

**Annual Convention.**

The 22nd Annual Convention of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. will be opened on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, at Christchurch.

**AGENDA.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 13th—Public Reception.

**THURSDAY MORNING.**

9.30—Devotional Exercises.  
10—Roll Call.  
Minutes of last sitting of Greymouth Convention.  
Appointment of Reporters, Committee of Courtesies and of Resolutions.  
Greetings.  
In Memoriam, Letters of Sympathy.  
Presidential Address, Report of Bay at Christchurch Exhibition.  
Reports of Departments:—Evangelistic, Home Meetings, Educational, Sabbath Observance, Maori Work, Young People, Medal Contests  
Noontide Prayer.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON.**

Roll Call, Minutes.  
Report of Corresponding Secretary.  
Reports of Departments:—Scientific Instruction in Schools, Hygiene and Food Reform, Unfermented Wine, Public Press, Bible in Schools, Narcotics.

**FRIDAY MORNING.**

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.  
Reports of Departments:—Work Among Seamen, Peace and Arbitration, Literature, Anti-Gambling, Legal and Parliamentary.  
Correspondence.  
Noontide Hour.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

Roll Call, Minutes.  
Mothers' Meetings, Purity Department Report, with conversation and discussion.  
Resolutions.

**SATURDAY MORNING.**

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.  
N.Z. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.  
Resolutions.  
Noontide Hour.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**

Garden Party.

**SATURDAY EVENING.**

Outdoor Meeting

**SUNDAY.**

No-License Meeting at 8.15 p.m.

**MONDAY MORNING.**

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.  
Report of WHITE RIBBON and accounts.  
Resolutions.  
Noontide Hour.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON.**

Roll call, Minutes.  
Election of N.Z. Officers.  
Invitations for next year.

**TUESDAY MORNING.**

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.  
Consideration of "Constitution."  
Appointments of Superintendents of Departments.  
Further Resolutions (if any).  
Noontide Hour.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON.**

Roll Call, Minutes.  
Election of Representatives to "N.Z. Alliance," and "Women's National Council," etc.  
Other business remaining.

E. L. MOODY BELL,  
N.Z. Recording Secretary.

**THE W.C.T.U. AT THE EXHIBITION.**

The Children's Rest is proving a notable success. On holidays the capacity of the building is taxed to its utmost—in fact, a small piece of ground has had to be enclosed where the toddlers can safely play. Forty, fifty, and even seventy babies have been taken charge of on holidays, and many a mother blesses the kindly women who first mooted the question of providing the Rest.



The Posters prepared by the Committee in charge of the Bay are educating both men and women on the question of women's disabilities. Subjoined is the text of one of these Posters, showing

WHAT NEW ZEALAND WOMEN WISH  
TO GAIN.

The removal of all past legislation which hinders any woman from occupying any civil, social, or commercial position for which her natural God-given powers and education may fit her.

At present women suffer under legal disabilities in the matter of:—

- The Guardianship of their Children.
- Unequal Pay for Equal Work.
- Economic Inequality of Husband and Wife.
- Trial by Jury.
- Visiting Justices to Prisons.
- The Regulations of the Education Department.
- Business Partnerships.
- Laws of Illegitimacy.
- Having to obey laws which are framed by men only, the N.Z. law forbidding the election of any woman to Parliament.

Were these disabilities removed women would have greater power to work for other reforms which they hope to gain, such as:—

- Reformation of the Criminal by newer and more Scientific Methods in Reformatories and Prisons.
- The Prevention of Pauper and Criminal Classes by more Scientific Methods of Charitable Aid, including Segregation of the Unfit.
- Improvement in our Educational Methods, Secondary Education to be absolutely Free.
- The giving of Scientific Temperance Instruction in our Public Schools.
- Raising the Age of Protection for both sexes to twenty-one years.
- Abolition of Capital Punishment.
- The Introduction of the Initiative and Referendum, thus giving the People power to legislate and to reject ill-advised legislation.
- The Substitution of the Elective Executive for the present Cabinet chosen by one-Party system.

God has lent us the earth for our life; it is a great entail. It belongs as much to them who are to come after us, and whose names are already written in the book of creation, as to us: and we have no right by anything that we do or neglect to involve them in unnecessary penalties, or deprive them of benefits which it was in our power to bequeath.—John Ruskin.



Through the efforts of the Swiss Women's Temperance League, 118 doctors and dentists in Zürich have consented to place a series of Temperance pamphlets in their waiting rooms.