

lowing which Mrs A. R. Atkinson gave an address entitled "The Revenue and the Drink Traffic." After dealing in a comprehensive way with the subject, Mrs Atkinson stated that even were the bogey true, which it was not, that the people of New Zealand would in all probability be heavily taxed to make up the deficiency of revenue due to the abolition of the revenue derived from the drink traffic, was it not better so than to permit an evil that was so largely filling our industrial schools, hospitals, asylums, gaols, reformatories, and other institutions.

The Rev. K. Smith gave an inspiring address on "High Ideals," based on the "Preamble" on first page of our Constitution.

At the second day's session an invitation to hold the next Provincial Convention of 1916 in Woodville was received, and accepted with thanks.

The following resolutions were passed during Convention:—

"That this Convention earnestly requests the Minister of Defence, in view of the example of total abstinence for the duration of the war set up by His Majesty the King, to order that, should circumstances ever again occur inducing the medical military authorities to order a general alcoholic ration to the soldiers, a non-alcoholic stimulant, such as hot soup, coffee, or tea, should also be offered to every man."

"This Provincial Convention regrets that the members of Parliament had not enough loyalty and patriotism to follow His Majesty the King's example of total abstinence during the war, but decided by a secret vote to continue the sale of drink at Bellamy's."

"That this Convention requests the Minister of Public Health to take further steps to ensure the protection of food, especially meat and fish, from pollution by dust, flies, etc., while on sale."

"That this Convention desires to draw the attention of the Minister of Justice to the increasing frequency of criminal assaults upon little girls of tender years; also to the comparative mildness of sentences passed upon men guilty of these offences, even on offenders convicted for the second time, of outrages on little girls, and respectfully urges that for the protection of our baby girls such criminals should be confined for life in farm colonies or reformatories."

"That this Convention suggests to mothers throughout the Dominion that wherever a film to which objection may reasonably be taken is shown in their town, they without fail communicate with the manager."

It was further resolved to give hearty support to the demands of the Catholic Federation for the inclusion of larger numbers of educational, industrial, and travel subjects in moving picture entertainments intended for children.

Mrs Peryman reported that the petition for closing of bars at 6 o'clock during the war had been largely signed, the general public in a very heavy majority being in its favour.

The importance of scientific temperance teaching in our public schools was affirmed, and a deputation was appointed to interview the Minister of Education. This deputation was most favourably received, and the matter will receive attention.

The following officers were elected: Mrs Crabb of Palmerston North, President; Mrs Spearman, Secretary; Mrs Houlder, Treasurer.

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