

UNION NEWS

Auckland District Executive, May 7th. with Mrs. Mountjoy presiding. Mrs. Knaut led the devotions. Letters of sympathy in their illness to Mrs. Kaspar and Mrs. Biddle. Mrs. Parsons appointed W.C.T.U. representative on local Pan-Pacific Women's Association. Mrs. Major Simpson of Christchurch and Mrs. Trotman of Levin were welcomed. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the Maori Girls' Hostel.

The Annual "Mother's Day" gathering arranged by the District Executive was held on Sunday, May 13th, when vocal solos were rendered by Mesdames W. Duncan and H. S. James, accompanied by Miss N. North and the speaker was Mrs. A. A. Drew, recently returned after 38 years in England.

Warkworth. Good attendance. Special welcome to Mrs. Day, of the Methodist Parsonage—our new Vice-President. Letter of thanks for donation of vegetables to Maori Hostel. It was also a farewell to Mrs. Bartle and a presentation to her, in appreciation of her keen and loyal service in the Union.

Remuera, April 23rd. Mrs. Laird presided and devotions were taken by Mrs. Ibbetson and members engaged in prayer. Two new members initiated and one transferred to this branch. At our Cradle Roll Party, one baby was enrolled and three mothers promised to join. Mrs. Prussing gave a most interesting report of Dunedin Convention.

Onehunga, May 10th. Busy afternoon, fully occupied with reports, arrangements and correspondence. Serious discussion re increase in crime caused by drinking. President told of successful work at the Maori Girls' Hostel, with its 23 girls. 20 girls have made their own Red Cross uniforms and were complimented on their neatness.

South Auckland District Executive was held in Hamilton on May 3rd. The District President, Miss A. McLay in the chair. Five Unions were represented. Reports showed that some unions had lapsed and plans were made to try to revive them. Other Unions working well. Plans for Maori work discussed. District Convention arrangements were made—Tauranga Union to be hostess. Mrs. Bensley elected District Vice-President and Mrs. Christian, Secretary.

Tauranga, May 1st. Peace Day observed, the speaker being Rev. A. T. Kent. Mrs. Bensley presided and Mrs. Williamson conducted the devotions. Extracts read from an Indian periodical showing need for some action against unnecessary cruelty among U.N. forces.

Tauranga Cradle Roll Party. Over seventy children and adults present on April 19th. Games and items by the children were followed by an address to the mothers by Mrs. Christian. Ten new members put on the roll, Mrs. Bensley conducting the Dedication service. A party tea delighted the children and each received a little gift, as they departed.

Hastings, May 24th. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Thorp. Miss Mildenhall, the President, welcomed the two speakers, Misses Kinross and Truman, who gave a talk on Turakina Maori Girls' College, also delivering a letter of greeting from the Y branch of the College. An interesting and most enjoyable meeting. A vote of sympathy to our Treasurer Mrs. Grainger, on the passing of her husband—a life-time worker for the Temperance Cause.

Levin, April. Mrs. Kennerley led the Devotions. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Storkey. Two new members initiated. Mrs. C. Falmer to be elderly members' Birthday Supt. Miss V. Jackson gave interesting talk on World Convention. Vote of thanks and flowers.

May. Mrs. Halliwell elected W.R. Supt. Roll Call . . . articles read from papers, indicating evils of alcohol in causing accidents. Pastor Upton gave inspiring address on Peace. Discussion on drinking among Maoris.

New Plymouth, May 30th. "Contrary Winds" was Miss Petersen's devotional subject, Mrs. Ashworth leading in prayer. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Morwood in the loss of her husband. Great interest in the Temperance Quiz as a means of interesting some who would not study for examinations. Reports on Seamen's Rest and N.C.W. Decided to affiliate with Committee for the Home for Aged Folk.

Springlands, April 17th. District Executive report given by the President, was discussed. Good verses in response to Roll Call. Flowers and messages of cheer to Mrs. Eyles and Mrs. Hegglin. Mrs. Green, as delegate, gave her impressions of her first Convention and an account of a holiday visit to Southland, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

North Brighton, March 20th. Meeting presided over by Mrs. Noonan, who conducted devotions. Reports were given on C.R. and Band of Hope picnic by Mrs. Noonan; Finance and Band of Hope Competitions by Mrs. Hardman; Prayer Meeting by Mrs. Pepperell; Mental Hospital Visiting by Mesdames Pepperell and Hardman. Mrs. Goldman gave a very fine and instructive report of the Dominion Convention.

Riccarton, March. Miss Hughes opened with devotions and Mrs. Griffiths presided. One new member. Report on Mental Hospital visiting given. Most interesting report of Convention presented by Mrs. Grey and vote of thanks passed.

April 12th. Attendance 26, presided over by Mrs. Griffiths. Devotions by Miss Hughes. C.R. Day to be in August. Mrs. Griffiths gave a resume of an address on "Responsibilities of Women," given by Mrs. Raymond Sayers, and closed the meeting with a reading entitled "The Pathway of the Cross."

Spreydon, April. Meeting presided over by Mrs. Woodcock. Rev. A. E. Lonsdale of the Baptist Church gave a very interesting and helpful address on the worthwhile work of the women of the New Testament. Miss Brown reported on Mental Hospital visiting. Mrs. Ancall read extracts from a Temperance Quiz held recently for school children. Agreed to work for the possibility of Temperance advertising.

Sydenham, April 5th. Mrs. J. Fuller presiding. Mrs. Archer conducted the devotions. Mrs. L. V. Kelly, President of Bryndwr Branch, gave a very comprehensive report of the Dominion Convention, which well merited the hearty vote of thanks accorded the speaker at its conclusion.

Rangiora, March 21st. Very interesting afternoon at Mrs. Ayer's residence when Mrs. Christian was the guest speaker, taking us with her on her tour of Greece, Scotland, New York and the World Convention. Mrs. Hodges, the President thanked Mrs. Ayers for her kindness and Mrs. Christian for the wonderful talk given. Mrs. Dickens, wife of the Methodist Minister, was welcomed to our meeting.

Papanui, April 26th. Vice-President Mrs. Elliott chaired the meeting and led the devotions. Mrs. Thornton presented the report on the Mental Hospital visiting. Temperance fact was given by Mrs. Hampton. Interesting reading by Mrs. Hodder, on the "Hymns of Isaac Watts." Benediction.

Timaru, April. A Shop Day for Sailors' Rest Fund had realised over £40. Visitors from Kensington welcomed. Rev. Chambers gave an address on Peace, from Psalm 118:8-9. Christ commissioned them in ones and twos, and in this manner, we too, can pass on the Peace He gives.

Riccarton, May 10th. Mrs. Griffiths presided over a good attendance, and devotions were led by Miss Hughes. Instead of a Temperance fact, posters made by Sunday School children were exhibited. Two invitations were accepted. Mrs. A. Neuth gave a talk on "Peace" and a vote of thanks was moved by the Secretary, Mrs. Smith. Benediction.

North Brighton, April 17th. Sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Noonan, President, who was absent through illness. Mrs. Goldman presided as Vice-President. 25th Birthday Social postponed indefinitely. Mrs. Mcraith reported good attendance at the prayer meeting. Mesdames Aston and Pepperell to be our representatives at the local Anzac service.

Spreydon, Birthday Party. Mrs. Woodcock, President, warmly welcomed Mrs. Foster of Invercargill. Mrs. Sim reported fruit and Easter eggs given as gifts to the Mental Hospital patients. Union Methodist Choir and items by Mrs. Fletcher and Miss Inez Woodcock. The Birthday Cake, a gift from the President, was cut by Mrs. MacKenzie. Roll Call was responded to by quotations.

Sydenham, 3rd May. Mrs. J. Filer (Pres.) was in the chair. Three visitors present. Mrs. Archer conducted the devotions. Routine business was transacted. A very appropriate address on "Peace" was given by Mrs. Davis and this proved an inspiration to all present.

Papanui. Mrs. Neville presided over a good attendance at the meeting on May 23rd. Mrs. Elliott conducted the devotions. A verse of Scripture was the Roll Call. The effect of alcohol on the unborn child was the fact given by Mrs. Hampton. Morning tea provided for District Executive in May. Mrs. Coley initiated and Mrs. Hampton farewellled. A reading by Mrs. Neville on Home Life in Korea.

Dunedin Central. May meeting conducted by Mrs. Ballantyne, Vice-President. Letters re Scientific Temperance Exams. and Temperance Quiz were discussed. "White Ribbon Day." Mrs. Graham, our W.R. agent, made a special appeal for new subscribers. Interesting extracts read by two members. Good citizenship—Miss Armit reported on morning and afternoon teas supplied by the Dunedin W.C.T.U. to servicemen on the wharves.

Oamaru, May 28th. A very happy evening meeting. Hall gay with flowers. Mrs. Daniel, the President, welcomed representatives of women's organisations and men friends. Musical items, travel talk by Mr. F. Blackgrove, Temperance facts and free literature. £5 donated to CORSO and Sales' Table assisted funds.