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## THE WORLD'S W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

THE Seventh Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in Boston, Massachusetts, October 17th-23rd. The first World's Convention was also held in Boston, and on that occasion Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset were the central figures, but only eleven countries were represented. At the 1906 Convention thirty-one countries sent delegates, but above the platform of the great hall hung the picture of the now promoted organiser of the great World's W.C.T.U.; and over it the words:—"Now, therefore, we are no more strangers and foreigners." Lady Henry Somerset too, was represented only by her portrait, and had intimated that she was unable to offer herself for re-election as World's President.

Tremont Temple was the home of the Convention, and here a welcome banquet was given on the Wednesday evening, over one thousand guests finding places at the tables in the great auditorium. "Women old and young, women from the

### Four Corners of the Earth,

women elaborately costumed and women plainly gowned, a goodly sprinkling of husbands, brothers and sons, the white tables with a pink rose beside each plate, the dark-skinned,

white-coated waiters, the flowers and potted plants, the white bunting forming a background for the flags of many nations, the brilliant lights and architectural beauties of the magnificent auditorium, all combined to make a



THE COUNTESS OF CARLISLE,  
PRESIDENT WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

picture which brought thrills of joy and pride to the beholder who realised in some small measure what it all meant."

Mrs Katherine Lent Stevenson, president of the Massachusetts W.C.T.U., extended welcome on behalf of that organisation, and then introduced the Hon. John D. Long as toastmaster, who, as Ex-Governor of the State, welcomed

on behalf of Massachusetts, and, as Ex-Secretary of the Navy, on behalf of the Federal Government. During the course of his speech Mr Long said, "If anybody regards this occasion as one for the exploit of any narrow, illiberal, impractical, or one idea crusade in the matter of Temperance, he entirely mistakes it as well as the purpose and principles of the earnest and devoted women who have it in hand. The W.C.T.U. is not a fad, but one of the agencies of that universal reform in society, and politics and civilisation, which was never under a more vigorous impulse than it is to-day."

### President Roosevelt had also sent,

through Mr Long, his message to Convention: "Please convey to the delegates my sympathy for every practicable move in the cause of Temperance, and my good wishes for the continued success of the organisation."

Mrs Lilian M. N. Stevens, President of the W.C.T.U. of the United States, Vice-President-at-Large of the World's W.C.T.U., and presiding officer of the great Convention, welcomed, on behalf of the White Ribboners of her country. Representatives of the Churches, Women's organizations, and the Press, also spoke words of greeting.

The responsive speeches were given by Miss Agnes E. Slack, World's Secretary, in the absence of the World's