**Beecroft Wesleyan Band of Hope**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 5 May 1894, page 7**

Band of Hope. - The last meeting of the Band of Hope held at Mr. Mason’s passed off very satisfactorily. There was a large attendance, and a good programme rendered of songs, recitations, etc. The newly appointed Wesleyan minister for the Ryde circuit, the Rev. Mr. Moore, presided.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 30 Jun 1894**

Beecroft.

**Band of Hope**. – The usual meeting of the Band of Hope took place on Tuesday night in the large room kindly lent for such occasions by Mr. Mason.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 29 September 1894, page 2**

Beecroft.

The monthly meeting of the Band of Hope was held in Mr. Mason's residence on Wednesday evening, Sept. 19. The proceedings were more than ordinarily attractive by the giving of an entertainment, to which the public were cordially invited. The large room was crowded long before the hour of commencement, and a large number of people congregated outside the windows and doors. Mr. Sinclair made an excellent chairman. The room was very prettily decorated with ferns, flowers, etc. The performance commenced with a piano duet, by Mrs. Chorley and Miss G. Mason, and was succeeded with the following numbers, viz.: — Dialogue, "Too late for the train," Messrs. Garr, and Fred, and Chas. Mason; recitation, "The vulgar little boy," Mr. G. Willie; dialogue, "Band of Hope "—an interesting little piece in which each letter of the phrase (Bend of Hope) is made a subject—by Misses Gertie Small, Emily Martin, Edie Bullard, Edie Chorley, Maud Martin, and Masters Harry Chorley, Alf. Bullard, Leslie Small, Silas Martin, and Tom Stobo; vocal duet, Mrs. Chorley and Miss Mason; song, " Belle Mahone," Mrs. Chorley; song, "Try, try, try again," Miss Mason; recitation, "Little drops," Lucy Jordan; song, "Dreaming of home," Miss G. Mason; recitation, "The drunkard's child," Silas Martin; song, " Marry no man if he drinks," Miss Mason and Ivy Sinfield; song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Mr. Mason, sen.; recitation, introducing several characters, Mr. Carr. The performance concluded with a laughable sketch, entitled, " Wanted, a boy," in which the following took part—Messrs. J. Mason, R. Williams, Carr, W. Way, Sinclair, T. Stobo, E. Martin, Miss M. Mason, and Miss Chorley. This piece created great amusement, and the different characters were very warmly applauded. The National Anthem by the whole company concluded the entertainment. It is understood that a similar evening's fun will shortly be arranged, the admission to be by silver coin.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 October 1894, page 8**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope- -The ordinary meeting of this society was hold on Wednesday evening last. As usual there was a good attendance, the admission being by silver coin. The following programme was put through very creditably: — Pianoforte duet Mrs. Chorley and Miss Mason; recitation “Learn to Say no,” Master, Les. Shields; vocal duet, Misses E. Small and E. Bullard; recitation, “The Life Boat,” Mr. Herbert Hawes; Dialogue, the Misses E. Bullard and F. Shepherd; song, “Singing from Palestine,” Miss Lucy Jordan; recitation, ”I l love you so,” Master Edie Sinfield; recitation, “Father's Wife,'' Miss Violet Jordan; song, 'It's easy if you try,” Mrs. Chorley ; recitation; “Keep outside the public house,” Master T. Stobo; vocal duet, “The murmuring Sea,” Mrs. Chorley and Miss G.. Mason; recitation, “Old Grumbleton,” Mr. Herbert Hawes; recitation, “An Elderly Quaker,” Mr. A. Bullard.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 October 1894, page 8**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. — Though many enjoyable evenings have been spent at Mr. Mason's residence under the general routine business conducted by Bands of Hope, there really never existed an established society of the kind here until now, for it was not until the

last meeting, held at Mr. Mason's that the move was made to establish a Band of Hope in the district, when the following were elected office-bearers: — President, Rev. W. Moore; Vice Presidents, Messrs. F. J. Allard and Sinfield; Treasurer, Mr. F. Mason; Secretary, Mr. F. T. Mason; and Messrs. E. Williams, G. Willis, W. Martin, E. A. Williams and A. Small as a committee. Any funds obtained by the Society will go towards the building fund of a Wesleyan Church when it is decided to erect such a building. It was decided to again visit the Pennant Hills Band of Hope in a month's time and there provide the entertainment.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 17 November 1894, page 2**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The regular monthly meeting of the Band of Hope was held at Mr. Mason's, last Wednesday. Mr. Allard presided, decorated, and the room, which was very tastefully decorated, was so crowded that many visitors could not get seats. At the last monthly meeting a committee was formed to work up a temperance society, and one pleasing result of their efforts is found in the fact that people can now sign the pledge here. Mr. F. Mason, jun., is hon. secretary, and will be very pleased to add some more names to his members’ roll. Another committee is collecting funds wherewith to erect a church, and has already something like £30 in hand. The programme of last Wednesday’s entertainment included twenty items; the performers were warmly applauded, and it was disposed as follows: - Pianoforte duet, Mrs. Chorley and Miss G. Mason; duet, Miss E. Bullard and Miss G. Small; That’s the Way to Win the Day; recitation, Mr. Hawes (Ryde), The Fireman’s Wedding; song, Mrs. Chorley, The Dipper that Hangs on the Wall; recitation, Miss G. Small, The Little Rose Girl; song, Miss Lucy Jordan, Coming thro’ the Rye; recitation, Alfred Bullard, A Little Drink; song, Miss Mason, Love’s Old Sweet Song; recitation, Miss E. Bullard, The Drunkard’s Dying Wife; song, Miss G. Mason, Only a Homeless Wandering Child; pianoforte duet, Miss E. Chorley and Mrs. Chorley; duet, Mrs. Chorley and Miss G. Mason, Shine on, thou Murmuring Sea; recitation, R. Williams, Judge Not; song, Miss Williams (Sydney), A Lighthouse by the Sea; recitation, Mr. Hawes (Ryde), I Vant Two Flies; song, Miss Mason, Don’t Let it Happen Again; song, Ivy Sinfield, Jesus Bids us Shine; son, Miss Mason, Little Sister’s Gone to Sleep; recitation, Mr. Hawes (Ryde), A Bridge Maker’s Story; song, Mrs. Chorley, Hush! Don’t Wake the Baby. The accompanists of the evening were – Mrs. Chorley and the Mosses CHorey, G. Mason, Jordan, and Watson.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 24 November 1894, page 8**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The regular meeting and entertainment in connection with the Band of Hope was largely attended on Wednesday evening, Mr. F. J. Allard occupying the chair. A good programme of songs, recitations, vocal duets, was put through in good style, the following assisting: - Mrs. Chorley, the Misses Edie Bullard, Gertrude Small, M. Mason, G. Mason, Edie Chorley, William and Ivy Sinfield and Messrs. Hawes, Alfred Bullard and Robert Williams.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 22 December 1894, page 2**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope.

The usual monthly meeting of the Band of Hope was held in Mr. Mason’s house, Beecroft, last Wednesday night. The room was very prettily decorated with Christmas bush, flowers, and evergreens, and there was a good attendance. Mr. Allard occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings regretted that only a short programme of songs, recitations, and so forth, had been prepared, so he hoped some volunteers would be found amongst those present. In future, he thought it would be well to arrange a programme, and have a rehearsal before the meeting night. "Oh, my comrades," was then sung, after which Mrs.

Mason, jnr., read, by request, the minutes of the meeting at which it was decided to form a temperance society. They were as follows: Minutes of meeting held at Mr. Mason's, presided over by the Rev. J. W. Moore. A silver social was given in aid of the Church building fund, at which songs, recitations, duets, etc., were given; the proceeds amounted to £116. During the evening steps were taken to form a Band of Hope, and the following resolutions were submitted, viz.: Mr. F. J. Allard moved, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to establish a Band of Hope at Beecroft, and that such temperance society be now started, to consist of all persons who may desire to join, with such other persons as may hereafter, from time to time, be enrolled as members. Seconded by Mr. A. Small, and carried unanimously. - Moved by Mr. Joseph Shields, and seconded by Mr. F. Mason, "That the following 'he the Officers and committee of management, for the ensuing year, viz. - President, Rev. J. W. Moore; vice-president, Messrs. F. Allard and. A. Sinfield; secretary and registrar, Mr. F. F. Mason; committee, Messrs. F. Mason, B. Williams, sen., E. Williams, jun., G. Willis, A. Small, W. Martin, A. Our, Mrs. Chorley, Mrs. Mason, Miss G. Mason, and Miss Martin, with power to add to the number." - Carried.

The following programme was then rendered:—Song, " Hearts and homes," Miss G. Mason; reading, "No work's the hardest work," Mr. Allard; song, " The village blacksmith," Mr. Perdriau; recitation, "Both rides," Mr. B. Williams, jun.; song," When spring unlocks the flowers," Miss G. Small; recitation, “The two glasses," Miss M. Boorer; recitation, "The lion and the glove," Mr. Williams, sen.; song, “Two little girls in blue," Miss G. Mason; recitation, "Is it caused by beer," Mr. R. Williams, jun.; song, "The yeoman's wedding," Mr. Perdriau; reading, "Reid of Oldazia," or "The tide of the bridge," Mr. Allard; recitation, "Husbands," Mr. R. Williams, sen.; recitation, " The tippler's fright," Miss M. Boorer. The accompanists were Miss G. Mason, Miss G. Small, and Mrs. Allard, whose duties were performed most pleasingly.

The Chairman then pronounced the Benediction, and invited those who desired to do so, to come forward and sign the pledge.

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 16 February 1895, page 4**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope.

The monthly meeting of the Beecroft Band of Hope was held at Mr. Mason's, Wednesday night, Feb. 18. The room was beautifully decorated, with ferns and flowers; bat was not nearly large enough to hold the audience, and was crowded long before the time of commencement There were several new. performers.

At eight o'clock, Mr. Sinfield took the chair, and after a few preliminary remarks the programme was entered upon. It was as follows: —Piano solo, Mrs. Chorley. Recitation, "Wholesale and Retail," S. Martin. Song, "Brighter days will come again," Miss G. Mason. Violin solo, Mr. Moore (Ryde). Song, " Listen," Mrs. Chorley. Recitation," Over the hills to the poor house," Mr. J. Hawes (Ryde). Vocal duet, " I would that my love," Miss G. Mason and Mrs. Chorley. Dialogue, "Tim's new carpet," Miss E. Bollard and Master A. Ballard. Song, "I love the cause Of Temperance," Miss Ivy Sinfield. Recitation, "The argument," Mr. Hawes (Ryde). Solo, "Call them in," Miss Florrie Austin (Thornleigh). Duet, Mr. Hawes and Mr. Forsyth (Ryde). Song, " 'Tis but a little faded flower,' Mrs. Chorley. Recitation, "Your mother still prays for you, Jack," Miss Ruby Reid (Hornsby)—in this, six little girls sang the music peculiar to the piece. Company song, "The Gleaners," Miss "C. Shield and Mr. Austin; with chorus by Eva Aiken, Minnie and Linnie Shields, Hilda Thompson, Ulya Boorer, and Florrie Austin. Recitation, " The stream," G. Samkins. The chairman then interpolated a few appropriate remarks. Recitation, "A boy and his mother,” Mr. Hawes; Song, "The death of Nelson," Mr; Mason, sen. All the performers, were warmly applauded.

The accompanists were Mrs. Chorley, Miss. G. Mason, Miss Moore (Ryde), and Miss Edith Chorley. A collection was taken up in aid of the church fund, during which the. audience sang the chorus "Water Bright." To wind up this pleasant entertainment, the whole company joined in singing, “Where is my wandering boy, to-night" Mrs. Chorley leading and playing the accompaniment.

**Methodist (Sydney, NSW: 1892 - 1954), Saturday 16 March 1895, page 1**

Representative Conference.

The following erections and purchases were reported : - Ashfield Circuit, the erection of a church at Five Dock; Ryde Circuit, erection of church at Beecroft; … …

**Cumberland Mercury (Parramatta, NSW: 1875 - 1895), Saturday 16 March 1895, page 4**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope-

The monthly Band of Hope meeting was held at Mr. Mason's, Beecroft, on Wednesday. Mr. Joseph Shields acted as chairman, and he intimated that another entertainment of the kind would be held next month on behalf of local church funds. The following programme was rendered:—Recitation, "Clara Brown," Miss G. Small; chorus "What the old folks say," Misses E. Bollard, G. Small, V. and R. Jordan; recitation, "Little Sun beams," Ivy Sinfield; solo, "How won the sparkling water"; recitation, "Father's wine," Violet Jordan; song, " Angel's lamps," Hilda Thompson ; dialogue, " Wishes," Misses Allen, R. and V. Jordan, E. and M. Martin and Edith Bullard ; recitation, "In the wild dark storm," Miss Bullard; song, "I felt the nudge of fancy," Hilda Thompson ; recitation, Miss Allen; part song, "Father, come home," Misses E. Bullard, G. Small, V. and B. Jordan ; dialogue, " How Pat saved his bacon and bis conscience," Leslie Shields, Alfred Bullard, And Edith Bullard; recitation, " Biddy the flirt," Edith Bullard; song, Miss G. Mason; recitation, "A naughty girl," Edith Linfield; recitation, "A cat's evening concert,'' Lucy Jordan. Miss Watson and Miss G. Mason acted as accompanists.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 July 1895, page 3**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. — Mr. Sinfield occupied the chair at the Band of Hope entertainment on Wednesday night. On the arrival of Mr. Barton, however, Mr. Sinfield vacated in his favour. Au usual the attendance was very good, and Mr, Mason's large room was once more the scene of pretty decorations. Miss Gertie Mason acted as accompanist, and among others the following rendered splendid assistance by the rendition of songs, readings, recitations etc.: Misses Ethel Small, Minnie Stobo, Gertie Small, Jessie Jordan, Edie and Ivy Sinfield, Messrs. H. Hawes, Burton and Sinfield, the latter two gentlemen being responsible for brief address in favour of the Temperance cause.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 May 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

Wesleyan — Some time ago the Wesleyan folk of this district commenced collecting for the purpose of raising funds towards erecting a Wesleyan church here, but funds apparently did not come as was anticipated, for the matter has been very quiet of late. It is pleasing to note it has not altogether been forgotten, as during the last few weeks the site obtained for such a building has been fenced in.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 31 August 1895, page 7**

Beecroft.

Entertainment. - The local Band of Hope, for which Mr. Mason is chiefly responsible, intend giving a special entertainment assisted by lady and gentlemen amateurs at an early date in aid of the Wesleyan Church building fund.

**Methodist (Sydney, NSW: 1892 - 1954), Saturday 12 October 1895, page 6**

SHORT ITEM.

The foundation stones of a new Wesleyan Church at Beecroft were laid on Tuesday last, in the presence of a goodly company, by Mrs. Taylor (Burwood) and Mrs. Mason (Beecroft). An address was delivered by the President of the Conference. The Bev. J. W. Moore, of Ryde, conducted the proceedings.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Thursday 21 November 1895, page 3**

The Wesleyan Synods.

Sites for churches had been acquired at Beecroft and Lindfield.

**Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW: 1876 - 1954), Friday 28 February 1896, page 6**

Churches were in course of erection at Hornsby Junction, Beecroft, Helensburg, and Gannon's Creek.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 March 1896, page 7**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. —For some time past the Band of Hope Society here has been very quiet in its workings. However, through the energetic efforts of Mr. F. Mason jun., a meeting was arranged for last week when the Rev. J. W. Moore presided over a very fair attendance. A

good programme of mailings, recitations, dialogues, songs etc., was gone through in good style, the following contributing the items: - the Misses Lucy Jordan, Mason, Moore and Barton, and Messrs. Herbert Hawes, Vincent Boyde, Clarence Short and Clifton Short. Miss Moore and Miss Mason as accompanists carried out their duties very efficiently. A collection was taken up towards buying prizes for the Wesleyan Sunday School.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 May 1896, page 10**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. — There is a chance of the Band of Hope meetings here being revived. Messrs. F. T. Mason and W. H. Short are working energetically in the matter, and hope before long to put a good programme before the public.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 6 June 1896, page 10**

Along the Line.

The Ryde Choir, in aid of the Circuit Fund, will give a service of song entitled, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in the Wesleyan Church at Beecroft on the 16th instant.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29 August 1896, page 10**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The last meeting of the Band of Hope held on the 20th proved a grand treat. There was a good gathering, and the items contributed were well given and appreciated. Mr. A. Sinfield, who occupied the chair, and Mr. C. Gambling gave short addresses. Recitations were given by Connie Allum, Thomas Stobo, Edith Sinfield, Arthur Allum, Alfred Bullard, Miss Healey, Charles Gilbert, Robert Williams, Pearlie Sinfield, Ivy Sinfield, George Wheeler and Edith Bullard; solos by Edith Sinfield and Miss Whyman, and a reading by Charles Sinfield.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 September 1896, page 10**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The regular meeting of the Band of Hope was held at the Wesleyan Chapel on Tuesday night. The building was crammed full with an appreciative audience. Mr. A. Sinfield (vice-president) occupied the chair. Miss Mason, the organist, who is always at her post and is thoroughly proficient in her duties, presided in her usual capacity. The following programme was well contributed: - Recitation, Charles Sinfield; solo, Miss Pettit; recitation, Edith Sinfield; song, Stephen Shields; recitation, Edith Bullard; solo, Mrs. Sinfield; recitation, Alfred Bullard; recitation, Olive Gilbert dialogue, Misa Swane and Stephen Shields; recitation, Ivy Sinfield; solo, Mr. Sinfield; recitation. Miss Swane ; dialogue, Ernest Martin and Walcott Way. Several new members wero enrolled. At the close Mr. Sinfield delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, which proved moat auspicious, a pleasant evening resulting.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 31 October 1896, page 10**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The regular meeting of this useful body was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. Sinfield presided, and there was a good attendance. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer, and a few remarks from the Chairman. An interesting programme was well' rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen: — Mesdames A. Sinfield and Julian, Misses Mason, Pettit, Ivy Sinfield and E. Bullard; Mr. Sinfield, and Masters 0. Sinfield, R. Williams, Silas Martin, and Stephen Shields. Mr. Sinfield delivered an address at the close, in which he showed the necessity for educating people up to the principles of Prohibition. His discourse had the effect of several giving in their names.

**Cumberland Free Press (Parramatta, NSW: 1895 - 1897), Saturday 21 November 1896, page 5**

BEECROFT.

The anniversary in connection with the Beecroft Wesleyan Church is to be held on December 9, in the Church. A tea fete will take place from 6 to 7.80 p.m. followed by a public meeting at 7.46 p.m., when the Bev. H.W.T. Pincombe, F. Hibberd, W. H. Williams, J. W. Moore and others are expected to deliver addresses. The Bev. F. Hibberd will preach special sermons on Sunday, December 13th.

**Cumberland Free Press (Parramatta, NSW: 1895 - 1897), Saturday 23 January 1897, page 11**

The Band of Hope met on Tuesday in the Wesleyan Church, Mr. W. Short occupied the chair and there was a fair attendance. The chairman gave an appropriate address and songs, readings, and recitations were rendered by Susy Gordon, Olive Flack, Pearl Sinfield, Rosamond Short, W. Carr, R. Williams, Leonard Flack, Thompson, A. Carr, E. Bullard and Mrs. Sinfield.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 February 1897, page 12**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The Beecroft Silver Band of Hope met on Thursday night in the Wesleyan Church, Beecroft, when there was a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. W. Short occupied the chair and delivered an address. Amongst the items on the programme were: — A duet, Mrs. and Miss Mason; readings, Mr. W. Short and Mr. A. Carr; solo, Miss Edie Sinfield; recitations, Mr. Arthur Carr, Miss Thompson, G. Wheeler, Charles Sinfield and R. Williams; quartette, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Mason and another, and a song by the choir. Mr. Sinfield delivered an interesting address, after which a number of names of intending members were given in.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 March 1897, page 7**

Beecroft.

Wesleyan Band of Hope. — On Wednesday night the Beecroft Band of Hope … came off, and was in every way a decided success. By 7.30 the church was packed to the doors and members were unable to secure sitting or standing room. The Rev. J. W. Moore occupied the chair, and introduced a programme which was well appreciated throughout. The details wero as follows: — Recitation, “The way to Heaven,” Mr. Boyd; vocal duet, the Misses Pettet; piano solo, Miss Barker; song, “Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep,” Mr. Adlington; recitation, Starless Crown,” Mr. Roberts; song, ' Gates Ajar,” Miss Nicholas; song, “Too Late,” Miss Carr; recitation, “The Children's Hospital.” Miss Channon; song, Mr. Wittens; song, “The Old-Fashioned Couple,” Mr. Addington; recitation, Miss Tindal; song, Miss Channon; song, Miss Carr.

While the refreshments wero being handed round, votes of thanks were passed to all who assisted. The whole of the items on the programme were well given, but special mention, I think, should be made of Miss Channons’s recitation, entitled ''The Children’s Hospital,” and one by Mr. Roberta entitled “The Starless Crown.” These were the gems of the evening.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 April 1897, page 3**

BEECROFT.

Band of Hope. - The monthly meeting of the Bond of Hope was held on Wednesday in the Wesleyan Church, Beecroft, when an enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. The church was nicely filled, and visitors from the sister Band of Hope at Castle Hill gave help, which was much appreciated.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 December 1897, page 7**

BEECROFT.

Band of Hope. — The usual meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church on December 15th. Mr. W. H. Short occupied the chair, and the following programme was carried out: — Recitations by Ollie Flack, Pearlie Sinfield, Charlie Wheeler, Clarice Short, Miss C. Allura, Clifton Short and Mr. J. Carr; songs by Edith and Ivy Sinfield, Mrs. Sinfield, and the Misses Lily and May Short; dialogues — “Wine makes you cross,” by M. Wheeler and C. Lutherbrough, and “The Silly Set,” by the Misses C. Allum, G. Mason and R. Short. The meeting was closed by Mr. Short presenting Band of Hope prizes to the following children for the highest number of marks for reciting etc: — Edith Sinfield (1st), Clarice Short (2nd), Ivy Sinfield, May Wheeler, Clara Lutherbrough, Laura Healey, Ollie Flack and Leonard Flack.

**Methodist (Sydney, NSW: 1892 - 1954), Saturday 26 March 1898, page 8**

Circuit News.

Beecroft (Ryde). — This, the latest built of the churches of the Ryde Circuit enjoys the distinction of attaining its third anniversary free of debt. The anniversary services were held on Sunday, 6th instant, the sermon being preached by Revs. W. H. and Joseph Beale.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 June 1898, page 9**

BEECROFT.

The Beecroft Band of Hope was held in the Wesleyan Church on Thursday last, when the following pieces were well rendered: - Recitation, Charlie Wheeler; recitation, Miss C. Short; recitation, Mr. T. W. Carr; solo, Miss Mason; recitation, Miss C. Allum; reading, Mr. Short; recitation, Lottie Wheeler; recitation, Miss G. Mason; recitation, Mr. R. Williams; recitation, May Wheeler; reading, Mr. Carr; recitation, George Wheeler; and a dialogue, “Dr. Quack and his patients. The parts of it were well acted by Miss Allum, Mr. Carr, Mr. Williams, and George Wheeler, and caused great amusement. Mr. Short occupied the chair, and the church was well filled.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 June 1898, page 10**

CASTLE HILL.

A most enjoyable time was spent by a crowded audience on Saturday evening last, being the occasion of a visit from Beecroft Wesleyan Band of Hope to Castle Hill. A highly entertaining programme of recitations and dialogues was rendered by the visitors, interspersed by various musical items ably contributed by Castle Hill friends. After opening with a hymn and a short address by the Chairman, Mr. J. Shields, a recitation, “The depredating hen,” was given by Mr. J. Carr, followed by one by Miss Allum, “A noble boy of green Erin”,' and a reading by Mr. Short. These items were followed by a song, “Touch not the cup,” by Miss Eva Harvey. A recitation by Mr. C. Sinfield, a reading by Mr. Healey, and a recitation, “Can you undo,” by Miss Short, came next, followed by a temperance dialogue, “The doctor's prescription,” given by Mr. J. W. Carr, and Misses G. Mason, C. Allum and C. Short. A song, “Massa's in the cold, cold ground,” feelingly sung by Miss M. Pogson, was followed by a recitation, “Somebody's mother,” by Mr. R. Williams; “A Drop of Short,” by Miss C. Short; and “In the signal box,” by Mr. T. W. Carr; and a recitation, “The yarn of the Nancy Bell,” by Master G. Wheeler, who being encored, gave “The confession.” A duet by Miss M. Pogson and Mr. Pogson, “What are the wild waves saying?” was then rendered. Mr. Sep. Carr gave a recitation, “Boys,” and the sentiment contained in the last few lines: —

“For my part I think that boys,

Altho' they're rough and make a noise,

Are just as much account as girls,

With all their finery and curls.”

was so much in accordance with the views of the young male element in the audience, that with many a 'hear hear' and loud applause, an encore was insisted upon, when Mr. Carr gave “The sweet college girl.” This was followed by a recitation, “Poor-house Nan,” ably given by Miss Mason, and “The pied piper of Hamelin“ by Mr. J. Carr. After a song, “Rather come home,” by Mr. Harrison came the last item on the programme, a humorous dialogue, “Dr. Quack and his patients,” the parts being taken by Mr. T. W. Carr (representing Dr. Quack); Miss Allum and Mr. Williams (patients), and Master Wheeler (doctor’s boy). This evoked roars of laughter throughout, especially when Dr. Quack found it necessary to inflict a severe thrashing on the boy, on finding him doctoring a patient who had called during his

absence.

A vote of thanks to the visitors was carried, and suitably responded to by Mr. Short, secretary of the Beecroft Band of Hope. A most enjoyable evening was then brought to a close by singing “God save the Queen.”

It is expected that the Castle Hill Band of Hope will shortly pay a return visit to Beecroft, and it is probable that these exchange meetings will be held more often in the future, as they tend to foster an increased interest in Band of Hope meetings.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 July 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

A Live Band of Hope. — The members of the Beecroft Band of Hope having visited and given entertainments at Castle Hill, Dundas, and Hornsby are now looking for a return visit from each of these places. The first is to come off on Monday next, August 1st, when the Castle Hill Band of Hope will give an entertainment in the Beecroft Wesleyan Church. A good programme will be rendered; the only difficulty anticipated now is to accommodate the audience expected.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 6 August 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

Band of Hope. — The monthly meeting of the Beecroft Band of Hope was held in the Wesleyan Church on Monday. The members of the Pennant Hills Band of Hope paid a visit to Beecroft, and rendered the following programme in excellent style: — Chorus, company; duet, Misses Pogson add Harvey; recitation, Miss Mildred Pogson; song, Mr. S. Shields; recitation, Miss Mabel Harvey; duet, Miss and Mr. Pogson; recitation, Miss Ethel Pogson; duet, Misses Pogson and Harvey; recitation, Miss Mabel Harvey; duet, Miss and Mr. Pogson; chorus, company. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the visitors, Mr. Shields (vice-president) responding on behalf of the members of the Pennant Hills Band of Hope. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Band of Hope. — The Dundas Wesleyan Band of Hope paid a visit to Beecroft on Wednesday. A trolly was fitted up as a transport. The roads were rough, but after an adventurous and perilous trip its living freight of between 20 and 30 souls was deposited in front of the Wesleyan Church in good order and condition, and, judging from the lively manner in which they entertained the Beecroft people, no one was any the worse for the shaking en route. The following assisted: - Master L. Gliddon, Miss Gertrude Neil, Oscar Watson, Misses R.; and M. Hushes, Miss Clarice Catt, Master Geo. Fjttirburn, Miss E. Gliddon, Mr. V. Boyd, Misses B. and E. Neil, Masters Harold Catt and Wilfred. Neil, Miss Eyles, Miss Mabel Neil, Mr. W. Gliddon, Mr. C. Gliddon and Master A. Pairburn. An able address was given by the Chairman, Mr. Neil. A vote of thanks, was conveyed to the visitors for the varied and interesting programme they had. rendered; and after partaking of light refreshments, they again embarked on the transport, and went on their way rejoicing; but we're sadly afraid they 'didn't get home till morning.'

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Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - A meeting was hold in the Wesleyan Church on the 29th ult. Owing to indisposition, many items were omitted from the programme but a fairly good selection of recitations and hymns was delivered in a very efficient style as follows: - Rending by Mr. Short; recitations by Olive Flack, Arthur Allum, R. Williams, Arthur Naylor, Mr. Carr, Miss Allum, Miss C. Short. A very instructive and amusing dialogue, entitled “Rum and Tea” concluded the programme.

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Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - The monthly meeting   was held in the Wesleyan Church, Beecroft, on the 27th ult. The occasion was an unexpected visit from the Hornsby Band of Hope. An excellent programme of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, etc; was very nicely rendered by the following — Mr. Carr, the Messrs. Staer; Miss Linda Whitehead; Miss Read; Misses Curtis and Whitehead; Messrs. Ware and Read; Harold Walker; Mrs. Staer; Misses Nellie Whitehead and Violet Curtis. The vocal selections were delivered in excellent style.

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Pennant Hills.

Entertainment. — The Beecroft Band of Hope visited Pennant Hills on Saturday. Mr. Shields occupied the chair. Songs and recitations were given by Mr. and the two Misses Short, Mr. Carr, Mr. Healey, Mr. Fred Mason, Miss Mason, Miss and Mr. A. Alum, and others. The dialogue “A Cup of Tea,” was a capital item,

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Beecroft.

Band of Hope. — The monthly meeting of the Beecroft Band of Hope was held in the Wesleyan Church, Beecroft, on Wednesday. A selection of songs, recitations and readings was delivered in good style as follows: — Recitation, Willie Chorley; recitation, Arthur Allum; recitation, Arthur Naylor; reading. Mr, Healy; reading, Mr. Short; recitation. Mr. Carr; recitation, R. Williams; song, Mrs. Julian; recitation, Miss Allum; vocal duet, Miss Mason and Mrs. Julian.

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Beecroft.

B. OF. H. - The Beecroft Wesleyan Band of Hope hold a very successful meeting on Wednesday, when the following contributed- to an excellent programme: — Messrs.

McQuade, C. Hanley, S. Shields, G. Wheeler, Inglis and A. Allum, Master O. Davies, Mr. H. Hawse, Miss Shields and Miss Mason. The chairman gave a bright address to finish up the evening, Miss Mason was accompanist for the evening.

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Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - -A pleasant entertainment was given on the 6th inst. by the Wesleyan Band of Hope. The chief features of the evening wore songs by Miss Mason and the Misses May, a recitation by Miss Short, and an exceedingly crisp dialogue by Mrs. and Miss Hines. In addition, there were recitations by diminutive young ladies of tender years.

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Beecroft.

Band of Hope. - During the week the Beecroft Band of Hope held a reunion in the Wesleyan Church. A capital programme of songs, recitations, etc. gave pleasure to a large audience. Mr W. H. Short occupied the chair. An effort is to be made to make the social next month specially attractive.

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Beecroft,

Band of Hope. — The usual meeting of the Wesleyan Band of Hope took place on the 6th under the leadership of Mr. Short. The programme comprised songs and recitations by a number of young ladies, who acquitted themselves creditably; the recitation by Miss Clarice Short and a well sustained dialogue between Messrs. Wheeler and Short, jun., being especially good. Neatly bound copies of the Bible were presented to Mr. and Miss Allum, helpers in the Sunday School, who recently seceded to the Seventh Day Adventists. The pleasure of the evening was somewhat marred by the noisy conduct of certain youths who ought to have known better.

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Beecroft

BAND OF HOPE. - A Band of Hope was formed this week in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Beecroft. Rev. A. M. Ogilvie presided: Following officers were elected: President, Rev. A. M. Ogilvie; joint hon. sees., Messrs. R. Mitchell and R. Forsyth; committee, Mrs. McKern, Misses Bywater, Fraser, Gilbert, Mr. J. I. Forsyth, and Mr. F. McKern.

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Beecroft.

BAND OF HOPE. - Beecroft Band of Hope met on Tuesday, when there was a very fair attendance. Songs wero nicely given by Misses Doris Stewart, Edith Gilbert, Doris Sutton, and Daisy Forsyth; a violin solo by Master J. Mitchell, a dialogue by 10 boys, and there were numerous recitations.

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Beecroft.

BAND OF HOPE. - The Beecroft Band of Hope held a social gathering: on Tuesday, when recitations anil songs were rendered by J. Edwards, N. Garrett, N. McKern, E. Gilbert, H. McCredie and D. Forsyth, and Miss Edwards.