

2. All Churches are asked to appeal for financial support of the N.Z. Alliance, Temperance Sunday being suggested as a suitable time.

3. All Churches are asked to observe as far as possible the third Sunday in September as Temperance Sunday.

Among other matters it was urged that in view of the great success of the Canberra Hotel in Brisbane some move should be made to open similar hotels in New Zealand. The Rev. M. A. McDowell and Mr. F. de la Mare pressed for a strong educational policy, and a motion to this effect was carried.

In addition to a large number of Vice-Presidents, many of whom have rendered great service in the past, the following Executive was elected: President, Rev. W. S. Burley; Deputy President, Rev. Dr. Merrington; Treasurer, Mr. A. Gerrie.

Other Executive members are: The Revs. E. N. Goring, G. H. Goodman, F. W. Winton, Brigadier Wm. Smith,

Lt.-Col. Gray, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, H. Grinstead, H. Stockbridge, F. C. Spratt, Miss Kirk, Mesdames L. M. Brewer, F. J. T. Grigg, L. Johnson, F. L. Sired, A. Thompson, M. J. Williamson.

Associate Executive members are: Rev. A. H. Ivory, Messrs. F. C. Brash, H. E. Combs, E. H. Hay, H. W. Kersley, B. H. Wood, Mrs. H. W. Hiatt, and Presidents of Area Councils.

Special mention was made of the work of Messrs. F. A. Feist and Louis Falkner, who had passed to higher service during the year.

Members of the conference appreciated the welcome morning and afternoon teas served by two young ladies.

It was real joy to see a number of W.C.T.U. friends at the conference, including some from other towns. We know that our cause is that of our Master, and that is a claim that the licensed victuallers cannot claim.

VICTORIA GRIGG.

## Important Announcements

Owing to the expected visit of Their Majesties and the probable difficulties of travelling and accommodation, it has been agreed that the Dominion Convention shall be held in February, the tentative dates being Tuesday the 16th to 22nd. Timaru will be the Convention town.

### NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS for 1949-50 are called. Consent to nomination must be obtained. CLOSING DATE, NOVEMBER 12.

R. UNDERHILL, Rec. Sec.

## "Highlights" from Recent Addresses

Miss Rita Grey, speaking at Ponsonby Union meeting, asked all members to stand by the work of these Hostels for Maori Girls and Boys, especially by praying for them who live there. She said, "God has a plan for every man, and surely He has one for these young people."

Special mention was made at the Napier meeting of the fact that Queen Salote of Tonga, at the banquet she gave in honour of the visit to Tonga of Their Excellencies Sir Bernard and Lady Freyberg, provided fruit drinks, orange, lemon, pineapple, coconut and grapefruit.

At the July meeting of the Sydenham Union a very inspiring address was given by Rev. F. G. Reddell based on the vision given to Moses by God during the time of the captivity of the Israelites in Egypt. Even as Moses was used by God to save His chosen people, so today God works through human agency, and according to the measure in which we dedicate our talents to Him, so we too can be instruments in the tremendous fight against the evils of our day, particularly the liquor traffic. Mr. Reddell also stressed the wonderful power of prayer, and the fact that each and every one of us, whether our talents be great or small, can do our part in this way to help the forces of righteousness.

Mrs. Kasper, speaking at the Auckland Union meeting in August said: "The women of America are not daunted. Prohibition was not a failure, and in spite of all the evil attempts of the liquor traffic to thwart them they are going on to victory."

At a home meeting held by the Onehunga Union Mrs. Pulling, an ex-missionary in South America, spoke of the power of prayer as she had proved it in her work which had begun in Peru. After her marriage she had gone to Chile. She described the drinking habits there as terrible, and said that all did it. The usual practice was that when they received their money, the first and second days they just drank and drank till they passed through the merry stage to the quarrelsome one, when fighting and murders took place. On the first day there of the speaker, 26 murders took place. Occasionally the police would make a raid and empty the liquor into the street. Then the children would run with plates, saucers and dishes trying to catch some of it, which they drank, dirt and all. Mrs. Pulling gave many instances of God's answers to prayer when strange and difficult circumstances had arisen, showing that God's power could not be limited. She was a fully qualified nurse, had been a hospital sister, and as a trained midwife attended the people in their illnesses, having many horrible and distressing experiences caused by all the sin and ignorance. The priests led very evil lives, drunken and immoral, and if occasionally one of them should become converted the other priests were certain to kill him. They do not study the Bible; yet, though evil themselves and capable of any sins, they rule the natives, who must obey them.

This was an interesting and instructive address, though very saddening.

### "DEVOTIONAL PERIOD"

Hymn 90. W.R. Hymnal

Scripture: Psalm 23

"Blessed is the day," said an old Divine, "when Psalm was born." Nearly everyone can repeat Psalm 23 from memory, but not everyone from the heart. Let us look at it.

Verse 1: Perfect satisfaction.

Verse 2: Rest and quietness.

Verse 3: Restoration and guidance.

Verse 4: Consecration and confidence in death.

Verse 5: Spiritual food. Joy.

Verse 6: God's goodness to us.

The Lord with us, the Lord beneath us, green pastures beside us, still waters before us, a table before us in the presence of our enemies, goodness and mercy ahead of us, and the House of the Lord to dwell in for ever and ever.

### Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow before Thee today with love and thankfulness in our hearts for all Thou hast done for us in the past, and we ask Thee to give us health and strength to further Thy work. Help us to undertake much more for Thee in the future. We thank Thee for our organisation. Give our officers and members the enduring joy of extending Thy work in every land. We pray Thee to bring the mothers into our Unions for we realise that the liquor traffic threatens their homes and the future of their children.

We pray Thee to grant to us world peace. Teach us to hold the thought of peace in our own hearts constantly and so make our own contribution to universal peace.

These things we ask in Thine Own Blessed Name. Amen.