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PERSONAL.

Mrs Taylor, Dominion President, visited the West Coast on August 24th, but after a week's campaigning had to return home owing to failure of health. We are all glad to know she is much better, and ready again to take the field. On September 14th, 15th, and 16th, she will preside at the Canterbury Convention. On September 23rd and 24th, she is to visit Hawke's Bay Convention, and on the 29th and 30th, to be at Auckland District Convention. On October 5th, the Waikato District is to hold its Convention at Morrinsville, and Mrs Taylor is to be with them.

May our President have all needful strength for her labour of love, and may the Conventions be an inspiration to all who attend them.

Our esteemed comrade, Mrs Lee-Cowie, is paying a visit to Honolulu. Miss Pyle, who is with her, sends us

the following particulars which will be of interest to all our readers.

"We are having a most lovely and wonderful holiday here, and Auntie is keeping beautifully well. The climate is fine, cool at nights, and though the sun is hot there are fine strong breezes from hills and the sea, so we keep beautifully cool, and what with plenty of fruit and vegetables and Iced drinks, doors and windows well open, a large lani (verandah) with easy chairs and tables, so we have plenty of comfort in shady places, and the street cars have open sides, so they are cool and pleasant for riding. A number of her friends have taken us for some lovely rides in their own cars, and we have seen some very interesting sights, miles and miles of pineapple and sugar cane, and other plantations. People here are 40 per cent. Japanese, others are Chinese, Portuguese, Koreans, Hawaiians, Fillipinos, and others, but they all seem to work together beautifully, and are all most kindly disposed towards visitors."

Mrs Lee-Cowie writes from Honolulu: "Tell everyone Prohibition is a great success. The people here are so clean and happy and prosperous, it just makes me long for a similar blessing for New Zealand. There is a motor car here for every three people. 'Oh! God, give the people wisdom.'"

"Mr Cowie and I leave by the Niagara, September 29th, for Auckland. I hope to come back here again next winter. This place suits my health perfectly. I have not had as much as a cold since coming, and I have been so beautifully busy. The work is a real joy, and the need of Christian workers is very great. I hear of distress and unemployment in Auckland, and again I repeat the prayer 'Oh! God, give the people wisdom to vote away the poverty producer, Drink.'"

A NEW MAORI UNION.

Oturei, Dargaville:—

Mrs Walters, President; Mrs Walters (Senior) Vice-President; Mrs Simmons, Secretary; Mrs Puiki, Treasurer; Mrs Welsh, White Ribbon Agent; Sister Nicholls, Superintendent.

OTAGO DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Annual District Convention was held in Port Chalmers on Tuesday, August 17th, the morning and afternoon sessions being held in Currie Street Hall, and the evening meeting in the Town Hall. There were 36 delegates present, Mrs Hiatt (District President) presiding. Convention opened with the singing of the Crusade Hymn; Miss Powell gave the Scripture lesson.

Mrs Walker (Acting President of the Port Chalmers Union) welcomed the delegates to Port Chalmers. Mrs Hiatt spoke a few words based on Joshua.

Miss Gunn (Port Chalmers) was appointed Mistress of Courtesies. A greeting was received from Mrs Peryman. Miss Smyth (Acting Secretary) read the annual report, which showed steady progress, especially among the young. This was adopted.

The Treasurer's (Mrs Macartney's) report and balance sheet showing a credit balance of £23 10s. 11d., was read and adopted. A letter was read from Mrs Judson, bringing forward the following resolutions, which were confirmed.

"This Convention affirms its belief in Total Disarmament as the only sure road to Peace, and urges its members to work for its adoption by all who desire and are working for Peace."

"That in view of the fact that the Navy League has free access to the Public Schools for the purpose of military propaganda, especially in the interests of Naval Defence, while the promoters of Peace are denied that privilege, a strong representation should be made to the Education Department of the need for bringing to bear upon the minds of the children, some counteracting influence, which shall arouse in them a hatred of war and an enthusiasm for the principles of Peace."

The following recommendations were confirmed:—

(1) "That History books used in the schools be subject, as may be necessary, to periodical revision, that reference to wars and battles, and military achievements generally may more and more be eliminated in favour of the triumphs of Peace and the gradual building up of civilisation