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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## Prohibition---Why?

Copy of an article written for W. C. T. U. paper of Australia by Lillian M. Stevens, National President W. C. T. U.

I noticed an article not long ago in "Our Federation" on Local Option and Prohibition. I do not propose to discuss in full the statements made in that article, but I beg to make a few statements concerning prohibition in the state of Maine.

My home has always been in that state; I have visited every section of it and know the conditions perfectly well. I have studied the effects of license laws, high, low, dispensary and every other form in nearly every one of the forty-five states of our Union, and I can say without hesitation that the Prohibitory law of Maine is by far and away the best system to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors and the increase of drunkenness, and to promote total abstinence. The Prohibitory law even in cities where it is violated is far better in its results as a temperance measure than is any form of license.

It is true that the English writers Rowntree and Sherwell appear to have proven to their satisfaction that prohibition is a failure in Maine, but I would respectfully inquire who knows best, Maine's leading statesmen, the students of this question who have always lived in this state, or a comparative stranger who spent a few days in a few of the cities trying to collect testimony to prove that prohibition was a failure? By the same methods it could be proved that the laws against murder and theft are failures also.

The present governor of Maine in his inaugural address last January recounted the benefits that prohibition has brought to Maine, and spoke strong words in advocacy and support of the law. Congressman Littlefield led the canteen forces in Congress last winter, and he is a strong believer in and advocate of the prohibitory law. These are not solitary cases by any means.

After thirty years trial of the law the people of the state, or the voting people rather, had an opportunity to vote upon the question, and by a vote of more than three to one the Prohibitory law was made constitutional—hitherto it had been statutory. All efforts to repeal the law have been ineffectual, notwithstanding the great pressure brought to bear by the united liquor interest of the country. The representatives of the distilling, brewing and liquor business always give a great deal of attention to the state of Maine, the state which has had prohibition longer than any other state (although in four other states it is in successful operation), the state which is Neal Dow's home and the famous fighting ground of prohibition.

The prohibitory law of Maine is better enforced than are the restrictive features of license laws in license states.

Reference is often made to the large number of Federal liquor licenses taken out in Maine. In the first place it is not a license. The United States Government practically says, "If you intend to sell liquor you must pay a tax to the United States Government," and so those who intend to sell pay this tax. I have in mind one instance where a young man paid the United States tax and intended to sell liquor in the city of Portland; inside of two months I saw him behind the bars in the county jail as a violator of the law of the state in regard to liquor selling. The United States revenue tax list for this year reports that there are five breweries in the state of Maine. Very

likely there were five people who intended to brew some sort of alcoholic liquor in Maine and would not run the risk of violating the United States law, and so they paid the revenue tax; but as a matter of fact beyond dispute by any reasonable, well-informed person, there is not a brewery in the state of Maine.

When Mr. Sherwell was in Portland there was lax enforcement of law. The trouble was not with the law but with the unfaithful officials. The people did not long endure such unfaithfulness. Those officials were turned out of office and to day the places which appear in Mr. Sherwell's book as pictures of saloons in Portland are closed entirely, and they

hibitory states. The managers of these municipal or government saloons have in several instances been dropped from their church membership because they were nothing more nor less than liquor sellers. Those who are in favor of licensing the sale of liquor try to show that the dispensary system is better than any other form of license. The only reason why it seems better is because it has not been tried so long. There was a time when some good people really thought that a very high license law was a good law, but that theory has long ago been exploded.

The principle of prohibition is right. To license evil in any form is a sin, and

Georgia. The last Legislature of South Dakota also adopted the plan, but made no provision for its enforcement, hence it failed, while an attempt was made to pass a dispensary bill in the last Massachusetts Legislature, but failed. In the States of Tennessee and Washington there are similar movements on foot. In the Arkansas Legislature at the last session a dispensary bill was introduced but failed.

In South Carolina the State has absolute control of the retail liquor business. The management is entrusted to a Board of Control consisting of five members elected by the State Legislature. The Board appoints a commissioner, who has immediate control of the business. The Board chooses county and local dispensers. The establishment of so-called beer dispensaries throughout the State by the Board of Control has developed into a gigantic nuisance. These beer dispensers are but the granting of permits to ex-saloon keepers and local politicians to sell beer upon their paying \$3 per barrel to the dispensary for all goods consumed. These beer dispensers buy of whom they choose, and as much as they choose, as no means have been adopted to verify their statements.

**RESULTS.**—From the reports of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue it appears that during the five years the dispensary system has been in operation the number of breweries has increased from one to two; number of distilleries has decreased from 55 to 41; gallons of spirits has increased from 37,843 to 84,923; and the barrels of fermented liquors from 5,270 to 71,900. Of criminal cases in 1893, the year preceding the adoption of the dispensary system, there were in the courts 1,685, while in 1898 there were 2,687; admissions to hospitals for the insane in 1893 were 312, in 1898, 424. So it appears that after five years trial of the dispensary system the number of criminal cases in court is nearly twice the number under the last year of license and the number of insane one-third more. We commend these figures to those States that propose introducing the system.—Nat. Temperance Almanac.

## The Operation of the Prohibitory Law in Maine.

BY HON. C. E. LITTLEFIELD, Congressman From Maine.

The number of paupers among a people, and their increase or decrease, is perhaps the surest indication of the lowering or raising of the welfare and quality of a people, whether they are improving or retrograding. From 1850 to 1890 the percentage of paupers increased in Illinois 176 per cent, in Ohio 138 per cent, in Pennsylvania it remained practically the same, while in Maine the percentage has decreased 245 per cent. The percentage of criminals in a community illustrates to some extent its character as law-abiding or otherwise. During this period the percentage of crimes committed as shown by prosecutions increased in Illinois 247 per cent, in Kentucky 204 per cent, in Ohio 108 per cent. Massachusetts is nearer to Maine in location, and in social and moral condition may be thought to be more nearly parallel. She is a local option state, with license as a rule in her larger cities. In 1898 she had 7,454 prisoners, or 33 for every 10,000 people, while Maine had 841, or 13 for every 10,000.

When the fact is remembered that the enforcement of this law has not been and is not now as steady, persistent, con-

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MRS. LILLIAN M. STEVENS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT W. C. T. U.

were not open saloons when Mr. Sherwell photographed them; liquor was sold clandestinely and contrary to law.

I have lately paid considerable attention to the study of the dispensary system, which is practically the method of liquor selling recommended by Rowntree & Sherwell. In some places in the state of Georgia, where this law has been in operation for several years, so much liquor is dispensed contrary to law that the places are not called dispensaries, but "tanks," and during one day of my visit in one of these dispensary towns five arrests were made for illicit selling; thus showing that the provisions of the law are violated quite as much as is the prohibitory law in Maine and other pro-

hibitory states. It is being proven over and over again that Neal Dow was right when he said: "There is not now and never has been in this country a locality where the policy of license has diminished the liquor traffic or the evils coming from it."

## The Dispensary System.

The Dispensary law was passed by the South Carolina Legislature six years ago, and ever since its passage it has received the solid support of the State Administration from the Governor down to the crossroads magistrate. Since then it has been established in twenty-one counties in Alabama and in ten cities of North Carolina by special acts of the State Legislatures, also in thirteen places in





Now, Mrs. Grover is in the east, please send all your news items for our Y space to me. We should have more of these, for they are exceedingly helpful and suggestive, and I trust every local union may have some bit of news in next month.

There are only two more working months, July and August, in our year, so let us do all in our power to bring the work up to our usual high standard, and be able to go to convention with good, full reports, which will gladden the hearts of our state officers and satisfy our souls. Yours for united effort and greater service,

CORA W. LARIMORE.

### LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

My Dear Legioners:—I am going to write you a very short letter this month because I want you to remember every word of it. And the message I want to pass on to every legion is PAY YOUR DUES. We were very much behind in our national dues last year, and Mrs. Rice writes me that owing to general neglect along this line we have not as good standing in the National Convention as we should have. I speak of the L. T. L. in general, not of our own state only.

Thus far only two legions have sent dues to me, one eighty and the other ninety cents.

Please make provision at once for the payment of at least five cents per member. I know that it is necessary only to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, and you will do the rest. The good news comes from Mrs. Palfrey at the Finley convention, of the organization of a new legion, Co. D, of Steele County, Riverside auxiliary. It was organized by Mrs. Sophia Grubb, with twenty-two members and more to follow. Mrs. Palfrey says some of the children walked five or six miles to get there. Isn't that splendid? I think we will hear from that legion later.

Now who will be the first to send in their dues?? Just do it now and be done with it. In the hope of a general response all along the line.

Yours very sincerely,  
BEKA HALCROW.

Bowesmont, June 18, '02.

### From Mrs. Grubb.

To The Bulletin: I have been in North Dakota but ten days, but to say that I am well pleased with the country and charmed with the women, is but small praise. Everywhere I have been received with the most generous hospitality, and loving greetings. The Lisbon convention was finely planned and carried out in a most interesting manner. I have, however, never seen a county convention that was finer than that of Steele County. A larger attendance than at Lisbon, because the propitious weather rendered it possible, gave great interest. The ability of the women in both counties seems to me to be unusual. The papers and discussions excellent, the contest fine, the finances on a splendid basis—all of which tended to mark this as an unusually well planned organization. No. of inmates from last quarter, children 4, adults 6, total 10; admitted during the quarter, adults 9; born in the institution, 10; total inmates for the quarter 29. Applications for admission, adults 15; discharged, adults 5; left on probation or indefinite absence, adults 2; remaining at close of quarter, children 8, adults 12, total 20.

S. F. GRUBB.

### Report of W. C. T. U. Home.

Matron's report for the quarter ending June 21st, 1902: No. of inmates from last quarter, children 4, adults 6, total 10; admitted during the quarter, adults 9; born in the institution, 10; total inmates for the quarter 29. Applications for admission, adults 15; discharged, adults 5; left on probation or indefinite absence, adults 2; remaining at close of quarter, children 8, adults 12, total 20.

Number of services held 16; by salivation or individuals, W. C. T. U., Salvation Army, matron.

Supplies of necessities were received on which a fair valuation is: Provisions \$30.55, clothing \$19.45, sundries \$1.50, cash \$7.50, total \$65.00.

The number of days board furnished by the institution to inmates and employes 1414; number of meals served to others not inmates or employes, 75, making number of days' board 25; grand total 1439. The number of days in the quarter was 100 and the average number of persons boarded was therefore 14.

Homes were found for 2 mothers with children; for 1 child. Employment was secured for 4 others.

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### Kind Words for Mrs. Grubb.

Mrs. Grubb was with us at our convention and on Wednesday night delivered an able address. She is an attractive speaker, winning her listeners by her gentleness and tact. She has done good work in our county. We enjoyed her for ten days, but so well pleased were our women that she was invited to remain longer.

Mrs. LUCY B. MAJOR, Hope.

Mrs. Grubb's addresses Monday and Tuesday evenings more than met our expectations. The gentlemen were especially pleased. We do not hesitate to recommend her to the unions in Cass Co. She has something to say that is worth hearing. Mrs. MATTIE McCHAM, President Cass Co.

We were very fortunate in having Mrs. Sophie Grubb at our convention. Her winning personality and ready, cheerful helpfulness made the convention the success it was. Mrs. L. B. Chamberlain, Pres. Ransom-La Motre Co.

Mrs. Grubb lectured for us at Curry school house in Dist. No. 80, Barnes Co. She is a woman of superior ability. She held her audience for an hour, giving each to understand what their plain duty is. She is a lady of culture, of charitable disposition and good executive ability. Mrs. KATE M. CURRY

### Purity and Mothers' Meetings.

Dear Sisters: It is late in the year and your state superintendent has done little to advance the work of this very important department. However, illness and absence and many cares have not kept me from seeing and thinking and learning, and I am more and more convinced we need this department well worked in every local union in the state and nation.

My heart has ached over the mistakes made by women in their home and community work, because they have never studied these things. They were not trained for home-making or motherhood, and take up these duties as they see others perform them, instead of bringing to bear upon them all the intelligent thought of which many of the women are capable. Then, on the other hand, I have thrilled with pleasure and hope and courage until I nearly "walked on air" over women who fill these important positions as ably as Solomon's wise woman ever did, giving just as thoughtful study to their work in the home and community as a good business man gives to his business.

Many unions in North Dakota are doing noble work along these lines, and I do and all testify to the value of the work done in mothers' meetings. But I am sorry to see by the reports that some have had no work of this kind, and other things. I am sure they are missing one of the best things for the advancement of God's cause in their vicinity. It is impossible for women to study and pray together for the betterment of their own or others' homes and surroundings without great good resulting therefrom. Almost any evil will yield to a number of women who patiently and persistently pray and plan and work for its overthrow. "In due time ye shall reap if ye faint not," i. e., if you do not stop.

My Minneapolis last winter I had the pleasure of listening to Jacob Riis who has done more than any other one man to improve the terrible tenement houses of New York City. Illustrating his lecture with stereopticon views made from photographs taken by himself, he told us of block after block of horrors which had been remodeled and made into homes with water and light and air enough for wholesome living. Then he showed us one especially bad house. So terrible was the mortality among the children born there that it was known as "the infant slaughter house." One hundred families lived there under physical and moral degradation almost indescribable. He and his fellow workers tried in vain to compel improvement. "Then," he said, "a handful of Christian women went down there and held Mothers' Meetings and in a year the place was transformed, and now it is like this" and there was thrown on the screen a picture that was indeed the opposite of that first shown. Three years had passed since the women began their

Mothers' Meetings and not only was the building clean and wholesome but a piece of rough ground adjoining which had been given over to refuse heaps had been reclaimed and made into a garden and playground for the children. And he assured us the moral transformation was as great.

"A handful of Christian women went there and held a Mothers' Meeting." The words have said themselves to me over and over. Dear sisters, go and do likewise and then write me about it.

In this far northwestern corner of the state, I am under conditions very new and very hard. But we have a "handful of Christian women." We have organized a W. C. T. U. By God's help we'll make this moral wilderness "blossom as the rose" some day—some glad day.

Yours very lovingly,  
MARY BOOTHROY CALDERWOOD,  
Williston, N. D.

### Report of Walsh Co. W. C. T. U. Convention.

The fourteenth annual convention of Walsh Co. W. C. T. U. convened in the M. E. church at Ardoch on the evening of June 18th. The church was tastefully decorated with potted plants, wild flowers, banners and flags. Our queenly president, Mrs. Gertie V. Titus, of Minto, presided. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hoesveen, of Grafton, after which the L. T. L. of Ardoch marched into the church, carrying banners and flags and sang an inspiring song under the leadership of Mrs. Doris J. Carpenter. The children presented a beautiful appearance and charmed the large audience present.

Very cordial words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Abercrombie, of Ardoch, on behalf of the local union, Rev. J. R. Campbell on behalf of the churches and Chas. Drew for the citizens. The response to these kindly words of welcome was made by Mrs. J. G. Moore, of Forest River. After another song by the L. T. L. the address of the evening was given by our honored state president, Mrs. Preston Anderson. It was a masterly effort and was listened to with the closest attention by the appreciative audience. Everett Luno recited "The price of a drink" in an exceptional manner and little Ella Gowan gave the collection speech after which a generous collection was taken. A selection by the choir was followed by the W. C. T. U. benediction.

Thursday morning an uplifting consecration service was led by Mrs. Bellamy, of Minto. It was a most helpful service and drew us all nearer to our Great Leader. Eleven departments of work are taken up by the County union and the reports of the various superintendents were very encouraging and showed a great deal of activity in most departments, especially those of mothers' meetings, and mercy and help. The Flower mission report was a delightful one breathing the fragrance and beauty of the flowers. The Evangelistic dept. is well looked after and some unions reported having several young men as special subjects of prayer.

The superintendent of juvenile work had a better report than formerly, but regretted exceedingly that this most important branch has to be neglected sadly owing to the great lack of leaders, it being impossible in many unions to secure an L. T. L. Supt. Press work is one of our leading departments and the Supt. had saved the largest amount of clippings concerning our work which she had contributed to the newspapers. The prize was awarded to Forest River.

Scientific Temperance Instruction is well taught throughout the county and one Supt. presented the schools of her town with a nicely framed portrait of Miss Willard.

The only report of school savings banks came from Grafton and so enthused the convention that many decided to take up this department during the coming year.

Thursday afternoon, after devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Albert Irwin, came the reports of our unions.

Mrs. Preston Anderson then gave a delightful address on "What the W. C. T. U. has accomplished in State and Nation." Her ready help and words of encouragement were much appreciated.

The convention showed its devotion to our county president, Mrs. Titus, by making her a life member of the W. C. T. U. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Gertie V. Titus, Minto; Vice President, Mrs. Mary H. Moore, Forest River; Sec. Sec., Mrs. Anna Catherwood, Park River; Sec. Sec., Mrs. Carrie M. Evans, Minto; Treas., Mrs. Doris J. Carpenter, of Ardoch. A cordial invitation from Forest River union to meet there next time, was accepted.

Thursday evening in Foresters hall was (Continued on 21 page.)

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## Report of First District Convention.

Cando, June 13.—The W. C. T. U. of First District closed a most successful two days' convention here to-night with a gold medal contest, the medal being awarded to Miss Norton, of Crary, Miss McLarty, of Bethel, falling below but one mark. Receipts of contest \$41.75.

Our president, Mrs. L. C. McKinney, was most ably and gracefully assisted by our State Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Mattie Van de Bogart, who also gave an address of the first evening entitled "The Voice of our Country" to a crowded house. This address was highly commended by all. We would scarcely have believed there to be anyone who could to such a degree fill the place of our "Miss Preston" at a convention as does Mrs. Van de Bogart.

The following unions were represented: Bethel, Cando, Devils Lake, Grand Harbor, Maza, Rolla, Webster W., Webster Y and Webster L. T. L. A new union at Island Lake was reported as just recently organized. No. of delegates present 28. Excellent papers were read on the following subjects: Non-Alcoholic Medication, Mrs. W. Packard of Rolla; God's Plan of Finance, Mrs. Carrie Madison of Maza; School Savings Banks, Mrs. F. M. Dixon, Devils Lake. Through the special efforts of Mrs. Carrie E. Madison Rev. C. A. McNamara of Larimore was made a life member of the State Union by the First District in recognition of valiant work done in the temperance cause.

Letters of greeting were ordered sent to Mrs. Mabelle Moore and Mrs. M. B. Calderwood both formerly of this district.

A Memorial service led by Mrs. Edna Marks was held in loving remembrance of our departed sister Mrs. O. Walker and the babe of our sister, Mrs. Kasper Ebner.

Resolutions relative to Sabbath Observance were made especially emphatic. The next place of meeting is to be Devils Lake.

The following officers were re-elected for ensuing year and superintendents appointed: President Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Maza; Vice pres. Mrs. Cecia Buck, Cando; Cor. Sec. Mrs. Edna Salmons, Cando; Rec. Sec. Mrs. Mary H. Haig, Devils Lake; Treas. Mrs. Carrie Madison, Cando; Superintendents, Evangelistic, Miss Mary Barber; S. S. Work, Mrs. Cecia Buck; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Edna Marks; Mothers' Meetings and social purity, Mrs. M. Hughes; Press Work, Mrs. W. Packard; Literature, Mrs. C. Madison; L. T. L., Mrs. F. McIntyre; Suffrage, Mrs. M. Shand; W. C. T. U. Home, Mrs. Haig; Flower Mission, Mrs. J. Campbell; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. F. M. Dixon; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. J. Lynn; Non-Alcoholic Medication, Mrs. J. Schlaberg.

Thus ends the report of our convention but the power of its influence will reach into eternity.

EDNA F. SALMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

## Steele County Report.

The 3d Annual Convention of Steele Co. was held at M. E. church at Finley, June 11-12-13, 1902. The church was beautifully decorated with flowering plants by the committee. Sixteen delegates were present from Hope, Sherbrooke, Riverside and Finley. We were greeted with the inspiring presence of Sophia Grubb, of Chanute, Kan., national Organizer and for many years of Work Among Foreigners—tireless worker for God and

Home and Every Land. Roll call of ex-officio officers responded to by temperance news. County treas. report showed \$49.38 on hand which considering the short time we have been organized and the many expenses incurred, was very satisfactory.

A symposium on W. C. T. U. work, (a) The Greatest Helps, (b) The Greatest Hindrances, (c) How to Make it more Efficient, was discussed by Mrs. Libbie Phillip, Mrs. Kate Curry and Mrs. Lydia Northrop, and Mrs. Ella Boise.

The local presidents' reports showed all of the unions in working order and with music the afternoon session was adjourned. Wednesday evening an address was given by Mrs. Sophia Grubb.

Thursday morning—A praise service was led by Mrs. R. J. Still, nearly all of the members taking part. Mrs. Lucy Major talked on "What use are parliamentary rules" which was followed by a parliamentary drill by Mrs. Grubb. A paper by Mrs. Florence Connor, Supt. of Medal contests, on the Importance of Contests. The election of officers passed off quietly and quickly, all of the officers being re-elected: Mrs. Shippy, Co. President; Mrs. Major, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. Cochrane, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Boise, Treasurer.

The physical culture drill given by Miss Rida Northrop was very pretty and graceful as well as restful.

The subject, Sunday Desecration, by Rev. Gilpatrick, pastor of Hope Cong. church, was so well handled we wished he might have had more time allotted him.

The supts.' reports showed they had not been idle, especially Mrs. W. Northrop, supt. of Scientific Temp. Inst. A bible reading by Mrs. Cora Cochrane, of Finley, was followed by noontide prayer and adjournment.

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S. F. SHERMAN,  
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Thursday afternoon. After devotions Mrs. Mary Slingsby gave an interesting paper on "God's Plan of Finance" advocating the tithing plan for the W. C. T. U. Our county president, Mrs. Shippy, insisted the more we gave the more we should have, referring to the treasurer's report as confirming this statement. In the pledging which followed each union pledged \$5 for county work.

Mrs. Grubb then addressed the audience on "What Can the W. C. T. U. do to Influence the Coming Election in the Interest of the Prohibitory Law?" making us all feel our responsibility would we keep our law intact. "Temperance in the Sabbath School" by Chas. G. Boise, an excellent Sabbath-school worker, showed us that our work and the work of the Sabbath school goes hand in hand as they should do. Mr. Chas. Shippy's paper on "How to Secure a Better Anti-Cigarette Law" and also Miss Alta M. Gilmore's symposium on Y work were dropped from our program on account of the unavoidable absence of the parties. A paper on L. T. L. work by Mrs. Fannie Palfrey was followed by the "Children's Hour." For a short time the little ones entertained us, Johnnie Vadine and little brother sang a temperance song and Frankie Horner gave us two excellent musical selections, after which Mrs. Grubb talked to the children for some time on the advantages of L. T. L. work. Each session of the convention the inspiring song "Some Glad Day" was sung from words written on the blackboard until it was perfectly familiar to the audience.

Thursday evening was the best matron's medal contest ever given in our county and much credit is due Mrs. Connor, supt. of contest, for the excellent program. The Finley band discoursed sweet music outside the church before opening and the Finley Male Quartette gave some pleasing selections throughout the evening. There were six contestants and each was so good that it took the judges more than half an hour to decide which should have the medal, which time was taken by Miss Rida Northrop whose rendition of "Mammie's

l'il baby boy" took the house by storm. She was heartily encored and responded by giving another selection equally as good.

Friday morning the fine weather we had been enjoying was broken and the crowd that came through the rain was not nearly as large as before. Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Lydia Eahler. A paper prepared by Mrs. Margaret Lattimer, who was not able to be present, was read and very highly commended, subject "What has the W. C. T. U. accomplished?" Mrs. Grubb suggested this be kept and with some necessary changes be read each year. Another parliamentary drill in which an amendment to an amendment to a motion was finally fixed in our minds.

The Convention Chronicle was then read by the editor, Mrs. Mary Still. This is a new feature of the convention and was recommended by Mrs. Bertha Gunderson, our State Press Supt., who, accompanied by three Union members from Aneta, was able to be present with us for part of one day. The Chronicle was such a success that it was voted "It should become a feature of our future conventions."

After reading resolutions and a bible reading and the W. C. T. U. benediction the 3d Annual Convention adjourned to meet next year at Sherbrooke, thanking the people of Finley for their kind hospitality which will not soon be forgotten.

## Second District Report.

Knox, N. D., May 8, 1902.  
W. C. T. U. of the Mary Allen West Dist., 9th annual convention called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mrs. Garry.

Devotional exercises, Mrs. Garry, Committee reported and official business. Memorial service conducted by Rev. Garry. Hymn "Abide with Me," Mrs. Brown, Official business. Reports of officers and unions. Hymn, "God will Answer Prayer," audience. Address on necessity of newspapers along the line of our special work, by Mrs. Delameter and also by Mrs. Unruh, Official business. Hymn Mrs. Brown and audience. Adjourned. Benediction, Rev. Garry.

Evening session—Song service, choir. Devotional exercises, Mrs. Garry. Song, "America," audience. Welcome song, children. Addresses of welcome by Mrs. Brown and Mr. Delameter. Response, Rev. Garry. Introduction of Mrs. Unruh who delivered a most eloquent and instructive lecture on "Protection for Our Boys."

Wednesday a.m.—Called to order at 10 o'clock. Prayer, Rev. Garry. Hymn, "Yield Not to Temptation," audience. Lengthy informal discussion by Mrs. Unruh and others on possibilities of the district, they recommending institutes to be held in Harvey, Leeds and Peson. Hymn, "Blest be the Tie," audience. Noontide prayer, Mrs. Unruh. Adjourned.

Afternoon—Called to order at 3 o'clock. Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," audience. Prayer, Mrs. Randall. Discussion on meaning of the word "cider" as it reads in W. C. T. U. principles. Decided that it is right as it reads. Temperance defined as total abstinence from that which is harmful and moderate use of that which is good. Discussion on training of children, by audience, closed by interesting remarks by Miss Peterson and Mrs. Unruh. Official business. Children's Hour, led by Mrs. Brown. Address to the children, by Miss Peterson. Hymn, "God Be with You," audience. Adjourned.

Evening—Hymn, "I must Tell Jesus," choir. Scripture lesson and prayer, Mrs. Randall. Silver Medal Contest—Song, "Have the Courage, my Boy, to Say No," choir. Oration, Miss Cochrane. Recitation, Mrs. Randall. Song, "Where is my Wandering Boy?" choir. Song service, choir. Awarding of medal, by Mrs. Garry. Reading of resolutions, Etta Smith. Hymn, "God Be with You," choir and audience. Benediction, Mrs. Garry.

ETTA SMITH, Secretary.

## Ransom-LaMoure Co. Convention Report.

The twelfth annual convention of Ransom county and the first of LaMoure and Ransom was held at the Presbyterian church in Lisbon on June 4-5. One of the interesting features of the convention was a discussion of the subject, "A Christian's Responsibility in the Temperance Reform," in which four of the Lisbon's ministers took part; also Mrs. Sophie Grubb, a national worker, who is now speaking in this state. Following are the names of the ministers: Rev. Mr. Batchelor of the Baptist church,

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Rev. Mr. Harris of the Presbyterian and Rev. M. Sizor of the Methodist and Rev. Mr. Webb of the Episcopal.

Endrin union sent report but no delegate present. Fairview sent no report and no delegate. Elliott union was represented by its president, LaMoure sent no report and no delegate. Edgeley sent no report and no delegate to convention, but the president of this union wrote since to the county president, telling of absence and illness being the cause of no representation.

The pleasing feature of the convention was the address of Mrs. Sophie Grubb, which was a concise, clear, logical exposition of the duty of governments as well as of individuals in regard to the liquor traffic. The convention found in Mrs. Grubb not only a willing helper along all lines on convention work, but a winning and gifted speaker with an unusually wide knowledge of the work. Lisbon, N. D., June 15, 1902.

## Supt. Literature.

Dear Sisters:—It may be that your minds are somewhat confused since the W. T. P. A. has asked that agents be appointed in every local union to act for publishing house. The simplest explanation was given in the Union Signal of May 15th, from which I quote as follows: "Confusion has arisen in the minds of some of the state and local workers because the W. T. P. A. (Wm. Johnson Printing Company, lessees), had asked that 'agents' be appointed in every local union to act for the Publishing House. This is not to be construed as in any way nullifying the W. C. T. U. department of literature. Superintendents are to be appointed and to do the work for the W. C. T. U. precisely as heretofore. If the superintendents' literature chooses to act as a special agent for the W. T. P. A., well and good. If she is not willing, another party may act as agent. Of course it is to the interests of our work, as well as that of the Publishing House, to have the literature pushed, and it is to be regretted that the employment of a new term by the W. T. P. A. has made confusion. This will be remedied, we think, if the unions will bear in mind that the same woman may be local superintendent of literature and agent for the Publishing House. In any event, let it be remembered that the W. C. T. U. literature department is to proceed as usual."

I trust this explanation will be satisfactory to every one interested. The Publishers' notes in the Union Signal from week to week will keep all superintendents posted concerning the latest publications. I hope that all will observe carefully. Some weeks ago "mother experience" told us that we should keep the doctor's office supplied with good, fresh literature. I think this a very good plan and one that most of us have overlooked. The blanket reports have been coming in nicely and are furnishing good material for my annual report. I trust many more may still come. Superintendents or agents please do not forget that a new rule in the W. T. P. A. is that the 20 per cent discount on Union Signal subscriptions is given only when five or more subscriptions are sent in. I hope sincerely that all local workers are doing their best to educate by a free and unlimited distribution of temperance literature. If I can help anyone or give any information concerning literature work, I shall be very glad to do so. Please write to me. Yours effectively work,

M. H. HALCROW,  
State Supt. Literature and Union Signal.  
Bowesmont, N. D., June 17, 1902.