

W. C. T. U. STATE CONVENTION

Report of the President Miss Elizabeth Much

THE WORK IN HAND

Gives State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Teachers Assembly a Rap for a "Sin Omission"—Delightful Concert Last Night—The Program for Today

Program for Today
 Praise and Prayer Service, 9 a. m., by Mrs. Laura A. Winston.
 Convention called to order by the president at 9:30 o'clock.
 Minutes of previous meeting.
 Reports of state superintendents.
 Memorial service, conducted by Mrs. Mary C. Woody, at 11 o'clock.
Afternoon Session
 Convention called to order at 2:30 o'clock.
 Solo—Miss Ellen Durham.
 Prayer—Miss Nina Martin, Milwaukee.
 Reports of superintendents.
 Final report of committee on credentials.
 Election of officers.
Evening Session—8 O'clock
 State president presiding.
 Music—Choir of First Baptist Church.
 Solo—Miss Ellen Durham.
 Address—Rev. J. C. Massee.

The second day of the convention of the North Carolina Women's Christian Temperance Union yesterday was devoted almost entirely to the transaction of routine business, except that last night there was a recital complimentary to the delegates at Olivia Raney music hall.

The annual address, by Miss Elizabeth March, president of the union for North Carolina, was the most notable feature of the business sessions, which were held at the Presbyterian church. This was an interesting review of the work of the year and a call to yet greater effort in the work that is to be done the coming year.

The morning session yesterday was called to order by the president, Miss March, at 10 a. m., and devotional services were conducted by the president and prayer offered by Mrs. C. L. Crane of Concord. This was followed by routine business incident to organization, after which, from 11 to 12 o'clock, "evangelistic hour" was observed, being conducted by Mrs. Woody. She will conduct a service of this kind each day at this hour, the service today being at the Soldiers' Home.

For the afternoon session the opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Ellen J. Prayor of Greensboro, and, as stated above, the principal feature of the session was the president's report.

There were also during the afternoon several reports of state superintendents of departments, as follows:

Evangelistic, Mrs. Mary Woody; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Priscilla Hackney; Systematic Giving, Mrs. Mary E. W. White; Unfermented Wine, Alms-houses, Miss Lucy Davis.

The following are some of the most notable features of the report of Miss March as president of the state convention:

The President's Address
 "As we are assembled, beloved comrades and friends, in the heart of 'The City of Oaks,' amid these beautiful surroundings in this sanctuary, where God is wont to be praised, our hearts go up in reverence and gratitude for all His mercies and goodness to the children of men.

"I trust we have come together, my sisters, for a fresh anointing, that we may fully appreciate the fact that we are here to help make data for North Carolina's new history that shall be devoid of bloody battles and the devastation of the homes; but history telling of the prosperity of people and towns and the establishment of industries and institutions all washed clean of licensed evil as a means to such an end.

"For this happy consummation 'twas woe our peaceful war for God and home and native land.'

"A little more than thirty years ago the visions of the old prophets revealed a fresh interpretation, a timely application to conditions of our own time and nation. There was an arrest of thought, a new departure made, when it was laid upon Christian women's hearts to consecrate themselves to new work, and in a new way to rescue the perishing and re-energize the spirit and dignity of the company that had made our country the brightest star in the galaxy of nations.

Purposes of the W. C. T. U.
 The name familiarly called W. C. T. U. for convenience has been variously commented upon, criticized and interpreted, the most significant we have heard is 'Well C. To U.' The W. C. T. U. not being arbitrary in its principles, the states and territories, within a decade organized and equipped with leaders for the work, chose just such of the departments included in the national as was deemed best for the advancement of the righteous cause, in local sections and for the general advancement of the commonwealth. The watch words chosen by

the national at the first were educate, agitate, organize and their convincing power has been proclaimed unceasingly, with marvelous results, through every state and territory during the thirty years of the life of the organization.

"North Carolina stepped into line by the courage and purpose of a few brave ones calling a convention of Christian women from over the state in 1883, and were organized for work by Miss Frances E. Willard, who was invited for the occasion. At once the work of organization began, and during these twenty-three years, local unions have been formed in many towns and cities of the state.

"The departments of work adopted by the state W. C. T. U. are as follows:
 "Organization, evangelistic, scientific temperance instruction, temperance literature, press work, anti-narcotics, medal contest, Sunday school work, mercy, non-alcoholic medication, fair and open-air meetings, flower mission, purity in literature and art and legislation and petition, peace and arbitration, prison work, unfermented wine, Sabbath observance, systematic giving, mother's meetings and purity.

"The groupings of the sub-departments as arranged in our state report under the five general heads, are:

Bible in the Schools

"The efforts made, in many of the states to have the reading of the Bible discontinued in the public schools is an unmistakable bugle note of warning. We will emphasize this fact by quoting from the report of Miss Elizabeth W. Greenwood, superintendent of evangelistic work in the national W. C. T. U., given last year at the convention in Philadelphia. She said in part: 'Far more important than questions of tariff, or even of capital and labor, is the question whether religion and morality shall be included in the system which the state provides for its children. This is a question which touches the very heart of the nation's life.'

"When the public school was first established, and for 150 years after, definite religious instruction was an important part of its curriculum. Today special religious teaching is practically banished from the public schools of the country. In a few of the states the reading of the Bible is still authorized; in some, permitted if no one objects; in others, positively prohibited by statute.

"Religious and moral teaching are essential to character. Any system of education which does not inculcate sound morality is defective and dangerous to the state. The culture of the conscience is far more essential to manhood and citizenship than the culture of the intellect.

"But there are other lines of work that press their claims, chief of which, we believe, is scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. Twenty-six years ago the idea of ingrafting into text books our physiology and hygiene, scientific truths that would make pupils in the schools intelligent as to the nature and effects of alcohol and other narcotics, was an inspiration to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, who was appointed national superintendent and very soon scientific temperance education in the public schools became an organized part of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. During these years the idea has been embodied in the laws of all states and territories, also the District of Columbia. Now twenty-two millions of children of school age are under these laws.

"It was a herculean undertaking, but Mrs. Hunt, with the co-operation of an advisory board, composed of men eminent in their professions of medicine, and the ministry, and her co-workers in the W. C. T. U. proved herself equal to the task of dispelling ignorance and prejudice, meeting argument with reason, securing evidence from the laboratories of the world that refuted Prof. Atwater's theory that alcohol is a food, and proved the falsity of the charge of the committee of fifty.

A Lost Opportunity
 "What an opportunity it was for the state superintendent of public instruction and other leading educators at the State Teachers' Assembly last June in Greensboro to have emphasized the absolute importance and justice to the children that every teacher prepare himself or herself by careful study of the subject in its various divisions in physiology and hygiene prepared with special reference to the nature and effects of alcohol and other narcotics and faithfully teach the same to the pupils under their instruction. It was a disappointment truly to learn the subject was not spoken upon nor discussed in any way.

"If North Carolina wants good citizens she must educate her children for the duties of good citizenship. Temperance laws and other laws for the promotion of good morals will be ineffective unless the people are educated so as to realize and appreciate the wisdom and justice of their enactment.

"North Carolina's law providing for the teaching of scientific temperance in the public schools is excellent if it were properly enforced. Can there be any good reason why there should not be the most approved text-books provided and teachers required to obey the law to the letter? They would be better for it, and the children developed into vastly better men and women.

Praise for Aycock and Glenn
 "The people of North Carolina should forever honor the name of ex-Governor Aycock for his persistent efforts to promote the general interests of education, and we are impressed that equal honor can be conferred upon our present governor, Hon. Robert B. Glenn.

"We were gratified that the last legislature took advanced ground on the temperance question. And we shall hope at the next session the subject of 'Purity in Literature and Art' will have the due consideration it so justly deserves.

"Let it be the unextinguished purpose of the white-ribboned women of North Carolina to keep forever burning on the altar of their hearts the

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IN SOCIETY.

Miss Ida Poteat returned from Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Glover returned to Cary.

Miss Hattie Tant went to Durham on a visit.

Miss Mary Lucy went to Goldsboro on a visit.

Mrs. W. D. Stephenson returned to Cary yesterday.

Mrs. O. B. Harris went to Rocky Mount yesterday.

Miss Addie Puryear went to Burlington on a visit.

Mrs. Thomas Dixon is here on a visit to Dr. Dixon-Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cobb spent Sunday and yesterday here.

Miss Jennie Gray of Elkin is the guest of Mrs. F. H. Weathers.

Miss Lena Hicks returned to Smithfield after spending Sunday here.

Miss Mary Brooks returned to Jonesboro after visiting Mrs. W. E. Lewis.

Miss Emily Kenan arrived from Wilmington to visit Mrs. Thos. S. Kenan.

Mrs. Margaret Alexander and Mrs. Henderson of Chapel Hill spent yesterday here.

Mrs. R. N. Jordan of Troy, N. C. is visiting Mrs. I. M. Deaton on West Jones street.

Miss Lydia Nash returned to Charlotte after a visit at the home of Mr. C. M. Busbee.

The Kennisss Book Club will meet with Miss Eleanor Vass next Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Miss Louise Page leaves this morning for Petersburg and Richmond, where she will visit relatives.

Miss Katharine Wharton left yesterday to enter the Lucy Cobb Institute at Athens, Ga., for the session.

Mrs. T. A. Marriott and Mrs. M. A. Bridgers of Rocky Mount, who have been the guests of Mrs. I. M. Proctor, returned home.

Miss Lena Lott of Winston-Salem returned home yesterday after a visit to Miss Rebekah Glenn at the governor's mansion.

Mrs. Frank Massey and children left yesterday for Huntsville, Ala., after a visit to Mrs. Massey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Skinner.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club will meet with Mrs. Franklin McNeill this afternoon at 4:30. Business of importance will be transacted.

Miss Evelyn Byrd Lawrence, who has been spending the past two months the guest of her mother, returns to Richmond, Va., to resume her studies in trained nursing.

The music department of the Woman's Club will meet this afternoon at 4:30. An attractive program has been arranged. All members and the delegates to the W. C. T. U. convention are invited.

Mrs. H. A. London of Pittsboro and Mrs. O. W. Blacknall of Kittrell were here yesterday on their way to Winston-Salem to attend the unveiling of the Confederate monument. From there they will go to Morganton to attend sessions of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of North Carolina.

Pleasants-Bunting
 Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bunting of Virginia avenue, Cottage Place, Hampton, Va., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Emily Virginia Bunting to Mr. Ernest Pleasants of Charlotte, N. C. The marriage will take place on Wednesday afternoon, October 11th, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Bunting residence. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasants will be at home at No. 201 North Poplar street, Charlotte, after a bridal tour.

Dunn-Pippen
 Invitations have been received here reading as follows:
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lunsford Nippen invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Virginia Stella

Mr. Raymond Cromwell Dunn on Wednesday evening, October 18th, one thousand nine hundred and five at eight o'clock Church of the Advent Enfield, North Carolina.

So Howard Resisted Officer
 Sam Howard, a negro, was before Police Justice Badger yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly and with resisting an officer. Judgment was suspended in the first case and he was fined \$13.95 in the second. All the "resisting an officer" Howard was guilty of was telling Policeman Buck "D— if I am going with you" and pulling back. Howard confessed that he was drunk and did not remember what happened.

Lucy Farrer was fined \$8.15 for being drunk and disorderly.
 Graham Lane, Collins Hunter and Tom Lane were charged with fast and reckless driving. The first two were fined \$7.35 and Tom Lane was discharged.

Frances Walton paid \$2.75 for being disorderly.

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 Dear Sir: You will find enclosed herewith a copy of the report of the examination of your company that was recently made by this department in compliance with the law providing for such examinations. The work began on the 19th day of April and ended October 24th, 1904. The result of the examination is very gratifying to the department and fully confirms the statement of the company as to its financial condition. The figures show the surplus of the company as the result of this examination to be \$3,047,248.40 more than was claimed in the statement filed with this department. The larger surplus shown by the department's figures arises mainly from the fact that you have charged yourselves with a special reserve liability of more than \$2,000,000 above that required by the statutes. The investigation makes it quite apparent that the company is leading fairly with the policyholders and complying with all the requirements of the law.
 Respectfully yours,
 THERON UPSON, Commissioner.

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