

pared in the house to preserve the home atmosphere? Wouldn't the time be less wearisomely and more acceptably spent in attending to the dainty service of the food which would with Community Kitchen service be brought to the home, hot and delicious, in containers used for that purpose? Would the fact that there would be no dishes to wash destroy any one's appetite?

Community kitchens are already an institution in England and the United States.

A young lady reporter whose home is in the city in the United States where the first American Cooked Food Service Station was started, wrote an article on it, giving in detail the method of operation. New stations have been opened in many places since, and are all operating successfully.

There are many plans of working out the Community Kitchen idea to make it appeal to all classes, but it is impossible to enumerate them here and now.—"Woman's Century."

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Unions will please note the appointment of the following N.Z. Superintendents of Departments:—

Good Citizenship: Mrs Phillips, Brecon Road, Stratford.

"Y's" and Medal Contests: Mrs Pirrett, 14, St. Benedict Street, Auckland.

Education Bureau: Mrs C. Weston, Fitzherbert West, Palmerston North.

Some Unions seem in doubt as to the way Superintendents of our Departments are elected. The Constitution provides that all Superintendents must be nominated by the Executive, but the Executive have requested Unions to send in to them the names of any member they wish nominated as a Superintendent of a Department. Every Convention the Secretary asks for nominations, and these are posted on the wall of the hall, to be inspected by all delegates.

The Executive are always pleased to receive suggestions in regard to these offices. If any Union knows of a member suitable they should send the name by their delegate to Convention, or else send it direct to the Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson, and it should reach her not later than the first day of Convention.

TARANAKI PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

The annual Provincial Convention met in Wanganui East on July 10th. Mrs Duxfield warmly welcomed the delegates, and Mrs Phillips replied. Reports were received from New Plymouth, Urenui, Stratford, Ngaere, Eltham, Normanby, Manaia, Okiawa, Wanganui District, Wanganui East, Hawera, Fitzroy, Normanby, and Aramoho. Y's membership: Active, 531; Honorary, 58; Y's, 145; Cradle Roll, 352; L.T.L., 256.

Great pleasure was expressed at having our old friend, Miss Powell, with us.

A telegram of sympathy was sent to our N.Z. President in her recent illness.

Sums of money have been collected for Red Cross, Mine-sweepers, Hutment Fund, and Maori Work.

Resolutions and letters of protest have been sent to the Minister of Justice demanding attention.

Afternoon Session—President's address read, also a paper from Mrs Douglas, our Provincial President. The balance-sheet showed a credit of 18s 11d. A feature of the afternoon session was five minute impromptu speeches by the members. Rev. Rix judged the competition, and was thanked. Mrs Duxfield and Mrs Wallace tied for first place, and were each presented with a book.

Resolutions.—"That considering the large number of cases in which women and children are concerned, we respectfully urge the Government to appoint women Justices of the Peace." The motion further urged that sensible women, who would have a much clearer understanding than men of delicate questions, should be selected, and that in certain cases they should have power to suppress undesirable press reports.

"That the members of the W.C.T.U. of Taranaki, in Convention assembled strongly protest against the opening of hotel bars when transports arrive in port. While thoroughly appreciating General Richardson's motives in suggesting the change, we wish to point out the lamentable failure of the experiment, and we earnestly pray that the sons of New Zealand no longer be exposed to that temptation."

"That the Dominion Executive be asked to consider the desirability of removing the anomaly from our Constitution by which Provincial officers are denied a seat in the Dominion

Convention, while District officers, who rule over a smaller area, are allowed a seat."

Officers elected. Pres., Mrs M. Phillips, Stratford; Sec., Mrs Jones, Ngaere; Treas. Mrs Jemison, Tariki; Vice-Pres., Mrs Scott, Normanby; Deputy Secretary, Mrs Lees, Okiawa.

An invitation from Manaia for next Provincial Convention was accepted.

Votes of thanks passed to all who had helped to make Convention a success.

RECEPTION.

On Wednesday a public reception was held in the Town Hall. Mrs Duxfield welcomed the visitors, and Mrs Phillips replied. Several musical items were given, and a speech by Rev. Hunt, of Marton. A collection was taken of £8 10s.

On the Thursday evening Mrs Duxfield gave an outline of the L.T.L. work.

LETTER FROM MISS POWELL.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

I really do not know how to thank you for this renewed proof of confidence and affection which was so unexpected, that I feel quite overwhelmed. It was always a great joy to me to see the work reviving under my hands, the chief drawback being the constant conviction that I ought to have accomplished much more.

The Master who made me W.C.T.U. Dominion Organiser has now called me to work in another and no less important corner of the vineyard, but my affections will always be entwined with our White Ribbon work, and I value beyond expression the affection of the many friends the work has made me.

I feel greatly honoured at being elevated to the position of a life member of the N.Z. Union, and this last very substantial proof of your regard will prove very useful.—Still yours in the work,

MARY S. POWELL.

Turakina, August 1st, 1919.

Forget the hasty, unkind word;
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storms of yesterday,
Forget the chap whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place!
But don't forget, I ask of you,
Our helpful W.C.T.U.