

## President's Message

Dear Friends,—

By this time I suppose we have decided just what we would like to give to those whom we love for Christmas. Also, I suppose, most of us have found that our purses do not stretch to the extent required by our desires, so that instead of giving some costly gift we have to content ourselves with something more humble. Aren't you glad that you do not have to reduce your love in the same proportion as you have to reduce the value of your gift? I am.

There are those wonderful gifts we can each give without troubling our purses: Prayer for each other and Goodwill toward each other; these gifts should go especially to those in any kind of trouble, to those whom we find it difficult to understand (and who probably find us very trying folk), to those who are indifferent to the havoc made daily by the liquor trade, the slack members of our Unions, etc.

If you and I take only a minute or two each day to definitely giving our Goodwill, I am certain that the persons to whom we give it will be cheered and helped.

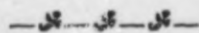
Jesus set great store on friendship. He showed us what friendship really meant. Friendship, with all that it implies, is surely the world's greatest need today.

As the bells ring out the glorious call, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men," may we, every one of us, give a larger gift of Goodwill and Prayer than we have ever done in the past.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all and in the often-quoted words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK,  
Dominion President.



## THE TRAGEDY OF DRINKING MOTHERS

"Some Boston drinking places look like baby clinics in the afternoon, so many carriages are parked outside."

This startling statement was not the complaint of a disturbed Prohibitionist, nor even of a social worker. As a matter of fact the statement was made by Mary E. Driscoll, chairman of the City Licensing Board of Boston, Massachusetts, as quoted by a United Press dispatch from Boston on March 29, printed in the Philadelphia "Inquirer."

The headline of the item announced: "Boston Saloons Told to Halt 'Baby Clinics'" and the article stated also:

"Boston proprietors were asked by the City Licensing Board today to cease serving liquor to women who have babies in their arms and discourage the practice of parking baby carriages outside saloons."

---South California "White Ribbon."

## More District Conventions

### NORTH AND SOUTH CANTERBURY AT TEMUKA

September 9th to 11th, 1947

Mrs. Densem, South Canterbury District President, opened the joint Convention of North and South Canterbury at Temuka, on September 9th, and led the opening Devotions, speaking on the importance of right thinking and its power in bringing the "Peace of God" into our hearts.

Motions of sympathy were passed, and letters were to be sent to bereaved members. Greetings from distant friends were received. Reporters and letter-writers were appointed. The reports of both districts as read by the secretaries showed fine work being done among the unions.

Mrs. Dellow, of Timaru, read a paper on "How We Can Help the Younger Generation," and a discussion arose therefrom on the drinking scenes shown in many films. Afternoon tea was supplied by the Methodist Ladies' Guild. Branch reports brought the afternoon session to a close.

On Tuesday evening, a very enjoyable "Welcome" social was given by the hostess Union, Mrs. Densem presiding. A good musical programme was much enjoyed. The Mayor of Temuka addressed the gathering and inspired us with the interest he is taking in our work, and the Rev. Mr. Woolford welcomed the convention on behalf of the Ministers' Association.

On Wednesday morning the Convention Communion Service, conducted by Captain Taylor, and the Revs. Nichol, Woolford, and Duncumb of the Timaru Baptist Church; Mr. Duncumb giving an appropriate address. The Methodist Women's Auxiliary served morning tea. A paper written by Mrs. Duckett, President of Waimate Union, was read by Mrs. Stark. This dealt with different aspects of our work and led to a discussion on gambling and raffles.

Officers were elected as follows: All returned again with the addition of Mrs. Griffiths as Vice-President for North Canterbury, and Mesdames Hewson and Millar for South Canterbury.

Mrs. Clark, North Canterbury President led Devotions for the afternoon opening, speaking on the need for Faith. Miss Henderson's paper on "State Control" was read and it was decided to make a leaflet therefrom. Three "Long-Service" Badges were presented by the first President of the Temuka Union, Mrs. Aiken, to Mesdames Allenby, Sinart and Buck. Bouquets were presented to the last-named lady, and to Mrs. Hewson, present President and a foundation member.

Afternoon tea was served by the P.W.M.U. An instructive address was given by the Rev. Mr. Johnstone of Geraldine.

Thursday morning Devotions were led by Mrs. Markham. Letters of cheer

and sympathy to various friends were authorised. The B.W.M.U. served morning tea. A paper written by Mrs. Pirrett on Anti-Gambling was read and discussed. A special letter of appreciation was to be sent to Miss C. M. McLay for her work among the Maori people. Votes of thanks to all helpers in a very successful Convention were passed, and Convention closed in the usual way, Mrs. Densem conducting.

### HAWKE'S BAY AT HASTINGS

September 24th, 1947

A pleasant day made for the happiness of those who assembled for the Hawke's Bay District Convention at Hastings on September 24th, in the Campbell Room of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lewis, District President, was in the Chair, with Miss Ensor, District Secretary, at her side. The opening Devotions were led by the Rev. G. R. Harris, of Hastings, who brought a timely and fitting message from the life of Nehemiah. Mr. Harris emphasised the need for constant and continued effort, as a new generation is always arriving, and the task is always to continue the building up in each succeeding generation.

A welcome to delegates was extended by Mrs. M. Smith, President of Hastings Union. After the routine business, a pleasant interlude was provided by the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Smales, on her resignation from the position of District Treasurer, which she acceptably held for a number of years. Greetings were received from Miss C. McLay. Union reports were presented by the various delegates, and various remits brought by them were adopted for sending on to Dominion Executive. Gisborne and Napier presented papers on subjects to be discussed, the former being "Is Temperance a Dead Issue?" and the latter, "What Are the Weaknesses of Trust Control?" Mrs. H. E. Grainger capably dealt with this.

Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. McIntyre of Wairoa.

The afternoon Devotions were led by Miss Bibby. The "highlight" of the Convention was the address given by Mrs. H. Paterson, of Eastbourne, which was most charmingly and ably delivered. (See "Highlights.")

A hearty vote of thanks from the very large audience who had assembled to hear Mrs. Paterson was accorded the speaker. The remaining sessions were occupied with various reports, and plans of work. The officers were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Ryan, of Napier, as Vice-President. The invitation for next year came from Wairoa Union, which next year celebrates its 21st anniversary. This was received with acclamation. Votes of thanks with special reference to the hostesses were passed to all helpers in a successful and enjoyable Convention.