

ing to the beneficial effects of woman suffrage."

(10) "That the New Zealand W.C.T.U. should affiliate with the British Dominions Overseas Woman Suffrage Union."

(11) "That this Convention suggests that 'The Guardianship of Children' and 'The Economic Position of Women in Marriage' should be added to the list of subjects on the Agenda for the Conference of the British Dominions Overseas Woman Suffrage Union."

(12) "That the time has arrived for revising the titles and scope of the various Departments of our Dominion W.C.T.U., and that a sub-committee be appointed to deal with the matter and report at next year's Convention."

The following were appointed: The President, Mrs Peryman, Miss Macarthy and Miss Henderson.

(13) "That another effort be made to register the National W.C.T.U."

The session was closed in the usual way.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Miss Austen). Roll call, 80.

Resolved: "That the Temperance chart, manual, and leaflets to be handed over to the Minister for Education should be paid for out of the National Treasury."

Minutes read and confirmed.

The President announced that Mrs Lee-Cowie had obtained £6 by sale of lace, and this she gave to Convention, £5 for the Organising Fund, £1 for Temperance chart, etc., for Miss Weymouth.

Mrs Lee-Cowie, as World's Missionary, expressed her pleasure that the members of Convention, whilst retaining their individual opinions, had shown, by working together in such harmony, that they had learnt how "to disagree most beautifully." She then displayed a simple contrivance that she had evolved, in answer to earnest prayer. It was to fix on a bedstead for providing protection from flies—cheap, easily sterilised, simple, cost 1s 6d. She presented it to the W.C.T.U., and Convention resolved that if possible it should be patented, Miss Macarthy being requested to obtain necessary information.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the result being that all were unanimously re-elected—a record in the history of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., and Mrs Lee-Cowie believed also in the World's W.C.T.U.

Resolved: "That the Organiser should be insured, Mrs Bendely to make the necessary arrangements."

The President advised the Nelson Union, who had engaged Miss Weymouth as Organiser for a time, to do the same.

Convention adjourned from 11 to 12, to enable members to visit the Wanganui Central Infants' School and see the Montessori system working.

On resuming, Mrs Duxfield conducted devotions.

Mrs Evans referred briefly to the delightful visit they had just paid and the charming little Temperance talk that Mrs Lee-Cowie had given to the infants. Resolved: "That a Temperance chart, manual, and set of leaflets, as on sale by Mrs Neal, should be presented to the school, and that to defray the expense a collection should be taken up from the delegates, any surplus to be handed over to Mrs Neal for making up part of the loss incurred on her literature during the present Convention." The sum of 11s was paid to her, in addition to the cost of the chart.

The following resolutions were unanimously reaffirmed:—

(1) "In view of the fact that so many persons of both sexes, who are beyond the age of reformatories, are convicted of moral offences, resolved: 'To co-operate with other organisations in asking legislation for the purpose of providing institutions of the nature of a farm colony, where such people can be detained for an indeterminate time. These institutions to be under the control of an Elective Board composed of equal numbers of men and women.'"

(2) "That the time has arrived when women electors of New Zealand should be granted full electoral privileges, and the stigma removed which prohibits the nomination of a woman as a Parliamentary candidate."

Unanimously resolved that Convention should meet in Auckland in 1917. Invercargill also invited, but it was felt that the Northern City, labouring under the heavy responsibility of a large number of auxiliary Unions, ought to receive all the help and inspiration that would be likely to come from the visit of the Dominion Convention.

The President nominated Miss Ruth Atkinson as Vice-President-at-Large.

Dominion Superintendents were appointed as follows:—Evangelistic, Mrs Johnson Wright (Wellington); Maori, Mrs Walker (Gisborne); Purity and Moral Education, Miss Macarthy (Waimate); Literature, Mrs Dearlove (Napier); Work Amongst Seamen, Mrs Hatchnell (Lyttelton); L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Band of Mercy, Mrs Neal (Pahiatua); Y's and Medal Centests, Mrs Evans (Wellington Central); Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Maunder (Hawera); Prison and Reformatory Work, Sister Moody-Bell (Invercargill); Good Citizenship, Mrs Judson (Nelson); Mothers' Meetings, Mrs X. Jones (Ngaere); Narcotics, Mrs F. S. Wright (N.E. Valley); Legal and Parliamentary, Anti-Gambling, Miss Henderson (Christchurch); Unfermented Wine, Mrs Gaslin (Greymouth); Home Science, Mrs Macdonald (Wellington Central); Bible-in-Schools, Mrs Houlder (Wellington); Press, Mrs Duxfield (Wanganui); Backblocks and Railway Camps, Mrs Israel; Medical Temperance, Mrs Neal (Pahiatua); Sabbath Observance, Mrs Boxall (Wellington); Flower Mission and Relief Work, Miss E. C. Cole (Christchurch); Rest and

Refreshment Booths, Mrs Upton (Wanganui); Home Meetings, Mrs Jones (Hamilton); Educational Bureau, Mrs Young (Palmerston North); Notable Days, Mrs Harrison (Tuatapere); Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Lee-Cowie (Invercargill); Military Camps, Miss Helyer (Wellington).

As Mrs A. C. Taylor declined re-election as Organising Treasurer, it was resolved to appoint Mrs Bendely, thus combining the office with that of Dominion Treasurer.

Mrs Walker, of Gisborne, was re-appointed Organising Treasurer for the Maori Fund.

The usual vote of 7s 6d was passed for the departmental expenses of each Dominion Superintendent.

Session closed with the Benediction.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by Mrs Phillips, of Ngaere.

Roll call, 79. Minutes read and confirmed; also minutes of Tuesday evening's session.

Miss Powell was reappointed Organiser. President explained that Miss Powell was the only Organiser authorised by the Dominion W.C.T.U. to represent the Union, the only one for whose salary the Union was responsible, and for whom hospitality was expected by the Union. But it was open to any branch Union to engage an organiser if desired, and Miss Weymouth had been engaged by the Nelson District Union, who alone was responsible for her salary and for obtaining hospitality for her.

Miss Macarthy spoke of the desirability of providing national headquarters for the Union, and thought that many friends of Temperance might be glad to leave money bequests for such a purpose if they knew it was wanted. Members should bring up this matter before their friends as opportunity offered.

Mrs A. R. Atkinson was re-appointed Custodian of Records, and Union representative to the N.Z. Alliance.

Notices of motion were given:

(1) By Mrs Evans: "That the Vice-President's travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

(2) By Mrs Evans: "That the whole or part of the Dominion Superintendents' travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

(3) By Mrs Houlder: "That Article VI. of the Constitution be amended by omitting the words 'the N.Z. Superintendents of Departments' after the words 'shall nominate,' and adding after the words 'officers of Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments'; and in Clause 2 by adding after the words 'officers of the Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments.'"

Question Box.—Many questions asked, and answered by the President or others. In connection with one question, the following resolution was carried:—"That provision be made in