

Mrs Bedford concluded by saying: "Only the reaching light of the cross of Jesus Christ can disclose the social heaven in human fact. They who place that cross in the forefront, to be seen and read of all men in its real meaning, to have its law interpreted in terms of work and justice, freedom and growth, will bring the peace of goodwill through justice of love, to human society."

Election of officers as follows:—Pres., Mrs Bedford; Vice-Pres., Mrs Garden; Sec., Miss Gray; Treas., Mrs Sanders; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Flett; "W.R." Agent, Miss Ford.

Afternoon devotions led by the Y's.

A paper dealing with the necessity of united effort in regard to world peace, written by Mrs T. E. Taylor, listened to with interest, and afterwards discussed.

Resolutions relating to the following were passed:—

- (1) Stricter supervision regarding liquor in dance halls.
- (2) Enforcement of law relative to sale of liquor after hours.
- (3) Protest against any alteration of the existing law relative to transference of redundant licenses to other districts.
- (4) Urging the Government to maintain the integrity of the compact made in 1884 relative to the prohibition of the sale of liquor in the King Country.
- (5) Urging the appointment of women police.
- (6) Requesting the Minister of Education to consider the question of including in the School Journal lessons in scientific temperance.

Also resolutions as received from Miss Henderson re liquor licenses on tourist routes and house licenses.

Mrs Hiatt, Dominion President, briefly addressed the Convention on the "Task for the Future." The chief objective should be the increasing of votes. If each woman wins three votes each year until next election, the change we pray it will be the liquor traffic, the destroyer of little children, the destroyer of the purity and glory of youth, the destroyer of the joy and happiness of homes, that will slink out of sight through the educated vote and the consecrated efforts of the women whom Christ has redeemed.

The President urged members to work for an increased circulation of the "White Ribbon."

The Letter-Writer, Mrs Sanders, was instructed to write several letters of sympathy, condolence, and appreciation. Also a letter to the Hon. R. Semple expressing appreciation of his measures re intoxicated motorists.

Mrs Bedford, as representative of the Union on the committee set up to deal with the memorial in connection with the Centennial of New Zealand, reported the findings of the first meeting. Several suggestions having been made as to the form which the memorial should take, it was decided that each Branch be given a copy of same for discussion at their various meetings.

A short devotional service concluded a profitable Convention.

## NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY.

The Twelfth Annual District Convention of the North and South Canterbury Districts was opened in the Clarence Road Methodist Sunday School on Tuesday Sept. 15th at 10 a.m. Mrs. H. M. Hall, President North Canterbury, was in the chair and welcomed the Delegates. The opening Devotional period was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Robinson, President South Canterbury.

Mrs. A. F. Roy, Secretary for South Canterbury, submitted the Report of the work done in her District for the year. There was a membership of approximately 500 and special mention was made of the work done among young people, from the Cradle Roll up.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Secretary for North Canterbury, stated that there were 21 branches in the District and the membership was 608. The District Executive had been very busy and much good work accomplished. The Peace Dept. had been well to the fore and a new and very valuable phase of work was visiting women patients in the Mental Hospital. This had been enthusiastically carried out by a number of local Unions and was reported to be of great benefit to the patients visited.

Mrs. A. J. Wilson and Mrs. W. Pirrett, Treasurers for South and North Canterbury respectively, gave the financial statements. Both Districts had satisfactory credit balances. Reports of Ashburton, Belfast, Christchurch, and Greendale Branches were given.

The Afternoon Session was opened at 2 p.m. with Devotions by Mrs. H. M. Hall. Five-Minute Papers were read on the various departments of youth work. Cradle Roll (Mrs. R. M. Woodward), L.T.L. and Band of Hope (Mrs. R. Donald), Y Branch (Miss Gwen Ryan and Mrs. Lowry).

Miss C. Henderson brought forward a number of Resolutions which were all passed.

At 7.45 p.m. the Delegates were entertained by the Riccarton members at a most enjoyable social reception. Short speeches of welcome were made and an excellent programme of musical and elocutionary items given. Wednesday morning's session was opened with Devotions by Mrs. Norrie. Reports of Local branches were read from Linwood, Lyttelton, Mayfield, North Brighton, New Brighton, Oxford, Papanui, Rakaia, Rangiora, Riccarton, Spreydon, Reefton, Sefton, Styx, Sydenham, Temuka, Timaru, Tinwald and Westport. Mrs. T. E. Taylor's paper on the workings of the League of Nations was read and the members were greatly interested.

The Afternoon Session was opened with Devotions conducted by Mrs. Lowry. Mrs. J. Richards, Superintendent for Peace Department for North Canterbury reported on the work of the Local Unions in this Department.

The Rev. H. S. Kings gave a very fine address to the Delegates on the "Pioneer women workers" mentioning our own founder Miss Frances Willard, Miss Agnes Slack, and many pioneers in other phases of work such as nursing and missionary work, etc. A hearty

vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Kings for his address.

Mrs. Norrie, Timaru, gave a short account of the work among Seamen as carried out by the Timaru members.

Mrs. White, North Canterbury District Superintendent in charge of the Mental Hospital visitation, reported on the visiting being done by the members of the Union in and around Christchurch.

Question box: This contained a number of queries which were answered by the President and others were referred to the Executive to be brought forward in the form of resolutions.

Votes of thanks were accorded the entertaining Union (Riccarton), the hostesses, press reporter, letter writer, Mistress of Courtesies and to the different Church Guilds for afternoon teas and Supper.

A very happy and helpful Convention was closed with the closing Devotional Service at 5.20 p.m.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

Sept. 8th, at Wesley Hall, Hastings, 10.30 a.m. Executive 9.30 a.m.

**Opened Convention with Devotions**, taken by Rev. Boggies. Subject: "The Greatest of these is Love." He said that the qualities of love were the attributes of Jesus himself, as outlined by St. Paul Cor 13 Chap. and if all sought to attain to the perfect love they must follow the teaching of the Lord Jesus.

**Present in the Morning**, all officers, Mrs. Wilson (President) in the chair, Mrs. Webb (Secretary), Mrs. Smales (Treasurer), and 16 others. Delegates from Dannevirke, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Hastings, Havelock North, and Napier answered to the roll call.

**Annual Report**, read by Secretary and showed loyal service was being rendered in the various departments, by the branches. The report was compiled from the reports from all Unions in the district, from Gisborne to Dannevirke, including two Y's, Hastings and Hukare School.

**Balance Sheet** showed a credit and all liabilities met.

**Morning Tea served** by President and Secretary.

**Resolutions**. Morning session. Various ones were passed, to be sent to Members of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors, including one of congratulations to Hon. R. Semple, re his honest endeavour to reduce the toll of deaths on the roads.

**A Paper on Peace**, read by President. Written by Mrs T. E. Taylor.

**Noontide Devotions**. 12.15 a.m. Taken by members.

**Roll Call**, 19 answered, morning session.

Afternoon, 49 present, members, delegates and friends. Address by Rev. D. W. MacDiarmid, "Women's Power at Home and Abroad." Rev. MacDiarmid paid tribute to the work of the W.C.T.U. and other women's organisations, the quiet unobtrusive and regular way in which they carry on their work. Women held the greatest power for good or evil in any land, in Eastern lands the same. If only the younger women

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