

warm welcome. Mrs. Enting beautifully rendered a sacred solo, much appreciated.

An address given by Miss Kirk, J.P., disclosed that some of the results of the liquor traffic was shortage of food and clothes to many women and children, loss of life. We hear of the toll of the road, but do we hear of those who have died through taking excessive alcohol. Unless we are prepared to sacrifice a child of our own, or someone else's child, we must vote alcohol out. Miss Kirk stressed the point that dry areas did not want restoration in their districts again. Alcohol is not good as a food, nor is it a stimulant and hospitals have greatly reduced the quota per patient in their allowance of alcohol.

Votes of thanks were accorded Miss Kirk for her splendid address and to the Karori Branch for their hospitality. Afternoon tea brought the sessions to a close.

### NELSON.

The Annual District Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Baptist Sunday School, Richmond, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1938, presided over by Mrs. J. H. Walker, District President. Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Unions were represented by 22 Convention members, while many members and friends attended both morning and afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Walker took opening devotions, reading from St. Matthew 5, stressing the words of the Master "Ye are the light of the world." Christians could only be lights so long as they received their oil from Him, a wick would fade away soon after being lit unless the lamp had oil in it to feed the wick. She emphasized the power of faith, faith in God was the key note of all Christian work. Miss Tarrant, president of Richmond Union, gave a welcome to Convention, with a special welcome to the visiting Dominion Officer, Miss C. E. Kirk, and then presented beautiful bouquets of spring flowers to Miss Kirk, Mrs. Walker and Miss Cooke, Nelson President. After repeating the pledge, the temperance fact was given by Mrs. Ross, being an extract from an article by the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Mowll.

Miss Kirk, recording secretary of the Dominion gave greetings from Mrs. Hiett and Mrs. Peryman and a message was read from Miss Henderson. The district secretary's report and the treasurer's balance were considered very satisfactory. Miss Kirk then gave an encouraging talk to members. She had noticed that unions were more awake to the value of prayer and she urged all members to exercise their belief in the power of prayer. There was much to hearten us, other Women's Organisations like the W.I. and the W.D.F.U. and the Townswomen's Guilds are strongly with us in the fight against the drink traffic. Many hints were given as to how to introduce and distribute literature and how

to do the educative work of the W.C.T.U. It is the only Women's Organisation that has been in existence over 50 years doing a steady work of educating all in Christian Temperance principles. A quantity of literature was distributed, members undertaking to give or post it to those in their near neighbourhood. Noontide devotions, the Nelson President, Miss F. J. Cooke, prayers being offered for the Dominion Officers, all Unions, leaders and members, for the sick and bereaved ones, for the young people voting for the first time, for the world's leaders, and for peace among the nations.

Afternoon session. Devotions by Mrs. J. K. Robinson who spoke of Joshua as an example of great courage. Miss Kirk's afternoon address was on "What is the value of the liquor traffic to any community, has it any?, of what use is it?" Rev. Every proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Kirk, seconded by Mrs. Saunders.

Reports of work for the year were given by the secretaries of Motueka, Richmond and Nelson and these showed that progress was being maintained in the various departments of the union. The lately formed branch at Takaka reported that its membership had increased from 5 to 13, but owing to its scattered area, found it most difficult to hold regular meetings.

A vocal solo: "Today and Tomorrow." was sung by Miss Lloyd and was much enjoyed, and the playette called "The Medicine Shelf," by five L.T.L. members was a splendid item. Two of the performers were the winners of the gold and silver medals in the Temperance Essay examinations held this year. Mrs. Andrews said 28/- had been sent to the Headquarters Fund from the Birthday League. Mrs. Gubb reported that Peace Day had been kept by all unions. Miss Tarrant said there were 36 babies on the Cradle Roll for outlying Districts and Mrs. Moyes spoke of the literature distributed in the Backblocks. The following District Officers were elected:—President, Mrs. J. H. Walker; Vice-Presidents, each Union's President; Secretary, Mrs. W. Andrews; Treasurer, Miss F. J. Cooke.

Morning and afternoon tea supplied by the ladies of the Richmond Churches was much appreciated.

The Benediction brought a very happy and worthwhile gathering to a close.

### MARLBOROUGH.

Convention met in the Methodist Sunday School, Picton, on October 7th, 1938. There was a good number of delegates present. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Millen, President of Picton Union. Morning tea was provided by entertaining Union. Mrs. Wilson, District President, called Convention to order at 10 a.m. and led devotions. Special welcome to Mrs. Hiett, our Dominion President. Rev. Buck, on behalf of clergy, extended a welcome. Mrs. Wilson thanked Mrs. Millen and Rev. Buck for their welcome.

### TEMPERANCE PAGEANT.

Under the auspices of the Auckland District a Temperance Pageant was held in the Beresford Street Congregational Hall, on Saturday, the 8th October.

This Pageant depicted the work of the W.C.T.U. in a great many countries of the world, and was illustrated by over 30 children from different L.T.Ls. and Bands of Hope, carrying banners showing the names of these countries. Quite a number of countries were further represented by the members of the various unions who were dressed in the costumes of the countries they represented. Britannia was represented by Mrs. Holmes, New Zealand by Mrs. Pace, Scotland by Miss Wallace, France by Mrs. Joiner, America by Mrs. Bragg, India by Mrs. Williams, Japan by Miss Cowan, China by Mrs. Allely, and Norway by Mrs. Tennant.

During the scenes musical items were rendered by Mrs. Kersey, Miss Alice Rimmer, Mrs. A. L. Lewis, Mrs. E. Rimmer, and the Rev. A. E. Orr.

The Pageant was under the direction of Mrs. H. Kaspar, Mrs. E. Rimmer and Mrs. A. L. Lewis. The accompanists were Mrs. N. Walker and Mrs. Crapp. The Auckland W.C.T.U. was represented by Mrs. Brocklehurst, Mrs. Heard and Mrs. McKinnie. A short temperance play was also given, those taking part being Miss Read, Miss Cowan, and Mr. Hill, also a little girl. During the evening a short talk on the work done by the W.C.T.U. was given by Mrs. Kaspar. While the solo, the "Old Rugged Cross" was being sung by Miss Alice Rimmer a young girl was seen clinging to the cross.



### SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Nov. 7. A "School of Methods" was held in the Temperance room, by the Auckland District Union of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided. There was a good attendance of officers. Superintendents of Departments and representatives from the various Branches. At the morning session, "Parliamentary procedure," Chairmanship, Duties of officers and the development of self-confidence, Mental power and Personality were the subjects studied.

At the afternoon session the subject of "Food Reform" and its connection with alcoholism was the subject dealt with. Mrs. Tennett gave a very interesting address on the subject.

Mrs. Pace, the Secretary, was farewelled on her departure for Australia.

The Auckland District Union held a "School of Methods," on October 3rd. Mrs. H. Kaspar presided. The public speaking lesson was given and some of the members read parts for the Pageant. At the afternoon session a choir practice was held and the work of the Supts. explained, the Treasurer giving the stationery and postage for their work. The session closed with chain prayer.