

Lyttelton-Heathcote.—Met at Lyttelton; good attendance; 10/- voted to Welcome Club tea. Mrs. Tredennick gave most interesting talk on a book called "Modern Miracles," the life of Mrs. Wittamore. Members had distributed "The Death Rattle of the Nations." Captain Costar, Salvation Army, was asked to speak at the Youth meeting on the following Sunday. At this meeting 16 present. An excellent meeting followed by tea.

New Brighton.—Oct. 1st. Mrs. Flower presided, good attendance. Devotions, Mrs. H. M. Hall; Scripture Fact, Mrs. Edmunds. Reported that about 50 children attended the re-opening of the Band of Hope. Mr. H. Fraser presented the 20 years' service badge to Miss Harband, who suitably replied. Mesdames Inns and Edmunds gave splendid reports on District Conventions and received a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. McLeod reported on mental hospital visiting.

Oxford.—Oct. 21st. President in the chair. Temperance Fact. Roll call, members responding with quotations relevant to the Christiana Order Campaign. Satisfaction expressed at the fact that women are now entitled to serve as jurors, a right for which the W.C.T.U. had long been asking. Miss Waterman, our delegate, gave a most interesting report of Provincial Convention. Collection taken up in aid of Maori work.

Papanui.—Oct. Mrs. Thornton presided. Good attendance; Mrs. Hampton, Temperance Fact; Mrs. Hodder gave a splendid report of the recent Convention. One new member welcomed. A collection for Maori work. Afternoon tea served.

Reefton.—Oct. 13th. Mrs. Absalom presided. Report read by Mrs. Switzer, Reefton delegate to Convention. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs. Switzer. A letter of sympathy to Mrs. Willis. "Maori Day" to be observed at Nov. meeting.

Riccarton.—Oct. 8th. Good attendance. Visitors welcomed. Report Welcome Club tea a success. Band of Hope report by Mrs. Barrell, who stressed the necessity of forming a Y group or reading circle. Mental hospital report by Mrs. Gainsford. Invitation to St. James' Mothers' Union meeting on Nov. 5th accepted. Cradle Roll Day arranged for Nov. 3rd. Next meeting Maori Day and an appeal made for old clothes for Maori Missions. Report of District Convention given by Mrs. B. J. James. Literature distributed.

Spreydon.—Oct. 13. Mrs. Ancall presided and led devotions. Good attendance to listen to the Provincial Report by Mrs. Paul Murray, very ably presented. Much good work has been accomplished by the various unions, although "there is still much land to be possessed." The leaflet on "National Purity" was handed out to members to distribute in their several streets. Collection for gifts for mental hospital patients. Mrs. Olds and Miss Gibson hostesses. Benediction.

Sydenham.—Oct.: Maori Day, Mrs. Puddle presiding. Mrs. Gordon L. Taylor gave educational paper on the influence of the pakeha on the Maori, instancing the evils of past lack of education and the liquor trade and our obligation to our sister race. Mrs. Woodward presented the report of District Convention. Members were reminded of the Cradle Roll day on November 5.

Nov. 5: Many mothers and children attended the Cradle Roll afternoon. Mrs. E. Nicholls gave a talk and a number of children entertained with items. A new member was initiated. Mrs. Filer was thanked for the arranging of a very enjoyable afternoon. The executive met to arrange nominations for the election of officers next month.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru.—Sept. Franchise Day. Mrs. Cave presided. Devotions, Miss Smith; Temperance Fact; pledge reaffirmed. Expressions of sympathy to several members and letters of cheer were written to Mrs. Norrie and Miss Fyfe, who were indisposed. Decided to postpone cradle roll picnic till a later date; also to have kitchen of the Sailors' Rest papered and painted and so complete the necessary

renovations. Mr. F. McDonald's subject was "John Bright." He was thanked for his address which was enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea; Benediction.

Timaru.—Oct. Miss Fyfe presided, Mrs. Holdgate read an article on prayer. Temperance Fact. Sympathy with members who had suffered bereavement and letters of cheer to be written to members who are ill. Mrs. Woodward reported that hospitality had been given at the Sailors' Rest for a month to a young sailor on leaving hospital, to a boy and to two soldiers. If sailors were few these days beds and hospitality had been given to soldiers stranded in Timaru. Votes of thanks for donation passed to several local firms and to three W.C.T. Unions for parcels of comforts, etc., for the seamen. Literature from headquarters is to be distributed at the local camps. Miss Stevenson read her report of the recent District Convention and was congratulated. Afternoon tea; Benediction.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

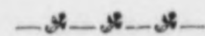
N.E. Valley.—Oct. 22. Mrs. Peart in chair. Maori Day observed. Sister Marion, a worker among Maoris, gave interesting incidents and stated that the drink evil was greatest hindrance to missionary endeavour. Collection for Maori Fund. Mrs. Bruce and Miss Gibbs reported on District Convention.

Owaka.—Oct. Mrs. Wright presided and led devotions, and gave an interesting report of District Convention. She also read the remits and told how they were dealt with. Decided that our Union take the "Vanguard" for a year. Also to make the Nov. meeting a social afternoon if a local speaker could be procured. Hymn, Prayer and Benediction.

South Dunedin.—Oct. 22. Mrs. Williamson presided. Mrs. Pelling took opening service. Correspondence from St. John Ambulance and Mrs. Pirett. Cradle Roll party will be held if funds allow. Mrs. Powell gave brief summary of events, resolutions, etc., at Oamaru District Conference. Sympathy expressed with members suffering loss of near relations who had served in war. Mrs. Donaldson gave report of Bible-in-Schools meeting. Collection; Benediction. Good attendance. Happy meeting.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill South.—Oct. 13. Good attendance. Miss McCallum presided. Social afternoon members from the North and Central Unions present. Pledge repeated. Devotions by Mrs. Holmes. Solos by Mrs. Aitchison and Miss Simon. Arrangements made for the district annual meeting on Nov. 18th and Bring and Buy for the prisoners of war fund on Nov. 20th. Rev. C. J. Tocker gave a fine, uplifting and inspiring address on the "New Christian Order," showing how the failure of faith was the cause of the chaos and misery of this and other lands at the present time. Hearty vote of thanks to speaker and soloists. Afternoon tea. Prayer and National Anthem.



TRY A HAKA.

Commenting on the raised price and lower alcohol content of New Zealand beer recently the Bishop of Aotearoa, Bishop Bennett, pointed out that Maori warriors fought without beer, stirred themselves up for battle not with alcohol, but by dancing and intoning the haka. He advised that if the white man did the haka before going into battle he would not need beer to build morale. These remarks were made shortly after a member of Parliament alleged that thinner beer would lower soldiers' pre-battle vim.

—Taken from "Contact," July, 1942. Page 10. Passing Panorama, a bulletin of interesting facts about aviation in this war and the last, and topical items that do not appear in the daily papers.

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