

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1908.

The Conference reassembled at 10 a.m.

The Conference resolved to dispense with the reading of minutes.

Motion No. 8. Mr. J. G. Wilson (Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) proposed, and Mr. J. T. Quinn (Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That the present basis of apportionment of representation be adopted."—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 9. The Rev. Canon Jordan (Bay of Plenty Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) proposed, and Mr. Walter Rutherford (Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That no speaker in any one speech shall exceed the limit of five minutes."—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 10. Mr. J. Marx (Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) proposed, and Mr. J. G. Wilson (Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That continuity of office be secured by election of one-third of the members each year, those to retire to be decided by ballot, thus giving a three-years maximum of office."

Motion No. 11. Mr. Robert Logan (Maniototo Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved, and it was seconded, "That this resolution be altered to read simply, 'That continuity of office be secured for three years.'"—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 12. Mr. Thomas Webb (Northern Wairoa Hospital Trustees) proposed, and Mr. W. H. Cooper (Samaritan Home) seconded, "That the system of separate institutions, as at present in force, is approved by this Conference, and should be continued."

Motion No. 13. Mr. Robert Milligan (Waitaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) proposed, and Mr. Mainland (Oamaru Hospital Trustees) seconded, "That the following words be added to the previous resolution: 'in cases where the majority of the contributory local authorities desire it.'"—Agreed to by proposer and seconder of resolution No. 12.

Motion No. 14. Mr. Manhire (Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board) and Mr. Horrell (North Canterbury Hospital Board) moved as an amendment, "That this Conference affirms the principle that the Boards which find the money for charitable aid should have entire control of the expenditure."—Lost: 29 for; 43 against.

The voting was as follows:—

*Ayes.*—Separate institutions, hospitals: Napier, Naseby. Hospital Boards: Patea, Wanganui, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Ashburton, North Canterbury, Otago. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: Auckland, Cook, Waikato, Taranaki, Palmerston North, Picton, Wairau, Nelson, South Canterbury, Maniototo, Southland. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Hawke's Bay Children's Home; Wellington Benevolent Institution; St. Andrew's Orphanage, Nelson; Otago Benevolent Institution. Charitable Aid Boards: Patea and Wanganui, Wellington and Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay United, Ashburton and North Canterbury, Otago and Tuapeka.

*Noes.*—Separate institutions, hospitals: Northern Wairoa, Mercury Bay, Thames, Waihi, Coromandel, Wellington, South Wairarapa, Masterton, Dannevirke, Charleston, Grey River, Reefton, Kumara, Westland, Waimate, Oamaru, Dunedin, Cromwell, Arrow, Wakatipu, Southland, Wallace and Fiord. Hospital Boards: Thames, Coromandel, Wairarapa. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: North Auckland, Waihi, Bay of Plenty, Waipatu, Stratford, Hawera, Buller, Inangahua, Grey, Westland, Waitaki, Wallace and Fiord. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Reefton Ladies' Benevolent Society; Greymouth Benevolent Society; Hokitika Benevolent Society; Samaritan Home, Christchurch; North Otago Benevolent Society. Charitable Aid Boards: Thames and Coromandel.

Motion No. 12 was then put and carried.

Motion No. 15. Mr. Bellringer (Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved, and Mr. Quinn (Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That the subsidies from the Government continue as at present."

Motion No. 16. Mr. Tapper (Dunedin Hospital Trustees) moved, and Mr. J. H. Davison (Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board) seconded, as an amendment, "That the ordinary upkeep of hospitals and charitable institutions be paid out of the Consolidated Fund."

The Inspector-General asked the Conference to defer the question of reduction of subsidies in the meantime, as he would probably have an authoritative statement to make.

It was therefore resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Quinn, That the question of the reduction of subsidies be postponed.

Motion No. 17. Mr. Norris (Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board) proposed, and Mr. Chepmell (Waikato Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That the Board may appoint standing or select committees of its own members for the purpose of dealing with the several departmental matters in relation to the management of hospitals or institutions, or financial questions, or the distribution of outdoor relief; such committees to report to the Board."

Motion No. 18. Mr. Webb (Northern Wairoa Hospital Trustees) moved, and Mr. G. Macmahon (Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That the words 'of its own members' be left out."

Mr. Norris agreed to insert before the words "of its own members" the words "not necessarily."

Motion No. 19. Mr. Milligan (Waitaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved as an amendment, "That the principles contained in the Municipal Corporations Act in reference to the appointment of committees be approved."

Motion No. 20. Mr. Gallaway (Otago Benevolent Institution) suggested the following as a substitution for resolution No. 17: "That the Board may appoint committees, not necessarily from its own members, to carry out the functions of the Board, and may delegate to each com-