



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Peace on Earth.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
And will this peace ever come
While in this land we have a foe—
The accursed stuff called rum.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
Do you hear the mother's cry?
Weeping now for her only son.
A drunkard soon to die.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
Do you see the children plead?
They are crying now for bread
To meet their daily need.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
And can we longer doubt
That each has a work to do
To bring this peace about?

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
And will the doubter cry?
This is not expedient now.
We'll vote for it by and by.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
Is that your prayer to-day?
God wants the Christian voter
To vote as he would pray.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."
Is this the time to do?
Yes, God requires it of us
To this great trust be true.

M. E. V.

Do We Need a Curfew Ordinance in Towns and Villages?

Those who are interested in social purity work and those who have lived to see boys and girls grow up in our towns and villages and been allowed upon our streets at all times of the day and night, without restraint or hindrance—and there are scores of this class in every place—can distinctly discern its benefits. How our hearts are saddened and sometimes almost broken because of these things! We see bright, happy and useful lives destroyed or blighted for the want of a restraining hand in early youth. Go into our homes of "fallen women" and you need not remain long to discover the underlying cause of their shame and disgrace. We have no home for "fallen boys," not because we do not need them, but because of our social economy. God speed the day, and bless the devoted and earnest efforts of our W. C. T. U., when "white life for two" will revolutionize society and purify its fountainhead!

Parents do not know or do not seem to realize the evils that are lurking in every corner of our streets. During the day time it is well out of sight; yet as soon as the darkness approaches it comes forth with all its wiles and seeming innocence to entrap the young and unsuspecting.

Never can I forget two instances which brought me into the work of the W. C. T. U. In an eastern village, where we then lived, was a home of luxury and wealth. An only daughter graced the home, and every advantage which wealth could bestow was hers. An indulgent father and mother proved her ruin. With other girls she was allowed upon the streets at night. With innocent pleasure they were accustomed to be at the trains during the evenings—and as thoughtlessly flirted with the young strangers who happened to stop for the night. With all the wiles known only to such men, one of these handsome strangers accomplished her ruin.

A broken hearted mother was soon laid in her grave. A young, handsome and accomplished girl, fitted in every way to make a home bright and happy, ostracized from society, with a ruined life before her. How many such, under just these circumstances, have had the breath of scandal woven around their fair, young lives!

In the same village was a licensed saloon, very near my husband's place of business. The proprietor had in the

back of his saloon a room fitted up very attractively with many curios from different countries. Among these was a young alligator. This was a great attraction for the young boys of the village, who congregated around the place in great numbers, especially in the evening when it was brilliantly illuminated. Among the number were two young boys. Their parents were educating them for a professional career. They were two of the brightest boys of the college which was situated in the place; and many times had the president held them up before the other pupils as models in character and scholarship.

One day it was rumored around that they had been intoxicated and that some patrons of the saloon had kept them over night that their parents might not come in possession of the facts. Time went on and all went well for a time; but again they yielded to temptation and soon the whole community were aware of their condition and danger.

The parents of one of the boys immediately sold their home and all their interests and removed to another place. This boy to-day is one of the honored citizens of the state in which he lives, following the profession for which he was intended. The other remained and finished his collegiate course, yet not with honors as he might have done—going from bad to worse, until to-day he fills the part of a deliverer in one of our large cities and even this (I was informed two years ago) he holds but a short time because of his dissipation, going from one firm to another, as his habits and character are known.

As I draw aside the thin veil that separates the present from the past, and see these young lives with such bright prospects before them, capable in every way to occupy high position in life, and knowing as I do that so much of the fault lay with these too indulgent yet loving parents, whose unrestraining hand allowed them in their young lives upon the streets at night, where vice and sin allured them from the uplifting influences of the home, I can but ask, Are we our brother's keeper? and Can we do aught, but lend every influence and put forth every effort until the curfew shall ring in every town and village of our land? The history of this village is the history of every village to a more or less extent.

Early training tends to shape the future of our boys and girls. The Catholics have truly said: "Give us the first ten years of a child's life and we will show you a Catholic for a lifetime." A boy educated upon the streets and taught in the back alleys will become proficient in playing games of chance and in the trickery of the hoodlums. He will vie with others in smoking cigarettes and indulging in profane language. Statistics prove to us that crime is on the increase and that this increase is greatest among the young. A philanthropist of wide experience says that the male criminals of London have nearly all entered upon their career of crime between the ages of 8 and 16 years; and that if a young man lives an honest life up to the age of 20 there are 49 chances in his favor and only 1 against him as to an honest life thereafter. How few parents realize their responsibilities until it is too late! The cares and burdens of life are pressing upon them in all directions; and so many of them feel if they clothe and feed their children and send them to school, it is all that is required of them. Thank God for the W. C. T. U., who are pioneers in this work for children, until to-day more attention is given to systematic child study than in any age in the history of the world. Let their good work go on until every village

and hamlet has a curfew ordinance that will take from our streets at night, so full of alluring vices, every boy and girl under the age of 16 years.

Prohibition has done much for North Dakota, but eternal vigilance will be the price of our liberty. There is scarcely an office holder in America who dares to strike a decisive blow against the liquor traffic. He reasons to do so would be to commit political suicide. The liquor forces are united and will spot any politician who lifts his hand to strike an effective blow against the saloon. On the other hand, the temperance forces are not united and they have no method by which they can strike an effective blow against the coward or traitor who betrays their cause. The politicians are eagle-eyed. They know that Whiskey is king, and can deliver them over to the tender mercies of political oblivion if they disobey his behests. Nine cases out of ten they will not disobey. Yes I might say 99 cases out of 100 they will not disobey. It is folly to expect them to do otherwise.

In our own state this noble exception is Judge Pollock. He is to North Dakota what Neal Dow was to Maine. The honor which they have brought to our work has helped to make us great; and no cause more sacred or worthy will ever enlist the sympathies of human hearts.

Let us agitate and educate until public sentiment will point with shame to the politician who allies himself with the liquor traffic.

It is through the efforts of our organization that we have scientific temperance taught in every state in the union but three; and through their efforts that we have a day set apart by all Protestant denominations in this country and England for a universal temperance Sunday. But until prohibition is written upon every statute book of every state of our grand old union, let the curfew bell call our youth from every evil environment, until we can use it to toll the death knell of the liquor traffic in our land; and "know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations." Knowing that we are our brother's keeper and that we are commanded to "Feed the flock of God which is among you. . . . Neither as overruling God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. . . . And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

MRS. DELLA R. MANDIGO.

W. C. T. U. Home.

The following are some of the by-laws relating to the government of the home adopted at the state convention at Grand Forks Sept. 25, 1899:

Article 8—Sec. 1. The name of the woman's home, carried on by this organization shall be The North Dakota W. C. T. U. Home. It shall be located at Fargo, N. D., and shall be under the control of a board of directors, who shall in turn be governed by the state union through its representatives.

Sec. 2. The directors shall consist of the general officers of the state union, one member from each organized county or district, and four additional members, who shall reside in Fargo.

Sec. 3. The officers of the board shall consist of a president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer. The state president shall be president of the board of directors. The corresponding secretary and recording secretary shall be chosen by the board and shall be

resident in Fargo. The state treasurer shall be treasurer of the board of directors.

Sec. 7. Each director must be a member of the W. C. T. U.

Sec. 8. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 9. The expenses of the general officers in attending the quarterly board meetings shall be borne by the state union. The county or district president shall look to her county or district for expenses.

Sec. 11. The matron of the home shall be chosen by the directors and shall make a quarterly report to the board and an annual report to the state convention.

Sec. 12. The local members of the board and the matron shall be a committee from the board of directors for the general oversight of the home, and the chairman of the committee shall report quarterly to the board. The board shall supply blanks for the matron to fill and report quarterly.

Sec. 13. The matron shall be required to keep a register of all inmates, showing date of admission, age, residence and such other particulars as the board of directors may require.

Sec. 14. Transients may be admitted temporarily into the home according to the discretion of the matron, until such time as she may consult the board of directors or the committee of the county in which the applicant resides.

Sec. 15. All contributions of clothing and provisions shall be sent to the matron. She shall report all such receipts and attend to the general correspondence.

At the annual meeting of the board of directors, Sept. 25, Mrs. Ardella A. Rice was elected recording secretary of the board and Mrs. Emma Clarke corresponding secretary. Mrs. J. H. Knox, Mrs. Ida Sparkes Clarke and Mrs. Emma J. R. Miller were appointed a committee to draw up rules for the government of the inmates of the home. Miss Preston was appointed committee, with power to choose her helpers, to prepare blanks for the use of the matron in making her reports.

A notice was given in convention that next year a change would be moved in Art. 6 of the constitution to make the matron of the home a member of the annual meeting.

QUESTION BOX.

All White Ribboners are invited to send Questions to this Department.

Q. What is the object of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union? A. To educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and secure the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

Q. Whose duty is it to collect dues? A. The treasurer's.

Q. Where can we get the state minutes? A. Of the treasurer.

Q. What literature contains the most general information concerning W. C. T. U. work. A. The Annual Leaflet, which can be had by sending a postage stamp to W. T. P. A.

Q. Why do not more women join our union? A. Perhaps you have never invited them to join.

Elliott union is making a specialty of Mothers' Meetings, which, under the active and earnest supervision of Mrs. A. C. Cooper as superintendent, have been very interesting and helpful.

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NOVEMBER, 1899.

"A drunken son is often his father's vote walking around."

Kindly notify us if you do not receive your paper promptly.

For your concerts and entertainments this winter, send 30c to D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Mo., for the songs, "The Broken Pane" and "Dream of The Judgment."

Why should it be necessary to agitate, educate and organize to secure the ballot of an enlightened citizenship to promulgate prohibition and purity, and yet it seems to be so. So let us double our diligence and organize more thoroughly and do more systematic and hence more effectual work.

How many of our unions have begun to interest the honoraries and citizens in the special needs of the W. C. T. U. home? We feel sure it would be a pleasure to give to make the inmates of the home more comfortable by putting in a heating plant, which is so much needed, and now is the time to push the work in His name. Send all money to state treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood, always sending draft.

Dear sisters, only a little over 600 more names as subscribers to Bulletin to raise our list, not including exchanges, to 2,000. As the winter months are coming on, will you not strive to put our state paper into that many more homes? The price is still 15 cents. It means only a little effort on the part of each union. The same prize, Miss Willard's picture, will be given to the union sending the largest list of subscribers during the year. Do not wait until the latter months, but begin now. Renewals count the same as new subscriptions, so watch the date upon your paper and renew if it appears, and your union will be given credit for it. If we make a financial success we must keep the small sum of 15 cents for our subscription paid in advance.

Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and New Crusade, 75c; Bulletin and Light, 70c; Bulletin and Union Signal, \$1.00.

Cass County Officers.

General officers and superintendents of Cass County W. C. T. U. for 1899-1900: President, Mrs. Mattie Madcham, Absaroka; Vice Pres. Mrs. L. L. Muir, Hunter; Cor. Sec. Mrs. Wm. Staples, Absaroka; Rec. Sec. Mrs. Helen Porter, Gardner; Treas. Mrs. M. E. Hawk, Buffalo; Supt. Pres. Miss Jessie McFarland, Grandin; Supt. Franchise, Mrs. L. L. Muir, Hunter; Supt. Purity, Mrs. F. F. Chaffee, Amenia; Supt. Medal Contest, Mrs. M. E. Watts, Leonard; Supt. Sunday School, Mrs. Susie Fosburg, Hunter; Sunday Observance, Mrs. Nellie Curtis, Buffalo; Supt. L. T. L. Mrs. E. L. Bickford, Tower City; Supt. Scientific Temperance, —; Supt. Physical Culture, Mrs. J. O. Smith, Casselton; Supt. Evangelistic, Mrs. E. Horne, Leonard; Supt. Literature, Mrs. Lilla Pearl, Lynchburg; Non-Alcoholic Medication, Mrs. W. H. Best, Fargo; Y. Organizer and Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Toussley, Tower City.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: I write these lines from the Queen City of the Evergreen State.

It is the closing hours of the national convention, which has been a wonderful inspiration from the beginning.

The trip from Fargo to Seattle in the White Ribbon Special was an experience long to be remembered. The hours sped away even more rapidly than sped the iron horse across the plains toward the mountains.

There were conferences, committee meetings, hallowed vesper services and nontide prayer in the beautiful library car, where Frances Willard's pictured face looked down upon us.

At many places along the line White Ribbons came out in force to greet us and bid us goodspeed. Speeches were made, songs were sung, and as the train pulled out with uttering of white handkerchiefs the sweet strains of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" were like a benediction.

We passed over the most beautiful mountain scenery and the famous switch-back by daylight and reached Seattle Wednesday evening in a pouring rain—which we continued, with a little respite now and then, up to this time. We are told that the rain here is not wet; it certainly does not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the people, nor keep them indoors.

The hospitality of Seattle is unbounded. Everything is all that could be desired—except the weather.

A full report of the convention will appear in the December number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Our delegates are Mrs. S. H. Woodhull, Wahpeton; Mrs. Lucy Brown, Coopers-town; Mrs. L. C. McKinney, Maza; Mrs. M. A. Sinclair, formerly of Bottineau, and our Y secretary, Miss Cora W. Larimore. Miss Maud Matthews was prevented from coming by the sudden death of her brother, Mrs. J. O. Smith, who had come to Fargo to take the White Ribbon Special, received a few hours before the train departed a telegram announcing the death of her father, Mrs. N. N. Fuller was not able to come on account of illness.

Miss Larimore was chosen to give the response to the address of welcome on Y night. The North Dakota delegation had reason to feel proud of their young Y secretary.

A letter has reached me from Mrs. Anna Simmons, of South Dakota, announcing the fact that she will be unable to make her engagements in our state on account of the dangerous illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Unruh, one of the brightest of the national organizers, will make these engagements in January on the same terms. Will all unions who have arranged for Mrs. Simmons please take note.

The sun has just peeped out from the thick veil of clouds which has hung over the city for a week, and we hope before leaving to see beautiful Seattle. Yours truly, ELIZABETH PRESTON, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 25, 1899.

FIELD NOTES.

Larimore. -On the evening of Oct. 6th the W's and Y's united and held a platform meeting—echoes of state convention. Miss Larimore and Miss Maud Matthews and Miss Wilson reported Y conference. Mrs. Naylor reported the general convention. With some good music, it made an excellent program.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 8, Mrs. Fessenden spoke in the opera house in Larimore. Her subject, which was "Womanhood," was listened to by a full house and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Among those by whom Miss Mary Carey, of Bottineau, is held in esteem (and in North Dakota there are very many) much sympathy will be felt for her and her sisters in the great sorrow that has come to them in the death of their presence on the morning of the 6th of October in apparent health and strength and born back the next morning a corpse. The bursting of a blood vessel on the brain was the cause of death. Mr. Carey was an honorable, upright man, who did his duty as city marshal fearlessly and without respect of persons. He was active in blind pig work and can ill be spared in Bottineau, where he had the respect of all.

Superintendents' Names. □
The superintendents for the different

departments of work for the coming year are as follows:

- Miss Cora W. Larimore, Larimore, Y secretary.
- Mrs. J. H. Knox, Wahpeton, organizer.
- G. W. Ryan, Pembina, acting sec. L. T. L.
- G. H. Smith, Grand Forks, Work Among Foreigners.
- Lucy Brown, Coopers-town, Heredity, Hygiene, Purity and Mothers' Meetings.
- S. J. Bromley, Cogswell, Non-Alcoholic Medication.
- Della R. Mandigo, Fargo, Scientific Temperance Instruction.
- J. O. Smith, Casselton, Physical Culture.
- Necia Buck, Cando, Sunday School Work.
- Ida A. Morrill, Wahpeton, Union Signal and Temperance Literature.
- Bertha Gunderson, Ameta, Press.
- Ella Shippy, Hope, Anti-Narcotics.
- H. C. Ruth, Portland, School Savings Banks.
- Minnie Cook, Inkster, Medal Contests.
- Dora L. Stanton, Grand Forks, Evangelistic.
- Katherine King, Inkster, Penal and Reformatory.
- Marguerite Moulton, Wahpeton, Work Among R. R. Employees.
- L. M. Wylie, Drayton, Sabbath Observance.
- Miss Grace Parker, Pembina, Flower Mission.
- Mrs. J. H. Knox, Wahpeton, Legislation and Enforcement.
- Margaret Honey, Park River, Mercy and Relief.
- Prof. Marie H. Senn, Fargo, Household Economics.
- Miss Maud Matthews, Larimore, Lecture Bureau.
- Mrs. Laura B. DeWeese, Grand Forks, State, County and Local Fairs.
- L. L. Muir, Hunter, Franchise.
- Mary Slater, Thompson, Christian Citizenship.
- Emma Vail, Towanda, Peace and Arbitration.
- Mary B. Calderwood, Cray, Securing Homes for Homeless Children.
- M. M. Stebbins, Fairmont, Unfermented Wine.
- Miss Lizzie Matthews, Larimore, Work Among Soldiers and Sailors.

Franchise Superintendent.

Hunter, N. D., Oct. 17, '99.—My Dear Sisters: Will not everyone who believes in equal suffrage (and it seems to an interested observer that every temperance woman in North Dakota must believe in it to-day) make an effort to help spread this gospel of mother influence during the coming fall and winter leisure by helping to circulate literature, bringing the subject into discussion on every proper and propitious occasion, or by holding a contest of either essays or recitations, and inducing all who will to send their names and 25c to Mrs. Carmody, at Hillsboro, and thus become members of the E. S. A. of North Dakota?

Everyone truly interested can surely interest at least one other, so our ranks would be doubled in a few months.

Never, it seems to me, was there more reasons why mother hearted home women everywhere should should have a voice in the councils of government; and among the wise of all parties it is conceded that the prohibition law we all love so well, that has cost us so much and has been, and is, the crowning glory of our splendid young commonwealth, would be well enforced and safe forever more if the mothers, wives and sisters were armed with the ballot. Oh, sisters, let us work and pray for it as we never have before during this coming year; and let everyone take and circulate The Woman's Journal who can. Yours in bonds of love and labor. L. L. Muir, Supt. of Franchise.

A Few Notes on the Last Suffrage Convention.

At the N. D. E. S. A. convention, held in Hillsboro a few days ago, among other most delightful surprises extended by this very hospitable little city was the presentation by a Flower Band of little girls of a beautiful bouquet to each delegate assembled. What more pleasing tribute could we have received than this? Where is there a precedent to it? Flowers strewn along our way, and that too by mortals nearest akin to the immortals. For all such dear little women are we working—praising our Father in heaven, that more flowers will be strewn in their pathway than has been in ours—for the world is marching on, justice and equality

are gaining and twenty-five years hence, so says Lady Aberdeen: "The leaven of to-day will have so leavened the whole world, and the irresistible force of public opinion will have raised women to their proper spheres." Great then is the necessity for the constant agitation of this question—for Miss Ackerman, a world-wide missionary, asserts to-day: "One-half the women in this world are matters of merchandise." Could there be anything more pathetic than this? As animal women are bought and sold—regardless that they have minds and souls. Little wonder then, realizing this, we gather in conventions and discuss ways and means to the best of our ability in the progress of the world.

We were called to order by our president, Mrs. Flora Blackman Naylor, on Tuesday morning, Sept. 26, 1899. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Janette Hill Knox, after which came our state song, composed by Mrs. J. S. Kemp. With roll call came quotations on equal suffrage. Reports from the executive committee and corresponding secretary were read by Miss Carey, commented upon, moved and accepted by the convention. Mrs. Florence Loitwood was recording secretary pro tem., and many were the encomiums she received as to her proficiency and excellence in this department.

Report of treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Kemp, and chairman of state bazaar work's report, Ida Sparks Clark, were accepted by the convention. Adjournment of this session.

On Tuesday afternoon, after a short session of bazaar work, came our annual address by the beloved state president, Mrs. F. B. Naylor. In her most pleasing manner, among other things, she presented three pictures which were vividly portrayed and interesting. Gentle, refined, delicate, but decided, positive and determined in character, stands our leader, of whom we are justly proud.

During entire convention there was music more or less. Mrs. J. O. Smith, accompanied by Miss Sagstad on the piano. Miss Sagstad also sang, having a contralto voice of great sweetness. Mrs. J. S. Kemp accompanied herself upon the harp. Prof. McAllister, so renowned, gave some of his most charming renditions—albeit suffering from a cold. Messrs. Ostlund and Regnier assisted in a most generous manner, the latter being an exquisite cornetist and violinist. The male quartette was fine. Mrs. Fessenden at W. C. T. U. convention said, "There is nothing we could cultivate more assiduously than music," and this certainly is true, and at every convention this attractive power should be a feature.

Mrs. Fessenden's lecture Tuesday evening was what we all anticipated, a most excellent one. She is an unusually calm, placid speaker. So full of a genuine, sound, practicable fund of knowledge, it wells up in a strong, pure, swelling stream. So restful, so sincerely you feel, that what she says must sink deep into the heart and good fruit ensue.

Wednesday morning, after a Bible reading, came the usual reports, etc.; then election of officers, in which Dr. Janette Hill Knox, in the most delightful manner she has of expressing herself, taught us some parliamentary law. En passant, next year there will be a prize drill and an award presented to the best parliamentary. All the old officers were re-elected except cor. and rec. sec., who were not present. Dr. Knox was made cor. sec., Mrs. Marietta Paulson rec. sec. The treas., Mrs. J. S. Kemp, regretted she was compelled to resign, but this being a position that requires accurate, minute attention to detail, and she spending her winters away, it was simply impossible to do justice to it and herself. Mrs. John Carmody was made treasurer. Thus Hillsboro was much honored, it being the pleasure of the convention to bestow upon it two of its most important officers.

In the afternoon we had three most charming papers by Mary Carey, Dr. Janette Hill Knox and Flora P. Gates. As it was the decision of the convention these papers were so fine they are to be published, I shall not occupy space here in the mention of them, but I most certainly shall look forward to having the pleasure of perusing them in print at a very early date.

Music and final adjournment closed this year's suffrage convention, and the outlook is for better things next year. Our credit is of the best; we are on a sound financial basis. We propose to improve and advance, and hence, grow stronger; and soon, like our grown-up sister of W. C. T. U., we can claim thousands of adherents instead of the hundreds that we now have.

Last, but not least, do we remember
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Miss Larimore's Letter.

LARIMORE, N. D., Oct. 11, 1899.

My Dear Girls:—No words can convey to you a proper realization of my feelings as I make my initial bow to you as your Secretary; overruling all else is the sense of my own unworthiness in being chosen to lead the hosts of North Dakota Y's on to success the coming year. Having known and loved our retiring Secy for several years, and realizing so keenly her ability and worth makes it hard for me to assume the discharge of duties she has laid aside. I am sure you will all regret to learn that it is because of ill health Mrs. Pierson feels the necessity of resigning the leadership of our Y work. My heart goes out to her very tenderly, and I trust every Y girl in N. D. will remember her in prayer that she may be speedily restored to health, and her former vigor and strength. Let us not forget that we owe to Mrs. Pierson all we are as an organization, for it has been her judgment and counsel which has led us thus successfully for the past eight years. Though I undertake the duties of the office with a natural fear and trepidation, I shall not be dismayed, as I am looking for guidance and help to One who has promised never to fail us, if we do but trust Him. So, asking God for divine wisdom and judgment, that all may be done to His glory, and for the upbuilding of our beautiful work, I shall press on. Those of you I know, and who were with us at our pleasant and helpful conference in Grand Forks, I feel will do all in your power to aid me, especially with your prayers, and to those, as yet personally unknown, I appeal for the same charitable co-operation and kindly assistance many have already expressed. Let us feel we are all girls together, united under our white ribbon banner, emblazoned with the beautiful motto, "For God, and Home, and Native Land"; and now, as we start out in the work for the coming year, let us resolve that instead of a steady advance along all our lines, and let us ask God to guide us, making of us a mighty power in this state for the overthrow of evil in all its forms, and the triumph of right.

I leave in a few days for Seattle to attend our National W. C. T. U. Convention, and hope to bring back much that will be helpful and inspiring to us in our work. I wish you ALL could be there, too, but since you cannot, I feel more keenly the responsibility of representing my Y girls, and dare say I shall wish my receptive powers many times greater, that I may absorb enough for each and every Y girl in N. D. to have a generous share of the beautiful, helpful and uplifting thoughts which will be given us at Convention. Again, asking your hearty, prayerful support and co-operation that together we may accomplish much in the Master's service. I am, yours, for the young womanhood of N. D.,

CORA W. LARIMORE.

"Y" Conference.

The Seventh "Y" Conference of North Dakota held in Grand Forks at the time of the State W. C. T. U. Convention was one of the most helpful held in our state. Thursday, Sept. 21st, was taken up with forming the committees and routine work. Few delegates were present until Friday, when the general work of the conference was taken up.

Thursday evening after the regular song and devotional service, a paper, written by Mrs. Grover, of Lisbon, "The Relation of Y Work to the Coming Generation," was read by Miss Campbell, of Drayton. I cannot give all the helpful and beautiful thoughts of the paper, but will mention a few. She said in order that we have pure government we must have pure laws, and to have pure laws we must have pure men. A man may be what he endeavors to be for tendencies are born with the child, but not habits. Our motto of purity, "A White Life for two." We practice and teach charity toward our neighbor through our Flower Mission and Mercy and Help departments. We also aim for Physical Education that a sound mind may be found in a sound body, and in order to have a

sound body no narcotics, impure literature, and the like should be allowed to destroy or weaken what we gain through our physical culture and gymnasium work. Practising these we will have sound, strong and pure people.

Mrs. Pierson's paper on "Y Ideals" was read by Miss Woolsey, of Wahpeton. She took as her subject, Ps. 144 and 12th verse: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Our girls to be corner stones of a beautiful nation. A nation can be no better than its homes, so if we have pure homes we will have a pure nation. Men demand purity in their wives and friends, why should we not demand purity of men in return? Until our women will it, men will not walk in pure ways. We take their triple pledge, also demand it of "our honoraries," yet associate with those who do not keep it. Solomon's description, in Prov. 31, beginning with verse 10, of a virtuous woman is also a description of an ideal "Y."

Friday afternoon the reports from local unions were given.

Drayton has 34 active and 19 honorary members. Program meetings are held every two weeks in the evening. During the year \$42.52 has been raised.

Wahpeton reported 25 active and 25 honorary members, most of whom are students at the Red River Valley University. Their honorary members are as prominent in the work as the active, and always on the program at their regular meetings held every two weeks.

Larimore, the banner "Y" union of the state, with 113 members, 76 being active, 37 honorary, had an increase during the year of 39. They support a fine reading room for the general public where the best dailies of the west are kept on file as well as the best of magazines. They also have a small library. Amount raised during the year was \$369.03, \$261.91 of which was expended on the reading room. With the exception of two, all the daily papers are contributed free.

Casselton reports special work in its Mercy and Help department.

Hope has the second "Y" in size—105 members. They hold monthly social and business meetings.

Sherbrooke has 10 active and 4 honorary members, all of whom have taken the triple pledge. They do special work in their Mercy and Help department, and also edit a column in their home paper. St. Thomas with its 50 members has about 20 honorary members. They are helping the Enforcement League by contributing money.

Pemba "Y" with about 85 members gives each month a social meeting for their honoraries, and in turn they have been given two socials by the honoraries. Cass Co. "Y" held a two-days mid-year conference with the national secretary, Mrs. Boole, present.

Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell, of Minn., gave the address on "Y" night, Friday evening. She took as the basis for her address, Luke 2:49: "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" The first work of the W. C. T. U. was to reform the drunkard. While we do not neglect that now, we believe it most important to train the child so that there will be no drunkards in the future. Prevention rather than cure.

Several fine selections of music were rendered, among which was the state "Y" song, written by Mrs. Hattie K. Pierson, our former "Y" secretary.

The resolutions adopted by the "Y" Conference will be given in another issue of The Bulletin. MAUD I. MATTHEWS.

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE.

EDITED BY SEC. A. LINDELIE.

More than two dozen blind piggers, bootleggers and gamblers were informed against during the past month by men engaged by the League. The receipts have not been large, considering that the annual dues should be paid in by this time. But we hope that the members will remember us and make up for lost time.

The W. C. T. U. convention was a great encouragement for the League. There seemed to be a unanimous desire

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among the delegates, that the League should continue its work. Many delegates came prepared to arrange for work in their respective localities; some of this work has already been attended to with success, but as the arrests have not been made at this writing, we cannot divulge any details.

States Attorney Blood, of Bottineau, is still on deck. Thom. Cave, who disappeared last summer, has again shown up, but only to be arrested and bound over in \$300 bonds. An interesting term of court is expected in Bottineau county, and we hope that the jury will be of the right kind.

A state of war has existed at Grandin, Cass county, and two of the least desirable citizens are now confined in the Cass county bastille; one of them is a gambler and one a pigger. The first named ran away from the sheriff, but was caught in Minnesota and brought back. His attempt to escape brought a new charge against him, and he will long remember his experience with the League. One pigger was cleared—through disagreement of the state witnesses. But one week in jail awaiting the trial and the costs will make him a wiser man.

The friends at Langdon are active, and the November term of court will prove very interesting for the evil-doers.

More than a year ago, Dr. Reilly, of Milton, was convicted for contempt of court. He appealed to the supreme court, but the case never reached said court, because the records of the case were lost—or stolen. A new attempt has been made to revive the case, and an unexpected state of affairs has just been discovered. When he was sentenced and the appeal was taken, no bond was furnished, and according to the supreme court decisions, the presumption of law is, that Reilly has served his sentence and fine and is again a free man. But if that is so, the next turn for Doc. is the penitentiary. Strange things happen in Cavalier county!

States Attorney Meyers, of Walsh county, informs the League that the two cases started against our detectives for perjury will be dismissed, because he has found out that the boys were all right. We rejoice at this information, although we were not afraid to face the charge.

C. J. Floberg, the Hillsboro druggist, which the League has pursued for some time, came finally to the end of the rope. To escape the consequences of his deeds he left the country and emigrated to his native country—Sweden. Good many who have sold less whisky than Floberg, have served their time in Hillsboro county jail.

The friends of Pembina county seem to think that the blind pigging is on the increase in the western part of the county. What is the matter? Pembina used to be one of the driest counties in the state.

Members should remember to pay their dues promptly. It is very important that the money is received now while the pigs run. Remit to Charles Macnamara, Grafton, N. D.

From Second Page.

our dear little woman of last year, Mary A. Whedon, and among other grateful tributes to her she was made an honorary member of the honorary presidents. Galesburg, N. D., Oct. 9, 1899.

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