

1200 pledges at her meetings. In Brazil the revolution has not interfered with W.C.T.U. work; a great demand for literature. In Austria very few people have parlours, so they hold kitchen meetings. India has secured a splendid site for Headquarters in old Delhi, and Indian women have raised the money, and promised to raise balance in five years. Egypt finds liquor problem overshadowed by drug problem: cocaine, heroin, etc. Her people are demoralised by drugs, but much educative work is being done.

Miss Prior, of Denmark, has visited Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, France, and Holland, since last World Convention. It is so interesting to hear these World Organisers and workers in "foreign" places (is anywhere foreign to the W.C.T.U., by the way?) telling about their experiences. They pour it out; there is so much that could be told, and so little time to tell it in.

The Syrian delegate made an eloquent plea for help for her native land. Syria is under French mandate, and rum and French wines are freely supplied. They badly need temperance teaching. Miss Slack told of Palestine under British mandate, and the facilities for drinking are increasing. This has been brought under the notice of the League of Nations, and it is hoped conditions may be improved.

Convention met in a huge hall, filled to its capacity, and furnished with amplifiers. It opened with the English National Anthem, followed by "All Round the World." Loving greetings were received from Anna Gordon. Miss Slack, World's Secretary for 35 years, leads devotional services. Dr. Mary Armour says U.S.A. is going to hold fast, and gives three reasons for so thinking: (1) Intelligence. They know the wet propaganda is paid for by international liquor interests. (2) U.S.A. has staying power. (3) It has Faith.

Mrs Ella Boole conducts the Service of Remembrance. As each name is mentioned a white lily is placed in a large vase filled with green foliage. Then more lilies in memory of workers in all lands, who have passed on.

At an evening meeting welcomes were given by (1) Prime Minister of Canada, (2) Premier of Ontario, (3) Mayor of Toronto. Replies by delegates from (1) Switzerland, (2) England, (3) Denmark, (4) Scotland.

At Convention, Miss Peach reported on the Y.P. Conference in Nelson and about our Y work. Mention was also made that New Zealand holds Medal Contests.

NON-ALCOHOLIC FRUIT DRINKS.

Mrs Jonini, of Switzerland, spoke on this subject. Unless fruit can be utilised apart from alcoholic beverages our work will be hindered. We must substitute in order to eliminate. Many hotels supply grape juice and apple juice, and we should ask for them. Germany has given many demonstrations of these drinks, and wine-growers are beginning to make unfermented grape juice. In Adelaide Show (South Australia) a W.C.T.U. exhibit of these drinks took a prize. "You can't

merely take away wine—you must give something in its place." Mrs Polmear, of South Africa, said they were trying to increase the sale of raisins to take the place of wine grapes. We must be positive, not negative, in our work.

On Sunday morning over 500 attended a sunrise prayer meeting at 8 a.m. In the afternoon a huge public meeting. The Swedish delegate spoke on the Brant system, a Canadian on Government Control, and a former Governor of Maine, U.S.A., on Prohibition. A bust of Anna Gordon, by Miss Prior, of Denmark, was unveiled.

Credentials were presented by 525 delegates, and 10 visitors were registered.

The election of officers was: President, Mrs Ella Boole, U.S.A.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs McKinney (Canada), Miss Solomon (South Africa), Miss Sandstrom (Sweden); Secretary, Miss Agnes Slack (England), Mrs T. T. Brown (Canada); Treasurer, Mrs Munns (U.S.A.).

Miss Peach closes her report: "I think of you all, dear New Zealand Dominion officers, and the happy days at Nelson. My love to you all, and I hope one day we may be able to meet again."

WILLARD CHILDREN'S HOME.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT. JUNE, 1930, TO JUNE, 1931.

The year under review has not been so successful financially as in the past, owing to economic stress and the recent Hawke's Bay earthquake. However, the Committee have much to be thankful for, and many blessings to count.

The organising of a "Shop Week" last November, to raise funds for the annual summer holiday, was again a great success, and the amount raised enabled the Secretary-Treasurer to meet the needed expenditure. We desire to express our grateful thanks to Mr F. Jackson, Manager of Palmerston Pictures, Ltd., for the free use of the shop, also to Mr Claude Page for the writing of the signs for the windows. To those generous citizens who supplied the food, produce, and articles of clothing, we also express our heartfelt thanks.

The "Anniversary Day" function, just passed, was in every way a successful one, both in attendance of the public and the bountiful supply of gifts received. We return thanks to one and all for help, and especially to Mr Westmoreland for the free printing of invitations, together with envelopes for same.

The Sewing Committee, under the leadership of Mesdames Collins, McDonald, and Lovelock, continue to do splendid work, giving their willing service in the interests of the children; also organising Jumble Sales each month. The returns from these Sales have been somewhat disappointing to those concerned, as much valuable time has been put into them, which should have brought better results.

There is a slight change in the personnel of the Sewing Committee, Mrs Lovelock being elected as Superintendent in place of Mrs Barnett, who felt unable to continue in that position owing to home duties. I take this opportunity of expressing the Board's thanks to Mrs Barnett for long and faithful service in the sewing department.

The usual gifts of clothing have been received from W.C.T.U. Branches and local citizens; money donations from the Branches being very much reduced, resulted in only £100 being received, £16 of which was donated by Loyal Temperance Legioners, Bands of Hope, and Sunday Schools. This was considered a very fine effort for the young folks. We do trust that the adult branches will remember us in the ensuing year, and stand loyally by their promises made at the Auckland Convention.

At the present time, only 21 children are in residence, and these are in the main department, under the good care of Matron Anderson and Sub-Matron Miss Pearce. During the year there have been six admissions and four discharges, and 15 temporary cases have been dealt with, including two Napier refugees.

The nursery has been closed down for a time. A good deal of monetary loss, in the way of maintenance, has been experienced in the past year, and as this department entails a lot of expense, the Executive Committee deemed it advisable to retrench until prospects were brighter.

The Board's very deepest thanks are due to the following donors for monetary assistance:—Our annual subscribers—old and new, City Council subsidy, C. M. Ross Co., Collinson and Cunningham, Premier Drapery Co., Millar and Giorgi, Newbury School pupils, Kiwitea Sunday School, Commercial Travellers, Mrs Jos. Batchelar, Mr A. J. Graham, the Mayor (Mr A. E. Mansford), Mr A. E. McGregor, and many others who wish to remain anonymous; and we again take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs R. Tanner, of Longburn, for substantial donations received, from the proceeds of their Fernery.

Gifts of food, meat, vegetables, fruit, toys, books, writing pads and envelopes, firewood, coal, etc., have been received, and for these we have to thank the Manawatu Meat Co., Mr Thwaites, W. Cook and Son, W. Puklowski, N.Z.I. Co., G. H. Bennett and Co., W. Owtram, Mesdames Heath, Firkin, Spall, Miss Bett, Messrs Chapman, Boniface Bros., J. Ellis, Mr Fairey, Mr Jenkinson, Rowan and Coxon, and the public generally; and our warmest thanks are due to the local Press for publishing the list each month.

To Dr. Barnett and Dr. Cyril King we tender grateful thanks for their care of the children's health; also to Dr. Hooper and Mr Blair Tennent for free dental service.

The Board tenders thanks to the Orient Lodge and Rotary Club for entertainments and special outings, also to the Congregational Sunday School for picnics, teas and Christmas treats;