sent in for entertaining sons of American members in their homes. Greetings were read from the Rangiora Union; reports of District Executive; address by Mrs. Grigg on the White Ribbon much appreciated.

Brooklyn.—June 30th. Mrs. Sawden presided. Devotions by Mrs. Raine; papers were read by Mesdames White, Pearce, and Dudley; Scientific Fact given. Report of District Executive by Mrs. Brewer, and of hospital visiting by Mrs. Pearson; letter to Mrs. Roberts, one of our foundation members; also letters of condolence on earthquake losses to Masterton and Carterton unions. Donation 10/- to W.R. Fund. Sales Table, Mrs. Pearson.

Masterton.—May 7th. Feeling reference was made to the loss the union had sustained in the passing away of Mrs. Murray Jackson, a faithful member for 30 years, at one time corresponding secretary. Members stood as a mark of respect. Literature handed out for distribution. Members to assist C.R. Supt. to increase numbers on roll; Mrs. Morice and Miss Tankersley to represent union on committee of Red Cross sub-centre; Miss Jackson reported on Temp. Rally held in Wellington. Roll call answered by passage of Scripture. Vigil, Doxology, Benediction.

Masterton, June 4.—Devotions; Temperance Fact reading, Mrs. Speight. Reported resolution re liquor restrictions passed at meeting of women's organisations and that those present pledged themselves to abstain for duration of war. Sympathy with bereaved members; 11 new names for C.R. Papers to be sent to local camps.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Springlands.—June 16th. White Ribbon Day and 7th birthday; meeting held at home of Mrs. A. M. Gascaigne. Good attendance. Members contributed readings from the "White Ribbon" and other journals, while personal experiences of kindness and consideration while travelling were given by one member. Afternoon tea dispensed.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—June 9. White Ribbon Day; very good attendance. Mrs. Toomer led devotions, members taking part; extracts from "White Ribbon" read. Good attendance at the youth rally. A very successful social given to mothers of soldiers; sympathy passed; solo by Mrs. Holder; birthday sprays presented; one new member.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—June 10th. Miss C. Henderson presided. Letters of sympathy Miss Whyte in hospital and Mrs. Peryman after accident. Decided to have collections at our meetings of Soldiers' Xmas Parcel Fund. Members read extracts from daily papers of doings of liquor traffic; members to read extracts from "White Ribbon" at our next meeting.

June 24th, White Ribbon Day. Reports read by Mrs. Adkins of remits from N.C.W. meeting here; members read interesting extracts from our "White Ribbon," to which fine tributes were paid. Reminiscences of Mesdames Newton, Field and Miss Roberts at our next meeting.

Lyttelton-Heathcote.—June; at Heathcote; good attendance; Mrs. Coyle presided. Reported that Band of Hope started again for the year; attendance 30. A very successful youth meeting had been held. Mrs. Tredinnick gave a most interesting address on John and Betty Stam, two young missionaries who had suffered martyrdom. Where possible work is done for sailors and soldiers in Lyttelton.