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COUNTY CONVENTION OF ACTIVE TEMPERANCE WOMEN – Four Hundred White Ribboners Assemble in a Media Church and Listen to Interesting Reports and Instructive Addresses – Resolution Asking Lutz to Withdraw

The clear skies of yesterday attracted about 400 women who are interested in the cause of temperance to the semi-annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Delaware County, which convened in the First Presbyterian Church. There were three sessions, one at 10 o'clock in the morning, one at 2 in the afternoon and the evening session was held in the courthouse at 8 o'clock. There was a vast amount of enthusiasm shown upon all subjects presented.

Promptly at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Clara A. Shrigley, president of the County Union, called the convention to order. All joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The devotional exercises were in charge by Mrs. Hannah T. Roberts, county evangelistic superintendent; after the singing of "A New Firm Foundation," Mrs. Roberts read the third chapter of I John. Mrs. William Taylor of Colwyn, presided at the organ, Mrs. Badger of Wayne, acted as leader.

Mrs. Mary B. Russell, president of the Media Woman's Christian Temperance Union, gave the address of welcome in which she expressed the pleasure of the members of the Union in having the semi-annual convention held at the county seat and referred to its being held in the church whose founder and first pastor was such a strong advocate of temperance, and through whose influence Media was made a temperance town, Rev. James W. Dale, D.D., now deceased, She told the ladies to make themselves at home both at the place of meeting and in the town.

MRS. SHRIGLEY'S RESPONSE – Mrs. Clara A. Shrigley of Lansdowne, a County president, responded in the following words:

"Even without these most cordial and gracious words of welcome we have from the moment we entered the church felt the loving hospitality and sisterly greeting that prepared so beautifully for our coming. One of the great joys of meeting together is the heartfelt sympathy with one another and with the great truths we advocate. These are wonderful days for all those who are working for the abolition of intoxicating liquors. We cannot but feel that we are in at the harvest and are indeed reaping what others have sown.

"This great temperance wave, as it is called, that is moving throughout, our land and in some measure all around the world, has not come by chance, but is the legitimate outcome of years of labor, anxious thought and study, prayerful inspiration and persistent zeal on the part of many temperance workers and particularly due to the faithful efforts of the members of the W.C.T.U., who in season and out of season have kept continually at it, having always the motto, 'this one thing to do.'

"It is a great blessing to belong to the W.C.T.U., and we who are members most realize the trust and responsibility we to be faithful and loyal to the great principals of our society, which was founded for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and for the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law."