

Re presentation to Miss Powell, circular letter to be sent to Unions not represented at Convention. Subscriptions to be in by end of July, and money received to be forwarded to Miss Powell, with a testimonial.

Re Organiser, Executive recommended bonus of £25 be paid to Miss Weymouth from the N.Z. Treasury for her splendid work during the past year. Recommendation endorsed.

Discussion on Plans of Work for 1919.

Mrs Cowie put forward two schemes for reconstruction:

(1) That Union support a scheme for production, on waste lands of North Auckland district, of grapes, grape syrup, unfermented wine, raisins, grape sugar, industrial alcohol, cream of tartar, etc.

(2) Scheme for opening "parlours" as centres of society and home life.

Discussion followed on provision of wholesome recreation in evening, on Soldiers' Clubs, and suggestions for present campaign.

Discussion adjourned till Tuesday.

Being Anzac Day, short memorial service for those who had fallen, whether in the war or the epidemic.

Session closed in the usual way.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Cowie and Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 85. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Invercargill S., N.E. Valley, Miss Powell, Bunnythorpe, Christchurch, Devonport, Papatoetoe, Mrs Moyes, Rev. R. S. Gray.

Correspondence.

(1) From Citizens' Educational Board of Saskatchewan. Brief statement of present position and activities.

(2) Mrs Barney, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Greetings, request for copy of "White Ribbon," and enclosing account of birthday party given to Mrs Barney on her 84th birthday. Resolved that a letter of congratulation and greetings be sent to Mrs Barney.

(3) Tenth Triennial Convention of Australasian W.C.T.U. Thanks for greeting, and reciprocating good wishes.

(4) Committee to deal with Social and Moral Conditions of Indian Women in Fiji. Forwarding report of last meeting, and stating suggestions made and action taken for reform.

(5) Department of Internal Affairs, re Town Planning. Conference to be held May 20th to 24th. Inviting Union to send delegates and appoint one to read a paper on one of the subjects on programme forwarded. Cor. Sec. stated that each District Union could send one delegate, besides three to represent National Union. Resolved Miss Henderson be one representative of National Union, and Mrs Field write a paper for the Conference.

(6) World's Treasurer, to Mrs Bendely, acknowledging letter and remittance, and stating N.Z. Union entitled

to nominate a life member of the World's W.C.T.U. Resolved that the Dominion President be nominated.

(7) Miss Agnes Slack, wishing New Zealand success in poll of April 10th, and hoping New Zealand will send large delegation to next World's Convention, to be held in 1920.

(8) Miss Anna Gordon, acknowledging cable of congratulation on Canada's Prohibition victory, and stating intention of planning to aid in World Prohibition. Also letter asking for W.C.T.U. exhibit for the Methodist Foreign Missionary Work Centenary. Decided only some copies of "White Ribbon" be forwarded, as lost exhibit sent to 'Frisco Exposition had disappeared, and nothing could be learned about it.

Notice of motion re Superintendents (Miss Macarthy's) further discussed, and lost.

Treasurer's Report and balance-sheet presented. Receipts, £1183 16s 6d, Expenditure £798 8s 8d, leaving credit balance of £609 14s 4d. Banner Contest won by Edendale (percentage membership, 140 per cent.), followed by Eden (117 per cent.). Absolute Membership Increase: Banner won by Dunedin, 61 increase, followed by Timaru 43. Report and balance-sheet adopted.

Appeal for donations to N.Z. Treasury resulted in promises to amount of £50 5s.

Maori Organising Treasurer's Report and Balance-Sheet, showing balance of nearly £100. Difficult to carry on work of this department, owing to want of organisers. Mrs Harris had undertaken to do some organising, but was prevented from doing so, and eventually succumbed to influenza, after helping to nurse others.

Some Unions had distributed literature, but more could be done.

Suggested that more Maori girls might be trained as nurses in the Hospitals, and that co-operation might be arranged with churches working among the Maoris.

Mrs Cowie reported on progress made by her ward, Pani Paku (Fanny), and asked for help and sympathy for her.

Resolved to send letter of congratulation to Mrs Harsent (nee Marie Woodhead) on her marriage. Also letter of encouragement to the 51 Maori members working, in spite of many difficulties, under leadership of Mrs Noda and Mrs Manakau.

Resolved to send letters of thanks to the Auditors, Mr Charles Garrett, of Auckland, and Mr D. Morice, of Gisborne.

Session closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Upton and Mrs Wright).

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Resolved to provide Pani Paku with certain books she required from Maori Organising Fund.

Greetings from Wellington District Union, Auckland Rechabites (Past Chief Ruler W. Pirrett), Australasian W.C.T.U.

Letter received from Secretary of Retail Shop Assistants' Federation asking permission to address Convention on certain proposed reforms. Resolved to hear him on Monday at 2.30.

Resolved to send special letter of sympathy to Miss Dewar.

Reports. — Scientific Temperance, Social and Moral Hygiene, adopted without discussion.

Work Among Seamen. — Balance-sheet presented, showing mine-sweepers' effort amounted to £1453 15s 6d, of which Y Branches contributed £63 10s 1d, and a further sum of over £130 sent too late to be recorded. Letters read from lighthouse-keepers and others expressing thanks and appreciation for kindness of those who had so generously sent clothing and money. Report adopted.

Prison and Reformatory Work. — Superintendent Sister Moody-Bell congratulated on her work, and authorised to prepare circular letter for the World's W.C.T.U., "Prison Sunday" (4th Sunday in October). Report adopted.

Medical Temperance. — Mrs Neal urged necessity of continuing work of this department, and referred to fine pamphlet dealing with Alcohol and Influenza. Report adopted.

Convention unanimously endorsed recommendation of Executive: That no business sales of any commercial goods, outside what may be the property of the Union, be carried on at Convention; and that all Organisers and others in the employ of the Union be absolutely forbidden to carry on such sales.

Session closed with noontide devotions.

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 28th.

Devotions (Mrs Hiett).

Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Ashburton.

Mrs Peryman presented report and balance-sheet of the "White Ribbon." Receipts £397 19s 4d, expenditure £414 0s 6d, leaving debit balance of £16 11s 2d. During 1918, 330 new subscribers obtained, Dunedin heading the list with 22. Number of subscribers, . . . Since Convention began increased to 3000. During last two years printing had cost £100 more than would have been the case at pre-war prices. Also Epidemic had interfered with collecting of subscriptions; therefore Union to be congratulated on the smallness of the deficit, especially seeing that price had not been increased nor quality lowered. Deficit more than covered by overdue subscriptions. Appeal to Unions to get 1000 new subscribers during coming year, and to secure more business advertisements. Report and balance-sheet adopted.

Recommendation from Executive that deficit of £16 11s 2d be paid from