



### Report of School of Methods.

BY CORA W. LARIMORE.

My Dear White Ribboners: So many times as I've enjoyed the sessions of the School of Methods, have I thought of the faithful hearts at home who were denied the privilege of being here, and I wish I might report in detail all the delightful proceedings, but space will not permit, and I must condense that thus you may have the choicest bits. Never, I'm sure, were parliamentary drills made so attractive and entertaining, as well as instructive, as those conducted by our good "Queen Bess," our much loved and honored president, Miss Preston. That we might put to practical use what we learned, we had illustrations of various points in parliamentary usage, the motions, their amendments, etc., often being so absurd as to provoke much merriment and debate. I doubt not we all return to our unions resolved to use more strictly business methods, and are strengthened in our knowledge of necessary rules.

Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell, pres. of Minnesota W. C. T. U., well known to many N. D. White Ribboners and dearly loved by all, gave us most helpful talks on department work, full of suggestions and wise, timely hints. The first was on "Narcotics." As I had not arrived then, am unable to report on it, but from others learned it contained many fine points, among them being Horace Greeley's definition of a cigar "a roll of tobacco with fire at one end and a fool at the other." She also used statistics showing that at Harvard during the past 20 years, not one man using tobacco had graduated at the head of his class, which is sufficient justification for the 42 states in the union which have laws against selling tobacco to minors. Her talk on "Health, Heredity and Hygiene" was particularly fine, and this delicate, difficult subject she handled most ably, and in a way that pleased all. Her words sank deeply in the hearts of her hearers, and will doubtless be productive of great good. She emphasized the importance of women being appointed on boards of health; in many places women look after public health in so far as to see the water used is pure; their training as home keepers fits them for the position. Years ago it was fashionable for women to be sickly, but to-day they must be healthy and strong, else they can't be make of their lives what God intended they should. Mothers should early train children in habits of cleanliness; see to it that the clothing is changed frequently, especially that worn next to the body. The Ten Commandments were given by God as laws of health, physical as well as moral and mental. Children have a right to be well born; puny children are the result of alcohol feeding. Inherited taints or traits may often be overcome by training children along the right lines. Statistics given showing a race of animals is often produced from one neglected, homeless child, emphasizing the importance of our caring for the poor and untrained. A man who intends taking obligations of fatherhood should strive to give his child a sacred inheritance. Our duty to live holy, pure, healthful lives was dwelt upon, but as the audience was largely composed of men, she couldn't enter into hygienic dress as she wished, and we women were invited to her tent later to view hygienic garments, and she gave us a most helpful, earnest talk, and some physical culture exercises. Several ladies present gave personal testimony as to injurious effect of the corset and greatly improved health since discarding it. Much good will surely result from this heart to heart talk, when wo-

men discussed informally subjects of such vital importance.

Thursday was Woman's Day, and very full it was of good things. The regular parliamentary drill came in the morning, while in the afternoon we enjoyed several addresses. Mr. J. O. Sivertson spoke, representing the Scandinavian Total Abstinence, the youngest temperance society in the state. Among other good points, he urged us to live consistently, proving we are on the right side of the question and better off morally and financially because of our total abstinence principles, reminding us that example is better than precept, and actions speak louder than words: cited that Socrates, when asked by his followers what he would do to rebut calumnies against him, said, "live so no one will believe them." Rev. Van Horn, representing enforcement league, being absent, Miss Preston, ever ready, spoke of the fine, effective work of the league, and the earnest, self-sacrificing efforts of some of the officers—and as "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," urged us to support the league more heartily in future. Mrs. Flora Naylor, president of Equal Suffrage association, addressed us briefly, urging all women to join, becoming members by simply sending name and 25 cts. to treasurer. Woman's ballot will do much to put out the wrong and put in the right. Miss Willard said, "what this old world most needs is mothering." Miss Preston supplemented her remarks by asking women to study laws concerning women: they do not really know yet whether they have all the "rights" they want or not. In Massachusetts it took three years to change the law so a woman could own the clothes she wore; cited an instance where a woman asked at a store for some cloth for Mr. Smith's Mother Hubbard. Upon clerk expressing surprise, she said, "yes, Mr. Smith owns it, but I wear it."

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### FIELD NOTES.

Wahpeton: On Thursday, July 6th, Mrs. W. L. Crafts, Sec. of our W. C. T. U., gave a very pleasant reception to Mrs. Church, of Willard Hall fame, and Mrs. Hill, of Northfield, Minn. A large number of the union were present and kept Mrs. Church very busy with reminiscences of her two years service in the noon-day work, which were very interesting. Dainty refreshments were served by two and one and all departed, thankful for one pleasant glimpse from our national headquarters.

S. H. WOODHULL.

Fairview:—This soul inspiring convention has come and gone. We feel our president's kind and encouraging words have left their mark and we will renew our work with greater strength, and an added interest that can only be obtained by communion with such good and noble women as Elizabeth Preston, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. McIlvain. We have met at our appointed places and continued our work. At one meeting we agreed to frame four of Miss Willard's pictures for our schools. We have added five of Mr. Lex work of Franchise to our circulating library. Have secured two subscriptions to the New Crusade, a monthly pamphlet on social purity. A meeting held at Mrs. J. Davies' was especially interesting and instructive. A leaflet on Social Purity was read and free discussion followed. Two visitors were present, one from South Dakota. We listened for a half hour to Mrs. Palmer, from Des Moines; her talk strengthened us as no other ever did. Mrs. N. W. PORTER

### Charlotte Perkins Stetson's "Women in Economics."

This article is intended neither to criticize nor approve Miss Stetson's book, but simply to give an outline of her theories in order, perhaps, to be an impetus to the more general reading of the work. Her clear reasoning powers cannot help but broaden one's views, and whether one agrees with the theories or not, he must admit there is logic and a wide intelligence behind them.

Miss Stetson, in her preface, offers the book as a simple and natural explanation of the most common and perplexing problems of human life to reach the thinking women of to-day and to give rise to further study and discussion as shall prove the error or establish the truth of her theories. In the opening chapter the economic position of woman is taken up. We are the only animal species in which the female depends on the male for support. Economic independence among human beings is defined to mean that the individual pays for what he gets, gives to the other an equivalent for what the other gives him. As long as what one gets is obtained by what one gives, he is economically independent. Some women get more than they give, others less, but as long as their support does not depend on what they give, they cannot be economically independent. Woman's living bears no relation to her power to produce wealth, to her services in the house or to her motherhood, but only to the man she marries, to how much he has and to how much he is willing to give her. One result of this dependence has been that sex distinction is carried to an excessive degree—a degree disadvantageous to our progress as individuals and as a race. It has given rise to a degree of indulgence that directly injures motherhood and fatherhood. By sex distinction the author means the distinction between the masculine and feminine and is in no sense a reproach to one's moral character. The oversexed condition of woman and her economic dependence on the male have united to bring about certain results. When man began to feed and defend woman, she ceased to feed and defend herself. Save for the increasing army of women wage earners, who are changing the face of the world by their steady advance toward economic independence, the personal profit of woman bears but too close a relation to their power to win and hold the other sex. To the young man confronting life the world lies wide. If he chooses wrong at first, he may choose again and yet again the work he is to follow. To the young girl marriage is the one road to fortune, to life. She is carefully educated and trained to realize in all ways her sex limitations and her sex advantages. This is changing for the better to be sure, but changing only through the advance of economic independence for women. The author says with the economic position of woman changed from dependence to independence, there is coming a rearrangement of home and home industries. The family as an entity does not hold as it did, the tie between relatives is lessening its hold, our girls are clamoring for their work, their money, regardless of male guardians. The new woman will be less female than the old, though she can do more things, is more highly specialized and has more intelligence. The main justification for the economic dependence of women, which is usually advanced, is the alleged advantage to motherhood on account of her specialization to the uses of maternity. The author argues motherhood is but a

process, and open to study to be measured by its results. Does the human mother succeed better than the other mammalia? She loses according to statistics half her young. She is too female for perfect motherhood. The more freely the human mother mingles in the natural industries of human creatures, as in the case of the working woman who is not overworked, the more rightly she fulfills these functions. There is nothing in the achievements of human motherhood to prove that it is for the advantage of the race to have women give all their time to it. Self-consciousness develops where babies are the center of constant attention. Some women there are whose highest service to humanity is to rear children, others there are who will always be inefficient. Let the mother be supplemented in the care of her baby as she is later by teachers in the schools. A mother's love is too often selfish in its entire devotion to the child.

Further the author says, we held that our home life, just as we have it, is the best thing on earth, and yet clubs and hotels are gradually working an innovation here. The art and science of cooking requires as thorough a knowledge as any other profession and should be provided for by experts. The wife-cook's main ambition is to please, and it is one of the widest pathways of evil that has ever been opened. Woman should stand beside man as the companion of his soul and not of his body. Co-operation is not necessary. We patronize the same tailors, the same bakers. Why not the same cooks? As we have detached laundries, we will soon have detached kitchens. Meals could be served in the home, or in the general dining-house. Under this arrangement women could choose her position and train for it, as a good cook, a manager, a purchaser or a cleaner. This division of housekeeping will require fewer women few hours a day and the home will be a place of rest, not of uneasy activity. There will be better sanitary condition for less money and more beauty for less work. In homes like these the mother will grow with her husband and children, and no longer will we see a mother's heart long to go with the child, help it all the way, and yet year by year see it pass farther from her, learn things she never was allowed to know.

"To bear, to nurse, to rear, to love, and then to lose!"

From this freedom in one's home would come more freedom of social intercourse, more freedom in friendships.

The author believes that not woman but the condition of woman has always been a doorway of evil. Men have been trained to large qualities of social intercourse, while women have been tied to the starting post. The largest and most radical effect of restoring economic independence to women will be its result in clarifying and harmonizing humanity, virtue will grow easily and naturally, and progress will flow on smoothly and rapidly.

MRS. H. L. BOLLEY.

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Yours for service,

DELLA R. MANDIGO,  
State Supt.

Mrs. Mattie Van de Bogart.

MANAGING EDITOR.

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A victory has been scored in protecting our prohibition law. Hereafter no packages of liquor can be shipped C. O. D. to addresses known to be fictitious. The law is all right and why should it not be fully enforced? Eternal vigilance is required.

Aug. 3d, Fresh Air Mission Day. If we can do nothing more we can pray for the poor crowded tenement districts of our large cities. A canvass made in New York City tenement districts showed the death rate in houses standing singly on the lot was 29.03 per 1,000 of the living, where there were rear houses it rose to 61.97. The infant death rate rose from 109.58 in the single tenements to 294.54 where there were rear houses.

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Let us work as we never have before to save our young people.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

### Convention Letter—To Be Read in Every Local Union.

DEAR COMRADES: We are rounding out the first decade in our history. The annual convention celebrating the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota will be held at Grand Forks Sept. 23-25.

Grand Forks is one of the most beautiful cities in the northwest, and is famed for its hospitality. It is the home of many prominent temperance workers, among them Mrs. C. M. Allen, state recording secretary, Mrs. G. H. Smith, Scandinavian organizer, Mrs. Laura B. De Weese, superintendent of state and county fairs, Mr. R. B. Griffith, president, and Mr. A. Lindelle, secretary of the State Enforcement League. The invitations to hold our convention at Grand Forks came not only from the W. C. T. U.'s, but also from all the young people's societies of the city.

Grand Forks stands ready to give the White Ribboners of the state a royal welcome, and every union should be represented at this convention.

Each union is entitled to the following representation: The president or her alternate, one delegate at large and one for every tenth paid member. Elect your delegates and send their names before Aug. 20 to Mrs. J. M. O'Neal, chairman of entertainment committee, Grand Forks. The credential cards, which will be sent you, should be brought by the delegates to the convention.

The railroads will give the usual reduction of a fare and a fifth. Pay full fare going, and do not fail to secure certificate from the agent of whom ticket is purchased. If delegates travel on more than one road, certificates must be secured from each agent. These certificates, when signed by our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Vail, will entitle the holder to return for one-fifth fare.

All regular delegates will be entertained. The convention this year will follow the regulation made at the Fargo convention, and procure lunch downtown, in order that our hostesses may be enabled to attend and receive the benefit of the convention. A list of places where good lunches may be secured at reasonable rates will be published in September number of White Ribbon Bulletin. A list of hotels and boarding houses giving reduced rates to visiting White Ribboners will also appear in that number.

Mrs. Susan Fessenden, of Boston, one of the strongest and most eloquent women in our ranks, will preach the annual sermon Sunday morning and deliver the address Sunday evening.

L. T. L. and Y. evening will be under direction of Mrs. H. K. Pierson and Mrs. G. W. Ryan, Y. and L. T. L. secretaries. It is expected that Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovel, who for two years has been one of the most popular speakers at Chautauqua, will give the address for the Y's. A Medal Contest will be one of the interesting features of the convention.

On the last evening there will be a grand demonstration of all the departments of work. Each superintendent will be on her mettle to make the demonstration of her department among the best, the aim of the evening's entertainment being to give to the public a delightful object lesson as to the W. C. T. U. and its work. In the march of the entire delegation we wish to have displayed the banners of every district, county and local union in the state. Send banners before convention to Mrs. Alma Wright, Grand Forks, that they may be used in decorating the church.

Every district or county making a gain of one hundred new members will be entitled to special honors on Demonstration Evening, being represented by a speech from the president of such district or county.

Unions making a gain of fifty per cent and counties making a gain of twenty-five per cent will on the Honor Roll, which will occupy a prominent position in the decorations of the church.

The W. C. T. U. prize winner for the largest per cent of increase in membership was won last year by Cando; a number of unions have announced their determination to carry it home this year. The beautiful Y banner held by Pembina will go to the Y making the largest per cent of increase in membership. Larimore Y's are ready to give up the elegant honorary banner to any union who can make a larger increase in honorary membership than they. Every L. T. L. should make

an effort to capture the beautiful L. T. L. banner this year. L. T. L.'s paying dues amounting to \$5 into the state treasury are entitled to a representation in the state convention, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent.

The convention music, under direction of Mrs. J. O. Smith, will be of a high order. The musical talent of Grand Forks is second to that of no city in the state, and in addition it is expected that the following well known solo singers will be present: Mrs. Aneta Reed, Mrs. H. F. Chaffee, Miss Ferda Lockwood, D. Carlos McAllister and James Wardwell. Mrs. Kemp, the harpist, will also be present.

An address on Household Economics will be given by Miss Marie E. Senn of the Agricultural College.

It is expected that Mrs. Simmons, vice president of S. Dak. W. C. T. U., and president of the E. S. A. of the state, will give an address on "The Next Step."

Mrs. Dora J. Stanton, of Grand Forks, whose Bible Readings were pronounced one of the most helpful features of the Epworth League convention at Lisbon, will give two during the convention.

The memorial services will be conducted by Mrs. Cora Bartlett, of Casselton. Send to her at once names of comrades promoted during the year.

The Question Box will be in charge of Dr. Janette Hill Knox.

A prize drill on the last state minutes will be conducted by Mrs. Gerrie V. Titus. Copies of the minutes may be secured of Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood, for fifteen cents.

I fear we shall not be able to come up to the convention with a net gain of five hundred members unless there is a special effort made by every local union. While we have made good gains, we have also lost many members by removal and death. If every union will have a membership contest or secure even a few new members in addition to those already gained, and send dues for them to our state treasurer before Sept. 8th, it will enable us to reach the five hundred mark. Remember Mrs. Carr's books close Sept. 8th, and all dues and pledges should be sent before that time.

Please fill out annual report blank and return to Mrs. Emma F. Vail, Towanda, promptly.

The executive committee will meet Sept. 21st, at 9 a. m., in the M. E. church.

It is earnestly hoped that every union will observe Friday, Sept. 15th, as a day of prayer for great spiritual blessings and for divine guidance in the deliberations of the convention.

Let us together work and pray to make this last convention of the nineteenth century the most memorable in our history. Yours in that hope,

ELIZABETH PRESTON.  
Steele, N. D., July 26, 1899.

## CO. CONVENTION REPORTS.

Pembina:—The twelfth annual convention of the Pembina county W. C. T. U. was marked by increased progress and membership reported from all the unions. Thirty delegates were in attendance. Papers were read, followed by discussion on the subjects: "Legislation Secured in the Interests of our work and what Additional 'Need' Should we have a Curfew Ordinance in our Towns and Villages? Who is Responsible for the Success of the Local Union?" "How may Prejudices against our work be Removed?" "The relation of our work to the Inbringing of the Kingdom of Christ." The latter paper by Mrs. May Wells Lovv was exceptionally fine and it was voted to have it published in the Bulletin. Ten W's and six Y's were represented on the program and an interesting feature was reports from Legions. Miss Ella Wallace reported for the Drayton Legion, Miss Nellie Mumey read a report for the Hamilton Legion, and other Legions were reported verbally. We were fortunate in having with us Miss Preston and Mrs. Pierson. Miss Preston was compelled to leave before the close, but Mrs. Pierson was present throughout and added greatly to the interest of the Y's. The first evening Miss Preston lectured on "Christian Citizenship, and the next evening was devoted to the Y's and L. T. L.'s, a report of which is given elsewhere. After eleven years of faithful work, our county president declined re-election. Her untiring zeal for the work were passed with enthusiasm, and Mrs. G. W. Ryan, on behalf of the convention, presented Mrs. Wylie with a silver tray as a small token of our esteem of her worth and work. The following officers were elected. Pres., Mrs. G. W. Ryan; Vice Pres., Mrs. E. A. Taylor; Cor. Sec., Miss J. C. Morrison;

Rec. Sec., Bena Halcrow; Treas., Mrs. M. E. Musselman. For the benefit of state superintendents we have below a list of sup's appointed: Pres. Work, Mrs. J. K. Switzer, Pembina; Sabbath Observer, Mrs. W. C. Green, Hamilton; L. T. L., Miss Jessie Halcrow, Bowsmont; Franchise, Mrs. P. H. McMillan, Hamilton; Union Signal and Literature, Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont; Anti-Narcotics, Miss Grace Parker, Pembina; Y. Work, Miss Lizzie Campbell, Drayton; Flower Mission, Miss Hazel Kneeshaw, Pembina; Medial Contests, Mrs. Dr. Harris, Pembina; Purity, Mrs. J. H. Watts, St. Thomas; Evangelistic, Mrs. G. B. Wylie, Drayton.

Richland:—The fifth annual convention just closed at Moelle, was not exceeded in point of finance, interest and zeal by any former one. The church was fittingly decorated for the occasion with the national, the W. C. T. U. and the suffrage colors. Miss Willard's picture hung above the center of the platform. Fifteen delegates representing four unions were present. At both of the evening meetings the house was packed by an interested audience. Statistics for the year just ended, gave 109 total abstinence and 60 anti-narcotic pledges taken. 9668 pages of literature distributed, principally on "anti-narcotics," "non-alcoholic medication," "purity," "systematic giving" and "Christian Citizenship." Six of the superintendents of departments reported in person, the remaining five sent their reports. The collections and pledges amounted to fifty dollars. The Y's of Wahpeton are doing good work among "fallen girls." The L. T. L.'s of Moelle are a staunch little band, singing as they go: "Onward we march, onward to fight; With the pledge of honor, ever in our sight." The session closed with a medal contest. There were three girls and two boys in the race. Everyone did well and everyone deserved a medal. According to the decision of the judges which resulted in a "tie," the winners were Miss Amy Clarke, of Fairmount, and Master Neal Springer, of Moelle, each of whom was awarded a medal. M. M. STRASSINS, Co. Cor. Sec'y.

Cass:—Cass County Convention met at Grandin, June 22-23. Not as large an attendance as usual, owing to the seemingly long distance from the majority of workers, but there was a spirit of enthusiasm and free discussion among the delegates. We were very nicely entertained by the ladies of Grandin and all in attendance felt well paid. Reports from local unions showed that all had been at work. Lack of space forbids us from giving many points from each one. Fargo Scandinavian union was organized last fall with 20 members and has since doubled its membership. They have many earnest, consecrated workers. A new union has also been organized at Erie. Miss Preston was present through the entire session and is always welcomed by every Cass county worker. Excellent music was furnished, under the management of Mrs. W. R. Reed, of Amenia. Solos were rendered by Mrs. J. O. Smith, Mrs. Deering and Mrs. Reed. Grandin choir also furnished some fine selections. A matron's gold medal contest was held the first evening. Mrs. Porter, of Rose Valley, carrying off the medal. The superintendent's reports were more complete than usual. County treasurer's report showed \$173.86 raised last year. Miss Edgewood, of Fargo, gave an interesting talk on "F. C. Home work. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. Meacham, Mrs. Mandigo and Mrs. Horne. All of the old officers were re-elected. Miss Preston addressed the audience Friday evening.

Walsh: The 11th annual convention of the Walsh county W. C. T. U. was held in the city of Grafton on June 20th and 21st, in the Presbyterian church. Our beautiful and beloved county president, Mrs. Gerrie V. Titus, in the chair. Our state president, Miss Elizabeth Preston, and state treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, were also present. Thirty-two delegates responded to the roll call. The church was beautifully decorated with flags, pot plants and flowers. As usual, the portrait of our beloved Francis Willard, occupying a prominent position on the platform. The choral society of Grafton gave us some choice selections of music. Several beautiful violin solos were rendered by Miss Macnamara. The reports show that there are six unions in the county, having 223 members and 43 honoraries, also 56 members of the L. T. L. Amount of money raised in the county during the year, about \$800. The department of Mercy and Help has also expended \$800 in caring for the poor and needy. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres.,

Mrs. Gartie V. Titus, Minto; Vice Pres., Mrs. Mary Moore, Forest River; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Minnie Holliday, Minto; Treas., Mrs. Dora J. Carpenter, Ardoch; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Taintor, Park. The departments of Christian Citizenship and Medal Contests were added to the other departments of work already taken up. The next annual convention will be held at Park River.

MRS. DORA J. CARPENTER, Press Supt.



### Mrs. Pierson's Letter.

Beloved Comrades: The vacation days are upon us, with scattered friends, lagging interest, postponed meetings and often no work of any kind being done. But it is also time when some of your officers must gather up the details of the past year's work, whether systematic or fragmentary—it must all be brought together to show a total—by no means small if faithfully performed. I am sending to every union the annual report blanks, which I trust will all come back to me with the best report you can give. I especially urge a hearty response this time since it is my last request for reports. I have felt for some time I must not continue in the work, as my other duties conflicted to such an extent with these—and now it is imperative that the burden of this work pass to another with more strength if not more time. I greatly desire to close this year's work in a manner wholly creditable, that my successor may know exactly where to begin, and lose no time in the work of the past, but following our watchword—"higher" lead on and up to higher, more advanced work.

It was a great privilege to me to meet so many of my Y comrades who were at Lisbon as delegates to the Epworth league convention in June. As nearly as I could ascertain, there were about 30 delegates who were members of Y unions. As a result of this meeting I was invited to attend the W. C. T. U. convention of Pembina county June 28 and 29. As school duties were over I accepted most gladly. It was my first visit in the northern part of the state and it was very interesting to catch a glimpse of the various points to which so many letters have been addressed. At Drayton, where the convention was held, it was my privilege to be a guest in the home of Mrs. L. M. Wylie, so well known to the workers as pres. of Pembina Co. The convention was full of good things, of which you will hear in other reports. I desire to speak of the young woman work in connection therewith. Reports were given from four of the seven Y unions of the county, though one of these was a report of the death of the Nowesta Y. Drayton has a fine union, doing excellent work. They reported 35 regular and 15 honorary members, \$50 raised during the year. They have contributed \$10 to state Y work, beside assisting Florence Crittenton Home and Temperance Hospital. Much work was done through the Flower Mission department, and by aiding the poor of the town in the way of clothing. They have a most enthusiastic leader in their pres., Miss Campbell, who is ably supported by the other officers, and it is not strange we hear of so many good things done by this most model Y.

Pembina reported 39 regular, 51 honorary members, \$50 raised during the year. They have supported one poor family. St. Thomas has held 14 regular meetings and has a large membership, the exact number I did not get, but hope to have the reports given some fully later. On Y evening the program was divided between Y's and L. T. L.'s. It was one of the most unique and attractive I have ever witnessed, a report of which you will find in another part of our space, so I will not describe it again. At the close of this delightful program a Co. Y was organized. Miss Emerson, of St. Thomas, was elected sec. of the Co., with Miss Parker, of Pembina, as assistant. These two, with Miss Campbell, of Drayton, who was appointed by the W's as Co. Supt. of Y work, will make a very strong executive committee, and we may expect great things from this Co. organization. I believe the workers have a better understanding of their relation to state, Co. and national Y work than they had before, which will manifest itself along all the various lines of Y work. Yours in Y bonds,

HATTIE K. PIERSON.

### Y Evening.

The most interesting session of the Pembina county convention, recently held in Drayton, was "Y evening." The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. On the platform were Miss Elsie Emerson, former supt. of Y work, and our state secretary, Mrs. H. K. Pierson. After devotional exercises Miss Campbell, of Drayton, gave an inspiring address of welcome, which was responded to by Miss Lena Van Camp, of St. Thomas. The choir, under the magnetic leadership of Mrs. McKee, rendered a rousing selection. Eight little Legioners then recited, spelling out the letters G-r-e-e-t-i-n-g. The response was very happily given by Miss Lucile Switzer, of Pembina Legion. Another very pleasing selection by the choir was followed by a picturesque hoop drill by 16 pretty little star-spangled, white-robed maids, Miss Bertha Ferguson, a '99 graduate of the State University, gave in very pleasing style an excellent paper on "The New Woman." Mr. McKee and daughter sang a duet and 12 Y girls in costume represented the congress of nations, singing "All Round the World." Miss Grace Parker, of the Pembina Y, read a fine paper on Y work. Mrs. C. W. Collinge, always a favorite, sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and Miss Maud Walker recited. Mrs. H. K. Pierson favored the audience with one of her sweet solos, which was much appreciated. The Bowmont Legion, containing the first graduates of the diploma course in the state, sang a Loyal Legion song. Mr. Jas. W. Hall sang very touchingly "My Mother's Favorite Hymn" and responded to an encore with "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky." Miss Marion Jamieson recited a pretty little selection, and a good night song by members of the L. T. L. concluded a very enjoyable program. The proceeds of the evening were about \$35.

### Y Almanac for 1900.

The cycle of the century will be celebrated by the Young Woman's Branch of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the publication of the most complete, unique, beautiful and helpful almanac ever yet issued by the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association.

From the countries where the white ribbon banner has been set up have come photographs of places and people. Notes while in these countries were written years ago by our promoted leader, Francis E. Willard, in her unpublished journals of foreign travel, which have been copied. From her writings there will also appear her special messages to young women, and favorite sentiments by various Y secretaries have been taken from her books. The best pictures of Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset in their youth, and of recent date, will make the almanac a valued remembrance. Photographs of the national president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, and the vice-president, Miss Anna Gordon, taken during their recent western tour, will be added attractions.

The former secretary of Y work in France, Mrs. Isabel Gibson Scott, has sent a picture of the site of the Paris exposition and a beautiful cut of one of its most prominent buildings has been loaned by the "T Square Club" of Philadelphia.

There will also be pictures of Edinburgh, Scotland, where the world's convention for 1900 is to be held; views also of Seattle, Washington, U. S. A., where the national convention convenes, will be included. Group pictures of the leading young temperance women in South Africa, Japan, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, Italy, Burma and the United States will appear, with sentiments or descriptions of work in these countries. Texts have been sent from a young woman in Zulu Land and from Y workers in Norway and Sweden. Garibaldi's young grand-daughter contributes for Italy; Miss Esther Alonzo of the International Institute represents Spain; the islands of the sea are not omitted. Bermuda, Madeira, etc., sending pictures.

The premium offered for the design of the cover the committee has decided must be shared in this way: Owing to the merits of one of the English designs, and the original character of one of the drawings sent from Japan, these two were combined and adapted for the cover of the almanac by an American young woman, which seemed a graceful solution, thus complimenting three nations. The half-tone cuts are being made in New York by Walter R. Mount, of the Publishers Photo Engraving Co., whose father is organizing secretary of the Royal Naval Scripture Reader's society, directly connected with the work of Agnes

Weston; his personal interest will insure the very finest reproductions.

The almanac is edited by Mrs. Frances J. Barnes, world's Y secy.

Although the expense of publishing this valuable booklet will be greater than heretofore, it will be sold at the same price, 25 cents per copy. Orders of 300 sent to one address at one time may be had at the rate of 22 cents each.

Please remember the almanac is sold for the benefit of the Clara Parish and World's Missionary Fund, and will be in the market by the middle of August, this year. Send orders at once to Mrs. Frances B. Ynall, No. 1011 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

### L. T. L. CORNER.

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#### QUESTION CORNER.

Our members are interested, but very irregular in attendance. What remedy would you suggest?

First, learn where the difficulty lies. Do the children forget to come? Appoint a special notifying committee. Do the children come from home or from school? If from home, a word with their mothers will often help. If from school, and the school regulations permit the giving out of notices, see that proper notice is sent to the teacher. If this cannot be done, and the teacher can be interested in the work, she will be able to speak a quiet reminder that will help the children to remember. Try new plans to make the meetings interesting. Put the children who are irregular in attendance on committees that are called upon for frequent reports. A wise leader shows her skill, especially in this matter of devising work for the children. When all is said and done, do not be discouraged at failure. Try something else; begin over again, realizing that as it is God's work, there is no possibility of letting it go undone.

I fear the children are tired of L. T. L. What would you do?

Try new plans, wake them up. Have a lesson like the old-fashioned spelling school, with "choosing of sides." Interest them in bands of mercy work. Make comfort bags for soldiers and sailors. Let the boys whittle and paint animals for Noah's ark to be sent to children in hospitals; make envelope libraries for hospital uses. Appoint numerous committees; study the local temperance conditions. Learn what are the liquor laws of the community in which you reside and if they are enforced. Have a temperance reading club, using books of our L. T. L. seal courses. (From Loyal Temp. Legion Helper of New Jersey.)

#### FLAG DRILL.

Legion standing in good position; insist that the members rise together at a given signal or word of command.

Open rank; the children step apart so as not to strike each other in the movements.

Raise flags; right arm lifted vertically. Wave flags; flags slowly waved to front and back to side again. The effect is prettier if done to music.

Salute; flags held vertically at the level of the forehead, extended to the right with arm at full length, then brought into position against the right shoulder.

Cross flags; carry flags across to the left shoulder; in this position have a march if possible.

Carry flags; flags held in position against the right shoulder, Legion seated.

Leader: What does a true soldier do?

Legion: He follows the flag.

Leader: What is a soldier called who runs away?

Legion: A coward, a deserter.

Leader: What care is taken of the flag?

Legion: It is always held up; it must never be trailed in the dust.

Leader: What is the flag of the Legion soldier?

Legion: The temperance thought in his heart.

Leader: What will a true Legion soldier do?

Legion: He will be true to his flag.

Leader: What would you call a temperance soldier who was ashamed of his flag?

Legion: A coward; only brave men are true men.

(Legion rises for flag salute, flags held in right shoulder position). In unison I give my hand and my heart to my country. One country, one language, one flag. A free country, a clean language, a flag never trailed in the dust by King Alcohol. N. J. Helper. Mrs. G. W. Ryan.

All Subscriptions sent by Y's and distinctly marked "Y" will be applied on expense of Y space.

### Enforcement League.

The Enforcement League has again taken up active work against the blind pigs and gamblers. At the last annual meeting it was thought best to send out an organizer to collect a large fund, and an excellent man was selected for this work—Rev. W. B. Van Horn. But the plan was not successful. Somehow the friends all along the line adhered to the idea that each locality must take care of itself. They are willing to pay for themselves, but don't care to help anybody else. This is not the right spirit; on that theory some localities will never be freed from the saloon, because there is nobody to carry the burden. But the executive committee could do nothing else but discontinue the services of the organizer or superintendent. The secy. was again appointed field secy. After 10 weeks' rest he started the campaign in the middle of June. In the past month evidence has been secured against 35 lawbreakers, of which 8 were gamblers, 2 houses of ill fame and 25 blind piggers. About 300 were collected and expended during the month. The state of affairs in Walsh Co. is not very encouraging. At present time this county is the worst blind pig county in the valley. It is admitted that this county is at a disadvantage, having such a large population of Poles and Bohemians. But there is no question but that the law could be enforced were the officers with the law. But what can be expected when the states attorney prosecutes the state's witnesses instead of the criminals? Last year an attempt was made in that direction: One of our detectives secured evidence against 6 piggers at Minto. One of the piggers swore to a complaint charging the detective with sale of intoxicants, and the states attorney ordered a warrant issued for his arrest. The sheriff, however, did not make the arrest, because he knew it was only a trap. Unfortunately, there is another sheriff this year, and he arrested two of our detectives very promptly, while he has taken his time in arresting the blind piggers. The charge is perjury. Our men swear they purchased beer from Christie Currie at Minto June 9. Currie and his son, both formerly convicted blind piggers, claim they were out of town that day, and two farmers swear that they saw the Curries out of town either the 8th or the 9th. The states attorney ordered the case against Currie dismissed, and induced him to make complaint against the league men, and they were kept in jail five days. On another occasion the same states attorney declared that there could not be found a jury in Walsh Co. that would believe the Curries under oath. Still he considers their oath good when they prefer charges against our men! It has been reported that the states attorney fears the popular condemnation of the treatment of the league, and that he to "square" himself, will inaugurate a crusade against the pigs. Good and well any way at all.

The injunction served on the G. N. depot at Mayville last January resulted in a compromise. The Express Co. paid the costs and admitted that the practice to hand out intoxicating liquors C. O. D. to fictitious names is illegal and promised to notify all agents to stop it. We look upon the outcome of the case as a victory for the league. But we are not satisfied yet, and steps are taken to prevent all C. O. D. business in intoxicating liquors, even to persons properly identified. The league ordered a quantity of beer shipped to Hillsboro. A detective was there and took out two kegs and paid the price and turned them over to the sheriff. An effort will be made to persuade the Express Co. to stop it voluntarily; if that is not successful, a case will be carried to the U. S. supreme court in order to have the question of law settled.

A grand picnic was held July 4 west of Aneta, where 100 kegs of beer was consumed. The league was represented, and four dispensers are now in trouble. The W. C. T. U. of Aneta is vigilant and kept us posted; hence the good result. Will Scott, one of the old timers in the pig industry who time and again cunningly has crept out of a tight place, is again in the hands of the law in Lakota. He believed that he was "too smart to get caught." But at the second attempt the league had him. When the search was made the sheriff found him in the cellar between two kegs trying to make connection, so he could pump it up stairs. The building is closed for a year. States Attorney Frick is all right. He has not missed the mark yet.

July 12, between 11 and 12 p. m., was a busy time for the sheriff of Grand Forks Co. and his deputies. Four gambling joints were operating. A league man got

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### No. 2 From Galesburg.

"Somehow all the women whose deaths are regarded as national misfortune are suffragists."

The above is a quotation from a standard Journal of the day. From so authentic a source and so perfectly coinciding with all other intelligent information on the subject, there naturally arises the query: Why are not all women suffragists? This question I leave to those who chance to peruse these few lines. Suffice it to say, I have my opinions why. They might not be very complimentary, but they, at least, are just, sound and sincere.

How many women KNOW of the traffic in the white slave trade, legalized by some civilized nations? If so, and you are not a suffragist, it is something very strange. There is much work going on for purity; do you reasonably expect much progress toward it, while these places of crime, infamy and shame are possibilities? The maintaining of these is an occupation—as above stated—a legalized occupation in some countries. There are men—and acts—who prove there are sufficient of them to establish this occupation upon a firm basis so lost to God and humanity, as to assert, "These houses of shame are a necessity." Men are willing to pay for this indulgence, hence the occupation is profitable. Money being a power, any legally legitimized occupation will always find a producer for the consumer. The commodity in this case being the fairest, sweetest human forms that the producer can secure; which the consumer paying well for, destroys, not only body, but soul and life. Then as shamelessly told at the Central Bureau of immorality in Paris, when in the service of debauchery their frames are worn out and useless; their teeth—if good—are extracted for dental purposes, their hair for artificial coiffures and so on through the anatomy. You might say, this is far away; it is not far away. I can see with my sisters and nieces in Berlin, Leipzig or Munich in ten day's time and they are farther away than Paris; and mark my words for it, these soldier boys of ours returning home will bring more or less knowledge gained in these places, we think so far away. You nor I cannot tell what influence this may have upon our new state, but judging from some men-ruled nations—"these houses of necessity" might become possibilities here. Is not "an ounce of prevention worth a lb. of cure?" Would it not be a wise plan to throw into the balance the power of women and cut this iniquity at the root? Do you think it would be reasonable to suppose—if they

possessed the power—that one-half of humanity would allow any part of the other half to be used as a senseless toy and then consumed? When I see women who are mothers of fair, sweet daughters who are now suffragists—"a pity"—"not skin to love," but to contempt, almost takes possession of me. How thankful I am for my birthright, nurtured by my mother in the complete inalienable law of the moral obligation that equality is a necessity, if we ever would reach comparative perfection. How many women know what suffrage really is? In my mind it is, a very beautiful, as well as a very practical theory; a very reasonable, a very broad one. It is a something that adds strength to the beauty and purity of womanly character; to know the right versus dignity; poised to importance. I know of a charming woman versed in all the exquisitely feminine attributes so dear to culture—able on the rostrum to speak boldly, eloquently for suffrage and the next hour, with strong tender hands quieting and soothing the suffering. Giving not only promises of cheer, but her very presence diffusing it as a rose sheds its perfume. Such a character all women should aim to be. Were this true there would be fewer discontented men, who have cause for unhappiness, living with vapid, aimless women. Suffrage might, in a sense, be an equality basis for men and women as regards moral and political well being.

"The Creator has made woman equal with man, moral free agents and our work in life is to set up His Kingdom: within us, round us, in our homes, in society, in the world. Dare we permit any human being to rob us of our freedom to attain this end? Should we not possess the fullest, strongest power then, to enable us to perform this life work? Reason tells us we should. Some people in their ignorance impute to suffragists, peculiarities they do not at all possess. I can truthfully say, the best bred, the most highly accomplished, the most purely conscientious character, the most elegant and exquisitely dressed women I have ever seen, were suffragists, and my experience and knowledge is that the women who are doing the most good on old mother earth at the present time are suffragists. How many women know what the legal status of woman was less than fifty years ago? If you do, you know more than Prof. Peck seemed to know, when he made the assertion: "The place that women now hold she will always hold." Of course he may apply this only to the animal woman; while the moral and mental attributes of all humanity should be the estimating points; and even as animals it is only as mind is greater than matter that we are the superior animal any way. Few women seem to recognize that the privileges they now possess have been earned by the untiring energy and admissible toil of a few brave women who have been dubbed cranks, fanatics, etc., and one thing is certain, if we don't go on and maintain what they have gained for us, it will from the universal law of nature be lost, for nothing stands still, retrogression or progression is an immutable law. The following are cited as true: A man married an heiress worth \$50,000; dying shortly after, he made this remarkably generous, manly will; that the \$50,000 she had brought him, was hers as long as she remained his widow. The law allowed this. A Mass. woman teacher, who made a dollar a week and boarded round, had saved some money—desiring to marry—we all get married, suffrage or no suffrage. Love, husband and home will always win, and the stronger and truer the character for justice and equality, the stronger these ties. This teacher decided, after much cogitation, to expend this hard earned money in solid silver spoons at \$1.50 per spoon. All went well until the husband died, then his relatives came in, and according to law, personal property, etc., was sold, but she was graciously allowed to buy in her spoons at \$1.50, original price. As time went on she again married. The second husband dying, the same law prevailing, she again bought in her spoons, being paying for them three times. When an attorney sought her, she told him to go about his business, she had no notion of buying her own spoons again. Another woman—by sewing—once a woman's only way of making a living—made enough money to purchase a little home, in which she hoped to spend her last days in peace and comfort. Marrying, all went happily until the husband died. Then one morning she was startled by two of his brothers coming into the front room tapping around on the furniture, etc. She inquired why they were acting so in her house. Oh! they were only appraising their property. Then she learned that two-thirds of all she had made in those long years of

toil, by law, was not her own. Frenzied by grief—for were not the laws all against her? she set fire to the house and burned it down. The law put her in jail and punished her as a common criminal for destroying what she had earned herself. These are nothing compared to taking away children from their mothers and other atrocities that the law has allowed, but these narratives and others of like character flew over our land awakening in hearts educated to justice and right, a desire to better things; so comes in suffrage, equality, a practical illustration that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Galesburg, N. D., July 17, 1899.

Mrs. J. S. Kemp recently conducted a Silver Medal Contest, which netted for the N. D. E. S. A. \$263. The successful candidate was Miss Anna Morris, who resides a short distance south of Galesburg.

If those whose names are down for Contests and Pledges will only send in their statements before Aug. 15th, the treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Kemp, of Galesburg, will be much obliged.

### Enforcement League.

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on the inside of the "mysteries" and obtained the evidence, the papers were prepared and the raid arranged. The result was six arrests and five dray loads of gambling apparatus. The sheriff and his men did well. At last term of court in Grand Forks Co. two piggers from Larimore were convicted. They got the usual 90 days, but one got \$400 fine and one \$200. States Attorney Bangs, who is doing well, has put an end to this favorite play on behalf of the piggers to "serve out the fine." He lets them serve it out all right; but he enters up judgment for fine and costs just the same, and proceeds to collect it as soon as they have "served it out." They are now beginning to realize that it is not so smart to "serve out the fine" as it used to be. Two of the Larimore piggers skipped, one to Minnesota and one to Canada. The states attorney says that if they don't "stay skipped" they will stay in jail. Take your choice.

Two piggers were sent "cross the road" in Judge Pollock's court in Hillsboro last week. One of them caused a suicide before he was caught. There will be more news from Hillsboro in your next issue.

The above report is not all work done during the month. The balance can not be published yet, as the cases are not yet commenced.

### Notice to Press Supts.

Let every union send in their press reports the first of September, together with the manuscript that you have clipped. We must make out our report for state convention, also one to send to national superintendent. Please, dear ones, to do this work thoroughly and promptly. County superintendents, please see that your unions respond.

MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.

### A Child's Question Answered.

"Oh! tell me when I can get old and face With dimpled chin and upturned face With thoughtful eyes and earnest air."

"Where did I come from, mamma, where?" "Nurse said, 'from out a walnut shell.' And grandpa said, 'It was hard to tell.' And grandpa called me 'a gift of God.' And laughed because I seemed so odd."

"My darling child," the mother said, "And gathered close the curly head, You came, (life's solace for its smart) From out the heart of your mother's heart!"

—Mary Berr Chapman Hansbrough.

### FIELD NOTES.

Glasston: Glasston W. C. T. U. succeeded in preventing druggist from securing permit.

Fargo: Charles N. Crittenton, the millionaire evangelist, has been holding some very helpful meetings here. A reception was given him at the F. C. Home, Sunday p. m. Over 150 were present and the W. C. T. U. served ice cream and cake. The Home looked very nice with its fresh coat of paint outside and in. The Rescue meeting Sunday p. m. at the opera house was a great success; the house was filled to its utmost and a collection of \$50 taken, and medals for about \$300. - Mrs. Emma Moffitt, the noted soloist, sang at each service. Mr. Crittenton began work in Moorhead, Sunday evening, July 23d. Fargo W. C. T. U. gave a reception to its L. T. L., Friday, July 21st.

Elliott: Elliott union is not dead, but has taken a "nap" from which it is awakening much refreshed. No meetings of importance have been held since convention, June 1st, which was held in Lisbon and a source of inspiration to every White Ribboner present. The May Gospel meeting was addressed by our loved State Pres., who is a member of this union. Subject: The New or Ideal

Woman. We felt lifted to a higher plane of duty and action by her womanly and inspiring words. The union held a reception in her honor the Saturday preceding, and the heart to heart talks left a benediction with us. Our ranks have recently been greatly reinforced by the coming into our midst of Rev. T. W. Arnott and wife who are enthusiastic advocates of temperance. Mr. Arnott is pastor of the M. E. church here and a long time temperance worker—a staunch and fearless friend of the W. C. T. U. and eloquent speaker for the cause we love so well. We thank God and take courage as side by side we march forward to victory in the warfare against the rum traffic which everywhere tends to drag down the cause of Christ. The result of election of officers in June, is Mrs. Eva Knoff, President; Mrs. May T. Canell, Secretary. Hail to the enlarged pages of "Bulletin." May it continue to grow and prosper.

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