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STATE CONVENTION.

Report of Tenth Annual Convention of North Dakota W. C. T. U.

The tenth annual convention of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. has passed into history as a most successful one.

We were favored with most delightful weather, and the hospitality of the people of Grand Forks has never been surpassed by any previous convention. The decorations of the church showed most excellent taste and an immense amount of work. A very beautiful floral piece of natural flowers was furnished by one of the ladies; it consisted of a green background with a wine cup in the center; the serpent was coiled therein and above were the words "Touch Not," below the words "Taste Not."

R. B. Griffith, proprietor of the Ontario Store and president of the Enforcement League, presented the ladies with dainty note books with pencil attached.

T. Porte & Co., jewelers, presented the delegates with the badges, the most beautiful we have ever had.

Surely Grand Forks is a royal hostess and we shall ever remember her with the pleasantest of thoughts.

There were in attendance 143 delegates, besides a large number of visitors.

The convention was opened by a consecration service, led by Mrs. Smith, president of Grand Forks Scandinavian union.

The roll call of officers and superintendents was responded to by quotations from Miss Willard. Mrs. Bessie L. Scoville, president of Minnesota W. C. T. U., was then presented to the convention, and said she loved the women of North Dakota next to her own, and very much loved and admired our state president.

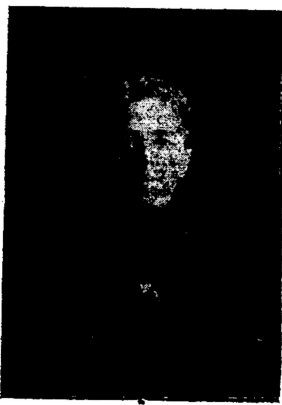
Our beloved Miss Preston presided with queenly grace and self possession.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of over \$165. Mrs. Carr has done excellent work as treasurer, and

unions were formed by her and one county organized.

The report of field workers was next given by Mrs. Calderwood, of Crary, and Miss Mary Carey, of Bottineau.

Mrs. Smith, of Grand Forks, organizer among Scandinavians, reported a new Scandinavian union at Grafton and one



MISS ELIZABETH PRESTON, PRES.

medal contest held by that union in the Scandinavian language, the first ever held in the United States.

Miss Cora Larimore reported for Y Department. Extracts from corresponding secretary's report will be given in another column.

A most instructive bible reading was held at 11:30 by Mrs. Stanton, of Grand Forks. Subject, "The Brevity of Life." When our zeal is lagging we need to meditate on the brevity of life. Passages of scripture were read from: Psalms, 78-39; Job, 7:6; Job, 9:26; Job, 16:32; Psalms, 102-11; Psalms, 116; Psalms, 385; Isaiah, 51:6; Heb., 13:40.

Report of L. T. L. was given by the secretary, Mrs. G. W. Ryan. There has been a marked progress along this line of work. Bowesmont has eleven graduates and leads all other legions in this respect; greatest hindrance is lack of leaders. The normal course of study was recommended to obviate this difficulty. The best thing in the counties and districts was given by their respective presidents and all looked at the bright side and found many good things for encouragement.

Excellent music was furnished through the entire session by Mrs. J. O. Smith, as musical director, and Mrs. Wright, of Grand Forks, as local committee. Some of the best talent of the state favored us with fine selections and Mrs. J. S. Kemp, of Galesburg, delighted the audience with beautiful harp solos.

The superintendents' reports showed active work and plans for future and better work.

The first evening's program was furnished by the Y's and L. T. L.'s, and a masterly address by Mrs. Bessie Scoville, presenting the work of the Y department very clearly.

It was decided to retain the Florence Crittenton Home until the unions had had time to thoroughly investigate the matter and thus render a more intelligent decision, but to grant Mr. Crittenton's request and change the name. It will hereafter be known as the North Dakota W. C. T. U. Home.

An address on household economics was given by Miss Senn of the Agricul-

tural college. Many good thoughts were presented.

The election of officers resulted in a unanimous re-election of all the old officers, showing the esteem in which they are held.

Mrs. Susan Fessenden preached the annual sermon Sunday p. m., showing the progress of the work since crusade days and the beauty of our work very clearly. In the evening an address was given by her on The Responsibility of Our Government For the Liquor Traffic. The large church was crowded to its utmost, there not being standing room for all. Forty-five members were added to the union at Grand Forks as a result of her work.

The gold medal contest was very interesting, the contestants doing themselves credit. The medal was awarded to Bruce Jackson, of Langdon. The prize for the drill on the state minutes was awarded to Miss Mary Carey, president of the Third district. The prize banner for largest increase in membership was awarded to Crary union. The prize banner for largest increase in honoraries to Larimore Y. The picture of Miss Willard was won by Wahpeton union for securing the largest list of subscribers to The Bulletin. Through the efforts of Mrs. Woodhull they have added 100 names to the list, Park River, Hamilton and Page being next on the list.

The last evening was a demonstration of all the departments of work, showing the different lines of work taken up by the W. C. T. U. of North Dakota.

The citizens of Grand Forks gave the delegates a drive over the city on the last afternoon of the convention.

Grand Forks is a beautiful town and improvements are constantly being made, showing conclusively that none of that revenue is needed to beautify, such as they have in East Grand Forks—an object lesson worthy of note, when we compare the two places while one is progressing the other retrograding.



MRS. CARRIE M. ALLEN, REC. SEC.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Ten years ago the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota entered into a separate existence from her sister, South Dakota.

For eight years previous the Territorial Union, under the leadership of Mrs. Helen

M. Barker, had been well prepared for a new career, but the most sanguine expectations could not have predicted the progress made in this single decade—not only in the steady increase of numbers, but in the general broadening of views and the carrying of enlarged purposes. At Yankton, S. D., Sept. 12, '89, North Dakota union was formed, with Miss Addie Kinnear as president.

At the first state convention, held at Jamestown Sept. 26, 1890, the cor. sec. reports 669 members, and the total receipts of the treasury were \$656.03.

Reports of the second annual convention, held at Grand Forks Sept. 16, 1891, give the number of members 744. Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, our first round-the-world missionary, was present at this convention. Mrs. Caswell, Mrs. Benedict and Miss Preston were appointed a committee to formulate a plan for securing a home for unfortunate women. That was the beginning of what has resulted in our Florence Crittenton Home.

Sept. 23, '92, we assembled at Lisbon, counting our increase to 1,123. Mary Lathrop was present at this convention.

The convention of '93 met at Larimore and here Miss Kinnear declined re-election on account of ill health. Elizabeth Preston became our standard bearer and right nobly has she led us on and on. At this convention Miss Kinnear presented Mr. Crittenton's gift of \$1,000. Our beloved Mrs. Knox first spoke here and was elected vice president at large.

We numbered 1,214 at the Wahpeton convention, Sept. 21, 1894.

At Hillsboro, Sept., 1895, we had 1,337.

At Jamestown, Sept., 1896, our number was 1,540.

How jubilant we were at Fargo in 1897 when it was announced we had 2,000 members.

At Park River, Sept., 1898, we had reached the acme of hopes in recording a membership of 2,500. That is an epoch to be fixed in memory, for we heard John G. Wooley and our beloved Helen M. Barker.

Now, in 1899, we are at Grand Forks the second time.

The moral victories are as much in evidence as the figures. It was under the happy auspices of a prohibition state that we entered into life—a condition that had never existed had not the W. C. T. U. been a standing factor. The past year has been one of beautiful service. Perhaps never before have county conventions been more full of interest and with more excellent papers. The unions are realizing that the broadening of their own lives is commensurate with the studying of our work.

Mrs. Harford and Mrs. Rice lectured acceptably the beginning of the year. Mrs. Palmer has been a great help during July and August and Miss Preston's influence is felt the year round. The counties have all done good work in the different departments.

Park River has gained the most members and is the largest union in the state. Larimore has the largest Y, with Hope closely following. Minot has an L. T. L. of 118 members.

The School of Methods was a great success in matter of attendance and interest in the work and benefits accruing. Plans are being formulated for permanent headquarters for the W. C. T. U. at next year's Chautauqua and the holding of another School of Methods. All unions express a desire to do more another year and we have great cause for encouragement.

EMMA F. VAIL.



MRS. ADDIE L. CARR, TREASURER

our president expressed her opinion that she was one of the best she ever knew, always managing to pay all bills.

Our president's report showed an immense amount of work done—spending the months of the winter at the legislature, after this taking a trip through the N. E. part of the state, then through the southern, still later attending county conventions and in July the School of methods at Devils Lake. Ten new

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OCTOBER, 1899.

Special Needs of the W. C. T. U. Home.

In order that our "Home" may be more comfortable, and the water pipes kept from freezing, it is quite necessary that a heating plant, if placed in it, and quite as necessary that a nursery (or room over the laundry) be plastered and finished. We believe our sisters—and brothers too—will be interested to know this fact, and will make their interest known by sending in free will offerings for this work at once. Please take this up and push the work so this may be done. Be sure to send all money to our state treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood, as all money must pass through her hands; and never send anything but a draft, as that can be endorsed and made payable to others, thus saving the extra expense of other money orders.

Notice.

Mrs. Anna Simmons, vice president of the W. C. T. U. and president of the E. S. A. of South Dakota, has been engaged to speak in this state the latter part of October and early in November.

She will speak at least two evenings at each place. The state W. C. T. U. pay her salary and expenses. The only requirement made of the union is to furnish a place of meeting, entertainment, and to see that the meetings are well advertised. She is authorized by the state W. C. T. U. to take collections and pledges for the state work. Mrs. Simmons comes to us highly recommended by the president of the W. C. T. U. of S. D. and the state press.

There will probably not be another opportunity to secure so good a speaker at such terms.

Unions desiring her services will write Miss Maud Mathews, Larimore, N. D., at once.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Rates for sleepers to Seattle on White Ribbon Special will be as follows: Pullman sleeper, double berth, from Fargo, \$12; tourist sleeper, double berth, from Fargo, \$5. The delegates and visitors who expect to attend should write Miss Preston at once and send money for sleeper. You will then be sure of your sleeper.

A new and beautiful temperance song, "The Broken Pane," published by D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Missouri, is one that should be owned and sung by all our White Ribboners. Price, only 30 cents. Send in large orders.

Cass County Officers.

General officers and superintendents of Cass County W. C. T. U. for 1899-1900: President, Mrs. Mattie Meacham, Absaroka; Vice Pres., Mrs. L. L. Muir, Hunter; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Staples, Absaroka; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Helen Porter, Gardner; Treas., Mrs. E. Hawk, Buffalo; Supt. Press, Miss Jessie L. Farland, Grandin; Supt. Franchise, Mrs. L. L. Muir, Hunter; Supt. Purity, Mrs. H. F. Chaffee, Amentia; Supt. Med. Contest, Mrs. M. E. Watts, Leonard; Supt. Sunday School, Mrs. Susie Fosburg, Hunter; Sunday Observ-

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Extracts From President's Annual Address.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Dear Comrades:—We are met to-day in one of North Dakota's earliest and most historic cities. With unwavering faith the sturdy pioneers laid the foundations of this city by the Red River of the North, when the boundless prairies beyond were pronounced a desert. They have lived to see this desert blossom as the rose. They have lived to see this city the pride of a great commonwealth.

Grand Forks is not noted alone for the business enterprise of its citizens, its stately business blocks, its fine churches, its beautiful avenues, but it is also noted as a city in which strong drink is neither manufactured nor sold, a city which has achieved its great prosperity without a cent of revenue from the liquor traffic.

Grand Forks is the home of our State University, of which all North Dakotans are justly proud, and which is fast taking rank with the great educational institutions of the country. Grand Forks is the home of the president of an organization which has become a terror to evil doers—a man who is recognized as one of the most successful business men of the state, and who is not afraid of being boycotted for espousing the cause of prohibition. All honor to Mr. R. B. Griffith, president of the State Enforcement League! This is also the home of the indefatigable secretary of the League, Mr. A. Lindell. We are pleased to remember that this is the home of the Grand Forks Herald, one of the first papers of the state, and one which stands on the questions of temperance and morality, four squares to every wind that blows. Its editor, Hon. Geo. B. Winship, who may not be approved by political manipulators and bosses, is nevertheless honored by the people, who expect yet to see him governor of North Dakota.

In this city was organized the first Scandinavian union of the state which we believe is the beginning of a great work among these daughters of the Vikings. This is the home of a number of our tried and true state workers—our efficient secretary, Mrs. C. M. Allen, who takes precedence of all the general officers in the length of her service; Mrs. Laura B. DeWeese, superintendent of the important department of state and county fairs, and Mrs. C. H. Smith, who has recently been appointed organizer among the Scandinavians.

We stand to-day at the cross roads of the centuries. The nineteenth century, which is the grandest, most magnificent in all the cycles of time, is passing, the dawn of the twentieth century with its larger hope and promise, is breaking upon us. I believe it is a great privilege to be allowed to live in these, the best days since the creation of the world. With all there is still of evil in the world, christian civilization has made greater progress in this century than in all the others put together. The kingdom of Christ was never recognized upon his footstool as it is to-day. Notwithstanding all that may look dark and discouraging, yet the coming of His kingdom, which is righteousness, peace and truth, was never so near as it is to-day.

As the conjunction of the planets are marked by great electrical storms, so the passing of the centuries seem marked by great events in the world's history. In the closing days of this century one event has taken place which the historian of the future, I believe, will designate as the greatest since the birth of Christ. Within the last few months, upon invitation of the youngest and most autocratic of the nations of the world have been considering "how to put an end to incessant armament and to seek the means of righting the difficulties which are threatening the whole world."

Another event of this year which has in it great promise for the future, is the National, Social, and Political Conference held at Buffalo, which resulted in the organization of the Social Reform Union. It means much for progress when reformers in different lines are

willings to come together, and in a spirit of toleration, exchange ideas. The most important immediate result of the conference, is the organization of a collection for economic research and instruction. It is impossible to forecast the good which may result from the establishment of such an institution as this.

The most instructive campaign of the year is the anti-canteen fight. The petitions poured in from all parts of the country, have revealed the overwhelming sentiment against the disgraceful army saloon. The successful championing of the anti-canteen amendment by Congressman Johnson and Senator Hansbrough, has shown the nation how much one prohibition state is worth, has shown the value of men in our legislative halls who are untrammelled by the liquor state, and who are not elected by saloon votes. The action of Congressman Johnson and Senator Hansbrough, not only reflected great credit upon themselves, but also upon the state. They have the grateful thanks and appreciation of all good citizens of North Dakota.

Another lesson taught by the anti-canteen fight is the tremendous power of the liquor traffic in this government, even to the setting aside of the acts of congress, the highest law-making body of the land.

We have been indulging in a great deal of criticism against France because the events in connection with the Dreyfus martyrdom have made it evident that France is under the power of the military. We are hardly in a position to criticize when it is so palpably evident that our government from the highest official down bows in abject fear to the liquor power. It is a hopeful indication that now and then we find a public man moderns Baal. All honor to Secretary Long, who met February without any act of congress in the order, abolished the sale of beer in the navy. There are many Colonels who have not allowed them our own Col. Trueman whom all North Dakota people delight to honor.

North Dakota has this year wiped out the black stain upon her fair name and the ninety days divorce law is relegated to the shades. For years our organization has been fighting in season and out of season against this iniquitous law. It was slow work, but we "kept pegging away," as the immortal Lincoln was wont to say, until the people were awakened and an overwhelming public sentiment demanded that the law be changed. The LaMoure bill changing the term of residence to one year, passed almost without opposition.

For a number of years we have in every legislature endeavored to secure the passage of a bill increasing the one dollar penalty for Sabbath breaking. This year we were able to report progress. Mr. Tufts' bill making the penalty five dollars to twenty-five dollars, was defeated, and Mr. Tousey's bill making the penalty one dollar up to ten dollars at the discretion of the court, was passed after a good deal of opposition in the senate.

Another victory was the passing of a law providing for physical education in the public schools.

The anti-cigarette bill passed the senate, and its prospects for passing the house were most encouraging, when on the last day it was found that there was no record of its having had its first and second reading in that body, although a number of members and one state official told me that they very distinctly remembered hearing it read.

The temperance commissioner bill from which we hoped much in the way of the better enforcement of the prohibitory law, and the financial provision for the same, failed to carry, chiefly, I believe, on account of the division of opinion among temperance people in regard to it. On account of this failure, the burden of the work of enforcement still rests upon the State Enforcement League, and the League in order to do this work, must have the financial and moral support of the temperance people of the state.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times, is the fact that in the last legislature for the first time since we have had a prohibitory law, there was no fight made for re-submission. A re-submission resolution was introduced, but was never heard from afterward. This growth of sentiment reflects some of the work of our organization, and also attests to the fact that nothing wins friends for prohibition so rapidly as does the enforcement of the law. The Enforcement League have been instant in

season and out of season. The Judges of the state, almost without exception, have been true to their trust.

In his farewell message to the legislature Governor Devine gave the following testimonial to the prohibitory law: "The law may not have accomplished all that its friends have hoped, but that it has been a powerful instrument for the prevention of intemperance but few will deny."

It is inspiring to remember that we have twenty thousand boys in North Dakota who have never seen a saloon. Another result of our prohibitory law is the fact that we have the smallest percentage of criminals of any state in the union.

Although we believe that public sentiment is stronger to-day than ever before, it would be the greatest folly to delude ourselves with the idea that our prohibitory law is therefore safe.

Enforcement, although gaining ground, can not be considered entirely satisfactory so long as the law is openly violated in the Capital City. The conditions existing in that city, beside being a constant menace to law and order in the state, causes us to be misrepresented abroad, and the opprobrium rests upon the entire commonwealth and every citizen in it. The pertinent question might be asked, "what are you going to do about it?" In answer we would say, there is no more invincible power in this land of the free and home of the brave than an aroused public sentiment. No organization is perhaps in a better position to awaken public sentiment than is our own, organized as we are in almost every town and hamlet in the state. From the resolutions unanimously adopted in the county and district conventions this summer, it is evident that white ribboners having set their hand to the law have no intention of turning back until one of two things is accomplished, either the law enforced in the Capital City, or if that is impossible, the Capital removed to some place where it is possible to enforce it. With malice toward none and charity for all, we have taken as our watchword, "The law must be enforced in our Capital City or the Capital removed!"

One of the most encouraging features of the work is the fact that many of our unions are doing their work in a more systematic and scientific way than heretofore. The unions that have well arranged topics for study and discussion, get out neatly printed programs for the work of the year, are the unions that keep their members, secure their interest and attendance at the union meetings, and have nothing to fear from women's clubs. It is still true that many people perish for lack of knowledge. We W. C. T. U. women have not had the training that is happily given the children of to-day in the public schools and L. T. L. S. To supply the lack of such teaching and training, and to provide equipped leaders for the L. T. L.—so much needed everywhere—the normal grade of L. T. L. study has been instituted. In the same degree that the L. T. L. and Y work exceeds in importance all the other lines of our work (in the future), so I believe this normal study transcends in importance any other work we can do at the present time. I intend, if possible, to take this course of study and to receive my diploma at the next convention, and I hope there will be many other women to share the honor with me.

The past year marks the establishment of our state paper, The White Ribbon Bulletin, the first paper ever owned and operated by the state W. C. T. U. Last winter, greatly to our regret, we were obliged to part with our official organ, Western Womanhood, and its bright, able editor, Miss Mary A. Whedon, whose abundant labors and many sacrifices for woman's cause will always be remembered with grateful appreciation. Mrs. Mattie Van de Bogart, who last year was elected editor of the W. C. T. U. department in Western Womanhood, has proved an able editor, and has given her time and talents without money and without price, bringing the White Ribbon Bulletin up to its present state of excellence. I think it is second to no state paper in the country, although the subscription price is the lowest.

THE FLORENCE CRITTEYTON HOME.

The laundry addition to the Home has been completed this year, an operating room fitted up, the house painted, the kitchen kalsomined, and altogether it is greatly improved in appearance. Over a thousand dollars have been put upon the Home this year in improvements. Our matrons, Miss Fanny Huston and Miss

Cummings, are efficient, earnest and consecrated. The work of Mr. Chas. Crittenton in the state has resulted in the salvation of souls and we believe has greatly increased the interest in rescue work.

Our greatest need at the present time is that of consecrated women who can give themselves, their time and ability to the work of organizing. We should have three organizers, one each for the W. C. T. U., the Y and the L. T. L. It is true that we may secure national organizers, but for the best good of our work, we should be developing and training our own workers. One by one the workers lay down their burdens and pass on to "those activities which are not succeeded by weariness," and others must be trained to step into their places, or the work will languish. I trust we have young women who will hear the call, and who are willing to consecrate their beautiful young lives to this most delightful service for God and humanity.

Comrades beloved, after all it is not so much the DOING, that counts for this and other worlds, as the BEING—it is not what we DO, but what we ARE. The ideal set before us is to be like Him, whom we serve. We may not attain to this by the greatest zeal, the most anxious care, by sleepless nights, by work or worry. We may not chisel out this character as the sculptor chisels out the angel from the marble block. It is not a process of reformation, but of transformation. "For we all with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of God, are transformed into the same image, from glory to glory." How simple and beautiful the process! For we all with unveiled face—nothing between us and Christ, reflecting as a mirror, true and perfect. Remember a mirror reflects only that which is placed before it. We must keep Christ before us if we would reflect His image, and doing this, simply reflecting—shining back—we have the marvelous assurance that we, when you and I, shall be transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, or from character to character.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Silver Anniversary—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union—Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20-25—Route of the White Ribbon Special via Wis. Cent. and G. N. R'y's—By the Way.

The special "White Ribbon" train which leaves Chicago the night of Oct. 13 will run as far as Fargo, which point will be reached about midnight Saturday. Here the train will be sidetracked for the Sunday rest, starting forth again after midnight Monday morning. The pulpits of Fargo will be occupied by the White-Ribbons Sunday morning; it is also expected that several mass meetings will be held. The prominent speakers and singers of the party will be heard at these meetings.

The trip from Fargo to Seattle will be enlivened by music and literary impromptus. A vesper service will be held each evening as the sun goes down, led by the evangelists of the party. The scenery through which the train travels is unsurpassed.

Wednesday morning will find us ready for rest, recreation or executive committee duties. The homes will be open to us thus early, proving beyond peradventure the wonderful hospitality of that western city. Returning, the train will leave Seattle during the night after the last session of the convention, Wednesday, 26th, the travelers going direct from the church to their berths. A halt will be made at Spokane, Thursday, the 26th, for a hand-shake with Spokane White-Ribbons and a view of the beautiful Falls. A general good time is promised. The views en route passed in the night, going, will be seen returning. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago will be reached in time to spend Sunday, the 29th, in either of these cities.

SEATTLE.

Seattle is a city well worth crossing the continent to see. It contains 80,000 in-

habitants; is located near the center of Puget Sound, and is the great railroad town of the Pacific Coast. It has forty steamer routes. Delegates will be interested in visiting its 1,400 acres of parks, and the canal being built to connect the states with Washington, back of Seattle, with those of Puget Sound. A trip of fourteen miles takes one to the government naval station, with its dry dock, war vessels, shops, quarters, officers and marines, will be well worth seeing. Many other points of interest will be made easily accessible for the W. C. T. U. visitors and their friends.

The program prepared for Seattle will surpass, in many ways, former programs. Many new voices will be heard and new faces seen. As this is the silver anniversary of the National W. C. T. U., especial attention will be given to this noon service to be entirely given over to felicitations and reminiscences of the past twenty-five years. The president's address is the feature of the Friday morning, the reports of the other officers coming in the afternoon. Friday afternoon the delegates and visitors will be welcomed by the governor of the state, the mayor of the city, presidents of the state and city unions, and the responses will be made by Miss Cornelia Dow, daughter of General Nelson Dow, Mrs. Kate Roach, president of South Carolina, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker, national treasurer.

The daily sessions will be relieved from monotony by the physical exercises led by Miss Mary A. Blood, of the Columbia School of Oratory, of Chicago. The program will also be brightened by Miss Blood's readings. Mrs. Frances Graham, the musical director, will be present at all sessions to enliven the program with music. A special chorus of 500 voices will help make a marvellous program for Y. W. C. T. U. night, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, the presiding officer. Sunday the delegates will speak in the city churches, and in the afternoon the annual sermon will be given by one of the White Ribbons, followed, perhaps, by a Sunday School rally of the thousands of Seattle children. Monday forenoon there will be no convention session, departmental conferences taking its place. The reports of affiliated interests and resolutions committee occupy Monday afternoon. Monday night is State Benefit night, the presidents of those states having made a net gain of 50 members arranging for the program. The state songs, which are always of interest to an audience, will be interspersed in the programs of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The White Ribbon "star" bangles banners will be awarded Monday evening to the state, district, county and local unions winning this year. Tuesday evening is given over to the organizers, who will give the pathos, the amusing side, the trials and results of their work. Wednesday afternoon will see the introduction of distinguished visitors, who will respond with short addresses. Wednesday night, the last night of the convention, is called "Platform Night." Some of the best speakers attending will take part in the program.

Convention headquarters will be at Hotel Seattle.

RATES.

One limited first-class fare from Chicago to Seattle, Washington, for the round trip, \$61.50. Proportionate rates from the east and points west of Chicago.

LIMITS.

Tickets on Sale October 12, 13, 14, 15; final return limit, November 10.

SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Double berth in first-class sleeper, Chicago to Seattle, \$14.00; in tourist sleeper, \$6.00. Same rates returning.

RESERVATION OF BERTHS.

Those starting from points west of Chicago will apply to Mr. F. I. Whitney, general passenger agent Great Northern R. R., St. Paul, Minn., for rates and reservations.

STOP-OVERS.

Will be allowed at any point west of St. Paul going or returning.

TRAIN SERVICE.

The White Ribbon Special train (both ways) will consist of baggage car, new cars and modern day coaches, palace sleeping cars and family apartment tourist cars, library observation car, with dining cars through service a la carte.

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Emerson says: "The truth is in the air and the most impressionable brain will announce it first, but all will announce it a few minutes later." And he adds that woman, being the most susceptible, is the best index of the coming hour.

Report of Convention.

The Equal Suffrage convention at Hillsboro was a success and a source of encouragement to every worker in attendance. The ladies of the town had prepared every necessary feature of comfort and entertainment for their guests, and the time spent in town was thoroughly enjoyable. The sessions in the forenoon of each day were devoted to business, which was managed very creditably by our president, Mrs. Naylor. She has evidently made a thorough study of parliamentary rules, and knows just how to expedite business matters, besides possessing the happy faculty of saying just the right thing at the right time.

Mrs. Lighthouse, of Hillsboro, acted as temporary secretary of the convention and her services were highly appreciated. Miss Mary Whedon, who has been the leading worker in this cause in North Dakota, was greatly missed, but we feel that she is in a broader field of usefulness.

The citizens of the town gave the delegates a drive about the city Tuesday afternoon, directing their attention to points of interest. After the drive Mrs. Susan Fessenden, in behalf of the local W. C. T. U., presented a picture of Frances Willard to the public schools, which was accepted with pleasant words of response by Prof. E. L. Whitney.

The evening meeting was largely attended by men, women and children, who listened to an interesting address by Mrs. Fessenden and a finely prepared musical program. Besides the local musicians, the audience were favored with selections by D. Carlos McAllister of Fargo, Mrs. J. S. Kemp of Galesburg, and Mrs. J. O. Smith of Cassell. Addresses were made before the convention on Wednesday by I. M. Adams of Minneapolis and Rev. S. H. Gray, pastor of the Congregational church in Hillsboro.

The annual address of the president touched the hearts of her sisters. The reports of the various officers showed that all work had been faithfully done, and the work of the treasurer, Mrs. Kemp, deserves special mention for system and accuracy. All were sorry that absence from the state during the winter prevented her from accepting the office again.

Papers were read during the convention by Mrs. Katherine King, on Social Reform; Miss Mary Carey, on Women of the Bible; Mrs. Flora P. Gates, on "Our Possibilities"; Mrs. Janette Knox, on "Woman's Place in the World". The report of the committee on resolutions and plan of work will be published in the Bulletin next month; also a more complete list of the officers. This report is written from memory, without the minutes of the convention, and is incomplete. Suffice it to say, in closing, that the cause of equal suffrage cannot go backward in North Dakota while this animated band of workers have their present will and purpose to do and to dare for the triumph of the principles of right and justice.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The article read by Mrs. Knox at the state convention, entitled "Woman's Place in the World" will be printed in full in the November number of the Record, edited by Col. Lounsberry.

The Fram, published in the Norwegian language by L. Stavnheim, in Fargo, will have a column of equal suffrage

literature every week. This journal has a large circulation throughout the state.

Chief Justice Chase has said: "I think there will be no end to the good that will come by women's suffrage—on the elected, on the elections, on government, and on woman herself."

Sorosis, the oldest woman's club in the United States, has been invited to join a conference of clubs called by the national commerce party to discuss the subject of finance.

Mrs. Knox told us at the convention that woman's place is where she can make the most of herself physically, intellectually and spiritually. This involves her obligation to humanity and to God.

"To thine own self be true
And it shall follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false
To any man."

Letter on Press Work.

Dear friends:—I am pleased to undertake the work of looking after our interests through the columns of the press, because I believe by that means and by the distribution of literature the cause may be rapidly advanced. There is a grand field for this work in North Dakota and helpers are on every hand. Mrs. Ida Crum, who is an attorney in Fargo, and thoroughly in sympathy with the political equality of woman, has consented to receive the books and literature that I shall ask friends to donate from all over the United States and will assist in distributing the same throughout the state of North Dakota. Not a week has elapsed since the convention but already five journals have given me space in their columns and I have had donations of money, books and papers. Everything is ready, but I must have help. I shall ask the Supts. of Franchise in each county to correspond with me in regard to plans of work. Before the year is over we may have our ideas in every paper and library of political economy in every village in the state. Just a little enthusiasm and organization is all that is necessary. I want the following books: Fisher's Civil Government, Ely's Political Economy, Mrs. Stetson's "Woman and Economics," Henderson's "Social Spirit in America," books by Bellamy, Helen Campbell, Gladden, Abbott, Dr. Herron and others. If you have any books in your possession that will help women to become good citizens, write upon the fly leaf, "Donated to the Equal Suffrage Library of North Dakota by _____" and send the book to Mrs. Ida Crum, Fargo, N. D., who will send it where it is most needed. If you have no book to contribute, send a dollar to Chicago & Vincent, 57 Washington Street, Chicago, and get "Social Spirit in America," by C. E. Henderson, Prof. of Sociology in the University of Chicago. You may know that this book is all right or it would not be in the Chautauqua Course. Read it and then donate it to the library. I could use a hundred copies of this book. It is the best work that I know of for one, to study who wishes to know just what social and industrial problems must be solved by the present generation if the next one would be happy and enlightened. When you send in books let us know what you want in return. Every woman in North Dakota who will send 25 cts. to Mrs. Anna Carmody, our treasurer, and join our association, will receive reading matter in this line. The editors of reform journals all over the United States are very anxious. I am sure, to get the names of the progressive women of North Dakota to send them samples of their periodicals. I will send them lists as fast as I can. Will some lady who is a type writer and has leisure, offer to help me in this line of work?

Will any of the sisters who see short articles in the papers that would make good subject matter for equal suffrage columns, please cut them out and send to me? Now, women of North Dakota—suffragists and non-suffragists—will you please take hold of this study with an open mind, divested of prejudice, desiring only to know what is truly the best for your own development and for the good of the town and the nation? Then will you be guided as to what stand you should take in the matter?

I hope before the next issue to have a communication for you from the national superintendent of press work, Mrs. Elnora Babcock. Let me hear from you all. Sincerely,
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- About when was the law enacted?
 - Was it secured wholly or in part through the instrumentality of the W. C. T. U.?
 - What signal do you have for the hour? Is the law well enforced?
 - What are the results as to crime among children?
 - Are your officials in favor of it now?
- An immediate reply to the above questions sent to my home address will greatly aid in the advancement of this Department and be gratefully received by Your National W. C. T. U. Purity Dept., HELEN L. BULLOCK, 1105 Davis Street, Elmira, N. Y.

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE.

EDITED BY SEC. A. LINDELLIE.
The league has 25 piggers and gamblers to its credit for the last month. We are now in the midst of the blind pig season, so I expect to be able to report a great amount of work next time. The receipts have been \$225. With three times that amount we could have accomplished a great deal. But the trouble has always been—lack of money.

I am in receipt of a great many communications from all sections of the state—even from Judge Winchester's district—requesting us to gather in their offenders and send them to jail. But very few stop to consider the financial side of the work. Where is the league going to get the money from? The membership fees amount only to about \$1,500 a year. Last year the league expended \$3,500 and should have expended \$5,000 in order to enforce the law well. It will thus be seen, that a request for work, not accompanied by funds, cannot be paid any attention to. Some send in \$5 and expect us to send one or more detectives to their town to do the work. Did you ever stop to consider, that our detectives must pay railroad fare, hotel bills and that they must have wages? If you have not, just stop to think over how far \$5 will go.

Of course, a \$5 contribution is very valuable. But don't expect too much for the money. If you can get three neighbors to the same, then there will be something with which to do business. Not much of anything can be done at a place, infested with blind pigs, for less than twenty or twenty-five dollars. The distance to travel has a great deal to do with the cost of "doing" a town.

Sometimes we receive a guarantee, that the money will be paid, when the work is done. In such cases the officers of the league advance the money to do the work. Later on it turns up that the sheriff or the states attorney make a failure in arresting, raiding or prosecution, and the guarantor refuses to pay, because it was a failure. A few cases like that have occurred, and we must refuse to do work on trust. Because the league officers ought not to be held financially responsible, because you elect poor officers. The league cannot prosecute or make arrests—I wish we could—therefore can we not be blamed for failures. Other put us to expense sending men to cities, where blind pigs are re-

ported to be operating. If it turns out that no blind pigs can be found, they refuse to pay. This is not fair. The league must therefore for the sake of self-protection refuse to send men, unless money is advanced for the work.

The depot agents throughout the state persist in running blind pigs. The attorneys for the express companies not only hold that they can do it, but that they under the inter-state commerce law are compelled to run a pig in each depot. The way it is done is this: Hamm Brewing Co. desires to sell beer in North Dakota; the company sends by express cases and kegs in large numbers to Churches Ferry, N. D., for instance, addressed to themselves; "Hamm Brewing Co." By mail the company sends a number of order blanks signed by themselves, reading as follows: "To the agent of Churches Ferry, N. D.: Please deliver to Mr. _____ one case (or keg) of our goods consigned to ourselves and collect all charges, Hamm Brewing Co." These orders are distributed to any one who wish the "goods." Jim Johnson gets an order, goes to the depot, fills in his name, pays for the beer and the express charges, takes it away and drinks it. Is not that as good a blind pig as anybody wants? The express company's attorneys and most of the states attorneys say: The Brewing Co. has a right to consign beer to themselves to any station in North Dakota. It also has a right to have others receive their goods at such stations when presenting an order from the company. The inter-state commerce law not only permits it, but compels the delivery of the beer, C. O. D. or otherwise. The attorneys say: The man distributing the orders is the guilty party. He does not sell, barter, give away or offer for sale a drop of beer; still he is guilty, they say. Suppose he is; but this order-peddler can be dispensed with. The Brewing Company can mail a number of blank orders on the depots to each man in the state. Who is guilty in that case? The beer is sold within the state—who sold it? If the express agent didn't, who did?

This is the question of the day for the friends of law and order. It is a question more serious than the original package question was. If the express companies can dispose of intoxicating liquors in that way, it means a wide open saloon in each city, town or village in this state. If the inter-state commerce law thus can annul the state law, it is time that the inter-state law is changed, and our U. S. senators and representative should be petitioned to have it amended so that our state can enjoy the benefits of our own laws.

States Attorney Blood, of Bottineau, is at present the most energetic prosecutor of blind pigs. He is determined that "the blind pigs must go." Owing to the sheriff's and his deputies' sympathies with the piggers it is very difficult; but Mr. Blood is made of the right "stuff," and he will come out victorious.

When the sheriff and the justice agree upon drinking up the beer presented as evidence in a case, it goes pretty far. That is the report from Bottineau. Our friends should stand by a states attorney who has officers of that kind to deal with.

Devils Lake is still one of the worst blind pig towns in the state. Even minors are permitted on Sundays to resort to the pigs to drink. When will our attorney general take time to enforce the law in his home town? The best citizens favor the enforcement of the law and are entitled to have it enforced. But the bum-element runs everything to suit themselves.

A grand jury should be called in Ramsey county. There is lots of work for such a body. The friends of law and order have spent lots of money to have the law enforced, but there is very little result. A house cleaning is needed, when the officers of the law do not do it. Perhaps a grand jury could find all the saloon fixtures that Judge Morgan ordered destroyed years ago.

The friends of enforcement are anxiously awaiting the next term of district court in Benson county. Druggitt Cubbison, of Minnewaukan, was indicted more than one year ago for sale of intoxicating liquors. But he has had no trial yet. New evidence was secured this year to the effect that his establishment still is defying the law. Injunction papers were made out and sent to a certain state official for signature—that is the

last of them. Judge Morgan has promised to call a jury. But will Cubbison be tried? Good many prohibe in Benson county will wager their old hats, that he won't. What does states attorney Comstock say?

Two gamblers were arrested in Gilby, Grand Forks county, the other night. The sheriff surprised many prominent citizens and disturbed their interesting poker game in Abe Reynolds's place.

A number of bombs are ready to explode at any time; but I must refrain from touching them until after the explosion.

FIELD NOTES.

Fairmount:—Our ever zealous and wide-awake county president, Mrs. Ida S. Clarke, was greeted by a crowded audience, Aug. 25th, at Lidgerwood, where she gave an address. Following the address a union was formed with fifteen active and three honorary members. The union is officered as follows: President, Mrs. Rhoda Sprague; vice pres., Anna Koy; cor. sec., Mrs. Werbenberger; rec. sec., Mrs. Laura Kobelt; treas., Mrs. Ford. The vice president is a teacher in the Catholic school, and one of the honoraries is Father Zumback, of the Catholic church.

M. M. STEBBINS, Co. Cor. Sec.
Tyner:—The principal work of the Tyner W. C. T. U. during the past year has been that of preventing the issuing of a permit to sell liquor of a druggist in a small town, Leyden, near Whalla. Early last September Mr. Saylor, of Neche, had a petition circulated asking for a liquor permit in a drug store (not yet built) at Leyden. The W. C. T. U. circulated a counter petition and when the time for hearing came, sent the petition with a lawyer to plead it with the result that Saylor's permit was not granted, as it was proven that he had not complied with a single requirement. But Saylor was not to be conquered so readily; he circulated a second petition; in the meantime built his drug store, and owing to the unscrupulousness of the county judge, he was granted a permit. The W. C. T. U. appealed the case, it was heard in April, but owing to circumstances only known to himself the district judge deferred his decision until Aug., but the decision was in favor of the W. C. T. U.

Thompson: Dear Sisters:—The home and heart of our dear Sister Slater has been made very sad. The death angel called, and has borne away her third and only daughter, Mrs. Ada Mackey. Mrs. Mackey had been in poor health for some time, but her death came very unexpectedly to all. She had been spending most of the summer on the farm with her mother, hoping to regain her health, and then return to her husband in St. Paul. But the God of love who is wiser than we, had need of her. Mrs. Mackey was a bright, beautiful woman of twenty-three years. Very kind and thoughtful of others, especially those in the humbler walks of life. She saw the good rather than the bad in others. By the use of the white casket, hers and white lined grave, with beautiful flowers strewed around it, grief death seemed to have robbed of some of his terrors. We pray that the dear friends of Mrs. Mackey may be able with Charlotte Murry to say:

The loving Savior on our homeward journey is leading us by ever-changing ways; Oh, may we have the faith to trust His guidance. And in the shadow still to give Him praise.

—Mrs. Lillie B. Smith.
Dawson, N. Dak., Sept. 12, 1899.
Dawson Union Report:—Dawson-Holt Union closes the year with thirty paid members, a gain of eight over all losses. We will have four members at state convention, as the county president goes for our union. We have distributed 10,000 pages of literature, and have "Mother's Meetings" every month, at which we serve a lunch, consisting of two things and to which we invite everyone, and in this way we have secured several new members. We have had Mrs. Anna Palmer with us for three days' series of meetings. Mrs. Palmer is a grand woman and did our union a great deal of good. At our election of officers the following were elected: Mrs. Maria Niles, pres.; Mrs. Bessie Roberts, vice pres.; Mrs. M. E. Devore, cor. and rec. sec.; Mrs. Anna Hudson, treas. Supt's were appointed as follows: Mrs. Bessie Roberts, literature; Mrs. Hattie Harte, scientific temperance instruction; Miss Edith Hoelt, foreign literature; Mrs. Effie Wise, flower mission; Mrs. M. E. Devore, press supt.; Mrs. P. D. White, evangelist. M. E. DEVORE, Sec.

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