

Sub-Committee on Syllabus of Examination for Organisers. Resolutions.
12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.
Question Box.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Resolutions. Unfinished Business. Notices of Motion.
5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.
9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
Appointment of Tellers. Election of N.Z. Officers and Superintendents of Departments. Resolutions.
12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer.
12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
Minutes. Unfinished Business. Votes of Thanks. Conclusion.

N.B.—Details as to public meetings and similar functions will be given in later issue.

It is probable that Mrs Kington Parkes will attend Convention, and will give one of her interesting and instructive lectures.

CONVENTION.

Will all members of Convention requiring hospitality send word, and also state whether coming by rail or boat, as soon as possible to Mrs Chellew, 82, McDonald Street, Napier South?

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

So he died for his faith. That is fine,
More than most of us do.
But, stay! Can you add to that line
That he lived for it too?

It is easy to die. Men have died
For a wish or a whim—
For bravado, or passion, or pride.
Was it harder for him?

But to live; every day to live out
All the truth that he dreamt,
While his friends met his conduct
with doubt,
And the world with contempt.

Was it thus that he plodded ahead,
Never turning aside?
Then we'll talk of the life that he lived—
Never mind how he died.
—Ernest Crosby.

APPEAL OF THE WOMEN OF FRANCE TO THE WOMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES.

Societies representing more than a million French women have appealed to the women of all countries on behalf of the war victims of their own sex who have suffered unspeakable horrors at the hands of the enemy's forces. The appeal is in the following eloquent words:—

"Among the solemn protests which the whole world is making against the deportation of Belgian and French women, French women wish to make their voices heard.

"How can they help trembling with indignation as they learn that, under the German yoke, there disappears all respect for the family and its ties? They learn that the women of France, Belgium, and Servia, and others, have been or are to be torn cruelly from their husbands and children whenever the invader needs them for service of his officers or mills or trenches.

"Among all the enemy's crimes not one so chokes with anxiety the heart of woman. Is it not round the woman that every civilisation has grouped the family? Is it not the long patience of woman that, through the centuries, has defended the intimacy of home, the weakness of childhood, the morality of youth

"This is why we invite women to join in our protest. All are enlightened. Not one can be ignorant of international laws slowly wrought for the safety of non-combatants; and none can be ignorant that, by the very avowal of those responsible, such laws have been trampled under foot.

"The stirring protests of the highest political, social, and religious authorities have been unable to stop these brutal dispersions; the criminal Governments pursue them, counting on the fear or apathy of the peoples.

"Are they to have the support of women's silence? Shall women forget that respect of another's right is the surest guarantee of our own right, and that should history in its returns expose to like dangers other generations and other peoples, they and their daughters could lift up their voices neither to complain nor in malediction.

"To whatever country she may belong—ally, neutral, or enemy—each

woman must acknowledge her responsibility. To be silent is to absolve the soldiers who violate home and arrest passers-by to choose their victims, is to become their accomplices. To be silent is to forever renounce all appeal to treaties and to right, all demand that to public or private action there shall be given the authority of a moral foundation.

"Where is the woman who will refuse to hear our appeal and judge savagery? Let all whose homes are respected unite in one movement of justice and compassion. From the height of their anguish and sorrow our sisters, victims of force, can now hope for help only from the conscience of the world."

The National W.C.T.U. of America has drawn up the following resolutions, and requested all their branches to pass them and forward to headquarters:—

"We women of the United States hereby—

"(1) Associate ourselves with the women of France in their protest and appeal, which is annexed hereto.

"(2) Demand the trial before an international tribunal, and punishment, on conviction, as a criminal, of every officer, soldier, or civilian of any of the said Central Powers or of any of their allies who shall be accused, whether as principal or accomplice, of any sexual offence against a woman in the course of the war.

"(3) Declare our own deliberate feeling, judgment, and position to be that all women so injured by a despicable enemy ought to be treated and regarded, not as shamed, but as wounded in war. We implore our allies to confer that status on them, both officially and in the public mind."

Though the day be never so long
It ringeth at length to evensong,
And the weary worker goes to his rest
With words of peace and pardon blest,
Though the path be ever so steep,
And rough to walk on and hard to keep,
It will lead, when the weary road is trod,
To the Gates of Pearl—the City of God.

The wife of Congressman Taylor, of Colorado, says that the women of that State have found that "it does not take as long to vote as it does to match a piece of silk!"