

UNION NEWS

Auckland District Executive, May. Commenced with a prayer session, 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m., with Mrs Sherman presiding. Half hour talks were given by Miss C. McLay, Mrs Anstice, Mrs Eccersall and Miss Campbell. At the afternoon business meeting, Mrs W. Clarke, former Secretary, was warmly welcomed back after a long period of illness, Mrs A. T. Richards was present.

Members stood as a mark of esteem and respect to the late Sir W. Jordan and Mr C. W. Lopdell, stalwarts of the Temperance cause. It was decided to unite with the Wayside Mission for the Annual Mothers' Day service and Mrs Richards to be speaker. Mrs C. Blackburn appointed acting treasurer, replacing Mrs Knauf, who has resigned owing to ill-health. N.C.W. report given by Mrs Mountjoy. W.C.T.U. members to assist with Cake Stall at the N.C.W.'s "Super Market" in Town Hall, July 31st. Members also to assist with morning and afternoon teas at Alliance "Workshop". Interesting news given of a member, Miss Fanaafi Ma'ai'i, now studying at London University.

Remuera, May. The president, Mrs Kelsey, presided, and devotions conducted by Mrs Mackey. Members engaged in prayer for the work, Sister Jessie gave a very interesting talk on her work as a Presbyterian missionary among the Maoris, forty-five years ago. She was thanked by Mrs Robinson and presented with flowers.

Cambridge, April. Our president, Mrs F. Parry, presided, and Mrs E. B. Kemsley led the devotions. Mrs A. Burt elected delegate to newly-formed Branch of N.C.W. Very full and interesting report of Dominion Convention was given by Mrs L. Kelly, of Tauranga, Stn. Auckland Dist. Secretary. Further donations received for Seamen's Rest.

Te Kuiti, Mrs A. T. Richards visited us and gave a public address in the Methodist Church. There was a very good attendance from women's organisations and local churches. Our president, Mrs Hudson, warmly welcomed Mrs Richards. Mrs Dolson, who has served faithfully for many years, presented her with a shoulder spray. A brief survey of W.C.T.U. work was given by the speaker. Speaking of juvenile problems, she said that adult failure must be acknowledged as the primary cause, for youth was the product of its environment. The message given, was an inspiration to all and we left determined to become better acquainted with God and to allow Him to guide in all our activities. Afternoon tea was served. Next day, Mrs Richards addressed the members of the Maori Union, once again leading us to the feet of Jesus. Mrs Richards was the guest of Mrs E. Brown during her visit.

New Plymouth, April-May. Mrs Exley presided at the former meeting. Devotions at both meetings. Reports of Dominion Convention were given by Mrs Squire, general, and Mrs Cole, remits. We felt we had been present and were greatly uplifted and encouraged by the atmosphere they created, and we thank them. Seamen's Rest has had 2,390 visits of seamen in the last month or so. They like the quiet homeliness and many of them say so in words, as well as in attendance and frequent visits, sometimes extending for several hours at a time. Preliminary arrangements made for our Mart and Street Day and house to house collection again granted to us by the City Council for 10th July. We appreciate this continued tribute to our work by the Council.

Feilding. In March we studied remits for Dominion Convention. Mrs Gill was our delegate and brought back a splendid report from Christchurch to our April meeting. At our May meeting, Miss F. Tolley spoke on United Nations' Health and Educational Organisation's working towards world peace.

Levin. At our first meeting of this year, a letter of thanks was read from sponsors of the Austrian Refugee Children's Homes for a much appreciated Christmas parcel sent. Vegetables sent as usual to W.C.T.U. Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland, also greatly appreciated. At April meeting a very full Dominion Convention report was given by Mrs Moxham, our delegate, and Miss Cody, District delegate. Over 200 children attended our Annual rally for them—a film was shown, a temperance talk and flannelgraph and chorus singing. Biscuits and a cold drink were served. As May is Peace Month, the guest speaker, Mrs Nees inspired us with her address from the text, "Acquaint now thyself with God and be at peace". Two beautiful solos were sung. Reports of each meeting are published in two local papers, together with scientific temperance fact read at meetings and at church guilds.

Wellington District Executive, February, with Miss V. Jackson presiding, and devotions taken by Miss Connor. Mrs Reed welcomed Executive to Brooklyn. Special welcome to Mrs Jordan, now 92 years of age and a life-long member. Of 3 districts, Titahi Bay alone favoured the opening of a bottle store. Market Day Funds apportioned as follows: Convention Fund 30, W.R. Funds £10, N.Z. Fund £5, New Plymouth Seamen's Rest £2, Timaru Rest, Road Safety

"Within The Veil"

Mr C. W. Lopdell, Auckland

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union pay a tribute of deep thankfulness to God for the long life of service to the Cause of Temperance and the Christian Church in our land, rendered by the late Mr C. W. Lopdell, of Mt. Albert, and former Superintendent of Police. Always gracious, helpful and with a fund of information, this servant of God will be greatly missed from the ranks of those who stand foremost in the fight against alcoholic liquors. To Mrs Lopdell and the members of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

The War Cry writes thus: "In the promotion to Glory of Envoy C. W. Lopdell, the Salvation Army has lost a distinguished son, who throughout a long life of public service, maintained the highest traditions of Christian witness. His influence for righteousness was felt, not only in Army circles, but in many other spheres, notably in the cause of temperance. Said one magistrate of him, 'He was a just and upright man, fair in all his dealings with those who broke the law.'" —E.V.S.

Jessie Law Tasker-Brown

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Mrs Jessie Tasker-Brown, after a long illness, borne with patience and great courage. As Miss Jessie Bradshaw, she will be remembered by many, for her Organising work in the W.C.T.U., a position to which she was appointed in 1923, at the New Plymouth Convention.

After her marriage, Mrs Tasker-Brown lived in Auckland, but later, with her husband and son, went to reside in Wellington, where she soon became well known through the many activities in which she took an active part. Among these was the St. John Ambulance Brigade of which she was Member-in-charge of the Wellington Division. For the past sixteen years, she held the position of personnel officer at the Wellington Hospital.

The funeral service was held in the Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church, where the full church, the large number of beautiful floral emblems and the fine tribute from the Minister of the church, betokened the affection and esteem in which our sister was held by a wide circle of friends and associates.

To her husband and her son, Tommy, who is a member of the staff of Messrs Wright & Carman Ltd., where he takes a special, personal interest in the "White Ribbon", is extended the deep sympathy of W.C.T.U. members, in the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

Council, and Council of Christian Education £1 each. Mrs J. H. Grigg to speak at Raumati and Paekakariki Methodist Guilds.

April meeting at Headquarters with Karori Union as the Hostess. Welcome given by Mrs F. Grigg who conducted devotions. As Dominion Convention meets in Wellington next year, tentative arrangements being made and committees set up. Members urged to protest against liquor being sold at Airlines Bus stations and Railways, and against little children selling raffle tickets. Road Safety Council, and N.C.W. reports received. Union reports encouraging. At the afternoon session, a presentation was made to Mrs Melvin, Dist. Secretary, who is going to reside in the Bay of Plenty District. Miss Jackson gave a comprehensive report of Christchurch Convention.