

Mrs Parkes spoke on the political aspect of the question, of the way the women at Home had been fighting the same battle, and urged that education must be made the chief weapon. The many excellent headmasters in the Dominion could do much to influence the boys, and create a right atmosphere. The appointment of women police would also tend largely to prevent immorality, being admittedly a **preventive** rather than a **corrective** measure.

Nurse Chappell, speaking with 10 years' experience of rescue home near a military camp in England, and her further experience as a Plunket nurse, dealt chiefly with the necessity for education and training. She referred to Kitchener's effort to raise the soldier's ideals, and to the American camp, whose Commander would have neither drink nor women. In both cases the V.D. cases went down in number, or almost disappeared. Lack of right knowledge was the main cause of immorality. The Plunket system of training babies gave the foundation for a pure life, and from the very beginning the children ought to be taught purity, and should know the facts about life. The improper feeding and clothing of children predisposed to immorality.

A good many questions were asked and answered; and on the motion of Mrs Peryman, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

3. That we make a determined effort this year to get women police in New Zealand.

Conference closed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29th.

Devotions (Mrs Peryman).

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Waipawa, Kaiapoi, and Oxford Unions, and Mrs Blackwell (Kaiapoi).

Letter from Mrs Griffin, acknowledging letter of sympathy.

At 10.25 Convention adjourned till 2 p.m. for the purpose of accepting Mayor and Mayoress's invitation to morning tea, and then to visit the Acetone works.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Pasley).

Roll call, 88.

Greetings from Dunedin.

Report presented by Sub-Committee re Superannuation Scheme for Organisers and other employees of Union. Discussion postponed.

Plans of Work.—Mr Peters, President of Napier No-License League, attended Convention by appointment, and addressed delegates on the lessons to be learnt from the recent poll, and suggestions for the next. Analysing the answers given in the plebiscite taken by his request among the members of Convention, he discussed the weaknesses in organisation for the last campaign, the causes of

defeat, and the arguments that had been successful in winning votes. He then sketched the probable tactics of the enemy in the forthcoming campaign, and gave advice and hints as to how it should be conducted.

An animated discussion followed, in which many delegates took part.

A letter from Rev. R. S. Gray was read, thanking the W.C.T.U. for the valuable help given by its members in the last campaign, and outlining the plan of campaign for the next one.

Miss Weymouth was then presented with the bonus of £25 voted to her for her invaluable services during the past year. She responded feelingly, and acknowledged the help she had received from Mrs Don and Miss Henderson.

Report on Superannuation of Organisers was adopted, and the same sub-committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Mrs Crabb, to take further steps, with power to act as soon as it was found possible.

Convention closed in the usual way.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 30th.

Devotions (Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Reports.—L.T.L., and Cradle Roll and Band of Mercy.—Mrs Neal again urged that Medical Temperance leaflets should be distributed with Cradle Roll cards. She explained re giving brandy for heart failure, that it was the act of swallowing that stimulated heart action, irrespective of the liquid swallowed. She urged that the capitation of 3d per member of an L.T.L. asked for by the N.Z. Union, should be taken from the proceeds of an entertainment, and not collected from the children themselves. She brought before notice of delegates the varied literature she had suitable for L.T.L.'s or for Y. Branches.

Mrs Crabb asked for suggestions as to methods for preventing misbehaviour on part of boys and girls of L.T.L., especially when returning to their homes of an evening. Answers given included the following points: Afternoon meetings, held in rooms not used for day schools; alternate afternoon and evening meetings; placing responsibility on most troublesome members by putting them in office; careful arrangement of members in the meeting; system of marks and prizes, such as that used in Kaiapoi. Report adopted.

Welcome extended to Mrs Rankin, an Australian White Ribboner.

Reports.—Good Citizenship.—Mrs Judson gave a sketch of basic principles of this department and their practical application. (To be printed in full in later issue of "White Ribbon.") She also, by request, described the method of forming an urban district for election of School Committee. Report adopted.

Noontide devotions.

Mrs Peryman's notice of motion re proxies. Discussion showed delegates divided in opinion. President pointed out that every Union ought to keep in touch with N.Z. Union by sending a delegate to Annual Convention, and travelling expenses of such should be regarded as an obligation to be fulfilled before the Union votes money away to a kindred institution.

Session closed with Doxology and Benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by the Y's, under leadership of Miss Weymouth.

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Mrs Peryman's notice of motion re proxies was put and lost.

Mrs Peryman gave notice to move the same again at next Annual Convention, chiefly for educative purposes.

Reports—Legal and Parliamentary.—Miss Henderson pleaded for loyalty from Unions, so that when she sent out request for united action on some emergency all Unions would at once respond.

Discussion as to the Bill for allowing women to sit in Parliament. As it was possible this might pass during next session, Union should be prepared to nominate suitable women and draw up a platform. Report adopted.

Resolutions Passed.

4. That this Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. desires to place on record its appreciation of the generous treatment accorded to it by Messrs Wright and Carman in connection with the printing of the "White Ribbon." In spite of the unfavourable war conditions, they have raised the prices only as far as they were absolutely compelled to do, and have in every way placed the interests of the Union before their own personal gain.

5. That the resignation of Miss Powell be accepted with sincere regret, and that we place on record our deep appreciation of the splendid work which she accomplished for the Union during her fifteen years of strenuous service. Our Union has greatly benefited by the enthusiasm, energy, and wisdom displayed by her in all her work, and we wish for her many years of happy and useful service in her present position in Turakina College.

6. The New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention, now assembled in Napier, wishes to express its sympathy with and keen interest in the objects of the proposed programme of the New Zealand Town Planning Conference. The improvement of the conditions under which the people live has always been one of the planks of the platform of the W.C.T.U.; the Conference can thus be assured of its hearty co-operation.

7. That a remit be forwarded to the New Zealand Town Planning Conference urging that it use its influence with local bodies having the necessary