

**District Conventions.—Continued.**

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would set themselves against the Cock-tail parties and spotting habit, the men would follow.

All Officers were re-elected. President, Mrs. Wilson, Hastings. Secretary, Mrs. Webb, C/o P.O. Hastings. Treasurer, Mrs. Smales, Waipukurau. Vice-President, Mrs. Lewis, Napier.

Greetings to Gisborne, Wairoa and Waipawa.

Invitation next Convention, Napier. Executive to meet 2nd Tuesday, every quarter. 13th October next.

Hastings ladies' W.C.T.U., tea hostesses.

Benediction pronounced Mrs. Wilson.

**MARLBOROUGH.**

Held at Canvastown September 22nd. Some 50 delegates, members and friends attending. Bus load of 20 and two private cars conveyed members from Blenheim and Tua Marina.

The President, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, presided and led in devotions, reading Ephesians, Ch. 6. The Canvastown Union president, Mrs. W. Murray, welcomed visitors and the District President extended a warm welcome to all, and especially to Mrs. Moyes, of Nelson, the speaker for the day.

Interesting minutes of previous convention read. Several apologies for absence received.

Messages of good wishes sent to several members and of sympathy to Mrs. Ward and Miss Brown. Appreciation of W.C.T.U. work by Mrs. W. M. Smith recorded. Mrs. Smith whose new home is in Hamilton, Waikato, will be greatly missed in Blenheim.

Greetings received from Miss Kirk and Mrs. Peryman, Wellington, and from Mrs. Wells, Picton. Mrs. Moyes brought greetings from the Nelson Union.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports showed a very active year's work.

Very encouraging reports read from Y. L.T.L., Band of Hope, Cradle Roll, and adult branches.

Mrs. Rogerson, for White Ribbon asked that Unions urge members to subscribe more to their paper.

All officers and superintendents thanked and commended for their work.

Noontide Hymn.

The President's address, most encouraging, was based on the words: "Be ye not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not," and members were exhorted to keep on with the good work till victory was obtained.

Afternoon Session. Devotions—Mrs. J. Stewart, Scripture reading, John 15, 1-5.

Address by Mrs. Moyes—both interesting and inspiring. Her theme: "Out and out for Christ." Motto: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a worker that needeth not to be ashamed." Mrs. Moyes emphasised the need for using whatever talents God has given us, just here and now, and of making

use of every opportunity as it comes our way.

She was heartily thanked for her address. Mrs. Moyes then presented the Y. Banner, which again went to Spring Creek.

A number of resolutions were brought forward and dealt with.

The election of officers: President, Mrs. Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. Leov; Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Leov; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. R. Mills; W.R. Superintendent, Mrs. Rogerson; Peace, Mrs. W. Murray; Y. Superintendent, Mrs. Robinson, Tua Marina. A record was made of the faithful and loyal work done by the retiring secretaries, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Stephens.

An invitation to hold next year's Convention in Springlands' district was accepted with great pleasure. Votes of thanks were extended to the Canvastown Union for their hospitality, to the trustees for use of the hall, to the press and the speaker for the day.

Convention closed with the singing of "All Round the World" and the Temperance Doxology. All present felt a very profitable day had been spent.



Dear White Ribbon Friends,—

I received a most interesting letter from the President of Michigan W.C.T.U. of U.S.A., saying that Michigan is adopting New Zealand from now on until the World's Convention. She says: "I am anxious to establish friendly relations with you and your organisation in New Zealand." I am asking Mrs. Peryman to print the letter if she has space in this issue of our "White Ribbon." Our American sisters are not sitting idly by and allowing the Liquor Traffic to do its deadly work, but are making valiant efforts everywhere to establish the cause of Temperance on a surer foundation than ever before. They are not affrighted at the immensity of the task, for their trust is in the living God. Are we facing our task in the same unconquerable spirit? Will each member

say, "This is my task," and take the suggestions constantly set out in the "White Ribbon," and turn them into action? Use posters; they have been prepared for use, and are excellent witnesses if placed where the public may read. May we have the vision splendid—that of our country saved from this death-dealing traffic, this destroyer of little children, this destroyer of the purity and glory of youth, this destroyer of the joy and happiness of homes. Christ has redeemed us that we might redeem others. Are we ready for this glorious task?

With every good wish,

From your friend,  
JESSIE HIETT.

Mrs. Hiett.

11 Duke Street, Dunedin, N.Z.

My dear Mrs. Hiett,—

It is with much delight that I learn from Mrs. De Yo that Michigan is adopting New Zealand from now on until the World's Convention. I am very anxious indeed to establish friendly relations with you and your organisation in New Zealand. It is a wonderful feeling to realise that this great cause of ours has friends in so many different countries. We shall certainly hope that you can be present at Washington.

I am going to see that you have our little State paper each month. It will tell you something of our work in this, the great Lake State of the United States. We have over three hundred local Unions, with a membership of nine thousand. We have about three thousand members in the Loyal Temperance Legion, and are just getting our Young People's work under way. I have been President five years. During that time, we have gone through the tragedies of the agony of repeal and depression, which was worse in this State than in most. You see, we are in the great industrial centre, where automobiles were made, and when the depression came and the factories did not run, we suffered intensely. This caused us to lose over three thousand members. We are gradually getting them back, and all are so interested in our educational plans.

The State now has four sets of slides, and we have four different speakers lecturing on the effects of alcohol as illustrated by the slides. This is the time of the year when many of our counties are having fairs, and we had such interesting booths set up in their educational departments, with posters and literature. We are also working with the State Department of Education to see that we get proper alcohol education in the schools.

I shall be very much interested in hearing from you, and I would like to know how many members you have and something of your work. I will have this letter printed in the Michigan Union, and I know that our women will want to do something toward helping New Zealand send a delegate to the World's Convention.

With very best wishes to you for your every undertaking throughout the coming year, I am sincerely,

DORA B. WHITNEY.