

to abolish the Licensing Polls or to extend the time between Polls.

Letter writer, Mrs. Cunningham; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. B. Wilson; Mistress of Courtesy, Mrs. Wells. Minutes of last Convention were read and confirmed. Mrs. Hiett gave greeting from Dominion officers "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Correspondence was read. Treasurer's statement was submitted and was very satisfactory. Organiser's report of work in the district was read. Reports from following unions:—Blenheim, Picton, Springlands. Tua Marina, Canvas-town and Rai Valley all showed excellent work done. Excellent Y Branches at Spring Creek and Picton. Band of Hope report showed Blenheim is decreasing, Springlands is doing well, Tua Marina and Picton in excellent condition. White Ribbon report showed that 7 unions had a total for the district of 124. Blenheim won the banner for largest number of new subscribers. Cradle Roll report showed 6 unions doing good work. Mrs. Hiett stressed the importance of enclosing a leaflet for the mother with every C.R. card sent out. A very excellent address was given by the District President, Mrs. Wilson.

Noontide, hymn and prayers.

Luncheon adjournment.

Afternoon session opened with devotions by Mrs. Hiett.

Election of officers:—Pres: Mrs. Wilson. Vice-Pres: Mrs. Leov. Rec. Sec: Mrs. Underhill. Cor. Sec: Mrs. Harris. Treas: Mrs. A. M. R. Mills. Band of Hope: Mrs. G. Robinson. Y Supt: Mrs. A. Robinson. Peace: Mrs. J. Stewart. C.R. Supt: Mrs. E. Leslie.

A very fine and inspiring address was given by Mrs. Hiett and listened to with marked attention. Mrs. Hiett was very warmly thanked.

Mrs. Hiett presented the Y banner to Mrs. Powell for the Picton Branch.

Certificates for Temperance Exam were presented by the Dominion President to Dallas Burns, Mary Duffet, Jennifer and James Gregg, and Doreen Robertson, all of Picton. A recitation by Mrs. Forbes was much enjoyed.

The beautiful Closing Service brought the 1938 Convention to an end.

An invitation from Blenheim Union for 1939 Convention was accepted.

Resolutions passed:—

1. That this Convention commend the action taken by the Government regarding the suspension of pernicious literature.

2. That a paper or pamphlet be prepared for the purpose of teaching the facts of life to children.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Question Study for 15 mins., Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne taking part.

Noontide. Mrs. Smales conducted with hymn and prayer. Officers:—

Pres., Mrs. Hickmott; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lewis and Goffee; Secretary, Mrs. Webb; Treasurer, Mrs. Smales; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs. Gwynne; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Atherfold; Notable Days, Mrs. Pepperill; Maori, Mrs. Austin; Evangelistic, Mrs. Olsen. Votes of thanks. Collection, £1/15/0. Closed Benediction.

NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Mrs. H. M. Hall presided over Convention, which was held in Linwood Baptist Church, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13th and 14th.

Mrs. H. W. Robinson conducted the opening devotions, when the solo, "The Stranger of Galilee" was sung by Mrs. Woodward. 51 delegates answered the Roll, 7 being delegates for the first time.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Hiett, Mrs. Pirrett, Miss Blackwell, Linwood Ys, and Mr. C. N. R. Mackie. Motions of sympathy were passed with Mrs. H. W. Robinson, Mrs. S. E. Lowry, Mrs. Comyns, and the relatives of the late Miss Jessie Mackay and Archbishop Julius.

District Secretary's reports were presented by Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Woodward. These reports were discussed and adopted.

Five five minute papers were given as follows:—

Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs. Lowry; Pioneer Women, Mrs. Archer; Peace, Mrs. C. N. R. Mackie; Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg; Temperance, Mrs. Ryan.

These papers were very educational and votes of thanks were passed to the writers.

Eight superintendents of departments reported on the work in their individual departments, which showed good progress. The election of officers for North Canterbury resulted, as follows:—

Mrs. C. W. Barrell, President; Mrs. F. J. T. Grigg, Vice-President; Mrs. R. Woodward, Secretary; Mrs. Atkins, Treasurer.

South Canterbury election resulted in all officers being re-elected.

Mrs. H. W. Robinson, President; Mrs. Cave, Vice-President; Mrs. Roy, Hon. Secretary; Mrs. Gillon, Treasurer.

Sister Alice spoke briefly on her work on the West Coast. Two new Unions were formed, Hokitika and Westport. All the other Unions were visited and new members gained. Several questions from the Question Box were satisfactorily answered by Miss Henderson, J.P. Owing to the lack of time, there was no new plans of work, but Mrs. Hall asked all Unions to distribute literature, and display posters where possible, also hold special prayer meetings up to the time of poll. The usual votes of thanks were passed including the President and members of Linwood Union who entertained Convention so royally.

Convention was brought to a close with a verse of "God be with you till we meet again," and the benediction.

RECEPTION TO DELEGATES.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 13th, a reception was given to delegates. Mrs. Mackie presided and Mrs. Hall welcomed delegates on behalf of North Canterbury. Musical and elocutionary items were given by visiting artists.

Welcome speeches were given by representatives of the local churches, Kindred Societies, and the National Council.

At the conclusion supper was served.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Wednesday evening, September 14th.

A public meeting was held on Wednesday evening, September 14th, when a stirring address was given by Rev. H. S. Kings on Temperance. Mr. C. N. R. Mackie followed with an address on the "Peace" question.

Votes of thanks were passed to both speakers for their splendid addresses.

Mrs. C. N. R. Mackie presided.

WELLINGTON.

Delegates from the Wellington District of the W.C.T.U. met in the Karori Methodist Church for their annual convention. In her opening remarks Mrs. Brewer (District President) asked members to stand for a few minutes silent prayer of thanksgiving that war had been averted. The doxology was then sung.

Mrs. Peryman led devotions, reading from II Kings 6:17, dealing with the prayer of Elisha for his servant that his eyes might be opened to see the mighty army of God surrounding them. She said that we could see marvellous things if our eyes were opened to see God in all around us.

Roll call was taken, and many apologies received, sickness claiming many members.

The President gave an outline of the preparation for the Congress of the Women's Pan Pacific Union. Several Branches reported having taken special collections for the Spanish Children's Relief Fund, and were all working for the coming Convention. Greetings were received from the Nelson District Convention and also from the Ys.

Comprehensive annual reports were given by the following Branches—Wellington, Wellington Central, Brooklyn, Island Bay, Karori, Petone, Lower Hutt, Masterton, Upper Hutt and Johnsonville.

During the Noontide recess, Mrs. Shearer, who has been a member for 43 years, was presented with a floral spray, which was pinned on by the President, who spoke in appreciation of her years' of service.

Election of officers:—President, Mrs. Brewer; Vice-President, Mrs. Lopdell; Secretary, Mrs. Gregg; Treasurer, Mrs. Sawden; District Membership Superintendent, Mrs. Tanner; District Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Butler; District "White Ribbon" Superintendent, Mrs. Pickering; Delegates to the National Council of Women, Mesdames Israel, Brewer, McBride, Mowlem, Peryman, Miss Kirk and Miss Atkinson.

Delegates then adjourned to the schoolroom where luncheon was served by the Karori Union.

Many visitors who were present at the afternoon session were given a