

and asking if one of the members would give an address at the Strangers' Tea on Sunday afternoon. Mrs Evans agreed to do so.

Mrs Crabb moved the resolution standing in Mrs Scanlon's name (vide "White Ribbon" January number).

Mrs Peryman pointed out that the second half of motion, claiming for all delegates and representatives equal privileges, therefore including hospitality, might create an impossible position for the entertaining Union. Suggested that the motion should be divided, as several delegates said they were instructed to vote for first part, but not for second.

The President ruled that to divide motion was equivalent to amending it, and therefore could not be done.

Motion put and lost.

Proxies appointed for Winchmore and Tinwald.

The Organising Treasurer read report and balance-sheet, showing receipts £105 7s 1d, decrease of £37 19s 9d on previous year; expenditure, £138 11s 2d, marked increase on previous year; balance in hand, £99 3s 3d.—Adopted on motion of Mrs Taylor.

The President delivered her address, there being a large attendance of visitors and friends.—Adopted on motion of Mrs Lee-Cowie, who eulogised it as a splendid epitome of present position of Temperance cause throughout the world.

After afternoon tea, President welcomed to ranks of Union two young ladies, members of B.W.T.A. (British Women's Temperance Association); also Mrs Hewitt, an old member and firstworker among Maoris, who spoke a few words of encouragement; also Mrs Patterson, proxy for Winchmore, just recovered from serious illness.

Mrs Heatley appointed Mistress of Courtesies, and Miss Brechin to attend to postage and distribution of mails.

Miss Henderson read a number of Monthly Bulletin of National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, giving account of women's work during past year, the many opportunities offered her through the war, and splendid way in which she had responded to the nation's call.

"White Ribbon" Editor explained that to save expense, Superintendents' reports had been shortened; nothing had been omitted, but wherever possible facts had been tabulated.

Mrs Walker moved report and balance-sheet of Maori Department. Owing to illness of Maori Organiser, little work had been done. Balance of £47 14s 4d available. The importance of this work emphasised, but great difficulty found in getting a suitable Organiser, as good speaking knowledge of Maori an absolute necessity. Suggested that Unions might help by distribution of Maori leaflets, which Rev. F. W. Chatterton would gladly prepare.

Resolved that letter of sympathy should be sent to Miss Woodhead, late Maori Organiser.

Report adopted.

Evangelistic, Mothers' Meetings, and Home Meetings reports adopted. Suggestion made to combine L.T.L. work with Home Meetings by getting children to come after school.

The President urged delegates to impress on their Unions the necessity of sending in reports of work in good time, as it was impossible for Convention to receive verbal reports.

Session closed with Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Upton). Roll Call 78. Minutes.

Greetings from Unity Lodge, I.O.G.T., Wanganui, with invitation to attend meeting on Monday evening, and request for Mrs Don, or failing her, some other lady, to speak. Mrs Lee-Cowie agreed to do so.

Greetings from Pioneer Lodge, I.O.G.T., Dunedin, South Dunedin Union, Petone, and N.E. Valley Unions, Mrs V. Gain, and Miss Roberts.

Resolutions of sympathy with family of Mrs Mackay, drowned in the Lusitania, and with Dr. F. Keller.

Recommendation from Executive that, in accordance with letter from Mrs Lee-Cowie, a Dominion patriotic effort be made for helping the soldiers at the front, and that Mrs Lee-Cowie be appointed to organise the same.

Mrs Lee-Cowie briefly outlined the scheme, its purpose, suggestions as to its form, work already done by Invercargill Union and others, and dwelt on desirability of using the Y.M.C.A. as the channel. To make a beginning, she had placed on the market a house estimated to bring in at least £500. An animated discussion took place, showing the enthusiasm with which Unions and members of Convention were prepared to take up the scheme, some having already made a start. Finally, following resolutions passed:

(1) "That this Convention at once inaugurate a scheme for raising a patriotic fund, and recommends every Union to give its hearty co-operation."

(2) "That this patriotic effort be organised by the Dominion W.C.T.U.; that all Temperance organisations be invited to collect donations; and that these sums stand in the names of the societies contributing them."

(3) "That Mrs Lee-Cowie be appointed Organiser and Treasurer for this scheme."

(4) "That the money thus raised for the benefit of the soldiers be given to the Y.M.C.A., to be used as they think best."

(5) "That all the money collected be in the hands of the Organiser by the end of June."

(6) "That the printing of the cards required in connection with the effort be left in the hands of the Organiser and the 'White Ribbon' Editor."

A motion by Mrs Johnson Wright, that the words "20s," as on the specimen card, should be eliminated, was put to Convention and lost.

The Organiser emphasised the following points for the guidance of delegates:—

- (1) Collecting cards to be distributed by Treasurers of local Unions.
- (2) Each card to have Collector's name clearly written on it, and same to be entered also in Treasurer's book.
- (3) Each card issued to be returned by end of June, amount collected to be entered in Treasurer's book opposite to Collector's name, and card signed as receipt.
- (4) Each local Treasurer to send money to Organiser at frequent intervals, as may be convenient, and to receive from her a receipt for presenting to her Union.
- (5) Contributions to be acknowledged by the Organiser in the "White Ribbon" monthly, and if possible in the local papers by various local Treasurers.

Noontide devotions conducted by Mrs Johnson Wright.

Organiser stated she intended sending money to Y.M.C.A. as soon as possible, and at intervals as seemed worth while.

Several questions asked and answered as to details of scheme.

Session closed at 12.15 with Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Crabb. Roll call, 84. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greeting from Waihi Union.

The following resolution, from Resolutions Committee, passed unanimously:—"That this Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union heartily thanks the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence for the stand they have made against the establishment of wet canteens in military camps. It especially desires to recognise with gratitude the earnest efforts of the Minister of Defence to promote the welfare of the soldiers."

Reports of Unfermented Wine, Narcotics, and Home Science were discussed and adopted.

It was stated that, with a few exceptions, Anglican churches do not yet use unfermented wine.

Re sending tobacco to soldiers at the Front, some difference of opinion, but all agreed as to evils of cigarette smoking, and deplored increase of smoking among girls.

Suggestion to protest against sweets, pastry cooks' cakes, grocers' goods, etc., being left exposed to flies and dust was referred to Resolutions Committee, Mrs Spearman to draft resolution.

After afternoon tea, Rev. J. Dawson was welcomed by President, and invited to address Convention. He gave, in a brief summary of present position, both grounds for dissatisfaction and evidences of progress, claimed for anti-shouting and early closing campaigns best energies of women, and conveyed greetings of all men workers in Temperance cause. Answering questions, he said fresh legis-