

day ones, visitors also attending. The routine business was carried out and reports were received from the Officers and Superintendents of Departments. The work of the Executive was greatly appreciated and all reports showed good work being done in Unions throughout the district. The departmental reports were given from the following Departmental Superintendents or their representatives: Flower and Philanthropic, Scientific Temperance Fact, Social and Moral Hygiene, Good Citizenship, "White Ribbon," Evangelistic, Notable Days, Peace and Arbitration, Home Meetings, "Y's," Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance, Anti-Gambling, Maori Work, L.T.L., and Methods. All Unions had worked most of these, though not so much had been done in "Methods" as usual, owing to the absence of the Superintendent, Mrs. H. Kasper. The total number of names on the Cradle Roll for the district was 1,684, Onehunga taking the next place to Grey Lynn with 193 names.

The noontide Devotions on Tuesday were taken by Mrs. Morcom, a solo being sung by Mrs. Anstice, and on Wednesday by Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. Knauf contributing a solo. A "Service of Memories" was held at the opening of the Tuesday afternoon session, flower tokens being placed in a vase for each one to be remembered, and Mrs. Wanhill singing the solo, "They Shall Be Comforted." The opening Devotions on Wednesday were taken in the morning by Mrs. Hooper, and in the afternoon by Miss Appleby; a little "White Ribbon" of three years, Glenice Bowman, singing the solo, "Jesus Bids Us Shine" after the latter.

Presidential Address

Mrs. Mountjoy's presidential address was given on Wednesday afternoon (see page four present issue), and was most comprehensive in its scope. The little soloist presented the President with a posy at the close.

Highlights

The report of the Maori Hostel as given by Mrs. Long was an outstanding one, creating renewed interest in this work.

Many delegates spoke words of appreciation of the work of the Misses McLay, whose removal to Rotorua will create a gap very hard to fill.

Talk by Mrs. Kasper

Mrs. Kasper gave a most interesting talk on her journeyings, and the World Convention, at which she was one of 2,183 other delegates from 26 countries. She spoke of her meeting with the World's President, Mrs. Ella Boole, and with Mrs. Lee Cowie.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy; Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Long; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Cullen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Joiner; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. R. Prussing.

Votes of thanks were passed to all the friends and helpers, and Mrs. Long concluded the Convention with prayer and the Benediction.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

23rd September, 1947

Officers, Superintendents, delegates and friends assembled at St. Andrew's Hall for the Annual District Convention which commenced at 10.15 a.m.

The President, Mrs. V. Underhill, presided and conducted the Devotions in which all took part in appropriate responsive readings. The usual welcome was extended by the President and by Mrs. W. J. Girling on behalf of Blenheim Union, to members of Convention and to the guest speaker, Mrs. H. N. Toomer. Several apologies for absence were received; also greetings.

Members stood in silence for a moment in remembrance of the late Mrs. S. E. Wells who had held the office of "Y" Superintendent at the time of her death.

Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Harris, Secretaries, and Miss Tarrant presented a very satisfactory balance sheet.

Correspondence relating to recent protests to the Prime Minister and the Member for the District in connection with the uplifting of liquor advertising and the recommendations of the Royal Commission were read and received. Letters of sympathy and cheer were directed to several aged and sick members.

Reports of work in the Unions were given by Miss Tarrant for Blenheim, Mrs. Roussel for Springlands, and as there was no delegate from Picton, the President reported on the position there, and of the work of the Band of Hope and "Y" branch so ably done by Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Mrs. E. Leslie, reporting on the Cradle Roll work, stated that there were 709 enrolled. The "White Ribbon" report (Mrs. A. M. Gascoigne) showed that subscriptions were maintained, the paper was put into the Plunket Rest Rooms, the Railway Station Box and in other ways kept before the public. Appreciative reference was made to the excellence of the paper and a note was directed to be sent to Mrs. Christian congratulating her. Mrs. Milgrew reported on the Evangelistic work done in the district. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Forbes for her untiring efforts as Secretary and to all the Officers and Superintendents for their co-operation was moved by the President and carried with acclamation.

The Noontide Hymn was sung and Mrs. Toomer offered prayer.

Discussion on various matters of concern to the Union resulted in the following being forwarded to Miss Henderson: "That the W.C.T.U. members both as individuals and Unions were right behind the Food for Britain campaign, but they were of the opinion that there was too much waste of grain and sugar in the manufacture of alcoholic drinks which could be used to better purpose in Britain."

Mrs. A. O. Jones gave a very inspiring message in opening the afternoon session. Mrs. Toomer both entertained and inspired her hearers in a splendid address based on the 16th verse of the 6th chapter of Jeremiah:—"Ask for the old paths where is the good way and

walk therein," and received an enthusiastic vote of thanks. Members of the W.I. Singing Circle entertained with musical items which were greatly appreciated.

A very enjoyable and profitable day concluded with votes of thanks to all who had contributed to it, followed by hymn and Benediction.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

September 25th, 1947

The Northland District Convention was held in the Methodist Church Hall, Whangarei. Forty members and delegates were in attendance, representing Dargaville, Whangarei, Te Koporu, Mangakoinere, Pukehuia, and Maungaturoto. Mrs. Roberts, District President, presided. At the Memorial Service Mrs. Roberts and Miss Edmed paid tribute to the late Mrs. Weir (District Treasurer). Others remembered were Mrs. Hughes of Whangarei, Mesdames Freeman and Kean, attached to Pukehuia; Mrs. Norman, of Hikurangi; Miss Andrews, formerly of Dargaville; Mrs. Pasley, formerly of Maungaturoto, and our beloved Mrs. Peryman.

Branch reports revealed district membership of 127, which is 20 more than last year. Most of these were gained through the visit of Miss A. McLay to the district in June. Temperance films were shown at a public function at Pukehuia, and Dargaville had shown a splendid poster display at the Community Centre. Te Koporu had presented three "Long Service" Badges (20 years). All Branches reported good work in the cause of Temperance. Bouquets were presented to Miss Edmed and Mrs. Green.

A resolution re "Drinking on Trains" was passed. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. S. S. Green, Donnelly's Crossing; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames C. Vyle, Whangarei and W. J. Roberts; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. Moorhead, Dargaville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. C. Edmed, Dargaville; Treasurer, Mrs. Hill-Taylor (Awakino Point). Superintendents were also appointed.

Mrs. Roberts, who had been the President of the District Union for the past seventeen years, was presented with two silver vases in appreciation of her long and faithful service, which she had terminated by not accepting nomination again.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Held at Wanganui Baptist Church Schoolroom. Mrs. Clancy led the opening Devotions, reading Psalm 91. After morning tea, Mrs. Chesswas, President, welcomed delegates and gave apologies for several absent because of illness. Delegates from Wanganui Central and East, Aramoho, Gonville, and Raetihi were present. Appointments were made as follows:—Letter-writer, Mrs. Day; Mistress of Courtesies, Mrs. K. Walker; Press Reporter, Mrs. Spurdle.

Greetings and letters of sympathy were to be sent. Union reports were given by the representatives present, and District Officers' reports were also given. Noontide Devotions followed by the

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