

possible the District officers do this, but lack of funds has proved an obstacle to the District President's usual visits this year. She has, however, visited Thames, Hamilton East, and Te Awamutu, and the District Secretary visited Fencourt, Cambridge, and Te Awamutu.

A short musical programme was followed by afternoon tea, dispensed by the Hamilton East members.

District President's address followed, was read and adopted, and covered a wide field.

Mrs Peryman spoke on the poll postponement, and urged Unions to educate for victory at next poll.

Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Jones, Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Mrs Starnes, Morrinsville; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Hamilton East, and Mrs Davey, Hamilton.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this Convention heartily endorses the action of our Dominion officers in opposing the postponement of the Licensing Poll."

#### MANAWATU DISTRICT.

The Manawatu District Convention was held on Wednesday, September 30th, in the Century Hall, Levin.

On Tuesday evening, the 29th, a public meeting of welcome to delegates was tendered by the local Union. The platform had been tastefully arranged in drawing-room fashion, and beautifully decorated with bowls and vases of flowers.

The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs C. Blenkhorn) were present, the former to take the chair. Also present were: District President, Miss Lee, of Otaki; Mrs Cummins, President of the Levin Union; Mrs Peryman; Captain Lee and Lieut. Goffin, of Salvation Army. Pretty posies were presented by Mrs Cummins to the three other ladies.

Some introductory remarks were made by Miss Lee, who explained that the Convention was to be held mainly for the spiritual strengthening of the members for the work they had in hand. The Manawatu District was most grateful to the Levin friends for their kindness in having Convention in their town. The speaker thanked the Mayor for being present at the meeting, over which she then asked him to preside.

His Worship welcomed the delegates to Levin, and hoped that their deliberations would be for the betterment of their organisation and of the country's social life at large. It was his earnest wish and desire that the movement should make progress. He said a large welcome was due to Mrs Peryman, who was the Editor of the official paper, the "White Ribbon," and a well-known public speaker, and a lady who was always to the fore in any social work.

Mrs Peryman then gave a very helpful and interesting address.

On Wednesday morning Convention opened at 9.15 a.m. Miss Lee (District President) was in the chair. Delegates from Feilding, Apiti, Ballance, Palmerston North, Otaki, and Levin were pre-

sent. Apologies were received from Woodville, Pahiatua, and Foxton. Miss Douglas, the Organiser, was also present. The opening devotions were led by Mrs Cummins (President of Levin Union). Votes of sympathy were passed to Mrs T. E. Taylor and Miss Grant, the Secretary of Otaki Union, in their illness. Miss Lee spoke a few words on the year's work, and gave an indication of what might be accomplished if more interest was taken in the work. The Secretary's report and Treasurer's balance-sheet were read and adopted. Delegates' reports of year's work were most interesting, showing that good work was being done by the Unions in the District, which was very encouraging. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Ritchie (Palmerston North) for the Scientific Facts which she supplied each month to the Unions.

The noontide hymn was sung, and Mrs Peryman led in prayer for our work in the Dominion and for the whole world. The election of officers resulted as follows:—District Pres., Mrs Paterson, Pahiatua; Vice-Pres., Mrs Sorensen, Levin; District Sec., Mrs Young; District Treas., Mrs Kennerly, Levin (re-elected); Supt. of Scientific Facts, Mrs Ritchie, Palmerston North (re-elected); Supt. of Maori Work, Miss Lee, Otaki.

After the luncheon adjournment, the afternoon session was opened by Miss Lee with hymn and prayer. A wire was received from the Hastings Convention for a successful Convention. A hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Levin Union, who had worked so untiringly at all details, to which was largely attributable the comfort of delegates and the great success of the Convention. Cordial thanks are due to Mrs Nye, who supplied the posies and the flowers.

The Convention closed with the pledge and a hymn and prayer. A very helpful address was given by Mrs Peryman on the postponement of the poll. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Meeting closed with the Benediction, all feeling a very profitable time had been spent. We tender our special thanks to Mrs Peryman, who, when the call came, responded so willingly, and so helped in making the Convention such a great success. We also thank Miss Chalk, Mr Hodder, and Mr Vincent, who kindly contributed to the programme on the Tuesday evening.

#### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The Auckland District Convention was held in the Y.W.C.A. Assembly Hall on the 9th and 10th of September. A reception to welcome the Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, and visiting delegates, was held on the evening of the 8th. Sir George Fowlds presided, and paid a striking tribute to the work of the Union with his opening remarks. A welcome was extended by Mrs Cook, President of the entertaining Union, who presented Mrs T. E. Taylor, also Mrs Richards, the retiring District President, with bouquets of daffodils

and anemones. Greetings from other organisations were extended by Mr L. S. Francis on behalf of the Independent Order of Rechabites, Mr Louis E. Falkner for the Auckland Area of the New Zealand Alliance, Miss Bentham for the Y.W.C.A., Mr Blakey for the Council of Christian Congregations, Miss Quayle for the National Council of Women, and Mrs Brigadier Cottrill for the Salvation Army. During the evening songs were sung by Mrs H. T. King and Mrs Craig, the latter singing a song of her own composition. Mrs Taylor conveyed greetings from the New Zealand officers. In speaking on the subject of postponement of the Licensing Poll, she said that the Temperance party had been made the spokesman of the Liquor Traffic, and the suggestion in the first place did not come from the Alliance, but from the breweries. The position had to be faced, she said, and it was our business as women to face it as they had done for the past forty years. The women of New Zealand as a whole had not realised their responsibilities, said Mrs Taylor, who urged them to fight for power to exercise their rights and to watch that we do not have any more hard-won privileges and rights taken away from us by the enemy of the children of New Zealand.

The Convention opened on Wednesday morning, Mrs Morgan Richards presiding. Upwards of 80 officers and delegates, representing 24 Adult Unions and 5 Y Branches, answered the roll call. Greetings were received from Mrs Lee-Cowie, of Honolulu, also North and South Canterbury District Convention. The report of the Executive work, submitted by the Recording Secretary, gave evidence of much activity in a large field of work. The Corresponding Secretary's report of Unions working throughout the District showed that steady progress was being maintained; while the Treasurer's report and balance-sheet showed a credit balance.

Following the luncheon adjournment, an inspiring address was given by Mrs W. J. Williams, of Christchurch. The speaker told how wine-growing countries of Europe had banded together to teach children wine drinking, and urged the necessity for educating children to see the danger of alcohol. Mrs T. E. Taylor also delivered an instructive and inspiring address, her subject being, by special request, "The Postponement of the Licensing Poll." Afternoon tea was served by the Baptist Ladies' Guild, and a song of her own composition was sung by Mrs Craig, which was much enjoyed. The election of officers resulted as follows:—District President, Mrs Kasper; Vice-President, Miss Read; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Carr; Recording Secretary, Mrs Johnston; Treasurer, Mrs Taylor.

In the evening a Model L.T.L. meeting, also a Model Y meeting, was demonstrated, having been specially requested by several country Unions. The venture proved most interesting and a decided success.