

LEEDS CO. W. C. T. U.

The annual meeting of Leeds County Women's Christian Temperance Union

was held in Athens on Thursday and Friday last.

Bright, cool weather favored the convention, but the general attendance at the sessions was not as large as usual.

It was gratifying to note, as showing their continued interest in the society, that many officers and delegates, unable to be present, sent clear, comprehensive reports of the work of their several Unions.

The reception to delegates and invited guests took place in St. Paul's Presbyterian church at six o'clock on Thursday evening.

After an inter-pretation of the business of the convention, refreshments were served in the basement of the church, the tables being served very efficiently by six young ladies.

The convention was called to order by the county president, Miss M. E. Stone, an able and eloquent speaker.

Rev. J. Seaton and Rev. J. C. Cameron, and choral music, the address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. C. H. Elliott in behalf of Athens Union.

Responding to Mrs. Dowley, county recording secretary, of Brockville, Ontario, she presented the following report on the work of the Union by local clerymen, and an address from the Sons of Temperance, expressing warm fraternal regard, was read by Mr. James Blanchard.

Mr. B. O. Britton of Gananoque, vice-president, made a fitting acknowledgment of the expressions of kind solicitation. After music by the choir, the president delivered the annual address, opening by quoting the following lines:

Once to every man and nation,  
Come a moment to do duty,  
In the twin 'twist truth and falsehood,  
On the good or evil side.

The address deplored such lack of enthusiasm as was sometimes manifest in the ranks of the temperance people, but it was full of hope and encouragement.

It was a ringing call to organization, and a ringing call to the help of the Dominion publicists. The necessity for prompt decision and active, energetic work was clearly shown.

The nature of personal influence and individual responsibility was ably dealt with and by apt illustration made plain to all.

The subject of finance, the duty of local workers, the literature to be used in the coming campaign, received due attention in the President's address.

Reports by describing some of the evils wrought by the liquor traffic among Christian and heathen nations and saying to all temperance workers:

"Be true to God, be true to the work, as faithful as the inebriated drunkard in the public services."

Miss Grace Wing gave a recitation of "Free Parliament on the Plebiscite" which was ably discussed by Revs. J. Seaton and J. C. Cameron. The meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him who leads the drunkard's way,  
Praise Him who leads the temperance host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Friday morning's session opened with prayer by Mrs. Britton and Mrs. J. Kerr and the reading of the Scriptures (Ps. 34, 37) by Mrs. Amos Blanchard.

The President appointed the following committees: Plan of Work—Messrs. Britton, Beatty, Mott, Mackie, Elliott; Resolutions and Caricatures, Mrs. Jones.

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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The New World's Impassioned Controversy

It is reported that the Indian Government has sent a second letter warning to the Alamo.

In the United States, a memorial for the week just ended has been signed by 243 compared with 288 for the corresponding week of last year.

It is reported that a syndicate of English capitalists has agreed to purchase the business of a number of fish canneries on the great lakes of Canada and the United States.

John G. Hoshorn of Hamilton hanged himself to a high beam in the jail at Hamilton, Ontario, on Monday.

The first of the first hundred miles of the new Great West railway will be completed by November 1st.

The statement is denied that the military tariff has been extended to Spain.

The Government has promised support to a Canadian line of steamships between Vancouver and the coast of Mexico.

The Government decided to extend the clause of the tariff to all countries having treaties with Great Britain containing the most favored nation clause.

The French Cabinet has decided that there will be no change in the duties on spirits.

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RESOLUTIONS

That we pledge ourselves to answer promptly all communications either printed or written.

In order that our women may keep in touch with the work of the Provincial Union, we urge all our members to subscribe for the Journal and to supply themselves with the annual report.

That our Union observe the day of prayer.

That each Union donate a sum of money out of its funds to the lumbermen for missionary work.

That owing to the prevalence of the drinking customs of society, we use greater efforts in discountenancing its use in social circles.

That we use our influence with the council for the better enforcement of the law against the sale of liquor.

That we deplore the apathy of the churches towards the evils of intemperance.

That we can raise the standard of social purity, by reaching out a helping hand to save the young girls who are going astray.

That we tender our best thanks to the women of Athens for the way in which they have so royally entertained us during our stay at this convention.

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FLASHES OF FUN

New the Paragraphs Make For You Merry Moments.

The end of the run—Philadelphia Press.

Minnie—in my opinion, one wheel is as good as another.

Waldorf—Did you catch anything on your fishing trip last Friday?

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