

interesting reports, and all, save the Peace Department, showed continued interest and increase in their work.

The noontide hour. Hymn, followed by prayers by the members and intercession for peace.

The Cradle Roll report was splendid, and Mrs. Leslie was warmly thanked for her work.

The report of "White Ribbon" Supt. was disappointing in places, showing loss of subscribers.

President's Address.

The President in her address took for her theme "Be steadfast—Carry on." She appealed to all to be true to the ideals of the W.C.T.U. and to carry on in spite of all opposition. She expressed thanks to the Government for their wise action in denying wet canteens in territorial camps, and went on to refer to the enormous drink bill for a small country like New Zealand. We should be true to our pioneers, who had done so much for temperance, and should carry on bravely. Eventually the purpose would be achieved.

The President was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Convention resumed at 1.45 p.m. Luncheon provided by the entertaining Union, Blenheim. Photos were taken. Devotions by Mrs. Brewer, who gave a beautiful discourse, greatly appreciated. Officers elected:—Dist. Pres., Mrs. W. B. Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Wells; Rec. Sec., Mrs. V. Underhill; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Harris; Treas., Mrs. D. Reader.

As Mrs. Mills, the retiring Treasurer, was the recipient of a presentation by the President as a mark of esteem and affection for her 11 years of faithful work for the W.C.T.U., she suitably replied.

Superintendents:—Peace, Mrs. J. Stewart; "Y," Mrs. A. Robinson; "White Ribbon," Mrs. Rogerson; "Cradle Roll," Mrs. E. Leslie; Band of Hope, Miss Tarrant.

Appreciation of the work of the officers was voiced by several members.

Mrs. Brewer's address based on "Stumbling Blocks"—in ourselves, others, and our work. She quoted from statistics to show the increase of crime caused by drink. There were an appalling number of convictions of young people under the age of 25, and 30 per cent. of the total were under the age of 20. Mrs. Brewer touched on many aspects of the social menace of drink, and suggested that the churches should more actively preach temperance from the pulpit. She urged that a book should be compiled

for use by teachers, and stressed that the subject should be made a compulsory one for all pupils. She was heartily thanked for her most able address.

Letters of sympathy were forwarded to Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Leov and Mrs. Westeree, and a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Powell, Picton, for her work among the Y's and Band of Hope.

An invitation from the Tua Marina Union for the 1941 Convention was accepted.

During the afternoon items were rendered by Miss Olga Phillips; Recitations, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Mosely; Songs, Mrs. White and Miss O. Phillips.

Mrs. Girling reminded members of the visit to Blenheim Union of Miss Lovell-Smith on Tuesday, and also appealed for help for the Patriotic Shop on October 18th.

Collection, closing service, Benediction and afternoon tea closed a very happy and profitable Convention.

NELSON.

The annual District Convention of Nelson was held in Motueka on Wednesday, September 23rd, when district officers, delegates and friends from Nelson and Richmond met the Motueka Union in the Methodist Hall. One special visitor was Miss Lovell-Smith. After the singing of the National Anthem the District President, Mrs. J. H. Walker, opened Convention with the reading of St. Luke 10, giving a short, helpful talk, followed by prayers for King and Country, for the Union and its officers, and for all members.

Rev. Utting, of the Methodist Church, in welcoming the Convention to Motueka spoke of the need, in these days of moral laxity, of the educational work the Union was doing, both in regard to temperance and anti-gambling. He hoped something would be done to restrict the importation of alcoholic liquor.

Miss Cresswell, President of the Motueka Union, welcomed Convention, and Mrs. Moffatt presented beautiful posies of spring flowers to Mrs. Walker and Miss Lovell-Smith.

Mrs. Walker warmly thanked the speakers. She said how pleased all were to have Miss Lovell-Smith present. She hoped the delegates would have a profitable day; everything was still overshadowed by war, and the Union was fighting against one of the strongest enemies of mankind—strong drink.

Temperance fact by Mrs. C. W. Ross. A telegram of good wishes was received from Mrs. Hiatt, and greetings came from Miss Kirk and Miss Henderson.

By means of written questions prepared beforehand, much information on Union matters was given by Miss Lovell-Smith; her talks on various matters were quite informal and were much appreciated. Miss Lovell-Smith said Miss Henderson had asked her to bring a "word of cheer" to all members. The world's opinion on the temperance question was certainly changing. In all countries there were signs that men are recognising the evil effects of alcohol, and more and more restraint was being put on its sale and use. It was a matter of thankfulness that the N.Z. Government had decided on dry canteens in the territorial camps.

Afternoon devotions led by Miss Jordan. Mrs. Pasley, a visiting member from Invercargill also gave a brief address, and also stressed the need of more intensive work amongst the young folk.

Reports given by the three Unions showed that the adult membership was well maintained. Meetings were well attended and good work was being done. The Cradle Rolls also were working well, there being about 700 children on the rolls, but the interest amongst young people was lagging somewhat for lack of leaders. The District Secretary reported that quarterly Executive meetings had been held, resolutions passed had been kindly acknowledged by the Cabinet Ministers, and that arrangements for the forthcoming Dominion Convention in Nelson next March were well in hand.

The District Treasurer's balance-sheet showed that contributions to the expenses of the Dominion Convention were coming in slowly but steadily.

Mrs. Field reported that she was now giving out the twentieth thousand of the Prayer Sigils.

Miss Day, of the Birthday League, announced that she was able to increase the contribution to the Dominion Headquarters Fund.

Messages of loving sympathy in their enforced retirement, through ill-health, from the work they so loved were sent to Mrs. Moyes and Mrs. Telenius.

The following resolution was sent to the New Zealand War Council:—"As the Government of this Dominion is asking the mothers of New Zealand to give their sons for their country, this Nelson District Convention of the W.C.T.U. believes that the mothers of