

MORE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

WANGANUI

Wanganui District Convention was held in Ingestre Street Baptist School-room, on October 15th, 1946.

"Suggestions are being made for the betterment of the Liquor Trade in the Dominion. We are concerned about the thing itself," said the Rev. T. A. Speer, of Fordell, speaker at the afternoon session. He urged members to fight for prohibition. Comparing human lives with a convoy of ships, each dependent for safety on the co-operation of others. Mr. Speer said that it was necessary to bring back into ordinary life a true sense of values. "If Christian people made up their minds that we could have prohibition, we would get it," he concluded.

Following the noontide devotions, a Service of Memories was conducted by Mrs. Clancey, when the undermentioned, who had gone to their rest, were remembered:—Mrs. Loundy, Mrs. Hallam, also her husband and son, Mrs. Grinstead, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Horsley's son, Mrs. Britton's husband, Mrs. Ashmore's husband, and Miss Mary Jones, who was a lifelong member.

The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. A. O. Jones taking the Devotional service. During the morning, the Rev. N. R. Wood led the Devotions.

The Salvation Army in Invercargill was commended for its stand in not accepting a donation offered by the Licensing Trust. Mention was also made of Princes Te Puea's action in standing out against liquor being introduced into the King Country.

Miss Christie, District Treasurer, read the financial statement, which showed a favourable position. Reports of Unions were read by the delegates from Wanganui Central, Wanganui East, Aramoho, Gonville and Raetihi.

Mrs. E. J. Cheswass presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Cheswass; Secretary, Mrs. Ogg; Treasurer, Miss Christie; Superintendents were appointed as under:—L.T.L., Mrs. Ogier; C.R., Mrs. Ogier; Bible in Schools, Mrs. R. Wilson; Maori, Mrs. Angus Wright; Hospitals, Mrs. Duxfield.

SOUTH AUCKLAND

South Auckland District held their Convention this year at Te Awamutu, on September 19th, in the Presbyterian Hall. The Unions represented were Hamilton, Cambridge, Fencourt, Tauranga, and Te Awamutu. Mrs. Christian, District Acting-President, presided, and Miss Kirk, Dominion President, conducted the opening Devotions.

All stood in remembrance of Mrs. Martin, for many years President of the Cambridge Union and a most faithful Temperance worker throughout a long life, who had passed away during the year at the age of eighty-two.

Greetings were sent to Mrs. Peryman and Mrs. Weston, President, who had

left the District since her appointment as President at the last Convention.

Mrs. Lewis, District Secretary, read the district report, and a condensed report from Union reports sent in. In moving the adoption of this, the President spoke of "What membership in the W.C.T.U. means to us," emphasising the advantages and privileges which are enjoyed by those who take membership seriously and make the most of the opportunities it brings.

A delightful luncheon was provided by the members of the hostess Union, who also provided morning and afternoon tea with lavish hospitality.

In the afternoon Devotions were taken by Te Awamutu members. Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Vice-President, presided over the special period which was in the form of a public meeting and was addressed by Miss Kirk, Dominion President. It was emphasised that this was the first time that a Dominion President had attended the District Convention. Miss Kirk's address was full of information and inspiration. The findings of the Royal Licensing Commission were criticised and after the address were the subject of special remits.

Beautiful solos and elocutionary items were contributed by Mesdames Wade and Hull. A report of the meetings of the N.C.W., Hamilton Branch, was given by the delegate, Mrs. Lewis. The financial report presented by Mrs. Clark showed a very satisfactory position.

After a vote of thanks to all helpers, and especially the hostess Union for beautiful floral sprays, and most generous preparation, the Convention was closed in the traditional manner.

Miss Kirk presided over the election of officers. Mrs. Christian was elected President; Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Gatman, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Lewis, Secretary; Mrs. Clark, Treasurer.

HAWKE'S BAY

The Annual Convention of the Hawke's Bay District was held at Waipawa on November 6th. Delegates attended from all branches of the Union and were welcomed by Mrs. Ford, President of the Waipawa Union. A short address was given by the Rev. Mr. Henderson.

A number of Remits to be forwarded to New Zealand Convention in 1947 included protests at the children attending picture programmes which are advertised as suitable only for adults; the sale of liquor to minors; the waste of food materials in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors during a world shortage of such materials; the curtailment of trains when special trains are used for race meetings; the increased gambling and sale of raffle tickets.

The election of officers for 1947 resulted:—President, Mrs. Lewis, Napier; Secretary, Miss C. L. Ennor, Napier; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Hastings.

Next year's Convention arranged to be at Hastings.

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Mt. Roskill, 9/-; Dunedin South, 34/6; Styx, 21/-; Gore, 100/6; Takapuna, 19/6; Grey Lynn, 7/7; Grey Lynn "Y's," 8/-; Fencourt, 30/-; Invercargill North, 73/6; Bluff, 12/-; Levin, 24/6; Linwood, 52/6; Richmond, 18/-; Reefton, 15/-; North East Valley, 93/-; Johnsonville, 31/6; Maungaturoto, 18/-; Whangarei, 36/-; Stratford, 19/6; Lower Hutt, 40/6; Woodville, 16/6.

MAORI FUND:

Taumarunui, £1; Pukekohe, 5/-; Riccarton, 10/-; Wanganui Central, 15/-; Waianiwa, 5/-; Papanui, 2/6; Oxford, 10/-; Reefton, 10/-; Mosgiel, 5/-; Waimate, 23/-; Dunedin Central, £1; Oamaru, 9/-; Ashburton, £1; Nelson, £1 1/-; Feilding, 8/9; Pahiatua, 8/-; Levin, 18/-; Hamilton, 10/-; Blenheim, 12/-; Gore, £1; Timaru, 10/-; Hastings, 27/8; Taumarunui, 10/-; Mt. Eden, 10/-; Hawera, 5/-; Sefton (two years), 10/-; Rangiora, 18/6; Masterton, 15/-; Tauranga, 15/-; Mornington, 0/-; Port Chalmers, 10/-; Rangimareia "Y's," 5/-; Springlands, 5/-; Palmerston North, 10/-; New Brighton, 5/-; Pukehuia, 5/-; Christchurch, £2; North Beach, 5/-; Kohi-St. Heliers, 2/6; Motueka, 5/-; Thames, 10/-; Lyttelton-Heathcote, £1; Epsom-Green Lane, 5/-; Invercargill Central, 5/-; Cromwell, 1/6; Dargaville, 7/6; Dunedin South, 5/-; Linwood, 7/6; North East Valley, £1; New Plymouth, £1; Whangarei, 12/-; Lower Hutt, 10/-.

FRANCHISE DAY COLLECTION:

Mount Eden, 13/7; Riccarton, 10/-; Pahiatua, 5/6; Reefton, 10/-; Warkworth, 10/6; Waianiwa, 5/-; Shirley-Richmond, 7/6; Mosgiel, 5/-; Ashburton, 14/-; Oamaru, 10/-; Kaikorai, 5/-; Hawera, 10/-; Mornington, 5/-; Palmerston North, 10/-; Wanganui East, 8/6; Balclutha, 5/-; Pukehuia, 2/6; Christchurch, £1; North Beach, 5/-; Kohi-St. Heliers, 5/-; Invercargill Central, 5/-; Cromwell, 2/-; Dunedin South, 5/-; New Plymouth 7/6.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND:

Wanganui Central, 10/-; Waianiwa, 5/-; Papanui, 2/6; Dunedin Central, 10/4; Oamaru, 7/-; Timaru, 5/-; Hastings, 12/3; Taumarunui, 5/-; Rangiora, 14/-; Devonport, 4/-; Mornington, 5/-; Titirangi, 5/-; Palmerston North, 10/-; Kaiapoi, 10/-; New Brighton, 5/-; Pukehuia, 10/-; North Beach, 5/-; Kohi-St. Heliers, 2/6; Epsom-Green Lane, 5/-; Invercargill Central, 5/-; Cromwell, 2/-; Dargaville, 7/10; Dunedin South, 5/-; Levin, 8/10; Invercargill North, 6/6; Linwood, 7/6; New Plymouth, 10/6; Whangarei, 13/-; Lower Hutt, 9/1.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN:

Te Awamutu, £3; Opotiki, £1.

PUBLICITY FUND:

Christchurch, £10; Mount Roskill, £1.

ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITIONS PRIZE FUND:

Miss C. E. Kirk, donation for special prize, £1.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

13th January, 1947.