

UNION NEWS

Auckland District Executive, May 28th. The District President, Mrs. Mountjoy, presided and the devotions were led by Mrs. Cullen. It was decided to assist in staffing the Bureau being set up for recruiting additional staff for the Cornwall Hospital. A report was given of the annual Mothers' Day gathering at which Mrs. A. A. Drew was the speaker. Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the Maori Girls' Hostel. A letter was received from Mrs. Kasper, who is improving in health.

Remuera, May 28th. Mrs. G. Robinson presided and the Devotions were taken by Mrs. Ibbetson. Members engaged in prayer and recited the Pledge. Miss Gane read the Temperance Fact. Mrs. Kennedy, Matron of the Maori Girls' Hostel, gave a very interesting talk on the work there, and for this enjoyable address Mrs. Mackey thanked the speaker. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Takapuna. Mrs. Petchell welcomed representatives of the North Shore Licensing Committee, members of Birkenhead Union and Mrs. Mountjoy, Dist. Pres. Mr. Stock, organiser for the N.Z. Alliance was guest speaker and gave a stirring address. Rev. R. L. Gilmore moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Stock. Mrs. Morgan Richards, past President, presented Mrs. Petchell with the 20 years' service badge. Afternoon tea concluded an excellent meeting.

Wellsford, June 26th. A good attendance of members and visitors presided over by Mrs. Singleton. White Ribbon Day observed. Mrs. W. R. Grant read from the W.R. and Mrs. A. Gubb read the "Thought" for June. Sacred solos from Mrs. Yates and Miss E. Ward much enjoyed. The Rev. S. J. Olds was the guest speaker and his message presented a challenge to aim at the highest in our work.

Tauranga, June 5th. President's resignation (Mrs. Bensley) received with deep regret. Illness made the step necessary. Mrs. Christian elected. Mesdames Clarkson and York elected Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. "White Ribbon" Day observed. Splendid address by Rev. Douglas Watt, M.A., "The Battle of the Books." Parcel sent to Seamen's Rest. **July 3rd.** "Memorial Day." Sketches of lives of Mesdames Don and Peryman read from "White Ribbon" by members and much enjoyed. Article on "Disease or Disgrace" also read and well discussed. Very good attendances at both meetings. "Bring and Buy" stall.

Hastings, June 28th. Devotions taken by Mrs. Thorp. Members' afternoon and interesting short talks given. Need shown to be constantly alert. A member noticed an advert. for strong drink in a N.Z. Ladies Journal and wrote expressing sorrow to see such an advert. in a nice, clean journal. Next issue the advert. was not printed. Protest to be sent re proposal to sell liquor at football matches.

Levin. Mrs. Kennerley presided and led devotions. Decided to get in touch with youth leaders re Quiz Competition. 1st and 2nd prizes in each section to be awarded to local entrants. Tribute to late Mrs. Young. White Ribbon Day celebrated by each member giving a reading from the W.R. Two new subscribers gained. Quantity of literature to be purchased.

Wellington District Executive. Miss Kirk, J.P. presided, and devotions taken by Mrs. F. Grigg. A reply was received from the Chief Postmaster re postage on papers sent to Institutions. A copy sent to the White Ribbon. Masterton reported having had a left luggage depot at the Annual Show, at which literature was distributed. A protest had been made re the granting of a temporary licence to football clubs for liquor at Rugby matches. Karori reported a letter sent to the churches in their district asking for co-operation in combating the drink evil and urging the need for more Christian women in the W.C.T.U. ranks. Copies of this letter to be made available for other Unions. Concern expressed over Maori youth and the increased facilities for drinking granted to them. Discussion on films and literature. In the afternoon, a meeting was held in the Taranaki Street Lounge, when members from all Unions attended to hear Miss Jackson give a comprehensive and interesting talk on the World Convention.

Karori, June. President, assisted by Mrs. Carter, took devotions and also spoke on liquor propaganda in U.S.A. Reported some children entering for Quiz. Letters had been sent to women of local churches, urging support for the W.C.T.U. Three new members initiated.

Blenheim, July. Mrs. Forbes in the chair and led the devotions. District Conv. Sept. 4th, with Mrs. Toomer as guest speaker. Extracts from White Ribbon read by Mesdames W. Harris, Waive, S. Harris and H. Forbes. Mrs. Underhill to conduct Temperance Quiz with children.

Nelson District Executive, June 20th. Held in Mrs. Walker's home. Mrs. Toomer presided. Most encouraging reports from Nelson, Motueka and Richmond. Discussions on who pays for engraving of vases. Anti-gambling articles quoted from "Outlook" and "Witness" and showing interest of the churches. Literature sent to Cape Farewell, French Pass and

several sole charge schools. Donations of cash and ditty bags to Seamen's Rest. Decided to send a copy of the W.R. to all ministers, marking news of particular interest. Noon-tide devotions by Mrs. Walker. Adjournment for hot lunch supplied by Mrs. Walker. Constitution considered in detail. Mrs. Hiett's article in April W.R. commended to Unions.

Nelson, May 8th. Mrs. Knapp presided and led devotions. Roll Call: helpful verse or item of news. Decided to offer to help the "New Settlers Assn." in entertainment of overseas seamen. Successful youth tea reported by Mrs. Toomer. Twenty years' service badges presented to Mesdames Gardiner and Neal. One new member.

June 12th. President presided and took devotions. Mesdames Knapp and Hay representatives to Plunket Annual Meeting. Quiz papers explained and distributed.

Spreydon, June. Captain Munsey gave an impressive talk on "Waste." Mrs. Woodcock presided and Mrs. Hecc led devotions. Temperance fact was given by Mrs. Murray and reports on Mental Hospital visiting and White Ribbon work by Misses Brown and Olds respectively. Mrs. Woodcock reported on Dist. Executive. Mesdames Ancal and Woodcock to arrange school Quizzes and to look out for new C.R. members.

Riccarton. 29th Birthday Party held on June 14th. The Hall was filled to capacity and Mrs. Griffiths presided and opened with devotions. Greetings from kindred societies. Programme of vocal and elocutionary items by Mrs. Colthart's party. Flower sprays presented to the performers and to Mrs. Mackay, who spoke on "Heritage." Trading Table realised £2/17/6.

Sydenham, June 7th. Mrs. Filer occupied the chair and Mrs. Archer conducted the devotions, after which the usual business was transacted. White Ribbon day was noted by members providing an interesting programme of selected readings and vocal solos rendered by Mesdames Filer and Weatherhead. A presentation was made to Mrs. A. Davies in appreciation of her eighteen years' loyal and faithful service to the Branch as its Devotional Superintendent.

Papanui, June 27th. Usual monthly meeting with Mrs. Neville presiding. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Malcolm. Seven Mental Hospital patients visited. Mrs. Karst appointed Temperance Fact Supt., replacing Mrs. Hampton. Uplifting talk by Mrs. N. Beck on "Victories of Peace." World peace to be achieved by building up—not destroying. Collection for White Ribbon Day.

Dunedin Central, July. Mrs. Hiett presided. Correspondence discussed, including the Temperance Quiz, with alteration of date to July 28th. Rev. Mr. Crozier gave an address on Peace. He asked what contributions could women make to further the cause of peace. To be an influence for good in one's home and district—to keep informed on International affairs and link up with such societies—to be enthusiastic in the cause of world-wide Missionary enterprise. Two solos rendered by Mrs. Roberts with Mrs. Dick as pianiste.

Mataura, June 27th. Bi-monthly meeting. Good attendance presided over by Mrs. I. Maslin, who took for her devotional talk "Hands from This Open Window." Offering for White Ribbon fund. Mrs. Lieut. Gosper was the speaker and took as her subject "Unmarried Mothers." The interest taken in this problem by the Salvation Army from its foundation to the present day was shown by the speaker. One new member.

METHODISTS BAR DRINKERS FROM OFFICE

Quoting the Australian Temperance Advocate we learn: "North Carolina Methodists at their annual Conference, acted to bar persons who drink or favour liquor from positions of church leadership.

"A resolution adopted by the Conference stated: 'Any person who drinks liquor or votes to legalise liquor, or in any other manner supports the liquor traffic, should not consider himself fit or qualified to hold office or occupy any place of leadership in the Methodist Church'."