

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT DOMINION CONVENTION, 1951

1. That newspapers and periodicals refrain from accepting advertisements from the New Zealand breweries falsely inferring by photos or script, that the regular consumption of liquor, even in moderation, is a virtue, and an asset to the Home and to the Nation.

2. That this Convention considers that girl apprentices, including Maori girls, should have the same monetary assistance as boy apprentices, when through force of circumstances they are obliged to live away from home.

3. In view of so much pernicious literature being sold, this Convention strongly protests against such literature being allowed into the country.

4. That special inspectors be appointed by the Minister in Charge of Police, who will travel up and down New Zealand to check upon the hotel bars, and how they are run, especially in regard to after-hour trading, and that these inspectors submit their reports and recommendations to the Commissioner of Police and also to the Minister in Charge of Police.

5. Believing that gambling is a denial of Christ, and is an evil which is growing at an alarming rate, this Convention supports the churches in their protest re the broadcasting of race commentaries, results and dividends.

Note.—This constant broadcasting must naturally foster the spirit of gambling amongst young folks, especially, and help them to believe that gambling is just a natural part of life.

6. This Convention urges that serious consideration be given to the commencing of a fund for the purpose of establishing temperance hotels.

7. That an effort be made to have the Gaming Act re-worded, making it illegal for children to go from door to door selling raffle tickets.

8. That we would respectfully urge the Government to prohibit the sale of contraceptives by any other dealer than a registered chemist, and to prohibit definitely such a sale to any juvenile.

9. That in view of the grave peril of drinking among very young people, the law regarding the serving of minors be rigidly enforced, as frequently minors are before the Court for drunkenness.

10. That where a man is arrested and known to be implicated in the cause of a serious accident, his name should not be suppressed in the case of intoxication.

11. We emphatically protest against so much grain being used for the manufacture of alcoholic liquor.

12. That owing to the fact that imported unfermented grape juice is on sale at 4/- per quart bottle and also in tins in some towns in New Zealand, an endeavour be made to divert some of the grapes growing in Government vineries at Te Kauwhata from wine making to this purpose and so help to popularise this health-giving beverage.

13. That this Convention urges that steps should be taken to make it illegal for children to enter or be taken into hotel bars for any purpose.

14. That the members of this Con-

OUR FIVE YEAR PLAN

A CALL TO ACTION

(An Inspiring Address given at the Dunedin Convention by Mrs. J. Hiatt)

This was inaugurated to gain new members for our Unions—1,000 per year for New Zealand. To gain new subscribers for our White Ribbon—500 per year. New members for L.T.L. and Bands of Hope—500 per year. New Little White Ribboners—500 per year.

How much have we done? Two years have passed. Time flies. We are told that the most urgent need is prayer. If we believe really, sincerely, that prayer changes things do we pray for our W.C.T.U. work? We all live busy lives. Can we spare five minutes a day to definitely pray for the extension of our work, every aspect of it? If every member in New Zealand, that means approximately 4,000, pray five minutes every day that would mean 28,000 prayers a week and 112,000 a month—1,344,000 a year. Do you not believe that a volume of prayer like that would change things? Some say, and truly, that it is difficult to gain new members. Have we tried for one week in the year to gain new members? And another week for W.R. subscribers? When we pray for five minutes each day for our Union and work, things will begin to move.

The babies. Surely it is easy to enrol babies. Few good mothers would object. L.T.L. members, honestly we are failing here. Children everywhere, and it is important to save them. Have you heard the story of the Aberdeen quarryman? A blast had been prepared, the charge was laid, the fuse was lighted; the men concealed themselves in places of safety, when a little girl was seen toddling across the quarry towards the spot where the explosion was about to take place. She paid no heed to shouts to turn and run away, and her death seemed inevitable. Then the foreman rose. It seemed madness to attempt it, but he cried, "I maun save the bairn," and rushed and caught her in his arms. He saved her at the risk of his life. Shall we take his words for our slogan in gaining children for the L.T.L. "I maun save the bairn." It were better for many a child to be taken in its young days than that he or she should grow into a tippler or a drunkard. We must save them. Five minutes a day for prayer and then concentration on gaining L.W.R.'s, L.T.L.'s, W.R. subscribers; Union members.

Shall we cease marking time and go forward? Do you remember the famous despatch of Marshal Foch in World War I. "My left is driven back,

vention are deeply concerned about the actual cases which have come under their notice of young children acquiring a craving for alcoholic drinks through being given such drinks in their homes by their parents, and the Government is urged to use propaganda by the Health Department to warn parents and adults of the gravity and danger of this practice.

my right is crumpled up, my centre is smashed—I have ordered an advance on all fronts." Is that not what our attitude should be in dealing with one of the greatest enemies of mankind? **This five-year plan is an advance on all fronts if we carry it out.** Each soldier does his part, he is not a battalion, he is not the army, but he is one of a whole army. He does his duty just where he is stationed.

We have one year to prepare for the next poll. Advance on all fronts and votes will increase. Keep prayer going. Get after the children. Seek for new members. Make the White Ribbon popular. Hold Home meetings and invite to these meetings newcomers to the district and lonely folk. Report all gains to the Editor of W.R. each month. There was an old saying, "Competition is the life of trade." Compete with Unions in your districts, and compare notes to find who is gaining the most. Friendly competition is good.

Our W.R. Editor says, "St. Paul was never at his best except when challenge was about him." Let us challenge our Unions to do better than ourselves. Our Editor also says, "The joy of combat with the enemies of Christ brought all Paul's powers into action. Discouragement could not affect him—it merely stimulated him." Drink is an all-out enemy of Christ. We are Christ's soldiers. Here is an opening against this unscrupulous enemy.

"Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me
With God at my right hand?"

AWARDS OF BANNERS AND VASES

Little White Ribboners' Membership:
Largest District Cradle Roll—Auckland (920).

Largest C.R. (Unions over 30 members)—Nelson (321).

Largest C.R. (Union 15 to 30 members)—Springlands (297).

Largest C.R. (Union under 15 members)—Titirangi (168), Vase.

Largest percentage increase—Nelson, 158%.

Union Membership:

Highest percentage increase—Nelson (56%).

Largest numerical increase—Nelson (64).

White Ribbon Subscribers:

Union; largest number of subscribers—Riccarton (152), Vase.

Largest number of new subscribers—Palmerston North and Waimate, equal.

Highest percentage increase (Union under 20 members)—Otorohanga (18%).

L.T.L. Membership:

Vase replacing banner—Wanganui East.

Band of Hope Banner:

Tinwald.

Congratulations are offered to the Nelson Union on the amount of splendid work done, and to all who have won the Banners and Vases.