

UNION NEWS

Onehunga, June. Much business arranged; reports and discussions on various aspects of our work. July meeting, members to unite with the Baptist Women's Guild at Merrilands Church. Business concluded, Mrs. Simpson retired S.A. Officer, gave a very interesting address, relating experiences in her service of the trouble caused by drink.

Takapuna, August 1st. Mrs. Petchell (President) in the chair and ably supported by Mrs. Prussing (Sec.) Interesting talk given by Rev. Braby on his experiences in his work, particularly relating to Liquor problems. Pleased to report four new members this year.

Otahuhu, July. Mrs. Hughes presided and devotions taken by Mrs. Beaumont. Social afternoon for Mrs. Ward, shortly leaving to live in Napier with her daughter, who is the Rev. Nancie Ward of Scotland, the first lady Congregational minister in New Zealand. Presentation and flowers given to Mrs. Ward with members' love and best wishes.

Henderson, July. The president presided and led the devotions. Memorial Day observed. Mrs. Goodenough, "Y" Supt., reported that an enjoyable social had been held. One new member enrolled. Several Y members entered for the Quiz. Chapter of "Life of Frances Willard" read.

Wellsford, August. Mrs. Singleton presided and conducted devotions in absence of Mrs. Browne, Evang. Supt. Discussion on various aspects of work. Appreciation from New Plymouth Seamen's Rest for books sent and gifts for Mart Day. Special effort to gain new members and W.R. subscribers.

Cambridge, July 26th. Devotions led by Mrs. Robinson. Memorial Day observed. "A tribute to Mrs. Peryman" was read by Mrs. Kemsley. Remits for Dist. Convention sent forward. Roll Call—a text of Scripture. 23 children sat for the Temperance Quiz. Heart-searching talk on her experiences of the disastrous effects of strong drink on homes and lives of young people.

Teranaki Quarterly Executive, held at New Plymouth in July. Mrs. Hurrell, District President, presided and devotions were taken by Mrs. Holly. Letters of sympathy sent to Mrs. Ashworth and Miss Drew. Each delegate gave a report on the work of their branch—new members, increased C. Rolls and W.R. subscribers reported by all. Miss Palmer to make enquiries re placing Y.P. Supplements in public schools. Mrs. Cox welcomed back, having been absent through her husband's illness. Mrs. Alicer had been Acting Dist. Sec. for her. At the New Plymouth monthly meeting in the afternoon a member of the N.C.W. was the guest speaker.

New Plymouth, July. Mrs. Brown presided in the absence of Mrs. Ashworth through illness. Miss Petersen conducted devotions. One new member for June. Miss Petersen reported on the Seamen's Rest and Mrs. Brunton on the N.C.W. Secretary distributed 100 Quiz leaflets. Union are ordering an extra 6 copies of the W.R. and more Y.P. Supplements to be posted to ministers and sole-charge teachers in country places.

Hawera reports good meetings from the beginning of the year, but space at this stage forbids detailed reports of each meeting. July 31st, in Haddon Memorial Centre, Mrs. Rex Goldsmith presided and welcomed Miss Gainsford of Christchurch, who led the devotions and later spoke on the Baptist Missionary work in India. Bring and Buy Stall for Seamen's rest. Mrs. Johnson kindly provided and served afternoon tea.

Hastings, July 26th. Mrs. A. M. Smith, our former president, welcomed back and a most interesting talk on her South African holiday was given. During her extensive travels, Mrs. Smith met the "World's Organiser of the W.C.T.U." and also "World's Supt. of Scientific Facts." Everywhere kindness and hospitality and entertainment were offered her by W.C.T. Unions she contacted. The Prime Minister replied to a protest re sale of liquor at a football match that the position is being investigated and if necessary remedial legislation will be brought down.

Wellington Central, June and July. Interesting meetings. Literature distributed to members. Mrs. H. Grigg, newly-appointed Dominion Officer, gave an interesting talk on various topics. Donation to White Ribbon Fund. Memorial Day kept in an interesting way. Several old members written to and greetings received from them. Members stood in silence in memory of pioneer members who had passed away. Donation sent to the Maori Girls' Hostel, Auckland, towards Piano Fund. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Hoult to receive long service badges.

Marlborough Dist. Executive, 20th June. Sympathy expressed with relatives of the late Mrs. Leov and appreciation of her services recorded. Arrangements for Youth Rally for 2nd September and Dist. Convention for the 4th. Mrs.

Toomer to be the speaker. Temperance Quiz discussed. Arranged to give Temperance instruction to the Girls' Brigade.

Blenheim, August. Mrs. Forbes presided and Miss Tarrant led devotions. Mrs. Lane read Temperance fact from the August W.R. Captain Dawson gave an address on the work of the Salvation Army in seeking to reclaim inebriates on Roto-Roa Island and of the splendid success in turning out Christian men. An announcement on the Dist. Convention was given.

Springlands. At the May meeting a paper on "Mother" was read by Mrs. Wells. The "White Ribbon" was the subject for the June meeting and several choice articles were read from the paper and very interesting reading on the invention of the printing press. Articles for Sailors' Rest handed in. **July/August.** Meetings held at President's home. Reported progress of the Quiz and the Temperance instruction in Girls' Brigade. Magazines and papers for lighthouse residents. Paper by Mrs. Leslie on life of Catherine Beecher. Report of combined temperance meeting and discussion on matters dealt with by N.Z. Alliance Conference.

Sydenham, July 5th. Mrs. J. Filer presided and devotions were conducted by Mrs. Archer, after which a temperance fact was given and routine business transactions. A very concise and informative paper was read by Mrs. Seivers, dealing with the valuable gift of memory; making the most of our varied talents; the formation of habits and as a tribute to Memorial Day, several of the early women pioneers of the Temperance Cause were mentioned.

Spreydon, July. Mrs. Woodcock presided. President delegate to N.C.W. Mental Hospital patients visited regularly. Local schools' yearly essay and quiz now established. Miss Brown's address on her visit to Northern Ireland most informative and entertaining. Union finance healthy.

Riccarton, July. Mrs. Griffiths presided and led devotions. Invitations accepted to attend St. Peter's Mothers' Union, the "Y" branch social and Band of Hope Council's social. Mrs. Smith, delegate to Dist. Convention at Waimate. 14 Mental Hospital patients visited. **August.** Mrs. Newth presided. Devotions led by Miss Hughes. A donation of £2 sent to Executive towards expenses of placing temperance facts on the trams. Mrs. Newth read an article from the "Outlook" on "How we worked in the mountains at 'Agope,' Italy," by Wanda Sherriff. 20 years' badges were presented to Mesdames Counihan and Anderson. Vote of thanks and closed with prayer.

Tinwald Band of Hope. June and July meetings well attended and excellent programme by the children. Several more have signed the pledge. "Quiz" entered for. Programmes consisted of Temperance recitations and dialogue, choruses and songs. 45 children and about 20 adults present in July. We have a speaker to address all meetings.

Oxford, July 18th. Mrs. Comyns presided in the absence, through illness, of the president. Mrs. Weston Acting Secretary for Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Cederman led the devotions. Rev. Weston addressed us on pioneer temperance women workers with instances from the Bible and references to Frances Willard and Agnes Weston. One new member.

Timaru, May. For Peace Day, an address was given by Mr. M. A. Bull, Rector of the Boys' High School. Our Patroness, Mrs. Norrie, celebrated her 90th birthday. Collection of £3 for the Blind. Received 9 cases of books for Sailors' Rest from Mr. Edwards of Temuka. **July.** Visited Highfield as guests of P.W.M.U. Inspiring meeting. Outstanding address by Mrs. Fursdon on "Freedom and Liberty." Our Nation is in the bondage of strong drink—only Christ can make us free. One new member.

Waimate.—There was a good attendance at the August meeting. Mr. G. Dash, M.B.E., was the speaker. Following afternoon tea, Mr. Dash gave very interesting talk on the large profits of the liquor trade. Reference was also made to the mounting number of accidents by motorists under the influence of liquor. Hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

Mataura, August 2nd. Mrs. W. Nicholl chaired the meeting. Devotions were centred round the thought of "Spiritual Paralysis." Five members present and each contributed clippings, revealing facts related to the Alcohol problem.

The steady drinker soon becomes the unsteady drinker.