

NELSON PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

The third Nelson Provincial Convention was opened by the President, Mrs T. A. Field at 9.30 a.m. on September 17 in the Methodist Hall. Delegates were present from Richmond, Wakefield, Blenheim, Wakapuaka, Nelson, and Nelson Y's. Apologies received from Picton and Motueka. Secretary's report was read and adopted. Miss England, a visitor from Wellington, addressed the Convention on the Government's proposal to establish a woman's prison at Point Halswell. After much discussion, the following resolution was carried, a copy to be sent to the Minister of Justice:—"That this meeting protests against the proposal to establish a woman's prison at Point Halswell, Wellington, as no expenditure would make it possible to carry out on that site the employment of the women in small out-of-door industries, which are an essential part of all modern reformatory treatment."

Resolved: "That a committee, representing the Unions of the district, be formed to take an active interest in the Home for Defective Girls at Richmond."

Decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Don in her recent illness. Letters of sympathy also to be sent to Mrs Morrison and the friends of the late Mrs Saywell.

Reports showed 122 names on the Cradle Roll; 127 roll number of the L.T.L., and more could be done if more help were forthcoming; Good Citizenship having a very hard time to keep working; "White Ribbon" showed progress, but out of 163 members, only 40 were "White Ribbon" subscribers, and Mrs White appealed for more support for our paper. Mrs Telenius, Wakefield, President, stated that every member of her Union was a subscriber to the "White Ribbon."

Blenheim reported 150 names on the L.T.L. roll, and also a flourishing Cradle Roll. Moral and Social Hygiene reported that Nelson has a library of 50 books on this and other subjects, which are lent to members free. Noontide devotions conducted by Mrs Telenius. Miss Knapp gave report of Y Union.

Resolved: "That the N.Z. Executive and the N.Z. Convention be asked to discuss the following proposal: 'That statutory provision should be made for a certain number of seats to be

held by women on Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards and on all public administrative bodies.'"

Resolved: "That the N.Z. Convention be requested to consider the advisability of asking that the law be altered so as to give the residents in counties the same suffrage rights as the residents in boroughs now enjoy."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs Hill opened the afternoon session with devotions, 20 delegates and several visitors present. Treasurer's report read and adopted. The following recommendation was moved to the officers:—"That the 1920 Nelson Provincial Convention be held in October if convenient." It was decided to hold 1920 Convention in Nelson. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs T. A. Field; Rec. Sec., Mrs Harford; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wilkinson; Treas., Mrs G. White.

Resolved: "That the W.C.T.U. desires to enter a strong protest against the proposal to require youths of 18 years of age to spend four months of the year continuously in camp, and if it is a fact that there is a necessity for the systematic physical training of youths, this Union is of the opinion that this should not be in any way associated with 'militarism,' but that better provision should be made in this direction in connection with the public schools."

Resolved: "That this meeting of the Nelson Provincial Convention strongly supports the Teachers' Institute in their request that free medical and dental treatment be granted to all school children."

Resolved: "That this Convention considers it advisable to write to Mrs Neal, Dominion Cradle Roll Superintendent, stating that the Cradle Roll card is not very attractive to small children, and asking that a new one be introduced."

After a few parting words from the President, the members left enthusiastic to make the coming poll a victory for Prohibition.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since the date of last report:—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Wakapuaka, £15 (Bravo! Wakapuaka, well done, indeed); Hawera, Kaiapoi, and Napier, £1 each; per Mrs Evans, surplus from typed copies of Convention report, £1 1s 4d. Total, £19 1s 4d.

Franchise Day Collection.—Pahiatua, 10s.

ORGANISING FUND.

Hawera, £3; South Dunedin and Waimate, £2 each; Masterton, £1 15s; Kaiapoi, £1. Total, £9 15s.

Expenditure for same period, £103 9s 1d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th October, 1919.

NEVER STRIKE SAIL TO FEAR.

O friend, never strike sail to a fear! Come into port greatly, or sail with God the seas. Emerson.

BALLOT PAPER.

This Election we have three issues on the Ballot Paper, and our motto now is

"Strike out the TWO Top Lines"

Here is how a good Prohibition Ballot Paper should look when it is put into the Ballot Box:—

- ~~1. I VOTE FOR NATIONAL CONTINUANCE~~
- ~~2. I VOTE FOR STATE PURCHASE AND CONTROL~~
3. I VOTE FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

