

# STRONG ADDRESS BY MISS GORDAN.

## Large Audience Heard National Union President Tell of Temperance Work Last Night.

**OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR, MRS. JOSEPH SPROTT OF MANNING AGAIN HEADING STATE UNION—WHITE RIBBONERS HAVE BUSY TIME IN ATTENDING SESSIONS—CONVENTION APPRECIATIVE OF MANNING'S LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY—MISS GORDAN IN HER ADDRESS CONGRATULATES SOUTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA ON THEIR FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR PROHIBITION.**

From The Daily Item, Sept. 29.

The opening session of the Thirty-third State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Carolina convened Thursday evening in the handsome new Methodist church, Rev. R. S. Truesdale, pastor, Mrs. Joseph Sprott of Manning, the State president, presiding.

The devotions were conducted by the pastor of this church, and the welcomes were extended by Mayor L. D. Jennings, of Sumter; Rev. J. B. Walker of the Ministerial Association; Miss Young of the Missionary Societies; Dr. E. H. Edmunds, for the Board of Education; Mrs. John R. Sumter for the Federated Clubs, of Sumter, and Dr. Sophia Brunson, for the W. C. T. U. locally. All of these addresses were in excellent taste and well received, those of Mayor Jennings and Dr. Brunson being especially pleasing, apparently.

This response to these addresses were made by Mrs. J. L. Mims, of Edgefield.

The music was splendid, the pipe organ being one of the finest in the State. Miss Ellen Siddall is the musical director, and Miss Louise Siddall is organist.

A very appropriate duet, "Wear the White Ribbon," was sung by Mrs. Frank A. McCarthy and Miss Rose.

Following these interesting features was the climax to the evening's program, the address of Mrs. Joseph Sprott, the State president, which was heard by a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. Sprott's address was an apt and eloquent exposition of the work of the union during the past year.

The people of Sumter are showing a most enthusiastic hospitality toward the delegates, who are here representing the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Miss Anna Gordon, president of the National W. C. T. U., arrived in the city last night and is the guest of honor during the convention.

The Friday morning session was a busy one. After a very interesting session of the executive committee, the regular session was called to order at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Joseph Sprott, of Manning, presiding.

Miss Anna Gordon was introduced to the convention, and responded in very gracious words.

Miss Ellen Beech, president of the Sumter Union, led the prayer, and a roll call of the officers found them all present, nearly all of the State superintendents and a large number of the unions represented.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Miss Cleo Attaway, of Saluda, showed that the 72 unions were all actively engaged, some of the reports being splendid, and recorded much that will bring about great good. A rising vote of thanks was given the secretary.

Mrs. Chas. P. Robinson, of Chapin, State treasurer, gave a most excellent report, showing the financial conditions to be very good. On hand at the last convention, \$114.72. Total receipts for year, \$1,865.12; expenditures \$1,742.39. Balance on hand, \$121.73. She was given a rising vote of thanks.

The noon tide hour for prayer and consecration service was led by the beloved leader, Miss Anna Gordon, the 96th Psalm being read in concert, which was followed by a very sweet and hearty to heart talk with the white-ribboners, and her touching prayer closed this service.

The memorial service followed, and the roll call of those who have "Passed Beyond" was had, the body standing, and twenty comrades have had their names enrolled on the Book of Life. Mrs. Sprott made a beautiful and feeling prayer.

Mrs. Mace, of Marion, was to have offered this prayer, but was at the hour bowed in sorrow, her father having passed over the river.

There were two tributes paid to the departed ones. Capt. T. R. Denny, the husband of the Recording Secretary, who died last September, had a fitting tribute paid his life by Mrs. P. N. Lott, of Johnston, and Mrs. J. L. Mims, spoke lovingly of Miss Frances Tompkins, of Edgefield and what her life had meant to the cause.

This sacred service closed with the Atonic benediction.

The afternoon session was devoted to exercises for the children. The con-

vention was called to order at 3:45 o'clock and after music and other exercises, a talk was made by Miss Anna Gordon. This was a feature of the meeting which was not only very pleasing to the children, but to the grown folks, who attended as well, for Miss Gordon is as good in talking to the little ones, as in speaking to audiences of adults.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 30.

It would be hard to find anywhere a busier lot of people than those in attendance upon the Women's Christian Temperance Union which is now in session in this city. The delegates have hardly had time to breathe outside of the walls of Trinity church, where the meetings are being held, so rapidly does one meeting follow another. The meetings commence at 9 in the morning and are out by one o'clock. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the meeting is again called to order, and the delegate barely has time to go to her quarters and refresh herself and secure something to eat before she has again to go to be there when the convention is called to order at 8 o'clock. However, notwithstanding this rush the meetings are being well attended and much interest is being manifested in all that is being done.

At Saturday morning's session Mrs. Joseph Sprott of Manning, who has so ably held the office of president of the State union for the past year was again elected to this office. Mrs. J. L. Mims of Edgefield was elected vice-president and Miss Cleo Attaway of Saluda corresponding secretary and Mrs. Charles P. Robinson of Chapin, treasurer.

Saturday Morning's Session.

After the official board meeting held in the parlor of the church, the convention was called to order and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Middleton of Clarks Hill.

Mrs. J. L. Mims, editor of the official organ, "The Palmetto White Ribbon," presented her report and asked for the cooperation of all unions in making this paper what it should be. It is the policy of the W. C. T. U. to enlist every one from the cradle to the grave, in the Union, and "The White Ribbon Recruits" were brought in by the mothers, and a very sweet and affecting scene was enacted, as these little ones were brought in and the white ribbons tied on them by the national leader, Miss Gordon. These recruits were Lewis Hix, Frances Clark, Dora Lois Harris, Willie Lee Harris. As these little ones were held before the audience, the body stood and sang "When He Cometh to Make up His Jewels."

A letter was read from the national treasurer, asking that South Carolina do her part in the national campaign fund, and the body pledged the amount of \$1.00 per union, there being 72 unions.

Pledges for State work were made to the amount of \$157.

The model membership plan was well presented by Mrs. J. L. Mims, and model membership cards were distributed over the body and filled out to be collected later, and the new member's names to be read out.

The reports of the State superintendents were then taken up.

"Fairs and open Air Meetings," Miss Mamie Tillman, Edgefield.

"Sunday School Work," Miss Zena Payne, Johnston.

"Prison Reform," Mrs. N. M. Waters, Florence.

"Anti-Narcotic," Miss Pearl Collier, Aiken.

"Temperance and Missions," Mrs. R. B. Cannon, Scranton.

"Social Meetings and Red Letter Days," Mrs. L. C. Rice, Denmark.

The petition gotten up for the passage of the Gillette bill was endorsed by the convention.

The purport of this bill is to stop the shipment of liquor from the United States to Africa.

The report of the credential committee, by Mrs. A. P. Lewis, of Johnson, showed the voting strength of the convention to be 66.

The election of officers was taken up with the following result.

President, Mrs. Joseph Sprott, of Manning.

Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Mims, of Edgefield.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Cleo Attaway, of Saluda.

Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. P. Robinson, of Chapin.

The re-election of these officers was a sincere pleasure to the convention, and a hearty hand clapping was given as each election was announced. Miss Gordon, going to the platform, took Mrs. Sprott by the hand, telling her how glad she was that as State leader, she would be associated with her in national work and spoke beautifully of her work as a leader.

Invitations for the next convention were extended from Aiken, Bishopville, Mullins and Pickens.

The noon tide hour was observed and a beautiful prayer was made by Mrs. Myers of Congaree.

A motion was made that a letter be sent from the convention to Gov. Manning, congratulating him upon his election, and expressing their appreciation of his efforts along the lines of law enforcement.

The afternoon session was devoted to hearing reports on various phases of the work and the election of further State officers, and the selecting of delegates to the National Convention. Tonight will be devoted to medal contests.

Friday Night's Session.

The Friday night session was again featured by the delightful music which was rendered by the selected choir, Miss Siddall presiding at the piano. Beautiful solos were rendered by Misses Keller and Haynsworth and added much to the program. The event of the evening was the address by Miss Anna Adams Gordon, the national president of the W. C. T. U., who spoke in an interesting manner of the work for the prohibition cause in the United States and how results were being obtained which made this country a better and more prosperous place both for those who had been liquor manufacturers and brewers and who had been addicted to the habit of drink. Miss Gordon in her remarks congratulated the people of South Carolina on the fact that Gov. Manning had been elected in the recent campaign, a statement which elicited applause. Miss Gordon was informed that Sumter was the home of Gov. Manning, a fact with which she was not previously acquainted and she stated that the people of Sumter therefore had all the more reason to be proud of the victory.

She referred to the recent prohibition in South Carolina and stated that the South deserved much praise for the part it was taking in driving liquor out of the State. South Carolina was doing its part in this great work. She said that the churches were more active in the fight for prohibition than ever before. "Nineteen States are now wearing the bright jewel of prohibition," she stated, and nineteen young ladies were brought out in a row in front of the chancel and stood facing the audience to let it be seen just how many that was. These States began with Maine and ended with South Carolina.

"South Carolina has just been through a desperate campaign, a campaign of the greatest significance," Miss Gordon stated, "and victory has crowned the efforts of the W. C. T. U. and their co-workers and the liquor traffic outlawed." Miss Gordon began her remarks by noting the fact that the prohibition map which had been hanging on the wall just over the speaker's stand had fallen during the exercises just previous to her talk, saying that she was not sorry it fell, as it showed how necessary was building on a firm foundation. She recalled the parable of the house built on the sand and urged that a firm foundation be laid and maintained for the prohibition work. She told of what she had seen in her travels in the interest of prohibition and how at many places the former breweries had been converted into factories to make malted milk and other products, only a few small changes being necessary and the factories being able to continue without loss of time or money. At the same time, many of these factories had been launched into other lines which were doing a great good to the brewers and distillers, for they were now adding to the health and wealth and prosperity of the country, and the evil they had formerly been doing was removed. She believed in substituting something else for the brewers and distillers to do when their stills and breweries had to be closed. She referred to the predictions of a paper in Oregon before the prohibition victory there. The editor had told of the dire business panic and hard times which would follow the outlawing of the liquor traffic, but six months after the prohibition law had been voted into force, he had changed his mind, and was now telling how wrong he was and how much better conditions were than they were before the barrooms had been eradicated. She hoped others would be as willing to admit the truth as was this man. She urged that the prohibitionists keep ever on the alert to see that the prohibition law was enforced, for, she said, it was liable to be broken. The law must be kept bright with use, she said, for public sentiment must be behind it to furnish the power to see to its enforcement.

The meeting opened with song service and prayer by the Rev. John A. Brunson of Grace Baptist Church, which was followed by a demonstration of Uncle Sam and his helpers "Making the Map All White," a pleasing feature in which several small children participated. It was during these exercises that the supports of the map, which had been hung on the wall gave way and the map fell.

Those who have passed over the river during the year and for whom the memorial services were held yesterday were:

Capt. T. R. Denny of Johnston, Mrs. Frances Tompkins and Mrs. J. H. Allen of Edgefield, Mrs. E. S. Herl and Mrs. B. F. Muckenuss of Orangeburg, Miss Martha Schöfield and Mrs. Frank McCloy of Aiken, J. T. Dozier of Marion, Dr. J. A. Brown of Scranton, Mrs. E. G. Stukes of Doar's Station, Dr. L. O. McColla of Starr, Mrs. N. W. Jackson of Phillipi, Mrs. Thos. A. Adams of Leesville, Mrs. Mitchum and Mrs. W. T. Sprott of Jordan, Mrs. Emma Maner of Allendale, Mrs. Carrie Carter of Lake City, Joel Minick of Saluda, H. C. White and Mrs. John Foushee of Saluda.

The Friday afternoon session was opened with a song service and the first business was the adoption of the report of Mrs. James White of Johnston recommending the observing of a Temperance Day in South Carolina. A committee was appointed to take charge of this matter and endeavor to have it put into execution. The reports on the "Flower Mission and Relief Work" and "Soldiers and Sailors" were adopted.

A plan of general interest which was recommended and unanimously endorsed to make September 14th Prohibition Victory Day in celebration of the prohibition victory in this State on that day, which should be a red letter day in the history of the cause in the State.

The union signal demonstration led by Miss Cleo Attaway of Saluda proved most effective and a number of new subscriptions to the official organ of the W. C. T. U. were taken. The Loyal Temperance Legion report was made by Miss Lella Attaway of Saluda and showed that some splendid work had been accomplished, eighteen new Loyal Temperance Legions having been organized. This report was received on motion of Miss Gordon with a rising vote of thanks. This makes a total of twenty-nine L. T. L's on the roll.

Miss Gordon was then introduced in a new capacity, that of Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion of the World. She made a very interesting talk to a large audience of children, teaching them a new rally cry, which they repeated with vim: "Beer is bad, whiskey worse; we drink water—safety first."

The scientific Temperance Instruction report was given by Mrs. W. S. Middleton of Merriwether, and showed excellent results. Mrs. Middleton read a report of what the Edgefield Union had done along this line, a report which no doubt acted as an inspiration to other unions.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was a song by little Misses Margaret McCollum, Pearl Reames, Helen Allen. A recitation, "The Pledge" was given by Miss Sophia Vogel.

Following an interesting address Sunday night by Miss Anna A. Gordon, the National Union president, the thirty-third annual session of the Women's Christian Temperance Union came to a close, the motion to adjourn being made by Mrs. Charles Robinson of Chapin. Miss Gordon voted against the motion to adjourn. Just previous to adjournment Mrs. Sprott announced that six invitations had been extended the convention by cities of South Carolina to meet with them next year. The executive committee, after a careful consideration of the claims of all of these had decided to have the thirty-fourth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. at Aiken.

Miss Gordon's address Sunday night was chiefly concerning the founding of the W. C. T. U. organization and its spread since its inception. In a concise, interesting manner Miss Gordon went over the work which had been done and in clear and convincing style she predicted a brighter future.

"It was a little more than forty years ago, when about seventy women, representing a mere handful of States met at Evanston, Ill., and organized the Women's Christian Temperance. This was following the crusades against liquor in Ohio and was the outcome of the crusades," Miss Gordon stated. She went on to say: "At first the movement was like the old time prairie schooner, slowly making its way over the prairie. Now it is developed and is moving with the swiftness of electricity. That membership of seventy has increased to 300,000 and from a mere handful of States the organization has spread over the whole nation and there are now unions in every State and in forty nations of the world."

Miss Gordon told of what had been done for prohibition and what was being done for the cause in various states and countries, saying that New Zealand was the first country to

have nation wide prohibition. In Canada prohibition had been instituted in the whole country except a small province in which Quebec was situated. She believed that by 1920 national prohibition would be a reality. In closing her remarks Miss Gordon said: "My last word to you is one of hope. I agree with the editor who stated that 'things will not remain as they are.' I close with the words of Mrs. Francis E. Willard, the founder and great worker for the cause, 'The way will be better further on.'"

The meeting was opened with singing by the choir, after which a hymn in which the audience joined was sung. The devotional services were led by Rev. J. M. Rogers of Broad Street Methodist church, and the male quartette rendered a delightful selection.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Sumter for their hospitality to and entertainment of the convention, Trinity church and its pastor, the newspapers and chiefly to Miss Anna Gordon for her presence and inspiration were unanimously adopted.

There was a brief discussion of the resolution passed by the convention recommending that no amendment be made to the present prohibition law, except those which made it stronger in favor of prohibition, which was the sentiment of the convention. A resolution was passed endorsing the movement for national constitutional prohibition.

Subscriptions were taken to carry on the work, about \$100 being raised.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Marie Rotholz.

"God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" was sung by the congregation, and the motion to adjourn was made. Mrs. Sprott spoke of the pleasure the visitors had been given by the hospitality of the Sumter people and how much they regretted to leave, a sentiment in which Miss Gordon so heartily concurred that she voted against adjournment. After the benediction the convention was adjourned. Many of those present gathered about Miss Gordon and expressed their pleasure at her presence during the convention and their delight at having made her acquaintance.

Strong Addresses Made Sunday Afternoon.

The opera house was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when Mr. H. L. Birchard called to order the Good Citizens' mass meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union convention. Interesting talks were made by Messrs. R. O. Purdy, J. L. White and J. K. Breeden and Miss Anna Gordon was presented to the audience. The chief address was made by the Hon. T. G. McLeod, who in clear and convincing manner called on the people of the State to work for a better and nobler citizenship.

The music was an interesting and pleasing feature of the session. A vio-

lin solo was rendered by Master William Truesdale, the songs by the male chorus were features as was a solo by Mr. H. L. Scarborough. The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. W. J. McKay.

Miss Anna Gordon was presented to the audience. In a few appropriate remarks she expressed her pleasure at being in Sumter for the convention and how glad she was to see so much enthusiasm in the work for prohibition.

Judge R. O. Purdy urged the creation of sentiment in favor of prohibition. He stated that the prohibition law might be broken, but that it was broken no oftener than other laws on the statute book. He stated that he favored a law which prohibited any shipment into the State or having whiskey. In closing he gave the advice of David to his son, Solomon, "Be of good courage and do not fail, until the work is done."

Dr. J. L. White, of Miami, Fla., stated he had been president of the Georgia Anti-Saloon League when the first prohibition law had been put on the statute books of that State. He said that a fight for prohibition was now being waged in Florida and that in fifteen months that State would be among the ranks of the prohibition States. He praised Mayor L. D. Jennings, who Judge Purdy had stated in his remarks had never tasted whiskey. He urged that the efforts of the prohibitionists be exerted to see that the prohibition law, which was a good one, he said, was enforced.

Mr. J. K. Breeden, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina, stated that this State had had prohibition long enough to see the good effects of prohibition, and he

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