

Proceedings of the County W. C. T. U. Convention.

FRIDAY EVENING, February 19th.—The first session of the Convention was given to the Y's. Their entertainment was all that could be desired, everyone doing themselves and the organization credit.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 a. m.—Praise Service conducted by Mrs. Houtz, of Orangeville.

Convention proper opened with music, followed with reading the 119th Psalm.

Minutes of last Convention read and approved.

Roll call showed an attendance of 24, absent 17.

Press Work—Superintendent, Miss McHenry reports Bloom papers willing to publish reports.

Juvenile Work—Miss Young, Supt. reports the autograph cards, 140 in number, ready to be sent to the State Supt., Miss Brahm.

Mrs. Melick, Supt. Mercy, not present. Miss Kester reports distribution of leaflets in Millville.

R. Anna Kester is very earnest in her work of Peace and Arbitration, and desires that every Union take it up.

Motion made that visiting members of the W. C. T. U. have all the privileges of the Convention, except voting. Carried.

Recitation, Albert Kline.

Convention tendered a vote of thanks to the donors of the badges.

While the choir gave a selection, the question box was passed.

Why are there not more temperance hotels in Columbia county?

It was answered in several ways. People are not sufficiently educated. They need some one to run them who has plenty of money and willing to use it.

One person asks: Why not take some of the missionary money and sustain temperance hotels. Another says, get the license away and you will have temperance hotels. A temperance hotel will pay if the temperance people sustain it.

The following committees were appointed: On Resolutions, Courtesies, Credentials, Plan of Work and place of holding next meeting.

After the closing exercises, Mrs. I. B. Ikeler, Miss Annie Reese and Mrs. Lizzie Rich joined the Union.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 19th—Promise Service, conducted by Mrs. McHenry.

The vice president was then called to the chair, and the president gave her semi-annual address. The past year has been one of quiet, steady growth and progress, and God has blessed our labors.

The W. C. T. U. has departments that call all the varied talents, both natural and acquired, that is in possession of womankind, and its open doors invite every wife, mother and daughter to enter, and to help raise fallen humanity.

In reviewing the work of the past six months, special mention was made of the good work the Stillwater Union has been doing. Five silver medal contests have been held, and the notable feature of them, is the presence and respectful attention of those who would not hear a temperance lecture.

The presence of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, National Superintendent S. T. I., at the county teacher's Institute, was an inspiration to all local Superintendents.

It is a sad fact that the wall pockets at the railway stations are nearly always empty. Encouraging words were given to the Y's. More L. T. L's have been organized than any other year.

They were referred to as the safeguards of the future. The department of Evangelistic Work is our vital force or propelling power.

S. Jennie Kester then read an essay, written by Mrs. Spear, who was unable to be present on account of sickness, for which a vote of thanks was tendered the writer.

Carl Grimes favored the audience with a recitation.

The question box was passed, and on opening it there were several questions and 18 cents collection.

1st question.—It has not been clearly expressed, what is meant by second rate hotels, but if inexpensive accommodations and simple food are supplied, and only the luxuries are lacking, can we, who profess to be temperance workers, fail to encourage temperance workers, and seek greater comfort in stylish hotels whose luxuries are supplied from the income of the bar room?

Miss Jones—A second rate hotel furnishes bad beds and bad eating. Temperance hotels should be up to the standard.

Mr. Pollock—If the hotels are not up to the standard, we should stand by our principles and sacrifice a little.

Mr. Young—In proportion to numbers, temperance hotels are as good as others.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Columbia county has ten Unions, eight W's, two Y's and five L. T. L's. There are 179 paying members, an increase of 69 and decrease of 4; 58 honorary members; average attendance at the meetings, 59; total amount of money received, \$43.89; expended, \$34.84; total amount spent for literature, \$17.59; for rent and expenses, \$18.81; amount sent to the State for the year, \$22.77; Report of State Convention, by delegate, S. Jennie Kester, was very interesting, and the following statistics were given: During the past year, 2,984 public meet-

ings were held; \$30,542.50 were raised for all purposes; \$7,734.29 for dues; 355 juvenile organizations, with a membership of 18,522; paying members, W's, 16,634, an increase of 1,000 over last year; honorary members, 2,709.

The convention extended Miss Kester a vote of thanks, for her excellent report.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7:30.—The Demorest Gold Medal Contest created such an interest, that by the time announced for it to begin, every available seat in the church was filled, benches in the aisles were filled, and standing room against the walls was at a premium.

After singing, and prayer by the president, Miss H. Frances Jones, the superintendent of Demorest contests in Pennsylvania, explained the blanks used by the judges, and announced that Mrs. Hammer, Mrs. Brewster and Miss H. Frances Jones would act as judges. The contestants, one after another, came upon the platform, and delivered their recitations in a manner that made it extremely difficult for the judges to decide who should receive the medal.

However it was awarded to number four, who received the best marks. The 54th gold medal in Pennsylvania, was then presented to Ralph Kiser, by Miss Jones, who congratulated him on his success, and hoped that he would work for the grand gold medal. The other contestants were called to the platform and each presented with a book. Miss Jones spoke of their excellent efforts, and hoped that they would enter another contest at no distant day. After singing by the Stillwater W. C. T. U., the meeting closed.

Sunday afternoon—L. T. L. exercises consisted of recitations, by delegates from Bloomsburg, Stillwater and Millville.

Miss Jones gave a delightful talk to the Loyal boys and girls, and urged them to work like bees. She gave names of five B's, Begin, Be quick, Be best, Be earnest, Be enthusiastic.

Sunday Evening—Mrs. Anna M. Hammer, of Philadelphia, vice president at large of the State, gave a lecture. Subject, "The American Home vs. The American Soloon."

The American home can expect no favors from either of the don't inant parties. The democratic party don't pretend to care for temperance. The republican party says, we will bring you to the desired haven, but when we go to them, we get no help after all. The parties are like the game, Simon says thumbs up. Simon is the liquor traffic, and when Simon says thumbs up, they go up. Simon says thumbs down, they go down. Simon says 'thumbs wiggle-waggle,' they all waggle.

Monday's session was taken up with reports of committees, election of officers and new business.

The following is the result of the elections: President, Mrs. Reighard, Light Street.

Vice President, Mrs. Anna M'Henry, Stillwater.

Corresponding Secretary, Allie Kester, Millville.

Recording Secretary, Ella Young, Millville.

Treasurer, Mrs. Brewster, Berwick.

Treasurer reports the total receipts of this convention to be \$99.36 and after all bills were paid, balance on hand is \$62.27.

Adjourned to meet in September.

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Mrs. Jolliboy (quietly)—Perhaps, my dear, you might save some steps by looking for him on the hill first.

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"Mr. David Welcher tells me," says Eli Perkins, "that Mark Twain, when in a good humor, told him the story of his courtship, and how he won his beautiful and wealthy wife. She was Miss Langdon, of Elmira. When Mark first met her he was not so distinguished as now; his origin was humble, and for some years of his life he had been a pilot on the Mississippi River. The future Mrs. Clemens was a woman of position and fortune; her father a judge, and doubtless expected family and social importance in his son in law. Clemens, however, became interested in his daughter, and after a while proposed but was rejected."

"Well," he said to the lady, "I didn't much believe you'd have me, but I thought I'd try."

"After a while he 'tried' again, with the same result, and then remarked, with his celebrated drawl, 'I think a great deal more of you than if you'd said 'Yes,' but it's hard to bear.' A third time he met with better fortune, and then came to the most difficult part of his task—to address the old gentleman."

"Judge," he said to the dignified millionaire, "have you seen anything going on between Miss Lizzie and me?"

"What? what? exclaimed the judge, rather sharply, apparently not understanding the situation, yet doubtless getting a glimpse of it from the inquiry.

"Have you seen anything going on between Miss Lizzie and me?"

"No, indeed," replied the magnate sternly. "No, sir, I have not."

"Well, look sharp and you will," said the author of "Innocents Abroad," and that's the way he asked the judicial luminary for his daughter's hand."

Eli Perkins asked the Rev. "Sam" Jones:

"Do they ever answer back to you from the audience when you talk so savagely?"

"Yes, often. Every now and then a burnt stinner will squeal. Sometimes they get a good joke on me too. One day, in St. Louis," continued the preacher, laughing, "an awful funny thing happened. I had been attacking the gamblers and drunkards for an hour, and I said a drunkard was lower than a dog."

"Just then a shabby, bleary-eyed man arose tremblingly and started to leave the church."

"Stop! young man," I said. "Stop!" The young man stood still, with a thousand eyes on him.

"If you'd rather go to hell than hear me preach just go on!"

"Well," replied the man, after a pause, "I believe I'd rather." And out he went."

"I was talking one day," says Eli Perkins, "with Mr. Depew about demand and supply. I said the price of any commodity is always controlled by the demand and supply."

"Not always, Eli," said Mr. Depew; "demand and supply don't always govern prices. Business tact sometimes governs them."

"When," I asked, "did an instance ever occur when the price did not depend on demand and supply?"

"Well," said Mr. Depew, "the other day I stepped up to a German butcher, and out of curiosity asked: "What's the price of sausages?"

"Twenty cents a pound," he said.

"You asked 25 this morning," I replied.

"Ya, dot vas ven I had some. Now I ain't got none I sell him for twenty cents. Dot makes me a reputation for selling cheap and I don't lose noodings."

"You see," said Depew, laughing, "I didn't have any; no demand or supply, and still the price of sausage went down."

After telling us no end of funny stories Eli Perkins says: "Any one can write humor who will sit down and write the honest truth. There is no imagination in humor, while wit is all imagination."

"I have known a kind of half-wit and humor," said Eli Perkins, "where two earnest people misconstrued each other's thoughts. I once heard of a dialogue between a sweet, dear old clergyman in Arkansas and an illiterate parishioner, which illustrates this idea.

"Your children have all turned out well, I reckon," said the clergyman, as he sat down to dinner with the parishioner he had not seen in church for several years.

"Drunk, yer, all but Bill, poor feller!" "Drunk, yer, I reckon," said the clergyman sorrowfully.

"Oh, no; never drunk no licker, but hain't amounted to nothin'." Bill was deceived, an' it ruint him."

"Love affair? Married out of the church, maybe?"

"Yes, an' a mighty bad love affair."

"She deceived him, eh?"

"Terribly! Terribly!"

"Ruint his spiritual life and he married a scoffer?"

"Oh, no, she married him; married him? I guess she did."

"But, confidentially, what was the cause of your son's grief and ruin?"

"Well, you see, Brother Munson, she was a widdier, and let on she was well off, but she wa'n't. W'y, she wa'n't able to get Bill a decent suit o' clothes the week arter they wuz married. Poor Bill has gone ragged ever since the weddin'. Poor boy, he's lost all confidence in wimmen, Bill has."

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