

## PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS.

### WELLINGTON.

The Wellington Provincial Convention opened in glorious weather at 9.30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Schoolroom, Carterton. Delegates from Palmerston North, Levin, Feilding, Woodville, Eketahuna, Masterton, Greytown, Carterton, Featherston, Petone, and two Wellington Unions, were present. Mrs Don (Dominion President) opened with devotional services. Mrs Johnston Wright was in the chair. Deep regret was expressed that several of the Executive were laid aside through sickness, and Mrs Cossam was appointed Letter Writer to send messages of love and sympathy to absent members. Mrs Every welcomed the delegates on behalf of the local Union. Reports were received from each Union of the past year's work, and it was gratifying to hear that steady work had been done, and many new members gained. Special applause was given to the Baby Union at Eketahuna, which was only formed about two months ago, and now has 60 members. Mrs Rutter, of Masterton, opened the afternoon session with devotional exercises. Mrs Don then took the chair, and gave the delegates many useful hints, and much powder and shot for the coming fight. A great ovation was given to Mrs Peryman, who visited the schoolroom for a brief time during the afternoon session, she being one of the Executive officers who were laid aside through sickness. Mrs Anderson (Carterton) was appointed Treasurer pro tem. Mrs Johnston Wright then read a paper on the "Drug Habit." Several resolutions were unanimously passed. A dainty afternoon tea was thoroughly appreciated, after which Nurse Hyde gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Child Welfare." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her.

The Presbyterian Hall was filled for the public meeting in the evening, which commenced by singing "All Round the World." Mrs Johnston Wright then led in prayer, and afterwards expressed her pleasure at the presence of His Worship the Mayor, and asked him to take charge of the meeting. Mr Howard Booth very appropriately welcomed the delegates on behalf of the citizens of Carterton, and wished them successful sessions. The fol-

lowing ladies and gentlemen took part in the musical programme, and were heartily applauded:—Mesdames Keene, Wilton, Mowlem, Miss Peryman, and the Rev. Costain. The Rev. Peryman welcomed the delegates in an apt and amusing speech on behalf of the New Zealand Alliance, and the local ministers. Mrs Don, Dominion President, was the speaker for the evening, and received an ovation when she rose to speak. After an eloquent address, reported elsewhere, Mrs Don asked the audience to join with her in singing "New Zealand's Going Dry." This request was heartily acceded to. Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor and Mrs Don, and enthusiastically carried. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

The second morning's session opened at 9.30 a.m. with inspiring devotional exercises led by Miss Kirk. Resolutions were proposed, discussed, and passed unanimously. The officers for next year were elected by ballot, Miss Moncrieff and Mrs Tyler being appointed tellers. The result of the election was: Miss Kirk, Wellington (Central Union), President; Mrs Johnston Wright, Wellington (District Union), Vice-President; Mrs Mowlem (retiring Secretary), re-elected; Mrs Anderson (Carterton Union), Treasurer. Votes of thanks to hosts and hostesses, and to those who provided afternoon tea or in any way assisted, were passed by acclamation. The delegates visited the Memorial Square, and were charmed with its beauty. Thus ended the 1922 Convention, the ladies expressing themselves as having been delighted with their visit.

### HAWKE'S BAY CONVENTION.

The Hawke's Bay Annual District Convention was held in the Presbyterian Church, Waipawa, on Wednesday, September 13th, delegates being present from Napier, Hastings, Otane, Waipawa, Waipukurau, and Dannevirke, and the Convention was also greatly honoured by the presence of Mrs Don, our Dominion President.

It opened by singing the White Ribbon hymn, and prayer by Rev. W. S. Neal. Mrs McLean, President of Waipawa Union, then welcomed the visiting delegates, her welcome being ably seconded in a short address by Rev. F. W. Robertson. Mrs Venables, of Napier, gave an excellent Presidential ad-

dress, taking as her subject "The Home at Bethany." After the minutes of last Convention were read and confirmed, the reports of the Unions were read. Many of the reports showed a splendid record of aggressive work, and a very satisfactory state of finance, shops and sales of gifts having been held in Hastings, Napier, and Waipukurau for Union funds. The noonday devotions were led by Mrs Fawcett, after which Mrs Don gave a telling address on the subject of the White Ribbon Bow, showing how every member should glory in wearing the badge of the most wonderful Union in the world.

After the luncheon interval, Convention reassembled at two o'clock. Devotions were led by Mrs Venables, a large number of members taking part. After some hearty singing of the inspiring chorus, "New Zealand's Going Dry," the usual business was proceeded with, also the election of officers for next year's Convention. Hastings Union invited the Convention to Hastings in September, 1923, and the officers are: Mrs Venables, President; Mrs J. Wilson, Secretary; Mrs Field, Treasurer. Mrs Don was then called upon to speak, and gave an inspiring address on "Woman's Work and Woman's Opportunity" in connection with the forthcoming poll. The address was most timely and practical. Victory is certain if New Zealand women stand up and fight for it, but the times are very critical, and it may be now or never. Her advice was, do not argue about Prohibition, give a testimony. Bold testimonies always told, and if we testify boldly we will frighten the heart out of the Liquor Trade, and directly the enemy gets afraid we win. God's people in England, Scotland, America, Australia, Japan, and China were praying for Prohibition in response to the appeal sent to them, "The New Zealand women implore you to pray New Zealand dry." So we must work and pray, and pray continually, and victory will crown our efforts.

Mrs Don's telling speech created a deep impression, and a large number of prayer cards were sold at the close of the address. Afternoon tea was then served, and Convention closed with prayer and the Benediction.

In the evening, Mrs Don addressed a public meeting in the Concert Hall. The weather was bitterly cold, but a good