

WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD, WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS"

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LITTLE VICTIMS OF THE WAR

Leopold Bracony

A Prayer for Peace.

God of the warring nations,
God of the ways of peace,
Hark to the pleas of women
And bid the warfare cease!
Hark to the prayers of children,
Their small hands lifted up,
And from the world forever
Remove this bitter cup.

A wife stands all forsaken
And peers into the storm,
Above the smoke of battle
She marks the vultures swarm,
No loved one hears her pleading
And to her succor flies—
Beside where she stands weeping
A baby starves and dies.

God, lift the burden from them
Who bear the burden most!
God, touch the hearts of rulers!
God, turn each warring host
From ways that lead to slaughter
Back to the paths of peace!
God, hear the plaints of women
And bid this warring cease!

—Judd Mortimer Lewis
Union Signal.

"John Ruskin said long ago that women could stop all wars if only they were determined to do so. We rejoice that the voice of woman is to be heard against the "greatest scourge of mankind," for all wars are primarily waged on women and children."

MRS. IOWA M. HOLSTON.

The passing away of a state officer always brings to those who have been intimately associated with her official life, a wish that all those who knew her only by name, and in connection with her office, might know her as well.

Mrs. Holston was a fine type of Christian womanhood in whom domestic duties and everyday cares, had each served a part in the development of mind and character that constituted her special equipment for the important position she filled. Careful to the smallest figure, and always exact, she had an unusual breath of vision, by which she foresaw financial demands, the impending needs of the cause, the expansion of both labor and resources. She was always hospitable to new work, her rarely good judgment approving, she had no doubt of the ability to undertake it and seemed to be



MRS. IOWA M. HOLSTON.

actuated by a faith that whatever ought to be done, could be done. In first accepting the office of treasurer she said to the convention, "I will take care of your money; you must raise it."

Her systematic methods must have been the habits of her earlier life, for in previous local and county work they were well exemplified in the training of co-workers. All the unions know how well the members responded to her plans and calls for funds. Her own faith stimulated theirs, and therein is a wonderful lesson.

Her fine sense of justice was equaled by her kindly generous thought both so essential to her office; her gracious manner always implying that the payment of funds, of whose "gathering up" none knew as well as she, was a pleasure. I have dwelt on this special phase in her well rounded character, because she so sweetly demonstrated the relation of finance and philanthropy; and the perfect compatibility of her exalted spiritual life, with the

care and management of money, consecrated to a holy purpose, thereby rising in its springs and flowing more freely in its current.

DORCAS J. SPENCER.

At our last state convention, all of us who saw our treasurer, Mrs. Iowa M. Holston, knew that death had laid his hand upon her. We remember too, her courage when she said, "I hope to look stronger at the convention next year," and that same courage kept her at her post until the final message came.

Mrs. Holston served in various positions in local, county and finally in the state. If we remembered her only by what she had done, she would live long in our hearts, for every duty was done so faithfully, so carefully, and with a high sense of privilege. In her work as treasurer of the state, every penny was exactly, accounted for, and every item was carefully put down; but it is not alone by her work she will be lovingly remembered; but by her beautiful character.

Her sense of justice was strong. "It is only fair," she often said. Her wisdom was great because she could see all sides of a question, and because of that trait, her judgment was almost unerring. She had too, a love toward all, that gave her an unselfish and sweet spirit that made us all love her. She saw the good in others, and tried to draw it out in service. She attributed the best motives to actions, not the worst.

Her religion was not of dogma, but of practice, which is the highest religion any one can have. It was a religion which gave her the love and kindness and lofty principle that characterized her life here.

She has now entered the higher life, and as we think of her, let it be as a citizen of the universe.

"This is not evening twilight; 'tis the dawning;

Fairer and plainer grow the hills afar;

I am not folding up my hands from labor,

Freshly I lift them, while the paling star melts into light.

O, vaster, grander grows the world before me;

The shadows vanish with the rising ray,

I am not aged; I am just beginning Through God's universe to make my way

With soul alert on pressing toward a day,

Unhemmed by night."

EMILY HOPPIN.

When the golden portals of earthly sunset opened to the glories beyond, and our sister Mrs. Iowa M. Holston passed from our view, we knew that her

bark had only floated by that "bend in the river of life" that is called death, into immortality, and while she is no more seen in her accustomed place, the memory of her gentle presence abides with her co-workers like a benediction.

The Executive Committee assembled since she passed away, sadly missing her cheerful greeting, her wise counsel and thoughtful action, desire to pay their tribute of loving remembrance, and hereby express their tender appreciation of association with her in all her years of service, their keen sense of loss, and their precious memory of her exalted character, and remarkable efficiency as a state officer.

MRS. DORCAS J. SPENCER

MRS. ANNA M. BEAL,

MRS. ADDIE G. ESTES.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Sunday morning, May 30, the following telegram was received at National W. C. T. U. headquarters:

"Portland, Ore.:

Our beloved friend and comrade has joined her dear ones in that other land where pain and suffering are unknown. She left us at six minutes past nine Saturday night. Services at Hutchinson, Kansas, next Friday.

(Signed) JENNIE M. KEMP.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, for seven years Treasurer of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was born at Brodhead, Wisconsin. Shelton T. Otis, her father, was a distinguished educator. In 1876 the Otis family removed to Kansas and Elizabeth became both student and teacher in the Normal College at Emporia. After her marriage to Dr. A. M. Hutchinson of Spring Valley, Minnesota, they with their three children removed to Kansas, where Mrs. Hutchinson speedily became identified with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She was for three years treasurer of the Kansas W. C. T. U., and for three years business manager of its official paper, "Our Messenger." She also served three years as secretary and three years as president of the largest district in Kansas, known as the "Big Seventh." At the time of her election to national office she was serving her tenth year as president of the state union. Church work, too, claimed her interest and efforts. She served as steward in the Methodist Episcopal church of her home town, and as temperance secretary for the Home Missionary Society of the South-west Conference.

Mrs. Hutchinson was eminently practical and a safe leader. Generous, sympathetic and appreciative, she won

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WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My Dear Co-Workers:

I hope that this will find each member of our great organization either as an official or passenger on the "Contest Train" and each doing her best to secure new members. This contest will also be helpful in keeping up interest in attendance of the meetings both regular and special during the summer months. Leaflets have been sent from headquarters to each local union, with pictures of the "W. C. T. U. Special," and "White Ribbon Express," asking that a train contest be held to increase the membership of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of California. It reads as follows: "A trip to the National W. C. T. U. convention, Seattle, Washington to be held October 9-16. Scheduled to start for Seattle National convention on June 1, 1915, (you can start later than June 1) under the following orders: Appoint a conductor, engineer and fireman for two trains, called respectively W. C. T. U. special and White Ribbon Express, conductors to choose their own passengers so that the union will be divided, half on each train.

The attendance of each member at a meeting will count one mile for that side.

A visitor will count five miles.

A new member ten miles.

The conductor of each train to report at each meeting just where her train is stationed and give a little talk on the stop-overs, etc. The engineer and fireman to keep the fires burning and the train moving.

The president or some one appointed will act as division superintendent and help both sides.

The contest to run until September 6, giving time for the dues to reach the state treasurer by September 13. The slow train is to banquet the fast train.

If you choose to give a reception to the passengers of the fast train, instead of a banquet, it will be all right, if so decided upon when you start out.

Please take up this plan in your local union. I hope that each individual member will realize her opportunity for service in securing new members.

We congratulate Mrs. L. O. Macomber our state superintendent of "Flower and Mission Relief Work," upon the success of Flower Mission Day at the exposition, and am glad that you are to have such a fine report of the day by Miss Mary Brown.

We are very grateful to Miss Brown not only for this report, but for the kind assistance that helped to make the day a success. Miss Brown is in charge of the World's and National W. C. T. U. exhibit at the exposition.

I am very glad to learn that the Stockton W. C. T. U. are planning to hold a lawn-fete at the home of our

vice-president-at-large, and sell ice cream to get money for the hospitality fund to be used at San Francisco, so that little courtesies may be extended to our W. C. T. U. guests, who come to the exposition.

A letter written June 12, from Mrs. Frances P. Parks our National Corresponding secretary says:—"We find the women very grateful for the promised hospitality at your state headquarters and I am pretty sure Mrs. DeYos will be kept busy to the end of the exposition season. She has very kindly joined Miss Brown in an offer to look up rooming and boarding houses for our women on the return trip from the National Convention. It is probable we will have a party of 100 or over.

It is our opportunity to extend a hand of love and good cheer to our National officers and superintendents and also to many other white ribboners from different states, and some from other countries who will visit us this year.

Please make your plans to visit the W. C. T. U. Congress of Reforms to be held in San Francisco at Hall "A" in the exposition memorial auditorium at the Civic Center. Hall "A" is on the east side of the building.

An up-to-date program is in progress. Each superintendent is asked to have an exhibit of her department in the rear of the auditorium. There is plenty of room and a great opportunity for a fine demonstration of the department work of the W. C. T. U. No state superintendent can afford to have her department omitted. The National Grand Lodge and the California Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T. will meet the same week in another auditorium of the same building. The two meetings should bring quite a gathering of temperance advocates.

The great convention of June 2nd has become history, and a campaign has been launched to vote upon state-wide prohibition in California in 1916.

At this convention the Hon. A. J. Wallace Ex-Lieutenant Governor of the state of California, was elected chairman, Mr. C. H. Randall of Pasadena, Congressman-elect was made vice-chairman, Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, honorary vice-chairman and Mr. H. A. Wheeler was elected secretary. There were 536 delegates from different parts of the state.

The question upon which the delegates did not agree was whether the issue should be presented in single amendment, prohibiting the entire liquor traffic to go into effect July 1, 1918, or whether the issue should be given to the voters in two sections. One to vote out the saloons to go into effect Jan. 1, 1918, the other to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor to go into effect Jan.

1, 1920.

About four hours were given to the discussion of this question, by those who were termed the radicals and conservatives.

When the vote was taken about a three-fourths majority was in favor of the two amendments.

While harmony did not altogether prevail during the discussion, yet after the vote was taken the opposition waived its claims and made the vote almost unanimous. As has been stated by the California Voice, "The biggest demonstration of the convention came when H. Clay Needham, one of the most radical of the radical prohibitionists and a leader in the fight against the amendments presented by the Committee of One Hundred, moved that the vote of the convention be made unanimous. In making his motion to have the vote declared unanimous Mr. Needham said "The radicals will fight no matter what they get, and I want to assure you that if these amendments are not written into the statutes of the state it will not be the fault of the radical Prohibitionists."

The California Christian Advocate in convention notes says: "One of the conspicuous features of the convention was the large number of men delegates. One member declared that he wished it recorded that it was the first temperance meeting that he had attended in thirty years where the men were so numerous that complaint was made that the women could not be seen or heard."

Two amendments will be submitted to the voters, which, summarized are as follows:

A. Abolishing the liquor business in toto, including wineries, etc., after Jan. 1, 1920.

B. Abolishing the retail saloon after January 1, 1918.

I hope that we may all fully realize the importance of a strong campaign for 1916. A campaign made strong by the uniting of forces and concerted effort. The campaign is to be directed by the California Campaign Federation, but this committee will not take up the regular campaign work until Jan. 1, 1916. From now until Jan. 1, 1916 each organization may conduct an educational campaign according to its own plan.

At the Executive Board meeting in August plans will be made and sent to the unions for the campaign work of the coming months.

I especially urge now, the two lines of work that to my mind are exceedingly important at this time. The campaign editon of the Union Signal and Medal Contests.

Good foundation work for National and State-wide prohibition is to place

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Roster of State Officers.

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Woodland, Cal., July, 1915.

All communications for the White Ribbon Ensign must be in the hands of the editor by the twentieth of each month.

SIXTEEN STATES HAVE ENDORSED PROHIBITION

Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Alabama and Arkansas.

A full copy of the proposed prohibition amendments will appear in the August number of the Ensign.

Mrs. Olive Hewitt, president of Sanger Union, has composed and set to music a campaign song, "Going Dry", of which the Sanger press correspondent says, "Every one who hears it, says 'good'." Sanger is entering the campaign for a dry state with great enthusiasm.

On Alameda County Day at the Panama Pacific Exposition, Lowell Redfield, a brother to our Miss Jennie Redfield, was one of three soloists for the occasion.

Our Kunigunde Maas has now a new son; her daughter, Adele Henrietta, having been wedded on June 24th to Mr. Mure Crabtree. May they have many long and happy years together.

A prohibition paper, called the "Backbone," is being issued during the coming campaign by the prohibition headquarters committee chairman, Prof. S. P. Meads, Berkeley. The price is 25 cents or five for \$1.00.

Mrs. M. M. Elmore, our state superintendent of evangelistic work, has been seriously ill for six weeks, most of the time in Adler's Sanitarium. The trouble has been arthritis, an inflammation of the joints; a very painful trouble. Her right arm and hand were affected, so she was not able to use them. About two weeks ago the adhesions were broken, and we are glad to know that she is rapidly recovering, and will, we hope, be able very soon to resume her duties as state superintendent.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CALLED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY 28TH.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Bridelle C. H. Washburn for our late treasurer, Mrs. Iowa M. Holston, Prov. 31 was read. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions in behalf of the home going of Mrs. Holston.

A telegram of congratulations was voted to be sent Mrs. Emily Hoppin in recognition of her election to the presidency of the California Federation of Women's Clubs; also a letter of congratulations to the State Federation upon her election.

Mrs. Ina A. Orvis, 285 S. 17th St., San Jose, was elected to act as state treasurer, for the remainder of the year. Miss Jennie L. Redfield of Berkeley was elected auditor. Send all money through the county treasurer to the state treasurer in organized counties and directly to the state treasurer from locals in counties unorganized. Committees were appointed to arrange for making "Memorial" members of our three promoted state workers Mesdames Woodmen, Southard and Holston.

It was recommended that each state superintendent be asked to have an exhibit at the Congress of Reforms hall, August 16-20.

In a conference with Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, we learned that in her judgment "Protection" work was needed. Mrs. Barrett is at the head of the Florence Crittenden Mission in the United States and is at the exposition in the interest of the Foreign girls and women. She is in the employ of the government, under the Immigration Bureau. She recommended for this work, Mrs. Fisher, a former Florence Crittenden Mission worker, and a motion prevailed to engage her for the month of June, hoping the way may open that we may continue her services.

Mrs. Washburn is to raise funds to support the work. You can help her by sending her names of persons who might help financially, and by providing entertainment for her when in your locality.

Yours for service,
SARA J. DORR, President,
Anna Marden DeYo, Cor. Sec.

FLOWER MISSION DAY AT THE EXPOSITION.

As a preliminary to the day, the state superintendent, Mrs. L. O. Macomber, had sent out letters to locals urging each to have a part in the day. She had told them to send the flowers to the flat of Miss Brown, who is in charge of the National W. C. T. U. exhibit, which, by the way has won first prize for being the best exhibit of its kind. Miss Brown says:

Monday evening the first packages came and were cared for. Tuesday morning after 8 o'clock the expressman came staggering up the stair with baskets and boxes, saying, "there are 23 of them." I supposed he was jesting, but a few trips convinced me that there really were that many. When I went to the booth I was appalled to find that boxes and packages were being sent there also; not in such numbers, but some came. When I went home in the evening there were flowers everywhere. A group of women had been at work all the afternoon, and the bathtub was full, the laundry tub was full, the kitchen sink was full, the dishpan, cooking pans, mop-pail, glass jars, and clothesbasket, all full of flowers. The good women had thoughtfully left a path thru so that I could walk about a little. Toward 9 p. m. the expressman came again, leaving a half dozen boxes which I opened and sprinkled with water, but they filled in the spaces the women had left for me to step in, so I crept away to rest.

At 11:30 the bell wakened me, and I answered the door to admit the parcels post man. He left the entry stacked with boxes to a height of four feet, and I found the booth pretty well filled with them.

I employed a man to cart the packages from the booth to the flat and carry the prepared flowers from the flat to the booth where the women could fill their baskets and go out with them. He worked faithfully all day, entering into the spirit of the occasion and doing good service.

The women first gave bouquets to the gatemen, the roller-chair boys, workmen on the grounds, and the people employed in the booths in the exhibit buildings. There are eight or ten large exhibit buildings, and it was late in the afternoon before the last one had been supplied. There must have been 5000 or 6000 offerings given. People were so glad to receive them. Men pinned them to their coat lapels and women wore them as corsage bouquets. How I wish you could have been here to see and enjoy it all.

You know San Francisco was not built for homes. The apartment houses, flats and private residences are built right on the streets without even a parking strip with exception of some

special localities. I have never seen more pathetic conditions than here from the standpoint of play places for the children. The poor little things have absolutely no place but the pavements except in a few isolated districts. They are just starved for flowers and grass and open spaces. One little voice said, "I am trying to find roses." I told them to run home and sleep and come back the next day and they could have arms full of flowers to carry home and take to people in the neighborhood. They came Wednesday and helped tie big bouquets which they carried to people living along the pavements with no space for flowers or grass.

The gate men and roller chair boys held out eager hands as they ran to the women with the baskets of sweet peas and daisies. They are just starved for the beautiful things.

Mr. Coats, the man who looks after the advertising in the daily programs, told me Thursday morning that everybody knew something unusual was doing the day before; that it was talked of all over the grounds. Friday morning as I walked thru the Educational Palace an electric truck passed me with three men on it. One of the men called back, "those were nice flowers."

It took hold of the people that the working ones were first remembered instead of the visitors. A woman in the Food Products building said to the women who gave her flowers, "O, I saw something about it in the paper yesterday, but I said, they will not find us; and now here they are."

There were more scripture verses read on the grounds last Wednesday than on any other day of the exposition, and the Lord's promise is that his word shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that wherunto it is sent. The women prayed as they fashioned the clusters of blossoms, and some glad day beside the River of Life we may find some of the fruits of Flower Mission Day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

NOTICE.

My dear state superintendent:
At the executive board meeting which convened May 28th, it was recommended that each state superintendent have an exhibition of her department at the civic center auditorium where the Congress of Reforms is to be held August 16-20. There is plenty of space in the rear of the hall for those exhibits, and tables will be provided.
It has been suggested that the exhibits shall be grouped, having those belonging to evangelistic, educational, etc., each in its own group, in this way people can get a better idea of the work and its magnitude. We believe that these exhibits can be made wonderfully attractive and educational and

bring great credit to our cause. I know it means thought and work to bring this about but it seems to me as it is an unusual occasion because of the exposition that each national superintendent would be glad to assist her state superintendent in this work, not only with suggestion, but with material. You will need to begin right away and each one be responsible for her department.

Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, 3 City Hall ave., San Francisco, has been appointed chairman so you can communicate with her if there is any part that you do not understand. Mrs. DeYo is the state superintendent of literature.

Your for a great exhibit,
SARA J. DORR.

NEW SUPPLIES AT HEAD-QUARTERS

The prohibition fan described in May Ensign, 5 cents each, 3 dozen for \$1.00
Medal contest book No. 21, 10 cents.
The new contest book prepared especially for L. T. L. and children contests, just out.

Leaflets

"Temperance Served in Social Shapes," giving helps in entertainment for social meetings—many good suggestions. 60 cents per 100.

"Scientific Temperance in Other Nations," Mrs. Edith Smith Davis' latest leaflet, giving the status of Scientific Temperance in many nations, most valuable, 20 cents per 100.

"Prohibition geography" a temperance exercise brought up-to-date, giving the prohibition states and the war-prohibition states as well.

Prohibition maps revised to date. 18 x 24, 15 cents.

Small size 6 x 9 1 cent each. Carry one in your purse.

"The Man Who Forgot" by James Hay, Jr., the Signal says of it: "The history of a man's fight for national prohibition, told most cleverly—a book with a definite purpose." Price \$1.35.

"The Logic of Prohibition" by Dr. Matt S. Hughes of Pasadena, a little book giving a series of studies the outgrowth of actual campaign experiences. Price 75 cents.

CONTEA COSTA.

A very delightful feature was one not scheduled on the program of the first evening of Contra Costa county's convention, held in Richmond June 17 and 18th.

The meeting was held in the beautiful auditorium of the Lincoln school. An address of welcome, heartfelt and touching in its simplicity, was given by the Rev. G. A. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and an equally happy response by L. C. Brown, an attorney of Martinez. Just when Mrs.

Dorr was expecting to be called upon for her address "The Doom of John Barleycorn", Mrs. Alice Dickinson, the county president, surprised those not in the secret (and Mrs. Dorr most of all) by announcing to the audience that it was the birthday of the state president and an opportunity was to be given to take them all "into the family" and allow them to come to the front and wish her "many happy returns." The entire audience joining in the spirit of the occasion, rose and in time to music marched to the platform and with hand shaking and felicitation made it an occasion long to be remembered, and our president found herself when the time had passed, the recipient of a handkerchief shower and beautiful flowers, the love gifts of Contra Costa's women.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAY, 1915.

Receipts.

Dues—Caruthers, 1.95; Oakdale, .65; Central, .65; Orland, 27.95; Chico, 7.80; Palermo, 1.95; Clovis, 1.95; Parlier, 3.90; Elmira, .65; Penryn, 7.80; Farmington, 1.95; Prescott, .65; Fowler, 1.30; Redding, 6.50; Hanford, 5.20; Ripon, 4.55; Lake Merced (SF) 1.95; Stratford, 5.85; Laton, 9.10; Sultana, 9.75; Lemore, 1.30; Sunset (SF), 2.60; Livingston, 3.25; Tulare, 13.65; Lodi, 7.80; Turlock, 14.95; Modesto, 18.85; Vacaville, .65; Napa, 3.90; Vallejo, 2.60; Newman, 1.30; Waterford, 1.95; O'Neals, .65; Wood Colony (YUB), 5.20; total 175.50; Y dues.

Y. P. B. dues, 5.20; donations, 167.30; legislative, 12.00; Willard Memorial, 3.50; scientific temp. instruction, 87.88; institute, 98.30; state minutes, 3.10; history, 31.50; Lillian Stevens fund, 2.45; organizing, 1.00; L. T. L. dues, 9.60; prohibition campaign, 2.10; miscellaneous, 2.70; total 607.43. Cash on hand May 1st, 1915, 156.75; grand total 764.18.

Disbursements.

National dues, 27.80; Ensign, 69.50; salaries, 148.00; headquarters, 46.94; postage, 11.30; printing, 3.75; scientific temp. instruction, 67.88; institute, 102.80; legislative, 15.77; prohibition campaign, 3.95; redlight, 1.25; superintendents, 2.70; Willard Memorial, 8.50; Lillian Stevens fund, 2.45; National L. T. L. dues, 4.80; state L. T. L. dues, 4.80; insurance, 12.91; miscellaneous, 7.65; total 542.55; cash on hand May 31, 1915, 221.63; grand total 764.18.

INA A. ORVIS,

Acting treasurer.

It is reported by the North American that more than 100 saloonkeepers are to go out of business in Milwaukee on July 1. This information is said to be obtained in the annual report concerning saloons sent to the city council.

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the campaign edition of the Union Signal in the homes of the voters. I do not know of anything that would be more effective for the cause than a house-to-house canvass for the purpose. Several at the county conventions pledged to give at least four hours to this work, and I hope there may be many more volunteers. This is our great opportunity for service. For only twenty-five cents this paper so full of prohibition facts and victories will be sent to the home each month.

I hope that each old subscriber will secure a new subscriber for the weekly edition and thus become a member of the "Win One Circle."

When you send the subscriptions for both campaign and weekly editions please ask that credit shall be given to the state superintendent of Union Signal, Mrs. Nellie Berry, of Lindsay. If Mrs. Berry is given credit for a certain number of subscriptions she will receive a prize of \$25. I was with Mrs. Berry a few weeks ago at Bi-County Convention and she informed me that if she received the prize, that she would use it to advance the work of the Union Signal, so when you ask that credit be given to our state superintendent you are helping the work of the Union Signal, in our own state.

I also want to urge that each local hold as many medal contests as possible during the next two months. Can you not hold at least two medal contests in each Sunday School in your city or town during that time.

The Contra Costa County Convention was held at Richmond June 17 and 18. Reports showed that some good work had been done during the year. While this is not an easy county in which to advance the cause of prohibition yet there are staunch and true women who keep up the standard of truth and righteousness and hold aloft the W. C. T. U. banner.

Remember the Purity Congress to be held in San Francisco July 18-24 under the direction of the World's Purity Federation. Send names of delegates to Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, City Hall ave. San Francisco, and she will arrange on the first day of the congress for the delegates to be accepted. The home-going of our National Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson, brings to us all a loss. This loss is keenly felt at national headquarters where her beautiful life and consecrated activities constituted a part of the life and force.

Stanislaus county has been bereft of its efficient recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Webb of Modesto, who was promoted to her heavenly home on June 8. She was the daughter of Mr. J. W. Webb who has been a strong and faithful worker for prohibition for many years. We wish to express to

him our heartfelt sympathy at this time in his loss of this beautiful daughter.

"Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more."

Your with love,

SARA J. DORR.

THE CONVENTION OF WOMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York has accepted the chairmanship of the committee to organize the great convention of women voters at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mrs. Belmont is a member of the Executive Committee of the Union and was hostess to the Advisory Council at her home on Madison Avenue, New York, last month.

The convention of women voters will be held at San Francisco, September 14, 15, and 16. The call has already been issued by Mrs. Belmont to a large number of women in the equal franchise states.

The call in part says:

"The Congressional Union for woman Suffrage is calling a convention of its members and friends in the suffrage states to meet at San Francisco on September 14, 15 and 16. The purpose of this convention is to mature plans for definite political action on the part of the women voters in support of the national suffrage amendment. There are now approximately four million women voters. One-fourth of the National Senate, one-sixth of the House of Representatives, and one-fifth of the electoral vote comes from suffrage states. With this leverage in Congress the national suffrage amendment could speedily be passed if the women voters would unite in its support. This convention will attempt to devise plans for united and effective action. It is the first political convention of women voters that has ever been called and is an event of historical significance."

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT WOMAN

It is vouchsafed to but few of the world's great ones to experience the sense of glorious exaltation that must have been felt by Annie E. K. Bidwell, Chico's Lady Bountiful and one of the leading apostles in the great cause of temperance, when over 1000 delegates and auditors rose to their feet at the Fresno convention and in a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm gave the distinguished lady the Chautauqua salute.

There have been warriors and kings and presidents who have listened to the acclaim of thousands, but never was such signal honor bestowed on account of greater service or in a loftier cause.

To carry the banner of a grand army fighting for the uplift of mankind, sometimes to victory, more often to defeat, but always again advancing in

the foremost ranks, taking each repulse as an incentive for more persistent onslaught, such is the proud record of Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, and as such a valiant standard bearer she endeared herself to the hosts of the great temperance army.—Chico Tribune.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY INSTITUTE

An institute, with Mrs. Garwood Estes as leader was held in our county in May. The institute opened with a reception in the afternoon and in the evening a gold medal contest was held under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Bennett. The medal was won by Miss Irene Sanford which was presented by Mrs. Estes. The Galt union furnished the music. Among the numbers was a quartet by the Galt high school boys.

A day was given to the real institute of methods. A department round table was held; a Union Signal catechism by Mrs. Triplett, Mrs. Hinman, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Boston, Reverends Black, Shumaker, and Tablot, Mrs. Tamby, Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Flenning all contributed their share to the program, and all voted that Mrs. Estes was a delightful leader.

A MAR-BAKER.

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

First Meeting in August—Topic: Our Girls and their dangers.

Helps—Dangers of the Street—Why Boys and girls go wrong.—Beware. The Hand of a Child.—The Lure of Luxury.

Second Meeting in August—Topic—Parades, Exhibits and store window decorations, Park meetings, Picnics, Lawn and porch socials.

Helps—How to plan a parade.

W. C. T. U. Exhibits.

When the Convention meets in our city.

First Meeting in September.—All Day Annual Meeting.

Topic—Stock taking.

Final report of membership work and "Train Contest."

Election of Delegates to State Convention.

Second Meeting in September.

Topic. County Life Program.

Helps. Prohibition value in rural communities.

Farmers and Business.

Farmers and Saloonkeepers.

The Rural Press.

Plans for an active campaign beginning August 1, to carry out the measures adopted at the recent Fresno dry convention, were decided upon at Los Angeles June 25, at a meeting of representatives of the allied temperance forces of the state which organized the California Campaign Federation.

SUNNY STANISLAUS.

Yes, it was really sunny May 5-7, the convention having a drying effect on the weather.

A well attended executive meeting was the prelude to the 28th annual county convention, held this year in Ceres.

We were glad to have with us our state president, Mrs. Dorr. Her optimistic address on the "Progress of Prohibition in the United States," was well received, and favorably commented upon by the local and county papers. This was given at the evening session of the churches and the W. C. T. U. held on the regular week day prayer meeting night.

During the evening Mrs. Z. J. Needham of Modesto, spoke from the text "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Mrs. Needham spoke of our effort in bringing this prayer to pass, for intemperance is the most powerful agency in thwarting the coming of this kingdom, and its vilest stroke that of breaking up the home.

Rev. Squires, superintendent of the National Reform Bureau of San Francisco, spoke of the Bible in our public schools.

Mrs. Cliffe rendered a beautiful solo; welcomes were given by Mrs. George Baker for the Parents-teachers Association; and by Rev. F. F. Farrington, in behalf of the churches and citizens of Ceres. He said that Ceres had good land, good churches, good schools, good morals, and "a saloon cannot get in with a \$10.00 license."

The convention badges had a cut of the new high school building and the motto:—

Temperance and education,
our
Country's safe-guard

The "Ceres Courier" issued a "white ribbon special" in honor of the convention, and was a "free-for-all" for the delegates, a kindness greatly appreciated.

The guests of the convention were Mrs. Fannie Wood, first president of Stanislaus County; Mrs. E. Musselman, state superintendent of Mothers' Meetings; Mrs. E. Moulton, state superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs. H. S. Farr, state superintendent of Sunday School Work; Mrs. L. O. Macomber of the Flower Mission department; Mrs. E. Wolf of Proportionate Giving, Miss Anne Holman, state superintendent of "The Bible in our Public Schools."

Mrs. M. M. Elmore, our beloved evangelistic superintendent, was detained at home by sickness. In her absence, Mrs. Farr conducted the memorial exercises. Ten white ribbon recruits were received in a pleasing service conducted by Mrs. McMurray and Mrs. Nellie Crawford. Superintendents of

twenty-seven departments gave demonstrations of their work. The high school glee club gave a delightful musical number and a children's exercise "Uncle Sam's Flower Garden" was a pleasing number under the leadership of Mrs. Harlow. Rev. Robert Root spoke of "War, not a Remedy, but a Disease." There was also a fine rendering of a song by the sixth grade school children, and a composition by their teacher, Mrs. Kinser.

Mrs. Reichenbach was re-elected president; Mrs. D. Ferguson, of Oakdale, corresponding secretary; Miss E. Webb, Modesto, recording secretary; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Adams; auditor Mrs. M. Whitmore.

A fitting close to this "best" convention was a double medal contest; a grand gold oratorical, and a silver medal song contest. The program was in charge of Mrs. A. Paine of Hughson, and was greatly appreciated and enjoyed, as were the musical numbers given by the Persing Orchestra.

The grand gold oratorical medal was won by Miss Zelma Long of Waterford, who was one of six contestants. Of the seven song contestants, the medal was carried away by little Mildred Farr of Hughson.

The audience was interested in the report of essay work in the high schools of the county the past year. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Caulkins more than 2000 essays have been written, and over \$60 expended by the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction. The \$8.00 prize was given to Mr. Vernon Moore, in the high school competition.

An original song was given by Mrs. R. B. Gouling of Modesto.

The working out of this program, which showed the ability of our county president, Mrs. Reichenbach, gave to many a new vision, and made us new friends. Last but not least, was an automobile ride, and inspection of the high school building given by the citizens and school officials of Ceres.

FAUSTINA M. CASE,
Press Sup't.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The Twenty-fifth annual convention of the Sacramento County Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Central M.E. church Sacramento. Mrs. Ida K. Simonton, evangelistic superintendent, lead the devotions. The general theme, "God is Love," permeated the devotions at each session. After words of welcome by the pastor of the church, Rev. James Whitaker, and response by Miss Mamie Sanford, the annual report of the recording secretary was read, followed by reports of departments. Rev. E. Guy Talbott gave a very clear outline of the reform bills of most importance

before the legislature.

A well-finished and able paper on "Scientific Temperance Instruction" was read by Mrs. Lucy Stoddard, superintendent of that department. Reports from other departments were then given, and a duet, "A Saloonless Nation in 1920," rendered by Mrs. Mae K. Bowden and Miss Elva Bawden.

Thursday evening devotions were led by Mrs. Emma Triplett, Dr. E. H. Pitts gave a fine address on "Improvement of the Human Stock." Vocal solos were rendered as follows: Mrs. Lulu Conklin and Mrs. Bland, from Galt. Dr. G. S. Rodda and Mrs. Pearl Tamblly.

Friday morning's devotions were led by Mrs. L. T. Hatfield, in an able manner. Mrs. Emily Hoppin, of Woodland, editor of The White Ribbon Ensign, was then introduced to the convention and given the Chautauqua salute. The reports of local presidents, annual message from county president, Mrs. Alice B. Hinman, and a very profitable and instructive talk on "Health and Heredity," along the line of young motherhood, by Mrs. O. E. Bradford, superintendent of the department, followed by election of officers, filled the forenoon.

In the afternoon the devotion's merged into the memorial service in loving tribute to the five deceased members during the year, Mrs. Mary Lamprey, Mrs. Meeker, Mrs. Sarah O. Frazer, Mrs. Langdon and Mrs. Eliza Tade. Responses were given by Mrs. S. Frazer Langford and Mrs. Emma Triplett. Mrs. Isabelle Scott gave an outline of work and methods of the Penal Rescue Home at Colonial Acres. Mrs. George Purnell brought very beautifully worded greetings from the Tuesday club. A duet, "Victory Bells," was rendered by Miss Elva Baldwin and Mrs. Pearl Tamblly. A good paper on "Mother's Meetings," by Mrs. Fannie Preston, was appreciated.

The crowning event of the convention was the well-prepared paper by Mrs. E. Hoppin, "The Bible in Literature." Miss Helen Boston followed with a sweet song, "Out from the Hearthstone the Children Go." The election of officers resulted as follows

Mrs. Nora M. Patterson, Orangevale, president; Mrs. Helen T. Boston, Oak Park, vice-president; Mrs. Amelia A. Marr Baker, Sacramento, recording secretary; Miss Mamie Sanford, Sacramento, corresponding secretary; Alice C. Stalker, Sacramento, treasurer.

A. MAR BAKER.

"Prohibition is the great peace measure. It is peace itself. It is the greatest of all war measures. All parties and all nations must be for personal and world-wide prohibition."

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the love and confidence of the women of Kansas, and the work in that state prospered greatly under her enthusiastic leadership.

The qualities that made Mrs. Hutchinson so successful as a state leader contributed to her equally successful work as custodian of the finances of the National W. C. T. U. She was a fine parliamentarian and possessed rare ability for convention work. She will be greatly mourned and missed by the 50,000 women of this great organization.

OPPOSING MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

Miss Jane Addams has cited an instance that came under her own observation in Chicago, which indicates the deeply rooted antipathy to all that savors of militarism on the part of the alien peoples that come to this country. She says that when a company of Boy Scouts was being organized, the Russian Jews withdrew their sons and objected strongly to it because the training had in it a military element. They said they had come here to rid themselves of everything that was connected with militarism, and they did not want their boys contaminated with military drill.

"We got one proof after another," said Miss Addams, "that the various peoples were prejudiced against militarism." While these immigrant peoples are so intensely interested in the present war, the American school has an unusual opportunity to drive home the truths of international brotherhood and peace, and in Miss Addams' words, "to utilize the immigration population to form humanitarian sentiment so strong that it will make itself felt in the uttermost parts of the earth." And, above all, let us see to it that the schools are kept free from military training, which is the entering wedge for the militarization of our land.—Advocate of Peace.

ALAMEDA COUNTY INSTITUTE

Alameda County Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its annual institute at Melrose Baptist church, May 28th, Mrs. H. E. McMath presiding.

The session began with an inspiring praise service led by county evangelistic superintendent, Mrs. M. S. Hamilton. A fine paper from Mrs. L. P. Williams followed upon Oriental work and the necessity, duty and advantage of co-operation with mission and other church societies.

An interesting and practical parliamentary drill was given by our Mrs. B. Sturtevant-Peet and took the form of questioning along the lines most likely to be defective in the conduct of business meetings.

Addresses were given by the pastors of Melrose group of churches upon "The Child in the Home.

The psychology of the child, and best methods of dealing with him in the home, were discussed by Mrs. A. J. Kennedy, mother of ten; and Mrs. Garvies, mother of three. Both were ably presented, and were full of helpful suggestions to mothers, teachers and everybody having care of the young.

"Boys and Other Boys" was excellently well presented by Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. McMath, both grandmothers and Dr. Lillian Wood Starr, M. D. one of our very own, though a new comer.

Appropriate music was rendered by our superintendent of song, Mrs. Lon Alton, and her helpers; the decorations were beautiful and abundant; the atmosphere of the place as always, redolent with kindly hospitality under the direction of Melrose's faithful and efficient president, Mrs. W. O. Stone.

A fine gold medal contest arranged for the evening resulted in the prize falling to the young daughter of our Mrs. Alton.

JULIA A. WILLSON.

SOLANO COUNTY CONVENTION

The twenty-eighth annual convention of Solano W. C. T. U. convened in Fairfield, May 6 and 7.

Delegates were present from Bonieia, Elmira, Fairfield, Suisun, Vacaville and Vallejo. Eighteen departments of work had been taken up, during the past year, the most active being Medal Contest, Flower Mission, Press, Christian Citizenship and Law Enforcement. Seven silver medal contests were held during the year, Fairfield-Suisun union leading. In the recent dry campaign, columnus had been maintained in four of the leading newspapers, two being dailies, 1227 bouquets were distributed and 124 sick calls made. 112,354 pages of literature had been circulated for various lines of work.

Three new departments were added with the following superintendents; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Melva S. Green; Song, Mrs. Kate Cleaves; Peace, Mrs. E. D. Biggs.

Between the addresses and reports, many rousing songs were enjoyed, the favorites being, "Our Nation's Going Dry," and "We'll Make The Nation Dry." Our efficient Song superintendent, Mrs. Kate Cleaves, added much to the program by her sweet contralto solos, "Rock of Ages," being specially appreciated.

Our state president gave two interesting addresses, on "Legislative Work in 1915," and "The Impending Doom of John Barleycorn."

Rev. J. E. Squires spoke on "The Bible in Our Public Schools."

Most of the county officers were elected with Mrs. Bridelle C. H. Wash-

burn still our leader.

The profitable two days' session closed with a gold medal contest, three boys and three girls representing various parts of the county, participating. Miss Pauline Haines, our faithful convention page, won the medal. The success of this contest was due to the untiring efforts of the contest superintendent, Mrs. Esther Cross,

J. C. MELLIN.
Press Sup't.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION PLANS FOR JULY.

Independence Day celebrations afford excellent opportunities for spreading the gospel of National Constitutional Prohibition. If a patriotic meeting is to be held in your community, endeavor to secure a place on the program for a temperance speaker. If no such meeting is arranged, let the Woman's Christian Temperance Union plan a prohibition parade, in which all the churches, Sunday schools, public schools and fraternal organizations shall participate, ending with a public meeting at which patriotic and prohibition speeches and music shall form the program.

At least twice during the month, the W. C. T. U. would do well to hold, in one of its city parks, an out-of-door evening meeting, in the nature of a picnic inviting to it through the church pulpits and the general press, every citizen of the community. The messages on such an occasion should be given by strong voiced orators and singers. To such a meeting many would be attracted who would not attend an indoor gathering.

July is primarily the month for distributing prohibition literature. Sentiment for our cause may be made by giving wide circulation at Chautauquas, picnics and every kind of summer gatherings of short, breezy, live leaflets on total abstinence and prohibition.

Many influential organizations hold their conventions in July. At all such occasions occurring in your vicinity, urge the passage of a resolution in favor of National Constitutional prohibition.

What greater national resources has our country than our boys and girls, and why should not the government protect them from the blight caused by the use of intoxicating liquors?

Convinced that "the saloon must go" one of the largest manufacturers of stock bar fixtures in the United States has decided to retire from that business and has turned its entire plant at Dubuque, Iowa, built especially for the bar trade, into the manufactory for talking machine cabinets and piano cases.

