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FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 25, 1892—Dear Sisters: The third annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota promises to be a meeting of unusual interest. The services of one of the ablest speakers in the nation, Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, have been secured for the occasion, and our own workers, local, county and state, are alive to the needs of the hour. No pains has been spared to make the program exceedingly interesting; helpful speeches, papers and discussions, together with reports, will be the order of the day. The attendance at this convention

will doubtless be larger than at any previous meeting. If any union is lacking in credential blanks for its delegates please make the fact known to me, stating the number required, and I will forward them at once. The people of Lisbon are making every preparation for our advent among them and we are assured of a royal welcome. The real success of this convention depends in great measure upon the delegates. Let us then come up to our annual feast in a thoughtful mood, bringing with us new ideas and fresh plans of work which can be freely distributed for the advancement of our cause; and above all let us come in the spirit of prayerfulness, trusting in the Great Commander to lead us on to final victory.

Yours for the best convention ever held in North Dakota,

ADELAIDE M. KINNEAR.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

LAMOURE COUNTY.

The third annual convention of the LaMoure Co. W. C. T. U. was held in LaMoure July 15, 16. Our state president, Miss Kinnear, was with us, and gave many helpful suggestions. She spoke of the Home for Needy Women located in Fargo and urged us to do what we can for it.

LaMoure county has four unions, with a membership of sixty-three; and two Loyal Temperance Legions with a membership of twenty-four.

The receipts for the year, in all the local unions, have been \$103.87; the disbursements, \$46.92; now in treasury, \$56.95; raised at socials, \$64.50; unpaid dues, \$10.25.

Five dollars was contributed by members of the convention to aid in inserting prohibition supplements in two of the county newspapers. A committee was appointed to attend to this work and also to ask the editors to give us a part of a column in their papers for W. C. T. U. work. Each local union was requested to conduct such column, if obtained,

three months, in turn. Six dollars was pledged by the unions for carrying on county work.

Miss Kinnear gave us a very interesting address. We are always glad to hear her, and hope she may be spared many years, thus to do God's work.

Mrs. Temple read two of her poems. We are proud of our poet, and the secretary was instructed to request them published in the WHITE RIBBON, that those who could not be with us may have the pleasure of reading them.

The following officers were elected and a pleasant and very profitable convention adjourned:

President, Miss Margaret Sanderson; vice president at large, Mrs. Mary Temple; corresponding secretary, Miss Luella Gordon; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary A. White; treasurer, Mrs. Laura Brown. Eleven superintendents were appointed for different lines of work.

MARGARET SANDERSON,

President.

BETH S. ANDRUS,

Acting Secretary.

GRAND FORKS COUNTY.

The fifth annual convention of the Grand Forks county W. C. T. U. convened in the M. E. church, Larimore, at 2:30 p. m., August 3rd.

Thirty-one delegates and several visitors were present. Convention proper was called to order by a few words of greeting by the county president, Mrs. M. T. Caswell. Routine work was begun at once. Miss Kinnear was present and gave some information concerning The Home for Needy Women, which is located in Fargo, under the direction of the state W. C. T. U.

On Wednesday evening an address of welcome was made by Mrs. V. M. Kenney of Larimore. Miss Kinnear responded and also gave a recapitulation of the National and World's convention, which was held in Boston last November.

Thursday morning the president

called Miss Kinnear to the chair, and she delivered her address. Mrs. Van Wormer of Grand Forks read a paper on "Social Purity."

Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. E. Stevens of Northwood read a paper on "Equal Suffrage."

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. E. E. Carothers, Grand Forks.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. G. H. Wright, Grand Forks.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Dr. Carr, Northwood.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Stevens, Northwood.

Vice President—Mrs. V. M. Kenney, Larimore.

The executive committee nominated superintendents which were confirmed by the convention for the departments of Young Women's Work, Narcotics, Evangelistic Work, Hygiene, Jail and Prison Work, Social Purity, Sunday School Work, Unfermented Wine, Suffrage Work, Literature, Loyal Legion.

A touching and beautiful memorial service for the sisters who have been called up higher was conducted by Miss Kinnear.

Thursday evening Rev. L. E. Danks of Larimore, and Miss Elizabeth Preston, state evangelist, both delivered addresses on "Equal Suffrage." A pleasant feature of this meeting was a solo, sung by Mrs. Hoppough of Larimore. Emerado is the place of meeting next year.

All who had been in attendance went away feeling that the convention had been both profitable and pleasant.

MRS. GEO. H. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

[A series of good strong resolutions were presented by Mrs. Dr. Carr of Northwood and adopted by the convention. The WHITE RIBBON is obliged to omit them for want of space.—A. S. H.]

BARNES COUNTY.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Barnes county held their fourth annual convention in the Presbyterian church in Sanborn, N. D., July 19th and 20th.

Exercises commenced promptly at the opening hour, 10:30 a. m.

Scripture reading, prayer and praise—the county president leading in

these exercises. After roll call of officers and appointment of committees, Rev. Wm. C. Hunter, pastor of Sanborn Congregational church, was introduced.

Mr. Smith, an evangelist, en route to Cooperstown, was also introduced and favored the convention with some helpful words, admonishing us to keep sweet and our hearts true to the cause, and harmonious, however much our heads might differ. The remarks were well chosen and well received, the more so as it was known that Mr. Smith's mother was an original crusader in the state of Ohio.

At 11:30 according to W. C. T. U. custom, a Bible reading, consisting of reading, explaining and applying the 91st Psalm, was conducted by our own Lizzie Preston, state superintendent Evangelistic Work and lecturer. This reading was most impressive, giving a spiritual uplift to the convention as nothing else could do and which lasted throughout the entire session.

Miss Preston ended this exercise by voicing the noontide prayer.

Thursday afternoon was crowded full of good things; after reading of minutes by our secretary, who is also state recording secretary, reports of local presidents were given and accepted in due form. The work as reported showed an increase in interest and number which was most encouraging.

"Y" work was then taken up and reports from all the "Y's" in the county received with great enthusiasm, followed by an impressive paper on the needs of "Y" work, by state and county superintendent of Young Women's Work, Mrs. C. E. Pierson.

A song, "What Shall the Harvest Be," was sung by Mrs. Pierson, the whole congregation joining in the chorus.

Miss Maud Meloy's paper on the "White Ribbon" gave a bird's-eye-view of the meaning of this, our badge, symbol of purity and perfectness. Her paper was most excellent. A vote of thanks was tendered for the same.

Miss Preston then presented the convention for their consideration a number of departments of work, notably taking and circulating temperance literature and sending out the prohibition law; also, the needs of "The Home" in Fargo and of the Temple

in Chicago. Other things were mentioned. The question box was then opened and questions soon answered.

Evening session consisted of devotional exercises, address of welcome and response and music, address of state superintendent Evangelistic Work, on the great National Convention at Boston, last November. A good collection was taken and Rev. Wm. Spoor pronounced the benediction.

The Wednesday morning meeting was devoted to reports of committees and reports and discussions of departments of work.

The afternoon meeting was called for the election of officers and all the old officers were elected unanimously.

OFFICERS:

President—Mrs. L. M. Biggs, Sanborn.

Vice-President—Mrs. Mary Gipson, Valley City.

Rec. Secretary—Mrs. Ida G. Fox, Valley City.

Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Marilla P. Holliday, Sanborn.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lizzie High, Odell.

Superintendents of departments are as follows—Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. Julia Russell, Valley City; Mother Meetings, Mrs. Annie Miller, Sanborn; Literature, Mrs. M. P. Holliday; Evangelistic and Social Purity, Mrs. North, Odell; Scientific Temperance, Miss Maud Meloy; Temperance Temple, Miss Marion Fox, Valley City; Young Women's Work, Mrs. H. K. Pierson, Sanborn; Press Work, Mrs. Marsh, Valley City.

[The attendance was large and the sessions full of interest throughout. The resolutions are omitted for want of space.—A. S. H.]

W. C. T. U. LITERATURE.

TO PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL UNIONS AND LITERATURE SUPERINTENDENTS:

Dear Sisters—In April last I sent out ninety circular letters to the presidents of local unions, taking the names as they appear in our directory of unions in the last state convention minutes. Inclosed with each letter were three documents sent out, at different times during this year, by our national superintendent of literature, and, also, an addressed postal card which, in my letter, I urged the local presidents to return to me giving me the names of their respective

literature superintendents. Thirty-four of these postal cards have been returned up to date, four of these report no unions. I am very glad to hear from this many, but would be further rejoiced if I might hear from all. If your union has ceased to exist, please return the postal card giving me that information, for we are anxious to learn our real strength.

We would better report our State as having fifty good, live unions than as having one hundred unions when, perhaps, as least half of them died natural or violent deaths and have long since been decently buried and sincerely regretted.

We usually consider a business man very practical when he can go to his books any day and show us just where every cent he has handled came from and where it has gone. Why should we not be as methodical and practical in our work?

As literature superintendents we should know just what kind of goods we handle, what our capital is, and we should be able to tell what we have done with it. Just here our analogy fails; for the business man can tell us just what returns he expects, while we scatter our temperance literature as the sower sows the seed, knowing not what the harvest may be, but hoping and believing that it will be abundant.

Allow me to make a few suggestions which are not new, but are nevertheless important.

First of all send in your name and address to Mrs. F. H. Rastall, National Superintendent Literature Department W. C. T. U., The Temple, corner Monroe and LaSalle Sts., Chicago, Ill., and tell her that you have been duly elected literature superintendent for your union.

Send a postage stamp to the W. T. P. A., same address, and ask them to send you a copy of their latest catalogue of publications, also, a prospectus of W. C. T. U. studies for 1892.

If you can do so, induce your union to set aside a certain sum of money for your department, then study your catalogue carefully and send and get sample copies of the various publications and read them thoughtfully, then you will know what to order for different purposes. *Always* read your literature before you distribute it.

On page 9 of the Union Signal for March 21, 1892, under the heading, "Special Difficulties" you will find excellent suggestions concerning what kind of literature, or which leaflets to use at gospel meetings, children's meetings, etc. It is a very good plan for unions to own a copy of "Glimpses of Fifty Years," "Childhood, Its Care and Culture," "The Temperance Movement," and other books; and read some portions of them in their regular meetings, also loan the books to persons to read at home.

Of course you yourself cannot afford to get along without the Union Signal as there are things you, as literature superintendents, should know in each paper under the heading, "Publisher's Notes."

Do your best to get a large subscription list for all our papers including the WHITE RIBBON; but, take notice, your Union Signal work must be reported to Miss Preston, and not to me, as our State makes a separate department of Union Signal work.

In a few days I will send you some report blanks which you will please fill out and return to me promptly, if you want your work reported at the coming state convention.

In view of this, excuse me if I again urge you to keep account of the number of pages of literature distributed, also, the number of each kind of our papers taken in your town.

Trusting this will be received in the same spirit it is given, and that each local literature superintendent will find at least one helpful suggestion in it, I remain

Yours in the work,

IDA M. MORRILL,

Wahpeton, N. D., State Supt. Lit. Dept., N. D. W. C. T. U.

SOCIAL PURITY.

When I first received the invitation to write a paper on "Purity" for the convention, I did not hesitate one moment in saying "Oh, I cannot. Then came the thoughts, crowding thick and fast, of shirking duty, neglecting work, and I boldly said, "I will do what I can."

My first feeling in attempting to place this subject before you is one of utter inability to give you the faintest conception of its magnitude. My only hope is that the suggestions

given will prove incentives to more careful study, more earnest work, and hence larger results.

I do not think it is necessary for me to review the beginning of the organized work for the "promotion of purity."

In this work we see every phase of human life, social and physical, and I can only attempt the merest outline for your help in the study of it.

I wish to speak of the points of more vital interest to us as parents, and shall endeavor to make my thoughts as plain and helpful as brevity will allow, yet feeling that the subject of life's whole training can scarcely be comprehended in so brief a space.

As I feel that good health is one of life's greatest blessings, let us take that as our starting point, taking sleep and food as the necessary agents to secure for ourselves and our little ones this blessing.

How much depends on proper diet and needful rest to make the growing and grown frame able to withstand temptation we each know for ourselves.

How can we expect to form a character strong and true, when brain and frame are nourished irregularly and on food not at all suited to the making of healthy bone and muscle.

A child whose stomach is so deranged by improper food cannot be expected to have a brain in normal condition, and with abnormal brain tissue where is the foundation for a well balanced mind so essential to the forming of the character we are hoping to see developed in our children.

I believe we are too apt to think this an unimportant matter, as long as the body does not become visibly diseased, often ignoring completely the effect on the morals, and thus making our task of right training all the harder. Let us study the individual needs of our families in this matter more carefully, so that we may not err in a matter so easy to regulate, and one which may be of invaluable help to us in the moral and spiritual training of our children, as well as of such blessings to them in their temporal welfare. Henry Ward Beecher said, "Next to health in importance in the family is obedi-

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Brief Communications on W. C. T. U. topics are solicited.

Address all communications intended for publication to the Editor; all subscriptions and business letters to the Business Manager.

FARGO, N. D., SEPT., 1892.

Mary T. Lathrop of Michigan, will attend the state convention as its distinguished guest, and is expected to speak in Fargo, Sept. 23d, on her way to Lisbon. The writer has not heard Mrs. Lathrop speak, but, from her published addresses, and from the testimony of those who have heard her, knows that a rare privilege is awaiting us. Very many indeed regard Mary T. Lathrop as entitled to head the list of the women public speakers of the country as an orator of eloquence and power.

The Chicago Inter Ocean of July 23rd gives an account of the singing of Miss Katherine Willard, a niece of Frances A. Willard. This young lady has entered upon what promises to be a most successful musical career. She has studied under several of the famous voice trainers of Europe, and has received much attention in both London and Berlin in musical circles. She returns to Europe in September for further study.

Before another issue of our paper appears we expect that the white ribbon force of our state will be strengthened by the coming, to reside among us, of Mrs. N. H. Knox, who has for a number of years stood at the head of W. C. T. U. work in New Hampshire as state president. Her husband, Rev. Dr. Knox, has accepted

the presidency of Red River Valley University at Wahpeton.

The mother of Miss Frances E. Willard entered into rest shortly after the midnight of Aug. 6th, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. The Union Signal of Aug. 25th is a memorial number and is filled with an account of the life of the sweet, strong woman who was the mother of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union leader. "Saint Courageous" she has been well called.

The state convention will be held in Lisbon, Sept. 23d to 26th. Let all unions send full delegations if possible and let all delegates go with a purpose to gather and take home to their unions much of new thought and fresh enthusiasm.

Will delinquent subscribers please remember the year closes with the August and September numbers, and send in their subscriptions? We need the money.

Mrs. M. H. Sowles, who has been spending the past half year in Chicago, will be at home among us very soon, ready to resume W. C. T. U. work.

We hope our readers will bear in mind that Demorest's Family Magazine and the WHITE RIBBON can be had for one year at the low price of \$2.

Mrs. H. M. Phelps, Walsh County's energetic President, sends from Scranton, Pa., cheering words to the North Dakota WHITE RIBBON.

The exercises at the graduating class of the Fargo Narcotic Institute on Tuesday evening are described by those who were present as exceedingly interesting. The experiences given by the patients of their rescue from a degrading habit were exceedingly valuable. One wife who was present, after all had spoken, got up and said she wished to thank the institution for giving her back the husband of years ago, as good as he was before whisky laid his tyrannical clutch upon him. Such a tribute as this is worth more than silver or gold — Fargo Argus.

Miss Nellie Larson, milliner, 817 Front street, invites all her former customers and all ladies to call and look over her new stock which she has just brought from the East, having personally superintended the pur-

chasing. She can give bargains in everything in her line—the finest hat ever brought to Fargo. The most beautiful ribbons, flowers, laces, &c. Also a fine line of fancy work, including the New Kensington embroidery.

Mrs. McCoy and Brown invite the ladies of Fargo and surrounding towns to call and examine their new and beautiful bonnets, ribbons, laces, feathers and flowers, to suit the most fastidious, at 711 Front street, between 7th and 8th. Prices as low as the lowest, and goods as good as the best.

THE BEST YET.

The Fair number of The Union Signal, which will be issued under date of August 11, will be the finest number ever printed. Distinguished agriculturalists will give their views of the situation, while such writers as Mary A. Livermore, Emily Huntington Miller, Dr. Bessie V. Cushman, Mrs. Josephine Nichols, Mrs. M. C. Campfield and others will aid Miss Willard in furnishing material for the most attractive sheet ever prepared for the clans who gather at state and county fairs. In addition to this, a World's Fair supplement will be added. This will be illustrated, many of the designs being prepared by our own artist. Now is the time to advertise the W. C. T. U. by circulating a paper which will be read with interest and cherished for its attractive appearance.

We appeal to unions everywhere to see that it is scattered generously at every fair held this fall.

Let all the unions in a county unite in providing a generous supply for the county fair.

Let state unions appropriate generously to scatter this Union Signal at the state fair.

Send single copies to rural homes whose inmates do not attend the fair.

Price for fair number, with supplement, if ordered before August 5, \$1.50 per 100; after August 5, \$2 per 100. No time should be lost. Order without delay.

Send all orders to

WOMAN'S TEMP. PUB. ASS'N,
The Temple, Chicago, Ill.

To Every White Ribboner Who Has Our Work at Heart: Your State Superintendent of Department of Rail Road Work sends greetings, and asks you to send to her reports of any and all work done in this line, so that as we close the year and gather at state convention, we may give an interesting and intelligent summary of North Dakota's work in this department.

Faithfully yours,
H. L. CAMPBELL.

"ALL THAT SHE HATH."

(By MRS. MARY TEMPLE, La Moure County.)

Our Savior, heart-weary, sick, turned
 He to leave the Temple. The denunciation
 burned
 His gentle bosom,
 And He longed for rest.
 With downcast eye and painful heaving
 breast,
 Within the Women's court His footsteps
 pressed,
 And tarried. There He sat and, silent,
 mused
 Upon the last sad scene—
 His Father's love abused.
 And He contemned—the hard and weary
 years
 Of His short life and ministry appear
 In quick review. E'en to the bitter end
 He sees it, and His darkened thoughts
 portend
 The awful knowledge of the tragic close
 So soon to be. Ah! well He knows
 'Tis His last visitation to the house of His
 dear Father,
 And he chose to linger ere He bids fare-
 well.
 But He is not alone; a motley crowd
 Of worshippers is passing where He sits
 bowed
 And silent. Some bear rich gifts of gold
 Or silver for the Treasury. But, behold!
 Approaches a poor widow, with faltering
 step,
 And timid glance. Into her face has crept
 A look of shame. For how can she bestow
 So small a gift? Less than a farthing,
 though
 It is her all. The Savior lifts His face
 And with a loving smile and gentle grace
 Bids welcome to her offering. "See!" He
 cries,
 "They gave of their abundance; sacrifice
 They nothing. While this poor widow
 gives
 'All that she hath.'" E'en to this day
 she lives
 As an example. The poor despised mite
 Is priceless, if love and faith unite
 To bless the giving. 'Tis what we with-
 hold
 That's held against us. If no gold
 Be ours, an earnest thought or care,
 A steadfast hope, a consecrated prayer,
 Will be accepted. Then across our path
 Shall gleam His precious words, "All
 that she hath."

Will every union having regular control of space in any newspaper please report to me at once, as I desire full returns for my report to the state convention. Press superintendents and secretaries please take note.

ANNA S. HILL,
 State Supt. Press Work.

FROM THE UNIONS.

ABSARAKA.

Absaraka, Aug. 12, 1892.—Dear WHITE RIBBON: It is a long time since we have seen anything from our Union in the WHITE RIBBON, and as July 28th was our annual election of officers, I send you the results of said meeting. The election was very short, as a motion to re-elect all officers and superintendents was carried unanimously. We have gained no new members during the past year; neither have we lost any by death or removal. All the lambs in our Loyal Legion fold have been spared to us.

We feel that as a union we have

great cause for thankfulness to the Heavenly Father for His many blessings, and we pray that He may still protect and guide us.

Our average attendance last year was five and three-sevenths. We had one special and four gospel meetings, in addition to our regular meetings. We have distributed about eight hundred pages of temperance literature, and have sent ten dollars to the "Home" in Fargo. Our county pledge and our dues are paid, and we go on our way rejoicing. Will report our finances in the next WHITE RIBBON.

IDA STERO, Sec'y.

FAIRVIEW.

Since the convention at Lisbon, we as a union feel greatly encouraged, and are determined to put forth greater efforts during the coming year for our great and glorious cause. Our old officers were re-elected, but some changes in our Superintendents. Bert Simmons, the boy who took our last silver medal at the Demorest Contest, was badly injured in a mower. He is a son of Mrs. Dr. Simmons, who gave the report for the Ransom Union at the county convention.

We are planning to send some things to "The Home," in Fargo.

We are expecting Miss Preston to speak to us on August 21.

I am getting subscriptions for the WHITE RIBBON. Yours in the work,
 MRS. N. W. PORTER.

LISBON.

Lisbon, Aug. 24, 1892 — Editor WHITE RIBBON, Dear Sister: The Lisbon Union was never in more prosperous condition than now, having gained in membership during the past three months more than 100 per cent. From a band of less than thirty early in June the Union now numbers nearly seventy members. At the annual election in July all the officers were re-elected with the exception of corresponding secretary and the union is now busy preparing for the state convention. CARRIE M. ALLEN.

CIRCULAR.

The following circular has been sent to all unions in the state by Miss Kinnear:

DEAR SISTERS OF THE WHITE RIBBON ARMY—The third annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Lisbon, September 23, 24, 25 and 26. Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, the Daniel Webster of the temperance reform, will be the speaker of the occasion. A rare treat is in store for all those who attend this convention; let there be a grand rallying of the clans. Each local union is entitled to representation as fol-

lows: Its president and one delegate at large, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members. Every union in the state should be represented at this convention. The Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Soo lines all grant reduced rates. You pay full fare and take a certificate from the agent of whom you purchase ticket. These certificates, properly signed at convention, enable you to return for one-fifth fare. Do not neglect to take a certificate for every ticket purchased. Delegates traveling on the Great Northern must purchase tickets on that line to Fargo or Davenport, which are connecting points with the southwestern branch of the Northern Pacific road.

I send with this letter credential blanks; have them filled out and bring with you, but do not send them to the Secretary or to any one else. Wear white ribbon. Bring note book and pencil. Each delegate should come prepared to remain until the final adjournment, which will be taken Monday, the 26th. All unpaid dues and pledges should be sent immediately to our State Treasurer, Mrs. L. W. Gammons. Mrs. Gammons has left the state; her address is now 923 Guaranty Loan Building, Minneapolis, Minn., but she will be with us at Lisbon. A grand mass meeting will be held Sunday evening, to be addressed by Mrs. Lathrop. Mrs. R. S. Adams, of Lisbon, is chairman of the entertainment committee. Send names of delegates to her as soon as possible. Send banners, mottoes, etc., for decorating convention hall, to Mrs. W. D. Brown, Lisbon. A prize banner will be awarded the local union showing the highest per cent. of increase in membership during the year. Who will claim it?

The executive committee will meet the 22d at 2 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. It is among the possibilities that the convention will open the evening of the 22d; this has not been decided as yet, but programs will be sent to every union, and you will thus learn the exact hour of opening. Watch for programs.

Lisbon is one of the most charming towns in the state, and the hospitality of its people is unbounded. You are assured of a cordial welcome and of a royal good time. Pray much for the success of this convention; bring it to your very best endeavors, your choicest thoughts and your deepest consecration, that we may have a season of great spiritual refreshment.

Yours in the bonds of Christian faith,

ADELAIDE M. KINNEAR,
 President North Dakota W. C. T. U.
 Fargo, August 11, 1892.

SOCIAL PURITY.

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ence." "To neglect, then, to teach obedience, * * * * to require it and to secure it, is to neglect the education of the child, in one of the prime elements of success in after life."

The truth of these words every mother will feel, and what more has he left for me to say—only a word. Our children must recognize the superiority of the parents. Mothers, you must keep your kingdoms as enthroned queens. Children do not suddenly lay hold of the reins of power. You yourself must slacken them by not holding firmly to your right. Do not be yourself the first to disregard your own social dignity, and your task to secure obedience and reverence due will not be a difficult one.

Our next step in promoting purity in our homes is the ever perplexing one of Dress. Hygiene dressing is now so thoroughly before the eyes and ears of the public that I do not need to speak of it here. The evil which I feel may oft times be overlooked in the dressing of our little ones is the temptation of over dressing or dressing in so conspicuous a manner that the children become objects of attention, and then, alas, too soon self attention claims our darlings for its own and the charm of childhood has flown.

The love of dress alone has been the cause of the downfall of more of our girls than any other thing. Shall we then not strive to implant a more simple and wholesome feeling in our daughters' minds in this matter, teaching them both by practice and precept,

"What though on homely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin gray, and a' that;
Give fools their silks, and knaves their wine,
A man's a man, for a' that."

Do we not all hope to see the day when Burns' great hearted sentiment will prevade the world, and may we not each help on the glad time.

This brings me to my next point—Associates and Reading. Do you know the boys and girls your children associate with? Do you know what are their favorite topics of conversation, what their plays, what they read? If you do not, you do not know them, and your only

safety is in keeping your own children's confidence in being their companion and friend. How can you keep their confidence? you ask. There is only one way—and I pray that no mother may have let the opportunity pass. God help you to regain this loss and yet become the friend you wish to be to your children.

Do not let one question of the eager growing minds escape you. Answer truthfully, kindly, and as far as possible fully the questions, so sure to come. Do not evade or avoid the subjects, much less treat the matter as one which they must not talk about. They will as surely ask and obtain information from some source as surely as they will never come to you again, with their thirst for knowledge, until you yourself open the way.

If you cannot answer these questions when they first come, set a definite time when you will do so. Then go to your closet for strength to speak aright, and God will bless you abundantly.

Be careful what you children read. Supply them with plenty of good literature. Read with them, encourage them to talk of what they read. And in their studies let me urge you as much as possible, be their companions, meet their difficulties with them.

Knowledge is power, and your boy's confidence will increase when he finds you are the possessor of knowledge he is striving to attain.

A picture of two homes I know well comes vividly before me and so aptly illustrates my point that I wish to briefly give you a pen picture of them:

In each home there is a boy, who started out in life with a bright intellect and eager mind.

One of them, to-day, at the age of 14, laughs in his mother's face if she attempts to caution or reprove him, calls his father "the old man," and is fast becoming a mental and physical wreck from the long continued vice of self-destruction.

The other home is a blessing to all who know it, with its happy mother and son, constant companions and friends. The boy will leave play or playmates joyfully if mamma will read with him.

Where is the fault in the one and

the reason for the happiness in the other? It is in the fact that one mother always had time for her boy, time for his questions, his study, his play. Though often there was a little kitchen with work all undone, and rooms not swept and dusted, shut up out of sight, what mattered it, if her boy was safe.

There is never a shut up room in the other house for such a cause, though the house is shut up to her boy and his play, but all is order and neatness, and a tired often cross woman has no place or time for the boy whose neglected mind is all chaos and darkness, festering and rusting in its sin.

Mothers, which home shall yours be? Your head calls loudly for the order and neatness. But, oh, follow the heart-cry and save the boys! To go outside of home and help to lift the fallen of other homes is a grand thing; but remember, that to reign queen of a true home is the highest place woman can occupy.

I come now to what I consider our greatest hope for the future in this work—the coming generation, with its purity of birthright—and God directed pre-natal influence.

Although I have been addressing the mothers almost entirely, by no means do I exclude the father's influence and co-operation in any of these cases. But it is this subject of heredity that I wish the fathers to feel is their own part of this work, for in nine out of ten cases the impurities of inheritance are directly traceable to weakness in the father.

Fathers, whose systems are shattered by disease or use of stimulants, alcoholic and narcotic, what have you to give your children for their first right—the right to be well born? Weakened muscles, trembling nerves, unbalanced minds—and what are these poor, unfortunate children to do when the battles of life with their manifold temptations come? God pity them; they are more sinned against than sinning. Darwin, the highest authority on transmission of qualities, says, "that no scientific fact is more thoroughly established than the hereditary effects of alcohol."

God grant that the coming generation may have less of this evil to struggle with—that our coming men may be made to realize that the

standard of pure living is as equally binding on them as on their sisters; and for this let us work and hope.

God has given into your hands, mothers, with your intense love, a power equalled, I believe, in no way, over your little ones—that of parental influence.

I feel more deeply the need of light on this than on any other subject, but the more I study the stronger grows my conviction of its power and more and deeply do I feel the great responsibility that rests on us as mothers. How many are there that realize or recognize it?

In every case where it has been possible for me to obtain information concerning marked peculiarities or dispositions strangely wrong, I have found they could be directly traced to some uncontrolled feeling on the part of the mother.

Do we accept this God-given trust willingly and gladly, or do we rebel and bemoan our fate? And most serious of all are the cases occurring all around us of woman striving to destroy the existence of the life God has entrusted to their care. And if they fail, what then? Shall we wonder at the uncontrolled spirit of destruction such a child may develop? Shall we be amazed at the Cains we find in *respectable* families?

O, the misery of such sad fates, and the heart-broken mothers! Yet where shall we place the blame? Has the child done more than the mother tried, but failed to accomplish? Ask your own hearts, and I think but one answer will come from all.

Study and work, my sisters. Do not let us leave the work around us undone. Surely we all can find some work to do to help on this great work in the world.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which
we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted
skies,
And we mount to its summit round by
round."

God grant the day may not be far distant when our land shall be freed from the curses of vice, and we can all stand, brother and sister, side by side, in God's bright sunlight—*pure*.

MRS. CHAFFEE.

OUR FUTURE.

To the speculative mind, desirous to penetrate the veil which ever hangs

between us and the future, it seems perhaps unfortunate there is in this age no prophet of the Lord to grant him the desired knowledge; no oracle, even, to make reply in strangely worded language, full of ambiguity; but he who forecasts the future must judge of it by his knowledge of the past and present, and must read his prophecy in the signs of the times.

And it is thus, dear friends, I come before you to-day to prophesy of the future of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union, claiming no inspiration other than that which is born of an enthusiasm and most hearty belief in the cause which binds us together.

What, then, is the future of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union?

We have the record in a book of ancient history, familiar to you all, of a mighty battle in which the forces of the Lord fought and gained a complete victory over a cruel and treacherous enemy who had oppressed them many years. But the most remarkable thing in connection with this battle was the fact that its success lay in the hands of two women. One was the inspiration of the whole movement; her voice urged on the battle; she told the host that God was with them, that right was on their side and right *must* win. Her personal presence was a tailman, an assurance of success.

But when, after a long and weary battle, the victory seemed all but in their grasp, the captain of the evil hordes fled. The day could not be won until his death was accomplished. Whose hand now strikes the crowning blow? Not the mighty Barak, nor any of his powerful chieftains; but it is a *woman*, who, with her woman's rapidity of thought and courage for the right, drives the nail in the temple of her nation's foe, and the cause is won.

Do I need to interpret the figure? There is to-day a bitter struggle going on between the forces of the Lord and those of the Evil One, in which woman's faith and unyielding attitude on the side of God, home and native land, constitutes the chief inspiration to those who battle for the right, and her hand will be required no less to strike the blow which shall utterly destroy the enemy

than it was in the time of Deborah and Barak. For if with trained sight we look down the vista of years, we see two goals which ultimately we may reach if we faint not. Over them is written: "*The Overthrow of the Liquor Traffic*," and "*The Emancipation of Woman*."

It may be as yet a question with some which of these will be reached first. It would seem necessary that woman should first rise to her true position of dignity and self-respect before the final defeat of the liquor power could possibly be accomplished; and on the other hand, the putting away of the rum curse will do so much for woman in the way of elevating her life and widening her field of activity that it would seem that, too, must come first. However that may be, they will both come in the fullness of time.

This, then, will be our future.

Do you fully comprehend it? Does not your heart burn within you as you grasp the thought of what our nation—ay! the *world*—might be without this curse, and with woman in her proper place of dignity and honor—the man and woman equal, "self-reverent each, and reverencing each," as Tennyson very beautifully describes it.

"Then comes the statlier Eden back to men,
Then reign the world's great bridals chaste and calm,
Then springs the crowning race of humankind."

But though our eyes are dazzled with the prospect, let us not be unmindful of some of the means we must take in order that we may make this future ours. It will come to us only as we strive toward it. And our pathway is no royal road, albeit there will be found many pleasant experiences and companionships along the way.

Our first and foremost ally is education. And this is so all-comprehending that other branches of our work seem but side issues in comparison, however important they may be in themselves. For if you will consider, I think you will agree with me that the work of the W. C. T. U. is very largely educative. The easiest, most attractive part of the work of education is the teaching of the children, as it is also the most productive of good results; and while you teach your boy and girl to avoid strong

drink and tobacco, teach them also the equality of the sexes. Do not allow your boy to sneer at his sister because she is a girl, nor teach your daughter that because she is a woman she has no interest in politics or the government of the nation. But give your son to understand that his sister is every whit his equal, and very likely his superior, especially if he tampers with tobacco; and impress upon your girl that she is to have a hand no less than her brother in the world's work, and must know something besides how to dress prettily and gossip; and above all let them learn these things by your own bright and shining example.

But aside from the teaching of the young there are other lines of education we may follow out with profit. Every time the christian temperance women take a step forward on any public matter, whether of temperance or the political equality of woman with man, the people are educated. Even if no other thing is accomplished, the result is well worth the effort for this reason: For so many of the hindrances which bar our way are simply the result of prejudice, of precedents long established, and the only very good way to break these down is by bravely establishing new ones. It requires considerable courage, but the women of the white ribbon do not bear the reputation of being faint hearted.

This kind of education requires also a great deal of perseverance. It is agitate, agitate, present the truth again and again, and moreover to be watchful of opportunities to make advance.

We have another ally in our reformatory and charitable work. This field woman has always been free to enter. Man has ever been willing, after he has wrought the evil, that woman should step in to relieve the suffering and destitute; and as woman's nature was strongly sympathetic, she was always ready to do what she could. Other lines of work she has grown into, but this was hers by nature. It is not to be undervalued. It is noble. It is Christlike. The opportunities are well nigh limitless, and our motto here is: "Not willing that any should perish."

Thus imperfectly have I sketched to you, dear sisters, the work of the christian temperance women in the years to come. Our immediate future is activity, unceasing progress, surmounting difficulties, making paths of righteousness easier for other feet to follow. For we are to be in many respects the vanguard for all the women of the world. Like laborers who first entered the service in the vineyard, in the parable Christ gave to us, ours it will be to bear the burden and heat of the day, tho'

those who follow will share with us in the great reward.

We are to be wise as serpents while harmless as doves. We must needs put on the whole armour of God, together with the trusty sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

The path of duty lies plainly before us, but would you catch an inspiration for the work, come with me to Pisgah's heights and view the promised land. See! It lies before us in all its marvelous beauty. It is a smiling land, prosperous and peaceful. All its inhabitants are not wealthy, but the extremely destitute are not often seen, for the one great evil which has caused so large a part of the suffering and want of our time has no entrance here.

It is a healthful land, and we miss "old shapes of foul disease," which the great drink evil has always fostered.

It is a land of happy children, for childhood's greatest foe is conquered.

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The gospel of Christ finds easier entrance here, bringing to all its "peace on earth, good will toward men."

"And the Lord said unto Moses, 'Why criest thou unto me? Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they go forward.'"

CARRIE M. ALLEN.

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