

(1) That I, or someone in my place, will move at next Convention that Art. VII. of Local Constitution (p. 16), be amended by striking out all the words after "amended," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual Convention, notice having been given at the previous Convention."

(2) That no District or Local Union shall purchase property, or sell property already held, without the consent of the New Zealand Executive.

Convention was then adjourned for half an hour to allow of the distribution of the "Typed Report," just received, and of the departure of some members who desired to catch the mid-day trains.

On resuming, the following votes of thanks were passed:—

(1) The Hosts and Hostesses, with special mention of Mrs Gilling, who had entertained three of the Maori delegates, thus enabling them to attend Convention.

(2) The Entertaining Unions, with special mention of Mrs Blamires, Mr and Mrs Densem, Mesdames Morton and Cliff (Committee of Courtesies), and Mrs Jones (convener of Homes Committee).

(3) The Trustees of London Street Methodist Church and Schoolroom for allowing the use of the church buildings.

(4) The Caretaker of the Church.

(5) The ladies of the various churches and other organisations that had provided afternoon tea and fruit.

(6) The Manager of the Experimental Farm at Ruakura and his wife, and all others who were responsible for the bounteous entertainment of Convention.

(7) The Mayor and Mayoress, for their cordial welcome at the Reception and other functions; to all who by speech, song, or recitation had assisted, on various occasions, in the entertainment of the Convention.

(8) Rev. E. O. Blamires, for the Convention service on Sunday morning.

(9) The Adjutant of the Salvation Army for arranging for the Band to lead the parade on Sunday morning.

(10) The Convention Letter Writer and the member who prepared the "Typed Report."

(11) To the Principals of Brain's Commercial College for their courteous and generous treatment of the Convention in their preparation of the typed Report.

(12) The Press and the Reporters.

(13) The Auditors, Mr Garratt, Aratonga Avenue, Auckland, Mr A. Gkave, Gisborne, and Mr Lynneberg, Ngāio.

The Convention was closed with Benediction.



The four officers, with presentation bouquets, Mrs Don wearing the "tiki" presented by the Maoris. Photos are cabinet size, and anyone desiring a copy may purchase same for 2/9 (includes postage) from "White Ribbon" Editor, Carterton.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Never before in the history of mankind has there been such a world-wide interest shown in the liquor traffic. The respectability of "The Trade" is gone. Its popularity has passed the zenith of its power. For centuries it has dominated and controlled, but it does so no longer. It has been prohibited in the United States of America, Canada, and other places. It has been restricted and regulated, and soon we hope to sweep the traffic in intoxicants from the commercial and social life of the world.

"ENGLAND."

In Great Britain, whilst the latest Licensing Act extends the hours of

drinking, they are still very greatly reduced as compared with pre-war hours. Nevertheless, drunkenness is still steadily increasing amongst both women and men, in a distressingly tragic manner. The Hon. Lief Jones, commenting on the world's unemployment and the Government's inability to find a solution of the problem, said: "And yet the people of England were spending eight millions a week on drink, which did nothing but accentuate the problems and difficulties with which we were faced." The same week, Sir Leo Mooney, writing in the "Labour Leader," says: "England's Drink Bill, which amounts to about £469,000,000 a year, spent by the masses of the people,

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