

Chesswas. Mrs. Clancy moved a vote of thanks to those who had served tea and to all who had helped, and Mrs. Chesswas thanked all for their presence, urging them to carry on their work as opportunity offered, especially among the young.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

The Hawke's Bay District Convention was held in the Baptist Hall, Napier, on September 15th, Mrs. Lewis presiding. About forty delegates and friends attended, seven Unions being represented. Devotions were led by Mrs. Major Hay, Mrs. J. R. H. Thorp, and Mrs. Calcott.

Resolutions passed dealt with:

- 1.—The use of the "blood test" for alcohol after motor accidents.
- 2.—The sale of raffle tickets by children.
- 3.—Further extensive vineyards in Hawke's Bay for wine production.
- 4.—The use of sports grounds under public control for organised sport on Sundays.
- 5.—The need for a public enquiry to investigate allegations made against certain members of the Police Force recently in the Magistrates' Court, Napier.
- 6.—The need for a continuation of the restrictions on Maoris in regard to liquor, as a protection to the Maori race.

The Rev. J. R. Grave, of Hastings, gave a very stirring address, his text being "Therefore, being engaged in this service by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."

The following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. P. Lewis; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames H. Ryan and J. R. H. Thorp; Hon. Secretary, Miss L. Ennor; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Smith.

The Gisborne delegate issued an invitation for next year's Convention to be held there, and this was accepted. Hospitality was extended to delegates by the Napier Union.

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson District Convention was held at Richmond, in the Methodist Hall, delegates from all Unions attending. Mrs. Toomer, District President was in the chair. Miss Dyson, Richmond President, gave a welcome to all present. The opening Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Champion of Motueka, whose subject was "Righteousness, Temperance and Judgment." Mrs. Toomer expressed thanks to the speaker. Greetings were sent to Miss Kirk and absent members. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given, and also Union reports. Motueka was congratulated on having the largest proportional increase in adult and Cradle Roll membership, and Mrs. Houston, Richmond, was thanked for her interest in the Alexandra Home.

Mrs. Toomer welcomed Mrs. J. H. Grigg, Guest-speaker, who gave a most interesting talk on the influence and power of women, and was warmly thanked. Noontide Devotions were led by Mrs. Walker.

The Rev. Mr. Patchett opened the afternoon session with Devotions, speaking challengingly on "Personal Responsibility." Superintendents' Departmental reports were read, and Mrs. Grigg gave an interesting talk on "Alcoholics Anonymous." Solos by Mrs. Dickinson and a play, "Reaping the Whirlwind" were greatly enjoyed during the afternoon. Two new members were initiated, and four Long Service Badges were presented.

All Officers were re-elected for the coming year. Morning and afternoon teas were served by Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ ladies. Convention closed with the Benediction.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Manawatu District Convention was held at Feilding, in the Methodist Hall, on September 22nd, in beautiful weather, and among lovely floral decorations.

Miss Jamieson, President, led the opening Devotions, and welcomed all present. Four Unions were represented.

Many plans and suggestions for work were brought forward. Reports were read by Officers and Superintendents. Officers elected were: President, Miss Jamieson; Mrs. Coles, and Mrs. Stewart; Treasurer, Miss Edwards; Vice-President, Mrs. Stewart.

A bright public meeting, chaired by the President, followed. Opening Devotions were led by Mrs. Thompson. Much appreciated solos and recitations were given by Mesdames Cuming and Gill. The speaker was the Rev. F. Fitch, who gave a very telling address. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Tremaine and Mrs. Simpson, and the Convention was closed with prayer.

It was reported that the Maori Girls' Hostel had been assisted by the proceeds of a garden party, which amounted to £8, and also by gifts of vegetables.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington District Convention met at Brooklyn Methodist Church on October 28th. Devotional session was conducted by District President Mrs. Watt. It was a spiritual uplift. Among the outgoing greetings, it was decided to send our good wishes to the British Sailors' Society, who on this day were holding a special sale for their work.

Letter was received from our Parliamentary Superintendent, Mrs. Chesswas, asking every Union to be on the alert and ready to send in protest in connection with Licensing Legislation that will affect the King Country.

The Referendum in February in regard to Off-Course Betting was well discussed, and all Unions to do their best to encourage vote against this.

Remit to Dominion Convention regarding the way pictures are advertised. Literature Committee be asked to prepare as soon as possible, leaflets suitable to the requirements for distribution between now and February that will show clearly the evil of Off-Course Betting.

District Officers' reports received, also the various Superintendents' reports. Seamen's work was encouraging, a number of parcels brought, and £7/14/6 in donations. Belmont Youth work shows much activity, 16 "Y" meetings so far this year, and 17 L.T.L. meetings, Sunday teas, and several united gatherings on special occasions.

All Unions except Carterton were represented and each brought their report. Cradle Rolls in almost all Unions are in flourishing condition and the district has added 20 new members. N.C.W. delegates were elected, also Superintendents for the various Departments. Our Officers for coming year:—President, Mrs. F. Grigg; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Brewer and Miss Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Reed; Treasurer, Miss Atkinson.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT

Blenheim, 21st September. Despite cold weather conditions there was a pleasing gathering of members of Picton, Springlands and Blenheim Unions, besides a full attendance of Officers, at St. Andrew's Hall, for the District Convention. Mrs. V. Underhill, President, was in the chair. The opening Devotions were taken by Mrs. W. J. Girling, Vice-President, who also welcomed the visitors on behalf of Blenheim Union, and the President added a welcome, especially to those who had travelled some distance, including the guest speaker, Mrs. J. Tennant, of Picton. The Rev. A. O. Jones, speaking on behalf of the Blenheim Ministers' Association, gave greetings and good wishes, together with a brief message of commendation and encouragement, which was much appreciated.

Greetings were received from Miss Kirk, Dominion President, and several members who were unable to attend.

A resolution of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Miss Elsie Andrews, and members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. E. Milgrew. Letters of cheer sent to several aged and sick members, and greetings to Miss Kirk, Mr. H. W. Milner and Mr. Geo. Dash. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. E. T. Hegglin, Treasurer of Springlands Union, on her appointment as a J.P., the first woman J.P. in Marlborough.

Reports of the work of the Executive were given by Mrs. N. Forbes, Recording, and Mrs. S. Harris, Corresponding, Secretaries, and a very satisfactory balance sheet was presented by Miss E. Tarrant. The Union reports were given by the delegates from Blenheim, Picton and Springlands, and revealed keen interest and activity. The work among young people was a feature of Picton reports—the "Y's" and Band of Hope were very active. Appreciation was expressed for the interest and time given by Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Mrs. E. Leslie reported on the Cradle Roll

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