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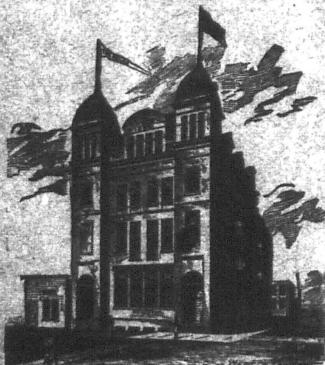
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## ADDRESS TO THE Y'S.

[By Mrs. Hattie K. Pierson, at the Lisbon State Convention.]

As we look over the pages of history down the ages since the creation, we find that God has ever been calling his children into active service, to follow where He should lead, not always to be leaders, but at times to endure suffering, to submit to persecutions, if necessary, for His sake.

We find one marked peculiarity in His choosing.

It was not the strong because of their strength, nor the wise on account of their wisdom—those on whom the world had bestowed her smile of

approval—nor always those of mature years.

On the contrary, He chose the weak, base and despised to confound the mighty, those who felt their weakness and were willing to place themselves in His hands to be moulded according to His will.

Let us listen to the voice of the Lord as He spake to Jeremiah, saying:

"Before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." What perfect simplicity Jeremiah manifested—what a sense of his own unfitness he must have felt, as he replied: "Ah! Lord God! behold, I cannot speak for I am a child."

(7) But the Lord said: "Say not, I am a child, for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. (8) Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. (19) And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

In these words we find the three prerequisites necessary for successful work in any branch of Christ's kingdom.

We see the youth and inexperience of Jeremiah was not a sufficient reason why God should excuse him from service; neither was he permitted to wait until he could fit himself for the difficult work assigned to him; he was given no choice as to the kind of service he should render; he must go and obey the voice of God, or refuse, as we are apt to do now when we are called in a direction distasteful to us.

The young women of North Dakota are going forth this year bearing their spotless banner, upon which are words of their own selection, "Through Christ We Conquer;" and by their floral emblem they bespeak for themselves the three requirements of their leader—Simplicity, Faith and Courage.

I have said young women, but

should I not say young people, when so many noble, chivalrous young men belong to our ranks, who are ready to do and dare anything for our sacred cause?

My dear young sisters, do you comprehend the magnitude of your responsibility? Have you paused to think of the army of young women in our state who are not on our side and who must be won? If you have, no doubt you feel there is very little you can do to accomplish the desired end, and just here is where the exercise of faith must come in. Do you not believe the God who was able to deliver the great army of the Midianites into the hands of Gideon and his band of 300 men is able to give into your hands every young woman in this state?

We read of God's dealing with the children of Israel and we seem to feel as though there was nothing in this history that has any connection with our lives, but surely, God would have us learn from His word how we may serve Him to-day.

You all remember the little maid who was carried into captivity by the Syrians and given to the wife of Naaman the leper for a servant. A slave in a strange land she did not forget the God of her fathers. What a simple thing it seems for her to tell of what was in her heart; and yet, it led to the glorifying of God's holy name. Can you not see that if you would win others your own heart must be all aglow, you must realize that others are in danger and may be lost if you do not exert yourself in their behalf? I would that the heart of every young woman in our state could beat against my heart until they could realize even as I do what will be required at their hands, to what an extent they are their brother's keeper.

God is calling in tones unmistakable for a consecrated young womanhood that may bring to him a Christ-like young manhood, who, as the years roll by, shall constitute indeed a pecu-

liar people whose God is the Lord.

We are told that in crossing the Mer de Glace, that great sea of ice which forms the largest glacier in Switzerland, the traveler comes to a path which is called the Mauvair Pas,—or the dangerous path. It runs along the side of the mountain. It is scarcely a foot wide; above is a wall of rock, below is the glacier with its sharp points of ice and rock. Path it is called, but travelers tell us in many places it is in reality nothing but the sharp juts and inequalities of the face of the precipitous rock.

Only let the foot slip and it is a leap into another world. But there is no particular danger, because around the face of the rugged rock, within your grasp, the Alpine guides have fixed a rope, fastened with iron staples to the great granite wall. So long as you grasp it you are safe; your feet may slip, but the trusty rope saves you from a fate which would be certain death.

Now into every life there comes the Mauvair Pas, the dangerous bit on which the whole character of after life often depends. If this can be safely passed, every part of the nature has gained in strength and power; if, on the contrary, the foot shall slip, although recovery is not impossible, life can never be quite the same again. This dangerous pass comes between fourteen or sixteen and twenty-eight, and the object of the Young Woman's Temperance Union is to put into the hands of all young men and women the rope which will not only guide but keep them from falling.

The granite wall is the all pervading love of God, the bounds of which finite man can never measure.

The rope has its beginning and ending in this rock, the center reaches to Calvary, where Christ poured out His blood that all who will look to Him may live.

The Alpine guides are all who are disciples of the lowly Nazarine.

I need not name the points of ice and juts of rock, which are not too far away to be plainly visible, upon which so many young lives are daily going down.

Impurity, profanity, unsteady feet following the trail of the serpent, slanderous tongues, darkened lives, are all around us.

What shall we do? Shall we wait

in careless indifference, saying to ourselves we are not responsible for what they do, they must sow their wild oats; do we not all know the harvest must bring pain and sorrow, not to themselves alone, but to those who are now and shall be nearest; shall we not make the effort now to save them from such a reaping time?

I hear some of you mothers saying, "I believe if we train our children properly we need not fear for them; lay a good foundation and they will turn out all right." But I know of earnest Christian mothers who have carefully and prayerfully guided the footsteps of their children, that today are broken hearted—because of the sinful lives of those very loved ones.

Why is this? Because when they begin to go out from the home into society they find the whole atmosphere changed. Where now is the purity of thought and life to which they have been accustomed? At first they are shocked at the change but soon find it is more easy to drift with the current than pull against it. Soon they are fascinated with the song or story that in no case would they repeat to mother. It is not considered manly to adhere too closely to her principles, and so the profanity that is laughed at, the tobacco that is considered elegant, the social glass and game of cards, all of which go to make a young man manly, become a part of the education.

Who is responsible for this? Alas! in too many cases men and women who profess to be following the footsteps of Christ; mothers with sons and daughters helping to uphold such a standard of unrighteousness. May God touch their hearts with His Holy Spirit and show them how much they are retarding the progress of His kingdom on earth.

But what of the girl when she begins to launch out for herself upon the stream of life?

I consider her chief danger lies in the fact that she soon comes to believe that those habits that are actually sinful for her are quite excusable in her brother, or her gentleman friends.

What we want to-day is a trained army of young women ready to stand side by side with the young men as they tread the dangerous pathway; to

make them feel that in no way can they be safe unless they both lay hold of the same rope, shun together the same dangerous juts of the glacier of sin; in fact, demand of them the same careful steps, because their slightest misstep or fall, directly or indirectly, bears upon or mars the life of their sisters if it does not cause them to fall utterly.

I trust I have been able to show you, my young sisters, in a measure, the magnitude of the work we have undertaken and the necessity of standing together as a unit. There are only 178 young women in our beloved state who are enlisted to-day in our ranks, but if we are all in earnest we can do God's work as surely as any other number. Let us remember, "It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord," that we shall gain the victory.

"Yes, God is for the right,  
However man go wrong;  
The race he gives not to the swift,  
Nor battle to the strong.  
It matters not how weak the cause  
If Holy in his sight;  
Twill be victorious soon or late  
For God will aid the right."

#### SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS.

Newark, N. J., January 9, 1893.—This new department of works taken up by the state at its last annual convention, is intended to cultivate habits of industry, economy and thrift, the desire to have money and do good with it; to create in the minds of children knowledge of the true value and uses of money, and to counteract the ever present temptation to spend their gifts or earnings thoughtlessly, which so often leads children into vice.

It was first introduced into the public schools of this country in Beloit, Wis., in 1876, and yielded most excellent results for five years. Mr. Beach, the principal of the school, recently wrote our world's national superintendent, Mrs. Oberholzer, from whose writings these facts are gleaned: That the boys and girls acquired industrious habits, were looking for and doing work during vacation. The system led to economy of time and energy as well as money. It made better and more thoughtful students. It promoted liberality, inasmuch as it insured means with which to be generous when occasion required.

In 1879 and '80 Capt. R. H. Pratt, of Carlisle Indian Industrial school, introduced this savings system among the Indians in order to teach them the use of money in a practical way. It was necessary for them to have it if they would save it; therefore, he commenced paying the Indians a small sum for their work. In this school the Indians have \$10,000 to their credit, while those who have finished their education have taken to their western homes as much more in clothing, trunks, etc. Our national superintendent, Mrs. Oberholtzer, has been devoting time and money unspareingly since 1889. In February, 1890, before the Woman's Council in Washington, at which I was present, Mrs. Willard persuaded her to allow it to become a national department, and with her came a conservative, philanthropic body of women who are loyal to this work. Mr. Thierry, who keeps the statistics, is school commissioner of Long Island city. In 1890 there were in all eighty-eight school savings banks in this country with 15,124 depositors, with \$50,878 to their credit. In February, 1892, 285 schools, with 272,430 depositors, who have \$270,429 to their credit. Of this sum about \$130,000 has been withdrawn.

In order to establish this system it is necessary to have the co-operation of a bank and the adoption of the system by the school board. The Michigan State Bankers' Association, in convention in 1891, passed resolutions asking the W. C. T. U., as the best organized body of women, to forward this great reform work. They have been followed by other organizations with equally strong resolutions. When we consider that there are half a million paupers supported at an annual expense to the government of \$50,000,000, would it not be well, sisters of the White Ribbon, if we answered "Yes" all along the line to these resolutions? Mrs. Oberholtzer truly says, "Extravagant, thoughtless habits, which beget inequality, drunkenness and vice, could not thrive if the population were carefully trained to self-knowledge, self-dependence and economy." School savings banks are in eleven states besides Canada and Nova Scotia. In Pennsylvania, Mrs. Oberholtzer's own state, 140 schools have the system and her own town of Norristown has

\$18,000 on deposit. It teaches children how to write checks, compute interest, and by this object lesson shows them how money grows. My own method of procedure for establishing this system is to first interest the teacher in the school where we wish to place it. Having accomplished this we then obtain consent of the principal, as it is not usually placed in the upper grades. Then, armed with consent of principal and teacher, the members of the school board, who are generally chosen from the best business men in the community, see quickly the value of the work, and as one said to me, "Certainly, put it in the schools. I wish you would teach some older ones the practical lessons of saving." Deposits will be received every Monday morning *only* by each teacher; the amount will then be given to the principal, or teacher selected in case the principal does not wish to serve, and deposited in the bank in the name of each depositor. After a certain sum agreed upon it bears interest. The children have a school savings bank card and the teacher marks down amount deposited, also entering the same upon a journal which she retains. I will gladly furnish these pupils' cards gratis to any school that will take up the work, and give by private correspondence all information that may be required. The state superintendent of instruction, Hon. John Ogden, in a teachers' institute in Mayville, in October, kindly gave this system his hearty endorsement, and Prof. J. G. Holland, the county superintendent of Traill, responded in a like spirit. Prof. Henry, county superintendent of Steele, says: "It means for the children evolution of power, at the same time it directs power into proper channels." These two counties are the only ones thus far to which we have presented the system, but upon my return in the early spring I expect to personally visit other places. I am, however, a busy woman, and will be so grateful to my co-workers in the white ribbon ranks in the local unions if they will communicate with me at my present address, 165 High St., Newark, N. J., until I shall return to Portland. Lovingly in the work,  
H. C. RUTH.

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#### FROM THE UNIONS.

Ontario, Cal., Jan. 3, 1893.—To THE WHITE RIBBON: The delegates from Northwood imbibed so much enthusiasm at the Lisbon convention that upon returning home they seriously talked of calling a special meeting to talk it over, but instead impatiently awaited the usual time of meeting to come. It came. The union met and all our sisters were more than anxious to do something to impress the public with the fact that although winter was fast approaching the W. C. T. U. had no idea of freezing up. We decided upon a free public temperance meeting, in which the following program was successfully carried out:

Singing.....	Union
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Recitation.....	Mrs. A. Stevens
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Paper.....	Miss Haraldson
Singing.....	Quartette
Benediction.....	Mrs. T. Hovgen

Just before the benediction, to the surprise of the president, one of the sisters stepped forward, and in the name of the union and business men of Northwood, very beautifully thanked her for her work among them, and setting before her a lovely silver ice-water pitcher, said: "We beg you to accept this as an expression of our appreciation and friendship." Had I had weeks in which to prepare a speech of acceptance I could have said nothing but "I thank you," I so felt my unworthiness. The audience of 300 arose, sang "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again," and received the W. C. T. U. benediction.

I believe my sisters are working away and doing all they can. One of them writes me they have had our Miss Preston with them lately.

Yesterday I attended a W. C. T. U. meeting here. Some way the bright, beautiful California day seemed more bright and beautiful after the meeting than before.

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"How grandly sinks the sun to rest!"  
Said one who saw the red-skyed west,  
As closed a day, whose golden light  
Was slowly fading into night.  
  
Beneath the low horizon's rim,  
Seen in the distance, faint and dim,  
Men hail a glorious rising sun,  
Whose course to them is but begun;  
  
The self-same orb, just passed away  
From other eyes, brings them new day.  
  
"Another dear one passed away:  
How peacefully she died," men say.  
  
But just beyond the bounds of earth,  
They utter tidings of a birth.  
  
The self-same one, who passed from sight,  
As sinks the sun each summer night,  
The angels say, has not begun  
The life that seems to mortals done;  
  
For death, grim terror of the earth,  
As seen by angels, is but birth.

—Edgerton L. Bangs, in *Demorest's Family Magazine*.

## SOLUTION OF THE LABOR PROBLEM.

The Carnegie troubles with the laboring men have brought the labor problem to the front in the minds of all. The only solution lies in the divinely given Golden Rule, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also unto them." This has been strikingly illustrated by the millionaire merchant prince and evangelist, Mr. Charles N. Crittenton, who has taken into partnership five of the heads of departments in his great wholesale house in New York, pronounced by the New York "Times" "probably the largest in the world." The New York press is full of praise for this notable deed. The New York "Herald" says: "On its face the transaction was simply the reorganization of the house of Charles N. Crittenton as an incorporated company.

As a matter of fact it was a voluntary surrender by Mr. Crittenton of a considerable interest in his very prosperous business to five of his old employees. Many employers have adopted one means or another of making their employees share in the profits of their business and thereby securing their hearty co-operation. But the voluntary transfer by a man of large means of a large interest in his business to his employes without the payment of a penny, is unique.

Edward G. Wells, third vice president of the company says: "It is capitalized at \$800,000.00, Mr. Crittenton having turned into it every

dollar's worth of the assets of the house of Charles H. Crittenton, of which he was the sole owner. The stock is all taken, being held by Mr. Crittenton. Messrs. Alfred B. Kennedy, William A. Demarst, Franklin B. Waterman, Thomas E. Delano and myself. Mr. Crittenton is president of the company."

"All of the men who have been taken into the company are old employes, the youngest of the five in point of service being myself with a record of thirteen years in Mr. Crittenton's employ. Mr. Kennedy, who is the buyer of the house, has served twenty-six years; Mr. Demarst, the head of the retail department, twenty years; Mr. Delano, the general manager, twenty-eight years; and Mr. Waterman, who runs our advertising department, sixteen years. *Others may be taken in.*"

"I presume that we were selected on account of our long service and thorough familiarity with every detail of the house; but I should not be surprised if some other old employes were taken into the company later."

"Mr. Crittenton is himself devoting his entire time to evangelistic work and his fortune to founding Florence Crittenton Missions for the rescue of erring girls. The story of their founding touches all hearts to tenderness and all eyes to tears. A few years since his little four-year-old Florence on her dying bed pleaded, 'Papa, sing 'The Sweet Bye and Bye.' With choking voice and breaking heart her father sang the beautiful words, and her beloved spirit floated heavenward on the wings of song. Though the Bye and Bye might be sweet, the present without his darling seemed so overwhelmingly dreary that he did not care to live. But in his sorrow the Savior who had taken the little child in his bosom, brought comfort to his bleeding heart and he found strangely true the words of Christ, 'My peace I give unto you.'

Then he began to prove that he was indeed a follower of the lowly Nazarine who forever dignified labor by being Himself a carpenter, who in the midst of His toil uttered these royal words, which forever settled all strife between capital and labor, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

Mr. Crittenton was so full of love that he went down into the slums and helped to uplift the fallen, and one night when he was pleading with a poor erring girl to leave her life of shame, he said in the words of Christ, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Through her tears she said, "Where can I go?" Quick as a flash came the thought, "Where can she go?" Scarce a door save a door of sin is open to her, and then and there he is determined as a memorial to his own little Florence, to found a home where other father's little girls, lost in the whirlpool of shame, might be rescued and restored to a life of virtue. So at 21-23 Bleeker St., New York, nine years ago, was opened the first Florence Crittenton Mission, a large, double, four-story house, where food and shelter and clothing, and a home are freely given, and under the influence of Mother Prinfilie, the W. C. T. U. matron, hundreds become Christian women. Over 500 girls annually find a home here and three-fourths of them are redeemed.

Mr. Crittenton has also established Florence Crittenton Missions in New Brunswick, N. J., San Jose, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. The latter was formerly known as "The Pacific Rescue Home," successfully carried on by a number of philanthropic people, but since Mr. Crittenton has become its president, the name of his darling child has been given to it.

These missions represent an investment of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, while his private charities foot up nearly as much more. It is the dream of his life to found a Florence Crittenton Mission in every large city in America and Europe, and plans to that end are made with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, under the leadership of Miss Frances E. Willard and Lady Henry Somerset.

As an evangelist Mr. Crittenton is wonderfully blessed of God, thousands having started heavenward under his loving ministrations. He gives his services freely, and though himself an Episcopalian, being an officer of Holy Trinity Church, Harlem, New York, he is perfectly at home in pulpits of all denominations, where he is warmly welcomed by the

pastors. Perhaps the one distinguishing characteristic is the universal love he inspires in all hearts, which makes many think, as a little child said, "Mama, don't you think Jesus, when he was on earth, must have been like Mr. Crittenton?"

M. G. C. EDHOLM,  
Supt. Press World's W. C. T. U.

#### TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN'S TEETH.

If mothers would look after the little first, or "milk," teeth of their children, and make a point of keeping them clean, and, if decay appears, having them stopped with some cheap filling until their roots absorb, in process of nature, there would be far less need of dentists and dentistry than there is now.

The doctrine should be, "Save, not rebuild; prevent, not cure." Do not wait till the plague-spot appears, and then comfort yourself by saying, "Oh, it is easily filled; a mere cavity in a tooth is nothing." If we would but believe it, five-sixths of the cases placed under the dentist's charge, and nine-tenths of those that do not reach the dentist at all, but go through the routine of decay, tooth-ache, misery, and ultimate disintegration, need not develop at all. A little watching on the mother's part, a little prudence on one's own behalf, and modern dentistry, as excellent, as scientific, as perfect, as it undoubtedly is, might find half of its usefulness gone, and much of its glory departed.—From "Modern Dentistry," in Demorest's Family Magazine for December.

#### SEEKETH NOT HER OWN.

Said a bright girl, who was no more thoughtful than the average Christian, after hearing a missionary speak of her work: "To hear that woman talk makes me feel as if I had done nothing but match ribbons all my life!" What a blessed heavenly vision came to her in that contrast of a life spent for self with a life devoted to the uplifting of humanity! She saw a little way into the deep and glorious mystery of the Saviour's words: "He that keepeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall keep it unto life eternal."

O for a heavenly vision of this sort to break upon every Christian con-

science, like the great light which shone from heaven upon Saul of Tarsus! "Matching ribbons?" Yes; pursuits for which this is a synonym are occupying the time and energy of hundreds who are called by the name of Christ. They spend their money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that "which satisfieth not." It is true that there never was so much philanthropic and religious work done as now, and yet it is done by the few. Hundreds of Christians are losing their share in the present joy of service as well as in the future reward. How poor they are! Amusement and self-gratification consume the golden hours and waste the capabilities of the soul. O if they could but know the richness of a life swayed by that love which "seeketh not her own!"—New York Christian Advocate.

#### NOT ALL A DREAM.

I read of a boy who had a remarkable dream. He thought that the richest man in town came to him and said, "I am tired of my house and grounds; come and take care of them, and I will give them to you." Then came an honored judge and said, "I want you to take my place; I am weary of being in court day after day; I will give you my seat on the bench if you will do my work." Then the doctor proposed that he take his extensive practice and let him rest, and so on. At last up shambled old Tommy, and said, "I'm wanted to fill a drunkard's grave; I have come to see if you will take my place in these saloons and on these streets?"

This is a dream that is not all a dream. For every boy in this land to-day who lives to grow up, some position is waiting as surely as if rich man, judge, doctor, or drunkard stood ready to hand over his place at once. Which will you choose, boys? There are pulpits to be filled by God-fearing ministers, and thousands of other honorable places; but there are also prison cells and drunkards' graves. Which will you choose?—Exchange.

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Amenia Union: Eight pillow cases, two pillows, three sheets, six unbleached pillow cases, three towels, one cake soap, one wash cloth; Lisbon Y's: Four sheets, six pillow cases, one bed spread; Mrs. Ninger: Two sheets; Elliott Union: One bed spread; Dickey Union: Two bed spreads; Mrs. —, for Leonard Union: Four towels, two sheets, four pillow cases; Yorktown Union: Bedding set; four paper mats, from a white ribbon sister that had gone home. They were sent by her husband from Dawson; Minto Union: One comfortable, one bed spread, four sheets, eight pillow cases, five towels, two boxes toilet soap; Edgeley Union: Four table cloths, three dish towels, three flour sacks, four towels, one blanket, one apron, two pillows, four pillow cases, one quilt, one chemise, four napkins, one cook book; Grand Rapids Union: Five towels, one cup and saucer, two bed spreads, one fancy china match safe, five yards sheeting, nine napkins, four child's short dresses, two child's short skirts, one long baby skirt, two pairs baby socks, four long baby slips, two baby sacques, one pair drawers, 1 rug, one dress waist, two quilts, one cloth jacket, one gal. jar filled with butter; Drayton Union: Six sheets, thirteen pillow cases, four towels, two table cloths, one bed spread, one quilt; Valley City Union: Two pillow cases, two sheets, two towels; Park River Union: One comfortable, three quilts, one cloak, two sheets, twelve pillow cases, four towels, two sacks flour—200 lbs; Ardock Union: One pair pillow cases and shams, two bath towels, six linen towels, one table cloth, two sheets, one pair blankets, two pair pillow cases unmade, fifteen yards print, five buttons for comfortable—valued at \$10.50.

Total cash receipts from W. unions, \$205.45; from Y. unions, \$30.55; Fargo Woman's Relief Corps, \$5.00; individual contributions, \$137.60; received from board at Home, \$14.50; total, \$371.60. Of this sum, received since the beginning of the enterprise, the committee has paid very nearly \$100 for house furnishings and fitting up; \$105 has been paid for rent of building, and \$125 for matron's salary; leaving \$41.60, very nearly, for all living expenses of the "Home" family for seven months. These expenses include groceries, meats, lights, fuel, medicines, etc. A part of the fuel used has been donated by W. H. White and Biedler & Robinson; and by Mrs. Hollingshead of Fargo, a ton of coal, the pay for which she collected among friends. Moulton & Co. and Rentschler & Scheninger have given meat and dealers in other lines have kindly made donations or liberal discounts. By far the greater part of the house furniture, including three stoves and two drums and all of the carpets, and bedding, towels and table linen, have been donated; most of the bedding and linen coming from the unions outside of Fargo, as shown in above lists. The ladies' societies of several of the Fargo churches and the Kings Daughters have assisted in the work.

There have been in the home since its opening eight adults and five infants, and there are there now three mothers with their infant and two other women.

The committee is very thankful for the ready response that any intimation of a need at the Home meets; and feels that the Father of us all is graciously inclining the hearts of the people to favor this practical work of Christian women for our needy and unfortunate sisters.

ANNA S. HILL,  
Treas. "Home" Com.

[January 27—Since the above report was compiled, the middle of December, \$110.00 cash has been received, of which sum \$30 has been paid for rent of building. In addition to this, considerable donations of fuel have been received.—Editor.]

#### FROM DURBIN.

Durbin, N. D., Jan. 16, 1893—Dear Sisters: We are still living in Durbin and working at whatever we can find to do. The weather has been so cold and stormy, we have not met quite as regularly as we wish we could, but hope to do better in the spring. Those living in small country places, where the members live so far apart, know how it is.

The Willard Union held a social last Friday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Weaver. The weather was very cold, but notwithstanding that, there were about forty people

present. We had a few fancy articles besides a quilt to dispose of, and we realized about twenty-three dollars from our social. A part of this sum will go to our "Home" in Fargo, as we had so decided at our last meeting. I wish it was more.

Our state president was with us in December and encouraged our hearts with her loving words. We would be glad could we have her with us oftener, as we feel we have been strengthened and helped by her.

Yours for prohibition,  
**NELLIE CURTIS.**

#### A REQUEST.

If all unions sending boxes for the "Home" would write me at time of sending, many mistakes and much trouble would be avoided.

**MRS JENNIE A. BENEDICT,**  
Secretary "Home" Committee.

Elliott, N. D., Jan. 16, 1893—  
Dear WHITE RIBBON: Fearing our silence may have caused your readers to think Elliott Union dormant, we hasten to report to the contrary; forty degrees below zero, or a re-submission legislature cannot freeze our loyal few. We have held regular meetings, with but few exceptions, during the winter and one very enjoyable as well as profitable social; have organized a series of Gospel Temperance meetings to be held Sunday afternoon, at Elliott. Have agreed upon a novel plan of holding regular meetings during the winter at the different school houses and homes in the neighborhood, having arranged for a "straw side" while sleighing continues. We hope in this way to interest those who are not already interested. Our new superintendent of literature, Miss Amelia Truesdel is doing excellent work. We have several members, active and honorary. The advent of the new year brings renewed courage and zeal, and should there be rumblings of war from the enemy's camp, we are ready with our forces afield at the call of God and truth. **MRS. L. B. CHAMBERLIN.**

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