

## UNION NEWS

**Takapuna, July.** The President, Mrs Frussing presided and led devotions, Mrs Snelgar, District Organiser was welcomed. As a result of one month's activities, Mrs Snelgar had been able to add 41 new members in the Auckland district, 8 have joined up with our Union, 6 of whom were initiated at this meeting, 9 have joined the Northcote Union. These results are most gratifying and members repeated the Temperance Doxology. Mrs Kelsey reported on the Dist. Exec. A welcome was extended to Mrs Petchell recently returned from a 15 months' trip overseas. She gave a most interesting and amusing account of the highlights of her trip. She was presented with a spray of flowers.

**Tauranga, July.** Mrs Kelly presided and Miss McMillan led the devotions, stressing the need for a vision of the work before us, that we may live and pray more powerfully. Then, "there is no limit to the power which can flow through us." Mr Bensley then spoke to us of the lives of I.E. Taylor and the brothers Isitt, reminding us of their great work in the past for the cause of temperance. It was good to know that Mrs Christian was much better.

**August meeting with Mrs Kelly in the chair.** After the hymn, Mrs Woolford spoke on Acts 11:4. There is no barrier between nations and races. We each have a responsibility to the other in prayer and the way we live and act. All the peoples of the world are one in Christ. It being the Annual meeting, officers were elected. The Collection and Sale of Table money were for work among our Maori sisters. It was decided to meet in future at the Baptist Church in Cameron Rd.

**New Plymouth, July.** Following opening devotions, the President congratulated a valued member, Mrs J.D. Wright upon the recent celebration with her husband and full family of her golden wedding anniversary. The Seamen's Rest Committee reported increased takings in all stalls and in collections at the recent Mart and Street Day—a very encouraging feature in view of our pending change of site. Mrs Cole reported on the District Presidents' meeting with Dominion Officers in Wellington and on inspiring N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. Mrs Atkins reported on the Dominion Officers' meeting.

Mrs Cole, Dist. Pres. presided at a **District Executive** meeting held at Eltham, where members attended from Hawera, Inglewood, Eltham and New Plymouth. Later Eltham was joined at their monthly meeting, Mrs Cole presiding by invitation. A new member was initiated. We thanked Eltham for a happy day.

We are glad to report that Mrs Brown, a valued member of long standing and our W.R. Agent has sufficiently recovered from her illness to visit her son in the South and we hope she will continue to improve.

**Levin, July.** Levin Union is on the way up. Two extra efforts—extra membership; several new members have been added to the roll. Added interest in the youth section. A rally, well attended by the older children, flannelgraph, a film, a Bible story and talk with light refreshments made a good meeting.

The proceeds from a Bring and Buy stall held at each meeting go towards Conference delegates' expenses. The scientific fact read at all meetings, is enclosed in the report to two local newspapers. The monthly devotional session is a valuable and spiritual uplift to everyone present.

**Wellington District Executive, April.** The hostess Union, Brooklyn, conducted devotions, and Mrs Reed welcomed delegates, Miss Jackson, Dist. Pres. in the chair. Mrs Burton-Mitchell reported fully on Convention expenses, a credit balance of £139.8 was shown. It was decided to allocate the funds in hand as follows: White Ribbon £20, N.Z. Fund £5, Temperance Quiz £5, Prisoners' Aid Society £1, Pan Pacific Assoc. 10/-. Dominion Supts.' Pool Fund £5, £2 each to the two Seamen's Rests, Council for Christian Education—, Convention Committee thanked for all their work in making the running of convention a success. Miss Murray appointed Dist. Supt. for Peace Dept., and Mrs Twaites Cradle Roll Supt. Mrs F. Grigg read replies to remits. Noontide observed. Miss Jackson conducted afternoon devotions. Reports received from Brooklyn, Carterton, Johnsonville, Karori, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Wellington and Wellington Central. Mrs J.H. Grigg asked that each Union in the District hold a bring and buy for funds for Poll literature. (This report went astray in the mail, hence delay in insertion.)

**Wellington Executive, June.** Held at Headquarters with Karori as hostess union. Opening devotions by Mrs F. Grigg, and a session of prayer. Mrs Grigg welcomed delegates on behalf of Karori. Market Day discussed. £10 set aside as nucleus for goods to be made for Stall. Johnsonville, Karori and Wellington Unions to serve the teas for Alliance Annual meetings. Reports from all Unions. Miss Jackson reported on the proposed hotel in Masterton to be erected where five roads meet. Mr Trevor Young to speak on Social Drinking at a tea meeting in Masterton. Noontide observed. Miss Jackson took the afternoon devotions, speaking on Home as a vital part of Christianity. Mrs F. Grigg reported on N.C.W. Delegates to N.C.W. discussed at length. Also received reports from Pan Pacific Assoc. and Prisoners' Aid Society. Replies to Convention remits given.

**Riccarton, July.** Mrs M. Griffiths presided. Mrs D. Buggy led the devotions,—her theme, "the Saint from the rank and file". Financial position of W.R. discussed. Executive report discussed. A report of the recent Alliance Meeting given. Five new members have joined up. A visit to the Mental Hospital patients by Mrs A.T. Newth was reported. Mrs M. Griffiths, President, gave a very interesting and long report of the work of "The Sheltered Workshops" and also read extracts from the paper, "Alert", entitled "Whither the children?", and closed the meeting with a reading "Spiritual fullness" from the book, "God calling".

**Waimate, June.** Mrs Duckett presided and conducted devotions. A letter of cheer was sent to the Secretary in her illness. A most interesting demonstration of soft toy and novelty craft work, was given by Mrs Holland and Miss Woods.

**July meeting with Mrs Duckett in the chair and well attended.** The Devotional theme was "The giving of our best gifts." Invitations had been received to attend a special afternoon in the Anglican Hall and from the Salvation Army, to hear a talk by Col Dr Bramwell Cook. Mrs Duckett had addressed The Girls' Life Brigade and also had distributed Temperance Quiz Leaflets to them. The guest speaker was Mrs J. King, who gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Women of the Bible".

## Personal

We are pleased to learn that **Mrs F.N. Christian of Tauranga**, who has been in Hospital, is now at home again and is slowly improving in health. Friends and White Ribbon readers send her their greetings and pray that she may soon be fully restored to health and strength again.—Ed.

## Assistance Required

(A True Story)

The Directors of a certain South Island business firm were organising the opening celebrations of their large, new shop. Two of them were Church men and, as such, were unwilling to attend a cocktail party. One of them rang the President of the local W.C.T.U. and asked if there was any pamphlet giving warnings about the dangers of drinking, as set forth in the Bible. The President took down copies of "Wines of the Scriptures" and these served to save the situation.

This story reminds us, that even persons who have no connection with the Union, look to us to be authorities on the subject of alcohol and to be at their service when they require assistance.

## "Within the Veil"

Mrs Hight, Miss Sheate,

Opawa Union

Members of the Opawa Union have been greatly saddened by the recent passing of two of their faithful and valued members, Mrs Nellie Hight and Miss Sheate.

Mrs Hight was our treasurer and she will be greatly missed from this office she held. Instead of the Union buying a wreath, her husband wished us to give a donation to the White Ribbon Funds in memory of his dear wife, Nellie.

Our dear sister, Miss Sheate, whom we will miss from our ranks, sent a donation to the White Ribbon Fund just a few weeks before her death.

We deeply mourn the loss of these two dear sisters and to their sorrowing ones, we extend our sincere sympathy.