W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

An Interesting All Day Session in Chestertown at Stam's Hall.

The Kent County Convention of the W. C. T. U. was called to order at 10 A. M. Friday, May 19, in Stam's Hall, Mrs. L. M. Corey presiding.

After singing and scripture reading Rev. Julius Dodd offered prayer followed by a solo by Miss Anna G. Lambert.

Mrs. Virgie Skirven, as supt. of Sunday school work, reported only one local supt., but quite a good report was made.

Supt. of Scientific Temperance instruction reported the use of the Temperance primers in the schools of county, a work which had been accomplished in the last year.

Supt. of Literature made an interesting report of increasing subscriptions to Temperance papers, and literature was distributed on all favorable occasions.

Supt. of Alms House work reported that good meetings were held every month and general interest manifested in churches of neighborhood. Thanksgiving and Christmas treats were given to the inmates. Prison and jail supt. reported meetings held at jail.

Supt. of Press work reported interest on the part of the editors in soliciting items and their aid was invaluable at the State convention. Supt. of Purity reported that efforts were being made to suppress places of bad repute. Supt. of Narcotics reported pledges circulated and meeting held at which Miss Anne R. Stewart spoke.

Report of Young Women's work by Miss Sue Matthews Ellis was very encouraging reporting an increased membership of 50 and winning the State banner. The Y. rally held at Pomona was a great success.

After the singing of 'Nearer my God to Thee' a cordial welcome was heartily given by Col. W. J. Vannort, President of the Chestertown Commissioners, and one of our honorary members. A feeling response was made by Mrs. Hurlock. The corresponding secretary's report was encouraging. A petition was sent to Chief Judge Pearce asking him to revise the list of jurors. It was stated that the State convention held in Chestertown last fall had a beneficial effect. Mrs. Rice made a week's work in the county. Through the employment of detectives one conviction of violation of Local Option law was made.

Reports of officers accepted. Report of committee on credentials stated that 22 voting delegates and 22 fraternal delegates were present.

The result of the election for officers was as follows;

President, Mrs. L. M. Corey; cor. sec., Mrs. S. M. Usilton; rec. sec., Mrs. L. M. C. Smyth; treas., Mrs. Lucas; v. pres., Mrs. Shafer.

After singing, devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. L. J. Legg. The following superintendents appointed:

Sunday school, Mrs. V. Skirven: Sabbath observance, Mrs. Simmons; scientific temperance instruction, Mrs. Nicholson; Y work, Miss Clara Biddle; L. T. L. Mrs. Acca Crew; literature, Mrs. M. E. Brown; alms house, Mrs. Leaverton; parlor meeting, Mrs. Avis Vannort; floral mission, Miss Gussie Cannan; State paper, Miss Florence Jewell; evangelistic, Mrs. Julius Dodd; unfermented wine, Mrs. Usilton; prison and jail, Mrs. Brice; press, Mrs. Hurlock; colored work, Mrs. Lucas; purity, Mrs. Skirven, Mrs. Usilton, Mrs. Legg; narcotics, Mrs. Shafer; contests, Mrs. Acca Crew.

The 20th a spendid meeting was held in Rock Hall Sunday school, of the M. E. Church, and was addressed in evening, a large audience at night and forty took the pledge. A "Y" organized with 24 members and the "W" reorganized in the winter with 17 members, the Somerset "Y" was organized at the college with 14 members, one at St. James Church with 9 and in all 64 members were gained.

Mrs. Haggerty Cor. Sec., of Kennedyville Union reports 30 active members and 17 honorary members 24 added during the year and in contemplation a reading room, a great effort has been made to interest the young men; we have had eight public meetings observed four red letter days, donated $10 to the State Headquarters, $2 for National work, 23 take the State paper and 12 the Union Signal and sustain a L. T. L. with 29 members.

Still Pond Union has 25 active and 6 honorary members. Held 12 business and one public meeting. Donated a barrel of vegetables to Kindergarten at State headquarters, Baltimore. 18 take State paper and 8 Union Signal; have 31 members in a Loyal Temp. Legion.

Fairlee Union has 17 members and 9 honoraries. Held six business and two public meetings, Mrs. Rice speaker. Sent donation to Kindergarten and are trying to raise 50 tax from members.

Chestertown has 30 active and 1 honorary member. Held 20 prayer and business meetings, 4 public meetings. Observed 2 red letter days; sent a barrel of provisions to Kindergarten. 28 take State paper and 7 Union Signal. Great effort during the year made to suppress the illegal selling of intoxicants and purity work. Lately organized an L. T. L. with 26 members, who have contributed to the detective expenses and the President has been very zealous in advanced work in county.

Worton has 20 active and 16 honorary members. Meet every week and have had 3 public meetings.

Hanesville organized March 24, has 6 active 3 honorary members. 3 take the State paper.

Rock Hall is a young union with 14 active and 8 honorary members. Meet every week and have had 2 public meetings. 10 take State paper and 2 Union Signal.

$371.32 has passed through the Co. treasurer's hands beside the amount that the local unions have distributed. The treasurer thinks that at least $500 has been raised for the work.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and prayer by Mr. Wilson. The President's annual address was excellent, encouraging to lead in the reform work. A pretty solo by Miss Lambert followed. The question "Practical temperance work in Kent," was ably discussed by Miss Anne R Stewart, Mrs. Acca Crew, Messrs. Jas. H. Baker and Walter Gale. "Our recent Court Experience," discussed by Rev. Kent M. Bull, was good. Mrs. Legg followed with a talk which resulted in a collection. The topic, "Progress in Kent—Local Option a Necessity," was discussed by Rev. J. M. Gill and State's Attorney Urie. Mrs Nicholson read statistics commending the prohibition law in Vermont.

The topic "The Young People as a factor in Temperance Reform" was discussed by Rev. E. C. Makoskey. Miss Sue Matthews Ellis called attention to the State banner which was won at the last State convention and also tendered her resignation.

The evening session was opened with a piano duet by Miss May Jones and Mr. Earle D. Simpers, excellently rendered. Solos by Misses Vandyke and McKnett were sweetly sung. Rev. Mr. Randall discussed "Where lies the responsibility for the violation of Local Option law." Rev. Mr. Ellis discussed "What should be the character of the candidates for whom our honoraries should vote." Mrs. Legg and Miss A. R. Stewart also gave short talks.

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The first patent for a Reaper was granted, Jos. Boyce, of England, July 4th, 1799, which was only remarkable because of its being the first. From that time on there were a number of unsuccessful attempts to produce a reaper, but not much was accomplished until 1822, when Henry Ogle, of England, invented a machine which is said to have cut and laid the grain in sheaves remarkably well. The farmers, however, hesitated at the expense, and the working people threatened to kill the builder if he persued any further, and it was dropped.

The first patent issued in America on this line of invention was to Richard French and T. J. Hawkins, May 17, 1803, of which little is known.

The first American invention which possessed any degree of merit was that of Wm. Manning, of New Jersey, patented May 3, 1831.

The next of any importance was the reaper patented by Obed Hussey, of Maryland, Dec. 31, 1833, which practically marks the era of harvesting grain by machinery, as the chief features of this machine have been incorporated in all harvesting machines made since, and it was the first successful reaper that was placed on the market. On Aug. 7, 1847, Obed Hussey obtained one of his most important patents, which was for the guard of the present day.

During the period following this date there were many patents issued of more or less value which we must pass unnoticed with one exception, which will no doubt interest our readers as it was issued to a citizen of our State also, Owen Dorsey, of Howard, Co., on Mar. 4, 1856. This was for the revolving reel raking device, a popular machine, and a valuable invention, and is still built by nearly all manufacturers. Space forbids us dwelling on the many different devices which contributed to the development of the reaper, and the next we will notice is the patent granted on the 17th of August, 1858, to C. W. and W. W. Marsh, of Illinois, for a harvester that elevated the grain and deposited it on a table where it was bound by two men standing on a platform.

This was a phototype of all machines which have since carried binders, whether men or automatic machinery, and marks another era in the harvesting of grain.

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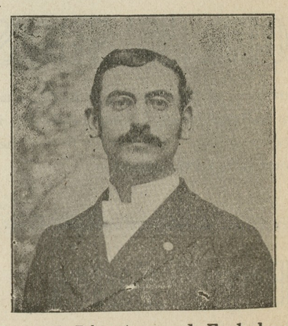
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