

Dr. Barnardo's Homes, no Union funds ought to be voted to any other than Union purposes.

Welcome given to Mrs Millar, a well-known Temperance worker of Dunedin.

AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs R. Smith). Roll call, 101.

Rev. J. Dawson, of N.Z. Alliance, addressed Convention, by invitation, making a strong appeal on behalf of the 6 o'clock closing' petition circulated by the Alliance. He believed success was more hopeful than last year, and if a united front were shown, the demand would be conceded.

A deputation from the Auckland No-License League, consisting of Rev. P. Smallfield, Canon Haselden, and Mr W. Spragg, waited on Convention to offer greetings and good wishes, and ask co-operation in the attempt to obtain 6 o'clock closing. Mrs Atkinson, in the name of the Convention, briefly thanked the deputation.

On resuming after afternoon tea, it was resolved to send a letter to Rev. Knowles Kempton, thanking him for the inspiring service and the helpful address delivered before Convention on Sunday evening.

Hearty welcome extended to Mrs Baillie, a White Ribbon visitor from Western Australia.

Mrs Peryman was unanimously re-appointed Editor and Business Manager of the "White Ribbon." Usual votes were granted—£10 Editor's honorarium, £25 for printing Convention number (from the N.Z. Treasury), £15 for the Business Manager (from the "W.R." funds).

Resolved that steps be taken to obtain information preparatory to making arrangements for a visit from a woman speaker (preferably Mrs Armour) from America.

Announced that Mayoress of Auckland invited members of Convention to attend mass meeting for women in Town Hall, and wished a representative to occupy a seat on the platform. Mrs Don was chosen to be representative.

Resolutions to be brought before the public meeting on Tuesday evening were carried unanimously.

(1) Whereas women have, during the present war, proved their capacity to fill every position to which they have been appointed, and whereas the right to elect logically carries with it the right to be elected—

Resolved: That this meeting earnestly urges the Government to take, without delay, steps to remove the obstacles in the way of women entering Parliament; and also to clear the way to their serving as Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and jurors.

(2) That this meeting urges the Government to yield, without further delay, to the widespread and frequent pressed demand for the appointment of women police, in order that the young people in our community may share in the proved advantages of the protection so afforded in many parts

of the Empire and in other countries.

Mrs Garraway proposed: That a special Dominion fund should be created to provide a £ for £ subsidy towards delegates' travelling expenses, in order that all Unions may be represented at Convention. After some discussion, motion was lost.

Resolution.—This Convention resolves that when it is decided that a certain effort should be made, or laws should be amended, it should be an instruction to every Branch of the W.C.T.U. to take steps to send some of its most influential members to interview the member for their electorate, and put to him the following questions:—Are you in favour of this measure becoming law? Will you vote for it? Will you support it in the House?

Resolution.—That where the same or equal work is being done by men and women, in the opinion of this Convention there should be no differentiation of payment on account of the sex of the worker.

Reports.—Rest and Refreshment Booths, Educational Bureau, Notable Days, Military Camps, Literature. Adopted.

Resolved that the Purity Literature should again be placed in charge of the Purity Superintendent.

Resolved that in future Conventions the English White Ribbon Hymnal should be used.

Mrs Peryman, on behalf of Mrs Bendely, asked for promises of contributions to the N.Z. Treasury. £30 was promised.

Greetings from Mrs Colville, President of Scottish W.C.T.U.

MARCH 27th.—TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Rule). Roll Call, 99. Minutes.

Greetings from Christchurch and Hamilton East.

Resolutions.—(1) This Convention of the W.C.T.U. desires to affirm its belief in the great brotherhood of nations, and its unquenchable faith in the power of Love as the supreme factor in the creation of right international relationships. Believing in the irresistible power of thought, it would therefore urge upon all members that they should think, day by day, thoughts of love, unity, and peace, checking every impulse to bitterness or anger, thereby doing their part towards establishing that universal spirit of peace without which no enduring peace can be secured amongst the nations of the world. Carried unanimously.

(2) That "as God so loved the world," this Convention of Christian women would urge upon all those who have the control of the education of children to instil into their minds the thought and desire for mutual love and helpfulness amongst all nations, rather than for the domination and glory of their own; that love is a stronger power than any form of force, and that the good of any one nation can only be brought about by working for the good of all.

Much of present training of children has an opposite tendency, but establishment of Bands of Mercy would have a good influence.

(3) That at this time, when heroic efforts are being made by the Allies to bring the war to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion, the Government of New Zealand should be urged to take steps to husband the resources of the Nation, and as the liquor traffic is the most fruitful source of economic and industrial waste, and its existence therefore a national disgrace, the Government is urged to totally prohibit this traffic during the period of the war, and for at least six months thereafter.

Remit from Christchurch seconding this. Mrs Cowie read preamble put forward by united temperance bodies of Southland, and suggested—(1) Printing and distributing widely manifesto just read; (2) calling on every Christian organisation for earnest, persistent prayer; (3) selecting most influential men and women to wait on Parliament and support the demand. Widespread public opinion favoured total prohibition as a war measure. At same time all could work for the 6 o'clock closing petition, which would tend to further the greater movement. Carried unanimously.

(4) That this Convention heartily supports the action of the Anglican Synod at Napier in asking for—

(a) A more regular and sympathetic supervision of the Maori Councils by the Department responsible.

(b) In the Maori prohibition area it should be an offence for a Maori to be in possession of liquor, as well as for the one who supplies him.

(c) The Government should be asked to apply the machinery that is in their hands under the War Regulations Act to put an immediate stop to the abuses that exist.

(5) That this Convention wishes to express its appreciation of the action of the Editor of the Auckland "Star" in publishing the paragraph, "Ravages of Venereal," in the article, "Maoriland Soldiers: Life on Salisbury Plains" (Saturday, March 24); and urges that all publicity should be given to facts such as are here disclosed, as being a means for stirring up public opinion to demand effective action. Carried unanimously.

(6) That the Crimes Act should be amended in the direction of raising the age of consent to 21 years.

This has been repeatedly urged, yet Government has done nothing. Meanwhile sexual offences and indecent assaults on children increased in number. Should insist on Government doing something, or explaining its inaction. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Sinclair). Roll call, 100.

Greetings from Mrs Boxall and Mrs Jones.

Miss Powell stated Ohakune referendum would be taken about middle of April, so she would proceed thither after close of Convention.