

Remarkable Service to Community

By Frances North

Mrs S. J. Kirk

Mrs S. J. Kirk, of Wellington, and mother of the late Miss C. E. Kirk, in addition to her Church work, was intensely concerned with the welfare of women and girls in the community. She served for many years on a Committee of the Ladies' Christian Association (quite distinct from the Y.W.C.A.), whose members used to welcome immigrant girls brought out by the Government for domestic service, and to assist them in every possible way. The Association also did visitation work amongst the poor and needy, distributing gifts of food and clothing.

Mrs. Kirk was President of the Wellington W.C.T.U. for 11 years, and during her term of office organised classes for factory girls, teaching them to read and write and to sew and cook.

Her three daughters rendered remarkable service to the community.

Miss Amy Kirk

Miss Kirk was a teacher and a Sunday School teacher for thirty years, and in addition was local secretary of the W.C.T.U. She was appointed visitor to the Wellington Hospital by the Wellington Hospital Charitable Aid Board and continued this service for thirty years.

Mrs A. K. Atkinson

Mrs Atkinson, mother of Miss Janet Atkinson of Wadestown, rendered outstanding service to the W.C.T.U., commencing with the Y branches before she was married. She was Wellington President and was Dominion President for a period of 12 years up to 1906. A noted public speaker, with a good sense of humour, she toured New Zealand, speaking for the N.Z. Alliance, of which she was a Dominion President. Her leadership was also shown in the Presidency of the Wellington Pioneer Club, National Council of Women, and N.Z. Community Welfare Association. Mrs Atkinson was also a foundation committee member of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children.

Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

Miss Kirk's teaching career took her into country schools and finally to the staff of the Otaki Maori College. After 1921 she devoted herself to social work, and was an executive officer of the Society for Protection of Women and Children for 20 years, specialising in Court work and helping to save girls from undue publicity when before the court.

Miss Kirk served as local and Dominion President of the W.C.T.U. and was the N.Z. Recording Secretary for 20 years. She was the second woman to be sworn in as a J.P. in Wellington (1926), and in 1935 received the "King George V Jubilee Medal." She was the foundation President of the Wellington Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary, and also held office as a local and a New Zealand President of the National Council of Women.

This record of noble achievement presents only a very brief survey of the lives of Mrs S. J. Kirk and her three honoured daughters.

ABSTINENCE LITERARY CAMPAIGN

Mr H. Grocott, Hon. Sec., 31 Athens St., Wellington, advises that 10 sets of 10 leaflets per set may now be purchased for 5/-, that is, 100 leaflets comprising 10 each of 10 different sorts. With the increase in demand the cost will be further reduced.

—Ed.

Austrian Refugee Children's Villages

W.C.T.U. Appeal for Gift Parcels

Dear W.C.T. Unions,

At Nelson Convention this year an appeal was made to our Unions to send Christmas parcels again to the Austrian Refugee Children's Villages. There are now four such villages, and apart from feeding and clothing the children, the promoters of this most humane enterprise have nothing over with which to provide presents for them at the Christmas season. For the past two years Unions have sent a number of parcels, and maybe this year boys and girls as well as members would like to have a share in bringing happiness to these children.

Gifts must be small and light in weight. The Austrian W.C.T.U. President receives and delivers the parcels to the village matrons, and last year the gifts were shared with Hungarian child refugees. W.C.T.U. districts could help by collecting gifts in from their Unions and despatching the goods in one parcel, or if they so wish, the individual Unions can send them separately.

The parcels should be posted by the **second week in October**, and **parcel rates are as follows:**

3 lbs, 7/6; 7 lbs., 10/-; 11 lbs., 13/6; 22 lbs., 23/6.

The Austrian President's address:

Miss Hedwig Meissner,

Brehergasse 6,

Vienna XIX/117, Austria.

In filling in the P.O. form state that the parcel of gifts is for Austrian Refugee Children.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

Verna J. Jackson.

63 Cole St., Masterton.

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