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FORGIVEN, THOUGH NOT PARDONED.

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CHARLES INOBERT.

Twenty years ago in a small village on one of our western plains is a great gathering of men and women. It is an autumn day gloomy with the leaden clouds of an impending storm. The busy hum of trade is hushed, and the people are discussing in a murmur the awful event that soon must happen. But why this bitter sorrow? Why this painful murmur? And why does even heaven frown with displeasure upon toiling humanity?

But lo, the people are moving up the hill to where yonder old prison overlooks the village. They reach the brow of the hill, and above them, full in view, with arms wide extended, stands a gibbet ready for its victim. Around this they slowly form a circle while eagerly watching the prisoner door, awaiting the wretched being who now must part with all that is dear to him here below. Listen! The iron bars are rattling, and open swings the ponderous door. Two stalwart men appear with the prisoner between them. They approach the gibbet. Mark you that terrible glare in the eyes of the prisoner, so intently gazing upon that instrument of death. They ascend the gibbet, and the sheriff beckons silence to the people. The death sentence is read. Not a stir, not a whisper is heard throughout that gathering, until he pronounces those terrible words, "Doomed to be hanged for murder." Then turning to the prisoner the sheriff concludes: "Speak, before you depart, your last words to your fellow beings." But why does he not speak? See how he glares at the rope above him. He becomes bewildered. He staggers to the railing for support and stares into the vacant air as if his eyeballs would burst from their sockets. No demon's eyes burning with all the fires of hell could look more despairing. Can he have lost his reason? Must he meet death insane? O God, it must not be! Do come to the rescue of this man in his last struggle.

While he stands thus unconscious of those about him, heedless of their tears and prayers, let us notice more carefully this most wretched of human beings. A once manly and well-shaped body—now drooping with the weight of God's wrath. A large, well-formed head—truly no marks here of the born criminal. A once noble brow—now branded with the marks of the rum fiend. Eyes that once must have beamed with love and hope—now blood-shot, wild and despairing. Once he was the pride of fond parents—now the sorrow of an aged mother. Four years ago a laughing child clung lovingly around his neck—the cold and icy fingers of death are about to choke him.

But look! He stirs. A large tear trickles down his wrinkled cheek, another and another. He recovers himself and looks calmly into the eyes of his heart-stricken friends. His lips quiver a moment and he speaks:

"My last words to you? Aye, so it seems, and yet how can it be possible? I see your sad faces, your tear-drenched eyes, and yet it all seems to me like some demon-inspired dream. I see that rope—Oh, yes—God have mercy—I see it all.

In yonder cursed den by the bridge, when my brain was all afire with rum, when all my evil passions surged and swarmed within me like the mighty hosts of hell, then, after a few bitter words I stabbed to the heart my best and truest friend. No man ever loved me more than he, and you all can bear me witness how much I honored him when my brain was not wild with rum.

"A year has now passed since that evil night. A year of regrets and curses, a year of prayer and blasphemy, a year whose like I pray heaven no human being shall ever pass again. You all did know my infancy. Aye, many of you even stood by my cradle, and admired my innocent eye and dimpled cheek. In your hopeful predictions of honor and fame, you little thought of this death, so cursed and so frightful.

"In youth I was happy, studious and ambitious. Would that those days could come back to me! Oh that I again could live those days of joy, of purity, and of peace! But no, it cannot be. Gone are those happy days, and gone forever.

"With manhood and prosperity came also temptation. Yes, with sorrow I remember that night at our 'club' when the first social glass was emptied. I then saw no danger in a social glass, but now I see, and I know, and I feel in my innermost soul that then I took the fatal step that brought me here. That appetite grows by being fed, that it finally rules with the sway of a tyrant, was then to me utter nonsense—now it is the most fearful truth in God's universe. Woe be to you my fellow man, who tempted me to drink the first glass. Woe be to you who poured out the rum that fired my brain to so foul a deed as I have done. That deed neither time nor eternity can undo.

"Oh that I could paint the fearfulness of the drink habit for, surely, I have tasted its fruits so bitter. What but this habit could have made me abuse a true and loving wife whose foremost thought was the welfare of her husband? What else could have sold my lovely home, turned my wife and babe out of doors, and given me that dark and dismal cell in yonder prison? What else so undermines virtue, that fairest blossom on the tree of life, yet even worse, what else so blasts to everlasting damnation millions of human souls? Oh that I could curse this habit into the darkest depths of hell! Oh that God would send the swift and glowing thunderbolts of his wrath and free humanity from this awful habit! O Lord, how long shall wives weep over drunken husbands? How long shall mothers cry in despair because of ruined sons and profligate daughters? How long shall children suffer from cold and hunger, from neglect and abuse, because of drunken fathers? How long shall babes be born with the rum mark on soul and body, because of drunken parents? Do take pity on thy fallen race, and give it power to break the chains of intemperance. Give men the power to walk forth in the full glory of manhood, and bid defiance to this awful temptation. And now, O my God, if it be possible, forgive thou this sin, the greatest of all sins. Receive thou my soul when it shall wing its way hence. And, kind friends, pray that this may be possible. Farewell."

But what means this excitement of the people? Why do they throng around the governor? May heaven help that broken hearted mother who now kneels before the governor, a flood of tears flowing down her cheeks, imploring him to pardon her only son. May heaven give her power to melt the governor's heart that he may give back to her the sup-

port of a feeble old age. What! Has she conquered? What mean those tears running down his sun-burnt face? What mean those quivering lips? But ah, no, that crime is too hideous to be pardoned. Only God can forgive the shedding of human blood.

The village pastor now steps forward, and with choking voice and tear-filled eyes implores Providence to rescue this soul from an everlasting punishment. Then follows a brief blessing. And behold, as the hands of the pastor are resting on the bowed head of the prisoner, the dark clouds split open and a golden ray of the setting sun falls in all its glory upon the two. Let us hope in spite of many doubts and fears that this is the voice of God speaking forgiveness to the truly repenting soul. The clouds again close. It is growing dark. The death-cap is drawn over the eyes of the prisoner, the rope is placed around his neck. And lo, the bell in the old prison tower tolls its muffled signal—an awful shudder—and all is still as death.

One by one, in utter silence the people disappear in the darkness. The place is desolate, save on the steps of the gibbet, still sits the village pastor with bowed head and hidden face. At last he rouses himself from his sad meditations, kneels a moment, then rising he stretches both hands to heaven and cries despairingly, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Methods.

As we need our daily bread to sustain our bodies, so in our W. C. T. U. we need constant feeding along the various lines of work, to keep growing, and consequently have our unions in a flourishing condition. If any union begins to feel that there is little use to try to exist, there are so few that take an interest, this is a sure sign that they need feeding on the principles of the organization, its history and growth and the lives of the great leaders in this work. Take up the study of Annual Leaflet, "The Do Everything" book, by Miss Willard and the Beautiful Life of Frances Willard. Take up the study of the different departments, then history and growth. Our National Cor. Sec. is giving the history of the departments in the Union Signal. Keep them for study and reference.

For Secretaries.

Dear Recording Secretaries: I have been asked by the editor to write briefly of the duties of your office. I hesitate, I never have been the secretary of a local union and I am afraid this little article will be somewhat like an old maid's essay on the training of children.

But what says our State Minutes of the duties of the local recording secretary? (See page 102, sec. 3d. By Laws of Local Union.)

"To keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the union." She must first of all be so situated that she can attend faithfully the meetings of the union. Very much depends upon her being always in her place. Then, too, she needs good judgment and sufficient literary ability to prepare a clear, well worded report, correct in every particular. There are certain essentials which must appear in every report, such as date and place of meeting, who presided and every motion which was carried and now and then an important one which was lost, names of committees appointed and their work, etc. Aside from these, her report may contain much or little according to the taste of the union. I well remember one secretary whose reports were the event of each meeting of

the society so delightfully were they written and so full were they of little interesting details. This however is not necessary.

"To notify committees of their appointment and the business referred to them." Here is where many secretaries fail. They forget that it is always their duty to notify the different members of committees. The reason why this is the secretary's duty is plain. She is the only person who has a record of the matter.

"To take charge of all papers and documents of the union." This bespeaks a careful woman who can keep her papers in order for ready reference.

"To make reports annually or quarterly, as required by the union." Most unions I think do not require more than the annual report. The preparation of this is a very important duty. This report should be made up from the records of the recording secretary, the corresponding secretary and treasurer, unless the recording secretary has spread on her record each meeting the reports of the corresponding secretary and treasurer as presented to the union. This annual report should be full and definite, giving in figures the amount of work accomplished by the union along the different lines. This should be read to the union and corrected, if necessary, and then be given at the county convention when the reports of local unions are called for.

The office of the recording secretary is no sinecure if the work is performed as it should be and requires grace, grit and gumption. But of all the necessary qualities, that of faithfulness is most important. A faithful secretary can be almost the making of a union. A careless inefficient one can well cripple the work.

Yours sincerely,
CARRIE M. ALLEN.

Literature Supt.

One of the most prolific sources of information concerning W. C. T. U. work and principles is the National Annual Leaflet, which can be obtained of the National Treasurer for a postage stamp. A new one is published each year after the annual convention. Each W. C. T. U. woman should own one, every union should see that the editors and ministers of its town are supplied with them each year.

One of the most effective means of distributing literature is the placing of literature boxes, or wall pockets, in depots, hotels, barber shops, postoffices and other public places. If you have several of them in your town let one woman be appointed for each box to help the literature superintendent keep the boxes filled. See that they are replenished at least once a week. Place in them any good reading matter, temperance, purity, religious and literary. Don't fail to keep account of the number of leaflets, papers, and the total number of pages of literature placed in the boxes and report the same to your local literature superintendent.

Another good work is the making of scrapbooks to be placed in the cabooses of freight trains. In doing this work be sure that your books are made neatly, that you paste in only complete stories, articles, poems, etc., and most important of all that your selections are all wholesome.

IDA A. MORRILL,
State Supt. Literature.

State S. S. Supt.'s Methods.

Cando, N. D., Feb. 16, 1900.—Dear Sabbath School Workers: A letter to you sent earlier in the year reached the Bulletin.

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MARCH, 1900.

Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and New Crusade, 75c; Bulletin and Light, 70c; Bulletin and Union Signal, \$1.00. Bulletin and Backbone, 25 cents.

We wish to call attention to the Enforcement League convention, to be held in Grand Forks the 22d of March. Each union is asked to send delegates.

The April issue of Bulletin will be a special Y edition. We hope every Y in the state will send in her subscription before that time and be sure to have that number.

An interesting temperance story, entitled "Buy Your Own Cherries," is published by the W. C. T. U., Hilon, N. Y., and can be obtained of them for 50 cents per hundred.

A most valuable leaflet is published by D. E. Scoles, Washburn, Mo., entitled Tobacco. It contains parables, poems and witty points. This leaflet can be had by W. C. T. U. workers for \$1.00 per hundred and will be a most excellent leaflet for distribution. Order of him at once.

Some of our sisters have kindly responded to the reminder last month that their subscriptions were due, but there are very many still to hear from. We know that it is very easy to delay, but we urge you to be as prompt as possible. All of this money is paid to our state treasurer to help pay for printing our paper. Will not all of our union work now for the Bulletin? It can not be carried on without money, and you need the state paper. Send in clubs, after canvassing your union thoroughly. Remember the prize, Miss Willard's picture, to the union sending in the largest list of names before state convention.

Mrs. M. Hunt, national superintendent for scientific temperance instruction, has answered the statements made by Prof. Atwater against teaching the children in our public schools the effects of alcohol and narcotics. It can be obtained at cost price, five cents, by addressing Appeal to Truth, 3 and 5 W. 18th St., New York City, or 23 Trull St., Boston, Mass. This leaflet should be given a wide circulation, as the enemy is already at work trying to have the legislatures at their next sessions repeal the laws for this instruction. Let us save our boys and girls.

FOR A GLASS OF BEER.

That person signing himself a German and publishing a re-submission sentiments so freely throughout the state, and thinks the prohibitory law could be repealed because other laws are not enforced, and because he and his friends like a glass of beer with their lunch when they go to town, is evidently not aware that one person's liberty ends where another's begins, and because of the desire of a few to gratify appetite for a glass of beer without being subject to the law, is willing to bring misery, poverty and crime to hundreds of homes and send many souls to eternal destruction.

We pity him for the size of the beam in his eye, which prevents him from seeing his duty to help enforce the laws that are not enforced and thus prove his abili-

ty to be a part of the lawmakers of our fair state, which qualification he claims to have, but is evidently using it to help destroy happiness and prosperity instead of promoting the general welfare of the people.

This is only another proof that an educational test is the only true test for qualified voters, and that such ones only should be our lawmakers.

He also thinks that if prohibition were enforced it would result in poverty. Again we say he needs enlightening. For every dollar received from revenue, which he advocates, ten must be paid out to take care of the crime and poverty resulting therefrom.

That license is the poverty-maker, it would make us so poor "that a crow would shed tears to pass over and see our destination."

It would be well for these advocates of license to look at the two cities of Fargo and Moorhead.

Moorhead has 45 saloons, each paying a license of \$500. Fargo has none. All expenditures are taken from direct taxation. The assessor's books show that the increased valuation of Fargo was \$514,964 more in 1899 than it was in 1898, while Moorhead showed a decrease of \$6,466 between 1898 and '99. Fargo increased in population more than six times as fast as Moorhead did in 1898. When the saloons were driven out of Fargo it was predicted that the town would die. The facts do not carry these prophecies out. The tax rate for the running expenses of Fargo has been reduced 25 per cent in the last four years, notwithstanding the great improvements that have been made, and in face of the fact that in 1897 an extraordinary expense on account of high water of more than 20 per cent of the tax levy for city purposes that year. During saloon times Fargo did not have a single block of paved streets, while there are now 15 miles of well paved streets, with a complete system of sewerage. More than a million dollars has been expended in the past three years in buildings in Fargo and there is not a vacant store or house that is at all desirable. Fargo's per capita tax for 1898 was \$10.57, while eastern and southern cities of the U. S. were from \$11.02 to \$26.64. Is not this proof enough that prohibition does prohibit and that it prohibits to the glory of God and the best interests of man. "Let us have true and pure ideas for bullets and the ballots for guns," and maintain our righteous laws and establish still more of them, and elect men who will enforce them.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

IMPORTANT MARCH MEETINGS.

The State Enforcement League will hold its annual convention at Grand Forks, March 22d. This is a critical time in the history of the League as the original plan of work was for the five years which are now closing and new plans must be made for the future. All organizations interested in the enforcement of the law—churches, W. C. T. U.'s and Good Templar Lodges should be represented there. Reduced rates will be given on the railroads and the Grand Forks unions will entertain all ladies attending the convention.

The following day, March 23d, the Prohibition State Convention will be held in the court house at Grand Forks. The national chairman, Hon. O. W. Stewart, will address the convention. Mr. M. H. Kiff, acting chairman of the state central committee, invites churches, Good Templar lodges and W. C. T. U.'s to send delegates.

The state executive committee of the W. C. T. U. will meet at Grand Forks at this time. The first meeting will be Wednesday evening, March 21st, at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Allen, 112 Reeves avenue—unless notice is given to the contrary.

The board of directors for the W. C. T. U. Home will meet at the Home at Fargo, Saturday, March 24th, at 6:30 a. m.

W. C. T. U. INSTITUTES AND CHAUTAUQUA.

Indiana has for two years made the largest gains in membership of any state in the Union. This has been due to the W. C. T. U. Institutes (Schools of Methods) which have been held in every county in the state. I am very anxious that every county and district in North Dakota shall hold such an Institute this year. If arrangements can not well be made for this meeting in addition to the county convention, I strongly urge that the last day of the convention shall be devoted to institute work. If this is faithfully carried out in every county and district, not only will our women be

better equipped for work, but the number of our workers will be increased, and I trust our state will have the honor of coming up to the National Convention at Washington, D. C., with five hundred new members.

W. C. T. U. Day at Chautauqua will be July 13th. The orator of the day will be Miss Belle Kearney, a brilliant young southern woman. The W. C. T. U. Institute will begin the 14th and continue to the 20th. Miss Kearney and Dr. Janette Hill Knox, who takes my place in my absence, will conduct the Institute. In addition to lecture tours, Dr. Knox, Miss Kearney and Mrs. Unruh will attend county conventions and W. C. T. U. Institutes. Write Miss Maud Mathews, Larimore, for dates and terms.

MRS. UNRUH'S TOUR.

Mrs. Ada W. Unruh has completed a very successful tour in the state and her work receives and deserves the highest commendation. She held 46 meetings, secured 125 new members and took one hundred and sixty-nine subscriptions to the Union Signal and took orders for 160 Wood-Allen books. Mrs. Unruh took collections for the state work and not only paid her own way, but put \$100 in the state treasury. We are glad to announce that arrangements have been made for Mrs. Unruh to make a tour of the southern part of the state in June and July and she will also attend county conventions and institutes.

In making a tour of the northern and eastern part of the state, I think the work was never in a more prosperous condition, nor unions ever more active in the winter months than now. The union at Devils Lake gave me a very pleasant afternoon reception—which the "Nineteenth Century" club attended in a body. "We had a conference in regard to plans for the state convention. While they feel that the entertainment of the state convention is no light task, they are already beginning preparations with great earnestness, and the energetic leaders of that union know no such word as fail.

WORLD'S CONVENTION.

A communication concerning the World's Convention tour comes too late to be inserted in this number of the White Ribbon Bulletin. The excursion will be in charge of the tourist's firm of Crawford and Floyd of Boston. The delegation from this country will sail from New York June 6th in the Royal Belgian Mail Steamship "Noordland" of the Red Star Line. The fare from New York to Edinburgh and return from Antwerp to New York is \$142.50. First cabin; second cabin \$95. Reduced rail-rates will be given to New York.

Three side trips are arranged for: The first, Scotland, England, Paris and Belgium, two weeks, all expenses \$100. The second, England, Paris, Switzerland, Oberammergau, Germany, the Rhine, and Belgium, two weeks, all expenses including the Passion Play, \$120. The third—northern Italy and the Austrian Tyrol, in addition to side trip No. 2, one week, all expenses, \$50. An extension to Rome and Naples will be offered for those who desire it. Steamer berths should be engaged at once. Send \$25 to Mrs. Minnie B. Horning, The Temple, Chicago, and an additional deposit fee of \$25 for any of the side trips.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

State S. S. Supt.'s Methods.

(Continued from page 1.)
Too late for publication, but I trust that the lesson for Jan. 21 received earnest attention and ask the local superintendents to report the work done on that day.

Our national supt. has spared no pains to aid us in our work for this year, having prepared everything possible in the line of helps, literature, etc. She urges us to make this the very best year in our work and come up to our next convention with a "glorious harvest." Let us do our best to measure up to her hopes for us and by renewed activity make this in very truth our best year.

The plan of work for 1900 comes in the form of a manual for Sabbath school workers entitled "Hints and Helps For S. S. Workers," and will take the place of the workers' packet. It contains many new suggestions in the plan of work, historical sketch of the dept., weekly calendar of prayer, picture of national leader, cululars, program, etc.

Since all lesson helps do not designate the temperance lesson, a circular has been prepared with a list of all temperance lessons for 1900 with golden texts. This should be given to pastors, superintendents, teachers and officers.

As the teaching notes in many of the helps do not touch on the temperance side of the lesson, a quarterly leaflet containing teaching points on the lesson is issued a month in advance of each temperance lesson. Order early and distribute freely the Sabbath before temperance Sabbath.

A blackboard exercise bearing on the lesson is also issued. Send 2c stamp for sample copy.

The national Sabbath school pledge chain will be continued. All cards should be sent to me before the state convention. Let us make our next quarterly temperance Sabbath a Decision Day for the boys and girls of our schools, using red, white and blue cards for pledge signing. Let us distribute literature freely. A list of all helps and leaflets is given below.

Hints and Helps For Sabbath School Workers; price 10c. postpaid.

Quarterly Temperance Lesson Leaflet; 25 cents per 100, postpaid.

Quarterly Blackboard Exercise; 5c. cents per 100, postpaid.

List of Temperance Lessons for 1900; 20 cents per 100, postpaid.

Pledge Cards; 25 cents per 100, postage prepaid on order for 100 or less.

Leaflet "Questions Answered" (six-page folder); 3c. cents per 100.

The following leaflets come at 25 cents per 100, postpaid:

"Why Should I Abstain?"

"Facts, Figures and Opinions."

"A Study of the Pledge."

"The Sunday School and Temperance."

"Scientific Temperance Truth and the Bible."

"The Teachings of the Divine Savior Concerning Wine."

Let us make good use of this working material and, with renewed consecration to this work, meekly follow Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Yours lovingly,
MRS. NECTA BUCK.

Hereditry, Hygiene, Purity and Mothers' Meetings.

Dear District and County Supts.: I have no doubt you are each one pursuing your duties as faithfully as though you had heard from the state supt. with the utmost promptness. Travel and "wintering" several hundred miles from one's home is not conducive to the best attention to department work, no matter how much one's heart is in it. I am sure that I have no need to urge that each supt. will try to induce every union in her district or county to take up the work of these departments, also that you will seek to introduce the use of all the literature it is possible to procure on these lines, directing attention to the valuable articles in The Union Signal as they appear bearing upon these subjects. And, dear supts., prepare yourselves to present the object and benefits of these departments in a convincing way, so that no opportunities to advance their interests may be lost. I am trying to follow this advice myself. I hope to have a leaflet of "suggestions" ready before long. Faithfully, your comrade,
Lucy M. Brown, State Supt.

W. C. T. U. Home.

Dear Bulletin: Another month has been added to our lives, for which we must render praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, for which also we must give account of our stewardship. We often feel our weakness and our need of the support of the ever-lasting arms, and present our family—fifteen adults and eight babies—twenty-five, including matrons. All in good health.

There was one birth in the Home in February, a little girl, being born on the morning of the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Our dear Mrs. Best has been very ill. We are glad to know she is recovering, and pray that she may soon be restored to her labors.

We had a great treat in a talk kindly given at the Home by Mrs. Unruh during the stay of that talented lady in Fargo. Her talk was very interesting and convincing and, we trust, has left lasting impressions on the minds of all who heard it.

Miss Pederson is with us every Sunday afternoon and her services are much appreciated by our girls. Last Sunday one girl professed faith in Christ, and several are, we believe, honestly trying to live Christian lives.

Pray for us that we may be faithful and that at last we may hear the blessed words "well done."
MATRONS.

"The W. C. T. U."

'Tis an army,
Marching, marching to the front.
They are gathering
From the hillside and the plain;
They are buckling on an armor,
That is proof against the foe,
For their shield is God the Righteous,
And their badge, a ribbon bow.
Grafton, N. Dak. EDA M. V. SATEREN.
(Written expressly for the "White Ribbon Bulletin.")



From Miss Larimore.

Larimore N. D. Feb. 17, 1900.-My Dear girls: Last month I was giving you a plan for reading and study, and have been watching with eagerness to learn how many unions would adopt the course. I have heard from three only, but of course do not assume that only so few have decided to undertake the recommended study. I should be disappointed indeed did I think so; but how to reach you girls and feel that I can keep in touch with you and your work is a subject which gives me much troublesome thought.

Now, dear girls, do not think I am finding fault; I do not mean to do so, but I wish to lay the case before you and receive your candid opinion. I have written, and continue to write, personal letters to the Presidents of the various local unions, asking their difficulties and discouragements, soliciting a correspondence with them that thus I may render any assistance in my power, and also by the mutual interchange of thought and plan hope to build up and strengthen our beloved work. Do you not think such letters deserve a reply? Is it not the only polite thing to do, to say the least of it? I am sure none of my girls intend to be either impolite or careless, and so I appeal to you to let me hear from you. Let us come very close together, and by mutual help and sympathy strive to make this year one of far reaching effect in the cause of temperance, purity and righteous living among the young people in our state.

I should like to be able to estimate what per cent of our Y girls and boys have entered upon the study course, May I not hear from your union soon? Our National Acting Sec'y, Miss Stewart, expresses herself in the highest terms of approval of the plan, and says such a scheme will establish our unions on the firmest foundation possible. And that is what we desire, is it not? We can not be true, effective workers if the foundation stones are not well laid, and I feel that each one of us has an ambition to achieve something for the glorious cause in which we are engaged.

Let me again urge you to undertake the study as outlined, and get therefrom all the benefit possible. Do not forget the prize essay on Alcohol; its relation to the Body, Mind, Pocket book and Nation. I am anxious that there shall be many of these essays in the competition, and would remind you to be preparing them now as they must reach me not later than March 10. Remember, aside from the prize offered, the author of the successful essay is to have the additional distinction of having her (or his) an honorary may win essay printed in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

I am sure your will be pleased to learn that the next number, April, of this paper is to be our own special Y edition, and we hope to make it a very attractive, pretty issue, as well as instructive and entertaining.

May I remind you of Mrs. Barnes' appeal to each local union, asking 25cts towards our new National banner. Her letter was printed last month, and yet I have received nothing from my girls for this fund. Please attend to this promptly, and send the 25 cents to me that I may forward to Mrs. Barnes the amount due from the North Dakota Ys. It is a small thing for each union to do, and yet if every local Y in the United States reponds with its 25 cents, there will be a very goodly sum with which to purchase a handsome banner for our National emblem.

And then, dear girls, why not set our hearts to have it come to North Dakota? Wouldn't that be splendid? The banner is awarded the state making the largest gain in membership during the year, and why shall we not have it? Who is willing to work for it? Let us all do what we may to increase our membership, and each one can do something. If you determine to invite all your friends to join the ranks of the white ribbon army, you will be surprised to find many of them waiting for an invitation. Ask them, and see!

Let us, comrades dear, make our work

more popular, and upon each of us rests responsibility in this regard. If our hearts are in the blessed work, as they ought to be, seems to me we will not have any difficulty making it attractive to others. Oh! I do pray we may learn to love our temperance work more and more, and be the means, through Christ, of accomplishing great good in His cause, and for His dear sake. May He be ever near to strengthen and bless us, and He will if we but ask Him and trust to Him for guidance.

And now there is another matter of importance about which I would like to talk with each of you, but as I may not, a few lines here will have to suffice. As National custodian of funds for the Y bed in our Temperance Hospital in Chicago, I wish to remind you that the Ys all over the nation have pledged themselves to maintain a free bed in the Hospital. This costs us \$350 a year, less than \$1.00 a day, and of course less than it costs the Board of Managers unless there are several beds endowed. It seems such a beautiful thing for us to do, to make it possible for some one to be in the Hospital, receiving scientific treatment, without the use of alcohol in any form, and while appreciating and enjoying the tender care, many a patient has blessed the Ys for their thoughtfulness and generosity in providing this haven of comfort and rest for the suffering. Can you think of a more tender, exquisite charity than this? Let us remember that Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and again, "whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

If you will refer to your Annual Y Leaflet you will observe under "Suggestive Topics" that, Miss Stewart places the meeting for Non-Alcoholic Medication and the Frances E. Willard Temperance Hospital in February. The leaflet did not reach me until too late for me to make any reference to it in the last number of the Bulletin, or I should have been glad for us all to have conformed to the National plan. The leaflets and topics therein given will form a most excellent program, and I trust you will make it convenient to have the public meeting as advised, and take the collection for Hospital. All of us need more information and help on the subject of the non-use of alcoholic remedies in illness and a wide spread dissemination of these principles will be extremely valuable to our cause. I have sent a letter to the Union Signal, giving more explicit directions, and it will appear in the issue of Feb. 29 I presume. With the hints given there and in the Annual Leaflet we should have some splendid meetings. However, if for any reason you can not hold this service do not fail to send me a contribution for our Y bed. If each union will give 75 cents or a dollar the North Dakota Ys will have done their share. You will be glad to do your duty in this regard, I know, and it will be comforting to feel you have helped in so small a degree even, to make a long, weary period of illness and suffering, less weary and less painful to some unfortunate sister.

I trust you will not think I am asking too much of you in this letter: there is a great deal, I will admit, and unfortunately all coming at once makes it seem so much more. But after all it is our duty to attend to each of these obligations, and I feel that my brave North Dakota girls will respond generously and promptly.

And now, lest there be a misapprehension among some, let me explain how it is that we make a special plea for the Hospital. It has been our custom in the past to make a pledge of \$10.00 during the year, that amount being divided among several objects, \$2.00 used for our State Y work, \$1.00 for Clara Parrish fund, 75 cents for Hospital and so on until the entire \$10.00 had been expended. This plan was given us by Mrs. Pierson, and we found it worked admirably, but this year our relation to the State W. C. T. U. has been changed, consequently our financial relation is also altered. We are now on exactly the same basis as Ws, and it is as much our duty to help support the work of the older organization as it is their duty to aid the Ys. In other words the fund for the support of the state Y work is no longer a separate fund, but there is an appropriation made from the state W. C. T. U. treasury for the Y branch the same as any other line of work. So my dear girls, this year when you made a pledge of \$10.00, \$5.00, or whatever the

amount may be, you made it for state work in any or all of its branches, and the money should be sent to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood. It was thought best to make this change, and I believe we will like to feel we are an essential part of the great machinery of our state organization. Being in this closer financial relationship with the state W. C. T. U. assures us of having our work carried on, and gives us more freedom in assisting the other interests of our sisterhood. For instance after the local Y union has discharged its obligations to state work, and paid the pledge of whatever amount it can afford, it is then free to make special efforts for the Y bed in Hospital, Clara Parrish fund, or any other object in which we may be particularly interested, just as the W may choose the state Enforcement League or the W. C. T. U. Home Ensign. I do not mean to insinuate that these latter are not as important as the former, but simply to use them for an illustration. It is clearly impossible for any one local union to aid financially all the various causes with which our work has to do, but the Ys all over the nation are pledged to endow the Y bed in Hospital, and as Clara Parrish is "our own," the General Sec'y of the National Y. W. C. T. U., and is yet doing a valiant service in her "Round the world mission trip" we should rally to her aid loyally, and send as generous donations as possible to bring her on her way.

May our Father be very near us through the days of the coming month, bless richly our every effort in His name, and help us as we strive to climb higher, and yet higher. Lovingly your comrade, CORA W. LARIMORE.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

Dear Superintendents: The mouths are swiftly passing towards the close of convention year. May the year 1900 be a memorable one to all L. T. Ls. Let us reconsecrate and redouble our energies, making very marked progress in this the closing year of this century. The future of our great cause depends upon our efforts now to save the children before they shall have started in evil habits.

Have you ever tried graduating a class? Anyone who is using a less manual is taking the course, and if the children know they are to be examined and receive a diploma for answering a certain per cent of the questions they will listen more attentively. And hence the lessons do the more good. Explanations of this in the leaflet, Diplomas and Seals, price 10cts W. T. P. A. Also in Jan'y White Ribbon Bulletin. Every Supt. should take "The Helper" pub. by Alice M. Guernsey, East Orange, New Jersey, 17 Webster Place, price 10 cts, published monthly from Nov. to June inclusive. No legion can die or lose interest with such a feast of new and original ideas to draw from.

Have you given any entertainments in your Legion? Have you tried any new plans? If so write me that I may pass them on for the good of others. Miss Guernsey has also a delightful program for entertainments "Columbia's Call" price 02; order from her. A splendid book for Junior L. T. L's, "Three Times Three", price 50cts, was edited by her and the proceeds will help the L. T. L. of her State if ordered from her.

Miss Anna A. Gordon is preparing a new song book for sen. L. T. L's and would be glad of any help you can give by sending her word or music suitable.

National dues - please give this earnest careful and persistent attention. Since the National W. C. T. U. has made State L. T. L. Secretaries members ex-officio of the National Conventions we should show our appreciation by largely increased dues. Any child may be allowed to retain one of the honorary membership fees that he secures (10cts. by honorary members we mean adults.) by paying State and Nat'l dues, or he may be given opportunity to earn the money by selling tickets for an entertainment. The Honor Roll suggested last year was used with good results. Yours for Victory, Mrs. G. W. RYAN.

QUESTION BOX.

All White Ribboners are invited to send questions to the Department.

Q. Who are members of a local executive committee?

A. The president, treasurer, Cor Sec, Rec Sec, and the vice presidents.

Q. Is it correct to say, "I move we receive the report of a committee?"

A. No. Not after the report has been

read—it should be accept or adopt.

Q. When can a motion be withdrawn?

A. Before the final decision of the chair if no objection is made.

Q. Do all motions require a second?

A. No. A call for the order of the day, an objection to the consideration of a question, a call to order and a question of privilege do not require a second.

FIELD NOTES.

Devils Lake, N. D., Feb. 12, 1900.—Dear Readers of the White Ribbon Bulletin: We want you all to hear of the good work done in our city by Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, Jan. 12 and 13. She was advertised for Jan. 12 only but her lecture on that date was so forcible, convincing and entertaining that her audience unannouncedly expressed a desire to hear her again; in response to which she remained over, and on Saturday evening delivered a most touching and inspiring lecture on Social Purity. Mrs. Unruh is a most zealous advocate of the temperance cause, in all its issues and no one hearing her can doubt that her whole heart, soul and strength are in this work.

May His richest blessings attend this noble self-sacrificing woman. Yours Cordially, M. H. H.

Steele A very interesting public meeting was held in the M. B. church the last Sunday evening in January. Mrs. B. Smith read a very interesting paper regarding the W. C. T. U. Home. And the pastor of the church gave a short talk, telling of some of the benefits of the Home to needy and homeless women. The program was varied with singing and recitations. A generous collection was taken which was forwarded to the state treasurer for the Home. M. L. STANLEY.

Hamilton—In Dec. we held a public school rally. Prof. Sherarts gave a good address on tobacco. And Prof. Medland and Rev. J. H. Hamilton on temperance. Recitations and musical selections made a varied and pleasing program.

The union gave a pleasant entertainment at the home of Mrs. W. C. Green. The entertainment netted the union \$13.

Hunter—Our last "Mothers Meeting," the fathers also came in force, was held at Dr. and Mrs. Critchfield's pleasant and hospitable home, and notwithstanding another gathering in town, and very cold weather we had a grand turnout and a very interesting meeting; the subject being the relations of Mother and Daughter and Father and Son.

Readings, recitations and a paper by the president on "Mother and Daughter" roasts and roll call, comprised the program, while the refreshments were delicious, and the general interest unusual.

Our Last regular W. C. T. U. meeting was with Mrs. W. W. Beard, in their beautiful new home, and was one of the best and most encouraging we have ever had.

The attendance was large and we received three new members and planned a membership contest which is to be closed March 15th and is at this time the most interesting topic of town talk.

Also a Memorial Meeting to be held at the M. E. Church Sun. evening.

I hope to have greater things to report next month. L. L. MUR, Hunter, N. D., February 17th.

What Some of Our Sister Say.

The Bulletin is a splendid and constantly improving paper.—L. L. MUR, Hunter.

Enclosed find 15cts. to continue my subscription to your excellent paper. Your Christ like motto finds response in my inmost heart. God bless you and all who are striving to put down evil and build up good. Mrs. MABEL COOPER, Wagonport.

To me the White Ribbon Bulletin has been a great help and also a pleasure, for it has reminded me of my obligations to our fellow beings and to know how much good some of the women of our state are doing. GRACIA CARR, Harvey. A splendid little paper. Mrs. M. J. AKERS, Fortland.

I much appreciate and enjoy the Bulletin. I am so glad to get the news of the state and it is gotten up in a nice way. Mrs. M. C. STODDARD, New Rockford.

I am well pleased with the paper and would not like to be without it. Mrs. C. L. NOLAN, Churchs Ferry.

The Bulletin is a lovely and instructive paper. Mrs. G. H. SMITH, Grand Forks.

The Bulletin is worth 25 cents or more.—Mrs. H. M. CREEK, Devils Lake.

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Suffrage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15, 1900.

Dear Friends, N. D. E. S. A.:—From our nation's capitol I send you greeting. For more reasons than I can tell you now, I, at least, am glad and thankful that North Dakota has had a representative at the thirty-second annual convention of the N. A. W. S. A. I trust and fully believe that you will have a much more efficient state president for the remainder of the year, and always a better and more intelligent worker for the cause, because of it. How I wish more of you could have been present and felt the inspiration of it all and the uplift toward larger liberty in thought and for personal freedom in action. North Dakota's six votes were cast to bring the national convention nearer home next year, and the invitations from Minneapolis were accepted. We now believe we shall be able to hold a suffrage day at our Chautauqua Assembly with Rev. Anna Shaw as speaker. Mrs. Catt, our duly elected national president, believes we shall be able to have in our state a national lecturer for part of the year. The executive is still hard at work and will be in session to-morrow, though the convention proper closed with a great public meeting last evening. I trust you are all reading the reported sessions of this largest N. A. W. S. A. in the great journals, for I cannot write it here. You who have tried know that it is as difficult to write a little when there is much to say as it is to write at all when there is nothing to say. One thing I will tell you, your representative has put aside every temptation for sight seeing in this wonderful city, and has hardly missed one hour of convention, or one committee meeting.

The ovation to Miss Anthony in the Lafayette opera house this afternoon was in all respects the most splendid affair it has ever been my pleasure to witness. The grand old lady, who has retained all her faculties up to four score years, was addressed by many noted women of the east. Mrs. May Wright Sewell, president of the International Council of Women, president of the National Congress of Mothers, representatives among our sex of the law, ministry and medicine, representatives from the four "free" states, by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, of England—a most beautiful and brilliant woman—the daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and others. Mrs. Hutchison, the only surviving member of the great Hutchison family, who have helped to sing in many a reform, rendered an original production to the queen of the hour. Eighty tiny tots, called "future voters," little girls and boys, marched across the stage depositing a white rose in the lap of "dear aunt Susan." Mrs.

Carrie Chapman Catt presided in her most queenly manner. The great stage, crowded with distinguished guests and speakers, many flowers and beautiful costumes, the great concourse of enthusiastic people admitted only by tickets given by the association made a scene and an occasion long to be remembered by all.

Some day our just cause will triumph over opposition and prejudice as this great woman has triumphed over the hearts of people who have tried to dispise and ridicule her.

The following little poem appeared upon our program which are beautiful little souvenirs of the occasion. Yours for the cause of humanity,

FLORA B. NAYLOR.

To Susan B. Anthony.

The gibe and ridicule and social frown
That through years her faithful life as-
Are dead and vanished; as a queen now
hailed,
Upon her reverend brow rests honor's
crown.
A faith that faced all adverse fortune down,
A courage that in trial never failed,
A scorn of self that grievous weight en-
laid,
Have blossomed into laurels of renown.
As after days of bitter storm and blast
The chilling wind becomes a breeze of
calm;
Billows subside, and sea-tossed vessels cast
Their anchors in the restful harbor calm—
So this brave life has gained its haven blest
Bathed in the sunset glories of the west.
—Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE.

EDITED BY SEC. A. LINDELLE.

The annual state convention of the Enforcement League will be held in Grand Forks on Thursday, March 22. The day of organization is the 28th of March, but several friends who expect to attend the prohibition party convention, which is to be held in Grand Forks March 23, requested that the league fix a day either before or after the 23d, so they do not have to make two trips, but can attend both conventions at the same time. This arrangement will no doubt enable all who attend the prohibition convention also to attend the convention of the league. Reduced rates will be obtained on all railroads for both conventions. The Grand Forks Ws. will entertain all lady delegates and visitors. Addresses are expected from Hon. Jno. W. Arcander of Minneapolis, Judge C. A. Pollock, Hon. R. J. Walker, Capt. W. P. Nettv, Rev. Ernest M. Smith of Williston and Miss Preston.

As stated before, the five years for which the league was organized are now up, and if the friends of law and order throughout the state think that the league should continue its work they should attend the annual convention.

The work of the league has not been what it ought to have been, no doubt. But considering the limited means, the organization has done good work. With more funds more and better work can be done—every locality can be attended to promptly and a better class of detectives can be engaged. In fact, the question of money is the real question which all prospective delegates should prepare themselves to solve. With plenty of money the law can be enforced.

The league has tried to live up to the program set at the last annual convention. The program was: "On to Bismarck!" In January we secured evidence against seven saloons in Bismarck; we prepared the necessary papers for injunctions, which Attorney General Cowan signed. We did not expect that the sheriff would find any intoxicating liquor upon the premises, and we were right; he is not made of the same "stuff" as Clark upon the premises is not very material for the final disposition of the cases. The matter of enforcement of the prohibitory law in Bismarck is now up to the court. The decision of the court will close the saloons or keep them open for a little while longer.

Another fort of the retreating saloonism in this state has been stormed. Williston, with her 10 saloons, is in the possession of our forces. The newly organized W. C. T. U. and the brave and fearless Rev. Ernest M. Smith of said place has led the attack, assisted by the league, and the defiant saloon keepers have either left the state or are now in the hands of the law.

Other cities where the saloon power is running everything in a high-handed manner have appealed to the league for assistance. We had done all our finances

allowed us to do, and it will be left to the annual convention to say if we shall be able to help the friends in the few remaining saloon towns in our state.

With our limited means we are unable to secure professional detectives. We must pick up our men as we go and then get an unreliable or good-for-nothing man in our employ cannot be avoided, but we always discharge him as soon as we discover that the man is wrong. Some times such a man will be in our employ only a few days. But the unfriendly newspapers can never forget that that man once worked for the League; they always mention that he is a "spotter," whenever he is reported to have done anything wrong several years after he has been in our employ.

As an instance I can mention the report which was published freely in some papers a few weeks ago that a League "Spotter," Robert Staley, was arrested for boot-legging. The truth is that Mr. Staley has not been connected with the League for three years and then only for a brief period. When certain papers still connect him with the League, it must be done through malice, because they want to get the League into disrepute.

If some of our prosecuting officers would be as anxious to prosecute the blind-piggers as they are to prosecute our detectives, who are often falsely accused of wrong doings, there would be no blind-pigs.

The cases against our detectives Winslow and Compton, who were under bonds in Walsh county for perjury, was dismissed upon motion of the State Attorney at the last term of court held at Grand Forks. The states attorney stated in making the motion that he had ascertained that the men were absolutely innocent. Attorney Phelps, of Grafton, deserves great credit for his efforts in behalf of our men to get at the truth. State papers please copy.

The famous Dr. Reilly of Milton, his employes David Ward and J. P. Jamieson are notified to appear before Judge Sauter in a few days at Langdon to answer the charge of contempt of court. The two first parties were found guilty a year ago. Through different machinations they avoided their sentence. This time there will be no way out, unless they leave the state for good. The drug-stores of Langdon will also have to account for their doings. The friends in Cavalier county have great expectations, and we hope they will not be disappointed.

Social Reform Union.

A letter has recently been received from Cleveland, O., asking about our prize essay contest on Direct Legislation. It contained a card that was of general interest.

After several appropriate "wheresses," Resolved, "That our splendid school system shall be lifted out of the pool of vices by electing to the school council such candidates as will serve the best interests of the public schools without fear or favor."

On the reverse were the names of 4 candidates who had been nominated by petition and would be placed on the ballot under the headline of "The School Party."

Some such form of the initiative must soon be generally adopted in this state, and we women will have to bring it about.

A most successful educator recently told me that he declined renomination at the hands of his party because he could not do his best work under the dictation of the boss.

We need not expect to secure the best public servants until we are ready to demand the initiative and referendum, by which alone we can make it possible for them to do their duty effectively.

There have been some fears that direct legislation in this state might lead to re-submission and the loss of prohibition. I think such fears unfounded, as do all the leaders in this agitation; but even if this were true, the most of the state would still hold by prohibition, and only those portions sell liquor where it is now well

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In New Zealand, where the legislative machinery is not so clumsy as here, the people are increasingly in favor of "No License."

The electorate of Clutha, which was prohibition for some years, was carried the other way one election by a readjustment of boundaries. In December the temperance people were again victorious. It is estimated by a correspondent of "Citizen and Country" (Toronto) that "the temperance vote is 25 per cent more on an average all over New Zealand this election than last."

From this showing it will be seen that the people may be safely trusted to look after their own affairs when, through direct legislation, they have the power and personal responsibility.

By this means we can get the curfew law in our cities and bring about electoral reforms.

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