

Thirty-Second Annual Convention

OF THE

N.Z. W.C.T.U.

HELD IN

**Baptist Tabernacle, Queen Street,
Auckland, March 21st to 29th,
1917.**

(Abridged.)

Convention opened with devotions, President basing her address on Joshua i., and giving as keynote to Convention the words, "Something for Thee."

Roll call, 89, 53 being new members.

Proxies arranged for 12 Unions.

Members of Convention.

New Zealand Officers.—Mrs Don, Dominion President; Miss Henderson, Dominion Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Dominion Recording Secretary; Mrs Bendely, Dominion Treasurer; Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon"; Miss Rowell, Dominion Organiser; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary, also N.Z. Superintendent for Peace and Arbitration.

District Presidents.—Mrs Crabb (Palmerston N.), Mrs Rule (Timaru), Mrs Cooke (Auckland), Mrs Hett (Dunedin), Mrs Houlster (Wellington), Mrs Venables (Napier), Mrs Goffe (Gisborne), Mrs Watson (Nelson).

District Secretaries.—Miss N. Dewar (Auckland), Mrs Sinclair (Blenheim), Mrs Dennett (Wellington), Mrs Taylor (Auckland, Recording Secretary), Mrs Griffen (New Plymouth), Mrs Upton (Wanganui), Mrs Chelley (Napier).

District Treasurers.—Mrs Clausen (Palmerston N.), Miss Dewar (Auckland), Miss Taunt (New Plymouth).

Superintendents of Departments.—Mrs Duxfield (Press), Mrs Dearlove (Literature), Mrs Judson (Good Citizenship), Miss Maunder (Scientific Temperance), Mrs J. Wright (Evangelistic), Mrs Neal (L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance), Miss Macarthy (Purity and Moral Education).

Delegates.—Mrs Pate (Invercargill), Miss Begg (N.E. Valley), Mrs Allan (Sawyer's Bay), Mrs Robinson (Ashburton), Mrs Comyns (Oxford), Mrs Napier (Christchurch), Mrs Martin (Christchurch), Mrs Hill (Nelson), Mrs Emmett (Nelson), Mrs Westney (Wakapuaka), Mrs Banks (Greytown), Mrs Atkinson (Wellington Central), Mrs Murgatroyd (Petone), Mrs Lumley (Palmerston N.), Mrs Robbins (Palmerston N.), Mrs Chittenden (Lower Hutt), Miss Checkley (Pahiatua), Mrs Andrews (Wanganui E.), Mrs Scott (Normanby), Mrs Parkinson (Manaiia), Mrs Phillipps (Stratford), Miss Ellis (Ngaere), Miss Ol-

sen (Norsewood), Mrs Hopkirk (Wai-pukurau), Mrs Moore (Hastings), Mrs Hancock (Woodville), Mrs Brown (Morrinsville), Mrs Watson (Cambridge), Mrs Cliff (Hamilton), Mrs Garraway (Auckland), Mrs W. Taylor (Auckland), Miss Wilson (Auckland), Mrs Little (Devonport), Mrs Gilbert (Henderson), Mrs Nelson (Hikurangi), Mrs Roke (Matakana), Mrs Logan (Onehunga), Mrs Francis (Opotiki), Mrs West (Otahuhu), Mrs Penning (Takapuna), Mrs Plummer (Ponsonby), Mrs Chappell (Tauranga), Miss Griffen (Whangarei), Mrs Morrison (Warkworth), Mrs Collier (Wanganui), Mrs Heard (Waihi), Miss Jordan (Feilding), Mrs Jarvie (Te Kuiti), Mrs Todd (Birkenhead), Mrs Scott (Marton), Mrs Manukau (Paahi), Mrs Noda (Otamatea), Mrs Nathan (Auckland), Mrs Hamana (Paahi).

Y. Branch Delegates.—Mrs R. Smith (Wanganui), Miss Knapp (Nelson), Miss Waterman (Oxford).

Proxies.—Mrs Shepherd (for Masterton), Mrs Neison (for Greymouth), Mrs Bishop (for Tinwald), Mrs Jemison (for Waimate), Mrs Martindale (for Winchmore-Greenstreet), Mrs Scanlon (for Hawera), Mrs Goodall (for Port Chalmers), Mrs Fulljames (for Kaiapoi), Mrs Jamison (for Waipawa), Mrs Black (for Bluff), Mrs Bycroft (for Richmond), Mrs Dickin (for Lyttelton), Mrs Napier (for South Dunedin).

Report of Executive meeting, that Wednesday afternoon's work in Agenda Paper would be taken Saturday morning, and that nominations for any Superintendent of Department would be received from any delegate up to Wednesday morning.

Notice given re appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Appointments made for Committee of Courtesies (Misses Dewar) Convention Letterwriter (Miss Powell), Press Reporters, and Agent for Sale of Newspapers (Miss Weymouth).

Greetings received from Pahiatua, Wanganui I.O.G.T., Palmerston N., Auckland Total Abstinence Society, Auckland I.O.G.T., Otago and Auckland Band of Hope Unions, British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, Sweden W.C.T.U., Mrs K. Lent Stevenson, and Nambour Union, Queensland (samples of sugar cane manufacture).

Corresponding Secretary's report: 97 Unions at end of 1916, 93 adults, 4 Y's. Total membership, 3639.—Adopted.

Treasurer's Report and Balance-Sheet: Credit balance at beginning of year, £82 8s 10d; receipts, £146 14s 5d; expenditure, £142 14s 8d. Credit balance at end of year £86 8s 7d.

Banner Contest: Absolute increase: Auckland District, 86. Next in order: Nelson District, 57; Nelson Y's, 46; Palmerston N., 45. Percentage of Increase: Nelson Y's, 219 per cent. Next in order—Hikurangi, 175 per cent.; Morrinsville, 170 per cent.—Adopted.

Organising Treasurer's Report and Balance-sheet: Credit balance at beginning of year, £101 5s 2d; receipts, £172 18s 3d; expenditure, £135 4s 8d. Credit balance at end, £138 18s 9d.

Aggregate Balance-sheet of Branches: Balance at beginning of year, £456 19s 9d; receipts, £3736 19s 4d; expenditure, £3391 2s 3d. Balance at end, £802 16s.

Assets and Liabilities of 10 Unions: Assets, £4667; liabilities, £975. Excess of assets over liabilities, £3692.—Reports adopted.

Organiser's Report: Work mainly in North Island—Taranaki, Waikato, Bay of Plenty. Seven new Unions formed, one Union revived, seven L.T.L.'s formed.—Report adopted, with tributes paid to Organiser's devotion and her efforts on behalf of the "White Ribbon."

Minutes of last session of 1916 Convention read and confirmed.

Letters of sympathy to Mrs Daldy, Mrs Webb of Ormondville, wife and family of Rev. F. W. Isitt, Mr Oldham and Miss Harrison, Mrs J. Hunter of Tuakau, Mrs Jones of Hamilton, Mrs Cranch of Devonport Union, relatives of Mrs J. Kent of Ponsonby, and of Mrs D. C. Cameron of Dunedin.

Miss Maunder moved notice of motion re N.Z. Superintendents of Departments having seat on Executive during session of Convention.

Amendment moved to place on Executive Superintendents of certain Departments only. Consideration postponed till after report of Subcommittee on Classification of Departments dealt with.

Resolved: "That our tenderest sympathy be conveyed personally by our delegates, or by letter, to mothers and friends of fallen soldiers wherever they can be reached; that this resolution of our whole Convention be conveyed in such a manner as to show our love to those who have suffered for our safety, and to draw them to our ranks."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Atkinson). Roll call, 101. Minutes.

Greetings from Masterton, Wanganui East, Mrs Webb, Paaki Union, Mrs E. B. Miller.

Mrs Houlster moved notice of motion re nomination of N.Z. Superintendents of Departments by Unions, with addition that names be sent in to Corresponding Secretary and referred to Executive.—Motion carried.

Mrs Crabb moved notice of motion re appointment of proxies. After considerable discussion, it was lost.

Presidential address. Adopted by acclamation. High appreciation of its excellence expressed by many members.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd.

MORNING SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Lee-Cowie). Roll call, 99. Minutes.

Greetings from Mrs Gaskin, Nelson Union, Wanganui E., Wellington Cen-