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Annual Convention.

Leeds County W.C.T.U. Met in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday Last.

Wednesday last was a red letter day in the history of the W. C. T. U. in Athens and surrounding country. The Leeds County Christian Temperance Union held their annual convention in St. Paul's Presbyterian church. The three sessions were fully taken up with valuable discussions, which proved of value to the delegates present. The valuable work that this christian organization has undertaken is bearing forth abundant fruit.

The representation was good, covering the county of Leeds, and numbered about thirty delegates. The reception of the delegates who were present was cordial and the members of Athens W. C. T. U. vied with each other in extending to all the glad hand of welcome, and, as all present said, "They would not soon forget the kind way they were used and the attentions paid them while here.

The convention was the means of many Athenians finding out for the first time the noble and self-sacrificing work carried on by this christian society. The results for good of the convention cannot be estimated. The executive meeting of the officers and delegates was held on Tuesday evening at the residence of Miss Stone, the secretary.

Wednesday morning, the convention proper, commenced at 9.30, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. Clifford, of Brockville. The roll call of officers, etc., was answered by the officers, 20 delegates, and 8 superintendents. The department reports were by far the most interesting subjects presented at this session. There were sixteen departments to be heard from and all had most encouraging papers on the work done during the year. Mrs. Mackie who had charge of the work in connection with the two missionaries in the camps, and 12 contour bags, 1 box of clothing and 40 lbs of literature. Mrs. W. H. Dowsley, of Brockville, gave the following items in connection with her department—railroad work and literature. 11 station boxes were maintained and that there were 1273 pages of literature distributed.

The following were appointed a committee on work and resolutions—Messdames Elliot, Newell, Lehigh, Britton, and Miss Marshall.

Flower Mission—317 bouquets distributed with scripture texts attached, \$7.70 expended, 1 doz. oranges, 1 plant 17 qts. canned fruit, 4 pecks fresh fruit 2 jars marmalade, 1 bush potatoes besides several families assisted with clothing and food.

Miss Giles presented an excellent report on the flower mission. The Brockville Y's leading in this work, all of which reports were duly heard and adopted.

The election of officers of the union for the current year followed the discussion on the report and resulted as follows—

President—Mrs. M. Dowsley, Brockville.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Clifford, Brockville.
Corresponding secretary—Mrs. C. C. Slack, Athens.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. Johnson, Athens.
Auditor—Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, Athens.

The following were appointed superintendents of departments:—
Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Elliot, Athens.
The Press—Miss Boyd, Brockville.
County Fairs—Mrs. Judson, Lyn.
Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. Davis, Gananoque.
Social Purity and Mothers' Meetings—Mrs. C. C. Slack, Athens.
Railroad work and Literature—Mrs. W. H. Dowsley, Brockville.
Flower Mission, Juvenile and Y Work—Miss Lillie Cole, Brockville.
Narcotics—Mrs. F. Lehigh, Brockville.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. G. M. Beach, Lyn.

Lumbermen—Mrs. V. L. Mackie, Lake Elvida.

Woman's Journal—Mrs. J. Karley, Brockville.

Sabbath Observance—Mrs. M. White, Brockville.

Parlor meetings—Miss Laura Deacon, Brockville.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque.

Franchise—Mrs. D. C. Cowan, Gananoque.

Temperance in Sabbath Schools—Mrs. F. H. Clifford, Brockville.

The afternoon session opened with prayer and scripture reading. The Sec. Secretary reported that the following unions were now in operation in the county:—Lansdowne, Lyn, Brockville Y's, Athens, Gananoque, Brockville W's, and Lake Elvida Woman's band, also a junior Y. had been organized in Brockville with a membership of nearly forty five, \$400.00 was raised for the work, 18 meetings held and 16 copies of the Woman's Journal subscribed for. The total county membership is 123 with 14 honorary members of which two had gone to their reward during the year. There was an excellent Band of Hope. The finances were found to be on the right side of the ledger. Excellent papers were given on "Narcotics" by Mrs. F. Lehigh, on "The Duties of Superintendents" by Mrs. Britton, and a Parliamentary drill on the "Franchise" by Miss Stone. After appointing Superintendents for the various departments and other minor items of business, the meeting adjourned until 7.30 p.m.

The evening session was rather different in its make up to the preceding ones and took the form more of an entertainment than a session. After devotional exercises led by Rev. Simmons, Mrs. Wm. Johnston gave a paper an address of "Welcome." Space would not permit a verbatim report, but suffice it to say that it was one of the best delivered at the convention and Mrs. Johnston was the right one to deliver it to make it effective. It was certainly original and deserves praise. To Miss F. Dowsley was given the rather difficult task of replying which she did with grace and ease in a very becoming manner. After a beautiful hymn entitled, "Abide With Me," by the Misses Wiltse, Mrs. Clifford gave a spirited address giving the progress of the movement from its inception to the present. It is certainly a record to be proud of. The next number was given by Miss Shields, who sang a lullaby, "Dreamland," and as usual was heartily encored. The reciting by Miss Nina Code, of Brockville, of "Jennie" was well done. Mrs. Karley of Brockville read another splendid paper on "Narcotics," and was followed by Athens favorite singer, Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb, in a beautiful song entitled, "In His Steps." Miss Coad of Brockville, who read a paper on "The Pledge," showed that she was conversant with her subject by the able arguments presented for her hearers' consumption. Miss Shields gave a second number entitled "I Heard the Voice of Jesus say," which was well received. "The Priceless Gift" a pretty song was exceedingly well rendered by Miss Nina Coad, accompanied by Miss Storey on the organ. Rev. Mr. Simmons on behalf of the resident ministers, gave a stirring address, which had a good deal of weight with his hearers. Mr. Simmons is a young man who has excellent natural abilities and who will rapidly rise to the front. Mrs. A. E. Donovan proved an exceedingly sympathetic accompanist on the organ. The usual formula was then observed in closing the meeting. Thus closed one of the most successful gatherings ever held here.

NOTES.
The delegates will not soon forget their visit to Athens.

The following were some of the delegates present and where they were billeted:—Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque, at Mrs. Elliott's; Mrs. Wiltse, Gananoque, at Miss Derbyshire's; Mrs. M. Dowsley and Mrs. W. H. Dowsley, Brockville, at Mrs. Mott's; Mrs. F. Lehigh at Mrs. Stone's; Mrs. J. Karley and Mrs. J. Cole, at Mrs. (Dr.) Giles'; Mrs. Judson and Mrs. Newell, at Mrs. A. Blanchard's; Mrs. Clifford, at Mrs. I. C. Algire's; Miss Gertrude and Miss Nina Coad, at Mrs. Wilson's; Miss F. Dowsley, at Mrs. H. H. Arnold's; Miss L. McKenzie, at Mrs. A. W. Blanchard's; Miss B. McCopdy and Miss T. Storey, at Mrs. B. Arnold's; Miss B. Gates and Miss M. Baker, at Mrs. C. C. Slack's.

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