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CONVENTION ECHOES.

Wanganui invited and royally entertained the Convention of 1916. Several things distinguished this Convention from its immediate predecessors:

(1) It commenced with an all-day Executive meeting on Wednesday, March 15th.

(2) The Agenda granted all day Saturday off for an up-river excursion, which was much enjoyed. The Tuesday afternoon Convention adjourned at 3 p.m. to give delegates a tram trip to Castlecliff, where the local Union entertained them for afternoon tea.

(3) An interesting service was held on Wednesday evening for all those who are suffering through this cruel war.

(4) There was no Convention sermon proper preached, but delegates attended Trinity Church to hear Chap-

lain-Captain Blamires tell of his experiences at Gallipoli.

(5) The election resulted in the same officers being re-elected in every case without one dissentient vote.

Plans of work were discussed and formulated for 1916.

Patriotic Effort.

First and foremost, it was decided to make two great patriotic efforts—to raise a substantial sum of money, and to ask the Y.M.C.A. to use this money as a gift from the Temperance women for our boys at the Front. Mrs Lee-Cowie, of Invercargill, is treasurer of this fund, and cards can be obtained from her, and all cards, together with money collected, must be returned to her.

Six O'clock Closing.

To make a determined effort in favour of 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars. Petition forms are being sent to every Union, and we hope that they will commence work in earnest at once, and never stop till the end of May. We ask all canvassers for signatures to read and observe carefully the printed instructions attached to each form. If any reader of the "White Ribbon," in a district where there is no Union will volunteer to canvass for signatures, they can get forms by applying to Miss Henderson, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch.

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Special appeal is made to every member of the W.C.T.U. to help us increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon." It inculcates our principles, and tells of our work, and to increase its circulation is to increase its usefulness. Surely each Union can gain an increase of 10 subscribers during the year; that will mean 1000 increase for the Dominion. Will all aim to do this?

The Convention was inspiring. About 50 new members were initiated (over 20 at one time, and 14 at another). Twenty new subscribers were gained for our paper.

We trust delegates will carry its help and enthusiasm back to their Unions, and make 1916 a record year for work.

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