

## W. C. T. U.

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The fourth annual convention of the Brant County W. C. T. U. was held in the Baptist Church, Scotland, Sept. 4, commencing at 1:30 p. m. There was a good attendance at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Twenty-six delegates answered to their names. The president, Mrs. (Rev.) D. B. Cohoe, occupied the chair and the vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Jones, conducted the devotional exercises. The usual routine of business was transacted, the treasurer's report showing \$5 56 in the treasury. The corresponding secretary's report was very encouraging on the whole, showing seven local unions in the county; total membership 140. Twelve departments of work have been taken up, namely, press, scientific temperance instruction, fair work, band of hope, unfettered wine, purity in literature, art and fashion, work among lumbermen, narcotics, evangelistic work, Woman's Journal, parlor meetings and flower mission.

The president, in delivering her annual address, remarked that there were several places in the county not yet organized, and she would like to see some one in her place who could and would do the work. She positively declined being a candidate for re-election as she had not the time to devote to the work. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. D. Eddy, of Scotland, and responded to by Mrs. A. Foster, of Burford. Mrs. Chrysler taught a temperance lesson to the Band of Hope, using object lessons and blackboard exercises. An invitation to hold the next meeting in Burford was accepted. Mrs. Cavers, of Galt, was introduced to the convention and gave an address on "The Duty of County Superintendents." The election of the officers for the ensuing year and the nomination of the superintendents of departments by the executive closed the business of the afternoon session.

An excellent choir was present at the evening session and enlivened the proceedings by rendering choice selections of music, and Miss Irene Hitchcox gave a remarkably fine recitation entitled "The Bird's Singing Lesson," which was heartily enjoyed.

Mrs. Chrysler read a paper on "Hereditry and Hygiene." Mrs. Cavers delivered an address on "The Work of the W. C. T. U.," and Mrs. Hitchcox, of Paris, gave a thrilling account of "How They Obtained Prohibition in Kansas." The collection amounted to \$3 73.

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## National W. C. T. U. Convention.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 14.—The National W. C. T. U. headquarters here are now busy with preliminary preparations for the coming national convention at Baltimore, Oct. 13 to 23. The convention is very certain to be the largest in the history of the organization. The fact that the convention is held in Baltimore will insure a large southern representation. Mrs. Antoinette Sterling, the English prima donna, will be present and sing at all the sessions of the convention. Miss Helen Potter, the well-known impersonator, of Boston, will also attend. Lady Somerset will not come over owing to pressing engagements in England. Miss Willard will sail from Southampton Sept. 21, arriving in Chicago Oct. 1.

Arrangements have been made with the eastern roads for a rate of one and one third for round trip, and it is expected that the western association will grant a rate of one fare for round trip.

The Social Purity congress meets in Baltimore from Oct. 14 to 18, and many W. C. T. U. delegates will attend both conventions. While the purity convention is really independent of the W. C. T. U. convention, this phase of reform is a prominent department of the W. C. T. U. work. The reduction in railroad rates is so secured as to cover both conventions.

## Doctors and Liquor.

In a signed article published by the "Cultivator," Mr. Tarte congratulates the Medical Association of Canada upon the good work done at the recent convention in Kingston, but remarks that there is a great lack of discipline in the learned body of physicians. He says: "Every doctor who makes immoderate use of alcohol and morphine is unworthy to practice his profession. Yet the number of those who are afflicted with such fatal passions is legion. The number of their victims is greater than people think. They are legalized murderers. The often practice in country districts, having no one to control and watch them. Their library does not contain five books; their remedies are in a terrible state, and their instruments are able to poison their clients by the dozen. Make these remarks to those at the head of the profession; they will admit that you are perfectly right, and yet they do nothing to remedy this terrible state of things. Over my signature and on my own responsibility I here charge the medical body with not doing their duty towards society, by not keeping over their members the control and watch that are so essential in the practice of a profession entailing such great responsibilities."

## Beer and the Bible.

Canon Harper, of York, who died recently, was the author of the much-controverted phrase, "Beer and the Bible." It was founded on a sermon which he preached in York Minster, June 10, 1877, in which he said: "The spirit and the body were the Lord's, too. The beer would not do without the Bible, and the Bible would not do without the beer." This idea the canon more fully developed before the Church Congress, which did not indorse his views.

## Madame Antoinette Sterling.

(By Frances E. Willard.)

"I am not a singer, I am a minstrel—I am God's minstrel," and with these words she showed me the place in the Bible where it says: "And the hand of the Lord was laid on the minstrel." Thus spoke the most popular contralto singer in London as we sat together on the platform of Queen's Hall, London, on the night of the good-bye meeting at which my British friends gave me testimonials of their good-will just before I sailed for America last June. It was Madame Antoinette Sterling, a woman of New England ancestry, New York birth and New York and European training as a vocalist. She is a woman of noble presence and bearing, with a heart that beats with motherly rhythm for all humanity. Her remarkable voice led to her being early trained in music, and her first fame was earned in Dr. Adam's church of New York city, and afterwards she sang in Henry Ward Beecher's church, Brooklyn. But Madame Sterling has now lived in London twenty years. A happy home with a husband, a daughter and two sons early fell to her lot. She has sung in all the great concert halls of London and of the provincial cities of the realm and always captures the eyes, ears and hearts of her audience. She sometimes dresses in pure white and never in any but the simplest and most womanly way, without any of those "exhibitions" that characterize the operatic stage. She stands before her audience with a little silver book in her hand containing the words of her favorite songs. Sometimes she precedes or follows her singing by a brief, simple-hearted address, in which she urges some great shining virtue like temperance, purity, patriotism, but most of all the love that not only forgives but blesses those to whom it comes.

Madame Sterling is a great friend of Mrs. Hannah Whitall Smith, and has been wont to go with her to "Quaker Meetings," and feels she is a Quaker according to the true principles of that society.

Madame Antoinette Sterling is a thorough White Ribboner, and when she went to Australia two years ago (where she created an immense furore and put in some excellent strokes of work for the purity movement), she everywhere avowed her temperance sentiments, and our women rallied round her. While in Australia she lost her husband, who was also her manager, and her Christian faith and natural optimism were heavily taxed, but bore her safely through the shock and trial.

At a lunch party in her home Lady Henry Somerset and I had the pleasure of meeting several of her friends, among them Jean Ingelow, the poet; Mrs. Millicent Fawcett, the woman suffragist; Mrs. Huggins, the astronomer; Mrs. Hannah Whitall Smith, the evangelist, and several other interesting women of less fame. Our White-Ribbon minstrel is ready for every good word and work that helps to advance the cause she has so nobly illustrated by her character and career. God bless her, say we, every one. She has for many years longed to visit her native land, but the way has never opened until now. Her present purpose is to go across to Canada in a few months, and, after singing there, to go on down through the States and out to California. I am sure our White Ribbon women everywhere will welcome her as a sister and comrade beloved and honored, and I trust she will have many opportunities to sing to her own people the same blessed evangel she has sung for so many years in the land that has adopted her.

Weep not that the world changes—did it keep  
A stable, changeless state, 'twere cause indeed  
To weep.

—Byrant.

## The Average Man.

The "average man" is, for the most part, a very astonishing person, whom no one has ever seen. He is like the average weather, which is mathematically computed, or aimed at, at the end of a month, and which is not like any actual weather that prevailed at any time during the month.

The average man, it should be noted is lazier than one would suppose. A statistician has reckoned upon his labors, and finds that at fifty years of age he has toiled six thousand five hundred days of twenty-four hours each.

During the same time the average man has slept six thousand days of twenty-four hours each. He has played four thousand days and been ill five hundred.

He has traveled twelve hundred miles, taken thirty-six thousand meals, eaten fifteen thousand pounds of meat and four thousand pounds of fish, eggs and vegetables, and drunk eleven thousand gallons of liquids.

## Notes and Incidents.

Any saloon-keeper selling or giving away intoxicating liquor to a child actually or apparently under 16 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor according to New York law.

The Maharajah of Baroda, India, has issued a mandate to the effect that no new saloons shall be opened without the sanction of the presiding official. Further, if five-sixths of the home owners and residents present a plea that all the liquor shops be closed, it shall be granted, the same official giving the order.

Before the enforcement of the excise law in New York, Sunday was always a busy day in the emergency wards of the hospitals. The most of the cases brought in were men injured in fights in saloons, or by accidents, because being under the influence of liquor they were unable to take care of themselves. Sunday is now the quietest day of the week.

Alexander Ewing, a cousin of the late Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, the composer of the popular tune to "Jerusalem the Golden," and an officer in the commissariat department, and husband of Mrs. Ewing, the famed writer of children's stories, died recently at Taunton. He was a Scot, born and bred at Aberdeen, son of a professor in the university. In pursuit of his profession he led a life of adventure and movement, being quartered in many lands.

## An Interview with Archbishop Croke of Ireland.

"Looking at Ireland," said I, "as it is today and as it was when you were a boy, how do you think it has changed?"

"For the better," said the Archbishop unhesitatingly. "Very much for the better. Education is very much more widely diffused, the people are better clothed, better shod and better fed."

"What about drunkenness?"

"If it were not for drunkenness there would be no crime in Ireland at all. As it is there is no crime which does not arise out of that evil. There is indeed a great deal too much drinking in the country."

The above is from the Review of Reviews, of London, England.

## The Bicycle and the Sabbath.

There is no denying the fact that the bicycle is to be added to the "institutions" of the country, and that it has come to stay. To mount a "wheel" and find that you can travel ten feet with less effort than by resorting to the primitive walk you can cover two; to be able by the service of your new "machine" to travel faster and further than with your horse and wagon, and to know that your steed is always waiting, harnessed, at your service, requiring neither stable boy nor oats nor hay, and to realize that speeding along at the rate of ten miles an hour is both easy and the next thing to flying—all this has attraction for the average man and woman and for all children; furthermore it supplies a rational, cheap method of joining pleasure to healthful exercise. Yes, the "Safety" is a new and fascinating method of travel and the generation of wheelmen is on the increase.

But with all its attractions and the pleasure that it affords, there are two aspects of this matter which may well arrest attention, and which have occasioned no little anxiety in many quarters. The first is a form of extreme nervousness followed by insomnia, which afflicts many wheelmen, and which is charged to excessive speed, to undue exertion in traveling on up grades, to too much long-distance riding—in short, to excessive bicycling. This rebellion of the nerves, physicians tell us, is nature's danger signal, and the danger is all the greater that it means much more than those who are the victims of it can easily conceive. It means, physicians say, sapped vitality. It especially means impaired heart action, and shortened life period; it means gain for the medical profession and loss to the insurance companies. The bicyclists—especially the young, who know so much, while the mature parent and the venerable physician know so little—will not believe this; but it will prove its own truth in time; and when that time comes it will be too late to apply the remedy.

Any who are interested in this subject, and indeed all who resort to the bicycle may read with profit the article by the distinguished London physician, Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., F.R.S., in the current North American Review. Himself a cyclist, fond of the wheel, after dwelling upon the decided advantages of the bicycle used in moderation as a promoter of health, he warns his devotees against its dangers. Among these he cites the deformity which may result, as it has, by injury of the spinal column in too early riding. He emphasizes especially the danger to the heart, whose beatings he has known to rise from 80 to 200 in the minute; denounces "speeding" as a sapper of vitality and the cause of insomnia; warns against heart enlargement consequent upon excessive riding, and upon exhaustion of the nervous system from the same cause. Such words from such a competent source and from one who is himself an enthusiast in the very moderate use of the wheel are deserving of attention and should be heeded. Very clearly in this matter the Pauline doctrine ap-

plies with great force—"Let your moderation be known of all men.—[Christian Work.]

## Love Disappointment.

Woman is More Reliant Than Formerly But Her Heart is Just the Same.

(Fashions.)

The independent, self-reliant woman of the nineteenth century is far less subject to the sort of disappointment that so frequently afflicted her sister, or rather great-grand-aunt, of a hundred years ago. In those days one was hardly more ashamed of a love-sickness than of bodily ailment. Indeed, the girls whose ideals were formed upon a study of the exquisite sensitiveness of Clarissa Harlowe thought it rather vulgar to be ruddy and vigorous and of robust cheerfulness. It was so much more "interesting" to be fragile and pallid, and the weeping prey of some secret, sentimental sorrow. They felt it was almost coarse to have one's course of true love run placidly smooth. One can hardly imagine a red-checked, strong-ankled bicycle girl, with her back hair down, apostrophizing the moon, as the ladies of the eighteenth century so loved to do. She would probably drop to sleep from pure wholesome fatigue before the apostrophe was half finished. Nor could she sit long hours dampening down a withered flower or two and a packet of letters tied up with a little blue ribbon, while her drive in golf was so ineffective and needed such a lot of practice to bring it up to the standard of the club. She couldn't if she tried find her "spirits fail" at the very mention of her loved one's name, as Clarissa's used, and sink into deep swoons on the slightest provocation, because cold baths, fresh air and exercise have made the pulse of her blood so swift and strong that it would require a very extraordinary amount of emotion to dam it up.

Yet, though fashions and manners change, the human heart is the same always, and under a golfing sweater or a Norfolk jacket it will beat as sorrowfully as it ever heaved under book-muslin or India shawls.

"Whom first we love you know we seldom wed" is as true now as when girls wore sandal slippers and poke bonnets, and unrequited love is as bitter a burden to bear upon a twenty-two pound bicycle as it was on an ambling palfrey or in a sedan chair. Because we have no longer the simplicity and romantic innocence of the women who hung out signals of distress for all the world to see in their white cheeks and tear-stained eyes, we have not lost the power to feel the cruellest anguish and despair at being denied what seems to us the great joy of life—a happy love. It is true: that women of today—more occupied with the broader modern interests and duties—are not so prone to center all their lives upon the winning of one man's approval, and have less time to brood over their failure than those romantic ladies who died from love a hundred years ago.

## The Protected Trade.

The Woman's Signal (Eng.) says: We should cease saying "the trade," and call it "the protected trade." The White Heart Inn at Reigate is a case in point. Justice Chitty declares that Lady Henry Somerset has no right to let her scruples hold her from renewing the license to sell liquor. She is forced by law to receive money from the open bar, and to give her signature to a legal document authorizing the continuance of the sale of intoxicating liquors, although she is president of the Women's Temperance Society of England. The landowner in Scotland may evict the crofter; Lord Salisbury may decline to let the Wesleys build a church on his domain; but Lady Henry Somerset must license a liquor selling hotel whether she will or not. Verily in these days "the protected trade" is the name by which Bung's money-making method may be most truthfully described.

## Bankrupt Men and Women.

When is a man a bankrupt? First of all when he grows up missing his own manhood; second, when he misses comfort and peace and pleasure; third, when he loses his health and physical ability; fourth, when he comes out without intellectual culture and breadth of sympathy. A man or woman's life is a failure when he or she gets through his or her earthly career without that something which we call character, or manhood, or womanhood. Life ought to be so lived as to leave a strong, indestructible moral power—an immortal element of noble character. Any life that comes short of this is not a success; it must be set down among the business failures. Life is a bankrupt if it misses days of peace, comfort, and pleasure. There is a totally false ideal abroad; and very few are left to protest against it. That is considered to be a success which racks body and mind with constant anxiety, and looks on pure pleasure—mere play—as either a sin or closely akin to it. So far from any wrong attaching to a life of pleasure, no other life can be conceived as right. Our days and weeks ought to be adjusted to rest and comfort precisely as they are adjusted to work. Our schools are at high pressure, and hurl the boy into a

higher press of business at too early an age; and not one person in a hundred is sound and wholesome at 50 years of age. Temperance and moderation are insufficiently known virtues. Can we better describe a man who has lost even a capacity for rest, has fretted his nervous constitution into shreds, and knows no such idea as peace, and even has a business scheme for idle hours, than as bankrupt?

## Common Names as Titles.

(Cassell's Saturday Journal.)

A very large number of curious anecdotes testify to the fact that, however fond the multitude may be of celebrities, they do not possess any peculiar aptitude for identifying the unknown, and that there is no hallmark immediately perceptible which distinguishes the rich, titled and successful, from others less fortunate. Some of these are not generally known. Viscount Parker, the eldest son of the Earl of Macclesfield, tells a story that on one occasion when he gave his name to a sporting character on a racetrack as "Lord Parker," the other looked him up and with a derisive whistle said: "Well, I've heard of Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines, but I don't never believe in no Lord Parker," apparently inferring that the comparative commonness of this name inspired doubts as to the reality of the title.

Earl Spencer has had experience of the little that the world knows of its greatest men. For some years he possessed the privilege of passing through the grounds of the county lunatic asylum on his way from Althorp to a board of which he was a member. The keepers, of course, all knew him well; but it happened that a change was made at the gate, so that there was a fresh keeper's wife, who did not know Lord Spencer by sight. Therefore, when he was returning home on the next occasion, instead of opening the gate with the utmost deference, the strange woman looked at the new arrival very suspiciously and inquired his name. He explained that he was a fresh keeper's wife, who did not know Lord Spencer by sight. Therefore, when he was returning home on the next occasion, instead of opening the gate with the utmost deference, the strange woman looked at the new arrival very suspiciously and inquired his name. 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