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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

MASTERTON OCTOBER 24th, 1946.

The evening preceding the opening of Convention at Masterton, the local Union held a "Mother and Daughter" Social, to which all officers and delegates were invited. A musical programme was given and a splendid Temperance Address was given by Miss Kirk, District, and Dominion President. Supper was served by the Union members.

Thursday Morning.

Opening Devotions included the repeating of the 23rd Psalm all together, and a prayer Session in which many members took part.

The Masterton President, Miss Jackson, welcomed all delegates, and asked for the prayers of all for the coming Election which meant much to Masterton. The President, Miss Kirk, urged members of Unions to go through Electoral Rolls carefully, notifying the Electoral officer of any names which should be removed.

The following appointments were made: Convention Letter-writer, Mrs. Hunt; Mistress of Courtesy, Mrs. Speight; Reporters: "W.R." Mrs. Crawford; Church papers, Miss Tankersly; Daily papers, Miss Jackson.

Greetings were sent to Mrs. Peryman, Mrs. Hiatt, Miss Lovell-Smith, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Israel. Letters were to be sent to Mesdames' Ross, Turner, Cracknell, Spencer and Miss Brooks.

Routine business was carried out. In the correspondence a letter from the Wellington Education Board was received, stating that our Pamphlets would be distributed to Senior Scholars. There are 200 schools in the district and 100 pamphlets will be

needed. This was received with acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. McKenzie suggested that worshippers should follow the Scripture readings in Church in their own Bibles, but some present expressed a preference for listening to the minister alone.

Miss Jackson suggested that Temperance literature should be circulated among all Women's Societies.

Mention was made of the removal of the District Treasurer, Mrs. Gardner, who is leaving to reside in Nelson, a book and posy having been presented to her at Headquarters in Wellington, at a Farewell function. Her resignation was formally accepted with regret.

Superintendents' Reports

Reports on their work were given by the following District Superintendents: Seamen's Rests, Mrs. Duncanson; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Israel; Youth Work Mrs. Sired; Literature. All showed good work done.

Union Reports.

Interesting reports were presented by the following Unions: Brooklyn, Johnsonville, Karori, Upper Hutt, many outstanding events being noted.

The Noontide Devotions closed the Session.

Afternoon Session.

After the opening Devotions, other Unions reported as follows: Masterton, Lower Hutt, Wellington Central, Wellington Union. A special report on L.T.L. work was presented by Mrs. Spencer.

Union represented at the Convention were Wellington, Brooklyn, Dalefield, Carterton, Masterton, Upper Hutt, Greytown, Wellington Central, and Johnsonville.

The Treasurer reported the following payments: Caravan Fund, £1, Literature, £3 12s 6d; General, £4 17s 5½d; Sailors' Rest, £3 10s 8d; N.C.W., £2 11s 6d.

Election of Officers.

President, Miss Jackson; Vice-president, Mrs. Brewer; Secretary, Mrs. Reed; Treasurer, Miss Atkinson. Representatives to the N.C.W. Mesdames Brewer, Sired, Reed, Miss Kirk, Mrs. Watt.

Resolutions.

Resolutions against the opening of liquor bars from 8 to 10 p.m.; liquor in restaurants, at dances, redistribution of licenses; public ownership of breweries; trust control; 9 year period between licensing polls; increasing of alcohol content of beer; were all passed.

Miss Kirk, speaking on the subject of Child Endowment, said that cases has come up among the Maoris, of their having borrowed each others children when making their claims, and that there was 75 per cent. more spent on drink since the coming of the family endowment.

Mesdames Davidson, Reed, Pearson, and Gillings were appointed as delegates to the Bible in Schools Association.

A vote of thanks to the Masterton Union for their hospitality was passed, and Convention was closed with the Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

24th September, 1946.

The Annual District Convention was held in Wesley Hall Blenheim, opening at 10 a.m. The President, Mrs. V. Underhill occupied the chair and conducted devotions, a responsive reading from the hymnal "The Gift of God" being used.

Addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. W. J. Girling on behalf of Blenheim Union, to Mrs. E. M. Mackie, the speaker for the day, and to all present, the Rev. J. F. Martin on behalf of the Methodists and local Alliance members, and the president welcomed the guest speaker, delegates and friends. Mrs. F. C. Wilson and Mrs. C. Leov, two former district officers were specially welcomed. Mrs. Mackie gave a very helpful message together with greetings from Linwood Union, Christchurch District, and from Mrs. Hiatt. Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Forbes and the President were recipients of dainty shoulder sprays made by Mrs. G. Duncan.

Mrs. L. Rodgeron acted as Mistress of Courtesies, Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne was the letter writer and the reporting was left to the president.

Greetings were also received from Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. Neal of Nelson, and from Mrs. P. Stephens, who was unable to be present. Letters of greeting were sent to several sick members, of condolence to the relatives of Mrs. Gainsford, Seddon, to Mr. W. Moore, Rai Valley, and of Mrs. Downing, Dunedin. The meeting stood in respectful silence in memory of members who had passed away during the year.

The Secretaries reports showed an active year while the balance sheet revealed a credit balance. The Union reports presented by the delegates as follows:—Picton, Mrs. S. E. Wells;