

happy time was spent with games, music, etc. Afternoon tea was served, after which the presentation took place. Mrs. Leslie congratulated the competitors on their success. She said she hoped they would enter next year when the time came round.

Those gaining places in the "Pass" list were: Intermediate Grade, Margaret Blick 87, first class certificate; Ethel Merrifield 53, third class certificate; Sally Bate 27.

Junior Grade: Barbara Blick 70, second class certificate; Gwen Gardner 54, third class certificate.

Preparatory Grade: Gwenda Blick, 94, first class certificate (third place in Dominion totals), who also gained a special prize awarded by the superintendent to the gainer of the highest place among local entrants. Beverley Gascoigne, 91 marks, also gained a first class certificate and came fifth in the Dominion totals.

#### NELSON: FLORAL AFTERNOON

On December 4th, Mrs. Toomer presided over a good attendance at a "Floral Afternoon." There was a lovely display of flowers; competitions being won as under: Vase of flowers, Mrs. K. Ward, 1st; Miss D. Knapp, 2nd. Shoulder spray, Mrs. Blencoe, 1st; Miss Holdaway, 2nd. Two interesting competitions were held, after which tea was served. Mesdames S. Nightingale and Watson entertained with solos, and Mrs. Walker with amusing recitations learned 50 years ago. These ladies were thanked and presented with flowers.

Volunteers were asked for to meet seasonal workers during the holidays. A new member was initiated.

At the close of the meeting flowers were taken to sick members, and to those unable to attend meetings. The afternoon closed with a hymn and the Benediction.



#### THE EDITOR SOLILOQUISES

An unexpected boon has come today. It is that a whole sheet more of space is available for the "White Ribbon" because the "Y.P. Supplement" is to be published separately in future, and not as a part of the "W.R." This is indeed riches. As however, the news has come too closely to the time of going to press for full use to be made of it for this issue; so we are using some of the space to enlarge upon one or two matters of interest to us all.

##### Change of Date of Issue

A few members and reporters have mentioned that their monthly reports will not appear in the issue following next upon their meetings. It may be some small consolation for them to remember that always there have been some in this difficulty, and that it is only a small thing really. For several reasons, the first of the month is more convenient. Our members are usually very sweetly reasonable, and will surely co-operate by sending their reports by the fifteenth each month, and much earlier than that if they can.

#### Suggestions for Features

Many valuable suggestions as to "Housewives' Columns," Crossword Puzzles, Overseas News, and other special features have been received. It has been very interesting and helpful to consider them. Up to the present, too much copy has been sent each time, and "overset" material has been returned. It will be a pleasure to use some of this at last. Till the March issue is prepared some intensive thinking will be necessary as to using our increased space to the full advantage.

#### Plans of Action

With a great fight ahead of us for our liberation as a Dominion from the bonds, which are growing stronger, it would seem that, as in physical warfare, certain things must be most carefully and wisely planned out, so that the maximum of efficiency in such matters as Co-operation, Timing, Equipment, and absolute readiness for Action, shall be manifested. Every-one knows that mere enthusiasm, however keen and eager, is not enough. It will be the aim of the "W.R." to provide, as the result of long and earnest consideration by Dominion Officers, a definite scheme of work, having in view as a focal point the poll. Beginning next month, some line of activity will be indicated in each issue, leading steadily to intensive effort. Mrs. Kasper, whose department is concerned with such work as this, is preparing useful suggestions. The weakness of leaving everything till the last few days or months will thus be avoided. As a beginning for this month

**Attendance of Delegates at Convention** is indicated as a vitally important strengthening of our hands for the task ahead. There is still time for funds to be raised for the payment of expenses, and this is the actual duty of every Union. Will there be a real representation of our membership this time, or will 148 Unions be represented by fewer than sixty delegates? Will all Unions understand that they are throwing away their vote and voice which are their only real means of expressing their wishes and ideas, if they have no delegate to exercise them? How marvellous it would be to see all Unions represented. Voting for Dominion Officers would be a very exciting thing. Important remits would be fully understood and receive more careful attention. Well, who knows? There is yet hope for the Christchurch Convention.

#### A Last Question

After all this, a nasty, sneaking sort of little voice whispers in our ear: "Do you really imagine that people are going to take any sort of notice of all this? How many do you suppose will even read it? And, judging by past experience, have you any grounds for hoping that reporters, and treasurers, and secretaries, will remember, even if they read it?" Shoo! Run away! Of course they will. They are all intelligent, sensible women, and will make sure—at least **we hope they will.**

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#### REMITTS FOR CONVENTION

##### Auckland District:

(1) That the badge which will be displayed be adopted as the L.T.L. badge (colours to be red, white and blue).

(2) That the time has arrived when a pledge-taking campaign should be launched.

(3) That nominations for District Officers should be in the hands of the District Executive not later than one month previous to the holding of the District Convention.

##### South Auckland District:

(4) That no President, Dominion, District or Local Union, except in the case of Unions with ten, or fewer, members, shall hold the same office for more than five successive years, eligibility for nomination to be restored after one year's retirement.

##### Manawatu District:

(5) That a protest be made against the increase which has been made in racing by the restoration of permits for 45 days' racing and 15 days' trotting.

(6) That a pledge-signing campaign be put into effect, and also that a drive for new members be instituted.

(7) That where children are allowed to sell raffle tickets in aid of school funds the attention of Education Boards be called to the fact that the practice is illegal.

##### Palmerston North:

(8) That an itinerary be arranged whereby the Dominion President will visit District Unions in turn—Districts to be responsible for travelling expenses.

##### Hawke's Bay District:

(9) That delegates to Dominion Convention be asked to donate tinned foods for the purpose of sending parcels of such direct from Dominion Convention to branches of the Union in Great Britain.

(10) As the Department of Health is giving advice through the newspapers re the danger of smoking while young, the Department be asked to draw attention also to the danger of forming the drink habit while young.

(11) That the Health Department be approached re the urgency of insisting that retailers of bakers' and other perishable goods take especial care to preserve such goods from contamination.

(12) That as many Unions are not in touch with such bodies as the National Council of Women and have difficulty in keeping themselves informed on important public questions, informative reports, along the lines of N.C.W. Standing Committees, be circulated to Unions monthly.

(13) That when pertinent happenings occur portraying in no uncertain terms the evils of the licensed trade, such as the incidents on Victory Days, authentic details be gathered, printed