

healthy state as revealed by the Balance Sheet presented by Mrs Eade (Feilding).

Departmental reports were given by Miss Cody for Maori; Mrs Claridge, Good Citizenship; Miss Dale, Peace; Miss Moir, Literature. Mrs Burnham reported on the N.Z. Alliance Annual meeting, followed by the N.C.W. report by Miss C. Jamieson. Discussion on each Department took place.

The Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Miss C. Jamieson; Vice Presidents, Mesdames I. A. Taylor, W. A. Boniface and V. R. Kennerley; Secretary, Mrs Claridge; Treasurer, Mrs W. A. Eade.

In the afternoon, a public meeting was held, at which Mrs Calcott led devotions, Mrs Funnell was the soloist and Mrs N. A. Hunt, the speaker, whose subject was "Christian Journalism in Africa," and was a most interesting address. She spoke of the work of Mr Trevor Shaw, a young New Zealander, who, realising that the natives of Africa were rapidly becoming literate set about the colossal task of supplying the need of uplifting literature. Beginning in 1951 in Nigeria, he founded "The African Challenge", which proved so popular that the first issue of 5,000 copies was doubled in the second issue and for the third, 25,000 copies were needed. In 1952, with this paper well established, he moved to French West Africa and published in French, the "Envol", and later moved on to the Belgian Congo and published a paper there in three languages.

Mr Shaw's writing being essentially Christian it had a marked influence on the native mind, many becoming Christians through it. Thanks expressed to soloist and speaker and so ended a happy and successful Convention.

OTAGO DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Convention was held in the Kaikorai Presbyterian Church on 3rd October and Mrs Flett conducted the opening devotions. The Rev. J. N. A. Smith welcomed delegates from Balclutha, Oamaru, Nth. and Sth. Canterbury and Dunedin, on behalf of the Ministers of the district and Mrs Flett on behalf of the local Union, and to these, Mrs J. Hiatt responded.

The President based her remarks on what had been done through the years and the need to fight and fight on to victory, remembering the work of the great Temperance men and women of the past. Encouraging results were shown in the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents of the White Ribbon, L.W.R., L.T.L., Evangelistic, etc.

Afternoon devotions were led by Mrs Jamieson, Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Hiatt conducted the election of officers—Pres., Mrs Flett; Sec., Mrs Iles; Treasurer, Mrs Dickenson; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Jones and Daniel; W.R. Supt., Mrs Jones; L.W.R., Mrs Lithgoe; L.T.L., Mrs Gill; Evangelistic, Mrs Jamieson.

Mrs Flett read the list of articles sent from the District for a Christmas Tree for the Children in Austria.

Five remits were passed to be sent on to Dominion Convention.

An inspiring and interesting address was given at the afternoon session by the Rev. Crozier of Roslyn Baptist Church. Total abstinence is the only guarantee against the evil of strong drink. A beautiful solo was rendered.

This year a new venture, the exchange of delegates from Canterbury had been commenced

and an especial welcome was extended to a member from both Nth. and Sth. Canterbury.

Mrs Hardie from Timaru thanked members for gifts for Seamen's Rest and gave details of some of these and said how much she had enjoyed being at our Convention. Mrs Bowers of Christchurch conveyed greetings from her District, and hoped that Otago delegates had enjoyed Canterbury's Convention as much as she had enjoyed theirs. It was decided to write to the N.Z. Woman's Weekly Editress stating that this magazine was spoiled by the advertisement of liquor in it.

UNION NEWS

Balclutha, September. All officers re-elected. Pres., Mrs Gill; Sec., Miss Thomson; Treas., Mrs Walker; "W.R.", Mrs Williamson; Vice Pres., Mrs Gardiner and Miss Thomson. Reports showed good year's work and the Balance Sheet a good credit balance. Most members are W.R. Subscribers. Beacons distributed by Secretary each month. Rev. W. Best of Kaitangata as guest speaker, said modern civilisation was at the crossroads, and alcohol the vicious enemy of social progress was working to lay bare its harvest of wreckage in human life. The Word of God places responsibility on the Christian to refrain from liquor for the sake of our weaker brother. Alarming increase in Drink Bill. The Speaker concluded by saying that we must not be blind to the evil besetting our land, our heritage and our youth.

Whangarei Golden Jubilee, September 27th commenced with a thanksgiving service in Church, Rev. A. T. Kent taking devotions. Welcome extended by Mrs Roberts, (President). Many greetings and apologies from absent friends and extracts read from early minutes. About 70 enjoyed the fine sit-down Lunch. Beautiful jubilee cake made by Mrs Lane and iced by Mrs A. Goodall, with W.C.T.U. motifs was cut by senior member, Mrs S. Goodall (aged 89). Speakers included Mrs A. Bateman, a member since 1917; Mr D. Rix (N.Z. Alliance); Mrs S. S. Green (Dist. Ex. President); Mrs G. Harvey and Mr W. H. Gillingham of Maungakarama; Mr Lane (Business Manager W.P.), and Rev. T. H. Burton, Ministers' Association. Guests present from Maori Women's Welfare League and the League of Mothers. Enjoyable items by Mrs A. T. Kent, Mrs W. Glover, Mrs W. Robertson and Misses E. Robertson and L. Jenkins.

A further good meeting of the G.A.Y.'s took the form of a Sunday tea-meeting with 30 young people present.

Henderson Annual meeting. Mrs E. V. Phillips presiding and also led devotions. Secretary and Treasurer read annual reports, also C.R. and L.T.L. reports given. Librarian reported progress of our W.C.T.U. Library, commenced by Mrs Fountain Officers elected were as follows: Pres., Mrs D. MacLeod; V. Pres., Mrs E. V. Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. E. Thompson; Treas., Mrs Tunks; Librarian, Mrs Webb; C.R., Mrs Breese; Temp. Fact, Miss Grainger; W.R. and Press, Mrs J. E. Thompson.

October meeting at home of Mrs Fountain, Te Atatu, whose beautiful garden charmed us all, but business called. Mrs MacLeod led devotions. Dist. Convention reports given by several Ladies. Mrs Fountain gave an excellent address on Alcohol and Finance, quoting from Proverbs 23. A happy gathering concluded with afternoon tea.

Remuera Annual Meeting. With Mrs Kelsey presiding and devotions taken by Mrs Ibbetson. Prayer circle. Annual report read. Two delegates appointed to Dist. Convention. Treasurer's statement adopted. Officer's re-elected as follows: Pres., Mrs Kelsey; V. Pres., Mrs Robertson; Sec., Miss Tozer; Treas., Mrs Arnold.

October meeting at home of Miss Dowsett. Devotions by Mrs Ibbetson. Prayer circle. Mrs Robertson presided in Mrs Kelsey's absence. Mrs Mackay and Mrs Proctor were thanked for their reports of District Convention.

Kohi-St. Heliers, September. At home of Mrs Phillips. Mrs Pearson led devotions. Special prayer for our Dominion officers. Temperance Fact given by Mrs Phillips. Annual report read and financial statement received. Mrs Kasper gave L.T.L. report, 21 on Roll. W.R. report by Mrs Chernside. Last year's officers all re-elected. Mrs Kasper, President, thanked all for their loyalty and co-operation. Afternoon tea.

Tauranga, October. Mrs Christian present, but Mrs Williamson took the chair. Miss Beswick conducted devotions. Circular letter from Mrs Rankin read. Arranged to send £2 to W.R. fund, our Cradle Roll Party to be held on 27th October. N.C.W. report was given. Mrs Smith, Secretary of Judea Welfare League gave a talk, mainly of the trouble caused by liquor in their homes. Report given by Mrs Hayes, delegate to the Te Awamutu Convention.