

head of the S.A. Police in Durban. He was very sympathetic, and asked for a memorandum, which he promised to send forward to Pretoria. The need for women police is increasing; and it is hoped that the authorities will recognize this fact, and bring into being a force of trained woman for police work.

Another deputation interviewed Dr. Vernon Shearer, M.P., with a view to the establishment of a home in Durban — or in Natal — where inebriate women could be received for rehabilitative treatment. It is hoped to form a committee of men and women to press for this.

A most interesting and informative address on the Legal Disabilities of Women was given to a women's meeting by Advocate Bertha Solomon, M.P., during her short visit to Durban. She urged pegging away until the major points of the Commission's report be implemented by the Government.

An urgent appeal has been sent to the Board of Officers to ask Branch Councils in the nine controlled areas to protest to the Minister against the shortage of meat in these areas, when other parts of the country are well supplied. There is growing discontent, among the lower income groups in Durban at the continued lack of meat supplies — which is most distracting as it threatens acts of violence.

EAST LONDON.—At the September meeting members stood in silent respect to the memory of a great South African, Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts. The Executive sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. Smuts.

The congratulations of the Branch were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tiddy and to Mr. and Mrs. Fox on their re-election as Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy-Mayor and Mayoress respectively. Mrs. Tiddy is Hon. President of this Branch and Mrs. Fox is Hon. Treasurer.

Mrs. Hollander was appointed as N.C.W. representative on the local committee of the N.C. for the Deaf.

Mrs. Newman, President, congratulated the N.C.W. nominees (Mesdames Fuller, Louw and McJannet) on their election to the School Board and thanked all members who helped during the elections. Mrs. Reifenberg urged our candidates to see that a coloured school in Parkside was made a priority matter.

School Feeding Commission: Miss Hill will represent N.C.W., and speak to the memorandum forwarded by us, when the Commission visits East London in October.

Biennial Reports (N.C.W.) were circulated and members are urged to study these carefully and pay a minimum of 6d. towards cost. The amended by-laws as drawn up by the special sub-committee were read. The clause re subscriptions was deferred for decision to the October meeting. There will be a Bring and Buy sale preceding the October meeting. The guest speaker was Dr. Alty, Master of Rhodes University College who in a most instructive address bespoke the interest and support of all N.C.W. members in East London and Border on behalf of the appeal for funds to enable R.U.C. to attain full university status. Mrs. Newman conveyed the meeting's thanks and promise of support and interest.

JOHANNESBURG.—Although generally supposed to be "the silly season", August and September have proved exceptionally active for the Johannesburg Branch. On the 8th September, the 85th birthday of the Honorary Life President, Mrs. C. L. Scandrett was celebrated at a buffet luncheon at the Carlton Hotel organized by the Goodwill Club and on the same day, the Convenor for Affiliated Societies, Mrs. F. Behrmann, staged a very successful symposium in the morning at

the Rand Women's Club on "Social Conditions Overseas". A most informative address was given by Mrs. Goitein, wife of the Minister Plenipotentiary for Israel, who answered numerous questions asked by the presidents of affiliated societies who constituted the large audience.

Mrs. Redecker, wife of the Consul for the United States, spoke on conditions in urban America and Mrs. Berthold, wife of the Consul for Switzerland, gave an interesting address on the part played by women in her country. In the absence of the Convenor for Peace and International Relations, Mrs. Mackintosh, the vote of thanks was proposed by Miss M. McLarty.

Faced by the perennial problem of inadequate funds to continue its steadily-expanding activities, a cake sale was organized on behalf of the Branch by its Convenor for Trades and Professions, Mrs. J. Suttner who hoped to make it a monthly event.

The Branch Council Meeting on the 25th September was distinguished by an interesting address on "Sport and the Tsotsi" by Mr. Philip Birkenshaw. The Branch has continuously urged that recreational facilities for Natives should be instituted as widely as possible and Mr. Birkenshaw's address did much to emphasize the necessity. At the same meeting, a representative of The Sisterhood of the Reform Congregation reported on the work of this affiliated society.

As a climax to a busy month, many members availed themselves of the facilities provided by the Johannesburg Municipal Council for inspection of municipal social services. A bus tour on the 29th September organized by Mrs. F. Behrmann, convenor for Affiliated Societies, covered a large number of these services and gave members some impression of the social welfare work undertaken by the municipality.

KIMBERLEY.—At our September meeting the following matters were discussed:—

Home for the Aged: A letter was read from the Secretary of the Utility Housing Company stating that the plan for the erection of a home for the aged has been approved.

Arbor Day: More than 300 trees were planted at different Kimberley schools on Arbor Day. The Mayor, Councillor Edmeades, paid tribute to our members for all their work which made Arbor Day a great success and he hoped that it would become an annual event.

New Native Hostel: A request from St. Anne's Hostel Committee for support of N.C.W. to build a new £6,000 hostel was considered by the meeting. The new hostel would house 35 girls attending Gore Brown Native Training School instead of 12 as at present. The meeting agreed to give moral support to the Hostel Committee.

Beer Hall: An allegation that the Native Beer Hall in No. 2 Location is causing disgraceful scenes on Sundays was made by the Methodist Church Manyano Women's Association to the N.C.W. Kimberley. After a discussion it was agreed that representations be made to the City Council requesting the closing of the Beer Hall on Sundays and for the establishment of milk bars in the Locations.

Town Diary: "The Diamond Fields Advertiser" had been interviewed in connection with the formation of a Town Diary. It was felt that the keeping of such a diary would obviate the clashing of dates of important functions. "The Diamond Fields Advertiser" are willing to co-operate and have agreed to publishing a weekly diary.

KROONSTAD.—September: In the absence of our President, Mrs. V. King, the chair was taken by Mrs. Lyell. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of General Smuts. It was with

regret that members took leave of Mrs. Pratt who is making Bethal her future home. In her we are losing an active and energetic member.

Our representative on the local Native Housing Scheme reported on the meeting held recently. It was proposed to raise funds by donations. Houses will cost from £120 to £150 each.

An association for the care of cripples has been formed and a specialist from Bloemfontein will attend to the local cripples at regular intervals.

The corresponding member for local Native affairs read her report and she finds the Municipal Chairman of Native Affairs very sympathetic and helpful.

As it is almost impossible for business girls and lady teachers to find suitable board and lodging in Kroonstad it was decided to approach the Y.W.C.A. about opening a branch of their work here.

Residents in Wilgenhof would like more police protection as builders' Native boys often fight and become very rowdy especially on Friday nights when they get their weekly pay. It was decided to draw the attention of the Health Inspector to the unhygienic condition of the lavatories in the Drill Hall. Also the room in above hall used as a Baby Clinic is considered unsuitable for that purpose.

OUUDTSHOORN.—At the September meeting the chairwoman, Mrs. Creen, paid tribute to the memory of Field-Marshal Jan Smuts and asked the members to stand for a few moments as a sign of respect.

The meeting was addressed by Miss Adendorff, the Superintendent of Scientific Temperance for South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

The speaker urged the necessity of scientific education on the evils of alcoholism, in schools, from the kindergarten stage onwards.

She emphasized the fact that not only excessive, but so-called moderate use of alcohol is dangerous and leads to accident and crime.

Some of the effects of alcohol are waste, poverty, disease, childhood misery, official corruption, divorce.

Alcoholism is at the bottom of so much evil that, if it were effectively dealt with, most other social work would become unnecessary.

Prohibition, in the United States of America, did prove successful in combating drunkenness, and its repeal was engineered by interested parties.

Finally, Miss Adendorff urged her hearers to make themselves acquainted with the provisions of the Liquor Law promised for next year, and to support Local Option.

PORT ELIZABETH.—At the September meeting members stood in silence whilst the President referred to the passing of Mr. W. C. Adcock, an ex-Mayor of the City, and a retired Councillor who had done a great deal for the City. Reference was also made to the passing of Mr. H. C. Gardham, the Principal of the Technical College, who had done a great deal for the college.

Our Corresponding Member for Health presented the report she had prepared for her I.S.C. Member on the subject of Milk, the source of supply, method of distribution, control by the local Health Authorities.

A decision on the subject of establishing a Community Chest in the City was made, it being agreed to accept the idea in principle, and to advise the local Social Welfare Officer accordingly.

A resolution put in by an affiliated society was accepted, reading: "That with a view to becoming acquainted with the legal position in this country every senior school girl should be taught at least the elementary principles of her legal position in so far as her property and

contractual rights are concerned on marriage either with an ante-nuptial contract or in community of property". The Technical College Department of Commerce had agreed to have an assembly of the school leaving scholars, and the Branch will send a lecturer on this subject to address them.

Our speaker was Mr. Anderson of Mobbs Ltd., who spoke on "Foot-wear fashions through the ages", his designer being with him and giving us illustrations on the blackboard of past and future designs. Mr. Anderson has offered to give us a full day in lectures on foot health, shoes in different stages of construction, and general information on the fitting and suitability of shoes.

POTCHEFSTROOM.—Several affiliated societies reported to the September meeting. Mrs. W. B. Barnard, President of the Guild of Loyal Women (Potchefstroom Branch) gave a report on that organization mentioning the places of mercy supported by them. She said that the work of the Guild was benevolent work, the founding of scholarships and the care of soldiers' graves.

Mrs. H. H. Borckenhagen read a report on Red Cross work during the year. Good use was made of the medical loan depot; 75 articles, mostly wheel chairs and crutches were lent to the public, she said. It was proposed to start a free dental clinic in Potchefstroom and a non-European clinic at Boskop and a blood transfusion service in Potchefstroom would be established soon.

"The Y.M.C.A. really came to the fore, as far as South Africa is concerned, during the last war, when the organization rendered great service to troops in military camps and in the field," stated the report of the Y.M.C.A. read by Mrs. J. B. Kriegler, Chairman of the newly formed fund raising committee of that organization. "But the job is to build the peace and that is why the need is felt for extending the work. It was at the invitation of the Regiment De la Rey Association that the Y.M.C.A. considered establishing a youth centre in Potchefstroom."

Mrs. Kriegler appealed to the women present to help this organization not only for the sake of the soldiers "who wander aimlessly round the streets but for the youth of the whole of the Western Transvaal."

"Neglect in the nursery years cannot be repaired later", declared Mrs. R. Ingram in the course of her report on the Elsie van Huyssteen School. She went on to talk of the aims of the nursery school. Mrs. Ingram said that there was a grant of 3d. per child per day for food, of course this is insufficient. She declared that the nursery school had a waiting list and that the school building was inadequate.

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LAUNDRY — VALETING

PRETORIA.—It was with a sense of diversion and welcome relief that members listened to the guest speaker, the Rev. H. Beardmore at the September meeting. Having spent two years in Trinidad as Deah of the Church of England Cathedral, his experience had been valuable "There is no colour bar and yet in the years I spent there I know of no marriages between the Europeans and Indians. That was due to education. There was, however, much immorality amongst the coloured people. The Natives are freed slaves, their freedom having been bought by Great Britain and this was realized and appreciated.

"The national drink being rum, vast quantities are consumed. The hot, humid climate is ideal for the growing of coffee, cocoa, rice and sugar and in addition to this there are huge oil-fields from which high-grade oil is produced as well as a lake of asphalt. The name Trinidad Holy Trinity—was given by Christopher Columbus."

Mrs. Dickson, convenor of Affiliated Societies Day reported on arrangements being made for a most interesting function.

The morning market held in Mrs. Levi's charming garden had been a great success both socially and financially. Warm tributes of appreciation were moved to Mrs. Levi for putting herself out as she did to make it a success.

Mrs. Barbara Luke spoke of the National Tercentenary celebrations to be held in 1952 and of the effort being made by the National TB Organization to focus public opinion on the great need of a nationwide drive for funds to combat this ever-increasing scourge.

It was suggested that all monies taken in connection with the various functions be allocated to this object and not spent on "dead" memorials.

QUEENSTOWN.—At the September meeting members stood for a moment in silence as tribute to the memory of Field-Marshal Smuts.

A resolution was passed that a letter be written to the Municipality asking that a new ambulance be purchased, and that ambulance attendants should be qualified in first aid.

It was agreed that a resolution should be brought to the Cape Eastern Public Bodies conference asking that the Government should subsidize all dairy produce—milk, cheese and butter—so that they are within reach of all housewives and yet are produced at an economic rate.

An interesting address was given by Miss Phillips, Organizing Secretary for Toc H, on the national interests of Toc H. These include prevention and after-care of TB, adoption of white lepers, work among non-Europeans, old age pensioners, children in orphanages, hospital visiting and hospital library work. Some Toc H branches run soup kitchens as anti-TB measures, some carry on feeding of Native children during the holidays as the Government scheme applies to school terms only. All over the country Toc H gives Christmas parties for non-European children. One branch provides legal advice for non-Europeans who could never afford it, another runs a night school for Native houseboys, others run welfare centres which they sometimes build themselves.

In Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban, Toc H has cinema teams, finding and training operators to show films in children's homes, old people's and chronic sick homes whose inmates would otherwise never see a film. Projectors have even been provided which throw pictures and reading matter on the ceiling for patients who have to remain flat on their backs. Old people and children in orphanages who have no relations at all are adopted by Toc H members who act as unofficial aunts—visit them, remember their birthdays and so on.

In theses and many other ways Toc H carries out its ideal of service as the expression of fellowship, never letting it become mechanical. Service, said Miss Phillips, is the rent we pay for our room on earth.

RUSTENBURG.—At the September meeting, the need in Rustenburg for trained Native midwives and for a Dental Clinic for Natives was discussed, and a sub-committee was formed to go into the matter.

Then Mrs. McGregor, in a delightful and most interesting talk, gave us her impressions of Nigeria, gained from a five weeks' visit there.

SPRINGS.—At the Goodwill Luncheon in September Mrs. Tasker was in the chair and an interesting address was given by Dr. P. Anning, Doctor of Social Services for the Chamber of Mines on "Health" as a state of complete "Mental and Physical Fitness". Dr. Anning said that the chief responsibility for health, particularly that of the family rested with the women of any country and therefore the question was one of great interest and importance to the N.C.W. The chief causes of ill-health were undernourishment, bad surroundings and lack of physical and mental recreation.

As an example, Dr. Anning said that over the last decade Tuberculosis in this country had increased in general, but among those employed in the gold mines, both Europeans and Natives had decreased considerably, and that enteric fever, from which the mine population suffered to the extent of 20 in 10,000 a few years ago, had been reduced to 1 case in 10,000, owing chiefly to the emphasis laid on cleanliness, and proper feeding in the compounds. In general Europeans are born with good health, therefore if they obtain the necessary conditions they should retain it.

He considered one of the greatest needs in this country was for recreational facilities for all classes and races. Man has certain primitive needs if he is to be healthy and happy.

He needs facilities for movement, change, social cohesion and conditions which enable him to take a pride in his family, in his town or city, and all opportunities to use his talents and ability. Unless these needs are satisfied you will get discord, unrest, and unhappiness, which all contribute to disease and ill-health.

Dr. Anning said that it should not be too difficult to supply these conditions. The mines on the Rand had made real attempts to give them to the Natives in their employ, but there were many in other types of work for whom these facilities were wanting. The medical profession prior to 1900 had been engaged in trying to discover what germs caused the many diseases of man, from 1900 to 1950 they had been searching for and finding drugs etc., which would cure these, but from now on they would be working more and more in the direction of preventive medicine and the promotion of real health. Health centres where people could learn how to get health for themselves under guidance from doctors and nurses should be set up. One had been started at Moroka, near Johannesburg, for the Natives, and was doing good work.

Dr. Anning said that all people were interested in the question of health, and emphasized the significance of the family in relation to health. He therefore appealed to the N.C.W. as a body of women to further the cause in whatever direction opportunities occurred, remembering always that "Life is not living, but living in health".

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