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Greeting From World's Y Sec.,
Mrs. Frances J. Barnes.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 1, 1900.
Dear Young Women of North Dakota:—I am absent from home and the busy life of our Greater New York, for an enforced rest of two weeks, and am supposed to write letters or do any sort of temperance work.

So you "must not tell" that I send this friendly word of greeting to be published in the Y number of your paper.

If it is somewhat informal and brief, I trust you will grant pardon because of the above "preventing measures."

I have known you and loved you in other days through your former State Y Secretary, Mrs. Benson, and now you are brought even closer through the friendship and recent delightful meeting of your present leader, Miss Larimore. We crossed your broad undulating lands together in going to the National Convention at Seattle, and since I have spent a red letter day at Fargo, I feel as if I had been in one of your hospitable home cities, and that now we are really friends and comrades in a cause that needs us everyone, and that together we are to reach out hands to every young man and woman in North Dakota.

The open western country gives one a sweep of vision, and a sense of health and freedom not realized in any other surrounding; one has plenty of space in which to breathe long, and deep, and fully. The very thought suggests pure, clear, forceful living and as if the very nature of limitless environment should inspire the fullest liberty from all evil habits, and the clearest, truest thinking on all subjects of personal and public welfare.

You have the wide world, with the earth and the sky to lift you up and to encourage you; and your surroundings no less than ours being responsibilities, may they be appreciated and used to advantage, as God's incentives for the betterment of yourselves, and the redemption of your grand state from all corrupting evils.

I have just read our paper, The Union Signal, on this first day of spring, which is our National President's birthday, and as I laid it down, I said, "how much our dear Y's can do if they only will," and I sighed for more strength, time and space with which to write out some of the details; you can find a few mentioned in the leaflet, "Seventy-one Things a Y Can Do," which was written by a bright Y in Indiana several years ago, and now I expect you could add at least one hundred more. My special word would be, commence at once, "Do ye next thynge," and then the next, and as rapidly as the hours go by you can note some item done for Christ, and for humanity.

What I am writing you to do, I am trying to do myself, and as to-day is the time to get new subscribers to the Union Signal, I have obtained one this morning. Not many of us can do some one great thing all at once, but we can do many little things and so build a monument or form a coral reef.

As I think of you dear, bright girls "in the land of the Dakotas," I wish I could take each one of you by the hand and look into your eyes, and see and hear a glad response to the query, "Are you a total abstainer?" And I should follow it by saying, "Come with us and we will do you good." Learn the soul satisfying lesson of doing for "Others' sake."

"For others' sake, O wise, O sweet! O secret of Life's harmony if we would have our lives repeat in such small measure as they may

Our Christ's and Lord's—for us He'll make No surer law than to obey the one That pleads "For Others' Sake."



With heartfelt interest, yours in white ribbon bonds. FRANCES J. BARNES.

MISS CLARA PARRISH.

Our Y Round the World Missionary and General Secretary Elect of the National Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Of the young woman who was sent out as the seventh Round the World Missionary by the W. C. T. U. in the fall of 1896, most of us know a great deal, but for the benefit of those who have recently joined the ranks of the great white ribbon army, I wish to give a brief sketch of the mighty works she has wrought. A mere recital of the years of self-sacrifice and beautiful service she has given will bring uplift and inspiration to all who read.

Clara Parrish was born and raised on a farm in Illinois, moving with her parents to Paris, Ill., in 1838. Miss Parrish, like many another great leader of our forces, was an educator, and her experiences during this period of her activity were an excellent testing of those powers which she later developed in wider fields of usefulness. She began work in the W. C. T. U. as district Supt. of Young Woman's work in Illinois; her unusual gifts of mind and character were speedily recognized and she was soon promoted, passing quickly from one position of trust and honor to another. While state organizer she was elected national Y organizer; in this capacity she visited more than half the states in the union, and wherever she labored her work was so efficient and thorough, that a great impetus was given the cause, and in 1896 Miss Willard chose her to carry the white ribbon around the world, saying, "This little girl has the true spirit, she will make friends for herself and the cause wherever she goes." How marvelously the prediction has been fulfilled, Miss Willard did not live to realize. Miss Parrish has won hearts everywhere, and the good she has accomplished for humanity, the uplift and inspiration she has given to hearts and homes cannot be estimated. Eternity alone will reveal the far reaching effect, and the widely extended scope of her ministrations.

Her first missionary work was in Japan, where as results of her efforts the membership of the W. C. T. U. was doubled, and

the Young Woman's Branch organized, rapidly swelling their numbers to one thousand. The beautiful tributes and messages of appreciation of Miss Parrish which have come from her associates in Japan would fill volumes, but I will quote briefly what Miss Tami Mitam, Y Sec'y, said of her: "You do not know how much we miss dear Miss Parrish. She has won our hearts entirely. I know she will get warm welcome everywhere." Through Miss Parrish's organization nearly one thousand girls in the mission schools of Japan have signed the pledge and put on the white ribbon, and many of them are very earnest in the temperance cause. This work will tell for good when these girls become mothers and more especially grandmothers, for in Japan the grandmother is the one who wields the influence, but even now the girls have an influence for good, as the following will show:

One of the girls in the Methodist mission school of Tokyo joined the Y. W. C. T. U. while at school last year and became quite a worker. Her father was in the habit of taking wine and when the summer came, and she went to her home, she felt very anxious lest he should look with disfavor upon her temperance work; she explained it all to him and told him how she had taken the pledge and that she could not drink nor serve wine. He did not say whether he approved or disapproved, but a short time after, when in company with some of his friends and wine was passed, he said: "No, my daughter is engaged in temperance work and I have great respect for her, and for HER SAKE I cannot drink."



MISS CLARA PARRISH.

Would that American fathers would thus honor their daughters and their work!

Perhaps Miss Parrish's most important work in Japan was the organization of some of the leading men of the country into the National Temperance League. In the farewell to Miss Parrish by the press of Japan appears the following:

"We have now at last been enabled to realize our long cherished end, the organization of a National Temperance League in this country. This success, both in its origin and progress, is owing largely to the workers sent out from America on various occasions by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. But the consummation of this undertaking, not to speak of the extraordinary

progress it has made of late, we do not hesitate to say, is entirely due to the indefatigable efforts of Miss Clara Parrish, whose keen insight and once fixed upon such a league as a necessity, as soon as she arrived upon the field. She found many difficulties in the way to overcome, but she has worked patiently and carefully during the past two years. With the co-operation of foreign and native workers she has at last achieved a brilliant success. This is indeed a matter of heartfelt congratulation, not only for the cause of temperance itself, but also for the sake of our country, whose welfare has been so greatly imperiled by alcoholic influences. Should we follow Japanese fashion we would present to her a souvenir of a nicely written testimonial, or a collection of curios. But this, we are sure, would not be most fitting and pleasing to her. So let us rather give her what will be most precious to her—the assurance she asks, that we, the members of the temperance societies in all parts of the empire, would constantly keep her wishes in mind and always direct our attention to the maintenance and development of the National Temperance League, to which she is strongly attached, and for which she has labored so hard and long. Let it be our earnest prayer that Miss Parrish will never have cause to be anxious on this point, and never regret the time and labor she has expended in this direction. Wherever she goes, whatever her field of labor, may she have peace and prosperity, and the National Temperance League of Japan always stand out clearly as a living monument of her zeal and untiring labors."

Her especial efforts have been along the lines of social purity in those Oriental countries, where the condition of woman is so sadly different from ours in this blessed "land of the free and a home of the brave." We can scarcely conceive of such a diabolical thing as fathers or brothers selling the girls in the family for immoral purposes, yet Miss Parrish found this true in Japan, where the poor creatures are held in absolute bondage for a term of years. Having enlisted in the Temperance League a goodly army of the noble fathers and brothers, who may estimate the everlasting benefits Miss Parrish gave Japan. We certainly may expect a speedy reformation along many lines in the beautiful kingdom of the Rising Sun. But after all it is to the future we must look for any radical changes; with the girls in the mission schools, and the children, trained in W. C. T. U. principles and methods we have the "corner stones" upon which a mighty "palace" of purity, temperance and righteousness is to be builded. As Miss Parrish herself said, "We cannot hope to train many mothers, it is too late; we cannot work for the Japan of today, it is the future that is ours."

On her journey from Japan to India she held meetings wherever possible. At Nagasaki, where she organized a Y in the college, a special messenger came to her from the governor's wife requesting that a service be arranged for the ladies of her class, but unfortunately Miss Parrish had to leave on the steamer, and this chance for seed sowing was lost. Referring to this incident, Miss Parrish wrote: "This shows how widespread is the interest here. If only the people of the homeland could see their opportunities!"

Mrs. Large, who now has charge of the work in Japan wrote early in this year: "The new year is bright with hope. We wish "our Clara" could be here to see

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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.

According to the Philadelphia Ledger there is talk that Att'y General Griggs will be appointed by President McKinley to succeed Judge Gray of the supreme court, who may retire from the bench this spring, inasmuch as he is seventy-two years old, and the court justices have the right to retire when they reach the age of seventy with full pay for life.

It would be most undesirable to have a man with the record that Att'y General Griggs' has made for himself in misconstruing the anti-canteen bill receive the appointment to this place of high responsibility. There should be a protest on behalf of Christian and temperance people against his appointment.

Dear Sisters: If any of you find articles omitted from this number, which you expected to see, it is because we have given this number to our Ys: and I am sure we will find it a very helpful and pleasing issue.

At the earnest request of the editor our state Y secretary permitted her picture to appear in this issue, and we feel sure it will be helpful to see the bright face of our earnest, untiring leader of Y work.

From Miss Stewart.

Dear Comrades of North Dakota: Your secretary, Miss Larimore, has asked me to send you words of greeting and cheer for the Y edition of your state paper, and I respond gladly, for I am more and more impressed with the great importance of our Y branch and all that success for it may mean. As the one who must "stay by the staff" until the return of our dear Miss Parrish, I want to encourage you to go on to greater things. She is so far away from us that word from her can only be had occasionally, so we must "do our best" till she comes back to her "ain country." I know nothing we could do that would give her as much pleasure as to know that her girls in America were "setting their stints" for greatly increased membership. Our national president, Mrs. Stevens, sounded the slogan's call in her last annual address when she urged that greater activity be shown in the work among young people. Could our "translated leader" bring a message to us to-day it would be to tell us to press forward and win others to the cause which she so much loved and which we all believe to be God's work. So the burden of my message to you is this—"On with the Young Woman's Branch!" If you would grow, each individual young man and young woman in our organization in North Dakota must feel that they have a part in bringing the increase. Shall I tell you a practical way to do this? Let each union resolve that it will be instrumental in organizing one new union before the fall of 1900 shall roll around. Is this too much to ask or expect? I think not, and I know that the heart of your

secretary will be made glad, as well as my own, if you do this.

I cannot tell you all that is in my heart to say. I would have you brave and loyal and true to our principles and our organization. I would have you come up to the very best that is in you. If you try to do this, even though you fail to reach the goal for which you strive, you will be better for having tried. Yours in love and truest fellowship.

ANNE ROTWELL STEWART, Acting Sec.
Nat. W. C. T. U., Chestertown, Md.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

My Dear Y Comrades:—In response to Miss Larimore's request my letter this month shall be especially to the Y's. I hope you will always remember that every letter I write for this "Corner" is as much to the Y's as to the W's, but this message is to the Y's only, and the W's need not read it unless they feel moved so to do!

It gives us pleasure to turn over the whole paper this month to the bright young women of our state. There is a wonderful inspiration to those of us who are beginning to grow gray in the service, to see the band of brave, beautiful, young women coming to the rescue, lead on by our gifted young Y Secretary.

Among the girls who will read this letter there are some, no doubt, who have found that this work costs them something, who have made sacrifices for it. You are the ones I wish to congratulate. For there is nothing which strengthens character, develops latent power, and brings out the richness and sweetness of one's nature, as sacrifice, made in the spirit of Christ, for a principle. This is what the Master meant when He said: "Whosoever will lose (in willing to lose) his life for my sake, shall find it."

Last week I had the pleasure of listening to Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the national prohibition central committee, a young man who is giving his life to the cause of prohibition. His eloquence, personal magnetism, and powers of persuasion, if given to one of the great political parties would no doubt in a few years bring him political reward, positions of honor and trust. Ambitious as such a young man must undoubtedly be, he is willing to lose his life—its opportunities for honor and preferment, for the righteous principle of prohibition. All who listened to him were given a spiritual uplift; it came from the life he has found. Selfish and politic considerations looked small and mean in the white light of principle which he threw upon them. He has the rare power of convincing without antagonizing. This power, with his broad spirit of tolerance and patience, and his loyalty to Christ and the church, reminded us of our Frances E. Willard, who years ago found her life, which has been an inspiration to so many thousands, by losing it.

Every union, W. and Y. in the state has been requested to hold a memorial service for our promoted leader and from the collection taken at that time, send two dollars to Mrs. Carr, to be sent by her to the Willard memorial fund to be used in extending the work of organization. Only a small amount has been sent Mrs. Carr. North Dakota ought to contribute at least \$100. How much will the Y's of the state raise toward this fund? If your two dollars have not been sent in, please attend to it as early as possible. This is the only contribution asked by the National of the local unions. You will all be rejoiced to know that our Home was never in so good condition financially as at the present time. At our state convention we were \$300 behind on running expenses. This has been paid and all bills have been met up to the present month with money in the treasury to pay the bills for the month. We have fifteen girls and eight little ones in the family now. Their conversions were reported during the last quarter.

Our efficient matron, Miss Fanny Huston, was married last week to Mr. G. S. Huston, a railroad man. They will make their home at Larimore. It was with genuine regret that we accepted Mrs. Huston's resignation as matron, but we extend to Mr. Huston our cordial congratulations for winning the prize we have lost. Mrs. Huston will always have the grateful regards of white work in the Home, and our best wishes for happiness and prosperity go with her.

Miss Alice Cummings was elected matron and the work is still in most competent hands.

I wonder if the Y's would not like to undertake some special work for the

Home like that of finishing or furnishing the nursery which should be done this summer. Cass county Y's have already furnished the assistant matron's room. I should be glad to know that every Y in the state is taking the course of study recommended by our Y Secretary, beginning with the State Minutes and National Leaflet. It is only in this way that we may become equipped for valiant service.

I regret that I have neither time nor space to report the meetings of the state executive committee and board of directors, for the Home, and the Enforcement League and Prohibition Conventions.

In response to the many kind inquiries received, I am happy to be able to state that my mother is recovering from her serious illness.

Yours for the young women,
ELIZABETH PARRISH.
Bathgate, N. D., March 29, 1900.

MISS CLARA PARRISH.

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what a strong plant has grown from the seeds she planted. We wish she could hear when we have cause for rejoicing—the repeatedly expressed words, "Miss Parrish will be glad to hear this," thus showing how she lives in the thoughts and hearts of many here."

While on her way to India, the National Convention then in session at St. Paul elected her National Y Secretary, thinking she would soon be with us. But she found need for her services in Burmah, and so tarried. Since then the work has grown to such an extent it has been impossible for her to leave, and at the express wish of the general officers of the World's W. C. T. U. she has remained for many months. Here success here, as in Japan, has been remarkable; everywhere she sees the needs, and does her all to supply them. Recently she wrote, "the possibilities of the union here seem so great, that I cannot bear the thought, much as I love you all, of leaving a place so strangely in need, and so peculiarly deserving of our help. If only a multitude of our young women might know the blessedness of this pioneer work in the East!"

She said of her stay in Mandalay that a number of meetings were held and the interest manifested was a constant surprise. Scientific Temperance Instruction has been agitated, and as a result twenty-five schools responded favorably to the appeal to put in books similar to those used in our schools all over the land. Miss Parrish wrote: "Next year the government code will change, when we hope to do more, but this first 'entering wedge' did seem such a victory." By her efforts the various local unions were federated, and for some time had been supporting two Rescue Homes for unfortunate women. Already the results have been most encouraging. It was to take charge of one of these Homes that Miss Parrish was detained until the arrival from America of a suitable young woman to manage it. In her last letter she sends the splendid news that the provincial government had voted to double the income of the "Women's Home" to rupees 75 monthly.

In the interest of our blessed work Miss Parrish has made long jungle trips in ox carts with wooden wheels, and gone many weary miles over mountains to reach a needy place where the seed might be sown. And so this brave little Y missionary has gone on uncomplainingly in her work, suffering severe illness several times, and I doubt not but for the "Everlasting Arms," would often have been well nigh overcome with discouragement and heartache. It is not possible for us to dimly apprehend the difficulties she has encountered. The very longing for home must in itself be at times almost unbearable, and yet this consecrated young woman has for nearly four years carried aloft our white ribbon banner in far away lands, and been "appearing" herself for her "sisters" and "brothers" of whatever color, language or race.

She will attend our World's W. C. T. U. Convention in June at Edinburgh, and return early in August to her "ain country." If you could read how longingly and wistfully she refers to that time it would strangely touch your hearts.

Referring to her appointment as General Sec'y of the National Y. W. C. T. U., she wrote: "I was dumb with surprise,

and I trust, humble joy. I feel as though I could dare anything for the glorioth of my own land, to whom my heart has always especially turned. And so, my comrades dear, I want to say to you to-day, that if you are really aroused to the need of enlisting and training the young women of the nation for this holy service, and if you believe in your hearts that I can do it (which means, practically, that you believe in your own willingness to help to the full extent of your ability), to quote the words of our own dear Mary T. Lathrop, in her beautiful poem, "A Woman's Question,"

'I will stake my life
To be all you demand of me.'

Three years ago, when I was preparing to leave my home for the far East, some of my towns people said I had no right to go, but it came to me in the little "upper room" that because of the girls who should follow, I had no right to refuse to accept the great trust. I have never doubted the "call" which came to me through our incomparable Frances E. Willard, and here, now, in far away Burmah, I seem to feel the same spirit's presence wooing me back to the crusade camp fires and to our gracious mothers of 1873.

"Remember, if I come home, it will not be because of any confidence I have in myself—I would impress that upon you—but because of my belief in your royal promises of co-operation aid help. The young women, approachable, are all about us. Have we (not I) the strength?"

Another time she wrote: "Let me ask you again never to think of any part of the work in the East as my work; it is ours. I could never have done anything without your co-operation, so always remember that each one of you is to claim a share in the reaping days."

No words of mine can convey to you a proper estimate of the beauty of soul, the richness of character of this noble young woman. She herself once said, "how little the sketches we write really reveal of the struggles, the victories, the work of a great life," and I certainly realize that to be true in this instance. I trust, however, enough has been said of her valiant service to cause the heart of every Y in North Dakota to throb with quick pulsations of sympathy and love, of honor for her and appreciation of her magnificent labors.

With the beautiful example of Clara Parrish's life ever before us, may we resolve to go forward in the work more earnestly and zealously, each one striving to do her all to hasten the incoming of His Kingdom.

CORA W. LARIMORE.

The Discord.

In the deepening shades of evening,

And the calm of ebbing day,
When tired minds sink to dreaming,
And the lengthening shadows play,
I love to dream in music,
In idleness to stray,
From harmony to harmony,
Till the light has died away.

Playing, playing, till day's discord
Floats away like a troubled dream;
And I look back o'er the hours,
Disentangling their scheme;
Seeing it was but my blindness
That had filled the day with strife,
And my weakness that prevented
Much that was best in life.

Deeper grow night's falling shadows,
And the keys no longer seen
Breaking into sudden jarring,
Shattering my happy dream.
Thus from out the night of ignorance
Smite we Life's harmonious law,
And because of little knowledge,
Only discord do we draw.

God hath given to each a life-harp,
With instructions how to play;
Yielding to His ear an anthem
From its strings of night and day.
Seek and find the law abiding
In each bright and day-length string;
Strike it with the power of knowledge,
Each note music rendering—

Touch it with a hand caressing,
And its heart will leap and sing,
Echoing back to The Law-Giver,
Concord on its tuneful wing.

LOUISE TANNER REEVE.
Buxton, North Dakota.



With all good wishes for your work.



Yours in Y bonds, CORA W. LARIMORE.

Mrs. Frances J. Barnes.

To those of our sisterhood who have never had the joy of meeting personally our much loved world's Y secretary I wish to present her to you in these columns. This, together with her own words to you and her sweet, smiling face on page first, will make you feel nearer to our leader, and give you some insight into her great, loving heart, which goes out so tenderly to all her girls.

Quoting the Union Signal, I will give you an outline of her life and work:

"Reviewing the work of the organization, the name of Mrs. Frances J. Barnes is prominent as a leader of young women, many of whom she has inspired to consecrated effort and whose aims and purposes have had an uplift through her own enthusiasm and devotion. She was born at Skaneateles, N. Y., of Quaker parentage, therefore her early training had prepared her to enter the temperance ranks. At the time of the Crusade she was associated with Miss Willard in conducting gospel temperance meetings in Chicago the first year Miss Willard entered the service as president of the Chicago W. C. T. U.

"In 1871 she married Mr. Willis A. Barnes, a young lawyer, and after remaining a short time in New York they moved to Chicago.

"Returning to New York again in 1881 Mrs. Barnes formed a union of young people, known as the Loyal Legion Temperance society, and this society established a free reading room for boys, which has been maintained ever since, and is one of the most successful boys' clubs in the city.

"At the Baltimore convention in 1878 she was made a member of the committee on young women's work; later she was appointed superintendent of the department of Y work, and under her tutelage the department developed into the Y branch of the W. C. T. U., of which she was made general secretary.

"In 1890 she went as fraternal delegate from the National W. C. T. U. to the British Women's Temperance association at its convention in London, where she was instrumental in having the department adopted by the British society. Three years later she was the guest of Lady Henry Somerset for some time at Reigate; she also visited Paris, where she assisted the superintendent, then Miss Isabel Gibson, in giving an impetus to work among young women.

"Still later she made a tour which embraced the Mediterranean countries and the Holy Land, and wherever she went she lost no opportunity of sowing the seeds of the truth so dear to her heart.

"Mrs. Barnes has written many articles for various periodicals, and for three years she has edited the Y Almanac, which has had a very extensive sale, the profits from which have been devoted to forwarding temperance work among young women the world over.

"Mrs. Barnes is an elder of the Society of Orthodox Friends, and she wields a strong influence for temperance in that body.

I was present at the Buffalo convention in 1897 when, after 20 years' service as the national leader of the young women, Mrs. Barnes resigned that she might give more time and personal supervision to the world's work. The heartfelt regret was universal, and the expressions of love and appreciation were manifold. In reporting this to the Union Signal one of

our Y associates said: "To our beloved secretary, Mrs. Frances J. Barnes, who has been to so many of us an inspiration toward the highest and best of all things in life, and loved second only to our mothers, we presented resolutions which feebly expressed our regard and esteem for her, and rather than put the additional expression of our love in silver and gold, we are planning a purse for her use in the great world's work which is so near her heart. Let each Y who reads this bear her privileged part in thus testifying to what the leader and the work has done for her."

The resolution adopted at the Y conference and read before the convention was as follows:

"Whereas, after twenty years of faithful service, Mrs. Frances J. Barnes has resigned as general secretary of the Young Woman's Branch of the National W. C. T. U., in order to devote herself to the World's Y. W. C. T. U., and inasmuch as Mrs. Barnes created and has built up the Young Woman's Branch in both the national and world's organizations, and by her rare qualities of mind and heart has greatly endeared herself to the young women of America and has won the loyal support of thousands for the cause so dear to her and to us.

"Therefore, we the members of the Young Woman's Branch, assembled at the national convention in Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 30, to Nov. 3, 1897, do express our deep regret at her resignation, as well as our loving appreciation of her faithful, self-denying services, and do assure her of our continued prayers and cordial co-operation in the wider field of the World's Y. W. C. T. U. 'Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon her, and establish thou the work of her hands.'"

"Mrs. Barnes is a pleasing speaker, and possesses much magnetism and the power of interesting others and gaining adherents to the cause to which she has devoted her life. Among her chief characteristics are her tact and womanliness, and her ability to plan wisely and carry out successfully her many thoughts for the advancement of her work. As has been well said, "she stands for the truest order of the new woman, and is herself one of its best and most lovable types."

CORA W. LARIMORE.

History of the First Decade of Y Work in North Dakota.

At the Eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Dakota held at Yankton, September 1889, the Territorial Union was divided into two State Unions, at which time there were 34 Young Women's Unions with a membership of 500; of these unions only six came within the N. Dak. division. They were at Casselton, Emdale, Fargo, Larimore, Lisbon and Valley City. Mrs. G. S. Baskerville of Casselton was appointed Superintendent of Young Woman's work. During the first year of our history four new unions were organized, at Avon, Jamestown, Page and Sanborn giving a total membership of 150. As far as I have been able I learn the Fargo Y was the oldest in the state, having been organized in 1887, the Lisbon and Larimore unions in 1888, Casselton in 1889. Much good work seems to have been done during this first year. Mrs. Baskerville's poor health made it necessary to give up the work, and at the first annual meeting held in Jamestown Sept. 1890, Mrs. Ida G. Fox of Valley City was appointed her successor. During the second year Y's were organized at Tower City, Drayton, Midland and Nowesta.

At the second annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at Grand Forks Sept. 1891 the writer, Mrs. Fattie K. Pierson of Sanborn, was appointed Supt. of Y work. When the work came into my hands there were eleven unions reported; of this number there were in reality only five that were alive, Casselton, Lisbon, Drayton, Nowesta and Sanborn.

This then was the condition of Y work in North Dakota as I found it in the autumn of 1891. During this year three new Unions were organized, Uxbridge, Cooperstown and a Junior Y at Sanborn, giving us eight unions with a regular membership of 178, and 127 honoraries, although I was obliged to report 12 unions since I could not hear from four, that proved afterward to have died. Our way was hedged in by many obstacles among which was the struggle for funds with which to meet expenses, since the only provision for Y work was an appropriation from the State W. C. T. U. of \$5.00, yet the unions composing the State organization raised within this year for all purposes \$402.25—over \$60.00 per union; of this amount \$93.30 was paid

to the State W. C. T. U. for dues. During this year our state motto, "Through Christ we Conquer," our floral emblem "Golden rod and Wild Roses," text Jeremiah 1, 7, 8, and 19, was adopted and our beautiful state banner was procured, wrought by the loving hands of my young sister in Michigan, Mrs. Anna C. Little, who said "That into every stitch she breathed a prayer that the dear N. Dak. girls should conquer foes without and within through Christ their leader." This was presented to the State, at the annual meeting held in Lisbon September 1892, and was carried home by the Sanborn Union, as having the largest per cent of increase. They were doubly deserving since they had contributed over half of the money necessary for the material beside \$12 to the Y work in the state, about \$25.00 in all.

In 1892 the Y department was made a branch with a secretary instead of a superintendent and notice was given by Mrs. Fox of a change in the constitution, amending article 3, admitting the General Sec. of the Y branch as a member of the Executive Committee, amendment to be presented at next annual meeting.

This placed our work on a much better footing; an increased appropriation was asked for, and granted, \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 as before.

During the winter following, a fund of \$77.50 was raised and plans perfected for the coming to our state of Miss Clara Parrish, of Illinois, Nat'l Y organizer, 14 appointments having been made, but her sudden illness obliged her to cancel all engagements. One new union was organized in 1893, Wahpeton. Excellent work was done all along the lines of Y work. Drayton had a triple pledged membership of honoraries numbering 47.

At the annual meeting at Larimore 1893 the first plan of work was adopted; at the second annual Conference of Y workers, Lisbon Y received the banner.

During the year following two new unions were organized, Rose Prairie and Tower City. Page gave up the struggle, which left us but 10 unions with regular membership of 186, Honoraries 156; at our fourth annual conference held at Wahpeton September 1894 resolutions were adopted and presented to the W. C. T. U. recommending the adding of a department of Physical Culture and the appointing of a superintendent from the Y's, and Mrs. J. O. Smith of Casselton was suggested. The recommendation was accepted, and Mrs. Smith appointed, the Y's being requested to support financially the department. Another resolution was presented to the W's asking them to give to the Y an appropriation equal to their state dues less the Nat'l dues, which was granted. In Dec. 1894 the Pembina Y was organized, the following June the Davenport Y; Sanborn Y disbanded, Rose Prairie died, so there were still 10 unions with 204 members.

In Sept. 1895 Mrs. May Hewitt Tousey of Tower City was appointed state Y organizer. During the following year she organized 7 unions, Larimore, Minnewaukan, Mayville, New Rockford, Northwood, Portland and Rolla. The union at Minnewaukan decided almost immediately to disband however; the remaining six gave us a gain of 66 new members. 1895 also gave us our first delegate at Nat'l Convention. Mrs. J. O. Smith being elected as an alternate, was able to attend.

The year from Sept. 1895 to Sept. 1896 was in our work one of importance, through the efforts of Mrs. Tousey the number of unions was doubled, and more. We sent her out with fear and trembling on account of our financial condition, but the Lord blessed her very greatly, financially as well as spiritually; this year gave us 22 unions in 11 counties with a regular membership of 351, one county organization, Cass Co., and one Somerset Y. Crusade membership day was observed throughout the state for the first time. We were generously given the April issue of Western Womanhood for a Y number and through its pages made our initial appearance before the public; great activity prevailed along all lines of work. At the annual meeting, Sept. 1896, at Jamestown after much discussion it was decided that all pledges sent to the State W. C. T. U. treasury from Y unions should be used as a fund for Y work but that all Y dues be retained in state treasury. At this convention we held our first all day's conference, all previous ones having been before, and between sessions. This all day's interchange of ideas gave added impetus to the work, as shown by the advancement during the following year, while

