

Our Illustrations.

REFORM LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

INCLUDED in the illustrated pages is a group of delegates who attended the first National Conference of the Reform League in Wellington last week. The delegates included:—Christchurch South, Mr R. L. Murray; Lyttelton, Mr Anderson; Ellesmere, Messrs R. Forbes and J. Storey; Selwyn, Messrs C. A. G. Hardy, J. D. Hall, D. McMillan, and G. Sheel; Ashburton, Messrs J. C. N. Grigg and G. W. Leadley; Tenaska, Messrs B. R. Martin and G. Casey; Timaru, Messrs J. Wallace and J. H. Moore; Waitaki, Messrs W. F. Gardner and E. C. Stubbins; Oamaru, Mr W. Waddell; Masterton, Mr S. R. Edwards; Pahiatua, Messrs W. B. Matherson, A. H. Vile, and H. Ellingham; Wairarapa, Mr W. Welsh; Wellington South, Mr R. A. Wright; Waipawa, Messrs J. Flood, L. C. Rathbone, and A. McKillop; Hawke's Bay, Messrs G. Lund, G. W. Warren, and E. H. Williams; Napier, Mr H. B. Lusk; Gisborne, Mr W. Morgan; Bay of Plenty, Mr H. D. Latour; Eastern Maori, Mr Mohi to Atankia; Wairau, Messrs A. Mackay and E. F. Healy; Mescalmas A. J. Fisher, Eason, and Mackay; Nelson, Mr A. Maginnity; Motueka, Mr G. L. Tacon; Ottago Central, Miss Iversen; Awarua, Mr J. B. Hamilton; Wangamui, Mr G. Cannon; Ohinemuri, Mr A. White; Stratford, Messrs N. B. Fryday and H. W. Young; Waikato, Messrs J. E. McGregor, H. Smith, J. Barton, G. Edgecombe, Miss Wood; Tairānui, Messrs J. Wall, E. Martin, and R. Somerville; Auckland East, Messrs H. H. Scobrooke and W. R. Bloomfield; Auckland West, Messrs P. McElwaine, H. N. Bignall, and E. A. James; Grey Lynn, Messrs G. J. Garland and J. W. Brindley; Parnell, Messrs F. W. Stonex and J. M. Phillips; Auckland Central, Messrs J. Farrell and P. Murdoch; Tauranga, Messrs A. Bossons, E. C. Banks, J. Johnstone, and J. Lipsey; Waimarino, Messrs A. L. Arrowsmith, R. W. Had, C. Buttermore, F. F. Hockley, and T. Sowerby; Rangitiki, Messrs J. Gilbert, — Richards, — McDonald, and F. R. H. Bryce; Orana, Messrs H. Burrell, O. McIlroy, and H. Booth; Palmerston North, Messrs Goring Johnston and G. Sim; Otaki, Mr T. Kingston; Hutt, Mr E. P. Bonny; Wellington Suburbs, Messrs H. S. Hill and A. R. Atkinson; Wellington North, Mr C. B. Morrison; Wellington East, Messrs R. W. Gilbert and A. Leigh-Hunt; Wellington Central, Mr W. A. Thompson; Chalmers, Messrs T. Scott and W. Marsh; Riccarton, Messrs C. H. Emor, B. Feb-Smith, and F. W. Haslam; Canterbury Women's Social and Political Reform League, Mrs Haslam; Avon, Messrs M. Dixon and H. J. O'Leary; Christchurch North, Messrs J. J. Duggall and R. Evans; Christchurch East, Messrs E. C. Hine and E. J. Neetham; Waitemata, Messrs E. W. Alison, C. C. Grainger, C. W. Harris, J. A. Hart, and J. St. Clair; Manakou, Messrs A. Gordon and E. W. Burton; Baglan, Messrs W. Horn, H. Waring, R. D. Duxfield, Mrs Duxfield, and H. H. Wylie; Franklin, Messrs A. M. Parrishall, J. Rositer, C. B. Herold, R. F. Fenwick, and J. Schaeffer; Patea, Messrs E. F. Hemingway and J. E. Deaith; Egmont, Messrs G. H. Buckridge and J. Luby; Taranaki, Mr T. Buxton; Haurangi, Messrs D. D. MacFarlane, T. Gardner, H. H. Holland, and J. Allan; Kaipoi, Messrs R. Moore, H. C. D. Van Aesch, W. Nichols, W. Douldeley, and C. E. Pateman; Dunedin Central, Messrs J. MacGregor and R. C. Algie; Dunedin North, Mr H. Mitchell; Dunedin West, Mr W. Burnett; Dunedin South, Mr T. K. Hart; Mataura, Messrs T. Foster and J. McKecheer; Clutha, Mr J. Begg; Wallace, Messrs G. E. Meek and J. A. Armstrong; Kaipara, Messrs A. Harding, F. Jones, and J. McLeod; Marsden, Mr J. E. Holmes; Bay of Islands, Messrs G. Wilkinson, H. E. Ludbrook, and J. E. Coates; Eden, Messrs J. R. Walters, J. Milne, and W. Gossett; Auckland Ladies' Executive, Mrs James Von Stummer and J. St. Clair.

RIFLE CLUB CONFERENCE.

A conference between Major-General Godley and representatives from rifle clubs in all parts of New Zealand, was held at Wellington last week to consider the proposals leading to the organisation of rifle clubs as a genuine second line to the territorial forces. A working arrangement was approved. The group on

page 24 includes: Back row—W. J. Walsh (Opaki), F. Moore (Auckland), Harford (Feilding), M'Imman (Te Aroha), E. Carr (Kaero), Hill (New Plymouth), Searle (Invercargill), W. H. Masfield (Southe), Sothekere (Tireymouth). Middle row—W. Judd (Karori), Broughton (Rangitiki), E. Gallichan (Wellington), Miller (Blenheim), Monk (Ngatiawa), Higgins (Timaru), Shannon and McDonald (Highland Club), Quartermain (Wanganui), Logan (Dunedin). Front row—G. Loveday (Ohura), R. Durbie (Auckland), H. Marshall (Karori), Col. Heard, General Godley, Col. Collins, Col. Burnett-Stuart, H. O. Browne (Gen. Sec.), J. Rovers, and Burridge (Wellington).

VISITING SPORTSMEN.

The following particulars refer to Messrs. H. R. Miller and J. E. Blue (whose portraits appear on page 29), the joint managers of the New South Wales Rugby League touring team, which arrives in Wellington on August 20th.

Mr. H. R. Miller has occupied the office of treasurer of the New South Wales Rugby Football League for the past four seasons. He was one of the earliest members of the League, and has been a member of the Management Committee since that body was formed. He was assistant honorary secretary in 1908, during the "Kangaroo" visit to England. His playing record is a good one. Rugby Union Code: Played for University and Eastern Suburbs (First Grade) League; represented Eastern Suburbs 1908 and 1909. Played against the Maoris 1908. He is a three-quarter, and during the season 1908 scored more tries than any other man in the game. He is a life member of the League, and was for some time a prominent member of the Amateur Athletic Association, on which body he represented the Redfern Harriers. At various times he was secretary, treasurer, and handicapper of the Redfern Harriers. Mr. Miller, a few years ago, was regarded as one of the State's greatest sprinters, and tied with Nigel Barker, Australasian champion and representative at the Olympia Games, over 220yds in record time. He was a strong candidate for the managership of the Australasian team to England last year. He managed the New South Wales representative team to Queensland 1910. A keen New South Welshman, in order to stimulate the local players against the visiting team in 1910, he gave a handsome medal for the most consistent performer. The medal was won by A. Broombam.

Mr. J. E. Blue is one of the founders of the North Sydney District Club, of which body he is hon. treasurer and representative on the head body. He was never much to the front as a player, but as a legislator he has always taken a prominent part. He is a life member of the League, and one of its most devoted advocates. He is a great supporter of the junior footballer.

AUCKLAND COMPETITIONS.

RESULTS OF THE DRAWING TESTS.

The first results of contests held in connection with the Auckland Competition Society's festival for this year have been announced. The competitions in music and elocution will commence on the 19th inst., but the drawing tests have already been held, and the judges, Messrs H. Wallace and J. B. Godson (Art Masters in the Technical College), have submitted the results as follows:—

DRAWING SECTIONS.

For school children under 12 years of age. A conventional design in one, two, or three colours, to fill a square, a circle or a hexagon having a diameter of 8 inches.—First prize: Olive Johnston (Victoria Road), Devonport School; second prize, Hillev Noel Short (Cheltenham Beach), Devonport School; third prize, May Sadgrove (Calliope Road), Devonport School.

For school children in the third standard. Subject: Drawing of plant forms from nature. First prize, Cecilia Reynolds (Bachman Street), Devonport School; second prize, Margaret Meredith (Albert Road), Devonport School; third prize, Frank Chapman, (Vaughan Road), Devonport School.

For children under the age of 15 years.

Each school to submit the best ten tinted drawings of plant forms from nature, done in ordinary school time, by 10 individual children. First prize, a bronze medal and certificate for each child, and a silver-mounted challenge shield, presented by the late J. G. Trevvick, to be retained by the winning school for the year, and held permanently if won three years in succession; second prize, framed certificate. First prize: Devonport District School — Alfred (List. Blanche Alison, Mabel Johnston, Doris Green, Emily Webster, Richard Fletcher, Dorothy Horne, Olive Lloyd, Joyce White, and Ada Miller. Second prize:—Devonport School—Gladys Kersell, Kenneth Alcott, Emma Biddick, Lyla Bartram, Ezzar Swinnerton, Allan Browne, Clement Woolall, Ethel Harris, Gordon Clist, and Ulva Farquharson.

For school children over 12 and under 15 years of age. Design to consist of "Illuminated Text," executed in any style and colours, to measure 18in long and 8in wide.—First prize: John Richard Sutton (Remuera), Auckland Grammar School; second prize: Myrtle Polton (Thames), Waiohaka School; third prize: Reg. P. Kallie (Devonport), Devonport School.

For children under 15 years of age. A group of objects or geometrical models. The drawings may be outlined or shaded.—First prize: Jack Moore (Ponsonby), Auckland Grammar School; second prize: Richard S. Fletcher, Devonport School; third prize: Ulva Farquharson, Devonport School.

For bona fide art students. The design to be drawn in black ink on white card-board, size of card, 10in by 8in. All students at public or private art schools, and all bona fide amateurs are eligible as competitors. Illustration of a passage from Shakespeare.—First prize: Samuel Harris, Eden Terrace; second prize: John Parsons, Stanley Bay; third prize: J. A. Young, Auckland.

For architectural students under 21 years of age. Design for porch, in wood.—First prize: Edward Le Petit, Northcote; second prize: Edward Le Petit, Northcote; third prize: Horace Massey, Mt. Eden.

Mr. Wallace, who has judged the work in the drawing section since the inauguration to the Auckland Competitions, is in a position to make interesting comparisons in the standard of this year and of previous years. On this occasion he had Mr. J. B. Godson, A.R.C.A., a comparatively recent arrival from London, associated with him, and these two gentlemen were approached with a view to securing their opinions of the work submitted to them. "In a general way," said Mr. Wallace, "I can say that the work submitted was superior in every respect to that sent in in former years." That remark, he said, applied to all the competitions. There was one competition in which there were ten representative drawings from the various competing schools, and the prize set was superior to anything he had before seen from children of that age (under 15 years) either here or in the Old Country. In the architectural section the work was a great advance on that of previous years. Though the general opinion of the judges was favourable, it would give them, they admitted, great pleasure to see more competition in the "object drawing" section. Some very remarkable drawings were sent in by children from Standard III., plant drawings from nature. With regard to the figure drawing, the illustration of a passage from Shakespeare, though the composition was in most cases good, the work in every case showed lack of knowledge of figure drawing. If good work was to be accomplished in this direction, there was no alternative but hard study. Both judges were emphatic on this point. Students must possess some knowledge of anatomy and of the subject. There were facilities for study in the higher branches if students wished to take advantage of them. They would like, in the interests of art, to see keener interest in the higher classes, and they suggested that there was an opening for competition on the industrial side of applied art, stencilled fabrics, for instance.

Unworthy.

A woman lately wrote an editor of the personal columns, and said: "I have lost three husbands and now have an offer of a fourth. Shall I accept him?" The reply came: "If you have lost three husbands I should say you are too careless to be trusted with a fourth."

WIND ROUND THE HEART.

AWFUL COMPLICATIONS SET UP BY INDIGESTION.—A MAN'S CURE BY BILE BEANS.

Mr H. Bannister, of Potts Street, East Brisbane, Q., says:—"Severe attacks of indigestion and acute bilious bouts, followed by terrible pains in the head, made my life a misery. My whole system would be shaken and strained by fits of retching. Bile accumulated until it overflowed and caused me much unpleasantness. My skin assumed an unusual yellow tint and I always felt drowsy, especially so after meals. Wind around the heart, and pains in the chest and shoulders, all added to my suffering, and while these bouts were on my condition was very bad. After trying a number of medicines from which no good resulted I was persuaded to commence a course of Bile Beans. I did so and soon noticed that the headaches and pains quickly disappeared. After each dose I felt a corresponding benefit, until after a thorough course of Bile Beans I was once more enjoying perfect health, and I have never been troubled with sickness since. Although I have led a very strenuous life, now, at 62 years of age, I feel in splendid condition.

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