

New Zealand have the right to demand that the Government shall safeguard the interests and health of those sons. This District Convention, therefore, on behalf of mothers, respectfully requests the Government to take action under the War Regulations Emergency Act to reduce drastically the manufacture, sale and consumption of liquor in this Dominion."

District Officers and Superintendents:—Mrs. J. H. Walker, Pres.; Mrs. W. Andrews, Sec.; Miss F. J. Cooke, Treas.; Mrs. Ross, Vice-Pres.

The Motueka Union was cordially thanked for its hospitality for the day, the morning and afternoon teas being very welcome.

Mrs. Read, of the Salvation Army, closed the Convention with prayer and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

### MANAWATU.

The annual District Convention was held in Palmerston North on September 3rd and 4th. Public welcome to delegates by the Mayor and Miss Jamieson. Mrs. Spence, Dist. Pres., replied. Rev. Fiebig gave a most inspiring address on "Religion as a source of Strength and Danger." Items were by the League of Mothers' Choir and by Mrs. Shearman.

September 4:—Business section. Roll call answered by Feilding, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Foxton and Levin Unions. Greetings.

The Dist. Secretary's report showed good work by all Unions. Otaki still lacked a President, but other officers nobly carrying on.

Balance-sheet showed a credit of £1/17/8. Reports of each Union were given by the delegates, and Mrs. Carter reported on the Young People's work. 376 on C.R. and 112 in Band of Hope. Mrs. H. Paterson presented the Bible in Schools report and Mrs. Spence Sailors' Rest. Noontide devotions, Mrs. Carter.

All District Officers and Superintendents were re-elected, with Miss Douall as Maori Superintendent.

Resolutions passed:—

(1) That the attention of the Government be called to the frequent discomfort occasioned the travelling public through the excessive drinking on trains, and that measures be taken to enforce the law and so stop the practice.

(2) That in view of the present economic stress and the large amount of food material diverted to the production of intoxicating liquor, the

manufacture and sale of the same be abolished for the period of the war.

(3) That in view of authentic reports bearing on the harmful effects of wet canteens in Military Camps these be done away with and Milk Bars be established.

(4) That members of the Manawatu District W.C.T.U. deplore the prevalent custom of raffling goods, and in view of the gambling spirit associated with the raffles urges that all patriotic funds be raised by voluntary subscriptions.

(5) That this influential body of women express pleasure that the Government has decided that there shall not be wet canteens in Territorial Camps.

Afternoon devotions, Mrs. Paterson. Mrs. Hodder feelingly conducted a Service of Memories in honour of those who had passed to higher service during the year. Letters of sympathy to be sent to the relatives of these members.

Mrs. Scott gave a most interesting account of temperance meetings she had attended when in Australia recently. Special mention was made of the World Christian Endeavour Convention when Mrs. Moffatt Clow addressed 15,000 young people on Temperance. Mrs. Scott mentioned that Melbourne has a ten-minutes' talk on Temperance over the air each week when questions are answered. Mrs. Spence gave a very arresting address in which members were reminded that religion must form the basis of all education, and that the greatest weapon in fighting the liquor traffic is prayer. Plans of work discussed. Benediction.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND.

The South Auckland District Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, held on Wednesday and Thursday of last week in St. James' School Hall, Frankton, was well attended, delegates representing the Tauranga, Cambridge, Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Fencourt, Opotiki, Thames, Waihi and Frankton branches being present.

An executive meeting preceded the opening of Convention which was called to order by the District President, Mrs. Christian, of Tauranga, and associated with her were Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Vice-President; Mrs. Exley, of Tauranga, District Secretary; Mrs. Page, of Waihi, District Treasurer; and Miss C. M. McLay, of Auckland.

Wednesday's opening devotions were led by Mrs. Gatman, of Hamilton East, who gave a forceful and telling exposition of "Peace" in its spiritual aspect.

The President reported on her annual visitation of the branches and expressed the pleasure and appreciation she felt on finding so much steady work being accomplished, and the marked trend towards the spiritual.

Welcoming speeches were received from the Ministers' Association, represented by Mr. Parker; the Borough Council, represented by Mr. J. R. Fow; and the National Council of Women and Women's Division of the Farmers' Union, by Mrs. Macintosh, the president of the National Council of Women.

### Interesting Address.

Mrs. Christian's address on chairmanship, and Miss McLay's on the five-fold plan of the Women's Christian Temperance Union were both instructive and informative.

A pleasant interlude in business was provided by Miss Ibbotson, who sang a delightful solo, Mrs. Dixon following with an elocutionary item.

The final address on "Great Things" was given by Miss McLay, who in an accomplished speech emphasised great perils, great exploits, great anxieties, great crises and great experiences.

The opinion of the Conference was expressed as being in entire sympathy with the movement in England to prohibit "treating" in order to lessen drunkenness, and the determination to support wholeheartedly any similar movement here.

Hospitality was generously provided by the Frankton branch and an invitation from the Te Awamutu branch for next Convention was accepted with thanks.

A performance of a service compiled by the founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Frances Willard, concluded the Convention.

### OTAGO.

The annual District Convention of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Church of Christ, N.E. Valley, on Thursday last. Mrs. J. H. Sanders, District President, was in the chair. The Rev. T. G. Bycroft, on behalf of the local Ministers' Association, welcomed the delegates, and in a few well chosen words conveyed the best wishes of his fraternal for a successful Convention and for a realisation of the aims expressed in the Unions' Motto—"For God, Home and Humanity."