

(1) The standardisation of school books; (2) the modernisation of school buildings, including the addition of an assembly hall, and furniture; (3) free school books and requisites; (4) forty-five children to be the maximum in any class under the charge of one teacher; (5) extension of open-air classes; (6) provision for larger playgrounds; (7) free and compulsory medical and dental treatment of children in State schools; (8) a complete and compulsory system of continuation schools up to the age of 18; (9) consolidation of schools in rural areas; (10) inclusion, in the training syllabus for teachers, of scientific instruction in sex hygiene and the effects of alcohol on the human body."

The following were also passed:—

"A recommendation having been made by the National Efficiency Board that weekly lessons should be given in all public schools on the history of the Empire and our duty to it, with a view to inculcate in the minds of the children a patriotic and national spirit, this Convention of the W.C.T.U. would respectfully suggest to the Minister of Education that such lessons should have a wider international bearing, cultivating a sense of their responsibilities and appreciation of their privileges, not only as citizens of the Empire, but as members of that wider community of which every nation is but one small part."

"This Convention desires to express its sympathy with the aims and ideals of the League of Nations Society, and would urge the Government to take immediate steps to inaugurate such a society in the Dominion, in order to support the Imperial Parliament in the effort which is being made to establish a permanent and abiding peace."

"That in the interests of the women and girls employed as shop assistants throughout the Dominion, this Convention desires to support: (1) a 45 hours' week; (2) the abolition of the late night; (3) the proper covering of concrete floors in shops; (4) the appointment of women inspectors to look after the requirements of women and girl employees."

"That Government be urged to fix the age at which persons can marry at 18 years of age for both sexes."

"That we press resolutely for the appointment of women police, and that every Union be instructed to ask all Parliamentary candidates for their electorate at the coming election whether they support this demand"

"(a) That women shall be granted a seat in the Legislative Council, the House of Representatives, and on all public bodies on the same terms as it is, or may be, granted to men; (b) married women shall not be deprived of their nationality against their will; (c) all existing inequalities in the law as between men and women shall be removed, all offices and employments shall be open to men and women equally, and payment for work shall be independent of sex; (d) the moral standard shall be equal for both sexes."

"It now being recognised that the State should provide for the maintenance of children who are deprived of their fathers, this Convention, while resolutely standing for purity of life and the absolute sacredness of the marriage tie, would ask that the claims of the children of unmarried mothers may be recognised. This is asked: 1st, in the interests of the children, who, coming into the world with a stigma attached to their birth, have more claim on the State, that they may be able to become useful citizens; 2nd, in the interests of the mother, that in the struggle to regain her self-respect, she may not be handicapped by the difficulty of providing for herself and her child."

The Convention also passed a resolution placing on record its high appreciation of the valuable work done by the Wellington Sunday School Union examiners, and urging the inclusion of the Temperance Lesson in the examination work.

The question of raising the pensions of widows being before the House of Representatives, it was resolved to immediately send a copy of the following resolution to every M.P. in the Province:—

"That seeing the Government has already admitted, through two of its Departments—the Health Department and the Defence Department—that the ordinary widows' pension is not enough to keep a mother and her family, unless she either leave her young children to the care of others while she goes to work, or else resorts to charitable aid for assistance, we would respectfully urge upon their attention the necessity of giving all widows with young children a basis of pension not less than that granted to epidemic widows and the widows of soldiers. We would further venture to point out that it is not in the best interests of the individual or the State that a mother should have to leave her

infant children in the care of others while she works to support them. On the other hand, if she does not do this, part of the maintenance of her family must ultimately fall on the State or the community through the Education Department (charitable aid), and her children have to carry a stigma from this source, which it should never have been their misfortune to incur."

At a later session every delegate sent a telegram to the Prime Minister and the Hon. W. H. Herries urging them to make every widow's pension equal to the pension of the epidemic widows.

Mrs Johnson Wright read a paper written by Mrs Martha M. Allen World's Superintendent of the Medical Temperance Department, entitled "Whisky an Agent of Death in Influenza and Pneumonia."

Mrs Burd read an instructive paper entitled "The In-between Child in War-time," by G. Josephine Baker, M.D., D.P.H., calling the attention of parents to the needs and rights of the child between infancy and school age.

Mrs Neal read a paper on "Eugenics," written by Mrs Bogle, M.A., of Wanganui, in which was emphasised the fact that the future of the race depends upon its women.

The papers were fully discussed, and it was decided that the Secretary have them typed and sent to the Education Bureau.

Letters of sympathy to members in illness included the Dominion President (Mrs Don) and Mrs Lee-Cowie (World's Missionary).

Officers elected: Mrs Crabb, Palmerston North, Provincial President; Mrs Neal, Feilding, Provincial Secretary; Mrs Burd, Petone, Provincial Treasurer.

It was decided to hold the 1920 Convention in Palmerston North.

Votes of thanks were accorded the entertaining Union, the Church of Christ for the use of their building, hosts and hostesses, and the Press.

On Thursday evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist Church. The President, Mrs Crabb, occupied the chair. Mr J. W. McEwan, Mayor of Petone, in a brief speech congratulated the W.C.T.U. on the work it had done, and hoped that every success would attend its activities in the future.

Mrs A. R. Atkinson, of Wellington, was the principal speaker. Other speakers were the Revs. F. J. Marshall (representing the Church of