

UNION NEWS

Auckland District Executive, 5th Nov. District President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, in the chair and devotions led by Miss H. Grigg. "A School of Methods" was conducted by Miss Appleby, the subjects taken being "Leadership," "Public Speaking," and "Instruction to Officers." Regret expressed at the introduction of liquor canteens at sports meetings, including football and golf fixtures. Mrs. Mountjoy to represent District at next Dominion convention. Several members to help in street appeals for the St. John's Ambulance Association and Merchant Navy. A Christmas party to be held in December.

Otorohanga, 19th Oct. Mrs. Kenny presided and Mrs. Rogers led devotions. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Rogers. Mrs. Kenny welcomed Mrs. Toomer, who gave much inspiration and joy with her address. She was presented with a beautiful posy by Miss Rogers. One new member gained. New C.R. Supt. present and joyfully welcomed. Benediction and afternoon tea.

Hastings, Sept. Brief report of District Convention at Dannevirke given and usual business discussed and then Miss Mildenhall, President welcomed home Mrs. Pitt, lately returned from a trip to England and World Convention of W.C.T.U. Mrs. Pitt's talk, with the personal touch, of that wonderful convention was most interesting. Mrs. Pitt recently elected District President. Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Oxford, 19th Sept. Birthday of Branch celebrated by good attendance with several visitors from a distance. In the absence of the President through sickness, Mrs. Comyns took the chair and Mrs. Cederman led the devotions. Speaker for the day Mrs. Ancell, of Spreydon Union. Several long service badges presented and one new member gained. Mrs. L. Jones and Mrs. N. Dalley entertained with solos.

New Brighton, Aug. Mrs. Edmonds presided over a fair number present. A good response to request for used and old clothing for Korea. Arrangements made for members to help with sale of health stamps in November. Meeting closed with Benediction.

Papanui, Sept. Mrs. Elliott presided over nine members present and led devotions. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Roll Call, a text of Scripture. Mrs. Kelly of Bryndwr gave an interesting account of the District Convention at Wai-

mate. Five patients visited at Mental Hospital. Oct. Thirteen present, Mrs. Neville in chair. Devotions led by Mrs. Malcolm. Pledge and Temperance fact. Seven patients at Mental Hospital visited. Sympathy expressed with Mrs. Neville in the passing away of her mother. Readings on the problem of drunken driving.

Riccarton, 11th Oct. A good attendance presided over by Mrs. Griffiths and devotions led by Miss Hughes. Remits to go to Dominion Convention discussed. An article from "The Motor World" and one from "The White Ribbon" read by Mr. Griffiths. Executive report and report of District Convention given by Mrs. G. Smith. Vote of thanks by Mrs. Daly and meeting closed with prayer.

Spreydon. Mrs. Woodcock took the chair and conducted devotions. The Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Murray. Reports on District Convention at Waimate given by Mesdames Bowden and Woodcock. Remits to be sent to Dominion Convention re Sunday parades at 18-year-old camps and sale of alcohol to drivers.

Sydenham, 4th Oct., in the Baptist Hall. Mrs. Filer presided over an attendance of eleven members and one visitor. Members stood as a mark of sympathy with Mesdames Garlick and Sievers in their recent bereavements. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Archer, after which routine business was transacted. Maori Day was observed by an address of outstanding merit given by Mrs. A. L. Dixon, who stressed the advantages and dangers of the pakeha way of life to our Maori people.

Tinwald, Sept. Mrs. Millar, President, led devotions at a well-attended meeting at the Manse, on "Seamen's Day." Mrs. Harper, Supt. for work among seamen, read a report of work done at Rest in Timara, and a collection for Seamen's work was taken. A report of District Convention at Waimate given by Mrs. Millar, and a solo sung by Mrs. Roffey. Votes of thanks. **Oct 25th.** Members of Ashburton Union visited us and conducted the meeting. An address by Sister Mildred West on "What God thinks about Prayer." Miss Wilson spoke of the good work done for the Maori people by Princess Te Puea, and Mrs. Harwood spoke on "God's Guidance." A solo given by Mrs. Holmes. Temperance fact read. Inspiring and enjoyable meeting. Arrangements made for Band of Hope social and a Cradle Roll and Band of Hope picnic.

Within The Veil

MRS. ISRAEL, WELLINGTON CENTRAL

Recently there passed to Higher Service a devoted W.C.T.U. worker, Mrs. Israel.

For several years she was President of Wellington Central, always cheerful and friendly, she showed a worthy example of Christian living.

She was laid aside for several years, but until her memory failed, her interest in our work never ceased.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Greenslade of Taranaki Street Methodist Church, of which she was a very old member. A beautiful floral tribute was sent by the members of our Union.

IMPORTANCE OF FRUIT JUICES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM

Summary of Paper by Professor Gachot

The fight against alcoholism is particularly difficult in vine-growing countries where a great part of the rural population earns its living in the cultivation of the vine, and in the production of wine, and where the wine trade, who'sale and retail, derives substantial profits from the distribution and sale of fermented beverages, not to speak of the spirits distilled from fruit and fruit waste.

Grapes, apples and other fruits may, however, find another market which saves them from the fermenting vat or the still: the manufacture of canned fruits, jams, dried fruits and concentrates has long absorbed considerable quantities of fruit,

but not enough to make any impression on the production of alcoholic beverages.

All temperance workers should therefore hail with satisfaction the development of the new industry of fruit juices, which reserves for human food ever-increasing quantities of grapes and fruits which would have formerly been transformed into fermented and distilled liquor. The home and industrial production of fruit juices thus reduces in all countries (not only in vine-growing countries) the material basis for the production of alcoholic drink.

To encourage the consumption of fruit juices, to propagate the methods of their preparation, is to work for public health and against the evils of alcoholism. And this "constructive" temperance work possesses the great advantage—in vine-growing countries especially—of making no enemies, of being appreciated and encouraged by the governments who could never give their support to a campaign against wine.

Temperance workers in viticultural countries have long understood the importance of fruit juices, but it would be desirable that the temperance organisations in other countries should likewise recognise the high value of propaganda in favour of these fruit products for the ideals they have in view, in striving to improve the hygienic, alimentary and social conditions of the life of their fellow-men.

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