

exaggerations, having courage as we rest in the Word of God as He said, "Be not afraid."

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to those who had passed away during the year, Mrs. Hiatt closing with prayer. Appointments were made as follows: Mistress of Courtesses, Mrs. Madigan; Press reporters (daily papers) Mrs. Dickinson, ("White Ribbon") Mrs. Rippin. Greetings were received from Balclutha, Dominion "Y" Executive, Dominion Officers, N.E. Valley, Port Chalmers, Kaikorai, and Central L.T.L. Branches. Greetings were sent to the Dominion President, Miss C. E. Kirk; Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Green, Mrs. E. H. Orr; to receive letters of cheer as well as sympathy. Mrs. Hiatt said Miss Kirk was attending another function in the South Island and had expressed her willingness to come to Dunedin if she could be a help. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a meeting be arranged in the Hanover Street Baptist Hall in the afternoon, at which Miss Kirk would be the guest speaker, the date to be fixed later. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Tui, of Balclutha, and Mrs. McSkimming, of Green Island. Reports were then read. The Secretary, in her report, emphasised the necessity of having a guest speaker to visit the outlying Unions, and fostering their work in every way if we are to go forward and progress. Miss Gray read the Treasurer's report in the absence of Miss Gibb, and stated the credit balance to be £39/10/8. The "White Ribbon" subscribers numbered 226, the Cradle Roll 452, including 33 new members. The "Y" report was given, and in speaking to this, Mrs. Hiatt appealed to all members to assist the "Y's" to increase their membership and suggestions were made as to how this could be done. Following the Noontide prayer came the reports from Unions, all but one sending in a fine report, showing much good work done.

In the afternoon sessions, Devotions were conducted by the Rev. J. Chambers, B. A. Dom. "Y" President, the subject being "Have Faith in God, but aim at accomplishing all we are capable of." Mrs. Taylor, President of the Port Chalmers Union, welcomed the delegates. Twenty-eight delegates answered the Roll Call. Mrs. Hiatt told of the showing of films in Central Otago by Mr. Daly, expressing the opinion that this was the best work done in the district for many years. The films had been shown at a big Youth Rally at Caversham.

It was passed as a resolution that the District Executive go into the matter of certain "aerated waters" being manufactured, and that, if even one per cent. of alcohol were to be found on analysis, a protest should be forwarded.

The election of Officers resulted as under: President, Mrs. Hiatt; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Sanders (a Life appointment), and Mrs. Dickinson; Secretary, Mrs. Rippin; Treasurer, Miss Gibb. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Peart,

President of North East Valley Union, who conducted the election of officers, was carried by acclamation.

Resolutions were then discussed relative to the findings of the Royal Commission. Mrs. Hiatt suggested that every Union should write to their member of Parliament, and every member for Otago, as well as the Prime Minister, the resolutions that are carried.

Professor S. F. Hunter, as President of the Otago Branch of the N.Z. Alliance, gave a very interesting talk on various aspects of the Royal Commission Report on State Control, and the opinions of people where it has been experimented with. The people of Oamaru regard Trust Control as a menace. Many vital points were clarified in a most useful address. The discussion of remits was continued. An educational campaign per medium of press, and radio was the subject of one, and one from Oamaru, asking for a full and impartial enquiry into the penal system of New Zealand was another of special interest.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Hunter was carried by acclamation.

Editorial Note: Auckland, South Auckland, Nelson and Marlborough Convention Reports, N.C.W. Notes, and Marlborough Women's Day of Prayer report are all unavoidably held over for lack of space. The December issue will be a "District Convention" number.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October

NEW MEMBERS. North Canterbury.

Opawa	1
Nelson	5
Tauranga	1
Taumarunui	2
Total	9



DOMINION CONVENTION

Will be held:—

WHEN? from Thursday 6th to Wednesday, 13th March, 1947.

WHERE? Edinburgh Street Hall, Auckland (Karangahape).

WHAT? Unions and District Secretaries must do;—

FIRSTLY..... Notify the Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. Underhill, Blenheim, the name of delegate as soon as elected.

SECONDLY..... Write to Miss E. Williams, "Armley," Queen Street, Auckland, Hospitality Convenor, giving name and address of delegate, and if possible, time of arrival.

THIRDLY..... Supply delegate with a Credential which she must present to Recording Secretary or other Dominion Officer, before taking her seat at Convention.

Delegates! Please remember to take your Ration Book.

W.C.T.U. POSTER COMPETITION

POSTER: Subject, Comparative Value of Grains, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., and Alcoholic Beverages; or Alcohol: Its Uses and Abuses. Size: 2 ft. 6 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. approximately.

First, J. G. Henshaw, Nelson College; £5.

Second, Joseph Royal, Te Aute College; £2.

Third, A. S. Chandler, Southland Boys' High School, £1/1/-.

Fourth, Patricia Dunlop, Papanui Technical High School; 15/-.

Highly Commended, Louise Burrows, Wanganui Girls' College; Nick Sciascia, Te Aute College; Audrey Hassell, Christchurch Girls' High School; 7/6 each.

Judge's Comments

The judge has been very interested in the entries received.

Some of these were of a very high standard.

Arresting slogans coupled with telling pictorial designs told their stories simply and effectively so that the passerby could read them easily.

Marks were missed in a large number of cases, because competitors did not stick strictly to the subject asked for.

Posters were to portray:—

(a) The use and abuse of alcohol.

(b) The comparative value of grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., and alcohol.

Entrants were received which roundly set out the abuse of alcohol, but which forgot to portray its uses. Others again set food against alcohol without giving vitamin or caloric value. The impression gained was therefore too indefinite for poster work.

The winning entry is a particularly fine piece of work. Lettering, colouring and design are consistently good. Matter, form and style therefore shows a clear, crisp unity and the whole thing can be read at a glance.

Signed. L. F. BADE.

Judge. 28. 8. 46.



COMPETITION BANNERS

Competition Banners must be taken or sent to Convention, and handed or addressed to Mrs. Underhill, c/o Convention, Auckland. Please state clearly from which Union the Banner comes and under what Award it has been held.

If each one does her little piece of work, all should accomplish a successful and profitable convention.