

County Convention Of The W. C. T. U. Convene in Athens

The annual convention of the county organization of the W.C.T.U. of Leeds and Frontenac was opened in Athens on Friday, June 15th. The executive meeting was held at four o'clock. Fourteen members of the executive were present. This was followed by a sumptuous supper served by the local W.C.T.U.

The evening meeting was opened with devotional exercises presided over by Miss Giles, Brockville Y's, who able expounded part of the 5th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. This was followed by the president's address in which Mrs. Day pointed out the necessity of women using the franchise in the cause of temperance. Two delightful musical numbers were rendered, a selection by the Athens Methodist choir and a solo by Miss Larke, Brockville.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Bell, of Kingston. His address was interesting and educational, dealing with the various phases of temperance, liquor, cigarettes and drugs. He based his facts upon government statistics and discouraged the idea of believing all press propoganda as true.

"Church union, an interesting topic of the day centres not around theology, but around the person of Jesus Christ. The responsibilities of life are the embodiment of Christ's principles in our souls and lives. One of the difficulties in the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth, has been the liquor traffic. In the fulfilment of the coming of the kingdom the W.C.T.U. has its part. The W.C.T.U. has enrolled many of the noblest of womanhood and still does. The union may have made blunders and mistakes, but it is better to be up and doing than sitting inert and fault-finding.

The following are quotations from the Moderation League:

"Temperance is self-imposed, self-enforced; prohibition is imposed on you by others without your consent."

"Temperance means moderation; prohibition forbids even moderation."

Compare with these, statements made by eminent temperance workers. Francis Willard says "Temperance is moderate use of all things harmless and total abstinence from all things harmful." Gough says, "Moderation is excess."

The League demands personal liberty. What is personal liberty? Personal liberty is that right that every man has to exercise to the good of every man. Therefore personal liberty should not conflict with public safety or be allowed to endanger the lives of women and children. This viewing personal liberty in this light, the policy of the League will not bear scrutiny.

The principle of the League is Government control. Dr. W. A. Smith, a prominent educationalist, when being interviewed regarding government control as it had worked out in British Columbia, warned Ontario to beware of government control as it usually works out nine-tenths liquor and one-tenth control.

The League has said a great deal about personal liberty in so far as it touches liquor, the question is raised why do they neglect the question of liberty in the use of drugs and other articles prohibited by parliament? Comparing the expenditure on the part of the people with the revenue derived from government control, we find the ratio 10-1. Thus the non-productive and dis-establishment branch of society flourishes while the productive and re-establishment branch suffers.

Dealing with the figures from the report of the Board of License Committee, 75% of manufacturers, 76.94% of school inspectors, 91.95% of clergymen claim that prohibition increases production, improves their capacity for work, increases attendance and improves the homes of the workers. These men are the thinkers and workers of the world, surely their opinion is worth while.

Dealing with the cigarette question some important facts are as follows: Canada imported last year sixty-one million dollars worth of cigarettes. This reacts on business, manufacturing, social and political life. According to the opinion of those best able to judge, the doctors, ministers, teachers, manufacturers and civic authorities, "Tobacco has a damaging influence upon the undeveloped physical and moral structure of youth," also, "Juvenile crime is in proportion to cigarette smoking." It is reported that two of the cigarette manufacturers' soak their product in a weak solution of opium, which brings us face to face with the drug habit.

No student who was a user of tobacco ever graduated from Harvard or Yale Universities at the head of his class. The use of tobacco places a boy at least fifteen months behind the non-smoker. Business and railway men have taken a stand against cigarette smokers.

It has been stated that prohibition increases the drug traffic. Consider these statistics and see if they do not refute this argument. During 1922 there were 835 convictions for drug

selling, 552 of which were in Quebec and British Columbia, where prohibition does not exist. What further evidence is needed? Drug traffic increases amazingly in dance halls and red-light districts. A red-light woman said, "If you wipe out the liquor traffic you will wipe out the red-light districts. You can do anything with a man under the influence of liquor, but a sober man is unconquerable."

In dealing with the political life of the W.C.T.U. we are advised to follow the plea of the Moderation League. "Support the man who supports your policy." We must put there men who have the interest of temperance at heart. We must keep simplicity and reality in home and social life and educate youth concerning the dangers of narcotics and alcohol to the physical and moral life."

A hearty vote of thanks was extended Dr. Bell on behalf of the Athens Union and the county organization.

The Morning Session.

The morning session was called at 9 o'clock Saturday. The devotional exercises were presided over by Mrs. Ackland, Athens. The convention was then opened for business by the president, Mrs. Harold Day, Kingston. A resolution committee was formed, consisting of Mrs. Landon, Lansdowne; Mrs. Berry, Gananoque; Mrs. Brown, Athens. Following the reading and approval of the minutes the Corresponding Secretary's report was given. Within the county organization there are seven unions with a total of 209 members, including four honorary members; also two Y's with 61 members, making a total of 270 members in the counties of Leeds and Frontenac. This was followed by the Treasurer's report:

Receipts.	
Donations to Tidings.....	\$ 2.00
Donations to Willard Hall.....	125.00
Donations to Budget.....	310.84
To Provincial Fees.....	87.00
To County Treasury.....	51.94
Collection from evening meeting.....	5.40
Total.....	\$581.82

Expenditures.	
Cheque to Mrs. Britton.....	\$ 19.50
To Jackson Press.....	6.35
To Exchange on Cheque.....	.10
To Dr. Bell's Expenses.....	4.20
Total.....	\$30.15

Balance.....\$551.67
Due the Provincial Treas.....\$504.98
Due the County Treas.....4.06
Balance on hand.....\$ 42.63

Miss Giles, president of the Brockville Y's, gave an interesting paper on "Modern Day Needs." Some of the dangers of modern days are, irreverence, disobedience, laxity of Sabbath observance, lack of restraint. This last was considered under (a) automobile riding, (b) dancing, (c) cigarettes, (d) drinking, (e) movie. The question is raised, What can be done? The only solution is to place higher ideals before youth.

The following departments gave profitable and promising reports: Evangelistic, Little White Ribbons, Medal Contest, Moral Education and Mothers' Meetings, Parlor Meetings, Scientific Temperance, Temperance in S.S., Travellers' Aid and Flower, Fruit and Delicacy. Also Lumber Camps, which was given at the afternoon session. There was no report from anti-narcotics, press or railroad. Miss Chown was appointed to take charge of the election of officers at the afternoon session. The morning session was closed by prayer by Mrs. Mackie.

Afternoon Session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Chown. The reports of the local Unions were given during the counting of the ballots. Athens has 30 members. Temperance in S.S. is the special feature of their work.

Gananoque, 25 members, had a special report of Travellers' Aid. Kingston, 78 members, average attendance 15. Mothers' meetings given special attention.

Lansdowne W's, 22 members; had distributed 150 leaflets. Lansdowne Y's, 18 members; organized during the past year. Anti-narcotics and medal contests given pre-eminence.

Yoman's Band, 5 members, had a favorable report. Rockport, no report. Lake Elvida, disbanded.

Brockville W's and Y's each had splendid reports presented by Miss Giles at the morning session. These two were possibly the most successful Unions financially this year.

A new department was formed for Fair Work. The following is the result of the election of officers:

Honorary President—Mrs. Mackie, Athens.
President—Mrs. Britton, Gananoque.
1st Vice-President—Miss Giles, Brockville.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

General Topics of Interest Discussed—The Editor Talks to Reporter Readers.

THE DRURY GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Ontario with an overwhelming majority has rightly decided against Group Government. It was impossible that the Farmers and Laborites could control permanently the province if they used their power selfishly. Mr. Drury has found out the bitter truth in his endeavor to placate all classes—"a man's foes shall be those of his own household." Mr. J. J. Morrison had strongly emphasized the necessity of the U.F.O. keeping a string on the farmer representatives. What he really desired was a rural Soviet with a committee, and, we judge, a minority in complete charge of legislation. The Hon. Mr. Drury was certainly placed in a very trying position and the electors on Monday decided to give him his freedom. The U.F.O. will never come back as a controlling factor—it had its day and failed.

The Hon. Howard Ferguson will succeed Mr. Drury, and with a majority of nearly 50 members will be in a position to form an exceptionally strong government. As a former member of the Whitney and Hearst administrations he has inevitably and logically come into his own. Bitterly opposed and maligned, he won a brilliant victory and was the only leader elected in his own constituency, his two rivals—Drury and Hay—went down to defeat. His brilliant achievements as an administrator, his unrivalled power as a debater, his direct way of getting at the truth, his fighting qualities all combined to make his selection a foregone conclusion. In these times of confusion and unrest, a strong leader is required and one thing stands out bold and clear—Ontario has a great captain at the helm, and we believe that in spite of all criticism that he will use his power wisely. Both Liberals and Conservatives were anxious for a return of stable government.

WILL NOT DEFEND WRONG.

Rev. S. F. Newton, while preaching to "Rising Sun" Lodge A.F. and A.M., declared "that the society was not organized to defend each other in wrong doing. By his oath a Mason was bound to uphold all that was worthy in life—civil, moral and religious—and also have a place in his heart for the Church of God."

CHARLESTON.

Charleston, June 11.—J. Kavanagh received a telegram from R. A. Montgomery, of Lambertville, N.Y., saying he had improved in health and expected to be in Charleston this week.

E. F. Wiser and party, Prescott, are at Cedar Park hotel.

J. Hudson and sisters, Misses Sarah and Julia, and little Miss Monica Hudson went to Frankville on Sunday to see their sister, Mrs. J. McKenney, who is very ill.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. William Flood at Ballycaone on Thursday.

R. Foster has had some painting done at Cedar Park and the walls of the bedroom re-tinted.

The heavy rains of last week set the farm work back again and a great many corn fields will either be idle or have to be sown to something else.

C. J. Banta has arrived at his summer home.

A party of United States tourists arrived on Sunday at Cedar Park hotel.

T. Hudson, M. J. Kavanagh and L. Slack went to Jones' Falls on Sunday and spent the afternoon.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Beckstead, Lansdowne.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Berry, Gananoque.

Recording Secretary—Miss H. L. Chown, Kingston.

Treasurer—Mrs. Brown, Athens.

The following are the changes made in the superintendents of departments: Evangelistic—Mrs. Bateman. Lumber Camps—Mrs. Mackie. Railroad—Miss F. Howard. Fair Work—Mrs. W. J. Webster. The convention is to be held in Brockville next year. The meeting was closed by one verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" and prayer by the retiring president.

Popular Young Lady Married

Lingley—Beaton.

At five o'clock Wednesday evening, at Stanley Presbyterian church, the marriage is being solemnized of Evelyn Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beaton, of Westmount, to Mr. Lewis B. Lingley, of St. John, N.B., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lingley, of St. John, N.B. The Rev. Dr. W. D. Reid will perform the marriage ceremony, assisted by Rev. T. Creighton Cassidy. Lilacs and summer flowers will be arranged in the church. The bride, who will wear a draped gown of ivory kitten's ear crepe, trimmed with seed pearls, the drape caught at one side with a large pearl ornament. Her court train, arranged from the shoulder, will be lined with pink georgette and her tulle veil will be worn cap effect, and held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. She will wear the groom's gift, a diamond bar pin, and will carry a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Attending the bride will be her sisters, the Misses Willena and Inez Beaton, who will be gowned alike, the one in orchid and the other in new blue canton crepe, with plain front panels and pleated side panels. They are wearing hats of black mohair, trimmed with flowers to match their gowns, and their bouquets are of cream roses and white lilacs. They are also wearing pearl bar pins, the gift of the groom. Mr. Ralph Stephenson, of St. John, N.B., will act as best man, and the ushers will be Mr. Lorne Scott and Mr. W. A. Pelton. The wedding music will be played by Mr. A. J. Binnie, and during the signing of the register, Miss Frances Deeprose will sing "My World." After the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the bride.

The Miss Beaton referred to above spent a week at the Methodist parsonage last January, the guest of Mrs. Newton, and while here acted as special soloist for the Sunday and Monday anniversary services in the Methodist church. Miss Beaton has been a soprano soloist in several of the leading churches in Montreal for some years past and will therefore be greatly missed in her native province.

Entertaining for Bride-Elect.

Among the hostesses who have entertained for Miss Evelyn Ann Beaton, whose marriage to Mr. Lewis B. Lingley took place on June 6, are Miss Frances Deeprose, who gave a silk stocking shower; Miss Florence Love, who gave a teaspoon shower; Mrs. Howard Booth, who gave a tea; Mrs. F. G. Scott, who also gave a tea; Miss L. M. Wilder, who entertained at the Mount Royal Hotel, and Mrs. McKencher, who gave a miscellaneous shower. Yesterday Mrs. Beaton entertained at the tea hour for her daughter, and to-day Miss Meden McBride entertained at a tea for the bride-elect.

ELGIN

Elgin, June 12.—Rev. Mr. BelSmith, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, very ably occupied the M. E. pulpit at both morning and evening services on June 2nd Rev. W. T. Keough delivered a very able discourse to the members of the L. O. L. who attended in a body on the 10th inst.

Dr. D. A. and Mrs. Coon have returned from Detroit and Windsor, where they were visiting their daughters.

A mission is being held in the Roman Catholic church this week. Large congregations are in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kerr are spending a few weeks with relatives at Hamilton and other western points.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Falling, of Watertown, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. B. Walling and son, of Providence, R.I., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Coon and other friends.

Miss Helen Pinkerton attended the W. M. S. branch meeting held at Smith's Falls last week.

Miss Hazel Halladay, nurse-in-training in a Toronto hospital, is spending her holidays at her home here.

Mrs. S. J. Grey is confined to her room with pneumonia. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. I. Nuttall underwent a serious operation for throat trouble recently.

Miss Lucy Coon, Guelph, is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halladay, of Adams Centre, N. Y., spent Sunday with relatives here.

Elmer Mustard and party, of New York city, are guests of relatives here. Blain Metcalfe spent the week-end with friends here.

1st Col A. W. Gray spent Sunday with his brother here.

Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Sanderson were callers in the village last week. Mrs. Driscoll, Merrickville, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Pennock.

S. Grey and family motored to Canton, N.Y., for over Sunday.

O. Coon and sister, Marion, motored to Kingston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith spent Sunday at Portland.

NO ATHEIST RECEIVED INTO THE MASONIC ORDER.

During his address to the brethren of "Rising Sun" Lodge on Sunday morning, Rev. S. F. Newton said that no Mason could be an atheist—all had to believe in a Supreme Power. For this reason, French Masonry had been ostracised. Ever since the days of Voltaire, the French lodges were atheist and were therefore under the ban, so far as British and American Masonry was concerned.

REFORMATION VS. REVENGE.

Having ever believed that reformation and not revenge was the end sought by the imprisonment of evildoers within the bounds of the British Empire, therefore why should unfavorable criticism be meted out to either myself or the Hard Island Bible School for our most unselfish activities along this line. May we not well ask, "What are Bible Schools for?" Surely not to sit idly in our seats and devoutly sing "Throw out the life-line to danger fraught men Who're sinking in anguish where you've never been."

Is it not right to do something in tangible form by visiting our jails and prisons, and where one is found therein who promises to refrain from the evil of his doings and to join in strict attendance at our Bible School, should we not then as Christian workers seek executive clemency. Knowing that he has feelings similar to our own for wife and little ones at home, who he well knows is sorely in need of him and his earnings. All who know the writer of this article and the Hard Island Bible School must know that we have ever been firm advocates and supporters of all temperance measures, though with reformation and not revenge as the goal in view, for it is well to remember that our most carefully framed laws, may by injudicious operation become quite unchristian in character. Perhaps it would be well for those who speak lightly of us to again consider the lesson taught by Jesus in the Parable, "How thin ye if a man have a hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doeth he not leave the ninety and nine and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray, and if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so is it not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Dear reader, be assured that if thou hast long been a wanderer away from the fold of the Good Shepherd He will greatly rejoice at thy return, and Hard Island Bible School will welcome thee.

Faithfully yours in Christian temperance work,

EPHRAIM ROBESON.

FRANKVILLE

Frankville, June 12.—C. W. Steen, of Winnipeg, arrived here last week on an extended visit to his sisters Mrs. James Mitchell and Mrs. E. Coad and other relatives.

Dr. Bourns has purchased from Arthur Leacock, Smith's Falls, a new Studebaker car.

Joe Smith, of Cumberland, where he is employed as cheese maker, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith.

Mrs. Montgomery left on Thursday for Winnipeg where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Martin. She will arrive back some time in July, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Martin, who will motor from Winnipeg.

A fair sized audience attended Dr. Clark's meeting in Montgomery's hall on Saturday night. The different speakers were given a good hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Leverette were guests at the former's old home here on Sunday.

Soperton, June 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Young, of Montreal, returned to their home on Sunday last after having spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. William Thomas. They were accompanied as far as Brockville by Mrs. Thomas and friends who motored.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin are taking up residence in Delta where Mr. Martin is opening an up-to-date garage.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Seaward and children visited the latter's mother on Sunday last.

L. Raisin spent Sunday at Harlem. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Birch and Miss Parlow spent Sunday at K. Sheridans.

The recent heavy rainfall has made the low land very wet.

T. J. Frye has been on the sick list this past week.

RITUAL FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD.

"While Freemasonry was not a religious organization, still the whole ritual of the order was founded on the word of God and the Sacred Law was to be found on the pedestal of every lodge room. God was acknowledged at every turn and everything in the lodge room reminded one of the Great Architect of the universe and His laws and principles. No lodge could be opened without prayer."—Rev. S. F. Newton, Sunday morning.

MASONIC SERVICE.

Although the weather was very humid, the brethren of "Rising Sun" Lodge, A.F. and A.M., turned out with an average representation on Sunday morning to attend the Methodist Church and hear Rev. Bro. S. F. Newton. The service was of an impressive nature and was much enjoyed by the brethren. After expressing his pleasure in having "Rising Sun" Lodge present for the first time in his pastorate of three years, the Rev. gentleman in a characteristic discourse dealt with the principles and aims of the order, taking his text from the Book of Exodus—"What Mean Ye by this Service." The speaker in eloquent language declared that Masonry was a secret organization in the same way that every family was a secret society, but its aims and objects were open to all. When compared with some other societies it could not be termed a secret society as it undertook to conceal nothing but what was proper and right. There were many beautiful things about Masonry. Its signs, symbols and tokens were all for a purpose to save its members from being imposed upon and the grip of a Mason should always be the grip of a friend. If the members failed in this duty it degenerated to a very commonplace level. The principles and ritual were founded on the word of God and if a man is a true Mason he will find a place in his heart for the Church of God. While it is not a religion—it teaches the highest philosophy and morals and has thus been of great benefit to those who have identified themselves with Masonry. Its origin is shrouded in mystery, but it was of very ancient lineage and its members were to be found in every race and clime. While Masons were obligated to keep the ten commandments, and its ritual inculcated faith and a belief in life beyond the grave, still there was not a word about conversion—not a saving element in it. Its work in this respect differed from the church. In conclusion the speaker contended that if we were not on the square, we were nothing. It took great strength of character to conform our life to our most noble aspirations and thoughts, but if we looked to God, His power and grace was sufficient.

ADDISON

Addison, June 11.—George Scott and son, Gerald, Kingston, were recent visitors in this vicinity.

John Bowes, Perth, was a guest for a week with his daughter, Mrs. Elliott, at the parsonage.

Herb Wiltzie and sister, Pearl, Belknap's, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. McVeigh.

Mrs. Almeron Blanchard is at present in Carleton Place, having been called there on account of her sister's illness.

Miss Clara Polley, Brockville, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster, of Kinch Settlement, were visitors here on Sunday.

Mrs. McKellar, Collingwood, is at present spending some time with her sister, Mrs. George Taplin, who has been ill.

Miss Hazel Pattamore spent Sunday with friends at Harlem.

Mrs. T. J. Elliott, Renfrew, spent a few days with her brother, Rev. D. D. Elliott, at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Thompson, Thurso, Que., spent some time in Addison, having been called here during her mother's illness. Mrs. Stewart and children, who spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. King, returned to her home at Gananoque.

Rev. John Webster and Mrs. Webster, of Ottawa, were recent visitors at the home of their niece, Mrs. Geo. Tackaberry.

Mr. Thompson came from Thurso on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Peter Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Watts, of Bishop's Mills, were recent visitors here.

Mrs. D. D. Elliott was a delegate to the branch meeting of the W.M.S. which was held in Smiths Falls last week.

The recent heavy rains will do much good to the crops here.