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The Religious Work of the F. C. Home.

My acquaintance with the Home has been of the short duration of one year. I was introduced to the Home and its work shortly after coming to Fargo. At once I said I will do what I can.

The Master has seen fit to bless the work in a special way. Six of these dear girls have been won for Christ in this year. Four have already left the Home and gone out to earn an honest living. Three are near enough so we can see how they grow in their Christian life. They struggle against difficulties and temptations, and press onward to the mark of the high calling in Christ, as truly as any of us.

They look upon the Home as a home, where, if they are sick or unable to work, they have a place to go where they know they will be welcomed.

They look upon the matrons and ladies of the board, especially the president, as their friends who will help them in any time of need.

One of these girls said to me not long since, "I am glad I came there, even if it was through sin, for there I found Christ."

We try to reach out a helping hand to the girls in every way possible.

To the morning prayer service they are each requested to bring a bible verse committed to memory, which we hope will become a very part of their lives. If any wish a bible as her own she is given one with her name on the flyleaf. At one time when a Catholic girl had made known her wish for a bible, the worker brought her one. She was up-stairs, but was called down. The worker said "I have something for you." With a glad cry of joy she clasped it in her hands, saying "It's a bible!"

On Sunday afternoon the writer conducts a service. The meeting is set for 3:30 o'clock. We sing and pray together, as well as study the word of God, and have a short talk upon the lesson. Sometimes friends who are interested will come along to help what they can, as well as become more acquainted with the work.

The service we try to get accessible to the girls in the city. It is in the power, as we can see, and the girl, mingled with her's of repentance.

These girls are brought in from the world—cold and unkind as it has been to many of them; they

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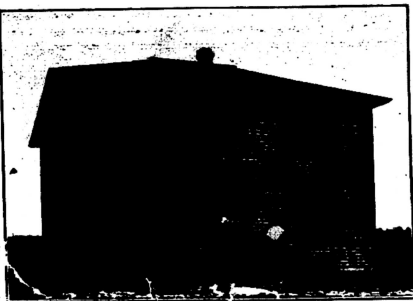
Greetings of Our Florence Crittenton Home

LOCATED AT FARGO, N. D.

CORNER 13TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE SOUTH.

Is hereby extended to all our White Ribbon Sisters, Generous Friends and Donors, past, present and future.

We take pleasure in submitting to you at this time brief review of our work, together with brief statements of the Home, its condi-



We cordially invite all to visit the Home.
No special days or hours for visiting.

have been sinned against and have sinned.

They need Jesus Christ—they need the cleansing power of His blood. They are brought into a Christian home, and a bible placed in their hand, with Christian friends only too glad to point them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

Is the work done in vain?

No! No! Not if the word of God is true. It shall have its reward. Some of the fruits we may see here—others not until we reach the place where there is no sin, no sorrow, no tears—but we shall see the King in His glory.

Shall these girls be there? You who read this, but are too far away to do any personal work, you can pray. Do it in His name.

ANNA C. PEDERSON.

Our Meetings.

Our meetings for prayer and study of the Scriptures are abundantly owned of God and result in saving many precious souls for the Master.

Each Sabbath, service by Miss Anna Pederson, missionary of the Norwegian Baptist church. At 7:30, service by the pastor of the city. Each day devotional exercises by our matrons.

The local board meets Wednesday of each week at 3 p. m. The state board of directors holds its annual meeting in connection with the annual state convention, at which time the officers of the board are elected.

The corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer are chosen by the six resident directors from among their number. Three other meetings of the state board of directors at the call of the president of the state W. C. T. U. are held during the year.

The Home and Workers.

The home and all our workers make much of the fact that there is no power that can save lost and erring girls as the Christ love. We have in our matrons consecrated, Christian women, who are giving to these girls, earnest Christian mother's love, and so far as observation and experience can judge, fully 90 per cent of our girls are saved from their sinful life, earning their bread by the honest labor, ranging in age from 12 to 24 years.

The Purchase Price of Home and the Improvements.

Miss Briggs gave the two lots on which the Home now stands, valued at \$500. Mr. Charles N. Crittenton gave the first \$1,000 towards the building, others gave from \$100 to \$5, until the sum of \$1,350 was raised and the Home built. Then \$150 was raised by the W. C. T. U. and the remainder of the upper story finished. Now a new laundry has been added, also plumbing for water and sewerage. The Home was obliged to have 750 feet of private water and sewer

pipes in order to reach the city mains at an expense of more than \$900, thus bringing the price for the Home up to \$2,900. This has all been paid and no indebtedness remains against the property. The Home Board feel that considering the stringency of the times, this is a good showing, and owe many thanks on behalf of our White Ribbon sisters to the ones who have so generously aided us in this work.

Home Not a Lying-In Hospital.

Our Home is not a lying-in hospital, but rather a rescue home where penitent girls can find temporary shelter and a place of refuge. Our girls are taught the love of Christ and His power to save, and trained for usefulness—sent out from the Home under the banner of love and reminded that as long as they earnestly strive to live right, lives they can find shelter and welcome in the home should they through any misfortune or sickness be obliged to return.

In Behalf of Directors.

For and in behalf of the board of directors of the Florence Crittenton Home, the accompanying reports, statements and accounts are most respectfully submitted, and may God send His blessing to all who have aided in this work—to the Home and to the girls.

Respectfully, your local committee,
MRS. JENNIE A. BEREDICT,
MRS. G. S. BARNES,
MRS. ADELLE RICE,
MISS FANNIE HUSTON,
MRS. E. M. LEAMER, Assistant Matron.

Our Home Still Has Its Needs.

Its immediate needs are the necessary expenses of kalsomine, paint, etc., for the keeping of such Home in repair; a new floor in the kitchen, new door and window screens for the addition two or three stationary wash boards—and some method whereby to raise necessary funds to maintain and support such a home.

Matron's Report.

There were 14 remaining in the Home at end of November, one of whom was a baby. Two women were added in December and none were discharged. During the month of January there were 4 girls received, 1 baby born, none discharged. February 1 was received into the home, 4 births and 2 discharges. March 9 were received, 5 children were born; one went home, taking her baby. On March 5 little Martha went to the holy land just as the bells were calling the people for the morning service, and on the 7th the poor suffering body was laid beside her parents at Leond. The month of March closed with 16 adults and 11 babies; a mother and child having returned on account of ill health on the part of the mother.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of the treasurer of the Florence Crittenton Home from Sept. 1, 1898, to March 31, 1899:

Balance in treasury Sept. 1, '98	\$49.69
Received during September	41.65
Received during October	81.30
Received during November	101.75
Received during December	80.16
Received during January	8.90
Received during February	57.65
Received during March	100.83
Total	\$511.87
Disbursed	795.90
Balance on hand March 31	\$15.97
BUILDING FUND.	
Balance in treasury Sept. 1, '98	\$171.90
Received in September	1.00
Received in November	11.00
Received in December	25.00
Received in January	4.29
Received in March	2.00
Total	\$194.19
Interest	9.00
Paid back from G. F.	36.15
Total	\$239.14
Paid on laundry	200.00
Balance in treasury March 31	\$39.14

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OBJECT: To promote the advancement of the W. C. T. U. work of North Dakota in all its departments, and to do all in our power to bring the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

MOTTO: I am but one, but I am one; I can do nothing by myself, but I can do something what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

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MAY, 1899.

Two thousand extra copies of May number of Bulletin will be printed. Anyone desiring copies may obtain them for 3 cents single copy, or 2 cents each for orders to one address of ten or more. This number is a special F. C. Home number.

With great pleasure we present to you "The Bulletin" enlarged to nearly twice its former size, hoping thereby to give you more ideas, enlarged ideas and a better understanding of the work generally. Our Y's are to have two columns, Enforcement League two columns, enabling us to present to you many sides of our work. The price still remains 15c. Take advantage of this low subscription price, send in names from your unions and your friends. A prize has been offered to the union sending in the largest list of subscribers before state convention—the prize to be the beautiful picture of Mrs. Willard in the charming costume of blue. The picture will be framed. With the additional expense of enlarging our paper, we need a hearty co-operation, and every white ribbon woman needs her state paper.

We thank our sisters for the many expressions of kindness and good wishes, and thank you in advance for anything you may do. We also thank you for your response in sending news items and reports.

Soon county conventions will be in order—let every one be reported to "The Bulletin."

PRESS WORK.

As county conventions will soon be in session, we request that every county supt. of Press Work, or if there is no county supt., that a local supt. hold a Press Workers conference. Much more needs to be done in this line. Set forth the necessity of following directions given in circular letter and sent to each union. Portland Republican, Park River Gazette, Fessenden paper, have a W. C. T. U. col-

umn. It is very encouraging to report such good work done by these unions. Let others follow. MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

A Call to Action.

Only a little more than four months until the State Convention at Grand Forks! If our organization keeps up the splendid record it has made for the last two years, we must redouble our efforts in these coming four months.

Dear Comrade, have YOU secured your one new member this year? If not, do not rest until you have found her and brought her into the fold rejoicing. Remember it is the personal hand to hand work that counts most. Is your union making an effort to be on the Honor Roll at the State Convention? A gain of 50 per cent in membership will entitle you to this distinction. Every county making a gain of one hundred members will be entitled to the honors of Demonstration Evening, which will be an attractive feature of the convention.

A W. C. T. U. School of Methodism will be held at Devils Lake Chautauqua, July 3d to 8th. Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell, president of Minnesota W. C. T. U., who was one of the most popular workers at Chautauqua last year, will be with us again this year. The interesting and helpful program which is in the course of preparation will be published in the June number of the White Ribbon Bulletin. Woman's Day will be July 5th, and Temperance Rally Day, July 6th. Mrs. Scovell will deliver the address for the W. C. T. U., the State Enforcement League and other temperance organizations will be represented by prominent speakers. It is hoped to make this the grand rally of all the temperance organizations in the state. Every white ribboner should, if possible, avail herself of the help and inspiration of this week at Chautauqua. No more charming place for a summer's outing can be found in the northwest.

A petition from the state W. C. T. U. to the Peace Congress has been sent by your general officers. It is recommended by the national officer and the national and state superintendents of Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Hannah J. Baily and Mrs. Emma F. Vail, that peace meetings be held on or near May 18th. In the Union Signal of April 25th will be found a program for such meetings. As public interest is now aroused upon this subject, it is an excellent time to educate the people.

At the mid yearly meeting of the executive committee, plans were made for the work during the summer and for the State Convention this fall. Mrs. J. O. Smith was appointed musical director of the convention. Mrs. G. H. Smith, president of the Scandinavian union at Grand Forks, was appointed Scandinavian organizer. It was decided to enlarge the BULLETIN to its present size, and in order that every white ribboner in the state may take the paper, it was also decided to keep the price down to 15 cents. Our editor

has told you of the beautiful premium which will be given to the union sending in the largest list of subscribers. Mrs. Vandebogart will present this premium to the winning union at the State Convention. The beautiful and suggestive heading which appears this month for the first time, was designed by Mrs. Mary Herring Hudson, of Cayuga, who is well known to many white ribboners of the state.

I have been working this month in the northern and eastern parts of the state and find that in most of the unions the work is very encouraging. A meeting was held with the unions at Grand Forks, and plans made for the State Convention. The Scandinavian union was hostess on this occasion, and after the meeting served dainty refreshments and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed. Our Scandinavian unions are making fine progress. The Fargo Scandinavian union had a very successful social under the auspices of the Mercy and Help department. Judge Chas. A. Pollock gave the address of the evening, the receipts were about sixty dollars.

Neché union was reorganized with Mrs. S. D. Bickford president, and Mrs. Agnes Hall corresponding secretary. Mrs. Mattie Meacham and Mrs. Stowe arranged for me to speak at Erie, April 23d, where a union was organized with twenty-four members. Miss Kate Cameron, president, and Miss Ettnice Kelly, corresponding secretary.

I shall work in the southern part of the state during the month of May.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Tower City, N. D., April 26, 1899.

Pembina "Y."

The open meeting on April 7th was at Mrs. G. W. Ryan's. It was in the form of an Easter party. The house was well lighted and decorated with flowers. The dainty invitations were in the shape of an Easter lily, pure white, the outside lily having petals and stamens and the under one the invitation. The scripture lessons were upon the lily and the resurrection. The program consisted of music, recitations and essays upon the Easter thought and customs. The plan of this meeting was to be a surprise, and one can imagine the surprise and delight when vases of beautiful fresh, pink, white and red carnations were passed and each person asked to take one. And later, Easter eggs, which the girls had tastefully dressed in costumes and painted, some in pretty hoods, some in poke bonnets and some in long caps, termed clowns were drawn by members. All sorts of characters were represented, even the dude with his eyeglasses. Last of all, refreshments consisting of eggs and wiches, cake and coffee were served. Mrs. Ryan's home is a lovely place to be entertained and the party was a complete success.

NOTES ON THE PEMBINA "Y."

Several new members have been added lately, making the enrollment over one hundred.

We have recently elected two superintendents, one for liter-

ature and one for anti-narcotics. State and county dues have been sent in.

Some mission work is being done.

The triple pledge was presented to the young men in January and white cross and white shield to the young men and women in March.

We have a plan to entertain the honorary members once a month.

The death of Miss Estella Clarks marks the first break in our "Y" since it was organized.

COUNTY REPORTS.

Grand Forks county expects this year to make such gain in her membership as shall, at least, make good the large loss which we in this restless age and unsettled country must lose yearly by removals and other causes; and hopes at its close to count something more than the goodly five hundred.

We number fourteen flourishing unions—one bright light shone at Aneta which has not, but expects soon to join the county organization. We are also hoping for two Scandinavian and one or two other new unions to be organized before county convention the last of June at Niagara.

The large Scandinavian union at Grand Forks claimed the honor of acting as hostess and made a reception for Miss Preston when she was there last week. All enjoyed Miss Preston's address on Sunday and several new members were added. The older union at that place have made a specialty of Bible Readings conducted by Mrs. D. J. Stanton, who has a very special talent for evangelizing. We wish she might be persuaded to visit other unions in the county. This union has also invited physicians and ministers to speak at their meetings before its mother's meetings. Each one asked has always responded with pleasure and with much profit to those in attendance. Grand Forks expects to make out of entertaining the next state convention and has already begun work to that end.

Inkster has a large L. T. L. and is doing good work. We are endeavoring to make this present consecrated, earnest president expect to leave them this spring to the great reward of all of our But Mrs. Hocking will carry her devotion to our cause and her excellent ability for service with her wherever she goes, and Mrs. Cook, who is elected to succeed her, will be sure to carry on the work in Inkster with a vigor that will insure success.

All our unions seem to be giving much time and attention to mother's meetings. They seem to meet a real need among good women and attract the busiest mothers. Let the leaders endeavor to make these meetings most helpful. It is always a good plan to have given in some way, a few of the best teachers and the best authors of the topic under discussion. Outside our ranks, who has leisure or reads widely, might become interested with us by being asked to look up and find out suitable quotations for our various subjects. God's word is first and best always, but we like to know what earth's wise and great ones have thought and said about it.

"I have a shelf in my study for tried authors; one in my mind for tried principles, and one in my heart for tried friends."

Mrs. FLORA NAYLOR, Pres. G. F. County. Cavalier county has been doing some good work and have assisted very much by Miss Mary Carey, evangelist and organizer. She held meetings at Afton, March 28, Milton, March 31; Osnabrock, March 29; Hannah, the 3d; Langdon, 4th, 5th and 6th. At Milton 39 new members were present, and refreshments were served and one new member added. At Langdon her work was very successful, receiving ten new members. This union is very much alive and is having weekly meetings with programs. They have many earnest, bright women. Milton union has arranged a program for six meetings. The spent of the winter this union during the winter has been literature, and Mercy and Help have excellent supplies of literature. They have started a membership contest. The county convention of Cavalier county will be held June 15th and 16th and program is arranged.

Pres. Cavalier County.

Her Mother's Darling.

Upon the streets at midnight, without a friend and without a home,
A mother's darling wandered in cold and want and fear;
Her life with sin all lighted, and every prospect darkened,
While e'en the hope of Heaven within her breast is hushed.

CHORUS.

Then open wide the missions,
And bring the wanderer in,
To win them back to Jesus,
Who died to save from sin.

The story oft repeated, has little new in this;

She listened to the tempter and fell, like Eve, from bliss,
To hide her shame and sorrow, she left her home and fled.

The flowers of youth, that blossomed,
Were there, crushed and dead,
The home of her youth, with its music and with flowers,
Is turned to bitter tears.

But music and flowers,
With a heart that is true,
God bless the mission, wide open day and night,
To bring the erring daughters from darkness into light.

To meet the voice of Jesus, his cleansing grace to know—
Tho' sin has blackened deeply, he'll wash her white as snow.



To the North Dakota Y's.

Dear Young Women: I am glad to send a message for your Y column, and to wish you godspeed in all the work you are doing for the Master. In these days of multiplicity of organizations (they are calling our young people in every direction) we need to be loyal to our Y work. There is need of an organization that shall develop young women for leadership. There is need of an organization that shall hold up before young women the highest ideal of womanhood, such as the Y. W. C. T. U. is. That young women have great influence we know, but they will know better how to wield that influence on the side of purity, total abstinence and everything that is good, if they have the training of the Y. Let me call your attention to the fact that loyalty to the Y. W. C. T. U. demands loyalty to our society as THE BEST to meet the need of young women along this line. The Chicago Young People's society is spending much money in printing and postage to magnify themselves and what they intend to do, but we must remember that the Temple is no longer an affiliated interest of the W. C. T. U. and that this society is not and can not be auxiliary (see Y Catechism), neither are its members entitled to wear the white ribbon. So, dear young women, let us be loyal to the Y. W. C. T. U., remembering that the Y is an integral part of the great organization that has "wound the ribbon white around the world." Let us study more than ever before to make real the possibilities of the Y, with loyalty to Christ first, then to total abstinence, and a white life for two. The Y. W. C. T. U. will make its influence felt, not only now, but in the homes of less than a decade from now. We are looking forward to the home-coming of Clara Parrish, and confidently expect her before the end of the year. May God bless each and every one of you. Yours in loyal, loving service, ELLA A. BOOLE.

My Dear Y Girls: Tho' I have been away from home and our loved work for more than six months, it is none the less dear to my heart, and I send you all affectionate greeting from the Pacific slope, from the beautiful sunshiny land of flowers. My long absence from among you has been necessitated by my mother's illness and slow recovery—and perhaps because I've seen her suffering and have realized so keenly the many little attentions and delicacies the dear sick one has needed, that my heart has gone out to her. I have loved her, at 161 years of age, as if she were a home for all such. Since our dear, sainted leader has gone from among us we have renamed it as a loving memorial to her and call it "The Frances E. Willard Temperance Hospital." For six years

we have had this home in a rented building, which is far from meeting our needs, and it has long been the most ardent wish of those interested that we build a more commodious and suitable building fitted with modern appliances on a lot we own on the west side among surrounding hospitals and medical colleges. The value to our work of this magnificent object lesson is inestimable, but funds are needed, and I believe every Y girl's heart will throb and quicken at the thought of doing her small share in making our new hospital an established fact. We are not living up to our highest privileges unless we feel so and act upon the impulse. There are so many ways to help, and it will cost us small effort. It was suggested last year that every member of our vast White Ribbon army give 5c toward a special hospital fund. What a simple method and how small an amount from the individual—yet how it would swell the treasury were it carried out systematically! Let us try it! Appoint your treasurer or some member to collect this per capita tax—then may I suggest the fund on which to have it applied? Many of you know that the Y's all over this land have pledged themselves to support two beds in our beautiful Y room, the cost of endowing each being \$350 a year, as you see, less than \$1 a day, and, of course, less than it costs the board unless there are several endowed. We have never yet cancelled this obligation any one year during the ten of the hospital's existence, and—I blush to acknowledge it—we have thus compelled the board to make up the deficit and so cramped them in their work for charity patients. We can not be true workers if we are not faithful to our obligations, and I feel sure that each and every local union will wish to do all in its power to help. "Let us then be up and doing." Give an evening's entertainment, preparing a program from literature on non-alcoholic medication, thus disseminating our principles and helping prove that alcohol has no place in medicine and is entirely unnecessary in the practice of the same. The very existence of our hospital is to prove this fact, to educate physicians and to train nurses in this important truth. Let us all have a part in it! Let us bring up the Y record this year to the standard it ought to reach. This work should appeal especially to the hearts of the young; out of our gratitude and thankfulness for health and strength let our sympathies and help go to those of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate, who have sickness of body and affliction of mind to harass and trouble them. Helping in a financial way is not the only means by which we can assist in this noble work; any of the supplies necessary in a home, such as fruits, vegetables, eggs, groceries, are very acceptable, and many of the dainty things, dresser scarfs, tray cloths and countless articles which will suggest themselves on thought and which go so far to brighten the sick room. Indeed if our hearts are only touched with the needs of suffering fellow creatures, the results of our loving sympathy will assume tangible form, and

we will earnestly and prayerfully consider our duty as faithful stewards and obey the scriptural injunction, "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing." According to our plan of work May is the month set aside for an especial effort for the hospital. As custodian for this fund I will ask you to send all contributions to my home address, Larimore, and upon my return I hope to be cheered by the generous response you have made. Let us strive to make this our most prosperous and effective year of work, because we are striving to fulfill God's conditions, because we are not easily discouraged and because we are pursuing certain aims and doing good according to a plan. Sincerely yours, CORA W. LARIMORE.

L. T. L. CORNER.

STATE MOTTO—"For Truth and Right in the King's Name."

Dear Superintendents: Do you feel the interest of your legion dying out? Then try the Seal courses, or graduate a class, presenting diplomas. For directions in this matter send to W. T. P. A. for the leaflet "Diplomas and Seal Courses," price 3c. This study will be invaluable to the children for the knowledge gained there by making them more manly men and womanly women. The L. T. L. seals are gummed pieces of paper of different shapes and colors, to be affixed to diplomas.

MOTION DRILL.

Legion standing, feet firm on the floor, heels near together, toes turned outward, shoulders thrown back, commands for position given by leader by numbers or "skipping": first position, hand folded on the chest; second position, arms extended horizontally to the front; third position, hands resting on shoulders, upper arms horizontal; fourth position, arms extended vertically upward; fifth position, hands on the hips, arms thrown back; sixth position, arms folded in front; seventh position, arms folded behind; rest, arms hanging vertically at the side like dead weights.

SNAP SHOTS.

We belong to the W. C. T. U. and are entitled to wear the bow of white ribbon.

The Loyal Temperance Legion is not designed for children of the slums. It is for all children. Especially does it need yours, dear mother in the W. C. T. U.

Don't forget to secure honorary members. These are adults paying 10c per year (a good plan to help pay expenses of legion).

First our state and national L. T. L. dues; then the L. T. L. room in Temperance Hospital.

Don't fail to keep account of any new plans of work in your legion. Pass your suggestions along to the state secretary, that she may give it out to others.

A new L. T. L. just organized at Glasston, where the "mother" W. C. T. U. is only a few weeks old.

A good plan to interest the children in vacation is to have them make scrap books, dress dolls, and make sheets and pillow cases for L. T. L. room in hospital.

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Christian Citizenship.

Dear Sisters:—I did not think at the beginning of the year it would be this late before you would hear from this department through the columns of our welcome messenger. I have been waiting to receive instructions from the national sup't, so we may work in unison. These sent literature to each county superintendent where one has been appointed and to each county and district president in unorganized districts—asking her to appoint one and send her address to me. I will also be glad to hear from anyone who will circulate some of this literature. I feel that our literature is working in all the departments that they possibly can without this one. It seems to me if this department is worked thoroughly many of the other departments will work themselves. This is one of the youngest departments taken up by our Mother National, but nevertheless one of the most important.

When will Christians all over the world understand that there are many of us in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. I believe this applies to Christians—whether men or women all over the world. When I realize the time, strength and money that is used to lift humanity up, and while the cool somers are being made hundreds, saloons stride on by thousands. While churches save their thousands, the saloons damn soul and body their hundreds of thousands. I fancy I hear some one say "how does that apply to our prohibition state?" I tell you, my sisters, in the majority of the drug stores and many of the confectionery stores lurks the demon we seek to kill. I tell you we still need to watch as well as pray. When we travel up and down our fair state and behold the pile of beer kegs at nearly every depot, we are forced to believe King Alcohol is more alive than we wished he were.

May the time soon come when we may be a Christian nation in deed as well as in name, then I am sure it should fall to our lot as a nation to protect our oppressed people, we will not allow a canteen system to be run among our soldiers to help them to form appetites that will soon oppress, but will counter them. On account of the canteen in the army many a soldier boy will return to his mother worse than dead. All of this might have been prevented if our Christian President had used his Christian Citizenship. May God hasten the time when all Christians may unite with him to make it easy for men to do right and hard for them to do wrong.

MARY E. SLATER, State Sup't.
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Enforcement League.

The following is a brief synopsis of the secretary's report: We have four years of constant struggle to look back upon. Some localities may be disappointed—and certain localities may be. But in looking over the whole state everybody will admit that conditions have changed wonderfully. This change may not be wholly brought about by the league; but the league has done the bulk of the work. We have therefore reason to rejoice. Our success shall inspire us to continue the work. In reviewing the work in the past year the secretary reported as follows: 214 cases have been handled by the league. Evidence was obtained in all but 18 cases; 188 were blind pig cases; 18 were cases brought against gamblers. By counties the results were as follows: Walsh Co.—42 blind pig cases, 12 convictions, 2 injunctions; 18 "skipped", some of them forfeiting bonds. Some were arrested several times, which explains the fact that there were 42 cases against 23 defendants. Grand Forks Co.—37 cases, 3 convictions, 9 injunctions, 8 dismissed, 4 neglected, 3 pending; 9 skipped; 4 gambling cases, one dismissed, 3 neglected. Ransom Co.—9 cases, 2 injunctions, 2 defendants served time in jail, 2 dismissed, 1 skipped, 2 pending. Of the 7 who attempted to kill our men 2 skipped, 3 were fined and 1 case was dropped. Nelson Co.—9 cases, 6 convictions, 2 dismissed, 1 skipped, 2 pending; 1 served 100 days for assaulting our secretary at Aetna; 1 druggist lost his permit. Cavalier Co.—12 cases, 9 injunctions, 1 conviction; other cases neglected by states attorney. Pembina Co.—6 cases, 4 injunctions, 2 criminal cases pending. Traill Co.—4 cases, all injunctions. Cass Co.—3 cases, 6 convictions, 2 injunctions, 10 cases no result; 3 skipped, 1 died, 2 pending bonds. Griggs Co.—1 case pending. In Barnes, Richland and Pierce counties 1 case each, but were neglected by the states attorneys. LaMoure Co.—3 injunctions. Rolette Co.—2 cases; the defendant moved away. Bottineau Co.—3 cases, 2 injunctions; 1 skipped, forfeiting \$500 bonds. McHenry Co.—1 injunction case; the operators of the joint skipped. Benson Co.—3 cases, 2 skipped, 1 case pending. Wells Co.—6 cases; have been unable to learn the result. Foster Co.—1 case, delayed. Stutsman Co.—5 cases, 3 convictions, 2 bound over, 1 skipped. In Steele, Dickey, Eddy and Ward counties no blind pigs were found. The secretary dwells at some length upon the hard fight in five cities in Walsh county. More money was expended there than in any other county in the state. But he expressed the opinion that the backbone of the element is broken, as the "president of the Red River Valley Blind Pig Association" now is in jail. The situation in Grand Forks county that was so bad a year ago is now satisfactory. The brewery is closed and every blind pig in the county is also closed, and the newly elected states attorney seems determined to keep them closed. The change in the situation was not effected before. J. E. Wiseman was appointed assistant attorney general, who in an effective way subdued the lawlessness. The secretary refers at some length to the battles in Devils Lake, where a detective and Vice President John O. Severson came very near losing their lives. He criticizes the states attorney for his leniency in dealing with the desperadoes. One of them was brought back from Canada only to dismiss the case against him. The situation in Cavalier county is deplorable on account of the states attorney's inactivity and unwillingness. He can not find time to prosecute the lawbreakers, but finds ample time to prosecute the state's witnesses. The famous Reiley case is related as an example of the way he handles the prosecution. The case was appealed to the supreme court and there the case remains and can come no further—because the records in the case are lost. The only way out of the trouble seems to be the appointment of an assistant attorney general for Cavalier Co. The situation outside of the 6th judicial district is on the whole satisfactory, as there is no open saloons, except

in Williston, Hankinson and Lidgerwood—and they exist only on account of lack of funds. The judges are commended for their faithfulness, and particularly Judge Pollock—praised for his manly stand. The secretary says that according to the best information obtainable, the liquor bill in this state does not exceed \$5 per capita, while the liquor bill for the whole nation is calculated to be \$16 per capita. Grand Forks alone more liquor is consumed every day than in the whole northern part of the state. During the year \$553.11 was paid into the league, as compared with \$1,886 last year. \$1,630 was paid on pledges, \$490 was paid by special subscription and \$472.90 was paid out of the various prosecution funds. The subscription by counties is as follows: Pembina Co. \$307, Grand Forks \$250, Traill \$188, Walsh \$144, Wells \$180, Cavalier \$121, Ransom \$102, Stutsman \$154, Cass \$120, Nelson \$72, Griggs \$15, Ransom \$40, Towner \$23, LaMoure \$20, Rolette \$15, etc. For detective work was expended \$2,580, secretary's salary \$790, his expenses \$164, attorney's fees \$98, stationery and printing \$61.50, etc. Considerable space is devoted to the framing and the fight for the temperance commissioner bill, which failed to pass on account of treachery among party leaders and lack of unanimity among the prohibitionists. In the 2d legislative district the members of the league fought the bill and caused its defeat. He depicts their action, while he compliments the sincerity and enthusiasm displayed by the friends in Cass, Ransom, Stutsman, Benson, Cavalier and other counties. Though disappointed by the legislature, he rejoices over the progress made in the state, because the last legislature was overwhelming against recommitment, while we before always won by a scratch. The credit for this wonderful change is not due to league only, but to Elizabeth Preston and the W. C. T. U. and to A. C. Rankin. Few have realized the magnificent work he has done for our cause in this state. One fourth of the report was devoted to "Future Work." He said in substance the following: Only one year is left of the five for which the league was organized. Many members had moved away; some were dead; others were backsliders. For that reason he could not see how the league could continue its operations; there would not be enough money in the coming year. Some suggested that we should quit. But little do we love our cause if we should quit now, when we are so near to perfect success. Never was there a better chance to make prohibition perfect, and we should devote our best energies to make good better. The trouble before was: The subscription was too high (\$5) and only a few parties in about 25 places carried the whole burden. He suggested that the membership fee be set to \$1 a year and that an organizer be sent out to all parts of the state to secure new members and new subscriptions. A collector should be appointed in each locality, and all subscriptions be paid in advance into a fund. More work could be done for the same money if we knew just what we had to do business with. He saw no reason why \$10,000 could not be raised annually for this work. We have conquered 67 of this state and it takes money to hold this territory. And then—shall we not help our friends in the 6th district? He explains that no work has been done in the Bismarck district, because we lack money, and the friends out there can not help themselves and dare not, because if they attempt, life and property is not safe. Is it not time for us to rescue our friends on the slope? Is it not time that the cause of our state is redeemed from the burning shame of being the home of lawlessness? Friends, let us start the work for the next program: "ON THE EDGE OF CAPITAL." He recommends that until the fund is raised detective work be managed by non-salaried men. He also recommends that the league have its own organ, the members can keep themselves posted on the progress of the work. That will make every giver a cheerful giver.

Fourth Annual Meeting.

The Fourth Annual meeting of the State Enforcement League convened in Fargo, March 31, 1899, in the First Baptist church, at 10:30 a. m. W. L. Van Horn conducted the opening exercises. J. T. Easterbrook elected assistant secretary. The Pres., F. Lynch, called the meeting to order, and after a very brief and pointed address he proceeded to appoint the following committees:

Enrollment—J. D. Salter, Geo. A. Flewell, Order of Business—Mr. Dickson, Jno. O. Siverson.

Resolutions—R. M. Pollock, Miss Elizabeth Preston, J. M. Wylie.

Nominations—W. L. Van Horn, Mrs. Geo. Neider, Arne Haugen.

Auditing—R. B. Griffith, R. M. Pollock.

Sec. Lindelle read an exhaustive report, making several suggestions regarding the work for the coming year. Pending the adoption the report was discussed by J. M. Wylie, R. B. Griffith, Miss E. Preston, R. M. Pollock and A. Lindelle. The treasurer's report was received and referred to the auditing committee.

On motion of J. M. Wylie the suggestions made in the secretary's report concerning a state organizer, official organ, etc., after a short discussion was referred to the executive committee with power to act.

A. Lindelle, Alvin Briggs and J. D. Salter

were, on motion, appointed a committee to wait on the mayor of the city and confer with him regarding the disreputable houses that are run by the permission of the city government, and required to pay license for the premises. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

The League was called to order at 2 p. m. by the president, Rev. C. O. Dickson. The 2d Sup't. of the National Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and spoke encouragingly of the work. Very interesting reports were made by several of the vice presidents and delegates.

Reports of committees were called for and several were received and discussed. The report of the nominating committee was received and adopted and the following officers were declared elected: R. B. Griffith, Pres.; J. T. Easterbrook, Hon. N. A. Colby, Geo. S. Tucker, J. D. Salter, C. H. Mott, W. R. Moffet, H. E. Dickson, J. W. S. Severson, W. P. Masser, H. H. Kott, A. Jersin, C. Plummer, Jno. Carmody, J. H. Strain, Geo. J. Couthard, O. Gilbertson, Chas. Pettis, vice presidents. Executive committee: Frank Lynch, A. Lindelle, W. L. Van Horn, A. Haugen, J. M. Wylie, R. B. Griffith, R. M. Pollock, A. C. Rankin, Geo. Neider, W. M. Standish. A vote of thanks was tendered to F. Lynch and R. B. Griffith for cancelling the amount due to them from the League.

At the adjournment, the executive committee held a very interesting session. W. L. Van Horn was elected State Sup't. and asked to begin work at once. Geo. C. A. Pollock, W. L. Van Horn, R. B. Griffith, A. J. Hulteng, Frank Lynch and Miss Elizabeth Preston were elected delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League Convention.

Dr. Jackson delivered a very able and eloquent address at the evening session.

FIELD NOTES.

Elliott—Elliott union held a crusade meeting followed by a Frances Willard memorial service, the Saturday following a Neal Dow or Prohibition Rally Day. They have also organized a Mother's club, and commenced monthly gospel temperance meetings, and hope for much through the evangelistic lines of work the coming months. A very interesting parlour meeting was held by this union at the home of Mrs. Lebo on April 1st. A parliamentary drill participated in by all was very interesting and instructive. The "Medical Club" furnished some fine music for the occasion.

Devils Lake—Devils Lake union held a Matron's Medals Contest, April 24th.

Drayton—Drayton W. gave its annual temperance social recently. A pleasant evening was spent together and \$27.00 taken in. On the 13th the Y's and L. T. L.'s of Drayton gave a very instructive and interesting program in the hall. Receipts were \$38.50.

Asaranka—Asaranka W's, Y's and L. T. L.'s held a memorial service for Miss Willard on Friday, Feb. 24th. A short talk by the Pres., Mrs. Mencham, and reading of extracts by members. Children took part in speaking and singing. A lunch was served and a neat little sum netted to the union. April 23d, literature, enforcement and membership rallies were held, Miss Preston being present. Rev. Van Horn gave a lecture Sunday morning, April 16th, on "Enforcing the Law," and spoke with much earnestness and enthusiasm as is his custom.

Hillsboro—Hillsboro union has been laboring under some difficulties, as two of their active members have been ill with typhoid fever. They are, however, much alive when occasion demands. Miss Preston gave them an address on Easter Sunday in the evening. As there had been no opportunity to hold a Willard memorial, Miss Preston was requested to speak on the life of our promoted leader. Miss Preston met the ladies on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Carmody and talked of the work done at Bismarck last winter. Several regular and honorary members were added as a result of Miss Preston's visit here. May God keep her in this work.

Riverside—The Riverside W. C. T. U. held their second social at No. 1 school house, Saturday evening, March 18th. A large number were present to whom the ladies served a nice lunch. A short program was given, after which quite a number of pledge signers were secured. The receipts of the evening were \$12.70, five dollars of which was voted to be given to a needy family who had just lost their home and contents by fire.

Edwin union gave a pound social and took in \$20's worth of flour, meat, and groceries and \$1.10 in cash, which they gave a poor family in their town—the man is helpless.

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