

The Conference adjourned, and reassembled at 2 p.m.

Mr. Gallaway announced that the committee had arranged the following procedure:—

1. That the delegates agree among themselves who shall record the vote of his Board or institution.
2. That the voting be recorded on a voting-paper.
3. That the following questions be considered seriatim:—
 - (a.) Whether hospital and charitable matters be administered in each district by one Board.
 - (b.) Election of Boards—who is to vote.
 - (c.) Election of Boards—basis of representation.
 - (d.) Election of Boards—continuity of office.
 - (e.) Abolition of separate institutions.
 - (f.) Reduction of subsidies.
 - (g.) Government control.
 - (h.) Discussion of Bill clause by clause.

Motion No. 3, proposed by Mr. Luke and seconded by Mr. Bellringer, was then again put to the Conference—viz., “That in the opinion of this Conference the functions of hospitals and charitable aid should be administered by one Board.”—Carried: For, 63; against, 4.

The voting was as follows:—

Ayes.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Northern Wairoa, Mercury Bay, Thames, Waihi, Coromandel, Wellington, South Wairarapa, Masterton, Dannevirke, Charleston, Grey River, Reefton, Kumara, Westland, Waimate, Dunedin, Dunstan, Cromwell, Naseby, Arrow, Wakatipu, Southland. Hospital Boards: Thames, Coromandel, Patea, Wanganui, Wellington, Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay, Ashburton, North Canterbury, Otago. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: North Auckland, Auckland, Waihi, Bay of Plenty, Waipapu, Waikato, Taranaki, Stratford, Hawera, Palmerston North, Picton, Nelson, Buller, Inangahua, Grey, Westland, South Canterbury, Maniototo, Southland, Waitaki. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Hawke's Bay Children's Home, Wellington Society for Relief of Aged Needy, Reefton Ladies' Benevolent Society, Greymouth Benevolent Society, Hokitika Benevolent Society, North Otago Benevolent Society, Otago Benevolent Institution. Charitable Aid Boards: Thames and Coromandel, Patea and Wanganui, Wellington and Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay United, Ashburton and North Canterbury.

Noes.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Oamaru, Wallace and Fiord. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: Wallace and Fiord. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Samaritan Home (Christchurch).

Motion No. 4, proposed by Mr. J. P. Luke (Wellington District Hospital Board), seconded by Mr. F. F. Moore (Wellington District Hospital Board): “That the Board consists of members elected as follows: One or more members to be elected by each parliamentary electorate. That as long as the Government contribute the same amount of subsidy as at present they be represented by one or more members on each Board.”

Motion No. 5, amendment proposed by Mr. F. Bellringer (Taranaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board), seconded by Mr. H. L. Tapley (Otago Charitable Aid Board): “That this Conference is of opinion that the present mode of representation is the most equitable to all contributory authorities, and recommends that clause 6 of the amending Act of 1886 be a clause in the amending Bill.”—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 6, moved as a further amendment by Mr. J. McRae Gallaway (Otago Benevolent Institution), seconded by Mr. J. Loudon (Dunedin Hospital Trustees): “That the members of the Board shall be elected by those persons for the time being entitled to elect members to a local authority.”—Lost: For, 15; against, 52.

The voting was as follows:—

Ayes.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Mercury Bay, Dunedin, Naseby, Southland. Hospital Boards: Wellington. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: Auckland, Waitaki, Maniototo. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Samaritan Home (Christchurch), North Otago Benevolent Society, Otago Benevolent Institution. Charitable Aid Boards: Thames and Coromandel, Patea and Wanganui, Hawke's Bay United, Ashburton and North Canterbury.

Noes.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Northern Wairoa, Thames, Waihi, Coromandel, Wellington, South Wairarapa, Masterton, Dannevirke, Napier, Charleston, Grey River, Reefton, Kumara, Westland, Waimate, Oamaru, Cromwell, Arrow, Wakatipu, Wallace and Fiord. Hospital Boards: Thames, Patea, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay, Ashburton, North Canterbury, Otago. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: North Auckland, Waihi, Bay of Plenty, Waipapu, Waikato, Taranaki, Stratford, Hawera, Palmerston North, Picton, Nelson, Buller, Inangahua, Grey, Westland, South Canterbury, Southland, Wallace and Fiord. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Hawke's Bay Children's Home, Reefton Ladies' Benevolent Society, Greymouth Benevolent Society, Hokitika Benevolent Society. Charitable Aid Boards: Wellington and Wairarapa, Otago and Tuapeka.

Motion No. 7, moved by Mr. T. W. Rhodes (Coromandel Hospital Trustees), seconded by Mr. T. O'Brien (Mercury Bay Hospital Trustees): “That the contributing local authorities and subscribers elect the representatives to the Board in proportion to the amount contributed, representatives to be elected under similar conditions to those which govern the election of members of the Board of Education.”—Lost on the voices.

Mr. Bellringer's motion (No. 5) was then finally put and carried on the voices.

The Chairman put it to the meeting whether the Conference should sit from 7 till 10 that evening.—Lost on the voices.

The Conference then adjourned till 10 a.m. the next morning.