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Welcome Song.

[This is an original song by Mrs. Minnie G. Cook, of Inkster, which she sang on Welcome Night at state convention in honor of our state president. It was put to the music of "When Love Was Young," from the opera of Erminie.—Ed.]

Hail to thee, our Queen Elizabeth,
After journeying is over,
Welcome to thy place among us,
For our homes and hearts once more.
We thy loyal subjects greet thee
On this glad September day,
Praying it may be our portion
Long to live beneath thy sway.

Chorus: Welcome home, dear one,
Glad welcome home,
These we greet ever with joyful song
And we pray the father of righteousness
Long to bless us to our good Queen Bess
As a thirsty flower welcomes
On its bed refreshing rain,
As the watcher greets the morning
After lingering hours of pain,
So we hail again thy presence,
Spared to us by wind and wave,
In this state of prohibition
Thou hast done so much to save.—Cho.

Welcome comes from town and hamlet,
From every W and Y;
E'en the winds the words re-echo
In true North Dakota style.
Oh other lands may be much fairer,
So we hail again thy presence,
But there ne'er was truer love, dear,
Than we, thy sisters, offer you.—Cho.

Report of Eleventh Annual State Convention.

Nature was smiling very propitiously after the preceding days of storm when the eleventh annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened at Devils Lake Sept. 21. The first session began at 2 p. m., and although the delegates had not all arrived, quite a large number were in attendance.

The kindly greetings, the happy smiles and words of love and appreciation to each other spoke of the joy these annual greetings bring to the hearts of the White Ribboners after a year of work for the Master.

Our annual harvest home time is a great inspiration and very forcibly reminds us that this, the largest organization of women, is marching rapidly forward and accomplishing much in the home, in the school, and in the state generally.

Could I portray to all in the small space I have a vivid word picture of all we saw, heard and felt, I am sure all would feel a still more earnest desire to push the work as never before.

We never received kinder hospitality and a more royal welcome than was accorded to us by the people of Devils Lake. A great deal of painstaking effort was shown to make us comfortable and happy. Devils Lake is a royal hostess. All delegates were met at the train, taken to the Presbyterian church and assigned to their places of entertainment. Very dainty and beautiful little badges were furnished and stationery with Eleventh Annual Convention printed on it was supplied for the use of the delegates.

The court house, where the meetings were held, was beautifully decorated with bunting, banners, potted plants and cut flowers, also the state, county and local banners.

Meeting was called to order by our beloved president, Miss Preston, who never looked quite so dear to us and never before so well physically. She called attention to the fact that the gavel she held in her hand was made from wood from the old crusade church in Ohio, and is a memento very dear to us because of these associations. The crusade hymn was sung, after which Mrs. L. M. Wylie, of Drayton, led the consecration service. She read passages of scripture

showing the need of consecration to ourselves, to convention and to the work for the coming year. All felt a spiritual uplift, and it was, no doubt, the great secret of success of the convention, for without the presence of the Holy Spirit we can do nothing, but with Him we can do all things, for he strengtheneth us.

The roll was then called of the ex-officio members, and each responded with words of welcome to our president, which was a complete surprise to her. We have always known we loved her, but never realized how much until since her return from Europe, and as a slight expression of this these words were given. Miss Preston responded in her sweet, happy manner, expressing her appreciation of all. The routine business of convention was then taken up.

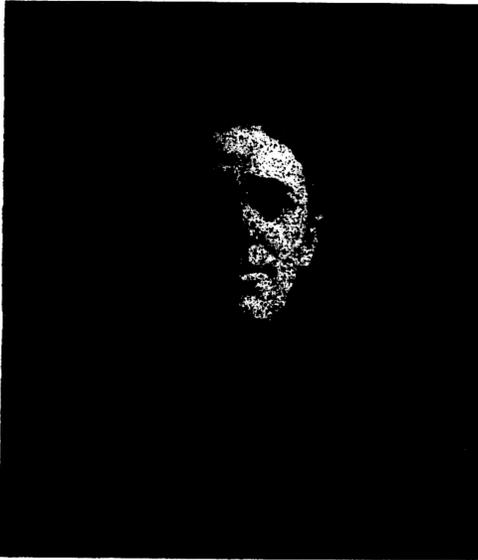
Report of treasurer showed our finances in excellent condition, with bills all paid and a balance of over \$500 on hand. \$5,000 has passed through her hands during the year and been wisely

facts was given on back of report blanks, and suggested that other unions follow this.

Mrs. M. A. Garry, evangelist, reported sermons preached every Sunday and has held a number of prayer meetings.

Mrs. Calderwood's work as evangelist has been mostly rescue work and heart to heart talks. Friday evening was welcome evening.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Flora B. Naylor, president of Grand Forks county. Just after this and before the president had time to announce the next number, a march was struck on the piano and another surprise was in store for our president. Thirty little girls dressed in white marched in, each carrying a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The leader had a silver basket containing white flowers and the handle tied with a white ribbon. This little girl, in a few words of welcome, presented the basket to Miss Preston, after which Mrs. Cook sang the welcome song, which appears on this page. At



MISS ELIZABETH PRESTON.

expended for the advancement of the work. The president, instead of making a report, gave some recommendations, which are published in full in another column.

A piano solo was then beautifully given by Miss Cairn, of Devils Lake. The corresponding secretary's report showed a happy, hopeful spirit pervading the entire state. Grand Forks county has the most members, with Cass closely following. The largest union in the state is Park River. Grand Forks union has 70 and Cooperstown 70. Bottineau has not missed a single meeting.

Mrs. Unruh's work has been very acceptable. She has delivered 112 lectures, spent 92 days in the field, secured 214 active members and 70 honoraries, sold 400 Wood-Allen books.

There are 600 honoraries in the state, and 600 total abstinence pledges have been secured during the year. The corresponding secretary's report given by Inkster, where a general statement of

the close of the song the little girls marched around over the platform, leaving their bouquets on the table in front of Miss Preston, making it look like a veritable flower bank. Miss Preston said in her response that the most beautiful flowers were those dear little children. The addresses of welcome then followed, first by Mayor Brown. He said he believed the W. C. T. U. had done much to elevate mankind, had helped secure better schools and had done much for the church, and welcomed them most heartily to the city. Dr. J. M. Waddell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, then welcomed the convention in behalf of the churches. He said: "Blest be the tie that binds" Christian workers, and put especial emphasis upon the second letter of the quartette of letters W. C. T. U. He said "the W. C. T. U. had done much in the reconstruction and remodeling of society." He quoted the words that "civilization is the influence of good women upon society" and said "we hail you as

co-workers." Prof. Haig then welcomed the convention on behalf of the schools, showing the near relation between the schools and the W. C. T. U.: called attention to the change in public sentiment for the past few years. Scientific temperance instruction was especially mentioned. A vocal solo was then rendered by Mrs. King, of Inkster, entitled "Sweetheart"; was encored and responded to with a cuckoo song.

Mrs. McKinney then welcomed the convention in behalf of First district and local union in a very able manner and said she felt it an honor to do so. She said "we are better women, better home keepers for having this organization." These welcomes were ably responded to by Mrs. Ella S. Shippy, president of Steele county.

Saturday morning "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," was sung, and devotionals were conducted by Mrs. M. M. Wood, of Crary.

Superintendents' reports were then taken up. Health, heredity, hygiene, purity and mothers' meetings were reported by Supt. Mrs. Brown: 4 new supts. this year for health and heredity and 6 for purity have been appointed; addresses have been given by Mrs. Unruh and Miss Preston on purity. She urged the work of White Shield and White Cross societies. Non-alcoholic medication reported 100 unions as having received literature. Safe Remedies in illness was recommended to be freely read and distributed. Alcohol a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine was recommended for libraries. Send to Mrs. S. J. Bromley, Cogswell, for these.

Report of L. T. L. showed 523 members in the state. She said the L. T. L. is the life insurance of the W. C. T. U. Bovesmont L. T. L. union has raised the most money, \$28 all together. She recommended giving the L. T. L.'s a prominent place on programs and Co. Supts. to start a library. Press work showed 424 columns edited, one-fourth of which is original. Anti-narcotics showed many unions have ordered pledge cards; 30 coupons had been returned from Rolla. Maza offered prizes in school for best essay on anti-narcotics. School savings banks reported 40,525 children in U. S. as having deposited money and have \$207,420.08 credited to them. N. D. has \$5,000 deposited by the children.

Medal contests reported 1600 pages literature distributed, 36 contests held and has put \$475 into treasuries of local unions. Unfermented wine reported 8 new unions have taken up this work; 105 churches still use fermented wine, 87 churches use unfermented wine at communion services. An impressive bible reading was given by Mrs. Calderwood, of Crary, on 37th Psalm.

Outlook for counties and districts was then given, but lack of space prevents us giving all of the good things given by the presidents, but all show good work done.

The report of W. C. T. U. Home showed everything in excellent shape, although one year ago there was a debt of nearly \$300 that has been paid and all running expenses, and a balance of \$237 on hand. It was decided to put in a heating plant and pledges were taken amounting to \$228; \$500 is the estimated amount required. Send donations to Addie L. Carr, Northwood. 43 adults have been admitted during the year. 30 babies have been born into the institution. Present number of inmates is 15 adults and 12 babies.]

Saturday evening was Y evening, which the Y's will report. Sunday morning Dr. J. H. Knox preached the annual sermon from Ps. 85-10. "Mercy and Truth are met together,

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Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other." It was full of good thought. A children's mass meeting was held in the afternoon and in the evening Mrs. Unruh delivered a very stirring and effective address.

Monday forenoon the superintendents' reports were resumed. Evangelistic supt. reported 434 meetings held, 2,000 visits made, 13,775 pages literature distributed. Supt. Sabbath observance and Sunday school work reported excellent work done. A very instructive bible reading was given by Dr. Knox on the quartette of letters, W. C. T. U. Report of credentials committee showed 123 delegates present.

In the afternoon a change was made in the by-laws and the orders of the day set aside, and officers elected for the coming year. Miss Preston was unanimously re-elected president and Dr. J. H. Knox vice president at large. Mrs. Vail declining to serve longer as corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mattie Van de Bogart was elected to succeed her. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Carr were both unanimously re-elected as recording secretary and treasurer.

The memorial services were conducted by Mrs. Van de Bogart. 24 comrades have been promoted during the year.

Monday evening a matron's gold medal contest was held, Mrs. Susie Fosberg, of Hunter, winning the medal. The receipts of the evening were \$56.50.

Tuesday morning the unfinished business was taken up. Report of supt. lecture bureau and report of White Ribbon Bulletin. The Bulletin now has 1835 subscribers and 100 exchanges. Mrs. Unruh conducted a very helpful question box. The convention then joined hands and sang Blessed Be The Tie That Binds. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Vail and the convention adjourned.

Convention Notes.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Calderwood, of Crary, for her efficient work as sergent-at-arms.

Excellent music was furnished throughout the convention under the management of Mrs. Cook, of Inkster, as musical director.

Tower City received the prize picture for sending in the largest list of subscribers to the Bulletin.

Hunter received the banner for the most honoraries, also the L. T. L. banner.

There were two delegates with their husbands, from Dawson, Kidder county, that deserve especial mention, as they drove 125 miles to attend the state convention. Not only that, but a week or two preceding convention, these energetic women went into the field and helped to make hay in order that their husbands might accompany them. Such courage and zeal is very commendable and wherever we have such people, success is assured.

Forty-six of the delegates in attend-

ance had never attended a state convention before. Three had attended every convention. Fifty delegates had been school teachers. Forty-five lived on farms. Eighty were prayer meeting attendants. Four had been brought to Christ through the influence of the W. C. T. U.

The convention next year will be held in Wahpeton.

The price of the White Ribbon Bulletin was raised to 25cts. for single subscriptions, and for clubs of ten or more 15cts. is still the price. Those who are now in arrears can still have the paper for 15cts, if sent in within the next 30 days.

Mrs. J. S. Kemp delighted the convention with beautiful harp solos.

The convention presented Mrs. Emma F. Vail, retiring corresponding secretary, with a large picture of Miss Willard, ready to hang on the wall, as a slight token of their love and appreciation for her and her efficient and faithful work for the past four years.

Baby Patten, of Larimore, was presented to the convention and by motion of Mrs. Unruh was named Franklin Willard. Mrs. Patten pledged the child to this work.

By a unanimous vote the name of our Rescue Home at Fargo was permanently changed to W. C. T. U. Home and is to be kept and owned by our organization.

The following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Carmody for attorney general was unanimously adopted: Believing that the office of attorney general should, by its special importance, be above party consideration; therefore, Resolved, That we recognize the nomination of John Carmody to that office as a cause of congratulation, because of his clean prohibition record, and we earnestly bespeak his support by all interested in the enforcement of our prohibitory law.

President's Address.

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Dear Comrades:—It is a joy to look into your faces again after my vacation of three months, a vacation which is doubtless all the more memorable and precious because it is the first since I entered the service of the Woman's Temperance Union.

I wish to thank you all, and the white ribbons at home whom you represent, for the generous Christmas gift which helped to make this vacation possible. I wish to express my appreciation of the labors of the general officers who have so wisely and efficiently looked after the work in my absence. I desire also to express my gratitude and that of our great constituency to Mrs. Ada Unruh for her splendid and untiring labors for our cause. We cannot forget how she came back to us after her sad home going, when she closed the eyes of her beloved mother, and with a heart sore, but with courage undaunted, bravely took up the work again. It is of such stuff that heroes are made.

From the marble roof of that wonderful dream of architecture, the "Cathedral of Our Lady," at Milan, one obtains an entrancing view of "Sunny Italy," of the snow-capped Alpine peaks forming its almost impregnable northwestern boundary, and away to the south the billowy Apennines. The toilers among those hills and valleys, living their circumscribed lives close to their work may never catch a vision of the glories with which they are surrounded.

It is some times well for us to stand back from our work where we may have the perspective which distance gives, and see it and its surroundings in their true proportions. With the ocean rolling between us and the opportunity of comparing conditions here with those of other countries, the status of the temperance reform in North Dakota, instead of being dwarfed into insignificance, has steadily assumed greater proportions until, in the long perspective, it seemed a sunlit peak of righteousness compared with the dead-level plain of indifference in continental Europe. No temperance workers anywhere have greater reason to thank God and take courage than have we; and perhaps no temperance workers have greater responsibilities resting upon them than have we in maintaining the high position which we have gained.

Great efforts are being put forth by the brave workers on the other side, and the progress made is gratifying, but there are so many centuries of prejudice, indifference and apathy, to overcome that it seems a herculean task. While we were in Great Britain, the British Woman's Temperance Association were making a most strenuous effort to secure

the enactment by parliament of a temperance measure, for what purpose think you? To prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor? No! No hope yet of such a bill as that passing, to lessen the number of public houses? No. Simply to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor to children. The prime minister regarded the bill not only as unnecessary, but also as likely to curtail the just liberties of the people. "Oh liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!"

In the worst rum-ridden states of the union we have laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor to minors, but these, like all other license laws, are exceedingly difficult of enforcement. Children going into the public houses for liquor is a very common sight in Great Britain. In London I saw women in almost every public house into which I looked. They were lined up to the bar with men—many of them with babies in their arms, and often gave these little ones the dregs of their glasses. I saw one drunken mother with a babe that looked to be not more than three or four weeks old, tossing it roughly up and down with a maudlin laugh. My heart ached as I thought of the future of these little ones. What hope is there for the children when the mothers as well as the fathers are drunken. Thank God we have not in this country a drunken womanhood.

In the beautiful city of Edinburgh, where the World's W. C. T. U. Convention convened and was most royally entertained, I was continually astonished at the amount of drunkenness and consequent poverty exhibited in its streets. In a few minutes' walk on Historic High Street on Saturday afternoon, I saw more intoxicated men than I saw for two years in prohibition North Dakota. I told this fact to the good people of Edinburgh, some of whom believe that prohibition cannot prohibit.

On the continent everybody, men, women and children, drink wine and beer and seem to drink it continually. While we did not see the intoxication that we had seen produced by Scotch whisky, yet the stupefying and besotting effects of these drinks, together with the cigarette smoking was all too plainly visible. The men of Italy and France have so deteriorated physically, that those countries have been obliged in the last ten years to lower the required height of their soldiers; Italy once and France twice. It is a hopeful sign that the leading minds of those countries are beginning to awaken to the dangers before them.

As a matter of course every one knows of the superior excellencies of the American woman, for do not the bankrupt Lords and Counts of the whole earth come to America to seek for wives, and is it not true that an astonishing proportion of Europeans who have arisen to distinction have American wives? We believe that the democratic blood thus infused into the old world, may yet be its salvation. But I wish to record that of all the men I have seen, there is none so big and brawny, so brave and bonny, so clean, chivalrous and handsome as the American man! And yet, if the smoking and drinking habit go on increasing, a few generations hence will see the American man brought down to the level of the deteriorating races of the old world.

Our party of thirty white ribbons and friends, traveled through France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Holland. We attracted considerable attention, and continually astonished the native hotel keepers by persistently "flying in the face of providence" in drinking the water of those countries, in lieu of wine and beer. We worked hard, saw a great deal in a short time, never stopped for the rain or heat or anything else. We had in our party a number of elderly people—one couple who had celebrated their golden wedding, and yet there was almost no sickness in the party. The statement that there is danger in drinking the water of continental Europe is utterly false, and is made in the interest of the hotel keepers who derive their greatest profits from the intoxicating liquors furnished their guests. The tourists companies by an arrangement with these hotel keepers instruct their conductors to tell the tourists not to drink the water on the continent. Thus many who are abstainers at home are made to feel that they will jeopardize their lives and health if they remain so on the other side. Our gentlemanly conductor, Mr. Ravi, was born in Italy, is the son of a Methodist minister in Florence, and is being educated for the ministry in Boston. He told us there

was no purer water in America than in Italy, and we found it true. If the American tourists, who are legion, would be true to their convictions in regard to total abstinence and the observance of the Sabbath in foreign countries, I believe an impression would be made on those peoples which would tell for great good.

Intemperance and the degradation of woman are inseparable. Everywhere we saw women working in the fields, doing the hardest kind of manual labor. In some of the cities of Germany we saw them dodging among among the horses sweeping the streets. Mrs. Barney, Supt. of prisons and reformatories, stated at the World's Convention that 200 women were flogged in Germany last year. She said the skin must be broken at the first blow, the succeeding blows should widen the break in such a way as to leave the back raw before the flogging is over. It is not an uncommon sight in Italy to see a woman harnessed with a donkey or an ox. In Goshen a gentleman saw a woman on the top of a rope ladder, holding her waist, pulling a canal boat, while her husband sat comfortably on the boat engaged in smoking his pipe.

We are sometimes told that the right of suffrage will bring with it the obligation to work on the streets, dig ditches, chop wood and go to war; but we find in these countries where women have the fewest political rights and privileges that the heaviest burdens are placed upon them. Two notable world's temperance gatherings have been held during the past summer. The world's temperance congress, to which I was a delegate from the world's W. C. T. U. in London, June 9-16. There were representatives from the U. S. and Canada and most of the European countries. The papers read from representatives from different nations showed that progress was being made, and the most hopeful indication is that the people are becoming aroused as to the deteriorating effects mentally and physically of the use of alcoholic drinks in every form.

Our National President, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, read a paper on "Maine the home of prohibition," which was received with great enthusiasm. On Sunday fifty temperance sermons were preached in the city. On Wednesday evening a great demonstration meeting was held in Exeter hall. Sir Wilfred Lawson presided. Brilliant speeches were made by Rev. Geo. Gladstone, Mrs. Elliott Yorke, Canon Wilberforce, Lady Henry Somerset, and Chandra Pal, a young Hindu. On the last evening the lord mayor of London gave the delegates a reception at Mansion house, and in his speech expressed himself as being in sympathy with the temperance reform.

The fifth biennial convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union convened in the beautiful city of Edinburgh, June 23-26. It was preceded by an all day devotional meeting in which Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Lente Stevenson and Rev. Chas. Sheldon and others spoke out of the deep things of their heart. The meeting was of great spiritual power and set the keynote for the convention.

This was the first world's convention held since the home going of its founder, Frances E. Willard. A tender memorial service was held on the first morning of the convention, and Lady Henry's address, giving a remarkable delineation of the character of Miss Willard and the secret of her wonderful power, was listened to with profound attention. She closed with these words: "And so, faithfully believing more than we know, we today work on and work upward and the way is lighter and the road less steep, and heaven nearer, because God gave us Frances E. Willard." In the solemn hush which followed the address, while hearts were too full for words, a quartette of voices sang "Sleep On," and from a far away gallery floated down to us the subdued refrain, "Only Good-Night."

We were sorry to note that Lady Henry is far from well. The burdens laid upon her are indeed heavy, and she is under constant strain of anxiety for her only son, who is at the front in South Africa. The shadow of the war cloud rested upon many members of the convention, especially those from Great Britain and her colonies, and yet their zeal for our cause is not one whit abated. Encouraging report of the steady progress made by our organization in the different countries of the world. The amount of her official correspondence has doubled since the last convention, the membership has increased and the number of countries affiliated has increased.

Great interest was taken in the reports

of our world's missionaries, Mrs. Barney Miss Cummings, Miss Vincent and Miss Parrish. Mrs. Barney gave an interesting account of the union she organized at Jerusalem the night that Frances Willard went home, and expressed a hope that we would make this union and the work in Palestine the subject of our special care and prayer. The Misses Vincent and Cummings gave a thrilling account of their work among the miners of the West Australian gold fields. Miss Parrish was given an ovation as she recounted her work in Japan; Burmah, India and Syria, and told us how wonderfully the women of those countries were developed through the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In Burmah the union has closed the brothels, adopted a course of study for a year and are thoroughly wide awake and up to date. Miss Parrish is greatly exhausted by the arduous labors of the past four years, and finds it necessary to rest for a time.

On Sunday services were held by White Ribboners in a number of churches of Edinburgh and the surrounding towns. A great mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon, at which the Rev. Chas. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," was the principal speaker. He spoke of the prevailing indifference to Christianity among professional business men. He said he believed it was not impossible for a man to be a business man in this world and yet to be a Christian. Such a man would probably not build up a great fortune. Commenting upon the lack of support from the daily press in all moral reforms, Mr. Sheldon said one could not serve the kingdom of God more nobly than in journalism, and there is a demand for a great Christian daily. Speaking of the Sheldon daily, he denied that it was a failure. It went from twelve thousand to thirty-six thousand copies daily. It pleaded for famine-stricken India and gathered thirty thousand dollars, besides fifty thousand bushels of corn. It was responsible for the erection of a consumptives' home in Colorado. It so awakened temperance sentiment in Kansas and other places that it made possible the enforcement of some laws that had been disregarded. And all this in six days. In regard to prohibition in Kansas, he showed from the Brewers' reports that while one hundred thousand barrels of malt liquors had on an average been sold in each of the surrounding liquor states, less than seven thousand barrels had been sold in Kansas. That looked as if prohibition prohibited. He further stated that he had seen more drunken men in the three weeks he had been in Great Britain than he had seen in twelve years in Kansas. A great Y mass meeting held in the Empire theater that evening was one of the features of the convention. North Dakota was honored in having her Y secretary, Miss Larimore, chosen as secretary of the World's Y Conference. Miss Larimore made her mother a life member of the World's W. C. T. U. Mrs. Larimore has the distinction of being the first and only life member of the World's W. C. T. U. from our state.

Our national president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, was unanimously elected vice president of the World's W. C. T. U. This was not only a tribute to the United States, but also a recognition of Mrs. Stevens' sterling character, her splendid executive ability and her superior qualifications as a presiding officer. The number of pleasant social functions during the convention were almost bewildering. On the last evening a brilliant reception was given by the lord provost and city council. Nearly four thousand guests thronged the spacious hall and galleries of the fine Museum buildings. The officials in the gorgeous regalia of their offices, the ladies in evening dress, the police band and boy pipers, all formed a striking pageant long to be remembered. It was the climax of Scotch hospitality, which we believe cannot be surpassed anywhere.

We believe at no previous time during this century have there been more nations engaged in the lord's preparation than in these its closing days. In every country we visited we were impressed by the number of soldiers we saw. They were constantly marching and drilling and many of them preparing to embark for Africa or China. The exhibits that seemed to attract greatest attention at the Paris exposition were those of the latest and most deadly guns, the best armor for battleships and equipments in general for the army and navy. At the close of the nineteenth century the era of universal peace seems

to the casual observer to be farther away than at any time since its beginning. We visited the Palace in the Wood at The Hague, where the peace congress was held but a year ago. As we looked upon the beautiful door (painted by the pupils of Rubens) at the entrance of the congress hall and commended upon its singular appropriateness, for it represents Strength and Wisdom opening the door for Peace to enter, our guide remarked, "Yes, they opened the door, but it was not in vain—reforms never go backward though they may sometimes appear so to do, for God's plans never fail. There is everywhere a steadily growing sentiment against war. When Mrs. Hannah Bailey, superintendent of peace and arbitration, said at the world's convention, "Our boys are too precious to be sacrificed to an enemy's bullets," she was applauded to the echo for she expressed the sentiment of the motherhearts of the world. Old ideas die hard, but when once dead, there is for them no resurrection. The Palace in the Wood will one day be a Mecca toward which the feet of pilgrims the world over will turn, because here the international idea of peace and arbitration was born.

The inevitable tendency of war is to have a demoralizing effect upon the people and to retard the progress of all moral reform, especially that of the temperance reform, yet in our own country the logic of events of the past few years has given the temperance reform greater prominence than it has ever enjoyed before. The action of the President and Attorney General in nullifying the anti-temperance law passed by congress, and the subsequent protest from the christian people, and the discussion by the press, have given sharp emphasis to the fact that the temperance question is a national question.

We are now in the midst of a political campaign: oratorical guns are booming on every side. The shot and shell, smoke powder and dust, of speeches and platforms, tend more to befog than to elucidate questions of great national importance. In the light of the well established facts that the liquor traffic is more destructive of life than "war", that its "expansion policy" outrivals that of any party (it has already expanded two saloons in Manila to five hundred), that it effectually prevents its patrons from acquiring any surplus of "silver" or "gold", that its "imperialism" is well nigh absolute in our government, it ought to be evident to every one that the temperance question is the greatest national question before the American people, and one pressing for immediate settlement.

In these trying times it is the duty of W. C. T. U. workers, temperance reformers, as much as in the times of peace, and to keep cool, but to hold steadily to the line, to constantly maintain and constantly reaffirm that the greatest issue before the people in the approaching election is not Imperialism or Bryanism, but Righteousness. Righteousness alone exalteth a nation, and sin is a disgrace to any people. The great sin of this nation is its complicity with that "sum of all villainies", the liquor traffic. It is this sin with all its attendant evils that more than anything else threatens the permanency of our great republic. History, as well as revelation, has taught us that the nation that forgets God must die.

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far lung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we neglect,
Experience has taught us that a presidential campaign year is fraught with special dangers to our prohibitory law. Men are so often engrossed by what they consider the great national questions, that they lose sight of local issues that are of vital importance to our welfare as a state. There is a tendency under these circumstances to be more than usually lax in the selection of candidates for executive office and for the state legislature. I trust white ribboners will take the trouble to find out by personal interview or letter how every candidate for the legislature in their district stands on the question of prohibition. While there may be no effort made to carry a straight re submission measure, there is reason to believe that there will be an effort made for a local option bill or some measure which will practically nullify the prohibition law. We need specially to guard against any such measure passed by our legislature as they are far more pernicious in their effect than a re submission resolution. We are glad to see that Hon. John

Carmody of Hillsboro, who was one of the earliest active promoters of the State Enforcement League, is a candidate for Attorney General, and we believe under the circumstances, he should have the support of all good men irrespective of party.

As women can vote for and hold only school offices in this state, it is a cause for congratulation that so many women have been nominated for county superintendents of schools, among them our Vice President, Dr. Janette Knox, and that a woman, Mrs. Laura J. Eisenhuth, who filled the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction so acceptably a few years ago, has again been nominated for that office.

I have been at home so short a time and have been able to gather up a few of the threads, that I shall not attempt to speak of our many different departments of work carried on with so much skill by our faithful corps of superintendents, our White Ribbon Bulletin, edited by Mrs. Van de Bogart, our home with its many beneficent influences, our institutes at the Chautauqua and in different parts of the state, these speak for themselves and each one will be reported during the convention.

The State Enforcement League has been doing most effectual work during the year, and should continue to have our hearty support.

IN MEMORIAM.—"Death is a bend in the river of life that sends the current heavenward." Frances E. Willard.

An unusual number of our workers in the rank and file have been called from the strife land to the life land during the year. Among them, Mrs. Celia Ross, our first Superintendent of Medal Contest work; Mrs. M. A. Kneeland, President of Hillsboro Union; Mrs. Matilda Irvin, President of the Bowesmont Union, and Miss Gracia Carr, President of Harvey Union.

Their day's work has been well and faithfully done. The world is better and will always be better because they have lived. They are not lost to us, for what God gives, he gives forever. They who have preceded, were home workers in the truest sense, and thinking of them individually, and of the many times they had come to their homes, there came to me these lines of Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney's:

"It is we who may not cross over;
Only with a song and prayer:
A little way into the glory,
We may reach as we leave them there.

But we cannot think of them idle:
They must be home-makers still:
God giveth that work to the angels
Who fittest the work fulfill.

And somewhere in the hilltops
Of the country that hath no pain
They will watch in their beautiful doorway
To bid us a welcome again."

Dear Comrades: The year that is before us marks the dawning of a new century, a century which we believe shall see the consummation of our labors, a century in which we believe the cause of temperance, purity, truth and righteousness shall triumph, when the golden rule of Christ shall bring the golden age of man. What great possibilities are before us in this new era! What great responsibilities rest upon us!

Wendell Phillips has said that an idea is the most powerful force in the world, let loose an idea, it will never come back, it will march on and on triumphing over all opposition until it accomplishes its mission. I rejoice and thank God when I think of the many beautiful ideas that the W. C. T. U. has started out on their triumphal march of victory. I am glad when I see these organizations adopting these ideas, even though they forget or never knew from whence they came. For it is these ideas of personal and civic righteousness, of the reasonableness of total abstinence for the individual, of necessity of prohibition for the state and nation, of the value of purity to the individual and national life, of the sacredness of parenthood, of the rights of the child, to be well born, to be developed physically as well as mentally, and to be taught truth. These and the many other beneficent ideas taught by our organization everywhere under God, will bring the new day that is to be.

We have our greatest battles yet to fight, we may have our most perplexing difficulties yet to face, we may have our darkest night yet to pass through, but the day will surely break. God's star of hope points to the eastern sky flushed with promise. The dawn already is lifting with its fingers the curtain of the night. Are we as individual workers equipped for the struggle that lies between us and

the day-dawn? Are we thoroughly furnished unto good works? Have we studied our wonderful organization, its origin, foundation stone, aims, motives, methods, and work accomplished? Do we keep up with the latest thought of the leaders of our great reform? Are we willing to sacrifice to keep on the crest of the wave of the world's progress, or are we content to let the current sweep on and leave us? Beloved, if we meet the increasing demands of the new era, we must be even more thoroughly equipped than ever before.

New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still, and onward,
Who would keep abreast of Truth.
Lo! before us gleam her camps!
We ourselves must Pilgrims be.
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly
Through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the Future's portal.
With the Past's blood-rusted key."

Finally, in the words of that grand old veteran of the cross, Paul, (and there are many sermons in this "finally") "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breast plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

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Recommendations.
[These recommendations were given by the president for thought and action the coming year.—Ed.]

Organization—There have come into our state the last year about 32,000 people. To reach these new citizens, we must push the work of organization and we must increase the circulation of our literature. The life membership dues are used for an organization fund. Each union should at least secure one life member of the state: this would so increase the fund that the entire state could be organized. We have ninety thousand Scandinavians in the state and but four Scandinavian unions. No people are more easily interested in temperance work: they need only to have it presented to them. I earnestly recommend this work to all unions. Let it be the business of every union, if possible, to do some organizing work. An L. T. L. and a Y first and most essential of all, then see if there is not a neighborhood within a radius of ten or twenty miles where a union may be organized. If you succeed in starting an organization do not forget to "mother" it until it is strong enough to stand alone. If you are not able to organize, circulate literature, secure subscriptions to the Union Signal and the White Ribbon Bulletin, and an organization will eventually follow faithful seed sowing.

Lending Library—Every union should have a lending library. Begin with Miss Willard's "Do Everything" and add others as you can. "Glimpses of Fifty Years," "Women and Temperance," both by Miss Willard; the Purity books published by the Wood-Allen company; "Duties of Women," by Frances Power Cobb; Miss Willard's How to Win, especially for Ys; Seed Thoughts, by Jno. G. Wooley.

Course of Study—I wish that every union, W. and Y., would take a course of study. Begin with State Minutes, Annual Leaflet and National Minutes, then take the L. T. L. normal course and receive diploma, and after that take up our great departments one by one until they are thoroughly mastered. The result would be a liberal education. Lack of interest comes from lack of knowledge. I am glad to see that so many of our

