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CONVENTION CALL.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota will be held in the enterprising and centrally located city of Carrington, Sept. 23-27.

Article Six, of the constitution, defines the membership of the state convention as follows: "The annual meeting shall be composed of the executive committee, organizers, evangelists, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, musical director, and presidents of local unions, or their alternates, one delegate at large from each union and one for every thirty members, also one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5 L. T. L. dues paid into the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. Superintendent."

Article three, of the constitution, defines the executive committee: "The trustees, with the vice presidents or their alternates, duly appointed by the executive committees of their respective districts, the general secretaries of the Young People's and L. T. L. Branches, the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin and the superintendents of departments, shall constitute an executive committee."

We hope to come up to our annual gathering with an increase of 1000 active members, but, in order to do this, dues must be carefully collected for old, as well as new members, for no woman can be counted for whom the local treasurer, has not sent 70c to state treasurer, Mrs. Edna F. Salmons, Jamestown, before Sept. 9, when the books close. Any woman who gains twenty new members whose dues are paid into state treasury, is entitled to her R. R. fare to state convention.

To the district making the largest gain in paid membership, said gain to exceed 100 new members, \$50 will be awarded, to apply on the R. R. fare of said district president to the National Convention at Seattle, Oct. 9-14.

A number of new Y. P. B's have organized during the year and these are entitled to representation in the state convention on the same basis as members of the W. C. T. U. Art. 4 of the Y. P. B. constitution provides that delegates and ex-officio representatives must be young women. It is hoped that a large number may be able to avail themselves of the privilege of hearing the National Y. P. B. secretary, Mrs. Ross Hayes Schochner, of Missouri, who is expected to be present.

We are also fortunate in securing, as our other convention speaker, Mrs. Culla J. Vayhinger, president of the Indiana W. C. T. U., and one of our strongest national leaders. Mrs. Vayhinger has been a member of the famous "Flying Squadron" and everywhere her addresses have been received with enthusiasm.

We will also have, as speakers,

some of the best talent in the state. Young people are expected to take an important part in this convention. The music will be of the best, and will be in charge of our state musical director, Mrs. Walter R. Reed, of Amenia, assisted by the local chairman, Mrs. G. W. Burton.

It is expected that a banquet will be held the evening of the 23rd Sept. at which toasts of welcome will be given and responses made. Further announcement will be made later.

The state executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 23rd, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is very important that every member be in attendance.

Delegates should be elected and names sent to the chairman of entertainment committee, Mrs. T. H. Cousins, before Sept. 10th. Names of convention committees appear elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Friday, Sept. 17th, will be observed as a day of prayer for God's blessing in the convention and His guidance in all our deliberations.

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON, President.
BARBARA H. WYLIE, Secretary.
Drayton, N. D., June 28, '15.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

It was at the 16th District Convention, held at Niagara seven years ago, that I spoke my first public words on the subject of woman suffrage, by telling a little story. Since then it has been my privilege to address you twice upon this subject. Some time I hope that we will talk together as actual voters of this commonwealth. But from my work in the campaign and my conversations with women here and there, I sometimes wonder if we are ready for the ballot, we women of North Dakota. So many are indifferent, others who are interested in reform work or public work of different kinds, are not awake to the close connection between their work and politics. If the ballot is given to the women of a state before they feel that they want it, and know why they want it, it will prove of little value. It is not that they would not vote as well as the men—I want them to do much, much better than the men are doing. One of the great evils of our political life today is the indifference of large numbers of men to the voting power. "Men lightly hold the right that strong men died to gain."

Human life is becoming more complex every generation, in place of the home and tribal life that our ancestors had, people today have a home life; a social life; a religious life; a business life; and a political life and our relations with our fellowmen are becoming more and more entangled every year. Where men went out and hunted game, that provided food and clothing for himself and family, now the food and clothing comes from the ends of the

earth, prepared and made ready for our use by other people. Men and women are partners in this life, they both need food and clothes, homes to shelter them, protection from danger of all kinds. We walk the same streets, ride on the same cars and trains, attend the same churches, theaters, etc., we read the same books and magazines. Women share with men so many of the good things of life, the trials and disappointments, the pleasures and pains, it seems strange that one should have to argue her right to share all life.

That woman have a right to a home life is admitted without question. I have read many times lately that the home is a woman's institution, but I wish to make one point here, the desire for home and children is a natural instinct with women, and not one that man has forced upon her. She has clung to the home ideal through long ages and she will cling to it ages to come, but women must carry the ideals that have made home beautiful, out into the world, and cooperate with men in making it a safe, happy place for the children we raise.

"Tis such a few short years that they are ours,
Their little feet are hurrying every day,
To climb the bars and seek the outward way."

A great deal of the demand for the ballot comes from the awaking of the instinct of race motherhood. The knowledge has come to women that they cannot keep their own children safe unless all children are safe.

While the places of authority in the churches are mostly filled by men and in some women are denied a vote on church matters, the women are graciously allowed to do the greater part of the work and attend the church services for them.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
You will find the Christian soldier,
Represented by his wife.

The social life of women is more active than that of men, though in a great measure it is lived by both. Many women regard the winning of a high social position in the same way that a man regards the winning of a high place in his life work.

The struggle for a place in the business world has been, and is yet, a hard one for girls and women, but the right of a girl to an education and a business life will soon be admitted by all the world. It is stated that only two per cent of all the women and girls at work in the United States, outside of the homes, work because they wish to. The other ninety-eight per cent work from Grim Necessity. To tell of the rise of the factory system, bringing its great changes to the industrial world, does not really belong in a discussion about equal suffrage, but there has been so much said about

women being so headstrong as to leave their happy homes, where all life's good things are rained down upon the by a benevolent man, that a word may not come amiss. Woman has followed her work to the factory and mill, in just the same way, just as surely and just as naturally as man has followed his. Just as Jack went to the mill to make the bolts and machinery that was formerly made at home, so Jill went to the mill to spin the yarn and make the cloth that her mother had spun and woven at home. When she ceased to be a producer and manufacturer at home then came the necessity of going out and finding that work again. With the exception of the women on the farms women is less of a producer, less of a worker than she ever was before. The persons who claim that if women would only stay quietly in their homes, that all the troubles of our industrial world would be automatically adjusted, have only taken a very superficial view of the matter.

If woman's right to a place in the business world has been strongly opposed, her right to vote in the administration of public affairs is being bitterly fought, not only by men but by women—that we have here in North Dakota an organization of women opposed to equal suffrage is all that I need say. One American writer, a man, says, "I admire the spirit of the women who struggle against injustice, but I have only pity and contempt for the women who hug their chains."

Woman has been so long considered, as Washington Irving puts it, "beautifully ordained by Providence to be man's dependent and ornament," that it is hard for her to consider herself as a complete unit in human society, apart from her place in the home as daughter, wife or mother. Woman is not a mere appendage of man, she is half of the human race. Those who would require women to stand still, or even go backward, to think and act like their grandmothers, forget that it is an unalterable law.

"It is only a dream, but the world grows wise
And a mighty truth in the dream seed lies,
That shall gladden the world in its time and place.
We must better the mothers, to better the race.

As Julia Ward Howe once said, "the new domain now made clear to me was that of true womanhood—woman no longer in her auxiliary relation to her opposite, man, but in her direct relation to the divine plan and purposes, fully sharing with man in every human right and every human responsibility."

It is not only our right to take a part in public affairs, it is our duty. Even such a confirmed, dyed-in-the-wool anti-suffragist as Edward Bok wrote not long ago, "Every woman

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State W. C. T. U. Convention—Carrington—September 24-27, 1915.

National Goal for 1915—50,000 New Members.

State Goal for 1915—1,000 New Members.

The German-American Alliance was held in June at Bismarck, and among the resolutions adopted, congratulated the state on the defeat of the Temperance Commission bill. In regard to the bill the resolution said:

"If the bill had passed it would not have been of any particular benefit to the prohibition cause and in fact its operation would have been detrimental on account the individual who was supposed to be slated for the appointment."

EXTEND SYMPATHIES.

Again the report says: "We wish to extend our sympathies to the citizens of Fargo and Grand Forks on account of the adoption of local option in Moorhead and East Grand Forks, and we are now assured of the support of these communities to the principles of re-submission, in view of the fact that the liquor business in those communities will be conducted the same as in other parts of North Dakota."

North Dakota is congratulated upon the defeat of woman suffrage, both at the polls and in the legislature and in closing that part of the report, after giving credit for the defeat of the measure to the women of the state, says:

"We assume that it is not the women of the state who want the ballot, but only the suffragettes."

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union maintains handsome headquarters at Chautauqua, New York, the birthplace of our great organization. Each year during the assembly visitors from every part of the globe call at Kellogg hall to rest and to secure information about the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Literature is distributed and meetings of great interest are held in the hall. Twice a week meetings are held by a unique union known as the Willard Federated Union, composed of women from all parts of the country.

The women of the W. C. T. U. of the state must enquire carefully into the character and nature of the men and schemes they are asked to endorse and aid. There may be good and true men going about the state helping to enforce the liquor laws, but remember we have our own enforcement league with reliable citizens back of it, needing our support. Be slow to give moral support to unknown transients who glibly tell of the many blind pigs they are able to locate in every dry town.

The Railroad Employees' Journal says: "While the country fools with prohibition as a matter of politics and government, the railroad quietly and firmly adopts it as a matter of business."

About one-fourth of all the dailies in the country take no liquor ads.

MANY LARGE TOWNS DRY.

These American cities are either now "dry" or were voted "dry" on November 3d. The population figures are taken from the census reports of 1910: Seattle, 237,194.
Denver, Colo., 213,381.
Portland, Ore., 207,214.
Atlanta, Ga., 154,839.
Spokane, Wash., 104,402.
Tacoma, Wash., 82,743.
Portland, Me., 58,571.
Topeka, Kan., 43,684.
Memphis, Tenn., 131,105.
Nashville, Tenn., 110,364.
Richmond, Va., 127,628.
Norfolk, Va., 67,452.
Oklahoma City, Ok., 64,425.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION PLANS FOR JULY.

Independence Day celebrations afford excellent opportunities for spreading the gospel of National Constitutional Prohibition. If a patriotic meeting is to be held in your community, endeavor to secure a place on the program for a temperance speaker. If no such meeting is arranged, let the Woman's Christian Temperance Union plan a prohibition parade, in which all the churches, Sunday schools, public schools and fraternal organizations shall participate, ending with a public meeting at which patriotic and prohibition speeches and music shall form the program.

At least twice during the month, the W. C. T. U. would do well to hold, in one of its city parks, an out-of-door evening meeting, in the nature of a picnic, inviting to it through the church pulpits and the general press, every citizen of the community. The messages on such an occasion should be given by strong voiced orators and singers. To such a meeting many would be attracted who would not attend an indoor gathering.

July is primarily the month for distributing prohibition literature. Sentiment for our cause may be made by giving wide circulation at chautauquas, picnics and every kind of summer gatherings, of short, breezy, live leaflets on total abstinence and prohibition.

Many influential organizations hold their conventions in July. At all such occasions occurring in your vicinity urge the passage of a resolution in favor of National Constitutional Prohibition.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

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should know more about what the great questions of the day mean. And it is possible for a mother to take intelligent interest in the affairs of the state, the nation and the world and still care for her family. If she never looks past her own household how is she to give her sons the broad, impersonal view of public affairs that citizens of this great republic need. To seek the effective way of expressing our opinion on public affairs, is not only a right, it is a duty, and the fulfillment of that duty should be made compulsory on both men and women. "Male and female created he them, and he gave them dominion over all the earth." They together were to subdue the earth, not men alone.

"Was the seed of the fruit more worth than the flesh that wrapped it soft, that we walk not, side by side.

Could we have been feeble and fool at once, and not stamped them there, at the birth,

With the stamp that all men point to, and all they decry and deride, Can you drag the bearing bough in the dust, and the fruit ride high in its pride?"

Woman has come a long, weary way, on her march, up from slavery. The road has been hard, and the stones cruelly sharp for her feet. But for the sake of our daughters, and their daughters, we must not be satisfied with what we have gained; we must have equality in the home, the church and the state.

For our encouragement let us take the words of Carlyle: "For this we know the cause we struggle for, in so far as it is true, that falsehood and no farther will prevail. The fardhood of it only, will be conquered, as it should be, but the truth of it is a part of Nature's laws, co-operates with the world's eternal tendencies and CANNOT BE CONQUERED."

MRS. ANNA KIRK,
Niagara.

Where saloons are licensed, how many live up to the law? Not one. Vested rights! Has the community no rights? There is no reason for the existence of the saloons. Blot them all out and what harm?—Bishop Conaty.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:

I am writing this letter from the restful, hospitable home of our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wylie. Last night I spoke in the Methodist church in this my old home town, and the day before Mrs. Wylie and I returned from the Eighteenth District convention at Pembina. The interest and attendance were good. The capable president, Mrs. H. E. Best, was reelected as were the entire corps of district officers.

I also attended last week the Seventeenth District Convention at Forest River. Laboring under some disadvantages, as the President, Mrs. J. J. Kohnen, was detained at home by illness in the family, and the recording secretary, Mrs. Smith, nee Patience Drew, was away on her wedding trip, nevertheless the program was well carried out and earnest and enthusiastic plans were made for the coming year. The vice president, Mrs. O. M. Omie, presided well. Mrs. Bessie Kibbee Williams of Grafton was elected president, Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. T. W. Kibbee, is president of the Grafton union, and her grandmother, Grandma Kibbee, "of blessed memory" was for many years an active and loyal white-ribboner.

Some unusually strong papers were read at both of these conventions. Full reports of these interesting meetings will doubtless be given in the next number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Tomorrow I start for First District convention which is to be held at Calvin. At its close I go to North Chautauqua, where our state treasurer, Mrs. Salmons, has charge of the W. C. T. U. Institute and is our hostess at Baldwin Cottage. From there I go to Valley City Chautauqua, where our vice president, Mrs. Best, has charge of the W. C. T. U. Institute.

In my last letter I spoke of the home going of our National Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hutchinson. The simple and beautiful service was held at her old home—Hutchinson, Kas. Our National President, Miss Gordon, attended and took part in the service. I knew you would all want some loving expression of appreciation in that hour, and so in the name of the W. C. T. U. of North Dakota exquisite Ward roses, in the colors she loved, were sent. I have a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Chas. W. Roberts, asking me to express to the members of the W. C. T. U. of North Dakota, the great appreciation of the family for the beautiful flowers.

In response to a call from Miss Gordon, I went with the other General Officers to Evanston where a conference was held at National Headquarters. Mrs. Frances P. Parks was appointed acting treasurer for the balance of the year, and Mrs. Ella A. Boole was appointed chairman of the transportation committee. Plans were fully discussed for the Seattle convention program, transportation, campaign literature and other questions of importance to our great work.

It is now less than three months to our state convention at Carrington. I am looking confidently to every white ribboner in the state to help us reach our goal of 1,000 new members. Will you not, dear co-worker, make one more effort to secure new members? Please see that assistance is given the local treasurer, if necessary, that the dues for every member, old and new, may be collected and sent to the state treasurer as early as possible.

Yours for 1,000 new members,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Drayton, N. D., June 28, 1915.

"Keep step. In the battle of life one cannot hire a substitute."

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

Dear Comrades:

As I write I am enjoying a delightful visit from our state president, Mrs. Anderson, who is spending a few days here between conventions. Together we attended the Eighteenth district convention at Pembina, which was a very successful meeting.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Anderson spoke here, in the Methodist Episcopal church, giving a strong and inspirational address. In this church, her husband, Rev. Jas. Anderson, was pastor some years ago, and Mrs. Anderson was warmly welcomed by her old friends.

Some changes have become necessary in the schedule announced for district meetings last month. Mrs. C. E. Coates, who has been making a tour of 14th district, speaks at the convention there, which is being held at Wyndmere today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder was the speaker at 9th district convention, held at Kintyre, June 25-27. Following this, Mrs. Wilder begins an itinerary in Morton county in territory unoccupied by the W. C. T. U.

A good report comes from the 12th district meeting at Cooperstown where Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers was the convention speaker.

At the 11th district convention, held at Dawson, our vice president, Mrs. Best, was speaker. Mrs. Best assisted the workers in various ways, giving a helpful address and supplying for several who were absent.

The 5th district meets in convention at Ray, July 6 and 7, and the 3d district at Souris, July 14, 15 and 16. Mrs. Nevia E. Buck, our recording secretary, will speak at both these meetings. At At Sheldon, July 22 and 23, the 13th district will meet, with Mrs. Anderson as speaker. This will conclude the district meetings, except for the two which are held in August. The 2d district at New Rockford and the 4th district at Mohall.

Following the very successful meeting of the 16th district, held at Inkster, Mrs. Baughman, the district president, organized a local union with the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Jas. Matthis; Cor. Sec. Mrs. Jerry Gilhooly; Treas. Mrs. V. E. Bemis.

At Norma, Mrs. Bowers organized with the officers as follows: Pres. Mrs. Flora Walden; Sec., Mrs. Fred Warner; Treas., Mrs. Bertine Sands. In the country near Norma another union was organized, of which Mrs. Ralph De Golar is president; Mrs. P. W. Vandemark, Sec., and Mrs. L. E. Yimmer, treasurer.

At present Mrs. Bowers is at Standing Rock reservation, representing the State W. C. T. U. at a convention there.

The ladies of Carrington are making extensive plans for the State convention to be held there Sept. 23-27, and have announced the following chairmen of committees:

- Entertainment—Mrs. T. H. Cousins.
- Reception—Mrs. E. L. Goss.
- Music—Mrs. G. W. Burton.
- Rest Room—Mrs. W. Harpey.
- Badges—Mrs. Geo. Lowery.
- Decoration—Young People's Branch.
- Publicity Bureau—Mrs. O. W. McClusky.
- Postoffice—Miss Louise Shean.
- Ushers and Pages—Mrs. G. W. Heinmiller.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA H. WYLIE.
Drayton, June 29th, 1915.

DRY FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

Next New Year's Day it will be possible for a man to walk on "dry" land all the way from the state of Washington to the state of Georgia. The chain of prohibition states, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, extends from the northwest corner to the southeast, and the corner of Wyoming that intervenes is so nearly dry that the most sensitive teetotaler could walk across it without being offended by sight of a rum shop.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dear Comrades:—As the days are passing by bringing Convention time nearer each day, what are you doing toward giving your district the greatest gain in membership for 1915? As you read in the President's letter last month the district making the greatest gain in membership exceeding 100 will receive \$50 towards the expense of the District President or her representative to the National Convention at Seattle. Let every member who reads these lines resolve to bring this honor to her district president. Every member securing 20 new members will have her fare paid to and from Convention.

For many successive years Mrs. Johnson of the Fargo Scandinavian Union has won 20 or more new members. How? By SYSTEMATIC CONSECRATED EFFORT. The value of numbers cannot be overestimated. The opposing forces measure us by numbers. The time to work is now, tomorrow may not come.

I thank you for the splendid response you have made to all my appeals. Let us keep the dues and pledges coming in that we may be ready to meet all our obligations. And may we so correct our Bulletin list that no deficit shall be found at our Annual Meeting.

Yours for 1000 new members,
EDNA F. SALMONS.

Receipts April 15th to May 15th:

McKenzie, dues	\$ 3 50
Leal, state	5 00
Edgeley, dues	25 20
Amenia, dues	1 40
Grand Forks Scand., dues, state, chautauqua, legislative, memorial, pres. steng., minutes	32 80
Forman, dues	2 10
Galesburg, dues	11 20
Hamilton, dues, Stevens campaign	6 70
Antler, Stevens fund	1 00
Jamestown, organizing	2 00
Grand Forks, dues	4 90
Hillsboro, dues	6 30
Fargo Scand., dues, chautauqua, L. T. L., memorial, Stevens fund, state, legislative	201 00
Bisbee, state, dues	6 00
Park River, dues, memorial	40 50
Hankinson, legislative, dues	5 70
Mayville, dues	21 00
Tappen, L. T. L.	1 40
Williston, dues	2 80
Milnor, dues	9 10
Kenmare, dues	9 60
Walhalla, dues	8 40
Carrington, state	6 00
Grafton, dues	21 00
Denbigh, dues	5 60
Oberon, minutes	45
15th Dist., life membership	10 00
Berlin, dues	10 50
Mercer, Stevens campaign	8 25
Benedict, dues	70
Fargo, dues	3 50
Kensal, dues	2 45
Kenmare, dues	3 20
Jamestown, dues	4 90
Kintyre, dues	3 50
Oberon, dues, memorial	9 00
Ray, dues	2 10

The following unions have paid pledges for this year: Fargo Scandinavian, Bethel, Tynet, Hillsboro, Grand Forks Scandinavian, Wyndmere, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Rolla, Amenia, Napoleon, Reeder, Valley City Scandinavian, Lisbon, Park River, Absaraka, Edgeley, Valley City, Northwood, Leal, Bowen, Carrington, Hope, Antler, Cavalier, Fairmount, Gilby, Mayville, Portal, Bottineau, Thompson, Bisbee.

In last month's Bulletin this statement was printed: "Remember that after this month all names sent me since last convention will be dropped from the mailing list." The statement should have read, "Remember that after this month all names NOT sent me since last convention will be dropped from the mailing list."

The Poster Advertising Association, at its national meeting at Palm Beach, Fla., voted that no more contracts to post bills for whiskey or distilled and spirituous liquors would be accepted and that all present contracts will be discontinued December 31, 1915.

MEDAL CONTESTS.

A grand gold medal contest will be held one evening of the State convention of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. at Carrington in September. Very few grand gold medal contests have been held in this state. It is a signal sign of the activity in North Dakota of the department work in medal contests that one will be had as part of the state convention program. All the members of the class must have won the silver and gold medals. This is to be a suffrage contest; the selections given must be taken from the Suffrage contest reciter No. 14. The contest will be under the direction of the state superintendent, Miss Emma Lockwood of Valley City. Any contestant wishing to enter this will please notify her as soon as possible.

Fourteen contests were reported held in May. Six of these were in the 3d district, at Souris, Dewey, Peabody, Towner and Bottineau. All were well pleased.

Preston reports a Matron's contest held May 14. The medal was won by Mrs. H. E. Nixon, her selection was "Backbone." Receipts, \$15.50.

Two contests were held at Kintyre. Miss May Sparkes won the medal in the young ladies' class and Katie McCallester in the children's contest.

A silver music contest was held by the Hillsboro union at the 15th district convention held there May 19.

B. A. Hoff, principal of the school at Dwight, reports contest held there a grand success. The contestants entered into their pieces with vigor and spirit. The audience was highly pleased and hope the work will be taken up next year.

Mrs. Alice M. Goheen of Sherwood reports three more contests held at Lorraine. A very interesting exercise of States was part of the program, and all sang:

It's a short way to prohibition,
It's a right way to go.
It's a sure way to bring salvation
To the greatest land I know.
Let's all stick together.
Let this be our cry:
It's a short, short way to prohibition
And our nation will go dry!

A number more contests were held in the last month that were not reported. I wish each superintendent would see to filling out the return slip sent with each medal and send it to me; it will help me to make a better report for convention if you do this.

The name of two contest superintendents were sent in this month: Jamestown, Mrs. Geo. A. Thompson; Souris, Mrs. C. O. Gullen.

EMMA LOCKWOOD.*

16th DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Inkster, May 27-28.

The 26th annual convention was well attended by both members of the W. C. T. U. and visitors and friends. During the two days of convention there were twenty-six members present, which was a good attendance for the few unions, all of which are in Grand Forks county. The trip was rather a round-about one for some of the delegates to reach Inkster.

The sessions attracted a good attendance of the citizens of Inkster and vicinity and nearby towns.

There were eight topics of special interest on the program. The members who were to give papers on these topics were present, with but two exceptions. As provisions had been made for extra papers on other topics, in case of absence of any member on the program, we were able to furnish a full program each day, carried out in regular order, with no infringement on the time of the following number. Sessions convened and adjourned promptly, giving delegates and friends time for social enjoyment.

Thursday afternoon at 4:15, citizens of Inkster with their automobiles were in line to give the delegates and all who wished, the pleasure of an automobile ride. There were automobiles in good

number. Two hours were delightfully spent speeding past the beautiful farm homes and through the charming natural scenery of Forest river. The ardent suffragists succeeded in luring some of their anti-suffrage friends into wearing suffrage buttons and placing "Votes for Women" pennants on their autos. We expect Inkster to become a fortress for W. C. T. U. and all the organization represents.

Thursday evening the convention church was packed, even standing room was at a premium. The feature of the evening program was a silver medal contest, which was highly entertaining and enjoyed by all present.

The praiseworthy feature about our Inkster friends is, the convention was extended an invitation to meet in Inkster and yet there was no local union there. There could be no more genuine hospitality shown any gathering anywhere. The Inkster ladies had made great preparations for the event: every provision was made for emergencies; and the co-operation of the gentlemen of the city, the church pastors, the musicians, the instructors in the schools, and school children with their choruses made an enjoyable and successful convention.

The enthusiasm was so great it became contagious and now Inkster has a W. C. T. U., organized after the convention adjourned, with twelve ladies present who voted for officers. There are prospects for twenty members right now.

The closing number of the convention was the adoption of resolutions which included a resolution of hearty thanks to the citizens of Inkster, to the various committees in charge, to the musicians of the city and to the teachers and pupils of the schools who furnished excellent musical numbers and all who helped to make the convention a success.

All present joined hands and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." All district officers were re-elected.

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SOME THINGS A LOCAL UNION CAN DO.

MARGARET B. PLATT.

The union that ceases to work ceases to live. Activity is the law of life in the W. C. T. U. If there is nothing to do, there is nothing to live for.

Sometimes a local union thinks there is nothing to do. The members, a few of them gather in regular meeting. There is no program, no business, no enthusiasm. Next time there are still fewer members present, and the meeting is a repetition of the last one. Nothing doing save a talking over of neighborhood affairs. Next time there is no meeting at all. What is wrong? Why did this union die? The union died, of inaction, of indifference, of ignorance, of heart-failure, of a complication of diseases. Conviction, consecration, intelligence and courage in equal parts, well mixed and applied daily as a lubricant would have started that union off at a prize-winning rate.

A program is necessary to deepen conviction, quicken enthusiasm, educate concerning the work of the organization and the various reforms of the day, and arouse a desire to be up and doing for God and Home and our country.

Business is necessary. Something should be done at every meeting. The union does not exist and hold its meetings simply for the purpose of improving the lives of its own members, laudable though it is to desire and labor for self-improvement. If the union does not impress the community in which it lives for some good purpose, it is not recognized as a force constantly at war with evil and always on the firing line against the saloon and its allies, then that union is not fulfilling the purpose for which it was born.

There are so many things that a wide-awake union can do, it is a pity the brightest members do not set their wits at work to discover what maneuver can next be proposed to keep the battle raging. The liquor men say of the W. C. T. U. "There is always something doing." Let us prove them truth sayers in this instance.

Here are some suggestions for unions that want to start something going: Get some "temperance blotters" and put one on every desk in the public schools. We have six different kinds every three months. The pupils will be pleased and will learn some wholesome truths from the blotters. They are 30 cents per 100. Or,

Get a set of the New Graduated Charts on Alcohol and tobacco, with the manual fully explaining the same, containing supplemental lessons for the public schools, and place these in each school. These charts are produced in colors, are 24x36 inches in size, eight in number, and with the manual cost only \$1.50. They are invaluable as aids to the teachers, and will certainly be welcomed by all who desire to make scientific temperance instruction really effective. Or, bring these charts to the attention of the school board and get the board to purchase them for the school. Or,

Have a social or medal contest and raise funds to secure some temperance books for the school library. A list of books will be sent you if desired. From time to time we note in this paper various books suitable for such purposes. Or,

Send for 100 copies, more or less as needed, of the campaign edition of the Union Signal and on a certain day make a systematic canvass in every home and business office. Sometimes it is a good plan to put a copy in the wagon of the people who come in from the country. The papers are \$1.75 per 100 copies. Or,

Have a series of medal contests. A little earnest effort will generally enlist enough young people for this purpose; or a class of matrons will always arouse local interest and bring out a good audience. Train the children to sing temperance songs or have some drills or exercises to intersperse between the recitations. Properly worked up, medal

contests are money-makers for the union, and are always educational and keep our cause before the public.

Ask the Sabbath schools to have a union temperance program on the day of the quarterly temperance lesson, either morning, afternoon or evening. Write to state headquarters for helps, programs, etc., and make the occasion one of interest to the whole neighborhood. If held in the afternoon, the schools might march to the place of meeting carrying flags and mottoes and singing temperance songs.

Early in the school year get the plans for the essay contest in the public schools; visit the superintendent and enlist his co-operation; call upon the teachers and make them your friends, and do all you can to promote this most invaluable branch of our educational work. The activity required to raise the money for the prizes and promote the contests will keep the union from dying.

At least once a quarter have a carefully prepared, well advertised and thoroughly enjoyable mothers' meeting. Exercise much care in providing the program so that it will be attractive to all and well carried out. Serve light refreshments. Get some of the young ladies to attend and care for the babies while the mothers enjoy the program. Invite all the women. Do not confine either attendance or program to members, but reach out to all who are willing to help or be helped.

Note the White Ribbon Bulletin each month for plans and suggestions therein given. Read the news notes from other unions; you may find there some suggestion you can follow.

If you try all these plans and still your union is not a factor in the life of the community, write us and we will still further prescribe for the patient.

PEACE CONTESTS.

It is evident from the letters we are receiving from those interested in "The Peace Contests" that the communication in The Union Signal of April 22d on this special work was not carefully read. We gave quite minute instructions regarding these contests—the new book of recitations—the medal designed by the National Superintendent, Mrs. Bailey—the music, souvenirs, etc., also an outlined program. Look up this issue and write me if you need further information. The date of these contests was to have been May 18th, Peace Day, but as the time was limited owing to the book of recitations not being ready as soon as expected, we hope that these contests will be continued until peace is proclaimed. Now is the opportune time for this work.

Prohibition contests are being actively pushed in nearly all the states, especially in those that are working for state-wide prohibition.

We hope that an effort will be made to hold high grade contests during the summer and early fall months. Nearly every mail brings a letter from aspiring contestants asking if we cannot place them in a diamond medal contest. Give these young people an opportunity to win the diamond medals. Half rates in "The Columbia College of Expression of Chicago" is a great incentive for advancement.

Are you working for the special medals offered by the different National Superintendents, viz., Sunday Schools, Humane Education, Anti-Narcotics, Franchise, Peace and Arbitration, Red Letter Days and at Institutes? Report these different department contests to the state contest superintendent. Every state and territory has a Supt. of Medal Contests. Send to them or your Nat'l Supt. for supplies. As souvenirs for Matrons Contests, and the new members, we have the Scotch bow pin. (See catalogue.)

We hope you will co-operate earnestly with your state superintendent in pushing this department, thus enabling us to make the best report ever given at a National Convention.

MRS. ADELIA E. CARMAN,
National Supt. of Medal Contests.

FIELD NOTES.

KENSAL—Our W. C. T. U. of Kensal was organized June 1, 1914, by Mrs. Wilder of Fargo, with eight charter members and all dues paid for a year. We have our regular meetings—in summer we meet twice a month, in winter only once a month. We had an average attendance of twelve to fifteen at every meeting during the year. Had programs, temperance speeches and socials, and have had what we consider a successful year. We held twenty meetings during the year. Organizing with eight members, we have gained sixteen new members during the year—a gain of 200%. We have held three public meetings for national prohibition; one for scientific work in schools. We have had special music and good speakers, and taken up a collection for the Lillian Stevens fund—\$2.00. We held one temperance program with fine recitations and music, took a collection of \$3.75, using the same for our home union. We had one National speaker, Mrs. Edith Smith Davies, on April 21st, giving her the collection, \$3.20. We have no flower committee, but many flowers have been distributed among the sick and delicacies carried to them. Many bundles of clothing have been sent to the needy. Many calls have been made on the sick. Much literature has been distributed and we keep a well-filled paper rack at the depot, of temperance reading matter. Our work has been well advertised and reported. We wrote only one Union Signal as yet. We took to our representatives in the legislature asking them to vote for the bills we were most interested in. We held one candy sale which brought us \$5.90. We have paid state dues for twenty-four members; our dues are all sent in; we have paid our district pledge of \$5.00; we have at the present time twenty-two enrolled members and one honorary member, making twenty-three. The amount taken in during the year was \$34.81; amount paid out \$22.05, leaving a total of \$12.66, and dues all sent in for the ensuing year; but for the coming year there will be only six charter members left, as one has moved to Rugby and joined the union there and the other withdrew her name. We elected a superintendent of Sunday school work and one for contest work; we have a committee of two ladies to decorate the church for funerals and special occasions. Through our union we have had the pleasure of celebrating the first National Decoration day at Kensal—it being twenty-one years old—which was a great success, the union ladies serving free lunch to the band boys, old soldiers and sons of veterans; they also had a nice rest room for the country people. We would not forget to state that we boast of a pledge membership of forty-six young people. We held one social for the benefit of pledge members and are planning a picnic for them in July. We are looking forward to have many of them come into the union in the near future. When we elected our officers on June 1 they were as follows: Mrs. L. Collison, pres., re-elected; Mrs. M. Ramsey, vice pres.; Mrs. G. Partlow, sec., re-elected; Miss Agnes Thompson, treas.; Mrs. Ruth Collison, Supt. of Sunday schools; Mrs. Foda Crawford, Supt. of medal contest. We are glad to send in this report and wish we had been able to do more, but our town is small and our union only one year old, but we hope to do more for this noble work in the future and to help pull down the stronghold of the liquor traffic. Signed—

MRS. LUCRETIA COLLISON, Pres.
MRS. GERTRUDE PARTLOW, Sec.

WOODWORTH—The W. C. T. U. ladies entertained the White Ribbon recruits and their mothers at a delicious luncheon, May 29th. The program was along the lines of child welfare and was ably given by the mothers. There are now fourteen mothers and twenty-one children enrolled. The president of the Recruits, Mrs. W. Rued, handed in her resignation as she felt that she could not give the time necessary to make it

successful; her resignation was accepted and Mrs. Grace Ferguson appointed to take her place. Miss Olson having left Woodworth for her home in Minnesota, our school garden is without a superintendent, but we hope soon to find someone willing to fill the vacancy. We are thinking of having an evening meeting for the public, some time in July, to interest the gentlemen.

MRS. CHAS. LEMAN, Press Cor.

LIQUOR AND SUFFRAGE.

Fight Against Woman Suffrage to Continue: Absolutely Necessary That Brewer and Saloon Trade Keep Ballot Away from Maid and Mother! Thus "Progress," the Official Organ of the Retail Liquor Dealers Association heads a leading article. The real Anti-suffragists stand revealed, not as the conservative women who hesitate at their fitness for the ballot; not as the women who think indirect influence enough but as one of the most vicious interests in the community, not thinking but knowing that votes for women is the greatest power in the community that can be raised against them. Everywhere the publications of the liquor dealers are filled with cartoons ridiculing woman suffrage and praising the stay at home woman who "does not want to vote." The reason for the opposition of these interests is clear to anyone who thinks. Women have suffered more than men from this particular evil and they have learned to fear it more. But no longer are the liquor interests moved by a vague fear of what women may do. In eleven states women vote on equal terms with men and each state is a fearful example to the liquor interests of the United States of just what women will do. The Pacific, a journal representing the Congregational Churches of the Pacific coast, said in its issue of Dec. 4, 1912:

"Two years ago we had but 200 dry towns in all California. Today we have about 675." The state president of the Wyoming W. C. T. U. writes The Woman's Journal that before the granting of equal suffrage all Wyoming was wet, and that now 90 per cent of the state is dry territory. The state president of the Utah W. C. T. U. writes that when the Utah legislature in 1911 passed a state-wide local option law, 110 cities went dry and only 18 went wet, and out of these 18 so-called cities, 16 were mining camps. Every county in Utah but one is now dry.

In Colorado, town after town, has gone dry until now full victory crowns their efforts in the state-wide prohibition measure which was passed at the last election. At this same election other woman suffrage states went dry—Washington, Oregon and Arizona. Even more than prohibition the "interests" fear votes for women for they know that every gain with women voting is a permanent one. They also know that the women have power to elect men who will see that the laws are enforced.

Unfortunately, the opposition of these dark interests is backed up by a group of women, some of them totally ignorant that they are allying themselves with evil, others, unfortunately, seem to be less in the dark.

In the "Liberal Advocate," Official Organ of the Ohio Liquor League, for October 21, 1914, on page 2, a picture of Mrs. Arthur J. George, of Massachusetts, appears with a complimentary notice of her Anti-suffrage tour in Ohio. Besides this is an article, "Why I Became an Anti-Suffragist," by Florence Goff Schwarz, business secretary of the Cincinnati Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. This is marked "third installment of a series of articles."

It is a matter for deep regret that so many women are unwittingly backing up these vicious interests. How much more deplorable that any should be found willing to be used by them.—White Ribbon Banner.

But six counties out of the whole twenty-three in the state of Maryland are now wet.