

Mrs Evans moved notice of motion providing for Superintendents' travelling expenses to Convention being paid from N.Z. Treasury. Several delegates opposed. Treasurer stated approximate cost. Motion lost.

The four Maori members were invited on the platform, and Mrs Hamana spoke words of appreciation, greeting, and thanks, interpreted by Mrs Nathan. The whole Convention responded with the greeting "Kia Ora."

Hon. G. Fowlds gave a practical demonstration of the method of voting at elections, known as Proportional Representation. Ballot papers distributed, and filled in by delegates and visitors—159; only two informal. Two gentlemen friends of Mr Fowlds, who had previous experience, counted votes and made necessary calculations, showing these not so complicated as is usually thought. Mr Fowlds gave a short address, pointing out advantages of the system, and after the results had been declared, explaining method of distributing votes. Hearty vote of thanks passed to him for his address and demonstration.

Resolutions Re-affirmed.—(7) That men convicted of sexual offences against children of tender years be imprisoned for life.

(8) That men convicted of more than one offence against women or girls have more adequate punishment inflicted on them.

(9) In view of the fact that so many persons of both sexes, who are beyond the age of reformatories, are convicted of moral offences, this Convention 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.

Resolutions Carried.—(10) Recognising the evil influence which may be developed by pictures of a suggestive nature, the W.C.T.U. appeals to Government to appoint a member of the Union as a censor, to represent the mothers of New Zealand.

(11) That the time has arrived when local authorities should be asked to prohibit objectionable posters from being shown in the streets of their towns.

(12) That in view of the great interest aroused just now in the principle of a "clean life for two," the article and illustration accompanying this be printed and circulated if funds allow.

The article in question, a poem by E. W. Wilcox, "How He Paid the Price," read to Convention. Decided to obtain block for illustration at expense of N.Z. Treasury, and to print in "White Ribbon" and strike off copies.

(13) That the leaflet, "Hints on Organising," be reprinted and a copy posted to every District Union.

(14) That the Minister for Education be approached by a deputation as soon as possible, and urged to make Scientific Temperance a compulsory subject for examination in all primary and secondary schools.

(15) That in view of the unnecessary indignity inflicted on women when being tried in our public courts for sexual offences, this Convention urges the Minister of Justice to direct that in such cases all men shall be excluded from Courts, except those whose business makes it necessary for them to be present.

(16) That the name of the Purity and Moral Education Department be changed to "Moral and Social Hygiene."

Reports.—Back Blocks and Railways, Home Sciences, Press, Legal and Parliamentary. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Judson). Roll call, 96. Minutes.

Resolved to send letter of thanks and congratulation to Miss Melville for excellent speech at Tuesday evening public meeting.

Membership banners presented to President of Auckland Union and Secretary of Nelson Y's. Both made suitable replies.

Interesting discussion on Work for Y's, many delegates taking part. Chief suggestions made: Name be changed to Young People's Branch; Y. Unions be officered by girls themselves, and be given definite work, Cradle Roll and L.T.L. being specially suitable; Bible Classes, factories, etc., be visited for securing new members. Account given by Mrs Peryman and Miss Macarthy of work just begun by them in Port Chalmers and South Dunedin, organising young people and getting them together in bright social evenings, preparatory to forming Y.P. Branches.

Reports.—Y's and Medal Contests, Anti-Gambling. Adopted.

Reference made to raffling and other forms of gambling used in patriotic and church work, bag days, etc. Most regarded all such methods as not justifiable.

MARCH 29th.—THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs J. Wright and Mrs Don). Roll call, 94. Minutes.

Resolutions.—(17) That with a view to securing the co-operation of scattered members of the W.C.T.U., suitable plans of work be published monthly in the "White Ribbon."

In answer to question, President stated that any member can receive as a member any one in the back blocks unable to reach a Union, provided she gets the pledge signed and subscription paid, and then sends name and address to nearest Union.

(18) That Government be urged to take steps to protect parents, guardians, and doctors seeking or giving information re venereal diseases in

regard to a man or woman intending to marry.

(19) That it be a recommendation to delegates to endeavour to establish a Band of Mercy in their own districts in L.T.L.'s, day schools, or Sunday schools.

Miss Powell moved: (20) Seeing that the instructions given to proxies are not always in order, at every Convention a scrutineer or scrutineers be appointed to examine the instructions sent by Unions for their proxies. Motion lost.

Attention drawn to Mrs Lee-Cowie's patented invention, now ready for orders, 2s each. Highly approved by General Henderson and other military authorities.

Deputation (Mesdames Atkinson, Cooke and Peryman, and Miss Macarthy) to Minister for Education returned, and reported having received most sympathetic hearing, and satisfactory answers in reference to (1) Use of text book, "Alcohol and the Human Body," (2) Wall Sheets to be brought up-to-date, and their use made compulsory, (3) Examination on Temperance Instruction compulsory for inspectors.

Mrs Bendely, absent through indisposition, sent message of greeting and apology. Message of loving sympathy passed to her.

Votes passed: 7s 6d to each Dominion Superintendent, and £1 to International Temperance Bureau.

Votes of thanks passed to Mr G. Plummer, Auditor; and to Mr Fleming Macdonald for designing, and Mrs Driver, of Dunedin, for painting new membership banner.

Election of Officers.—Mrs Peryman and Miss Dewar tellers. Results:

President: Mrs Don.

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Henderson, B.A.

Recording Secretary: Mrs Evans, M.A.

Treasurer: Mrs Bendely.

All were re-elected practically unanimously, and responded suitably.

Mrs Don nominated Mrs Crabb as Vice-President-at-Large.

Mrs Atkinson was re-appointed Custodian of Records and representative of W.C.T.U. on N.Z. Alliance.

Mrs Peryman nominated Mrs Evans as Associate-Editor.

Hearty vote of thanks passed to the donor of the new membership banner, who wished her name to be withheld.

Owing to strong feeling of delegates against decreasing number of Superintendents of Departments, sub-committee for dealing with the matter asked and received permission to withdraw report.

Resolved that Departments of Home Meetings and Mothers' Meetings be combined; that Sabbath Observance and Bible-in-Schools be combined; and that Unfermented Wine be dropped.

Nominations had been received for Superintendents of Departments from delegates, and Executive had felt it desirable, for the purpose of prevent-