

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

By the time this reaches you 1947 Convention will be a thing of the past and some of you will be telling of Convention experiences and of the work awaiting each one of this year.

When you are listening to these reports which your delegates will place before you, will you make notes of what you consider the most important points; this will greatly facilitate carrying out the decisions of Convention. If any of you think of any suggestions for next Convention, which we hope will take place in Wellington, will you discuss them and, if you think them practicable, send them to Mrs. Underhill in good time for the 1948 Convention.

Four things we need to make this year's work worth while—love, vision, courage, and a fixed determination to bring about the end of the liquor trade as speedily as possible. It will be a year of hard work; when was the fight against evil easy? Victory over evil is not a thing that can be easily bought in the first store one comes to. It must be searched and toiled for with the same untiring zeal with which those who suffer from gold fever search and toil for gold; but it is so much better worth the search and toil. In the search for gold there is no promise, or certainty, that one will find it, but the victory of right over wrong IS certain for it is the will of God.

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope (or wait) for the Lord."

My good wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

In the fellowship of service,

C. E. KIRK.

Cradle Roll Parties

WINTON

On November 2nd, a Cradle Roll party was held by the Winton Union, in the Sunday School Hall. A very fine attendance of mothers and children assembled and enjoyed much fun and freedom under the control of the Superintendent, Mrs. Dixon. Games, musical items and recitations were given by the children, and a bracket of songs by Mrs. Edgerton.

Ice creams, soft drinks, sandwiches and cakes were the party treat.

It had been decided that in connection with the party a "Bring and Buy" stall should be held. This was done, and a very successful table of goods were exchanged, amounting to over £4. Mrs. Thomson closed the afternoon by thanking all helpers, especially Mrs. Dixon, to whom credit was due for the afternoon's success.

TAURANGA

On November 29th Tauranga Union held a very successful Cradle Roll Party arranged by the Superintendent, Mrs. Bulmer, in Wesley Hall. There was a good attendance of mothers and little ones. Games were played inside, and later out on the grass, the opportunity being taken by Mrs. Christian to welcome the mothers, and to speak on the importance of mother's training of the child if his future life were to be fine and good. One new baby was enrolled, all the mothers renewing their promise to train their children in Temperance living.

Long tables looked very inviting, and the children and mothers enjoyed a delicious tea. Each little guest received a "Lucky Packet" which gave much delight. Band of Hope members also came along and helped with the tins, and Bible Class members assisted with the entertainment.

LOWER HUTT

Lower Hutt held their Cradle Roll Party on November 23rd in St. Stephen's Hall. It was a beautiful day and the children had a really good time, each being presented with a paper hat and a bag of sweets. Mrs. Spencer's L.T.L. gave some items during the afternoon and helped with the games. Mrs. Spencer welcomed the mothers and spoke a few words to them. After afternoon tea the children all went home happy.

MOUNT EDEN

On November 23rd, Mount Eden held their Annual Cradle Roll Party in the Mt. Eden Presbyterian Church Hall. There was a good attendance, about forty adults and thirty-five children being present. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided, and the meeting opened with devotions. Visitors present included Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, and Mrs. Williams, District Cradle Roll Superintendent. Under the direction of the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss McKinney, several items, including hymns and carols, were rendered by the children. Mrs. Williams

spoke briefly to the children. A very interesting and instructive address was given to the mothers by Mrs. J. H. Deane, wife of the Principal of the Auckland Bible Training Institute. Mrs. Deane spoke of the awful wastage of grain and sugar in the manufacture of liquor, the colossal sums of money wasted, and the wastage of human life. She stressed the importance of the women's franchise; and urged every woman present to record her vote for the abolition of the drink traffic.

Mrs. Mountjoy also spoke briefly concerning the necessity for temperance educational work amongst the children, and mentioned the splendid work being done amongst the Maoris.

Mrs. Jessie Walsh sang two solos, and her son, Master Ken Walsh, gave two violin solos.

Afternoon tea was served to the adults and soft drinks to the children. Through the generosity of a few of the members a gift was provided for each child on the Cradle Roll, a total of nearly ninety. Miss McKinney was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, accompanied by a small gift, for her excellent work as Cradle Roll Superintendent. Votes of thanks were also passed to all who had helped to make the function the success which it was.



"MADAM PRESIDENT"—AND HER JOB

What are the duties of a President?

To preside over a meeting. Yes; that is necessary to prevent waste of time, material and energy, and to carry on from the past to the future. That is filling a valuable part in the main work of a leader.

Organisation, which means finding other people to do jobs, training and guiding them each to get on with her own line and in co-operation with other workers and their lines. For which, a basic need is the old virtue which marked out a King; the "Coming," that is, the "Knowing," or foresighted man. Often it is easier to do a job oneself, particularly one that is hand-smoothed with experience; than to teach a raw beginner by encouragement, and, perhaps, cautiously smoke-screened help. But it is the getting of newcomers into interest and responsibility that ensures any progress beyond a mere flash in the pan. Sooner or later, newcomers must be trained if the work is to be carried on, and it pays to hand over the reins before your hands get shaky.

Of course, it isn't altogether pleasant to resign a position and sit back to watch someone else filling it—not so well at first, perhaps—but it is very good both for the junior and the job.

Was it this someone meant by "in honour preferring one another"?

Woe's me, does one have to be a saint to do that? Or just an ordinary woman, who really can easily find plenty that needs doing in helping with other jobs? —Katherine Mercer.