

Hawera gave 30s to Maori work, and gave also to "Armor" Fund.

Resolutions.

Ngaere and Hawera sent resolutions protesting against the increase in racing permits.

Resolution from Wanganui E.: "As it has been brought under the notice of this Union that mothers with children are subjected to much inconvenience when travelling on the New Plymouth-Wellington railway line, it is decided that an appeal be made to the Minister of Railways asking him to place a separate carriage on the mail trains for the exclusive use of women and children, as is provided on the Main Trunk line."—Adopted by Provincial Convention.

Votes of sympathy with Mr Atkinson and daughter in the loss of Mrs Atkinson, and with Mr Blizzard and family in the passing of Mrs Blizzard, for many years President of the Ngaere Union, were carried in the usual manner.

Afternoon sessions. Devotions led by Mrs Avery, of Waitara.

The five minutes' speech competitions resulted in Miss Patterson, of Manaia, gaining first prize, and Mrs Goody, of Wanganui Central, second prize. Miss Drew, of New Plymouth, kindly acted as judge.

Decided to hold 1923 Provincial Convention in Hawera.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs Phillips, Stratford; Sec., Miss Patterson, Manaia; Treas., Mrs Hawkins, New Plymouth.

A WORD FROM OUR WORLD SECRETARY.

A Message to My Dear Comrades in New Zealand.

Dear Co-Worker and Friend,—

This is just a little personal word to each reader of your national paper, "The White Ribbon."

We are hoping you are coming to our World's Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention in Philadelphia, U.S.A., in November next.

Our United States sisters are making plans, many and complete, for the comfort and happiness of their world-wide guests. Their generosity and enthusiasm is only exceeded by their glowing

hospitality. We in Canada know our "Cousins across the line," as we familiarly say, very well.

The "line" is significant, stretching 4000 miles between our two nations. Fifteen hundred miles of it consists of the world's greatest inland water-way. But no battleship has been anchored in those flowing rivers or great inland seas for over one hundred years.

Not a fortress stands sentinel along our border, nor has the sound of weapons of war been heard: nothing more formidable than Revenue officers of both countries on guard.

We wish you all a thousand welcomes! We hope many of you will assemble in the lovely Quaker city of William Penn. There will be glorious stories, radiant with victory, and golden-hued in hope and confidence, to hear Miss Gordon's fascinating travels in South America and other lands; Miss Slack's splendid achievements in the reorganisation of our work in war-stricken Europe; the records of triumph of the leaders in many countries; and the example of a great Republic living under a Prohibition Law is worth coming far to hear and see.

Many of you because of local, national or home duties cannot forgather, and I would like to suggest a way in which all our dear White Ribbon sisters—even in remotest parts of the world—may in heart and spirit meet there.

In the realm of prayer distance makes no difference. The petition may be like the radio broad-casted upon the prayer waves and reaching away to the heart of God, presenting to Him as incense (Rev. 8:3, 4) returning in abundant comfort and blessing to those who pray, and power, wisdom and illumination upon the convention.

May one suggest a few specific subjects:—

1. That in all deliberations Christ may be King and Lord and have pre-eminence, as His glory is the first consideration.
2. For our leaders, Miss Gordon and all leaders, that wisdom, tact and knowledge may be given for the solving of the tremendous problems.
3. That important questions to be debated and decided may have the illumination of the Holy Spirit shed upon their solution; that every decision may be made in the light of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

4. That journeying mercies be given all our delegates and visitors.
5. That those who "stay by the stuff" may be protected by our Heavenly Father in happiness and peace.

Begin now, dear friend, to create an atmosphere of prayer and attitude of expectancy.

With loving wishes,

Yours in His Name,

BLANCHE READ JOHNSTON,
Hon. Secretary.

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Canada.

OBITUARY.

MRS DAVIES

We have to record, with sorrow, the death of one of the charter members of the Auckland District Union, at the advanced age of 87. Mrs Davies joined the Union when it was organised by Mrs Leavett on her world's missionary tour.

She was a woman of deep piety, keen intellect, and wise judgment. Her counsel and advice were much valued by her fellow-members. She held the position of Treasurer for some years, and took a deep interest in all matters affecting women. She was associated with the late Mrs Daldy in the campaign to secure the Woman's Franchise, and was an officer in the Women's Political League for many years, having an intelligent grasp of all questions of the day. Mrs Davies was an earnest worker in the church and missionary work. Though unable to attend the Union of recent years, yet she sustained her interest in the work, and some of the members possess and value very much the beautiful knitted lace work which she made for any special effort for funds. She has been called Home to the Higher Service of the Lord.

We pay our loving tribute to the memory of such lives, and when the glorious day of victory for Prohibition comes we will remember that we are reaping the reward of their untiring zeal in the cause to which they devoted their lives.