

District Conventions

NELSON

The District Convention was held in the Anglican Sunday School at Motueka. Delegates from Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka were welcomed by the District President, Mrs. Toomer and the local President, Mrs. Carter. Mr. Marshall, of the Church of Christ, conducted the morning devotions.

The banner made by three Motueka members for their Union was dedicated.

The Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Knapp and the financial report by Mrs. Gardiner. Reports on Anti-Gambling, Literature, Sailors' Rest and Health and Nutrition were read by the Superintendents.

Mrs. J. Rankin gave a talk on the unscientific nature of the theory of evolution.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Hunter, who recently attended the World Convention in England. "The common enemy is just the same all over the world," said the speaker, referring to her stay in large cities where the late closing of bars was an added menace to the streets. The name "New Zealand" was a magic word in England and a visit to Nelson in Lancashire yielded the surprise of a Press interview and a civic reception.

MARLBOROUGH

The District Convention was held at Picton on 3rd October, with members present from Blenheim, Springfield and Tua Marina.

Mrs. Tennent of Picton Branch welcomed members, in the absence, through illness, of Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Underhill, on behalf of the District, and Rev. E. T. Luxton, for the Methodist Church, extended a welcome and good wishes.

Very encouraging reports were given from the three Unions. There was a gain in membership which now was 108, with a total of 76 "W.R." subscriptions.

It was regretted that the Picton Young People's work had not been carried on since the death of Mrs. Powell.

Noontide devotions were conducted by Mrs. Stephens and after a picnic lunch Mrs. Greensili led the afternoon devotional period, giving an inspiring message.

A very heartening address was given by Rev. E. C. Harding, who based his remarks on Daniel and God is able.

A solo by Mrs. Flood and a recitation by Mrs. Braddock were much enjoyed.

Resolutions passed.

1. A letter be sent to the Marlborough Girl Guides and Boy Scouts' Associations drawing attention to the fact that at recent functions, raffles were predominant and this is contrary to the Constitution of both societies.

2. That the attention of the Blenheim Police be drawn to the Liquor

Law concerning youths under 21 years as it has been evident that the law is not always enforced.

3. That a letter be sent to the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation, drawing attention to the broadcast of an unsuitable song and chorus, entitled "Beer, More Beer," and protesting against this class of song, especially on Sunday programmes.

WELLINGTON

The Convention was held in Wesley Hall on October 26th, when Miss Kirk, District President presided and welcomed delegates from Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Karori, Brooklyn, Wellington, Wellington Central, and Johnsonville.

The opening devotions were conducted by the President, who spoke on the power of God.

W.C.T.U. members were well represented at a luncheon sponsored by the Baptist Women of Wellington to Mrs. Ernest Brown. A letter of appreciation was received for flowers sent to her hotel.

It was reported that films from Headquarters were being used to advantage in young people's meetings and at Maori Clubs.

Reports were received from all Unions.

Election of officers resulted in all officers and superintendents being re-elected.

The noontide hymn was sung, following which there was a session of prayer.

A ruling on the qualifications for a long service badge was given by Miss Kirk, who stated that members must hold office for the period specified.

This badge is a decoration for service and must not be worn instead of the white bow, which is our badge "for God, Home and Humanity."

£9 4s. 6d. and a large parcel of ditty bags and scarves had been received by the New Plymouth Seamen's Rest. Lower Hutt had donated £7 10s. 6d. for Headquarters' Fund. Sales Table yielded £4 5s. 0d. for Headquarters' Fund. Central Union were thanked for providing morning tea and tea for luncheon.

Miss Kirk, in closing, quoted two sayings of the late Mrs. Rachael Dow: "Go work with God and nothing is lost, Who works with Him, does best and most," and "Power to its remotest particle is duty."

WANGANUI

The District President, Mrs. Chesswas, called Convention to order and welcomed friends and delegates. Mrs. Robb, President of Wanganui East Union, expressed good wishes for a successful convention. Morning devotions were led by Captain Mounsey.

Mrs. Day was appointed a life vice-president.

The District Secretary's report showed a full year's work. Owing to the illness of the District Treasurer, Miss Christie, the figures were accepted until she is restored to health.

Noontide devotions were conducted by the President, who also led the Service of Memories, when members, who had passed away during the year, were lovingly remembered. "God is Immeasurable," was the theme of the afternoon devotions conducted by Rev. Kilford Brown.

During the day, reports of the various departments were presented by the district Superintendents, and steady work throughout the year was revealed.

The report of the National Council of Women was given by Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Chancey.

The guest speaker was Rev. G. T. Beilby, whose subject was "God's bidding is our enabling." Two vocal solos were sung by Miss Tirrell, recently from England.

A letter to the press by Mrs. Judith Anderson, regarding drinking at the Stock and Station Agents' Ball, was read.

Mrs. Chesswas expressed pleasure that such a young woman took this stand, and a letter of appreciation was sent to her.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Chesswas for the work she had done during the Dominion Convention last March.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Chesswas; Secretary, Mrs. Spurdle; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ogg; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Chancey and Mrs. Sandford; Treasurer, Miss Christie. N.C.W. representatives, Mrs. Chesswas and Mrs. Chancey. All superintendents were re-elected.

AUCKLAND

The 27th Convention commenced with a Church Parade on September 10th in the Pitt Street Methodist Church when Rev. R. Thornley took as his subject, "An Enemy of the Public Good." This was followed by a Communion Service.

Continuing on Monday, a reception, presided over by Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, was held in the Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh Street.

Greetings were received from the National Council of Women, Methodist Women's Missionary Union, Council of Temperance Education, N.Z. Alliance, Girls' Life Brigade, Women's Committee, W.D.F.F., Federation of Congregational Women and the School Committees' Association.

An interesting programme of items was presented, and an address on "Highlights of the World Convention" was given by Mrs. H. Kasper, who had just returned from England. Mrs. Cullen conducted the opening devotions on Tuesday morning. The Recording Secretary's report given by Mrs. Clarke and the Corresponding Secretary's report given by Miss Appleby revealed

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