

name of the Convention, Mrs Don heartily thanked the donor.

Session closed with the Benediction.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotions. Favourite hymns and quotations (Sister Moody-Bell and Miss Powell).

Roll call, 83. Minutes.

Greetings from Christchurch and from Winchmore-Greenstreet.

The President impressed on delegates that the Organiser was ready to visit any Union that felt she could help them at all.

Mrs Peryman asked Unions to give due notice when ceasing to subscribe for "World's Bulletin." Refund voted from N.Z. treasury to recoup loss of 37s incurred during past year.

Discussion continued on motion re Peace. Members feared it might be misunderstood by general public, and it seemed inadvisable to send out a resolution that did not commend itself to the great majority of delegates and White Ribboners. Eventually, at request of Convention, it was withdrawn, and the following passed unanimously:—"As so many of our members have boys at the Front, and we all share the common sorrow of bereaved mothers, wives, and friends in New Zealand and the world over, and recognise that the present terrible strife is due to the disregard of Christ's law of love, we urge our Unions and churches, by prayer, humility, and self-sacrifice, to prepare for a peace that shall be founded on righteousness, in the future."

Resolved unanimously: "That we White Ribboners of New Zealand desire to extend fraternal greetings to our sisters in all the belligerent countries, looking forward to an early and lasting peace, and to the time when we shall be able to resume our past happy relationships with our sisters in those countries, and openly extend to them the right hand of fellowship."

The following notices of motion were given:—

(1) By Mrs Crabb: "That any Union finding itself unable to send one of its own members as delegate to Convention, shall have the power to choose as its representative any member of the W.C.T.U. in its own district. Such representative shall be instructed by the aforesaid Union as to voting for Dominion officers and any amendment to the Constitution."

(2) By Miss Maunder: "That Article 4 of the Constitution be amended by the insertion after the words 'of the "White Ribbon"' of the words, 'and Superintendents of Departments shall have a seat in the Executive meetings held during the sitting of Convention.'"

Resolved unanimously: "That this Convention urge upon the Government the necessity of taking measures to prevent the practice of 'shouting.'"

Reports: Flower Mission and Relief Work, and Anti-Gambling and Legal and Parliamentary.—Discussed and adopted.

Greetings brought by Miss Powell from Miss Cole, and by Miss McCarthy from Miss Roberts, who also sent a message declining re-election to superintendency of above department. After many testimonies to the splendid work she had done, the following resolution was enthusiastically carried:—"This Convention desires to record its deep sense of regret at the necessity for Miss Roberts's retirement from the position of Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent, and to express its appreciation of her most devoted and capable services."

Noontide devotions conducted by Miss Austen, and the session closed.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Galloway.

Roll call, 82. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings received from Mrs Crump, of Nelson, Mrs A. R. Atkinson and Mrs Witten (delegate for Matakana), compelled to leave Convention through illness of a sister.

Letter received re dangers to soldiers in Cairo, but not giving further information than had already been received.

Resolved: "That Convention act on suggestions contained in letter."

Reports: Good Citizenship, and Purity and Moral Education.—Discussed and adopted.

Mrs Judson gave full information as to School Committee election, and explained that under the new Act a wider franchise could be adopted in the larger centres by forming urban areas if application were made to the Education Boards before January 31st, 1917. Full details will be given in the "White Ribbon" before action need be taken. Meanwhile, those should be elected on Committees who would favour the change, and electors should be prepared for exercising the wider powers they would then possess.

Before tea adjournment, an initiatory service was held, at which the President welcomed seven new members, two being old members of Mrs Duxfield's L.T.L.

On resuming, Miss Austen and Dr. Dunn spoke briefly on the importance of Purity being taught in the home by mothers and in schools by teachers appointed by Government.

The following resolutions were passed:—

(1) "That this Convention learns with alarm that certain confectioners in the Dominion have obtained wine licenses. In consequence of this, a grave demoralisation of our young people is threatened, many of them taking Australian wine, unaware that it is alcoholic. We earnestly urge our Unions to ascertain immediately whether any such licenses exist in their district, and to pledge their members, and as far as possible the general public, to refuse to patronise any tradesman holding a license to sell alcohol."

(2) "That this Convention again ask the Minister for Justice that women official visitors to gaols and other suitable women be given the powers of Justices of the Peace."

(3) "That the Minister for Justice be approached with regard to the appointment of women officials in cases of sexual offences; and that the present barbarous custom of having only men to take evidence from women and girls should no longer continue."

(4) "That this Convention would urge upon the Minister for Justice the necessity for amending the law so as to make women eligible as jurors."

(5) "This Convention notes with pleasure the decision of the Governor-General of Australia to abstain from attendance at race meetings during the war, and commends his example to those authorities of this Dominion who in this respect have up to the present failed to recognise the gravity of the struggle in which the Empire is engaged."

(6) "That this Convention, recognising the importance of guarding against the very beginnings of impurity in word or deed, even among young children, desires to urge the desirability of thoroughly efficient playground supervision, so that the play hour may be mainly occupied with organised recreation."

(7) "That this Convention urges the authorities to provide on trains separate lavatories for the use of women."

(8) "In the present world crisis, it has been clearly proved that the co-operation of women is absolutely necessary in solving the terrible problems of the time. This Convention therefore urges the Premier and Sir Joseph Ward, on their approaching visit to England, to express themselves in conference on the duty incumbent on Great Britain of enfranchising British women before the conclusion of the war. We are aware that under ordinary circumstances this request would be beyond our province; but the new conceptions of Imperial unity expressed on all sides justify the speedy securing of the only safe and equitable ideal of Imperial policy, which should include the whole voice and the whole effort of the Empire. We are also of opinion that, New Zealand having been the first State of the British Empire to enfranchise its women, it is peculiarly our duty and our privilege to be the first to affirm this Imperial necessity."

May we venture also to point out the fact that New Zealand women, when returning to the Home Land, are practically disfranchised, being thereby made to realise that they are citizens, not of the British Empire, but only of one small part of the Empire."

(9) "That in view of the resumption of the efforts to obtain woman suffrage in the Old Lands when the war is over, Convention appoint a deputation to wait upon the Ministers in Wellington and request that the legislative bodies pass a resolution testify-