

20. That, as many women are employed in the Public Service a woman should be appointed to the Public Service Commission.

21. That where possible Unions arrange with local Picture Proprietor for screening Temperance facts.

22. That the Government be urged to strictly enforce the Licensing Laws. That the Government be urged to establish an Institution, or Institutions, separate from Mental Hospitals, for the Reception of women who are temporarily deranged but who may respond to suitable treatment.

23. That this Convention is of the opinion that it is high time the Railway Department put a stop to the drinking of liquor on excursion trains.

24. That the Union continue to protest against the practice of running Sunday trains.

25. That Union members be urged to refuse to subscribe to magazines which support the liquor trade by their advertisements, articles, recipes.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of Motion:—Miss Henderson gave notice that she would, at next Convention, move that Article 6 of the Y.P.C.T.U. Constitution be amended by the addition after the words "District Executive Officer" of the words "in the event of no member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union being available an honorary member may be appointed, provided that he has been President of a 'Y' Union."

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Dear Fellow-members,—

Your aid in our work is urgently needed! Your prayers and practical help are essential for the educational work that must be carried on without ceasing.

Will you help by gifts of cash even if unable to help in other ways?

Our Headquarters Fund is overdrawn. Our General (N.Z.) Fund calls aloud for speedy relief!

Please send your gifts direct to me or hand them in to your own Union.

Yours hopefully,

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,

Treasurer.

8th April, 1938.

Would you like your practical aid in our work for God, Home and Humanity to continue after you have passed "within the veil"? Then make provision in your will.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give, devise and bequeath to the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union, Incorporated, the sum of _____ pounds to be paid out of my estate. The receipt of the Dominion Treasurer to be sufficient discharge for such payment.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF A FIRST TIME VISITOR TO CONVENTION.

The first gathering that I attended at Convention was the welcome to delegates on Wednesday evening. On entering the Foresters Hall, my first thought was "What a clatter of tongues! What eager talk of friend meeting friend! The W.C.T.U. is not moribund after all, when it can produce all these enthusiastic women!"

The various speeches of welcome were interesting, also the musical items and the action songs of the Maori girls. Next morning (Thursday) I went to Trinity Methodist school-room where the sessions were held, a fine big, well lit room, with a platform on which were a table and chair each for the Dominion Officers. In front of it four long tables with delegates (188 in number) seated each side, all looking very studious and having the appearance of "School's in."

Opening hymn, No. 60 in W.R. hymnall;

Give to the winds thy fears,

Hope and be undismayed.

He everywhere hath sway

And all things serve His might,

His every act pure blessing is

His path unsullied light.

When He makes bare His arm,

What shall His work withstand?

When He, His people's cause defends,

Who, who shall stay His hand?

Leave to His sovereign sway,

To choose and to command:

With wonder filled, then shall thou own,

How wise, how strong His hand.

The singing was strong and hearty, and I felt new courage coming to me. I thought "I won't let those big jobs frighten me, I will give to the winds my fears." Then followed Mrs. Hielt's address, the keynote of which was "Be joyful in the Lord. No one who has God for his helper need be dismayed," which bore out the thought of the hymn. I was interested and pleased to look into the faces of the Dominion Executive, some of whom were, before, mere names to me. They gave me confidence and I felt that I could rely on their judgment and that they were all tolerant, kindly, sympathetic and understanding, qualities which one expects from Christians (but doesn't always get it). The business sessions were all interesting and helpful, but the next vital impression was obtained from Rev. H. J. Odell's talk at the Communion service. Inter alia, he said, "We pledge our allegiance to Him who has overcome the world. We are to be conquerors, nay more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Victory, however, is not our concern. What is our concern, is to be faithful." Again that note of triumphant joy! Christians and W.C.T.U. comrades, what may not

we do! The "Y" speech competition, on Saturday evening, was exhilarating and one felt as though a rather stuffy room was being ventilated by a current of clean fresh air. How the enthusiasm of youth heartens. The slogan adopted by the "Y" branch for the election campaign is:

"Vote N.Z. Dry.

Protect N.Z. Youth."

In the discussion on the Maori work, Mrs. Whatu, of Hamilton, was an interesting personality. How could one have such a youthful appearance despite being the mother of twelve! What an example in Christian heroism she sets us pakehas! To take her ailing kinsfolk into her already well-filled home, until they were strong again! Then when typhoid patients came along they were housed in a tent on the lawn to prevent infection for her family! I was glad Convention sang, "She's an Excellent Lady."

Miss Andrew's address on the Pan-Pacific Conference to be held in Wellington, in 1940, was interesting and instructive. Who wouldn't like to be one of the fortunate one's to be present at it?

Mrs. Kasper who had been the N.Z. representative to the World's Convention in Washington last year, said that each state had adopted one of the countries represented and that N.Z. had been adopted by Michigan, who had sent presents to the N.Z. executive and flower seeds to the Unions. What a fine gesture of friendship! We hope the seeds will sprout well and that the flowers will show our love to our American sisters.

A chorus sung at the World's Convention had been:—

"What the world needs is Jesus,

Just a glimpse of Him,

He will bring joy and gladness,

Take away sin and sadness,

What the world needs is Jesus,

Just a glimpse of Him."

All W.C.T.U. sisters and Christians generally will say "Amen" and "Amen".

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I regret the word "secular." I think it is a form of thought which belongs to the 19th century, not to the 20th. It goes right to the root of religion, whether you teach children that goodness, truth and beauty are supreme values or whether you try to explain them away. My desire in education is that children should be taught that these values are supreme, and I call that a religious education. In England, there has been no religious conflict in the schools. There is a conscience clause, but children are never withdrawn under it.—Dr. Norwood.