

## FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,

Held in Invercargill, March 15-22, 1933.

A united Communion Service was held in First Church, the ministers in the district taking part.

Convention opened with reading Crusade Psalm and prayer, led by Mrs Hiatt, Vice-President.

Mrs Hiatt gave a greeting from our President.

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, March 16th, 1932, were read and confirmed.

Greetings were received from Mrs Evans, Mrs Cook, Mrs Field, Auckland, Wellington, Ashburton, Nelson, Oamaru, Wellington Central, Dunedin Y, Greytown, New Plymouth, Waiuku, Napier, Christchurch Y, and Spreydon Unions.

### Appointments:

Courtesies: Mrs Ott and Miss McCallum

Letter-Writer: Mrs Day.

Reporters—

Invercargill Dailies: Mrs Wood and Mrs Brown.

"Outlook": Miss Gray.

"Baptist": Mrs Keen.

"War Cry": Mrs Aitkenhead.

"Methodist Times": Mrs Gilmour.

"Rechabite": Mrs Pirrett.

"Southern Cross": Mrs Roy.

Correspondence was received from: Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss E. Gordon, Mrs Ella Boole, Bible-in-Schools League, British Commonwealth League, Six-Point League, Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee.

### Greetings out:

Decided that greetings be sent to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Don, Mrs Evans, Mrs Ben-deley, Mrs Ella Boole.

### Recommendations from the Executive:

That if not taken before, the Corresponding Secretary's Report shall be taken after the President's Address.

That Mrs Peryman open the discussion on Jubilee Plans of Work.

That Mrs Wilson take the chair on Friday evening.

That Mrs Lowery be timekeeper for the Speech Competitions.

That Impromptu Speeches be limited to three minutes.

That the Report of the Y Conference be taken after the "White Ribbon" Report, and that orders for Convention number be not taken until after the resolution dealing with the printing of minutes has been dealt with.

That the Y Conference be permitted to elect their own President, subject to the approval of the Dominion Executive, the term of office not to exceed two Conferences.

That Miss C. McLay's action in asking Miss Appleby to act for this Conference be endorsed.

That members of Convention and members of Unions meet at the Post Office for Church Parade at 6 p.m. on Sunday, and march to the Methodist Church, procession to be headed by the S.A. Band.

That the invitation of the Borstal Superintendent for this evening be accepted.

That Mrs McGregor take the chair for the President's Address.

Moved by Miss Kirk, seconded by Mrs Bennett.—Carried.

### Further Recommendation.

That the sum of £100 be transferred from the Maori Fund to the General Organising Fund.

Moved by Mrs Pasley, seconded by Mrs Lowery.—Carried.

### Treasurer's Report.

Miss Lovell-Smith presented her report and balance-sheet, and moved their adoption. Seconded by Mrs Walker.—Carried.

### New Zealand Fund.

The Treasurer then appealed for donations to the New Zealand Fund.

### Noontide.

Four verses of hymn 60 were sung and prayer offered.

### Notice of Motion.

Miss Henderson moved the notice of motion standing in her name: "That, seeing that the Y Unions now have an established Conference of their own, the Senior Convention revert to its former practice of permitting women delegates only." Seconded by Mrs Aitkenhead.—Carried.

Meeting closed with the Benediction.

### Thursday Afternoon, March 16th.

Devotions were led by Mrs Lowery.

### Thanks.

The President expressed the thanks of the officers for the beautiful bouquets presented to them at the Reception, and thanks also for the excellently arranged Reception.

Roll Call.

The President drew attention to the capital shop-window display arranged by the local Union.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

### Resolution.

Miss C. McLay moved: "That the resolution carried this morning, that the Dominion Convention revert to its former practice of admitting women delegates only should not come into force until after the Jubilee celebrations of our Union next year." Seconded by Mrs Wilson.—Carried.

Greetings were received from: Mrs Duxfield, Mrs Every, Wanganui E., Devonport, Invercargill, and Balfour Unions, and the South P.A.

Afternoon tea was served by the ladies of First Church. The President expressed the thanks of Convention for their hospitality.

### President's Address.

Before giving her own address, Mrs Hiatt read an address from our President, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Mrs Kasper.—Adopted.

### Votes of Thanks.

Mrs Peryman moved: "That a very hearty vote of thanks be sent to our Dominion President for the ringing note

of triumph running right through her address." Seconded by Mrs Kasper.—Carried.

Mrs Hiatt began her address with a note of praise, and stressed the call to service. She asked that Union members take for their slogan the words, "The line shall not break where I stand, for we keep the charge of the Lord our God."

Miss Henderson moved: "That Convention thanks Mrs Hiatt for her address, and that it be printed in the 'White Ribbon.'" She moved its adoption. Seconded by Mrs Keen.—Carried.

### Resolution.

"That we aim to increase our membership by 2000 before next Convention." Proposed by Mrs Lowery.—Carried.

"The line shall not break where I stand" was sung by Mrs Donald, Mrs Woodward playing her accompaniment.

### Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Miss Henderson read and moved the adoption of her report. Seconded by Mrs Pirrett.—Carried.

Convention expressed its thanks to Miss Henderson.

Mrs Lillico charmed Convention by singing "Give Me Youth and a Day," and "You've Got Your Mother's Eyes" as an encore.

Letters of greeting were sent to Miss Harband, Miss Powell, Miss Earnshaw, Mrs Evans, and Mrs Don; and letters of sympathy to Mrs Helyer and Mrs Edmond.

The President announced an Executive meeting for Friday morning at 8.45, and a meeting of the Resolutions Committee on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Meeting closed with the Benediction.

### Friday, March 17th, 1933.

Devotions led by the President, the keynote being Contentment through the indwelling of Christ.

Roll Call showed that 70 delegates were attending Convention 23 making their first attendance. This is exclusive of Y's.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Headquarters Report was presented by Miss Kirk, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Mrs Pirrett.

Financial Statement presented by Miss Lovell-Smith, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Mrs Walker.

Decided that both reports be discussed together.

Both reports carried.

### Votes of Thanks.

Mrs Lowery moved: "That a very hearty vote of thanks be passed to Headquarters Committee." Seconded by Mrs Alexander.—Carried.

Vote of thanks to Mrs Ross, caretaker, was passed with musical honours.

### Headquarters Committee.

"That the present Committee, consisting of Mesdames Peryman, Brewer, Porte, Priestley, Aldersley, Chisholm, Hull, Israel, and Misses A. and C. Kirk, be re-elected, with power to add to their number." Moved by Mrs Pirrett, seconded by Mrs Bambridge.—Carried.