

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

The North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. Executive was held on Wednesday, February 9th, in the W.C.T.U. Rooms, Worcester Street. Mrs T. E. Taylor, President, presided over representatives from Belfast, Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Spreydon, Brighton, Opawa, South Brighton, North Brighton, Sydenham, Riccarton, Tempelton and Styx. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Lyttelton, Sefton, and Springston-Lincoln.

The Secretary was asked to write letters of sympathy to Mrs Stewart and the relatives of the late Mrs Horton. Miss Henderson, in the name of the Executive, congratulated Mrs Taylor on her appointment as Justice of the Peace; Miss Harband also proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mrs McCombs on her appointment. A letter was read from Miss Anna Gordon, the World's President, testifying to the unqualified success of Prohibition in America; it had proved of great benefit, and had helped in the present prosperous state of the country. In the recent elections with the exception of Montana, all the states had again improved their vote in favour of Prohibition. A number of Unions reported that meetings had been held and work commenced for the year. New Brighton reported a new Union had been formed at South Brighton, the President, Mrs Weaver, was welcomed, also Mrs Clarke and Miss Clinton, new Officers of the Templeton branch. A number of remits from the National Council of Women were read, discussed and passed for the further consideration of the National Council.

During the morning the Hon. L. M. Isitt gave a brief outline of the "Religious Exercises Bill," the reason of its defeat last Session in the House, also pointing out the great danger of children being brought up without any religious training. Children living in back country districts have never heard the name of Christ or God, except in a curse. The majority of parents were in favour of this Bill, 81 per cent. voting for it in Otago when a plebiscite was taken some time back. Mr Isitt was thanked for his address, the Union pro-

posing to help and co-operate in every way.

Miss Harband was appointed to represent the North Canterbury District Union at the Annual Convention in March; failing her, Miss Lovell-Smith, Miss Gordon, or Mrs Richards were appointed.

R. DAY,

Secretary, W.C.T.U.

WELLINGTON.

The Wellington District Executive was held at Lower Hutt. The evening meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs Peryman led in prayer. Mrs Anderson spoke a few words of welcome to the visiting delegates, to which Miss Oates, District President, replied.

Mrs Smith, of Masterton, gave a painoforte solo, Mrs Spencer a song, and Mrs Tait a recitation.

Mrs Peryman then spoke of the urgent need for Headquarters in Wellington. She stressed the fact that the work could be done more efficiently if the various departments of work were centralised.

Miss Kirk spoke of a number of instances in which our W.C.T.U. has been successful in bringing about reforms, viz., votes for women, the forming of the Planket Society, protection of women and children, car for women and children on trains, the cleaning up of Rest Rooms, Juvenile Courts, the getting of authority to clear the Court in certain cases. Miss Kirk also spoke of the vast improvement in picture posters during the last twelve months. Vote of thanks given to the speakers. Supper was served.

Thursday morning Session at 10 o'clock. Miss Oates, District President, in the chair. Hymn 70 was sung, followed by a Bible reading, Romans 12th chapter, and a prayer by Mrs Peryman. At the roll call the following Districts were represented: Masterton, Carterton, Martinborough, Petone, Palmerston North, Wellington, Wellington Central, Lower Hutt, Miramar, Foxton.

Dominion Officers present: Mrs Evans, Mrs Peryman; Dom. Supt., Mrs Mowlem; District Officers, Miss Oates, Pres., Mrs Anderson, Treas., Miss Kirk, Sec.

Re Headquarters, one member suggested a Street Day, in aid of funds; it was pointed out that there are

8,000 members of the W.C.T.U., and if we each do our bit we can raise the funds for this object.

Mrs Raine proposed that the Dominion Executive assess the amount to be raised for Headquarters for each Union. Carried.

Re the Two-Issue Bailot Paper. It was decided to write to each Union to see whether they would work the Districts for a Petition to Parliament, word to be sent to the Annual Convention by the delegates of each Union. To be successful in this venture each one must be willing to do her share. The meeting was unanimous in this matter.

Several suggestions were made for the furtherance of the work of the W.C.T.U., such as study circles, home meetings, advertising meetings, reports in newspapers, addressing guilds, talks to workers in the lunch hour.

It was suggested that each Union meet twice a month, one an evening meeting to enable those working during the day to be present, the other a day meeting.

Re dividing the Districts. It was proposed that the present Wellington District be divided into two. From Wellington to Masterton on the Wairarapa line, and from Otaki down to Wellington be in Wellington District. From Masterton upward and Otaki upward to be in Palmerston North as centre. This was carried with but two dissentient votes, a remit to be sent to Convention regarding the same.

The following resolution was moved by Miss Thomson, for the Wellington Union:—

That in domestic and maintenance cases, affiliation, and separation cases, only those concerned to be admitted to Court, except by special permission of the Magistrate. Carried unanimously.

The 2nd resolution was that the Wellington Union desire to point out the danger of a girl of 16 leaving home at will, except in cases of cruelty or unkindness, and in cases of overcrowding, when they should be removed to a suitable home. Proposed by Miss Thomson, seconded by Mrs Mowlem. Carried.

The meeting then held Noon-tide Prayer, after which they adjourned to the schoolroom for dinner.

During the dinner-hour, quite a number of visiting delegates went