

MANY MEETINGS AND ALL ARE UNANIMOUS

If the women's organizations of the city, which held meetings this morning, were given entire charge of the situation, it is safe to say that Hawaii would be clean of whiskey, and the festive jag would depart hence forever. The reporter, scurrying from one meeting place to the other, was impressed by two things: First, the extreme earnestness of the ladies in attendance at the various conferences, and second, the businesslike and intelligent manner of handling the matters up for discussion.

As a rule, the business of the morning was thoroughly understood, the ladies having, apparently, threshed out the subject before. At each meeting the program was much the same. The purpose of the gathering was explained by the presiding officer, and some one made a motion varying, very little from the following words: "That this society (or club, as the case might be) petition the Congress of the United States that the women of Hawaii be permitted to vote, in the purposed special election, on the question of prohibition in the Hawaiian Islands." There was a motion to pass this motion, a prompt second and a vote on show of hands. Except in a single instance, the vote was unanimous—the lady in the one

case stating that she was a prohibitionist, but believed in leaving politics to the men.

The first meeting held was that of the W. C. T. U., in the parlor of Cent-Union church, about 50 ladies being present. Mrs. Doremus Scudder presided. As above indicated, the business was stated and the motion passed unanimously.

This meeting was followed by one of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Sunday School room of the church, at which Mrs. Scudder also presided. Mrs. Gulick moved the adoption of the standard motion, and, as in the other meeting, it passed unanimously. About fifty ladies were also present at this meeting.

The Woman's Board retiring, the Woman's Society opened up for business in the same place, Mrs. W. C. Hobby presided. She made an extended explanation of the situation and urged the adoption of the general motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting was on the lanai of the Hawaiian hotel. It was of the Free Kindergarten & Children's Aid Association, and was attended by about twenty officers and members. Mrs. L. L. McCandless presided, and