

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Report of "Strength of Nation" Movement (Mrs Lee-Cowie). Plans of Campaign for 1918.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment
8 p.m.—Public Meeting: "Social Hygiene."

Wednesday, March 20th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Favourite Hymns.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Reports: Legal and Parliamentary and Anti-Gambling (Miss Henderson). Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Question Box. Resolutions. Notices of Motion.

Thursday, March 21st.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of N.Z. Officers. Appointment of Superintendents. Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Unfinished Business.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Unfinished Business. Votes of Thanks. Conclusion.

Friday, March 22nd.

9.30 a.m.—Meeting of Executive to arrange business arising out of the decisions of Convention.

Questions for the Question Box must be sent to Recording Secretary on or before Tuesday, March 19th.

IMPORTANT.

Will all members of Convention who require hospitality send word as early as possible to Miss Avison, Victoria Street, Timaru?

AMERICAN PAPERS REFUSE LIQUOR ADS.

An investigation just concluded by the Methodist Episcopal Church reveals the fact that at least 840 American daily papers are now declining liquor advertisements, an increase of 320 papers in one year. In addition, there are 64 American magazines, including all the best, which are pursuing the same policy.

SHOWING THE WAY.

THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE MUNITION DEPARTMENT.

To make and keep the munition worker, as well as the soldier and sailor, interested in clean, helpful things, both mental and physical, is one of the great aims of the Y.M.C.A. Not by compulsion or argument are they attempting to do this, but by having the right inducement always at hand, doing its own propaganda work of healthy development. Responsible for 150 munition workers' canteens, serving approximately by this means some 200,000 workers daily, the Association has in addition ten hostels, accommodating 3000 men. The largest of these hostels is able to take in 700 men, and the service at the canteens never cease day and night, maintained largely by voluntary workers.

Regular weekly concerts are arranged for those centres in the London area, and educational lectures are given. Athletics in every branch are encouraged, not merely the gymnasium idea, but by employing that strongest of all stimulants, emulation. The recreative leagues formed for football and cricket are offered contests, when all the good old contentious spirit is let loose in tugs-of-war, races, and other feats of strength. League cricket during last summer included clubs from twenty-one different factories, represented by 700 players. These were enrolled, and amongst them were to be found several first-class county players. Where football is concerned, the club is formed of men from forty different factories, and those constitute a playing personnel of nearly 1500 men. These games and sports are never allowed to interfere with regular work, and works managers declare in favour of games as promoting a corporate spirit in the factories.

So valuable has the Y.M.C.A. work among munitioners become that they are opening new canteens at the rate of six each month, and they have been enabled to give valuable assistance to munition workers in France. At the invitation of the French Minister, the head of the Association's munitions department went over to help in forming a social and educational centre in Paris.

WOMAN POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Dr. Katherine Davis, Chief of the Parole Commission of New York, also for 16 years of the Bedford Reformatory for women and Prisoner Commissioner, said at National Suffrage Convention:—"You cannot legislate righteousness into the human heart, but you can reduce to a minimum the temptations that we offer to youth. To a large extent you can stop commercialized vice and the manufacture of criminals. Down all the ages women have paid the price of vice and crime. I do not believe that at bottom a man is any worse than a woman; but all through the centuries he has been taught that he may do some things which a woman may not. Public morals are corrupted because woman's point of view has no representation. The doctors say that there is no more need for a man to go wrong than a woman. The laws are not equally enforced. In the night courts you will see woman after woman convicted on the word of a policeman only, while in order to convict a man you have to pile evidence on evidence. She gave one particularly bad case where the details were too bad to be told in public. The persons involved were a grown woman, feeble-minded girl of 14, and a married man of 33. The woman was given a long term; the girl was turned over to the Reformatory, and the man was sent to prison. But great pressure was brought to bear upon the Parole Commission to have him paroled out immediately. Some entirely respectable men could see no reason why he should not at once be turned loose again upon society. Dr. Davis refused to parole him. She said in her opinion he ought to stay in prison as long as the woman. Another time the officers of the law found four young women and four young men in a room used for immoral purposes. The young women were sent to prison, but the four young men were only shooed into the street. It is against the law to carry on prostitution in a tenement house. The young men were breaking the law as well as the young women, but no attempt was made to punish them, although letters found in the rooms furnished ample proof.