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HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION.

The city of the far north treated Convention very well as to weather. It was fine and mild, often quite warm, until Convention closed on Wednesday. Then on Wednesday it treated delegates to a cyclonic storm, the heavy gusts of wind surpassing even Wellington gales, and the rain incessant and torrential. But if violent, the storm was short and the sun shone out again before the Limited pulled out on Thursday night.

The Reception, as well as all evening meetings, was held in the Hall in which Convention met. It was well attended. Mrs. Kasper, Auckland District, presided, and extended a welcome to delegates and officers. She reviewed briefly women's work during the last 50 years and spoke of the abolition of the liquor trade as being not defeated but delayed.

The Mayor extended a welcome on behalf of the citizens of Auckland and hoped Convention would be very successful from every point of view. Mrs. Carnachan brought best wishes from the Auckland branch of the National Council of women and spoke briefly of the fine work done by members of the W.C.T.U. and hoped the Union would grow steadily in power. Mr. Paice welcomed Convention on behalf of the I.O.G.T., Mrs. S. O. English on behalf of the League of Mothers in Auckland, and the Rev. R. F. Fish represented the Council of Christian Congregations.

Mrs. Hiatt, Dominion President, replied to speeches of welcome, thanking one and all for the good wishes expressed.

Boxes of fruit and flowers were presented to the Mayor in the absence of the Mayoress, to Mrs. Kasper and to the Dominion officers.

The musical programme was a very attractive one. A Maori welcome followed by "Waiata Poi" was given by Mrs. Harold King. Songs were contributed by Mrs. H. Kersey, Mrs. Armstrong Keven, Miss Irene Frost, Rev. Arthur Mitchell, and Mr. J. Ellison. A duet by Mesdames Paterson and Walsh and elocutionary items by Miss Muriel Partridge. The orchestra of the Higher Thought Temple were heard in orchestral items, as were the W.C.T.U. choir.

A communion service was held in the Baptist Tabernacle and was a fitting commencement for a Convention in which the spiritual aspect of the work was strongly stressed.

On Saturday afternoon the entertaining Union arranged a fine motor drive for delegates all round Mission Bay, and a halt was made at Mt. Eden for afternoon tea at the Kiosk. The Saturday evening was given to the Y speech competition. The subject was, "The Fallacy of the Moderation Theory," and the judges were Mrs. Dupres and Mr. Burnett. There were eight competitors and the time allowed was seven minutes. The "Silver Shield" was won by Mr. T. Reid, of Christchurch North Y Branch; 2nd, Mr. Noel Sly (Papa-toetoe); 3rd, Mrs. Chas. Higgs (Hastings).

The Church Parade was held at Beresford Street Congregational Church. A very fine muster of delegates attended and a fine address was given.

Three educational addresses were given, followed by discussions. The figures of the last Licensing Poll and the lessons taught by them was very ably dealt with by Mrs. Duxfield. Miss Applby opened the subject of accidents caused by strong drink. This subject was given much attention by Convention and a resolution was carried that

when a motorist had a second conviction for causing injury by reckless driving his license be cancelled and he be forbidden to hold another for ten years. The point was stressed that the drunken driver was not the greatest menace, but the driver who had taken some liquor, and then with his powers of judgment lessened and his desire for speed increased he became a "potential murderer."

A talk on "Alcohol not a Medicine" was given by Mrs. Peryman. How hard the old belief in a "drop of brandy" as a cure-all was dying, again was stressed. Doctors' opinions were quoted, experiments with and without alcohol were given and the large increase of recoveries in temperance hospitals was dwelt upon. Figures were given as to the decrease in the use of alcohol in hospitals. In large hospitals the consumption had dropped from several pounds per patient per annum to less than one penny per patient.

The report of Headquarters Committee received long and careful consideration. Unions were urged to make an effort to pay off some part of the mortgage this year and delegates were all very earnest to help and promised to bring the matter before their branches. A resolution was passed that the Committee endeavour to get the money at a lower rate of interest and enquiries are to be made by them to secure this end.

On Wednesday afternoon votes of thanks were given to entertaining Union, to the Press, Hostesses, and to all who had helped to render Convention so successful. The closing service was led by the President. Goodbyes were said and Convention was over. Next Convention to meet in Christchurch in 1937.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The old year's long campaign is o'er;
Behold a new begun;
Not yet is closed the holy war,
Not yet the triumph won:

Out of its still and deep repose
We hear the old year say,
Go forth again to meet your foes,
Ye children of the day:

Go forth, firm faith in every heart,
Bright hope on every helm,
Through that shall pierce no fiery dart,
And this no fear o'erwhelm,

Go in the spirit, and the might,
Of Him who led the way,
Close with the legions of the night,
Ye children of the day.

Shall we commence our New Year's work in that spirit, the spirit of the crusaders, with no slacking of effort, no fear of closing with the legions of the night, i.e., the liquor traffic which has no right to exist? Never forget when in discussion with those who think State Control or some way of modification would be better than abolition, that **the Liquor Traffic has no right to exist.** It is altogether and everywhere an enemy to truth and purity and righteousness. The vast wealth of the "trade" and its possession of most of the Press were two great factors in the breaking down of the vote for freedom. Our poll has come and gone. Our no-license areas are safe. Thank God for that. Our White Ribboners stood in the line, and the line has not broken. We know that many women and men worked and prayed and kept the line unbroken. The result calls for the deepest gratitude. Mrs. Moffat Clow was a tower of strength to our cause and gave magnificent addresses up and down our land. Our N.Z. W.C.T.U. will always feel under a debt of gratitude to her for so graciously giving of herself and her talents to help us in this great crusade to stay the work of destruction constantly carried on by the liquor traffic. We rejoice greatly that the no-license vote held firm despite the tremendous efforts of the drink supporters to force their poison into these places.

The national vote was not a credit to New Zealand.

One more devil's triumph and sorrow for angels.

One wrong more to man, one more insult to God.

I believe that the repeal in U.S.A. caused many in N.Z. to believe that prohibition had failed, and so influenced their vote. How did Repeal come about? For the same reason which lost us our vote—Wealth and Press. The Brewers' Association employed 374 writers and artists, who provided the Press with matter which was published regularly by the newspapers without any intimation that it was financed and

issued by the Brewers' Association. For six years this stuff was foisted on the unsuspecting public to such an extent that the President of the Brewers' Association said, "I do not hesitate to assert that save for what the Press has done, we should not be celebrating victory to-night." Why did the Press do it? The sum of £2,400,000 was paid for inserting liquor advertisements. The depression came and the promises in these articles were: By repeal, within a year, all now idle will be employed, farmers will be prosperous through high prices, revenues from liquor will relieve taxpayers and balance local, state and national budgets, crime will disappear and prosperity be restored, and so on, and these promises had their deadly effect. However, when the voting time arrived, less than 25 per cent. voted because of confusion of thought. Repeal was carried by a minority vote. The result of repeal is exactly opposite to the promises. General Eva Booth said that prohibition had reduced the average number of drunks in Chicago who came to Salvation Army hostels from 250 to 6. Under repeal during the first year 226 cities show an increase of 214.30 per cent. in arrests for drunkenness. Time does not permit to say more but to emphasise the fact that without inside knowledge of the actual facts of the success of prohibition and the manner in which repeal was put over the American people, many folk in New Zealand were influenced against prohibition. The continuance vote proves the lack of moral and spiritual conscience in our land. It is a challenge to all who have named the name of Christ to rally to the standard of Him who came to seek and to save the lost. The liquor traffic's nature is to destroy, never to uplift. The conflict is a moral and spiritual one, against the power of money and greed and of evil incarnate. We are glad to know that there are 243,091 folk who stand for righteousness in New Zealand. Elijah once thought he was the only one left in Israel who worshipped God and did not bow the knee to Baal. Have any members of our ranks had similar thoughts in relation to abolition? We have a goodly number who stand for God, home and humanity as a nucleus for a much greater number if we dare to take up the challenge. We have gathered together after the battle to take counsel with one another and to prepare for the next encounter with the powers of darkness; but not to mourn over our depleted vote nor to lower our banners. Wine is still a mocker. Strong drink is still raging and because many are being deceived thereby, it is ours to go forward with confidence, knowing that science, goodness and truth are our bulwarks.

Do you feel broken and discouraged? Was not our Master's heart broken for the healing of the world? Is He not leading us along a path of obedience and of service? Even if weary and broken in following His footsteps we shall reach our goal.

"With cheerful faith thy path of duty
run,
God nothing does nor suffers to be
done
But what thou would'st thyself
could'st thou but see
Through all the events of things as
well as He."

Porpora, one of the most illustrious masters of music in Italy, conceived a friendship for a young pupil, and asked him if he had courage to persevere with constancy in the course he should mark out for him, however wearisome it should seem. When the pupil answered in the affirmative, Porpora wrote upon a single page of ruled paper the diatonic and chromatic scales, ascending and descending the intervals of the third, fourth and fifth, etc., in order to teach him to take them with freedom, and to sustain the sounds, together with the trills, groups, appoggiaturas, and passages of vocalization of different kinds. This page occupied both the master and scholar during an entire year, and the year following was also devoted to it. When the third year commenced, nothing was said of changing the lesson, and the pupil began to murmur, but the master reminded him of his promise. The fourth year slipped away and the fifth followed, and always the same eternal page. The sixth found them at the same task, but the master added to it some lessons of articulation, pronunciation, and lastly of declamation.

At the end of this year the pupil, who supposed himself still in the elements, was much surprised when one day his master said to him, "Go, my son, you have nothing more to learn, you are the first singer of Italy and of the world." He spoke the truth for this singer was Caffarelli.

Surely in this we see the value of perseverance in the task we have undertaken. Is not our promise "till death or victory"?

Some of our warriors have passed within the veil. I think of Mrs. Kate Evans, M.A., our New Zealand Recording Secretary for many years, and her sister, Mrs. Judson, whose gifts were dedicated to the promotion of peace. These two wonderful women quietly took up their tasks year by year, living victoriously, and believing that the Master was leading them and guiding them in their life tasks, and I can imagine their joy and amazement when they entered the home of the redeemed to find that their tasks were completed and perfected and Jesus Himself said, "Well done!" Shall we be worthy of these who through faith and patience have inherited the promises? We have our task to complete, and a notable portion of that task is the education of the children.

In June the whole of New Zealand mourned the loss of our beloved sister, Mrs. McCombs, who gave herself in glad surrender to work for the betterment of her fellow beings. For a few years she was our Dominion Treasurer. Like her sister, Miss Henderson, she

consecrated her talents to W.C.T.U. work, and indeed, in the wider field as M.P. she used her gifts for the furtherance of our ideals and for all that is true, honest, just, pure, and of good report she gave her unstinted support.

Within the last few days, Miss Lovell Smith, aunt of our beloved Treasurer, passed into the presence of her Saviour. She edited our "White Ribbon" for several years. Our late sisters have finished their earthly tasks and I believe are even now engaged in new and wonderful work in the Better Land.

The good shepherd who said, "Feed my lambs," depends on us. This is urgent work. May God guide every Union to definitely take up work amongst the children, through any and every avenue, Day and Sunday Schools, Loyal T. Legions, Temperance Lodges, Bands of Hope, Girls' Life Brigades and Boys' Brigades. If you live in the country, gather the children into your home if there is no other way. Let there be a determination to rope in every child and give him or her temperance education, that at next Convention we shall be able to look into one another's faces and say one to another, "I have done what I could. There is not a child in my district who has not had a chance, I have fed the lambs in Christ's name." The aim of the Australian Band of Hope Union is, "Every child in Australia a pledged total abstainer." Let that be the aim of the W.C.T.U. for New Zealand. Only by definite teaching shall stalwarts be made. The truth shall make them free from this accursed traffic. If we want our children to stand four-square in temptation we must give them a strong and firm conviction that liquor drinking is thoroughly bad—bad for body, brain and business; and a faith that total abstinence will serve them well in every experience of life; that it is heroic to stand alone against customs that are dangerous, that are vicious, that never build up but ever degrade and destroy.

Will this be our task during the next three years? We pray that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. How can that be whilst thousands are doomed to conditions through alcohol that make it impossible for the Divine will to be done?

We must also develop our work amongst the youth. We thank God for our Young People's Union, and for the excellent results of their work. Amongst their ranks, ministers, missionaries and social workers are going forth in the name of Jesus to work for God. If such are the results of the "Y" work, may God give us vision to extend this work. The liquor trade is concentrating on the youth. It is interesting to read the Doctors' Manifesto signed by 1000 medical men against the declaration of Sir Edgar Sanders, President of the Brewers' Association, concerning the brewers' campaign to ensnare the non-drinking young men and women. I will quote it: "We view with serious apprehension the projected campaign which

would seek to enlist the young men of the country who do not know the taste of beer into the beer drinking habit. As a result of several causes and tendencies there has been a vast improvement in national sobriety in recent years. There has also been a corresponding diminution in the decrease, poverty, crime and inefficiency which are traceable to drink. The beverage use of alcohol is not really necessary to the highest exercise of individual and social life. We therefore deprecate the initiation of the effort to promote the beer-drinking habit among the young, and we would regard the success of such a campaign as a step backwards and as detrimental to the best interests of individual and national welfare." I was glad also to note at a recent congress of Roman Catholic women held in Australia, comprising 1200 delegates, that they passed the following resolution: "This congress being appalled at the physical and moral degeneration of young people of both sexes through the partaking of strong drink at dances and other functions, in restaurants and public halls, urges the State Government to take immediate legislative action to prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquor at such places." (Copied from "Vanguard," December, 1935). We must be aggressive, constantly reiterating strong drink has no right to exist. It spoils sport and amusements of all kinds. It is a kill-joy, interfering with legitimate sport and bringing heart break and degradation in its train. The liquor traffic advertises sport and liquor as inseparable. I would strongly recommend that we use posters freely. Hoardings speak loudly to the passer-by. The "Trade" knows the value of posters. Our young people with their latent talents could prepare posters for hoardings. The great question is, how to reach the youth who look on life as a fun factory. The trade is reaching them through hoardings and films. Let us go to the Government if necessary for permission to use films. In Sweden the Government is behind the temperance movement, assisting every educational enterprise to instruct the young against the beverage use of alcohol, and undoubtedly it is a national question. The menace of the road and of the air has made the question of alcohol or no alcohol a national question of the utmost importance.

Let us earnestly ask for guidance. "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all liberally," and then let us go forward fearlessly.

"Foes in plenty we shall meet,
Hearts courageous, scorn defeat.
So we press with eager feet, up and on.

Women were the first heralds of the resurrection of our Blessed Lord. Let women be the heralds of purity and peace and total abstinence to the children and youth of our land. Earnestness in sowing the seeds of temperance will assuredly bring a harvest of total

abstinence. And, dear sisters, let us sow the seeds of purity. Be not afraid of this task. The children are calling in their ignorance for light and truth. Mothers, see that your children are informed in a pure way of the origin of life. I would advise every mother to secure literature from our purity department. There is a small book entitled "The Moral Problem of the Children" which if studied carefully will help to tell the story of life to the children in a beautiful way.

"Purity always breeds strength,
Impurity always breeds weakness,
His strength was the strength of ten
Because His heart was pure."

Our children will grow up pure if we teach them purely. And sow the seeds of peace.

Let us be united in our determination to secure world peace. As in the elimination of the drink traffic so in the elimination of war from the world the greatest power is spiritual power. Never cease to pray for the Kingdom of God to be promoted on earth. "Peace on earth goodwill toward men" is the heavenly injunction.

Our World Superintendent for Peace has sent forth a petition to the Governments of the world. It commences thus:—

People's mandate to Governments:

We are determined to end war. War settles no problems; War brings economic misery, needless suffering and death to us and to our children. The demand in the petition is to stop immediately all increase of armaments and of armed forces. Use existing machinery for peaceful settlement of present conflicts. Secure a world treaty for immediate reduction in arms as a step toward complete world disarmament. Secure international agreements founded on recognition of world interdependence to end the economic anarchy which breeds war. I trust that every woman will sign it, and men also, that the petition from New Zealand may prove the earnestness of the people to solve this world problem. As Guy Hayler says, "War and drink are the twin evils ready to submerge all that is best and bravest in the world." The rising generation must be as rapidly saved from the curse of the drink habit as it must be drawn off the snare of the great god War.

"Go forth again to meet these national foes

Ye children of the day.

How long ere the strife and the discord

The grief and the struggle shall cease,

And the nations shall meet, at the crucified feet

Of the glorious Prince of Peace?"

The nations are seething with unrest. Rapid changes are in the air. We must be up and doing whilst it is day. We remember that an important department of our work is Bible in Schools. Will the nations become increasingly nationalist, militarist, communist or

Christian? This is a vital question. If Christian, the Gospel must be proclaimed in every nation, and to make this proclamation truly effective it must be accompanied by the written word. Should we not begin at home and see to it that the Scripture is taught to every girl and boy in the schools of our fair Dominion. This is the task of the W.C.T.U. Slackness in moral standards comes through ignorance of God's word and will. When we accomplish the great task of the abolition of liquor, war and gambling it will be when the children are versed in God's word. All reforms must be based on spiritual teaching or failure will be the result. I have referred to gambling. It has taken a tremendous hold of New Zealand. To the detriment of national character, Governments secure a certain amount of revenue by legalising this vice. Two Bishops of Sydney in answer to a question replied, "Gambling adds nothing to the common good, or to the welfare of others. Self becomes more and more the centre of life. This is entirely against the teaching of Scripture. Further, it leads to a belief in chance and the god of luck, and robs life of the sense of God and His fatherly care. The gambler becomes an atheist." Many good citizens are devoid of a strong conscience against gambling. Easy money is offered—something for nothing or next to nothing, the instinct of getting becomes clamorous, and gambling becomes a craze. Rev. A. T. Holden says: "Whatever the size of the bet, gambling is the staking of money, or property, whether at the race, the dice, the gaming table, cards, or the raffle in the hope of winning more than is staked and hazarded." Intelligently and unhesitatingly let every member of the W.C.T.U. take a firm stand against every form of gambling which "leaves the exhausted heart without one fibre impelled by generous passion."

I have referred briefly to some departments of our work. May God enable us to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him and then go forth with faith undimmed to do the work which we have promised Him that we will endeavour to do. Christopher Columbus, seeking a new land over an unknown sea, when questioned by his men as to the wisdom of taking such awful risks said, "Sail on, sail on," and in his log book when failing to sight the land he was seeking wrote under the date "Sailed on." We feel oftentimes that we have achieved nothing notable, but it is well with us that having set sail we keep sailing on.

We have a very fine paper in the "White Ribbon," the official organ of our Union in New Zealand. When every member is a subscriber and fills her mind with facts, and not only that, but passes the "White Ribbon" on to others, our work will steadily increase. The light of knowledge shall banish the darkness of ignorance. The people are perishing through lack of knowledge. Spread knowledge by spreading the

"White Ribbon." Earnestness in any enterprise wins the day. We have this excellent literature to broadcast throughout our land.

And now in conclusion let me again urge White Ribboners to work from a spiritual standpoint. Never was the world in more need of healing than it is to-day. Christ is the only one to give healing. The result of the poll is a call to service. Let us determine to increase the membership of each local Union. The only way to do this is by personal contacts. There is no more effective way in which to build up our membership. It is your privilege, dear sisters, to build up such a membership as will make the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand an organisation of the highest value in moral and spiritual leadership. We have a new Government. By our insistent wise demands for better laws backed by thousands of the best women of the land, parliament must pay attention. Let our aim be to double our membership. There should be thousands of women willing to link up when we convince them that our work is worthwhile.

Ever onward to the fight,
Ever upward to the light,
Ever true to God and right.
Up and on."

In the name of Christ press in, press on. Have you any balm for the wounds of the world? If the world is bleeding through the onslaught of Liquor, War, Impurity and Gambling, what balm can heal but the balm of Gilead? Who is so able to apply that balm as the women, the mothers, the great nursing sisterhood of mankind! The application is given in service. May God so inspire us that during this year we will explore every avenue of service in His name, and before another poll the people's vote will be a credit to New Zealand, and to the world, for it will be cast in the name of the Healer of the world's hurt, Jesus Christ.

DO YOU USE YOUR WHITE RIBBON?

Methinks some readers do not. In the advt. above leader is the name and postal address of all Dominion officers. Keep this on your desk and you will always know where to write. Also, if in Wellington, you will have address of Headquarters with telephone number of this and of Wellington Dominion officers.

The advts. for local Unions are on our back pages. Will Secretaries please send in at once any alterations in these advts. so that they may be kept up to date? You can have your advt. altered as often as necessary by sending a postcard to the Business Manager. Please attend to this.

In sending in advts, remember to "cut your coat according to your cloth," i.e., if you only pay 10/- a year you can only have half-inch space. One inch advts. cost £1 per annum.

"THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER."

One of the strongest indictments of war recently published, is that by Dr. Henry Fosdick, of New York, which was printed in the Christian World of London. Dr. Fosdick says:

I have an account to settle between my soul and the Unknown Soldier.

You may not say that I, being a Christian minister, did not know him. I knew him well. From the north of Scotland, where they planted the sea with mines, to the trenches of France, I lived with him, and his fellows, British, Australian, New Zealander, French, American. The places where he fought, from Ypres through the Somme battlefield to the southern trenches, I saw while he still was there. I lived with him in dugouts, in the trenches, and on destroyers, searching for submarines off the shores of France.

Short of actual battle, from training camp to hospital, from the fleet to No-Man's Land, I, a Christian minister, saw the war. Moreover, I, a Christian minister, participated in it. I, too, was persuaded that it was a war to end war. I, too, was a gullible fool and thought that modern war could somehow make the world safe for democracy. They sent men like me to explain to the army the high meanings of war and, by every argument we could command, to strengthen their morale. I wonder if I ever spoke to the Unknown Soldier.

DECEIVED HIMSELF, HE DECEIVED OTHERS.

One night in a ruined barn behind the lines, I spoke at sunset to a company of hand-grenadiers who were going out that night to raid the German trenches. They told me that on the average no more than half a company came back from such a raid, and I, a minister of Christ, tried to nerve them for their suicidal and murderous endeavour. I wonder if the Unknown Soldier was in that barn that night.

Once in a dugout which in other days had been a French wine cellar I bade Godspeed at two in the morning to a detail of men going out on patrol in No-Man's Land. Then, with my admonitions in their ears, they went down from the second to the first-line trenches and so out to No-Man's Land. I wonder if the Unknown Soldier was in that dugout.

I have an account to settle between my soul and the Unknown soldier. I deceived him. I deceived myself first, unwittingly, and then I deceived him, assuring him that good consequence could come out of that. As a matter of hard-headed, biological fact, what good can come out of that? Mad civilisation, you cannot sacrifice on bloody altars, the best of your breed and expect anything to compensate for that.

So we think of our Unknown Soldier as an idealist, rising up in answer to a human call and making the sacrifice of his life before leaving. His country seemed to him like Christ Himself, say-

ing, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Far from appealing to his worst, the war brought out his best—his loyalty, his courage, his venturesomeness, his care for the down-trodden, his capacity for self-sacrifice. The noblest qualities of his young manhood were aroused. He went out to France a flaming patriot and in secret quoted Rupert Brooke to his own soul:

"If I should die, think this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign
field
That is forever England."
There, you say, is the Unknown Sol-
dier.

WAR—PROSTITUTION OF THE NOBLEST SOUL.

Yes, indeed, did you suppose I never had met him? I talked with him many a time. When the words that I would speak about war are a blistering fury on my lips and the encouragement I gave to war is a deep self-condemnation in my heart, it is of that I think. For I watched war lay its hands on these strongest, loveliest things in men and use the noblest attributes of the human spirit for what ungodly deeds! Is there anything more infernal than this, to take the best that is in man and use it to do what war does? This is the ultimate description of war—it is the prostitution of the noblest powers of the human soul to the most dastardly deeds, the most abysmal cruelties of which our human nature is capable. That is war.

O war, I hate you most of all for this, that you do lay your hands on the noblest elements in human character, with which we might make a heaven on earth, and you use them to make a hell on earth instead. You take even our science, the fruit of our dedicated intelligence, by means of which we might build here the City of God, and, using it, you fill the earth instead with new ways of slaughtering men. You take our loyalty, our unselfishness, with which we might make the earth beautiful, and, using these, our finest qualities, you make death fall from the sky and burst up from the sea and hurtle from unseen ambushes sixty miles away; you blast fathers in the trenches with gas while you are starving their children at home with blockades; and you so bedevil the world that fifteen years after the Armistice we can not be sure who won the war, so sunk in the same disaster are victors and vanquished alike.

I am not trying to make you sentimental about this. I want you to be hard-headed. We can have on the one side this monstrous thing or we can have Christ. O my country, stay out of war! Co-operate with the nations in every movement that has any hope for peace; but set your faces steadfastly and forever against being drawn into another war! O Church of Christ, stay out of war! Withdraw from every al-

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THE EDITOR AND THE IMP.

My dear Chief, how glad I am to see you back again. I'm tired of holding the fort down here.

Well, you'd have been much more weary had you joined in the advance at Convention instead of holding the fort here. And I can assure you we'll both be more thoroughly tired when we've got through all the jobs Convention has set us to do.

Why? Have they decided to make a big advance? And how do we come into the picture?

We don't come into the picture, dear Imp. We just stay and keep steam up while others do the advancing.

In what direction do we advance?

First, in educating the voters.

Ha! Ha! I see your point. Education means literature and mere facts collected for the advance guard to use.

That's so! We've got to get busy.

What is the first move to be?

The first thing is a Day of Prayer.

That's a good start anyway. Doesn't the poet say, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"?

He does, and our President has sent in some suggestions for prayer. One of them is to pray for an increased circulation of our official organ.

That's a good move, isn't it?

Yes, very good, but remember, you young imp, it means we've got to work harder than ever to make our official organ worthy to be an educative force.

Work harder! Aye! Does that mean that I'm to work 24 hours a day?

Don't be silly. I'll let you off with less than that. But remember, we've got to provide educative matter for L.T.L.'s in the Supplement, for Y's in the Beacon, and for White Ribboners in the paper.

It's a big order, my Editor. But we don't want an easy job, and we know where strength can be got for the hard tasks. But tell me, dear Chief, if we get these facts and put them in the paper, how will they reach the folk who ought to have them?

That's the second part of our plan. Prayer Day is followed by White Ribbon Day.

I see what you mean. They pray for an increased circulation and then go out and help God to answer their prayers.

Say rather they let God have His way with them, and use them to do His work.

What is the plan of campaign?

Well, we make our first move by a four months' campaign to get the White Ribbon into as many homes as possible. We offer a prize of a guinea to every district sending in 100 new subscribers.

My word! But ain't you generous!

Not a bit, if we get 100 subscribers we can well afford a guinea.

And do we send out a paper for W.R. Day?

We do, my Imp, and several requests have been received that we write it in dialogue form.

How long is this campaign to last?

Until July 31st, and then I hope our Dominion Executive will follow up with a campaign for new members. This could be linked with Franchise Day. We worked until we won the Franchise, now let us get more women linked up with us, to learn how to use the Franchise to abolish the Liquor Trade, to promote peace and purity.

By the way, was that remit carried to reduce subscription to 1/6 per year?

It was not. That remit and the one to reduce the membership fee both lapsed for want of a seconder. The first time I have known a remit not to have a seconder.

But, my dear Editor, the fee of 2/7 per year is not the only charge upon members. They often have collections and Bring and Buys. What about them?

Let's look at the question fairly. Collections are voluntary. But do you think that even with collections (mostly one penny ones, note), membership fee and White Ribbon subscriptions, any member gives more than 10/- a year?

Certainly I don't. That is not very much is it?

For the sake of our race we are anxious to banish the liquor trade and its attendant evils. I think every Christian woman would be willing to give 10/- to such a fine cause in a year.

But, dear Chief, can they afford it?

Very few could not afford it if they were willing to deny themselves a little. Many years ago in this city a poor widow lost her cow, a source of income to her. A sympathetic group stood round her, telling her how sorry they were for her. Then a rough looking man took off his hat, placed 5/- in it and said, "Friends, I'm sorry 5/-, how much are you sorry?" and he collected the price of a new cow. Everywhere I go I hear women lamenting the evils of the cocktail and the menace of alcohol. Surely most of them will be sorry 10d a month, or say, 2½d a week?

I expect you're right. If you really want a thing from the depths of your heart, you are willing to pay for it.

AN ECHO OF THE POLL.

"'Tis better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all."

An earnest White Ribboner, the Treasurer of our Richmond W.C.T.U., sent the following letter to the Nelson Mail in answer to the false statements of the Liquor Party. But it never appeared because "advertisements can only be answered as advertisements."

Afterwards the writer interviewed the Editor and told him she would gladly have paid £5 for the insertion of the letter. She thinks next time she will fare better since she understands their regulation.

Sea View, Richmond.
11/7/35.

Mr. Editor,—

I think your inset of the 15th October has not yet been answered, namely, **Would you like to pay more taxes?** Most folk will answer, **No, certainly not.**

This vital question of profit and loss, considered in connection with the Liquor Traffic, has been discussed at every election poll since a vote has been taken on the prohibition question, and Customs, Excise duties, voluntary (?) contributed revenue, has been dangled like a red rag in the face of electors. Glance at the other side, take N.Z.'s estimated drink bill, 1929 to 1934, of £37,597,231, or £7,519,231 every year. What a vast sum! **wasted**, and, was not much of it blood-money? Yes, worse than wasted. We understand that £100 worth of beer costs £13.16 in wages; this sum spent in furniture is said to cost £39.4 in wages, while the same amount expended on food, footwear, clothing or woollens would give a much larger percentage in wages than beer, and would bring joy and plenty to homes now cursed by alcoholism. For 50 years I have watched this great fight and I know that lost manhood, desecrated womanhood and sickly, neglected children follow in the trail of the liquor traffic.

Talk about hopeless enforcement! How much does the traffic in strong drink cost? Enquire in the home of the drunkard's children, question our sportsmen, our athletes, consult our best and most skilful doctors. Have the profits arising from the Trade compensated for the evil it creates? How much does alcoholism cost? Visit our inebriate homes, our police and law courts, our orphanages—numbers are there whose fathers never owned them; count the number of our boarded-out children, consider our mental schools, our hospitals and asylums, then ask again, How much it costs?—for much of this trouble comes of the drink traffic.

As to America's greatest mistake. America may yet find that repeal has been her greatest mistake; it was not prohibition that increased drunkenness and crime, but the lack of it; not the eighteenth amendment, but the failure to enforce the amendment.

Continuance has a lot of sympathy for American women! Pathetic, no doubt, but Americans do not all think alike. The fight is on! One defeat will not decide this battle; already the brewers craft, the traffic in alcoholic liquor, is in danger, and some time, some day, **right will be enthroned.**

The one wise thought with which I agree, "In the Lesson for New Zealand," is, history has proved that no law can be enforced in any country without the will behind it of a large majority of the people. Quite true. So ye wise of the nation be up and doing, teach the youth of New Zealand the evil of alcoholism and its traffic.

Do you want to pay more taxes? While the traffic pockets its millions, while alcoholism claims for its victims men, women and children, we shall have more orphans, more mental cases, more accidents, poverty, degradation and crime, and we shall have to pay more taxes.

Electors! Christians! Don't use horse sense, use your intelligence, your commonsense. Vote for God, Home and Humanity, and strike out the two top lines.

I am,

SARAH J. CROPP.

MY OPPORTUNITY.

Read by President after her opening devotional address and published by special request of delegates in Convention assembled.

My opportunity: Dear Lord, I do not ask
That Thou shouldst give me some
high work of Thine,
Some noble calling, or some wondrous
task—
Give me a little hand to hold in mine.

I do not ask that I should ever stand
Among the wise, the worthy, or the
great;
I only ask that, softly, hand in hand,
A child and I may enter at Thy gate.

Give me a little child to point the way
Over the strange, sweet paths that
lead to Thee;
Give me a little voice to teach to pray;
Give me two shining eyes Thy face
to see.

The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to
wear,
Is this—that I may teach a little child
How beautiful, O how divinely fair
Is Thy dear face, so loving, sweet and
mild.

I do not need to ask for more than this.
My opportunity—'tis standing at my
door;
What sorrow if this blessing I should
miss.
A little child! Why should I ask for
more?



My dear White Ribboners,—

Convention is past, but I pray that the inspiration may remain throughout the year, and that each individual Union will launch out on children's and youth work without allowing any hindrance to prevent you enrolling every child as a total abstainer.

This is our goal, to win every child individually or in groups. Take for your motto Christ's words, "Feed My lambs." You cannot engage in nobler work. To secure the child as a total abstainer for life is Christ-like work.

The first Friday in May has been set aside as a Day of Prayer. When you gather for prayer, or if you cannot meet with others, please pray in your homes for the work of the W.C.T.U.

Pray for peace. God is almighty. He can stay the wrath of nations, and change the determination of man to dominate by wholesale slaughter, to desire peace and goodwill.

Pray for the Y's, that God will use them mightily in their pledge-signing campaign.

Pray for our children's work, that every child in N.Z. shall be won for total abstinence.

Pray that a special effort will be made to circulate more widely our White Ribbon paper.

Pray for each Superintendent, that she may be guided in her special work to lead many into service for the Kingdom of God.

And pray, above all, that the Holy Spirit will guide officers and members into all the truth that we may be co-workers with Christ.

Yours in His cause,

JESSIE HIETT.

REPORTERS PLEASE ATTEND.

As our space is fully occupied with Convention matter, reports have had to be drastically cut and specials are held over until next issue. Once in the year local reports must give place to matters of Dominion importance.

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The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

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CONVENTION, 1936.

The Convention of 1936 has passed into history. It was a most inspiring time and a very fine spirit was manifested. We have left "The Depression" (how we hate that word) behind us and on every side the talk was of a Go Forward. We realised that we had been a temperance "Standstill" but now we are going to be an energetic movement. Like our sisters in U.S.A. we have determined to educate—**educate**—**EDUCATE**, until N.Z. rings with our anti-alcohol slogan, and King Alcohol is known for the Race Destroyer that he is. Youth work was much to the fore. A very fine evening was devoted to this work.

Scene 1: A mother persuaded to place her baby on the Cradle Roll.

Scene 2: Baby received into our sisterhood at a model meeting.

Scene 3: A model L.T.L. meeting.

It was a model, the young officers performing their duties in a manner worthy of the best traditions of our Union. Mrs. Kaspar had trained them so thoroughly that the leader, though present all the time, was not prominent. Mr. Alex MacClure, the new Y Dominion President, was trained in one of these L.T.L.'s.

Scene 4: The Y's at work.

The full text of these meetings will appear in our next issue.

A Day of Prayer for our work is to be observed in May, full particulars in regard to it will be found in our President's monthly letter.

In connection with the White Ribbon Day a campaign for new subscribers is to be vigorously followed up. This is to be followed later by a drive for new members.

Resolutions of Convention will be dealt with in our next issue.

MISS A. M. McLAY.

All White Ribboners will regret the retirement of Miss Annie McLay. She has rendered splendid service to the W.C.T.U., and now she is staying with her mother, who needs one daughter at home. Miss McLay does not intend to be idle, she has opened a Rest Home at Devonport, Auckland. Any White Ribboner wanting a quiet rest can write or ring Miss A. M. McLay, 16 Mays Street, Phone 22-490.

**OH MAY I JOIN THE CHOIR
INVISIBLE.**

O may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence,
live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self;
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night
like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge
man's search
To vaster issues. So to live is heaven.
May I reach that purest heaven, be to
other souls
The cup of strength in some great
agony,
Enkindle generous ardour, feed pure
love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty;
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused
And in the diffusion ever more intense.
So shall I join the choir invisible,
Whose music is the gladness of the
world.

"He always goes to bed with his shoes on."

"Who, for pity's sake?"

"My horse."

MINUTES OF 1936 CONVENTION.

Meeting held in St. James' Hall,
Wellington Street, Auckland, on
Thursday, March 19th, 1936.

Morning session opened with a Communion Service conducted by Dr. Hodge in the Baptist Church, Queen Street.

10 a.m.—The business session opened with a short devotional service conducted by the President.

Mrs. Hiett made reference to home-going of our beloved King George. Prayer was made for comfort for Queen Mary, King Edward and members of the Royal Family; delegates standing.

Appointments.—Miss Read was appointed Mistress of Courtesies. Mesdames Brown and Christian were appointed Press Reporters. Mrs. Craig was appointed Convention Letter-Writer.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Lee Cowie, Mrs. Gilmour, Mr. Malton Murray; Pitcairn, Te Awamutu, Napier, Auckland, Wanganui East, Island Bay, Nelson, Thames Unions, and Dunedin and Invercargill "Y" Unions.

Correspondence was received from the City Librarian of Dunedin, and Dr. Herold.

Reports.—The Corresponding Secretary presented and moved the adoption of her Report.—Seconded by Mrs. Spence.—Carried.

The Treasurer presented her Report and Balance Sheet and moved their adoption. Seconded by Mrs. White.—Carried.

The Treasurer then called for donations to the New Zealand, or General Fund.

Noontide.

Roll Call was not held until late in the morning as a number of Unions had neglected to send forward the names of their delegates.

Vote of Thanks.—Mrs. Taylor moved: "That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Dr. Hodge for so ably conducting the Communion Service." Seconded by Mrs. Eady.—Carried.

Judges for Apron and Handkerchief Competition.—Mesdames Kaspar and Winston were appointed to act as Judges of the Aprons and Handkerchiefs sent in for sale in aid of Headquarters Fund.

The Session closed with the Benediction.

2 p.m.—The afternoon Session opened with devotions led by Mrs. Kaspar.

Apron and Handkerchief Competition.—The Judges reported that the award for the prettiest apron was won by Mrs. Hudson; that the award for the most useful apron was won by Mrs. Ashby.

The best handkerchief with a crochet edge was sent by (name unknown). The best with knitted border by Mrs. Stacey, and the best with tatted border by Mrs. Walker.

Letters of sympathy were sent to the relatives of the late Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Judson, Miss Lovell-Smith; and to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Young, and Miss Gray who have been sick for some time.

Questions.—A short interval was allowed in which delegates could ask questions.

Just before afternoon tea a solo was sung by Mrs. Paterson.

Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

Welcome.—The President welcomed Mrs. Crewe, of Brisbane. Mrs. Crewe suitably responded.

Prsidential Address.—Mrs. Hiatt then gave her Presidential Address, in which she noted some of the causes the Union had for thankfulness and stressed the need for continued faithful work.

Mrs. Peryman moved the adoption of the Address. Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Mrs. Peryman also moved, and Mrs. Cook seconded:—

“That we pass a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Hiatt for her inspiring address.”—Carried.

Mrs. Peryman moved:—

“That we pledge ourselves to carry out the work outlined in the address.” Seconded by Mrs. Mountjoy.—Carried.

Mrs. Hiatt moved:—

“That this Convention re-affirms its conviction that the Liquor Traffic is a menace to the best interests and welfare of the people of New Zealand and its abolition would be beneficial to the individual, the home and the nation. It therefore urges every Christian congregation to unite in a moral crusade of education in order to create a national conscience that will render the continuance of the Liquor Traffic impossible.” Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins.—Carried.

Sex Hygiene.—Mrs. Peryman gave a short talk on sex hygiene, dealing chiefly with methods of teaching children the facts about life.

The session closed with the Benediction.

Friday, March 20th.

Session opened with Devotions led by Mrs. Hiatt, who took for her subject “Some Steps toward the Life of Victory.”

Minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and confirmed. It was pointed out that the name of the relatives of the late Mrs. McCombs had been omitted from the list of letters of condolence.

Roll Call.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Young, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Mounsbrough, Mr. Pirrett, South Invercargill, Invercargill, Central, Brooklyn, Christchurch and Styx Unions, and the “Y” Conference.

White Ribbon.—Mrs. Peryman presented her Report and Balance Sheet and moved their adoption. Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Mrs. Cook moved:—

“That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Mrs. Peryman for her fine work on the White Ribbon.” Seconded by Mrs. Hall.—Carried.

Appointment of Editor and Business Manager.—Mrs. Cook moved:—

“That Mrs. Peryman be re-appointed Editor and Business Manager of the White Ribbon.” Seconded by Mrs. Hall.—Carried.

Grants.—Miss Kirk moved:—

“That the usual grants of £35 and £5 telephone allowance be made from the N.Z. Fund to the Editor and £20 from the White Ribbon to the Business Manager.” Seconded by Mrs. Mountjoy.—Carried.

Orders for Convention numbers of the White Ribbon were then taken.

Headquarters Report was presented and its adoption moved by Mrs. Peryman, Chairman of Headquarters Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Keene.

Noontide.

Discussion on report followed.

12.30. Miss Jamieson moved:—

“That the discussion be adjourned until after lunch.”—Seconded by Mrs. Brewer.—Carried.

Session closed with the Benediction.

The afternoon Session opened with Devotions led by Mrs. Roberts.

A talk on the results of the Poll was given by Mrs. Duxfield.

Correspondence was received from Mr. Lewers re educational films and the purchase of a projector, and Mr. Malton Murray re the exhibition of slides at picture theatres.

Miss Kirk moved the following recommendation from the Executive:—

“That the work outlined in the letters received from Mr. Murray and Mr. Lewers be fully discussed and the plans suggested adopted.”

Discussion was adjourned until later. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Church of Christ.

Miss Jump sang a solo.

Report on Peace and Arbitration.—This Report was presented by Mrs. Hiatt, who read a covering letter from Mrs. Taylor, Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration Department. Mrs. Hiatt moved the adoption of the Report. Seconded by Miss Edger.—Carried.

In the absence of Mrs. Taylor, Miss Henderson moved the following resolutions:—

“That this Dominion Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union supports wholeheartedly the ‘People's Mandate to Governments’ organised by the ‘Women's International League for Peace’ and which has been sent to us by the authority of our World President, Ella Boole, for our co-operation in the gaining of signatures (and which has in New

Zealand been endorsed and commended by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches as well as many other bodies of people).” Seconded by Mrs. Brewer.—Carried.

Miss Henderson Moved:—

“That from now on till the 2nd week in April we use every possible effort to gain signatures to the ‘People's Mandate.’” Seconded by Mrs. Hall.—Carried.

Miss Henderson moved:—

“That this Dominion Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in common with all who have signed the ‘People's Mandate,’ asks that our Government, having renounced war in the Kellogg-Briand Pact, shall in common with all other Governments who have signed that Pact, honour its international pledges with the other signatories: and (a) Stop immediately all increase of armaments and of armed forces; (b) Use existing machinery for peaceful settlement of present conflicts; (c) Secure a World Treaty for immediate reduction of arms as a step toward complete world disarmament; (d) Secure international agreements founded on recognition of world independence to end the economic anarchy which breeds war.” Seconded by Mrs. Roberts.—Carried.

“That members of this Convention undertake individually and in groups to study the causes which through international injustice, racial and national prejudices, economic conflict and increase in armaments are responsible for conditions leading to war.” Seconded by Mrs. Hall.—Carried.

“That we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to encourage the spirit of peace and forbearance in our individual lives and amongst the youth of our nation, which is the foundation of all national and world co-operation and peace.” Seconded by Mrs. Spence.—Carried.

Discussion of suggestions made by Messrs. Murray and Lewers was resumed.

Mrs. Mountjoy moved:—

“That the recommendations from the Executive be adopted.” Seconded by Mrs. Stephens.—Carried.

Hymn 148 was sung.

Discussion on Headquarters was resumed.

Miss Jamieson moved:—

“That it be a recommendation to Headquarters Committee that they enquire into the possibilities of transferring the mortgage to where it may be obtained at a cheaper rate.” Seconded by Mrs. McGregor.—Carried.

Reports.—In the absence of Mrs. Spencer, Miss Kirk moved the adoption of the report on Flower and Philanthropic work. Seconded by Mrs. Brewer.—Carried.

Backblocks.—Mrs. Moyes presented and moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Long.—Carried.

The Session closed with the Benediction.

Saturday, March 21st.

The Session opened with a Devotional Service conducted by the "Y" delegates. Minutes of Friday's Sessions were read and confirmed.

Roll Call.

The President spoke of the fact that Miss Henderson would not be continuing in office of Corresponding Secretary and moved that Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Roy be asked to draw up a resolution of appreciation of Miss Henderson's long, willing and most efficient service to the Union.—Carried.

It was decided that each delegate should be given an opportunity to contribute towards a gift—the donations from each district to be gathered by one member and handed to the Treasurer.

Reports.—Mrs. Kaspar (School of Methods) presented and moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. White.—Carried.

Social and Moral Hygiene report presented and moved by Mrs. Pirrett. Seconded by Mrs. Woods.—Carried.

The President spoke with regret of the resignation of Miss McLay.

Miss Kirk moved the following recommendation from the Executive:—

"That the resignation of Miss McLay be accepted with deep regret and that we place on record our deep appreciation of her work." Seconded by Mrs. Wilson.—Carried.

From all parts of the room delegates expressed warm appreciation of Miss McLay's work, which had always been done in loving Christian fashion and with great efficiency.

Session closed with Noontide Devotions.

Monday, March 23rd.

Session opened with Devotions led by Miss McLay.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Roll Call.

Headquarters Committee.—Mrs. Cook moved:—

"That the present members of Headquarters Committee be re-elected, with power to add to their number." Seconded by Mrs. Keene.—Carried.

Vote of Thanks.—Miss Cooke moved: "That a very hearty vote of thanks be passed to Headquarters Committee." Seconded by Mrs. Moyes.—Carried.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Ella Boole, Mrs. Bendeley, Miss Pyle, Mrs. Bathgate, Epsom, N.E. Valley,

Ohakune, Springfield and Blenheim Unions, and Nelson "Y" Union.

Greetings Out.—Miss Smyth moved:—"That greetings and good wishes be sent to Mr. Malton Murray." Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

A letter was received from Mrs. T. E. Taylor announcing that the time for the return of signatures to the People's Mandate had been extended to June 30th.

Reports: Anti-Gambling.—Mrs. Pirrett presented and moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. White.—Carried.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Botting moved:—"That promoters of Art Unions be compelled to publish a statement of receipts and expenditure at the same time as they publish the results, or as soon after as possible." Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

Mrs. Peart moved:—

"That this Convention deplores the increase in gambling in New Zealand and that we urge the Government to refrain from issuing any further permits for Art Unions, etc." Seconded by Mrs. Kaspar.—Carried.

Mrs. Bedford moved:—

"That this Convention urges Unions and individual members to take a decided stand against participation in any form of gambling, whether by means of the totalisator, Art Unions, or anything that encourages the spirit of gambling." Seconded by Mrs. Peryman.—Carried.

Mrs. Moyes moved:—

"That Government be asked to bring in legislation to prevent children under the age of 16 years being allowed to sell tickets for Art Unions, raffles, or any form of gambling." Seconded by Mrs. Peryman.

The following amendment was moved by Mrs. Mountjoy:—

"That the age limit be 14 years."

The amendment was lost. The resolution carried.

Library.—Mrs. Peryman drew attention to the value of the books in the Library and urged members to make use of them.

Reports: Bulletin.—Mrs. Barr moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Kasper.—Carried.

Medical and Scientific Temperance.—Mrs. Neal moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Miss Edger.—Carried.

Educational Bureau.—Miss Smyth moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Miss Dewar.—Carried.

International Correspondence.—Miss Armit moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Mrs. Peart.—Carried.

Resolution re statement made in the Conference of Justices of the Peace, Wellington. Miss Henderson moved:—

"That this Dominion Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, now sitting in Auckland, emphatically denies the statement made by a representative at the annual meeting of the Justices of the Peace and given publicity through the Press, that the W.C.T.U. does not favour giving Women Police the power of arrest. The W.C.T.U. has always asked, and still asks, that when Women Police are appointed they shall be given the full status and powers (including that of arrest) of constables." Seconded by Miss Kirk.—Carried.

Noontide.

Reports: Maori Report.—Adoption moved by Miss Henderson. Seconded by Mrs. Brewer.—Carried.

Literature Report.—Mrs. Ross moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Miss Lovell-Smith.—Carried.

Legal and Parliamentary Report.—Miss Henderson moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Stephens.—Carried.

The Session closed with the Benediction.

2 p.m. The afternoon Session opened with Devotions led by Mrs. Duxfield.

Reports.—Miss Armit read the report of the "Y" Conference and moved its adoption. Seconded by Mrs. Long.—Carried.

Miss Armit also read a report of the work of the Summer School.

"Y" Organiser's Report.—Miss C. M. McLay moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Walker.—Carried.

Y.P.T.C.U.—Miss C. M. McLay moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

Mrs. Tasker Brown sang a solo. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Congregational Churches. Miss C. M. McLay spoke of the work in Niue Island and gave a greeting from Mrs. Head to Convention.

Miss Henderson spoke of the generous gifts sent to us by our Unions on Niue and Pitcairn Islands, and moved:—

"That a letter of greeting and appreciation be sent to both Unions." Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Miss Henderson moved:—

"That a White Bow be sent to each member of the Pitcairn Union." Seconded by Miss Kirk.—Carried.

Presentation of Banners:

Largest increase—Napier, 46.
Largest per cent increase—Mt. Albert, 115 per cent.
Largest "Y" actual increase—Nelson "Y", 19.
Little White Ribboners:
Largest Roll—Nelson, 721.
Largest Roll, Unions under 30 members—Ohai, 213.
Highest per cent. increase—Wanganui E., 121 per cent.
District with largest Roll—Southland, 2131.

Largest L.T.L. Roll—Nelson, 136.

Largest Band of Hope—Ponsonby, 136.

Shield for Band of Hope whose member won the Gold Medal in the Scientific Temperance examination, intermediate grade—Waimate. The member's name being Daphne Keen.

"W.R." Decorations:—

Largest number of new subscribers—Brooklyn, 12; Hamilton, 11; Wanganui, 11.

Largest increase in District—Wellington, 49.

Report: Good Citizenship.—Mrs. Bedford moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Mrs. Peart.—Carried.

Mrs. Botting moved:—

"That Convention, realising the leakage between Cradle Roll and "Y" work, urge the necessity of using every means of giving Temperance Education to the children of our Dominion." Seconded by Miss Dewer.—Carried.

Session closed with Benediction.

Tuesday, March 24th.

Session opened with Devotions led by Mrs. Cook.

Minutes of Monday's Sessions were read and confirmed.

It was pointed out that the vote of thanks to Headquarters Committee was moved by Miss Cook, and also that the name of Miss Rimmer, who sang on Monday afternoon, was omitted.

Roll Call.

Notices of Motion.—Miss Henderson gave notice that she, or someone in her place, would at next Convention move:—

"That in par. 33, page 8, the words 'Assistant Treasurer' be inserted after the words 'a Treasurer.'"

Miss Henderson gave notice that she, or someone in her place, would move at next Convention:—

"That in par 27, page 7, the words 'Vice-President' be inserted before the words 'Corresponding Secretary.'"

L.T.L. and Band of Hope Pledge.—Mrs. Kaspar moved the notice of motion standing in her name:—

"That the words 'Young people and children' be deleted and the words 'L.T.L. and Band of Hope' be inserted, and the words 'sweets or anything containing alcohol' be added to the pledge taken by L.T.L. and Band of Hope members." Seconded by Mrs. Keen.—Carried.

Recommendations from the Executive:—

"That the name 'Schools of Methods' be changed to 'Methods Department.'" Moved by Mrs. Spence. Seconded by Mrs. Moyes.—Carried.

"That where the Union is unable to find suitable Superintendents of Departments the matter be left in the hands of the Dominion Officers."—Moved by Mrs. Peryman. Seconded by Mrs. Duxfield.—Carried.

Election of Officers.—The President announced that as there was only one nomination for each of the following offices—President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, she declared these officers elected.

Corresponding Secretary.—As there were two nominations for this office, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Mitchell, a ballot was held, and Mrs. Mitchell was elected.

The Misses McLay acted as Tellers.

Election of Superintendents.—The following recommendations were received from the Executive:—

Anti-Gambling: Mrs. Pirrett.

Backblocks: Mrs. Moyes.

Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance, Evangelistic: Mrs. Cook.

Educational Bureau: Miss Powell.

Flower and Philanthropic, including Prison and Reformatory: Mrs. Spencer.

Good Citizenship and Rest and Refreshment Rooms: Mrs. Williams.

Home Meetings: Mrs. Chisholm.

Legal and Parliamentary: Miss Henderson.

Libraries and Dominion Library:

Little White Ribboners: Mrs. Smith.

L.T.L. and Bands of Hope and Mercy: Mrs. Bathgate.

Maori Work: Miss Henderson.

Medical and Scientific Temperance: Mrs. Neal.

Notable Days: Miss Smyth.

Press: Miss Trevurza.

Peace and Arbitration: Mrs. Taylor.

Methods Department: Mrs. Kaspar.

Social and Moral Hygiene:

Work among Seamen: Mrs. Norrie.

White Ribbon Bulletin: Mrs. Carr.

"Y" Branch: Miss C. M. McLay.

International Correspondence: Miss Cawthorn.

Mrs. Spence moved:—

"That these recommendations be adopted." Seconded by Mrs. White.—Carried.

Reports: Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance.—Adoption moved by Mrs. Cook. Seconded by Mrs. McGregor.—Carried.

Evangelistic.—Adoption moved by Mrs. Cook. Seconded by Miss Cooke.—Carried.

Home and Mothers' Meetings.—Adoption moved by Mrs. Rowe. Seconded by Mrs. Walker.—Carried.

Notable Days.—Miss Smyth moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs. Keen.—Carried.

Press.—Adoption moved by Miss Kirk. Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

Work among Seamen.—Adoption moved by Miss Drew. Seconded by Mrs. Brewer.—Carried.

Letter of thanks.—Mrs. Kaspar moved:—

"That a letter of thanks be sent to Rev. Nelson for his very fine sermon on Sunday evening." Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Greetings Out.—It was decided that greetings be sent to Mrs. Ella Boole, the Victorian Union, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Lee-Cowie, Mrs. T. E. Taylor, and Miss Pyle.

Notice of Motion.—Mrs. Mountjoy gave notice that at next Convention she would move:—

"That if notice of motion be given three months before a Convention, the motion can be brought up at the Convention."

The Session closed with the Benediction.

2 p.m. The afternoon Session opened with Devotions led by Miss C. M. McLay.

Greeting was received from Rev. E. Walker, first Secretary of the N.Z.A.

Reports: Little White Ribboners.—Adoption moved by Mrs. Walker. Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

Miss Kirk moved the following recommendation from the Executive:—

"That Districts be urged to appoint District Superintendents of Departments." Seconded by Mrs. Spence.—Carried.

Mrs. Brewer expressed the thanks and appreciation of Convention to Mrs. Kaspar for the very excellent demonstration of work given on Monday evening.

Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

On the invitation of the President two new members joined the Union.

Report: Band of Hope.—Adoption moved by Mrs. White. Seconded by Mrs. Peart.—Carried.

A talk on accidents and deaths caused by liquor and breaches of the liquor law during the 12 months for which figures are available was given by Miss Appleby.

Resolutions.—Miss Macandrew moved:

"That where a motorist has been convicted twice of intoxication while in charge of a motor vehicle, his license to drive a motor vehicle should be cancelled for all time." Seconded by Mrs. Bedford.

Mrs. Peryman moved the following amendment:—

"That where a motorist has been convicted twice of intoxication while in charge of a motor vehicle, his license to drive a motor vehicle be cancelled for at least 10 years and not be renewed unless he is a pledged abstainer."—Seconded by Mrs. Mountjoy.—Carried.

The resolution was lost.

Mrs. Roberts moved:—

"That this Convention views with alarm the increased drinking of alcoholic beverages in and around dance halls and recommends Unions to approach the local authorities and the Police with a view to urging stricter supervision."—Seconded by Mrs. Kaspar.—Carried.

Ruling asked for.—The President was asked to give a ruling on the following point: Should the District Union pay the travelling expenses of delegates to District Executive meetings or should each Union bear the expense of its own representative? It is permissible for

the Districts to pay such expenses if it is advisable in the interests of the work.

The Session closed with prayer.

Wednesday, March 25.

Opening Devotions were led by Mrs. Peryman.

The Minutes of Tuesday's Sessions were read and confirmed.

Roll Call.

Greetings were received from Sister Gittos and members of the Kurahuna household, Mrs. Jones, Waipawa, Oxford, Wanganui Central, Green Island and Inglewood Unions.

Greetings Out.—It was decided that greetings should be sent to Mrs. Den, and Miss Tinley, World Superintendent Scientific Temperance Department.

Mrs. Peryman gave a talk on alcohol in the treatment of disease.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Duxfield, Mrs. Peryman and Miss Appleby for their helpful addresses.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Eccersall moved:—

"That legislation be passed to restrict the sale of contraceptives to qualified chemists and to make the sale to persons under 18 years of age illegal."—Seconded by Mrs. Peryman.—Carried.

Mrs. Williams moved:—

"That the membership fee be reduced to 1/6 per annum."

This motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mrs. Williams moved:—

"That the annual subscription to the White Ribbon be reduced to 1/6."

This motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mrs. Stephens moved:—

"That in view of keeping our organisation up to date we feel that the time has arrived when an officer, Dominion, district or local, should not hold the same office for a term of more than 1 years, thus giving younger members an opportunity to advance their ideals. After 12 months the retiring officers would be eligible for re-election."—Seconded by Mrs. Thompson.—Motion lost.

Miss Kirk moved:—

"That all cases of separation, maintenance and affiliation be heard in Courts from which the general public is excluded; to which only persons desired by either party—recognised social workers, members of the legal profession and the Press be admitted."—Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Superintendents were given an opportunity to speak on the work of their Departments—Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Pirrett, Mrs. Moyes, Mrs. Neal, Miss Smyth and Mrs. Kaspar spoke of their work.

Question.—Is it true that Civil Servants are not allowed to sign the "People's Mandate"? No. The Government has announced that it will not interfere with the rights of citizenship.

Mrs. Alexander moved:—

"That Convention considers that too much time is given to broadcasting racing club activities and that a protest on the matter should be sent to the National Broadcasting Board."—Seconded by Miss Dewar.—Motion lost.

Mrs. Wilson moved:—

"That a strong protest be made against the running of Sunday Excursion Trains."—Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Mrs. Roy moved:—

"That it be an offence for any person visiting an hotel bar for the purpose of drinking to take a child into the bar."

After considerable discussion this resolution was referred back to the Resolutions Committee for fuller information.

Mrs. Bedford moved:—

"That the Government be requested to take steps to prevent the publication of misleading statements as to the nature of alcoholic liquors."—Seconded by Mrs. Duxfield.—Carried.

Miss McAndrew moved:—

"That the Government be asked to enforce the licensing law in regard to the after-hour drinking in hotels."—Seconded by Mrs. Mountjoy.—Carried.

Ruling asked for.—Should not the expense of Long Service Badges be borne by the Dominion Fund? The officers recommend that there be no change in the present system.

Moved by Miss Smyth. Seconded by Miss McAndrew.—Carried.

The Session closed with the Benediction.

2 p.m. The opening Devotions were led by Mrs. Day.

On behalf of Convention, Mrs. Hall proposed the following resolution, expressing appreciation of Miss Henderson's work in connection with the Union:—

"We, the officers and delegates assembled in Auckland of the Dominion Convention of the W.C.T.U., 1936, desire to place on record our very sincere and loving appreciation and admiration of the services rendered so faithfully to the Union during a long term of office as Dominion Corresponding Secretary."

"Many of us have been closely associated with her in the work and we realise that her high ideals and the principles which she has always upheld have been to us a means of inspiration and of blessing, and we sincerely thank her for the wonderful help which, from her storehouse of knowledge, she has always so willingly given us. We deeply regret the necessity for her retirement and we pray that the Master whom she has served with such loyalty

will grant that the years to come may be full of happiness and peace. We earnestly commend her to the loving care of the Heavenly Father and we trust that she may be spared to enjoy many years of quiet, useful service with the assurance that 'they also serve who only stand and wait.'"

On behalf of the Convention the President presented Miss Henderson with a handbag containing a cheque. In her reply Miss Henderson said that she had greatly enjoyed the work and had made many pleasant friendships.

On behalf of Convention Mrs. Hiatt presented Miss McLay with a cheque given as an expression of the Unions' appreciation and affectionate regard. Miss McLay thanked Convention and said that she had always felt great pleasure in her work and would always value the many kindnesses shown to her.

Resolution.—Mrs. Roberts moved:—

"That in the opinion of this Convention instruction in Social and Moral Hygiene should be given in Primary Schools by suitable persons."—Seconded by Mrs. Mountjoy.—Carried.

An invitation to delegates to visit the Blind Institute was received. A number of delegates accepted.

An invitation was received from the Kurahuna School to delegates. A number accepted.

Social and Moral Hygiene Department.—Miss Henderson moved:—

"That Miss Pudney be appointed Superintendent of this Department."—Seconded by Mrs. Cook.—Carried.

Mrs. Kaspar moved:—

"That the Minister of Education be requested to consider the question of including in the School Journal lessons on Scientific Temperance and to bring the matter of teaching Scientific Temperance before the Educational authorities."—Seconded by Mrs. Craig.—Carried.

Mrs. Stephens moved:—

"That an endeavour be made to have the President's address at the Dominion Convention broadcast by means of the radio."—Seconded by Mrs. Winston.

Miss Henderson moved the following amendment:—

"That we endeavour to arrange for the broadcasting of an address by the President during Convention."—Seconded by Mrs. Pirrett.—Carried.

Motion lost.

Mrs. Neal moved:—

"That Unions make an effort to have Temperance essays written in the schools."—Seconded by Miss Henderson.—Carried.

Miss Rimmer sang a solo.

Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the Baptist Church.

Votes of thanks were passed to the entertaining Union, our Hosts and Hostesses, Managers of the Church, Ladies who served afternoon tea, Convention pianist, those who provided musical items, the Press, Decoration Committee, Convention Letter-Writer, Convention Reporters.

An invitation to hold the next Convention in Christchurch was received from North Canterbury District Union, and was accepted with thanks.

Convention closed with the service arranged by Frances Willard.

Confirmed (Signed), JESSIE HIETT.
25/3/36.

"The Unknown Soldier."—Continued.

liance that maintains or encourages it. It was not a pacifist, it was Field Marshall Earl Haig who said: "It is the business of the churches to make my-business impossible." And O my soul! stay out of war!

NEVER SANCTION OR SUPPORT ANOTHER WAR.

At any rate, I will myself do the best I can to settle my account with the Unknown Soldier. I renounce war because of what it does to our own men. I've watched them coming gassed from the front line trenches. I have seen the long hospital trains filled with their mutilated bodies, I have heard the cries of the crazed and the prayers of those who wanted to die and could not, and I remember the maimed and ruined men for whom the war is not yet over. I renounce war because of what it compels us to do to our enemies, bombing their mothers in villages, starving their children by blockades, laughing over our coffee cups about every damnable thing we have been able to do to them.

I renounce war for its consequences, for the lies it lives on and propagates, for the undying hatreds it arouses, for the dictatorships it puts in the place of democracy, for the starvation that stalks after it. I renounce war and never again, directly or indirectly, will I sanction or support another.

O Unknown Soldier, in penitent reparation I make you that pledge.

POSTAL ADDRESSES.

As the Post Office has divided cities into areas and asks that the area number be added to addresses, our Business Manager will be very grateful to subscribers if they will send correct postal address to her.

1. What city do you live in?
2. Are you N., S., E. or W., or one of the betweens?
3. What is your number in your district?

Thank you!

News of the Union.

Reports MUST—

- (1) Reach Editor by 8th of month.
- (2) Be written in ink, on one side of the paper only.
- (3) Be short and to the point.

NORTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Dargaville.—March 10. Mrs H. T. Smith presided, ten present. Devotional talk on the courage of Joshua. Intercersory prayer for the youth of our land. New Year message of encouragement from Mrs Hiatt received. Mrs. Wordsworth and Miss Van Renen delegates to Convention. Mrs H. T. Smith acting-President during Mrs M. Martin's illness.

Maungaturoto.—April 1. Evening meeting held in Congregational Church. Mrs. H. Flower in chair. All officers re-elected and vote of thanks passed for past services. Treasurer reported small credit balance. Letter received from N.A. Secretary re visit from Miss C. McLay. Secretary requested to try to arrange for Miss McLay to take Sunday services in Congregational Church and hold meeting for members on following day. Mrs. Knightbridge appointed Birthday League Superintendent in place of Mrs. Wearne, who has left the district.

Te Kopuru.—March 12. Good attendance. Mrs Bickers presided. Circulars from Mrs Hiatt and The Brotherhood Way, and letter from Mrs McLeod, England, stating that the W.C.T.U. has been wonderfully good to her. Mrs Bickers reported on Executive meeting. Afternoon tea.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland.—April 7. A good gathering. Mrs. Cook presided. Three new members welcomed. Mrs. Cook appointed delegate to the N.C.W. Reports of the Dominion Convention were given by Mrs. Holmes and Miss Dewar and plans of work to help to carry out something practical were discussed. An appeal was made for helpers for the Poppy Day Street Collection.

Leigh.—March. Small attendance met at Mrs. Grigg's. Mrs. Morley read "General Jottings from N.Z. Baptist." Mrs. J. V. Wyatt gave the motto, "Gentle words fall lightly, but have great weight." An article on "Gambling" was given by Mrs. Grigg. Mrs. Torkington gave the temperance fact. "A creator of cravings; a maker of thirst; that is alcohol, as an enemy, the worst." Mrs. J. V. Wyatt gave an account of organising evening of the Y branch. The hostesses were Mrs. Grigg and Mrs. Morley.

Northcote.—March 10. Mrs. Hales led devotions. Mrs. Hulbert read an extract from the Rev. Lionel Fletcher's book on evangelistic work. People's Peace Mandate to Government signed by members. Afternoon tea. Mrs. Hay appointed Treasurer. Collection.

Ponsonby.—March 12. Annual Cradle Roll afternoon. The President, Miss Read, welcomed the mothers and children. An instructive and interesting address by Miss G. McKenzie was followed by afternoon tea. Gifts were distributed to the children.

Sylvan Avenue.—March 18. Attendance fair. Miss Pudney presided. Three inspiring poems by E. M. Stokes read, followed by time of silent and vocal prayer. Routine business. Enlightening article on the working and results of the Carlisle System of liquor control was read and discussed. Afternoon tea.

Warkworth.—March 12. Attendance small, but good meeting. Mrs. Hamilton presided. Mrs. Kasper read article on "Egyptian Women." Miss Joy Phillips elected delegate to Convention.

Waiuku.—March 13. Mrs. Speer presided, nine present. Mrs. Speer, delegate to Convention. Sympathy with Mrs. C. Denize in bereavement, and Miss West in illness. Letter of thanks for donation to Willard Home.

Waiuku.—April 3. Mrs. Speer presided. Eleven present. An interesting report of the Dominion Convention was given by our delegate, Mrs. Speer, who stressed the importance of gaining more subscribers for the

White Ribbon. One new subscriber gained at the meeting.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Cambridge.—March 11. Eleven members present. Helpful addresses on "Peace" were given by Mrs. Seal and Mrs. Craig. The petition for Peace was signed by members.

Te Awamutu.—March 19. President in the chair. Fair attendance. Prayer offered for Convention being held. As a tribute of sympathy with Royal Family in the passing of our late beloved King, members stood in silence. Sympathy was also expressed with Mr. W. G. Macky and family in the death of Mrs. Macky, who was an interested member of the W.C.T.U. Dominion President's message for 1936 given: "Forward." The People's Mandate was presented for signatures. The reported drinking at dance halls discussed; something to be done. Miss Hooper's rendering of two solos were much enjoyed. A helpful paper on "Ways and Means of advancing the work of the W.C.T.U." was given. Afternoon tea.

Thames.—April 1. Fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Paul, who gave a very full report of the Dominion Convention. Literature is being sent to Cradle Roll mothers, hoping to enrol them as W.C.T.U. members. Two new members initiated. Afternoon tea served.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Aramoho.—March 26. President in chair. Motto given by Mrs Chesswas. Pledge reaffirmed. Address by Mrs Dowsett on "Responsibilities of Motherhood." Hearty vote of thanks to speaker. Competition: 1st, Mrs H. Good; 2nd, Mrs Chesswas. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Gilmour and Good.

Ohakune.—March 19. Fair attendance. Mrs. Anderson presided. Decided to send a telegram conveying Union's greetings to Dominion Convention. Peace petition signed by members and friends. Interesting talk on "Peace" was given by Rev. L. Dobbs. Afternoon tea served.

Raetihi (Maori).—April 1. At the home of Mrs R. Tuatini. Good attendance. Mrs Lynn presided, and pleasant and profitable time enjoyed. Mrs Lynn very ably explained to those members present the meaning of the words "intoxicating" and "alcohol." Sister Holland, a Methodist Sister, expressed in words her appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U. among the Maori women. Mr W. T. Tiwha led prayer in Maori. Afternoon tea.

Wanganui East.—March. Mrs Day presided. Sympathy in illness with Mrs Dale. Silent vote in memory of Mrs Cave, valued worker for many years. Mrs Day delegate to Convention. Mesdames Carter and Walker in charge of Bring and Buy stall. Mrs Ogier and Miss Marshall hostesses for April.

MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Feilding.—April 2. Fair attendance. President in chair. The business of the afternoon consisted of the report of Convention by Mrs Spence, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks.

Foxton.—March 12. Ten present. President in chair. Secretary absent through severe illness, and Mrs Titcombe acted for her. Collection for Frances Willard Day. Mrs Ross gave report of District Executive. A very happy afternoon spent by all present.

Levin.—March 13. Mrs Kennerley in the chair. Scientific Fact. C.R. afternoon on March 20th. Mrs Bishop delegate to Convention. Thanks sent to Mrs Ritchie for valuable work in Scientific Temperance branch. Band of Hope re-opens March 27. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

Palmerston North.—April 3. Mrs. Hodder presided, and specially mentioned that Miss Moore's departure for Palestine had been delayed. Miss Stuart, a new member, to embroider the Banner, and Mrs. King gave ribbon for same. Mrs. Stuart, Hospital Visitor for W.C.T.U. during Mrs. Penketh's absence. Miss Sutherland read the report of Convention written by Mrs. Scott, our delegate. Thanks to Mrs. Scott for a very full and interesting report. Benediction. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Forno and Stenberg.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Hastings.—March 31. Excellent attendance. Mrs De Castro spoke on League of Nations Union meeting, and spoke of war work in Cairo, and of distinguished social workers and political leaders she had met. Report of Y meeting received. Four new C.R. members. Napier congratulated upon winning membership banner.

Makotuku.—March 10. Mrs Dally presided. Fair attendance. Sympathy with Mrs Burnett and Mrs Little in bereavement. Discussion on Cradle Roll and Band of Hope. Mrs Mildon dispensed afternoon tea.

Napier.—April 1. Thirty-four present. Mrs. Lewis presided. Hymn chosen by Mrs. Venables, who prior to her illness was the much-loved devotional superintendent. Treasurer's balance sheet read and adopted. Mrs. Hull, delegate to the Dominion Convention, gave a very interesting report, much appreciated. Mrs. Forster, superintendent for sending literature regularly to the back-blocks. Mandate for World Peace explained. Petition signed by members. Appreciative references were made to Miss Henderson for long and faithful services rendered as Dominion Corresponding Secretary. The banner, which has been won for having enrolled the greatest number of members during 1935, was hung in a conspicuous place.

Waipukurau.—April 2. Miss Burdett presided. After the business routine Mrs. Dickson read a very interesting paper on "My Daughter," by Dr. E. Bryson, M.A., M.P. Miss Burdett read a paper on the evils of liquor on the cells of the body. Afternoon tea closed interesting afternoon.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Brooklyn.—March 31. Mrs. Sawden presided. Good attendance. Pledge repeated. The report of the Hospital Auxiliary given by Mrs. Pearson. Mrs. Dudley welcomed after a long absence. Decided to send 5/- to the World's Missionary Fund. Financial statement showed a satisfactory credit balance. Plans were discussed for raising money for the year's work. Mrs. Butler reported eleven new names on the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Brewer gave a full and very interesting account of the Dominion Convention at Auckland, and was listened to with rapt attention and accorded hearty thanks. Mrs. Brewer congratulated Mrs. Pickering, through whose efforts our Union won the prize of one guinea for securing most new subscribers to the White Ribbon between Conventions. Benediction. Baptist ladies hostesses. The encribed blue silk badge presented at Convention was affixed to the banner.

Dalefield.—March 26. Home meeting at Mrs Heyder's. Good muster of members and friends. Mrs Ordish read paper on "Dangers of Alcohol." Happy social hour spent, and Convention lovingly and prayerfully remembered.

Island Bay.—March 17. Mrs. Milner presided. Correspondence from Mesdames Stinson and Scotney. Greetings sent to Convention by Secretary (endorsed), also letter to Mrs. Mercer. People's Mandate to Government re Peace on table for members to sign. Rev. A. L. Silcock spoke on "Power of Protest." Benediction. Baptist ladies hostesses.

Lower Hutt.—March 25. President in chair. C.R. Party to be on April 4th. Mr Salt gave interesting talk on League of Nations and their achievements re better transport, reduction of opium trade, white slave traffic, and child labour. Need to educate for Peace. Hearty vote of thanks to speaker.

Upper Hutt.—March 23. Splendid meeting, good attendance. Address on Malachi 3-10, and all were led to look back on the way God had led them. Articles from the White Ribbon were mentioned (shows they all read it) and a poem, "These Things Matter," was read. Arranging for Convention report to be given at next meeting. Mrs. Ross volunteered to step into Treasurer's office, vacated by Mrs. Roberts' removal from district.

Wellington Central.—March 18. Mrs Barron in the chair. Visitors welcomed. Good attendance. Mrs Head, from Niue Island, gave a report of our flourishing branch there of 644 members, and of splendid Temperance work among the young. A member not in active work was listed as "lazy," and that

was a great disgrace. Mrs Head spoke of the curse of "home brew." Musical items by Mrs Head and Mrs and Miss Fear.

Wellington.—April 2. Mrs. Murray presided and led devotions. An apology for absence came from the Treasurer, Mrs. Porte, who is ill. Arrangements made for next meeting. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Perry and Haylock. Mrs. H. J. Rowe gave address on the recent Dominion Convention. She gave a clear and concise record of the doings for the eight days it lasted. Some of the meetings proved to be quite inspiring as well as interesting, and the Women's Temperance Movement showed that they were indeed out for God, for Home and for Humanity. Questions were asked and answered and the speaker thanked. Pledge and Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Canvastown.—Very good attendance. Mrs. Murray presided. Decided to meet on 2nd Saturday in every 2nd month, commencing in May. Report of District Executive read by Mrs. Milgrew. Rev. J. Sanderson gave an address on "Purity." Much appreciated and speaker thanked. General regret expressed at departure of Rev and Mrs. Sanderson from the district. Debate, Temperance v. Prohibition, at next meeting. One new member. Collection. Afternoon tea.

Tua Marina.—March 19. Mrs Harris presided. Good attendance. Thoughts on "The unfathomable love of God" presented by Mrs Robinson. Mrs E. Smith presented with beautiful shoulder spray in honour of her birthday. Paper on peace problem, written by Mrs Utting. Mrs Girling gave a wonderfully interesting account of her travels in England, Scotland and Wales, and a hearty vote of thanks given, also a shoulder spray. The Misses Girling and Mills gave a vocal duet. Dainty afternoon tea.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson.—March 10. Frances Willard Day. President in the chair. Fair attendance. Mrs Houghton, from England, and Miss Wilkins, missionary from East India, welcomed. Mrs Houghton recited "The Glory of the Garden." Three members gave facts from the life of Frances Willard. Greetings sent to Dominion Convention. Six "Peace Mandates" completed, handed in; two more to follow.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch.—March 11. Miss Henderson presided. Vote of sympathy with relatives of late Miss L. M. Lovell-Smith, a pioneer member. Invitation to attend District Executive on April 15 to hear report of Dominion Convention. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Henderson for her devoted and untiring services as Dominion Corresponding Secretary.

March 25.—Mrs. Richards presided. Members promised to assist in Poppy Day collection. Interesting report of Peace meeting held under auspices of Professional Business Women's Club. Mrs. Richards spoke on Annual Conference of N.C.W.

Linwood.—March 31. Good meeting. Opening prayer by Mrs. Dower, mother of Dr. Condliffe. Temperance facts about India and America given by Mrs. F. Grigg. Mrs. Woods, our delegate, gave a splendid report of the Dominion Convention, very comprehensive, and several expressed appreciation of it. Decided to commence the Band of Hope in April. Afternoon tea served.

New Brighton.—March 18. Mrs J. P. Duncan presided. Welcome extended to Mrs Lorgelly, after long absence through illness. Arrangements made for concert to be held on April 15th, when Miss A. Hall, B.A., will give a travel talk. Special invitation had been sent to mothers, and Mrs Mulcock gave an instructive talk on "The Mother's Kingdom."

North Brighton.—March. Garden Party. Very good attendance, including several visitors. Very interesting address by Rev. Gardiner Brown. Mrs Claridge was presented with a crystal vase, a birthday gift in appreciation of her services as Secretary.

Oxford.—March 18. Good attendance. A request for help towards supplying milk for school children was received from the school committee. Consideration to be given at a

later meeting. Final arrangements made for the Show catering. In honour of birthday, Mrs. D. Hawke was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Barrell, from Christchurch. Mrs. Hawke thanked the Union for their kind thought. Miss M. Magrath sang a solo. Afternoon tea served.

Papanui.—March 25. Mrs. Carr presided. The work of the Band of Hope discussed. Decided to hold the first meeting early in May. Arrangements made for a social afternoon at the next meeting when the delegate would give report of Convention. Mrs. Carr gave two very interesting readings. Afternoon tea served.

Reefton.—March 11. At Mrs Thompson's, who occupied the chair. Recitation by Mrs McClymont, a veteran White Ribboner over 80 years of age, and whose presence gave pleasure to us all. Her recitation was "Waiting for the Summons." New Year message read by Mrs Gilmour. Hostesses, Mrs Thompson and Miss Watson.

Spreydon.—March 10. Mrs Pirrett to be delegate to Convention. Temperance Fact, "Alcohol is detrimental to the power of good judgment." Miss Lovell-Smith took us for a flying trip to the Old Land, and gave glimpses of ports en route, also word pictures of some famous places in Great Britain. She was impressed with the strong anti-war feeling in the Homeland. Mesdames Woodcock and Bowden hostesses.

Sydenham.—April 2. Mrs. Archer presided over a good attendance of members. Mrs. Woods (Linwood), delegate to the Auckland Convention, presented her report, which was heard with interest.

Sumner.—April 7. Good meeting. An address from Physical and Mental Health League stressing fact that 20,000 little ones in N.Z. were mentally affected. Miss Lilley gave talk on mission work in Bombay and the Punjab. Mesdames Murdoch, Sherrand and Walker were tea hostesses.

Westport.—March 10. Mrs Parfitt, President, in the chair. Fair attendance. Bible reading by Mrs Parfitt, some very touching, also enlightening papers were read by members. Decided to procure Cradle enrolment cards.

S. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Geraldine.—March. Mrs Wallach presided. Mrs Hiett gave a very interesting address, listened to with great interest. Mrs Prattley's resignation accepted with regret, and Mrs Alley elected "W.R." Agent. C.R. Supt. to arrange with Executive re Cradle Roll Garden Party. Solos by Mrs Coursey and Mrs Borrell were much appreciated. Hostesses, Mrs Coursey and Mrs Couling.

Owaka.—March 4. Eight present. Discussion as to how we could make our Union more helpful. More prayer advocated. Headmaster of High School to be approached regarding the advisability of asking Standards V. and VI., and the secondary school, to enter essays on a Temperance subject for competition. A cup of tea was enjoyed.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Kaikorai.—March 31. Mrs. Flett presided. One new member initiated. Mrs. Avery spoke upon the mother of the lad with the five barley loaves, and speaker stressed how much of mother's work was unseen, but very vital. Posy presented to Mrs. Avery and regret at her departure expressed. Afternoon tea. Benediction.

N.E. Valley.—March 26. Attendance fair. Miss Gray presided. Members expressed deep gratitude to God for the return to health of Miss Gray, who had been brought safely through a severe illness. Miss Alexander nominated for District Secretary. A suggestion was made that owing to the impossibility of far-flung Unions sending delegates to Convention, some method of equalising travelling expenses be adopted. Decided to bring the matter before the District Executive. A letter having been received from Mr. Malton Murray re advertising in picture theatres, the following resolution was passed:—"That the N.E. Valley Union is convinced that the action of the Levin Temperance Societies in having temperance facts screened at the local picture theatres is a move in the right direction, and heartily recommends the circular from the N.Z. Alliance re educational temperance slides, to the favourable consideration of the District Executive."

Oamaru.—March. Mrs. Bridgman presided. Small attendance. Inclement weather. Miss Clark took devotions from "And now abide in faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." Peace Mandate to Government signed by all present. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Rev. J. A. McKenzie for his able address, "Christ and Womanhood." Two dozen Convention White Ribbons ordered. Cradle Roll picnic postponed until end of year.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Gore.—March 24. Mrs. E. C. Smith presided. Fair attendance. Pastor R. A. Bell spoke on "The mission of the W.C.T.U.," and concluded by saying that if the Union was to fulfil the mission for which it came into existence, it must seek to become aware of the power of its Divine Author. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." Next meeting at Mrs. D. B. Stevenson's. Convention report to be given. Band of Hope meetings discussed, also Superintendent for V branch.

Invercargill Central.—April 7. Mrs. McGregor presided. Good attendance. Mrs. Millard reported Cradle Roll picnic had been held. Quarterly district meeting to be held at Bluff in May. Appeal made for helpers for Poppy Day. Solo by Mrs. J. T. Macdonald. Mrs. McGregor gave a comprehensive report of Dominion Convention, enjoyed by all, and received a vote of thanks. Afternoon tea.

South Invercargill.—Devotions by Mrs. Richards. Letter read from nurse at leper hospital in Addis Ababa. Mr. Trevor Gibbs gave an address on "Love," and was heartily thanked. Vote of thanks to Mr. Haywood for auditing Union's books. Afternoon tea. Sacred solo.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Again I appeal to every member of the W.C.T.U. to help in gaining entrants for the Scientific Temperance Examinations. Interest any boy or girl in the matter, give them a copy of the Lesson Manual, and encourage them to study for the examination.

Previously we had three Grades, this year we are to have four Grades.

Preparatory Grade: Ages 8 and under 10 years.

Junior Grade: Ages 10 and under 12 years.

Intermediate Grade: Ages 12 and under 14 years.

Senior Grade: Ages 14 and under 18 years.

Senior Grade to study: "Alcohol a Cell Poison."

Intermediate Grade to study: "Alcohol a Cell Poison" (first 20 pages).

Junior and Preparatory Grades to study: "Alcohol, its Nature and Effects."

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SYDENHAM, 1st Thursday, Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo Street. Pres., Mrs. Archer, Dyers Pass Road; Sec., Mrs. Woodward, 48 Thackeray Street; Treas., Mrs. Drewett, 175 Roker Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Z. Adkins, Strickland Street, Spreydon.

TARANGA, meets first Tuesday, in Methodist Hall, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. F. N. Christian, 5th Avenue; Rec. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. York, 1st Avenue; Treas., Mrs. Teasey, Edgcombe Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. V. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

TAKAPUNA, meets in Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Anglican halls alternately. Pres., Mrs. George Winstone; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards and Mrs. Escott; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. G. M. Galbraith; Devotional, Mrs. Reynolds; "W.R.," Mrs. Morgan; C.R. and L.T.L., Mrs. Winstone and Mrs. B. Keane; Y's, Mrs. Galbraith; Reporter, Mrs. Tremain; Temperance Fact., Mrs. J. Lewis.

TEMUKA, meets last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. room, Hamilton Street. Pres., Mrs. Hewson; Sec., Mrs. Cross; Treas., Mrs. Buck; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Reid; Band of Hope, Miss Mills; Evangelistic, Mrs. Douglas; Rest Room, Mrs. Blackmore; W.R., Mrs. Attenby, Main Road.

THAMES, 1st Wednesday, Mackay Street Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Paul, Upper Richmond Street; Sec., Miss M. Smith, Sperry Home; Treas., Mrs. Standen; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Riley.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs. F. Cave; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hosken; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Arthur, 194 Wai-iti Road; Y. Supt., Mrs. Head; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Rawson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. McAllister; Supt. for Seamen, Mrs. Norrie, 18 Beverley Road.

TE AWAMUTU, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m., in the Presbyterian Hall. Pres., Mrs. B. McGhie, Pakura Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Olson and Bryant; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. Alexander; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. McGee, Orakau; Treas., Miss M. Bowman, Paterangi; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. A. Johnson.

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Robinson; Sec., Mrs. W. Hopwood, Carters Terrace; Treas., Mrs. Wakelin; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hieft.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kippenberger, Studholme Junction; Sec., Mrs. H. Palmer, Shearman Street; Treas., Mrs. A. Robinson, Hospital Road; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Tooley, Grace Street; L.W.R., Mesdames Johns and Jelly.

WAIANUIWA, meets 4th Thursday in Hall 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss L. Young; Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. Mason; Treas., Mrs. J. Wilson; Sec., Mrs. Parr; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. R. Young; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Wilson.

WAITARA, 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. B. C. Lawrence; Sec., Miss A. Bicheno; Treas., Mrs. Hingley, Cracroft Street; W. R. Agent, Mrs. W. Hoskin, Nelson Street; Supt., L.W.R., Mrs. M. Carrick.

WAIPIAWA, meets 4th Thursday in each month, Presbyterian Church, 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. H. Dyson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Pepperell; Rec. Sec., Miss T. Johnson, Rose Street; Treas., Mrs. T. Carson; "W.R." Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIPIKURAU, meets 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Hall. Pres., Miss Burdett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Smales and Griffiths; Sec., Mrs. L. Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Dixon; C.R., Mrs. J. Brown; Band of Hope, Mrs. Smales.

WAIROA, H.B., St. Andrew's Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. MacDonald; Vice-Pres., Sister Jessie; Sec., Mrs. B. M. Alexander, 16 Kopu Road; Treas., Mrs. MacDonald; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Edlington.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs. Duxfield; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Upton and Bathgate; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Upton, 215 Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Lynch; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Heatley, 72 Carlton Avenue.

WANGANUI EAST, 2nd Thursday, in St. Alban's Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. A. H. Day; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. T. Andrew, P.O. Box 4; Rec. Sec., Mrs. E. Scott; Treas., Mrs. G. Shute, N. 3 Line; Cradle Roll, Miss Phizaciaea; "W.R." Agent, Miss Wallace, Victoria Avenue.

WARKWORTH, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Stewart and Hickman; Sec., Mrs. Sanderson; Treas., Miss J. Phillips; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. C. H. Rowe, Sand-spit Road.

WELLINGTON, meets 1st Thursday, in Constable Street Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. H. Chisholm, 9 Palm Grove; Treas., Mrs. Porte; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Perry.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Y.W.C.A., Boulcott Street. Pres., Mrs. Barrow; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Cullen, 17 Lawrence Street, S.I.; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mrs. Helyer, 338A Oriental Parade, E.I.; C.R. Supt., Mrs. Long.

WHANGAREI, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs. Vyle, 15 Central Avenue; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Goodall; Sec., Mrs. J. P. Rive, 13 North Street; Treas., Mrs. Hills, 12 Norfolk Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Emsley, Wallace Street; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Lovatt, Ruapai Street; Notable Days Supt., Mrs. Storey, Kensington Avenue.

WINTON, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs. J. P. McWilliam, Park Street; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Eglington Street. "W.R." Agent, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mars Street.