



OUR PROHIBITORY LAW.

What is it, How Secured, What Changes Have Been Made.

While the Dakotas were yet a territory the southern part gave a majority for constitutional prohibition in 1885, but without effect, since congress refused to provide for the erection of a state government in any part of Dakota. The territorial legislature passed a local option and high license law in 1887, but as a majority of the counties voted for local prohibition, it was seen there was a strong sentiment against license throughout the territory. On February 22, 1889, congress passed an enabling act providing for the admission of North and South Dakota, Washington and Montana as states, each of the proposed states being required to form a constitution and on the first of October, 1890, to hold an election to ratify its constitution and elect state officers. This state and also its sister state, South Dakota, have the honor of being the only states which entered the Union with a prohibitory article incorporated in their constitution. In North Dakota the victory for prohibition was a surprise to all. The prohibitionists considering it impossible to carry both Dakotas, and South Dakota being more promising, they concentrated their efforts there. Local efforts were made in North Dakota by a few devoted persons but no outside help of any importance was received. The surprising support of prohibition by the Scandinavian element was a large factor in the result, which was a majority of 1459 for prohibition of 35,945 votes cast.

In North Dakota a constitutional convention met July 4, 1889, and after formulating our present constitution adjourned August 17. Article 20 reads thus: No person, association or corporation shall within this state manufacture for sale or gift any intoxicating liquor, and no person, association or incorporation shall import any of the same for sale or gift, or keep or sell or offer the same for sale or gift, barter or trade as a beverage. The legislative assembly shall by law prescribe regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this article, and shall thereby provide suitable penalties for the violation thereof. From the prohibitory law passed by the first legislature, going into effect July 1, 1890, I have made excerpts from some sections condensed some and quoted a few in full, as I found the full text would be far too lengthy. The penalty for obstruction to operation of Article 20 of constitution for first offense, a fine of \$200 to \$1,000 with imprisonment ninety days to one year in jail, for subsequent offenses by imprisonment one to two years in penitentiary being a felony. I give in full Section 7598 defining intoxicating liquors. All spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors or mixtures thereof, by whatever name called that will produce intoxication or any liquors or liquids which are made, sold, or offered for sale as a beverage, and which shall contain cocculus, indicus, coppers, opium, cayenne pepper, Indian hemp, strychnine, tobacco, dandel seed, extract of logwood, salts of zinc, copper or lead, alum or any of its compounds, methyl alcohol or its derivations, amyl alcohol or any extract or compound of any of the above ingredients. Surely a decoction containing the above ingredients would equal the fabled nectar of the gods. An amendment to the above section was enacted by the fifth legislature striking off the following proviso which was appended to the original text. "Provided, that

fermented and alcoholic liquors shall not be deemed intoxicating if they contain less than two per cent of alcohol by volume."

The section regulating sale of liquor by druggists is so comprehensive that it would hardly seem possible that so many drug stores in the state should be able to run a "blind pig" in connection with their business. Space will not permit the full text. A registered pharmacist may sell intoxicating liquors for medicinal, mechanical, scientific and wine for sacramental purposes, but not until he has a permit from the county judge after filing in his office a petition, signed by the applicant, twenty-five reputable voters, and twenty-five reputable women over twenty-one years of age, residents of the town, village, township, or city. The petition must state that the applicant is of good moral character, does not use intoxicants as a beverage, that he is a pharmacist and proprietor of a stock of drugs worth \$1,000 in a city, of \$500 if elsewhere. He must publish a notice in the local newspaper stating the time and place of the hearing when he must prove the truthfulness of every statement in the petition, and the state attorney of the county shall and any other citizen may appear and cross-examine the witness. If a county judge wrongly uses such a permit he shall be fined \$500 to \$1,000, and if any signer of a petition for a permit knows its statements to be false he is fined \$50 to \$100. Any physician, when a patient is in absolute need thereof, may give a prescription for liquors for him, and giving it otherwise is punished by a fine of \$300 to \$800, with imprisonment thirty days to six months. The druggist must sell the liquor in person or by a clerk who is a pharmacist, after the person desiring the liquor has signed the proper affidavit under oath; for this purpose pharmacists and assistants are empowered to administer the oath. These affidavits are filed by the druggist with the county judge and kept by him for two years from date of filing. Persons making such affidavits falsely are imprisoned as for perjury six months to two years. And if one sign a false name he is guilty of forgery in the fourth degree and imprisoned one to two years. Every druggist shall keep a book wherein shall be recorded, daily, all sales of intoxicating liquors made by him or his employees, showing the name and residence of the purchaser, the kind and quantity of the liquor sold, and purpose for which it was sold, and the date of the sale. Such record and affidavit shall be open for the inspection of the public at all reasonable times during business hours, and any person so desiring may take memoranda or copies thereof. A druggist failing in any of the above, can be punished as for illegal selling, and disqualified to have a permit again for five years. Section 7600: It is the duty of all officers to notify the state attorney of all violations of this law, with names of witnesses; if they do not, they shall be fined \$100 to \$500 and forfeit their office. It is the duty of the state attorney to prosecute all persons violating this law, in their respective counties, and to bring suit upon all bonds or forfeitures to recover the penalty, and pay all monies so collected in to the liquor prosecution fund temporarily, and after payment of necessary expenses of the action the balance shall be credited to the school fund. States attorneys failing in their duty shall be fined \$100 to \$500 and imprisoned thirty to ninety days, and forfeit their offices; and whenever any state attorney fails or neglects his duty, the attorney general shall undertake the

duty. Section 7605: All places where intoxicating liquors are sold or given away in violation of this law or where persons are permitted to resort for the purpose of drinking intoxicating liquors, or where intoxicating liquors are kept for sale, barter, or delivered to be common nuisances; and if the existence of such nuisance is established either in a criminal or equitable action, upon the judgment of a court or judge having jurisdiction, finding such place to be a nuisance the sheriff or under sheriff or any constable of the county or marshal of any city where the same is located, shall be directed to shut up and abate such place by taking possession of such intoxicating liquors found therein together with all screens, signs, bars, bottles, glasses and other property used in keeping such nuisance, and the property so taken possession of, after judgment, shall be publicly destroyed by such officer, and the owner or keeper shall be punished as for illegal selling. The attorney general, his assistants, the state attorney or any citizen of the county where such nuisance exists, may maintain an action in the name of the state, to abate, and perpetually enjoin the same, and the finding of such intoxicating liquors on such premises shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of the nuisance complained of. "Blind pigs" should be summarily dealt with under this section. Members of clubs using or distributing liquors are punished about the same as for illegal selling. Giving away liquor, and evasions of the law are deemed unlawful selling. Fines and costs are liens upon the property upon which the unlawful traffic was conducted, with the knowledge of the owner. Any person may employ an attorney to assist the state attorney in his duty and such attorney shall be recognized as associate counsel. Druggists may be notified not to sell to habitual drunkards. Treating or giving to a minor except by his father, mother, guardian or physician is punished as unlawful selling. Officers or agents of carriers are punished for carrying liquor to be sold contrary to the law by a fine of \$100 to \$500, with imprisonment thirty to sixty days. Persons arrested for violation of the act, giving bond and forfeiting it upon being surrendered to sheriff, shall be committed for default of costs not over six months. Payments for liquors may be recovered and debts therefor are void. Every person who give, barter, sell or in any manner dispose of any intoxicating liquors to an Indian shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person being found intoxicated in any public place is punishable before a justice of the peace by a fine of \$25 to \$500, and such fine is paid, but the imprisonment shall not exceed one day for every one dollar of the fine. Every person knowing him to be a pauper or inmate of any poor house, any strong or spirituous liquors or wine without authority from the superintendent, or physician of such poor house, is punishable by a fine of \$25. Every master or other person engaged in navigating any steamboat, who allows any liquors to be sold on his boat on Sunday, while stopping at any wharf or landing city or town in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person being injured in person or property or means of support by an intoxicated person or in consequence of intoxication habitual or otherwise of any person can collect damages both actual and exemplary of the person who sold the liquor. Every person who shall by

the sale, barter or gift of intoxicating liquors cause the intoxication of any person, shall be liable for and compelled to pay a reasonable compensation to any person who may take charge of and provide for such intoxicated person, and \$500 per day in addition for every day such intoxicated person shall be kept in consequence of such intoxication, to be recovered by civil action in any court having jurisdiction. It is plain that if "Prohibition does not prohibit" in North Dakota it is not the fault of the law but the enforcement of the law. An amendment to the constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the two houses; to be concurred in by a majority of each house in the next legislature; upon submission to the people a majority vote of the electors carries it. Thus Article 20 is well hedged about. But the liquor element are ready to work hard and long to annul it and it is only by eternal vigilance that its friends will be able to keep it in the constitution of our state.

W. C. T. U. School of Methods. At Devils Lake Chantauqua, July 3-8, 1899, in charge of Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell, president Minnesota W. C. T. U. and Miss Preston.

MONDAY, JULY 3. 2:00 p. m. Prayer and consecration meeting; organization. 2:30 p. m. Anti-Narcotics, Mrs. Scovell. TUESDAY, JULY 4. 10:30 a. m. Parliamentary drill, Miss Preston. 11:00 a. m. Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Scovell. WEDNESDAY, JULY 5. (Woman's Day.) 10:30 a. m. How to Facilitate Business, Miss Preston. 11:00 a. m. Health and Heredity, Mrs. Scovell. The afternoon exercises will be in charge of the Nineteenth Century Club of Devils Lake.

THURSDAY, JULY 6. (Temperance Rally Day.) 10:30 a. m. Parliamentary Drill, Miss Preston. 11:00 a. m. Physical Education, Mrs. J. O. Smith. 2:00 p. m. Address, The Work of the Enforcement League, Rev. W. L. Van Horn, Superintendent, Fargo. 2:30 p. m. Address, The I. O. G. T. Vocal Solo, Mrs. J. O. Smith, Casselton.

3:00 p. m. Address, The W. C. T. U., Mrs. Bessie L. Scovell, Minneapolis. FRIDAY, JULY 7. 10:30 a. m. Parliamentary Drill, Miss Preston. 11:00 a. m. Press Work and Literature, Mrs. Scovell. 2:00 p. m. Sabbath Observance, Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Maza. 3:00 p. m. Hygienic Dress, Mrs. Scovell. SATURDAY, JULY 8. 10:30 a. m. Parliamentary Drill, Miss Preston. 11:00 a. m. L. T. L. and Y. Work, Mrs. Scovell. 2:00 p. m. Legislative Work, Miss Preston. 3:00 p. m. Public Meetings, Mrs. Scovell.

A treat is in store. Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, national president, and Miss Anna Gordon, national vice president, are to speak in Fargo Sunday evening, the 16th.

The May Bulletin made a mistake in stating that the F. C. Home needed stationary wash boards it should have said wash bowls.

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JUNE, 1899.

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We wish to call especial attention to the W. C. T. U. School of Methods program given in another place.

One sister suggests that if there is nothing especial to report to the Bulletin that a greeting be sent each month. A good plan.

We wish to especially recommend the New Crusade as a valuable help in our work. Not a home can afford to be without it.

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We have opened a "question box" for the benefit of any who may need assistance. Send in your questions a few days before the paper needs to go to press and we will endeavor to secure helpful answers.

One thousand subscribers to The Bulletin before state convention is not a difficult task. It means an average of less than ten for each union, and it also means our paper and state work in the hands of many more of our workers and \$150 in our treasury. Will you try?

Let every white ribbon woman feel that The Bulletin is ours; if we feel this partnership, we will surely want to use its columns, and our paper will grow in worth.

We would especially urge that it be used as a means of communication by officers and superintendents, saving the extra time and expense in sending letters to unions or individuals. We have the paper and must make the most of it.

We are glad to pass on to our readers the comment of the Ann Arbor Daily Argus, on the Wood-Allen Publishing company:

"We are glad to note that our enterprising citizens, the Wood-Allen Publishing Company, are meeting with the success they and their work deserve. We learn that the Epworth League of Canada has chosen Dr. Wood-Allen's physiology, "The Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling," as one of the text books for their course of reading for the coming year and have just placed their first large order of some thousands with the company."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

There are two passing events which we believe will make memorable the closing years of the nineteenth century. One is the peace congress now in session at the Hague. Whatever may be the design of the Czar in calling this congress the coming together of representative men of all nations to discuss this question, the turning of the thoughts of not only the rulers, but also of the common people, the world around to the possibility and beneficence of universal peace, is bound to give this war-scared old world a mighty swing out from the darkness toward the light. The W. C. T. U. of North Dakota will be represented at this congress by a petition on behalf of its members sent in with similar petitions from every state and nation. The other event is the National, Social and Political Conference to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., June 28 to July 4. We notice on the general committee names of men and women of national reputation as journalists, statesmen, ministers, philanthropists and reformers. It is evident at a glance that it is not in the interests of any one propaganda, but in the coming together of representative men and women of various political and social beliefs to consider the present condition of American politics and economics, and what should be the next step.

The following topics with various subdivisions will be discussed: Economic reforms, national monopolies, local monopolies, political reforms, non-partisan efforts, direct legislation, and reforms through party action. It is not a public conference and only those having proper credentials will be admitted. While we do not anticipate that there will be any immediate great results from this conference, we believe it is the beginning of a movement that promises much for the future.

It is earnestly hoped that every union will heed the call sent out by the national and state superintendents of physical education, Mrs. Frances Leiter and Mrs. J. O. Smith, to hold meetings in commemoration of the victory in securing the enactment of a physical education law in this state. An excellent program is sent out which makes it very easy for any union to arrange for the meeting. Such meetings held in every community will awaken public interest which will go far toward securing the enforcement of the law.

We are expecting a great reinforcement from the meetings of Chas. Crittenton, the "millionaire evangelist," who has endowed so many rescue homes, and whose gift of a thousand dollars made our Florence Crittenton Home possible. He is coming through from the coast in his private car and will hold ten days' meetings, commencing early in June, at Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City and Fargo.

Mrs. Anna N. Palmer, one of the strongest and most efficient of our national evangelists, has been secured for four or five weeks' work in the state, beginning in June. She is very successful in building up the unions spiritually as well as numerically, and her work appeals especially to the church people who ought all to be with us. She holds meetings afternoons and evenings, remaining at least two days in each place and will accomplish the best work where she is retained a week. Her terms are reasonable and are within the reach of nearly every union. Write Mrs. C. M. Allen, Grand Forks, at once for dates and terms.

June promises to be a busy month for white ribbons. Ten county conventions will be held during the month. Richland and Sargent counties in addition to those given in the convention roster.

Arrangements are completed for our School of Methods at Chautauqua Devils Lake, July 3 to 8, and there is every indication that it will be a most successful meeting. It would give a great impetus to the work if every union in the state could send a representative to this School of Methods. The program is published elsewhere in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Grand Forks union is closing up the year in a way worthy of imitation. They have appointed two captains who will choose sides and have a grand membership contest. At the close there will be held the public annual meeting in which reports of officers and superintendents for the year will be given. Refreshments will be served by the side gaining the fewest members. Mr. Fred Squires of the State University, who was formerly president of the senior L. T. L. of New York State, is assisting the acting president, Mrs. Laura DeWeese in organizing

an L. T. L. A boys' mass meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon—music furnished by the boys, and Mr. Squires spoke on Free Boys. The names of fifty boys were taken for an L. T. L. They hope soon to organize a Senior L. T. L.

Through the efforts of Miss Marie Barnes, our Florence Crittenton Home has been brightened and the family made happy by a beautiful organ. We now have twenty-nine in the family and the unions must not forget that we are entirely dependent upon their contributions for the support of this large family. The operating room is now finished and the operating table and other fittings donated by Dr. Lockhart.

During this month I have been working in Ransom, La Moure, Dickey and Sargent counties. I regret that time and space will not permit me to tell you of the work of the faithful ones, who in many places are holding the fort bravely against great discouragements. While the results accomplished by the workers in this part of the state can not measure up to those in more favored localities, yet in the earnest efforts, the pains and difficulties overcome, the workers here are not a whit behind their comrades.

Tonight I expect to be with our vice-president at large, Dr. Knox at Wahpeton, and also to attend one session of the State Sunday School convention. I will speak at Milnor tomorrow night and on Sabbath at Harlem, Cogswell and Forman. For a few days following I will be at the home of our corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. F. Vail, planning with her for the work, and the latter part of the week will attend the first of the June conventions, that of Ransom county at Lisbon.

I am sorry to record the illness of our efficient and beloved treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr. The last report which I have had is favorable and I trust before these lines meet your eyes she may be on the high road to recovery. Our hearts go out both with a sympathetic thought and prayer for our patient, brave little sister, whose labors and self-sacrifice for our work, have contributed so greatly to its success.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.
En route, May 25, 1899.

FIELD NOTES.

(SCANDINAVIAN GRAND FOLKES UNION.)

The Scandinavian W. C. T. U. of Grand Forks is progressing nicely. We have our meetings regularly and they are well attended. The honorary members of our union assist us and make our meetings interesting.

In April our state president was with us one Sunday and gave us a very interesting lecture in the Trinity church. Miss Preston has many warm friends among the Scandinavians in Grand Forks, who are very anxious to have her call again.

At one of our recent meetings \$5.00 was appropriated to subscribe for ten copies of The Union Signal to be sent to ten Scandinavian ministers in order to get them interested in our work. Among our people the minister exercises great influence, and to gain his good will means much. We expect to see many Scandinavian unions organized this year.

Our union realizes the great and good work done by the Enforcement League, and at one of the last meetings we voted to contribute our mite to the work. We voted \$8.00 for the enforcement work, which was all we could spare at present. The work should be pursued without any "let up." Reports come from various towns where "blind pigs" have not existed for a year, that they again are running full blast. We hope this will not last long. Let the League open the fight again.

An L. T. L. is organized in this city with twenty members. Many of our Scandinavian boys have joined, so about half of the League are our boys. But here is a large field, and here are hundreds more who should join.

Grand Forks, May 15, 1899.
MRS. CLARA LINDELLE.

Aneta Union have been victorious in preventing a druggist from securing a permit.

Hamilton Union increased their membership 50 per cent. last year and 50 per cent. this year thus far.

Mrs. Jennie Benedict, of Fargo, attended the Mary Allen West, or 2d district convention and delivered an address in behalf of our Florence Crittenton Home.

Many of the ladies of Portland gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Akin, the event being the birthday of the latter, and the anniversary of their wedding. Through the union they pre-

sented Mrs. Akin with a handsome patent rocker, a silver salad fork and spoon. It was a happy surprise to Mrs. Akin, president of Portland W. C. T. U., and in her response to the presentation remarks, all were made to feel that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Englevale held their annual meeting recently—made some changes in supts., pres., and cor. sec. re-elected. They agreed to send the Union Signal to the minister and hotel keeper. Also to distribute 50 leaflets on Home Medicinal Remedies.

Dawson Holt Union have an active membership of eighteen and six honoraries. At the beginning of the year they pledged themselves to raise \$13.50 for different departments of work in the state; all pledges have been paid. Have held two dime socials and have had three temperance sermons preached. Have sent \$2.00 to Willard Memorial fund; have distributed 4,935 pages of literature, also sent Union Signal to two ministers. Mother's meeting is held every month, at which a program is rendered and refreshments served. They have taken up Food Studies from Health for Health Meetings. They have just sent a box of miscellaneous things to F. C. Home valued at \$14.00.

Gando Union: The regular meetings held every two weeks are both interesting and instructive. A social was given on Feb. 17th. A good program and light refreshments. The union sent in \$2.00 to Willard Memorial fund.

On March 3d a Matron's Medal Contest was held. The six participants acquitted themselves with credit. The medal was awarded Mrs. Mateer. \$19.00 was added to the treasury.

Tower City's faithful L. T. L. Superintendent, Mrs. E. L. Bickford, who has held that office for the past nineteen years, feels that she must now throw off some of her burdens and drop the L. T. L. work. Mrs. W. W. Heffron has consented to take the work, and it has surely fallen into safe hands.

At a recent executive committee meeting of Tower City union, it was decided to prepare another six month's program, this being the second.

May 11th was observed as "Flower Mission Day" by Park River union. A very interesting program on "The Mission of Flowers" was prepared by Miss Supt., Mrs. Margaret Ward. Plans rendered to L. T. L. work were discussed and it was agreed that this important department should receive special attention. It was decided to hold a membership contest. Rev. W. L. Van Horn spoke to the people May 15th. The meetings are full of interest; the audiences are large and enthusiastic.

QUESTION BOX.

All white ribboners are invited to send questions to this department.

Q. What is the minimum amount of work that is expected of a local union?

A. 1. Prompt payment of state dues.
2. At least one public meeting, lecture, entertainment or medal contest quarterly.

3. Organize and mother an L. T. L. and a Y. If there are not enough young people to organize a Y., there should be a Y. department in the union.

4. Circulate temperance literature.
5. Furnish ministers and editors with the Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin.

6. Help the Florence Crittenton Home.

7. Work for increased membership.

Q. Has the president of a union the right to ignore or refuse to put a motion?

A. It is the duty of a presiding officer to put every motion that has been properly made and seconded, first giving time for discussion, if it is a debatable question. If a president objects to the passage of a motion, she then has the right to call some one else to the chair and to speak against the motion. This right should be used sparingly.

Q. Should a woman be elected to an office in the local union who does not read the Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin?

A. A woman who does not read the state and national organs can not be properly expected to hold an office in the W. C. T. U.



Unheeded Gifts.
They placed rare lilies in her hands—
Purplish hands that scarce had touched a flower—
And creamy rosebuds, whose perfume
Emblamed her for her floral hour.
At last she lay in perfect rest,
While voices, later slow to praise,
Rehearsed her many virtues o'er
And spoke of all her pleasant ways.
The sleeper heeded not the wreath
Of bloom that lay within her hand;
And not a word of love or loss
Her sealed lips could understand.
Strange, we so often keep the flowers
To lay in folded hands at last;
And little luxuries of life
Withhold till care of them is past.

The Flower Mission.
Is it making lives brighter: can a flower or a book
Or a scripture text given, without a kind-
ly look
Or a desire to uplift, make one's burdens
seem less?
Has the gift alone, not the giver, a power
to bless!

That wreath on the casket so tenderly laid,
May comfort the mourners, saying be not
afraid.
While the flower bestrown graves of our
friends laid away, that is fairer than day,
May speak of a land that is fairer than day.
Kind words that are spoken, the gift of a
flower,
May be all-refreshing like a bright sum-
mer shower.
Let us scatter the sunshine wherever we go,
We are doing more good perhaps than we
know.
Both a song and the singer, may have power
to bring
Some wanderer home to the Savior and
King.
It is giving, ne'er hoping while here to re-
ceive.
Bring the wanderers to Jesus, in Him to
believe.

This mission of flowers, we know it is right,
For it seeks to make childhood more joy-
ous and bright of love or loss
Thus we gather the blossoms with tenderest
care
To reap our reward "in the home over
there."
—A WHITE RIBBONER.

FLOWER MISSION.

Lisbon, N. D., May 15, 1899. Dear Co-
Laborers: As the birthday of our be-
loved leader, Jennie Cassiday, approach-
es, we look about us with new resolves
and a greater determination to carry out
her wishes. With God's silent messen-
gers we arrange something white, some-
thing bright and something sweet, and
enter the homes and hearts, too, perhaps,
of those whom we could not otherwise
reach. At the head of this column you
will notice two short poems, one by one
of our own workers, Miss Morton, and the
other from the Young People's Weekly.
They are suggestive, as is the following
article from the Southern Christian Ad-
vocate:

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

Cultivate the Spirit of Christ That
Would Make Us Thoughtful
of Others.

We could make life much easier for one
another if we would. For instance, some
people have conveyances and some
have none. It would cost nothing, but
a little trouble, to go with your carriage
and take an aged or infirm saint for a
ride some week-day, or perhaps to
church on communion Sunday, or it
may be, round to "God's acre" where a
green sprig or flower might be laid on
the grave of a precious one. Yet, how
much a breath of air during the drive
would invigorate, an hour in God's
house would refresh, or a few moments
in the cemetery would surely comfort.
And we, doing this kindness without
cost of a cent, would turn homeward
listening happily to the song some an-
gel would sing to our hearts.

This is but one way in a countless
multitude, showing how in city or coun-
try we could relieve the hard monotony
of life to which our neighbors are often
subjected. A visit, a letter, a token
sent, some bit of tempting food in
ways past mentioned, we could lift a
burden, let in a ray of sunshine, bright-
en a home and bless a heart. The cost
would be nothing, or next to nothing,
and the result would be better than
silver or gold.

Add to these helps, that cost so little,
those that demand some outlay of
money or substance, and it will be seen
that our statement is as true as truth

—we could make life easier for one an-
other, if we would.

Why don't we do it? Surely we are
not indifferent to our neighbors—we
are willing to help them. Some may
not care, but others do; and yet few
sit down to think how they can render
a helpful kindness. People do not
think. To pursue one instance—own-
ers of carriages do not realize the con-
dition of those who do not keep them.
When they need a conveyance they
have it. They don't put themselves in
place of those without the luxuries so
common to them. So it probably is with
the kind hearts of other good people.
They do not realize what their neigh-
bors lack.

We write to awaken thoughtfulness.
Do, brother, sister, sit down and think
how you can better the life of some one
near you. They are at hand. Do not
for a moment suppose that there are
none you can help. If you fail to re-
call one, talk it over with your pastor,
or with some one. And when you find
your opportunity thank God for it; ask
him to give you tact to do the right
thing in the right way and then bear
ye one another's burdens and so ful-
fill the law of Christ.

We oft look with envy on those who
give their lives or make great sacrific-
es for the good of humanity while we
may be just as richly rewarded for doing
the little necessary tasks in our own im-
mediate vicinity. Did you ever think
that it is easier to die for Christ than to
live for Him? One sacrifice and all is
over—but in living for Him we find new
difficulties each day and new sacrifices
must be made for him.

"Life that is worth the living
Is like His, the Prince of life,
Who laid aside Heaven and glory
For sorrow and toil and strife;
Who still in divine compassion
Is asking us tenderly:
Hast found the secret of living?—
'Tis in love and ministry."

Arouse, Flower Missioners, and learn
the "secret of life" by experience.
Some poet has called flowers "sweet
letters of the angel tongue," and when
we know of the messages they bring to
saddened hearts, how can we doubt it?
Whole families have been reached thro'
the ministry of one blooming plant. Ev-
ery one has something of his own to give—
not every one needs silver and gold. But
all have the "gift of a loving word, or the
gift of a winning smile."

Pray for our work, and work as you
pray. Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,
MARY M. GROVER,
State Supt. of Flower Missions.

Report of 2nd Dist. Convention.

The sixth annual W. C. T. U. conven-
tion of the Mary Allen West District No.
2, convened in the Baptist church May 10,
11 and 12, at New Rockford.

The meetings were full of interest
throughout, being replete with reports,
discussions, talks, etc.

The guest of honor, Mrs. Benedict, of
the F. C. Home work, gave a soul stir-
ring address on this work and created
much additional interest in this branch
of our work.

Mrs. Benedict also addressed the
mothers on the last morning of the con-
vention and held a heart to heart talk
with Mrs. Biggs' circle of Kings Daugh-
ters.

From all this much is expected. Oh,
the power of one consecrated woman!
One evening was devoted to a matron's
medal contest which was very interest-
ing. Mrs. Clyde Brown of Knox carrying
off the honors by her rendition of the
"Silent Seven."

Mrs. M. A. Garry, of Leeds, was re-
elected president; Mrs. Laura Raulz,
of New Rockford, was re-elected vice-pres-
ident; Mrs. Delameter, of Leeds, was
elected corresponding secretary; Mrs. A.
M. Rager, of Leeds, was elected record-
ing secretary; Mrs. Drummond, of Leeds,
was elected treasurer.

Following are resolutions.
1. Whereas, our Heavenly Father has
graciously permitted us to assemble in
our sixth annual convention, and has
prospered us throughout the year.
Therefore Resolved: That we, as
knowledge the goodness of God, and
that we continue to recognize Him as
our leader and daily helper.

2. Resolved: That we continue to
stand firm for the great principles of
prohibition and never swerve from our
duty until resubmission in North Dakota
is irrevocably sunk in the sea of obliv-
ion, and we will use every effort to de-
feat any and all attempts that tend to
retard or embarrass the enforcement of
our laws relating thereto.

3. Recognizing the fact that the

State Enforcement League has been in-
strumental in closing many places where
intoxicants were sold and in bringing the
violators of our prohibition law to jus-
tice. Resolved: That we hereby tender
the League our sincere thanks and will-
ingly co-operate with it in all ways for
further advancement along the lines of
enforcement.

Whereas, Our nation called to their
aid the volunteers of our state to do bat-
tle in the Philippine Islands, and some
have sacrificed their lives in their efforts
to uphold our country's honor. There-
fore, Resolved: That we, the members
of the Mary Allen West District, in con-
vention assembled add the names of
these brave soldiers to our memorial roll,
and in this way express to the friends
and loved ones of North Dakota's fallen
heroes, our sincere sympathy in their
great bereavement.

Resolved, that we tender to the citi-
zens of New Rockford our sincere thanks
for their kind hospitality in entertaining
this convention. Especially do we
thank the members of the W. C. T. U.
who have opened to us their hearts and
homes, to the committee who had charge
of the decorations, the musicians who
delighted us with their music, and all
others who have helped by their kind
words of encouragement and love.

4. Resolved: That we use our best
efforts to secure such legislation in
North Dakota as will promote the best
interests of purity, temperance and
righteousness in our state.

5. Resolved: That we make scien-
tific temperance instruction a special
work the coming year and push it in
each union as far as possible.

6. Whereas the Florence Crittenton
Home has become the greatest state
interest from a financial as well as a re-
forming and soul saving standpoint.
Therefore, Resolved: That we give it
our prayers, our sympathy and our fi-
nancial support.

7. Whereas, in the Providence of God
our dear sister, Mrs. Anderson was pro-
moted to her Heavenly home on the 29th
of April last, Therefore, Resolved: That
in the death of our beloved sister the
Mary Allen West District loses a sym-
pathetic member and Leeds Union one
of its most faithful workers. Our loss is
her eternal gain.

The following are the departments of
work adopted by the convention for the
districts with the superintendents of the
same.

Mercy and Help (Florence Crittenton
Home), Mrs. M. A. Garry, Leeds.

Evangelistic, Mrs. Clyde Brown, Knox.

Scientific Temperance Instruction,
Lizzie M. Biggs, New Rockford.

Union Signal and Temperance Litera-
ture, Laura Raulz, New Rockford.

Work in Sunday School, Libbie Allen,
New Rockford.

Heredity, Hygiene and Purity and
Mother's Meeting, Mrs. Delameter, Leeds.

Unfermented Wine in the Churches,
Mrs. Alice Stacks, New Rockford.

Medal Contest Work, Mrs. A. M.
Rager, New Rockford.

Jail and Prison Work.

Over the door of the prison in the city
of Rome, Clement II had inscribed this
sentence: "Tis idle to coerce the bad
with punishment, without making them
better by instruction."

As we look upon the inmates of our
jails and penitentiaries, the majority of
them may seem hardened and repulsive,
but we must penetrate beneath the ex-
terior and see the immortal soul that
Christ died to redeem.

See in that rough form and visage the
innocence that once crowned his now
sick-scarred brow. Perhaps improper in-
fluence and evil associations have
brought him to his present condition.

Our jails and courts of justice are sad
picture galleries, and some of the saddest
scenes hung in memory there are drawn
from the records of young criminals still
followed by the agony of a mother's love.
Many mothers are today sorrowing and
broken hearted, over some of these same
criminals that we often think have
passed the rubicon, over which there is
no return.

"No man cared for my soul"
cannot go up from these sighing prisoners
to the ears of the Master and have Him
say to His followers, "I was in prison
and ye came unto me," but "sick and in
prison and ye visited me not."

I hope every union that is located at a
county seat where there is a jail, will ap-
point a wisely selected superintendent
for this work; under her supervision,
with the help of the union and perhaps
other Christian workers, gospel services
could occasionally be held in the jail.
Let singing, scripture reading, prayer,
short addresses, or select readings form

such a part, as good judgment may
sanction.

Good literature should be provided
and personal visits made. Lastly we
can pray for them and the homes bro-
ken and made desolate by their ruined
condition, and if by God's grace we
and ours are kept from falling in like
manner, let us thank Him and say:

"Lord speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone.
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.
O strengthen me that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea."

MARY M. CAREY,
State Superintendent.

School Savings Banks.

Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer, the national
superintendent of S. S. B. K's, is an
author of whom her co-workers may
well be proud. She has published
three works of fiction and several vol-
umes of poetry. The general style of
the former brings to mind the old
books our puritan mothers used to
place in our hands for reading, of
Grace Aguillar's "Home Influence" and
its sequel, "Mother's Repentance."
Mrs. Oberholtzer is a quakeress, and
the object of her writing is to perpet-
uate the characteristics of that people
especially in the sweetness of their
family life. Thrift, economy and an
open-handed benevolence is a part of
their religion. In the anti-slavery days
no class of people did so much for the
individual slave, and Lucretia Mott
was typical of the "beauty of holiness"
in which they lived. From such
teaching and surroundings, it would
seem as though there could be but
one department in which they would
naturally drift for work, for it strikes
at the foundation not of reform, but
in upbuilding the race. Planting in
the plastic brain of the child before
he has learned the extravagant habits
of a financially reckless society ideas
and principles of home building, a
wise provision for the family life, and
a charity for those less fortunate than
themselves. School savings banks can
produce nothing but good results in
communities where the work is taken
up in this new commonwealth where
the whole body politic is in a forma-
tive state. This work is often taken
up where there are no unions, and as Mrs.
Oberholtzer says in her annual report,
"the door of every schoolhouse is open
to us and the methods of practical
thrift-teaching will gladden and inter-
est every section and district to which
it is taken." Before 1890, the year in
which Mrs. Oberholtzer took up the
work, there were thirty-seven schools
who had adopted the system, since
that date 321, with 41,865 scholars and
these pupils have deposited \$330,319.58.

North Dakota forges steadily ahead in
the amount of its deposits, but it seems
that we rob ourselves when we neglect
to further the principles which this
system inculcates until it reaches every
school or hamlet on these prairies.

H. C. RUTH,
State Superintendent.

Roster of County Conventions.
Ransom, June 2-3, at Lisbon.
Barnes, June 7-8, at Wimbledon.
Traill, June 13-14, at Portland.
First District, June 14, 15, 16, Church's
Ferry.

Richland, June 16, 17, 18, Moselle.
Walsh, June 20-21, Grafton.
Cass, June 22-23, Grandin.
Pembina, June 28-29, Drayton.
Grand Forks, June 29-30, July 1, at
Niagara.

School of Methods, July 3-8, Chautau-
qua, Devils Lake.
The following conventions will be held
in July:
Third District, Kidder, La Moure,
Dickey and Sargent counties.

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Physical Education.

DEAR WHITE RIBBONS:
It is with much pleasure that I am able to report to you that the following law relating to Physical Education in the public schools was enacted at the last session of the legislature. It is as follows:
Section 1. That Physical Education, which shall aim to develop and discipline the body and promote health through systematic exercise, shall be included in the branches of study now required by law to be taught in the common schools, and shall be introduced and taught as a regular branch, to all pupils in all departments of the public schools of the state, and in all educational institutions, supported wholly or in part by money from the state.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all boards of education and boards of educational institutions receiving money from the state, to make provision for daily instruction in all the schools and institutions under their respective jurisdiction and to adopt such method or methods as will adapt progressive physical exercise to the development, health and discipline of the pupils in the various grades and classes of schools and institutions receiving aid from the state.

I feel that I must have the help of every white ribbon woman in the state to create a sentiment in favor of this new law. It means hard work for a time as new ideas are often so slow to be taken up. It should be looked upon as an indispensable element in every school curriculum.

There should be directors at all summer schools and institutes to instruct the teachers in this branch and to keep this matter before the public that it may not be overlooked. If you have an opportunity, speak to your county supt. and all teachers in favor of this work. We want a practical system introduced in the school, one from which the public may derive the most benefit.

I am, sincerely your Supt. of Physical Education,
Mrs. J. O. SMITH.

E. S. A.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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Treas., Mrs. J. S. Kemp, Galesburg.
Chairman State Bazaar Committee, Mrs. Ida S. Clarke, Fairmount.

Dear Sisters of the E. S. A.: Last winter I sent out seventy-five white muslin blocks one foot square, requesting each one who received one to secure as many names at 5 cents each as possible, to outline them in yellow silk on black, and return to me. I will set it together, also quit it for our State Bazaar to be held in Hillsboro in September.

It is quite necessary that I get these blocks as soon as possible. The only one that has been returned is from Mrs. Wylie of Drayton. This one has 26 names. Let us, dear sisters, make our bazaar a grand success.

Each state member is asked to contribute one or more articles, anything that will sell. Cash contributions are very acceptable. Will each club who has a bazaar chairman report to me at once, as I wish to correspond with them? I ask your co-operation in this bazaar work. Send blocks, contributions, etc., to me. Please mark all articles sent so I shall know what they are worth.
IDA SPARKS CLARK, Bazaar Chairman State Bazaar.

CO-WORKERS AND CONSTITUTION.

Dear Co-Workers: It is with a sense of pleasure we greet you through the columns of "The SUFFRAGER." It has been decided by the executive committee that the association will hereafter take space in these columns as our official organ. We must have a medium of communication; we should have interchange of thoughts; we need suggestions; we want help; co-operation should be our watchword and an association of life and activity the result.

It is less than four months before our annual convention at Hillsboro. Will we have our 300 members? Cannot every present member get one new one and send name with dues to our state treasurer at once? Remember "procrastination is the thief of all time."

Out of the county W. C. T. U. presidents written to for names of their county franchise superintendents, only two have replied—those from Grand Forks and Pembina counties. Can we not hear from the rest?

Arrangements for the annual bazaar, to be held in connection with the convention, are being vigorously pushed by the chairman, Mrs. Ida S. Clarke of Fairmount. Cannot every member in the state send something? Those who have blocks for the Suffrage Quilt are requested to complete them and send to her as soon as possible.

The exact date of the convention and railroad rates will be published later. In the meantime let us each make an earnest effort in behalf of this great work for our common sisters, for our families, for our homes and our country. God will look after the results. "Efforts, not results, are our responsibilities."
BENA HALCROW, FLOBA NAYLOR, Pres. Ass't Sec.

OUR CONSTITUTION.

According to our constitution, notices of any changes of said constitution must be published at least three months before the annual convention. At the last convention the following committee were appointed to revise the constitution and same herewith submits what seems the only desirable changes to be made:
CONSTITUTION AS IT IS. (PARTS THAT NEED CHANGE).

Art. VI. Sec. 3. An annual meeting of the association shall be held in the months of October or November.

Sec. 7. The fiscal year of the association shall end October 1st, at which time all dues must be paid.

CHANGES SUGGESTED.

Sec. 1 be abolished and replaced by Sec. 6, which reads: "The annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as the executive committee shall decide."

Sec. 7 be made Sec. 6 and made to read: "The fiscal year of the association shall end Aug. 15th, at which time all dues must be paid."

Any objections or suggestions will, please, be communicated to the chairman at once.
MARY A. WHEDON, Chairman.
FLOBA B. NAYLOR, MARY CAREY.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The thirty-first annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage association, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., the first of the month, was another celebration of the progress of woman marked by this century.

At the beginning of the century woman could vote nowhere. In 1838 staid old Kentucky gave school suffrage and in 1899 four states, New Zealand and South Australia have full suffrage, and nearly all the states partial suffrage. Miss Anthony has dodged no work, however unpleasant it might be personally, to further the work.

The sessions were held in St. Cecilia hall, the only club house owned by a distinctively musical club in the country. Twenty-two states were represented and eighty-seven delegates. The different pulpits were filled with women speakers on Sunday, Miss Anthony speaking in the Baptist church on "The Moral Influence of Woman." The programs were presented by the board of trade, who also gave the delegates a carriage ride around the city.

Miss Anthony's practice as well as theory of principles, was brought to mind when she was asked to speak as a "criminal." Having been arrested one time in Rochester for voting, she desired that the law should be enforced to its full extent and that she be put in jail upon her refusal to furnish bail, but her desire was not granted, so she proceeded with her work, thus forming the very peculiar combination of criminal and reformer in one and the same person. She immediately turned her forces onto her home county, lecturing every night, and when the time for trial came no jury could be found, so the case was transferred to an adjoining town

which she likewise canvassed. The trial came off, but the jury would render no verdict, whereupon the judge took upon himself the responsibility of pronouncing her guilty and imposing a fine of \$100. She went on to say that she had spent her time and money to the extent of a ten thousand dollar debt, publishing a paper to encourage women to do just what she was pronounced guilty of doing. Said she would pay it because it was a just debt, but she would never pay one cent of the unjust debt he had imposed upon her. She kept her word, and hence a criminal in the eyes of the law is one of the greatest reformers the world has known.
M. A. W.

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Interest in our work is growing. We have enough temperance sentiment to drive all the illegal traffic out of the state if it could be aroused and utilized.

The temperance people of Grafton won a splendid victory at the last election and it will be a dry town for the next twelve months.

Do you want public meetings to aid in arousing and helping to create temperance sentiment in your town? Write to the state superintendent.

The W. C. T. U. members of Steele assisted by their friends, succeeded in keeping the druggist of that city from securing a permit. A splendid victory.

The M. E. conference at Bismarck put itself on record against the liquor traffic and spoke most emphatically in favor of prohibition and the enforcement of the law.

Bishop Andrews is a staunch temperance advocate and his compliments paid to North Dakota and our prohibition were eloquent and brought forth hearty applause.

Rev. J. A. Strachan and his people of Park River, are always on the side of temperance and law enforcement.

Appeals for help come from several quarters in the state where the law is being violated. Hearty co-operation is what we need now.

The motto of the anti-saloon league is "The Saloon Must Go." We must see to it that it does not come into our state when it goes from the others.

A friend who is on the five year list said, "Yes, keep my name there as long as the light is on. I will pay every year and more if needed."

Friends wanting to aid in the enforcement of the law can help by sending their contributions to Rev. J. A. Macnamara, Grafton, or to the state superintendent at Fargo.

A temperance day has been arranged for at the Devils Lake Chautauqua. A good time is assured. July 6 is the date. The temperance people at Lakota are making a strong fight against the druggist permits that have been granted.

Nearly a dozen persons in "durance vile" for violating the prohibition law. A few days and several of them will have their trial. Ninety days and \$300. Wait and see if that is not right.

Signing an application for liquor at a drug store is not a sufficient affidavit. It must be sworn to. Many persons omit the latter part.

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