

MINUTES OF
Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention
OF THE
N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Held in St. Paul's Schoolroom,
Napier, April 24th, to May 1st,
1919.

(Abridged.)

Convention opened with Devotions, conducted by the President, who, basing her remarks on passages from Joshua 23 and Philippians 4, urged the necessity for pondering on good things whence follows right acting. The whole service was deeply impressive, and struck the keynote of earnestness and the fixed determination to continue the fight to the finish.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

Dominion Officers.—Mrs Don, President; Mrs Crabb, Chief Vice-President; Miss Henderson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Recording Secretary; Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon"; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer; Mrs Napier, "Y" Organiser; Miss Weymouth, Traveling Secretary; Miss Earnshaw, Organiser.

Visiting Fraternal Delegate.—Mrs Kinton Parkes.

District Presidents.—Mrs Goffe, Gisborne; Mrs Venables, Napier; Mrs Smith, Wanganui; Mrs Wright, Wellington; Mrs Watson, Nelson; Mrs Brown, Timaru; Mrs Hiatt, Dunedin.

District Secretaries.—Mrs Chellew, Napier; Mrs Judson, Nelson; Mrs Day, Christchurch.

District Treasurers.—Mrs Pirrett, Auckland; Miss Taunt, New Plymouth; Mrs Grayling, Napier; Mrs Brown, Nelson; Mrs Young, Dunedin; Mrs Lillicrap, Invercargill.

Dominion Superintendents.—Mrs Neal, Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Medical Temperance; Mrs Cobb, Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observance; Mrs Upton, Rest and Refreshment Booths; Mrs Whincop, Military Camps.

Delegates.—Nurse Chappell and Mrs Garroway, Auckland; Mrs Fulljames, Takapuna; Mrs Burt, Waihi; Mrs Thompson, Opotiki; Mrs Galpin, Whangarei; Mrs Chapman and Mrs Walker, Napier; Mrs Wilson, Hastings; Mrs Anderson, Norsewood; Miss Webb, Ormondville; Mrs Bibby, Waipawa; Mrs Witham, Ngaere; Mrs Phillips, Stratford; Miss Maunder, Hawera; Miss Patterson, Manaia; Mrs Scott, Normanby; Mrs McAllister, Wanganui; Mrs Dowsett, Wanganui E.; Mrs Dorreen, Palmerston N.; Nurse Wallis, Feilding; Mrs Doull, Marton; Mrs Spackman, Pahiatua; Miss Fastier, Woodville; Mrs Butler and Mrs Spearman, Wellington Dis-

trict; Mrs Boucher, Greytown; Miss Wingate, Masterton; Mrs Johnson, Petone; Mrs Lippett, Wellington Central; Mrs White, Nelson; Mrs Field, Richmond; Mrs Albrough, Wakapuaka; Mrs Moffatt, Motueka; Miss Bishop, Christchurch; Mrs Ansell, Oxford; Mrs Robinson, Ashburton; Mrs Oakley, Winchmore-Greenstreet; Mrs Pratley, Sawyer's Bay; Mrs Pasley, Invercargill South.

Y Delegates.—Miss Lee, Auckland; Miss Wright, Avondale; Miss Glenny, Napier; Mrs Bathgate, Aramoho; Miss Chisholm, Wanganui; Misses Crabb and Cruickshank, Palmerston N.; Miss Sutherland, Nelson; Miss Hughes, Wellington South; Miss Gainsford, Oxford; Miss Oakley, Ashburton; Miss Wagstaff, Timaru; Miss Seed, Invercargill.

Minutes of last meeting of Convention (1918) read and confirmed.

Appointments made: Committee of Courtesies and Resolutions (Mrs Venables and Mrs Chellew), Convention Letter-writer (Miss Crabb), Press Reporters, Messenger for Mails.

Resolution of condolence with Mrs Rule.

Letters of sympathy to the following:—Miss Mason (Ponsonby, Auckland), Mrs Flanagan (Masterton), Mrs Stichbury (Takapuna), Miss Thompson (Feilding), Mrs Driver (Dunedin), Mrs Johnson (Invercargill), Mrs Olsen (Norsewood), Mrs Campbell (Waipukurau), Mrs Griffin (Napier), Misses Heyes (Nelson), Mrs Bower (Greytown), Mrs Blair (Havelock), Mrs Lichfield (Blenheim), Mr Colyer (Napier), Mrs Beachy (Napier), Mrs Mann (Gore), Mrs Wilkin.

Corresponding Secretary's report read and adopted, showing 105 adult Unions, 19 Y Branches, total membership approaching 7000. Special note of Miss Ruth Atkinson sent with Mrs Fawcett on deputation to Peace Conference in Paris, and their requests being supported by Mr Massey and Sir Joseph Ward. Resolved to cable congratulations to Miss Atkinson, and pass vote of appreciation to Prime Minister.

Resolved to send telegram of sympathy to Mrs Bendely, prevented by indisposition from attending Convention.

Miss Henderson moved notice of motion adding Superintendents of Departments to Executive (on behalf of Miss McCarthy). Discussion followed, adjourned to later time.

Letter from Mrs Leavitt to Miss Harding (date April 8th, 1885) presented to Convention by Mrs Martin (née Harding), being one of her most valued possessions. Received with warm thanks by President, and directed to be handed to Custodian of Records.

Noontide Devotions, Crusade Hymn and Crusade Psalm. Prayer (Mrs Hiatt).

Reports.—Evangelistic, Home and Mothers' Meetings, Narcotics adopted without discussion.

Educational Bureau: Suggested that paper be written for the Bureau by a doctor on effect of smoking on future mothers.

Session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Crabb, Mrs Doull, and Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 87.

Proxies appointed for Greymouth, Wakefield, Port Chalmers, Eden.

Greetings from Wellington Central, Mrs Pearson (Wellington), Mrs Hills (Palmerston N.), Miss Dewar (Auckland), Mrs Gaskin (Greymouth), Mrs Bendely, Pahiatua, Auckland Y's, Avondale Y's, Sawyer's Bay, Port Chalmers, Wanganui East, Nelson Y's.

Organisers' Reports.—**Miss Powell's**—About 6 months' work. She then became Matron of Turakina Native Girls' School. Report adopted.

Mrs Peryman and Mrs Hiatt appointed to draw up a resolution of appreciation of Miss Powell's work.

Resolved that Miss Powell be made a Dominion Life Member.

As many delegates wished Unions should have opportunity of testifying further their love and gratitude to Miss Powell, Mrs Hiatt (264, George Street, Dunedin) consented to receive donations for a special presentation.

Mrs Cowie's.—New members obtained, 986, mostly Somerset members and paid up; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 82. Money collected, £65; expenses, £67. Balance cleared by Mrs Cowie, who received no remuneration for her services.

Several members spoke of her work in terms of high appreciation. Report adopted.

Miss Weymouth's.—Splendid record of achievement, both in collecting money by Union, and later for Alliance, and in organising, obtaining "White Ribbon" subscribers, and gaining votes for Prohibition. Nearly £1400 collected altogether.

Miss Henderson, Mrs Peryman, Mrs Crabb, and others spoke highly of Miss Weymouth's work. Report adopted with great enthusiasm.

After recess for afternoon tea, President gave her address, a fair resumé of the year's campaigns and efforts, rapid sketch of the position in other parts of the world, and earnest appeal to engage in the new campaign. Address adopted with hearty greetings.

Discussion as to evening meetings during Convention.

Resolved to hold on Sunday evening an after-church meeting on Christian Citizenship, and on Monday evening a Conference on Purity, open to Union members.

Session closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Johnston Wright). Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Proxy appointed for Kaiapoi.