



"NOT WALLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Close at Hand.

The day is long, and the day is hard. We are tired of the march and of keeping guard. Tired of the sense of a fight to be won. Of the days to live through and of work to be done. Tired of ourselves and of being alone. And all the while, did we only see. We walk in the Lord's own company; We fight, but 'tis He who nerves our arm; He turns the arrows which else might burn. And out of the storm He brings a calm. The work which we count so hard to do. He makes it easy, for He works too; The days that are long to live are His, A bit of His bright eternals. And close to our need His helping is. Oh eyes that were holden and blinded quite. And caught no glimpse of the dying light. Oh deaf, deaf ears which did not hear. The Heavenly garment trailing near; Oh faithless heart, which dared to fear! Susan Coolidge.

HOW SHALL WE INCREASE

Our Membership and make the Meetings Interesting?

In dealing with this subject I shall claim the Irishman's privilege, of putting things wrong end to, and speak of the second part of my subject first.

How shall we make our meetings interesting? After this question I must put an interrogation point of gigantic proportions. If I succeed in solving this problem, then I shall have immortalized my name, and victory will perch on every W. C. T. U. banner. But perhaps our ideas of interesting are different. My idea of interesting is, not what will interest veteran members, but so interesting that an indifferent woman, dropping in casually, will be so delighted, she will come again and again. The fact that so many more women pay their dues than attend the meetings, makes me feel sure that the non-attendance at the meetings is not so largely due to the indifference among women on the temperance question, as to the half hearted way in which meetings are gotten up.

Far be it from me to assume that I can point out an easy and sure way of overcoming the difficulties in this direction. I merely submit a few suggestions with the modest hope that some may be helpful to you.

My first suggestion is: Always have the program for each meeting inserted in your local paper, and have every program as perfectly prepared, and carried out from start to finish, with the same care you would show if your audience numbered 250 instead of 25 or less. Commence your preparation for this program early. Do not wait until the meeting is upon you, and then get into an excitement over it. Some presidents claim that there is a great advantage in having programs arranged for as long as three months ahead. There may be one objection raised to this however, it is dealing largely in probabilities. Which ever way you prefer choose your subject or subjects and have your Supt. send for literature on that subject, and by the way, if economy seems necessary anywhere, never economize in literature. You cannot succeed without it. The average woman can not make brick without straw, and she has neither the time nor energy to gather it. When opening a meeting it is well to ask different members to lead in prayer, and when roll is called it is a nice way to have each member respond with a quotation or interesting temperance item. Vary your ways of using literature as much as possible. One good way is to give a leaflet each to a number of the members and at the following meeting have each one rise and give in her own

words the substance of the leaflet given her. Another way is to give out the leaflets as before and have each one write out in her own way, the thoughts of her leaflet, and any additional thoughts of her own. This will make an interesting meeting, and surprise those not initiated, and sometimes the writers themselves. Another way is just to read the spiciest of your leaflets and follow with an informal discussion. Still another way is to distribute literature to all of the members, then have the leader write out questions as comprehensive as possible and touching on all sides of the subject, and ask the different members to raise the different questions in the meeting. This will bring about a discussion which if properly handled will be enjoyable and helpful. But woe to the leader who does not keep things well in hand. Certainly she must keep awake if she wishes to keep the discussion open for half an hour, without its becoming demoralized with side talk. Every tendency to this must be nipped in the bud, not peremptorily, but by a quick, tactful attention, compelling remark or attention. When the ubiquitous woman who whispers in the corner when another is speaking, learns to do better, the informal discussion will be one of our most profitable half hours. This latter way may be varied by having the members bring the questions, but unless your members are very interested and wide awake I would suggest that you provide a reserve supply, or this may be one of the days you get experience. Another plan is to give each member a question, either upon one subject or different subjects and have them write out an answer, and questions and answers be read at the meeting. Names need not be used in this. If there is a lukewarm member who is hard to get out give her some part that will necessitate her coming. A recitation bearing on the subject of your meeting each time, will help to give a pleasant variety.

Another important adjunct we must consider is the music. Every Union should have a good music book. If unable to purchase as many copies as necessary for a public meeting, then get many as you need for your largest parlor meetings. Do not always sing the good old pieces but learn something new and make the general singing an attraction. Have solos and duets and as something special have a ladies' quartette. Impossible you say. I think it impossible in very few Unions. Any four ladies of fair musical ability, can with efficient effort and persistence, render music that will be pleasing to a company of women who appreciate their motive in rendering it. With good music as a nucleus you have always the foundation of a good program. It is well to remember however that anything has a tendency to grow stale after a time, and we must be constantly on the alert for new features to introduce if we would keep up the general enthusiasm.

Occasionally it is a good idea to have refreshments, but only very occasionally. I have little faith that a woman who is attracted to a meeting by cream and cake only, will ever comment very seriously on anything but the ice cream and cake.

How often shall we hold our meetings? I would say adapt the number of meetings to the circumstances in which we find ourselves. How shall we increase our membership? Need we say that if the meetings are interesting, and each member considers herself a committee to invite some other lady to them, the question will settle itself, but if per-

chance there are some who are not reached in this way, the town or county may be divided into sections and your most amiable ladies appointed to make a house to house canvas for members.

In view of the fact that all this will not be accomplished without some mighty propelling force, what manner of woman ought your president to be?

She must be a woman of strong faith in God and strong faith and unbounded enthusiasm in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She must be one who will stand up like a solid wall against discouragement. A veritable Nehemiah, undismayed alike by the sneers of the men of the plains or the murmurings of the men of Judah. She must have considerable ability, she must be able to smooth out an unpleasant situation and pour oil on troubled waters. She must be willing to do her own share of the work and cheerfully do anything that anyone else leaves undone. She must give lavishly of her time, shoulder all the responsibility of any mistakes, but if any honors accrue from her office let her be very careful how she appropriates them. 'Too ideal you say.' Let me tell you - if you find a woman with leanings in all these directions, cultivate her, and do not submerge her with responsibilities.

Do not expect her to be an ideal president of the W. C. T. U. and at the same time do her own house work and sewing; be a member of the Ladies' Aid society, spending one afternoon at its meetings, baking for socials, cleaning up after socials and doing all those things which are involved in being a member of that society; be a member of the C. E. or Epworth League, taking an active part in all its meetings and social affairs; teach a bible class in S. S., helping to drill the children for special days, etc.; sing in the choir and attend all its practices for regular, irregular and unlooked for occasions.

Do not expect impossible things. How can she meet your ideals with interests scattered in every direction. She must be a large-hearted woman indeed if she can be intensely enthusiastic in so many directions. Give her time to concentrate her energies and interests and see how effective her work will be.

I would rather take my chances before a shot gun, scattering shot in every direction, some of which when happening to hit make impressions I might easily recover from, than before a Winchester aimed directly my way and sending out bullets red hot. Give your president a chance to fire at the enemy with a Winchester. The foe may slip away unhurt if she uses B. B. shot.

Did you ever see a boy disturb a nest of mice? They ran in every direction and the boy after first this one and then that and lo! they all escaped. Surely the boy's intentions were good. He meant to kill every mouse - and the dear president's intentions are good. She would exterminate every evil, but she starts after one, and seeing another escaping she pursues it - and they all escape, and with a diabolical grin they turn and mock her. Why didn't you catch us?

The average W. C. T. U. president should have no other responsibilities outside of her own home. She will grow narrow-minded, did I hear some one say? Do we call it narrow-minded when one becomes a specialist in the medical world? He has interests outside of his profession, but the one aim of his life is success in his special line. Let us have specialists in God's harvest field, specialists in S. S. work, specialists in church work, specialists in Christian Endeavor

work, specialists in Epworth League work, and specialists in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. J. MANNING, Bathgate.

Form of Initiation Service.

[The following form of initiation service we clip from an exchange and pass it on for the consideration of our unions. We believe it would make a very impressive and beautiful method of receiving your new members.—Ed.]

Members rise and president says:

Dear sister, we are glad of your willingness to join our ranks and become one of the workers "For God and Home and Native Land".

The requirements for membership are very simple - only the signing of the constitution and pledge; but we also have certain principles, adopted by the World's W. C. T. U., to which we hope you can subscribe; they are as follows: (Annual Leaflet Declaration of Principles).

Are you willing to sign this pledge and subscribe to these principles? And then, after you have signed your name on the secretary's book, I will present you with our badge.

This card, tied with a bow of white ribbon, we hope you will sign and keep where it will often remind you, not only of the obligations devolving upon you as a member of the W. C. T. U., but also of this organization as a loving sisterhood.

This little badge may you wear on all occasions and in all places, and in this way you will always be exerting a silent influence for the cause we love.

"To the ribbon white be loyal.

Bind it to your heart:

For in all this peaceful warfare

It must have a part.

In the battle we are waging

For our God and right.

Be our oriflame of love

The bow of ribbon white."

I now congratulate you upon this privilege and welcome you cordially, in behalf of all, to our membership, to all the pleasures and duties.

You are now a member of the greatest organization of women in the world, and in its forty or more departments there is an opportunity for work in every branch of Christian service.

Join hands and sing "Blest be the Tie."

To Cass Co. Voters.

CASSELTON, N. D., Oct. 8, 1900.

Dear Sisters: As election time draws near I feel it my duty as your Supt. of Franchise to impress upon you the necessity of extra efforts on our part, to secure the attendance at the polls of all women who are interested in the welfare of our schools, and desirous of maintaining their present high standing by the re-election of Mrs. Mattie M. Davis to the Superintendency of the schools of our county, and also to remind the men voters of their duty, so that in the heat of a general election they shall not forget the importance of this matter.

Mrs. Davis needs no word of praise. We all know her faithfulness, integrity, high moral character and fine abilities, but we must not feel too sure of her election unless we, her friends, do our part. That is, cast a vote for her and induce others to do the same.

Yours for Good Schools,

MRS. LURA A. JOHNSON.

Page union has recently added twenty new members to her ranks through the efforts of Mrs. Ada W. Unruh.

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Twenty-seventh annual convention National W. C. T. U., Washington, D. C., Nov. 30-Dec. 7, 1900.

Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and American Mother, 81; Bulletin and Light, 70c; Bulletin and Union Signal, 81; Bulletin and Backbone, 25 cents.

Hereafter the New Crusade will be known as The American Mother.

Copies of the laws relating to the cigarette, obscene literature and health and decency in the school districts of the state, can be obtained by the unions, by applying to us.

We extend thanks to the unions that have sent us for list of subscribers to Bulletin from their town and are taking the responsibility of sending renewals and new subscribers to us. This will be a great help in keeping the list in proper shape and save much trouble and expense in sending out renewal cards. Not one cent of this money is retained by us, but is sent to state treasurer to help defray expenses of paper. Will not all the unions do this, and thus greatly aid the work?

The women of our state have the right of franchise for county and state superintendent of schools, and we have women nominees for these important offices who are in every way capable of filling them very efficiently. Should we not therefore, all things being equal, use our influence and ballot to elect these women? Mrs. Eisenhuth, who is nominated for the office of state superintendent of schools, is a lady who has held this office and given good satisfaction, and well deserves the support of the voters of the state.

The fight between the prohibition and retribution elements is liable to assume such a shape in the coming legislature, and the fact that the opponents to good law and order have a powerful backing should cause every law and order loving citizen to be doubly vigilant and to exercise great care in the use of their ballots to elect men whose past record needs no explanation, but whose lives tell that they are men who will support and maintain our righteous laws; men who will need no petitioning after being elected. No father or mother wants their boy sacrificed to King Alcohol; then let us work now and ever to keep him from ruling in North Dakota.

A rate of one and one-third fare will be given by railroads to delegates and visitors to the national convention in Washington. There will be no White Ribbon special this year, but it is thought that one or two sleepers will be engaged on the Pennsylvania railroad, so our women will be enabled to travel together.

Important.

The time for sending the quarterly re-

port blanks to the local corresponding secretaries, to be filled out and returned to the state corresponding secretary, is nearly at hand. What shall the result be? Will every union respond? It is positively necessary, dear sisters, to know just what you are doing, be it much or little. If we are organized to do good according to a plan, the officers, in order to plan to do the most good, must know just what you are doing.

This matter of reporting is one that is very much perplexes us all, and yet it is such a simple thing to take these report blanks to your union meeting, fill them out there, turn over your work for the past quarter and write not only the answers to the questions, but a general statement of facts on a separate sheet of paper. Then have the report adopted by the union.

We suggest that county corresponding secretaries begin to educate the unions in their county how to report and to report promptly; then the county corresponding secretary collect reports and send to state cor. sec. You can readily see the advantage of this. We will all be in touch then with the work and workers. The state cor. sec. will not have to work at such long range. There is always loss of power in scattered energies.

Organization means suitable disposition of parts which are to act together in a compound body, and if we have our work so divided, we can then act as a compound whole, with much more ease and far better effect.

Will you not, dear sisters, make this year one of work well done and well promptly reported? Try it and you will find your union and the cause greatly strengthened. Yours for good reports,

MATTIE VAN DE BOGART, Cor. Sec.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—Next to meeting you face to face, I look forward to our monthly chat in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

I wish to express to you in some measure my deep appreciation of the many kindly greetings, and words of love and good cheer, that have come to me since my return home. These with the beautiful surprises given me at the state convention have made the home-coming so delightful that I have often thought of the old lines:

"I would not always have my friends
And ready for my greeting,
I like to part from them a while
Just for the sake of meeting."

Our state convention was a great inspiration to all who were privileged to attend it. The spirit of the convention was one of love for, and consecration to, the work, and the presence of the Master was felt in every meeting. After such a gathering we ought to be better equipped for service than ever before, and we ought therefore to make this year the best in our history.

Let every one of us who wear the ribbon white feel that a part of the responsibility rests upon us, and each put in practice our state motto: "I am but one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do," and we shall see great results.

Already one new union has been reported since convention. Mrs. Ella M. Shippy, president of Steele county, has organized at Broadlawn, with Mrs. H. Davidson, Hope, president, and Mrs. Anna Jefferson, Hope, corresponding secretary. We trust every county president will be able to report some work done in the line of organization before winter.

There is much to be done in the few days left us before election. We have sent to all the unions a request to observe Friday, November 2d, as a day of prayer that God's will may be done in the coming election, and that the schemes of those men who are plotting to destroy our prohibitory law, may be overthrown. If for any reason your union could not observe that day, please appoint another day before election. Let us not forget to work as well as pray.

There is much evidence to show that the whisky element are making a strong and determined effort to regain this state. They have succeeded in securing the nomination of an unusual number of men for state officials, members of the legislature, and for county officers, who will be their willing tools. Money is being sent into this state for the purpose of electing these men, and to defeat those officers who stand for the enforcement of law. Every effort is being made to deceive voters in regard to the standing of candidates. Men who believe in the righteousness of the prohibitory law, and desire that it shall be retained, with all its

blessings, should most carefully guard their ballots this year.

The most important state office, so far as the enforcement of the prohibitory law is concerned, is that of Attorney General.

There is but one man nominated for that office who merits the support of temperance people, and that is Hon. John Carmody, of Ellsboro. I have had a long acquaintance with Mr. Carmody, and as he and his wife are so strong supporters of temperance work, I have often been entertained in their hospitable home. His personal life and habits are above reproach. When the effort was made to organize the State Enforcement League, Mr. Carmody was among the first to give his valued assistance. He is an honorable, upright man, and his election will be a victory for law and order, and will greatly strengthen the prohibitory law in this state.

The women of North Dakota have the school ballot, and ought to consider it a sacred trust. We are equally responsible with our brothers for the condition of our public schools, the standards of morality, temperance, and the teaching of scientific temperance and physical education, which is provided for through laws secured by our efforts.

An argument used more than any other against the extension of full suffrage to women is, that they don't use the suffrage they already possess. Let us not permit this to be truthfully said of the women of North Dakota. Let us not only use the school ballot ourselves, but make a special effort to get every woman in the community to go to the polls on election day. District your town if it is large, have a committee to look after every district, secure carriages and take the women to the polling place. If every Union will do this it will double the women's vote in the state. And the busy housekeeper will learn that it does not take any longer to drop a ballot in the ballot box, than it does to drop a letter in the letter box, and that to vote does not require nearly so much expenditure of time and strength, as to bake a cake for a church supper or fair.

Because of the mother love that is planted in every woman's heart, because of her keen interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the child, we believe she is especially fitted to look after the interests of the children of the land, not only in the home, but also in the country school house, and in the schools of the county, and in the schools of the state. It was no doubt in recognition of this truth that the framers of our state constitution wisely provided for women to vote for and hold school office.

The fact that women are especially qualified for this office, and that they are eligible to no other in the state, should have the consideration of all voters, and where competent women are nominated, they should have the support, not only of the women voters, but also of broad-minded, liberal men.

School officers should be divorced from party considerations, and the question should be as to fitness, rather than party affiliation. Among the candidates this year are a number of W. C. T. U. women who are especially well equipped for the work. Miss Mary E. Carey, state evangelist, and president of the Third district, is a candidate for superintendent of schools in Bottineau county on the republican ticket. We can wish nothing better for the schools of Bottineau county than that she be elected.

Mrs. Mattie M. Davis, of Fargo, has proved one of the best county superintendents that Cass county ever had, and merits the support of all good people.

Dr. Janette Hill Knox, our vice president at large, is a candidate on the democratic ticket for superintendent of Richland county schools. Dr. Knox's qualifications and her abilities as an educator, are well known in the state.

Miss Murry, who is highly recommended by our leaders in her county, is candidate for superintendent of schools of Traill county, and was one of the earliest founders of the W. C. T. U. of that county.

Mrs. Laura J. Eisenhuth, who is candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has filled that office one term greatly to her credit, and to the satisfaction of the educators of the state. My acquaintance with her is of eight or ten years' duration, and I have the highest regard for her christian character, her ability, and her sterling qualities of mind and heart. She has been a member of the W. C. T. U., whenever one could be maintained at Carrington, and is an earnest temperance worker. She is a womanly woman, gentle, refined and courteous, and would not stoop to do an unkind or unwomanly act, even to secure her election. I watched her closely in the

trying campaign of 1894, and her conduct was such that she steadily rose in my estimation. I have seen her in victory and in defeat, and never for a moment have seen her lose her gracious womanly dignity or her quiet self possession.

I have not seen nor heard from Mrs. Eisenhuth since her nomination last summer, and she knows nothing of my writing this letter and will doubtless be surprised to read it. I desire to pay this little unsolicited tribute to the worth of a woman who deserves all I have said and much more.

The following article is part of a statement which I received this morning from Mr. A. J. Garver, who is well and favorably known as a leading temperance worker of Benson county, and who for years has edited the Benson Co. News, which has always been a staunch temperance paper. The article speaks for itself.

Yours Faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON.

Tower City, N. D., Oct. 27, 1900.

SO THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

[The following matter appeared in the Benson County News of Oct. 20.]
I have received numerous inquiries in regard to Mr. Comstock, and as I have not time to answer them all by letter, I print the following as a partial answer to all. I might have added that the enforcement league last year procured information against two parties in Leeds and laid it before Comstock. He promised to issue papers immediately, but as soon as their back was turned he pigeon-holed the papers and that was the last of it.

In the spring of 1898 a man in Minnewaukan was indicted by the grand jury. Later in the same year the league procured evidence against him again. This year evidence was again procured against him, so much that the County Judge cancelled his permit, but in one way and another Comstock shields him and avoids a trial, because the man is supposed to be an influential politician.

We could fill a page on the subject. We have no hesitancy in saying to the temperance people of North Dakota that Mr. Comstock's promises to enforce the prohibition law are not worth the paper it would take to write them on. In his nearly ten years as states attorney of Benson county, he has never prosecuted a single case of violation of the prohibition law. The Scandinavian Prohibition Club of Benson county is against him to a man, and the statement made by some speakers that Comstock will carry Benson county solid is not true, as he will run way behind the ticket in this county.

A. J. GARVER,
Editor and Proprietor of the Benson County News, Leeds, N. D.

The Coming Brigade.

A class of small boys, with a leader who is a good speaker. The whole class clapping three times, then bring the hands to the side with a slap, then take aim with the hands once, as they say bang, then bring the hands to the side with a slap. Any one can readily see how the acting is done by reading the article. Spirit and enthusiasm are needed. It has been used with good effect by author.

Clap, clap, clap, clap, bang, slap.
I am just a little clap.
But I can tell you we shall grow.
And will let the run power now
That we will be his overthrow.
Slap, bang, clap, clap, clap.
Clap, clap, clap, clap, bang, slap.
There is thunder, hear it rap?
And lightning, too, I guess.
Let votes your will express.
And we'll follow to success.
Slap, bang, clap, clap, clap.

Shout loud, and fling your cap.
Whi-slap and bang, and slap.
And voters let the run power now
Don't stand around and say:
We cannot win the day."
Slap, bang, clap, clap, clap.
With all our force we'll slap
The run power a hard rap.
The goal is now in sight.
Just help with all your might,
While we're clapping, 'cause it's right.
Slap, bang, clap, clap, clap.

"Old Glory" never shall flap
Above a saloon, "dear old cap"
When we can cast our vote.
Please all of you take note.
The union will have to "vote."
Slap, bang, clap, clap, clap.
—Ohio Messenger.

Tower City—Miss Anna Pederson of Fargo recently met with this union and gave a very interesting talk on "How to Save Our Girls." She spoke mostly of the girls in our Rescue Home, but gave some helpful ideas as to the mothers, how to begin with the children at home. Miss Preston also gave a helpful and beautiful talk. There was an attendance of sixty. Excellent music was furnished by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Kiff.



Y Report.

Dear Co-Workers: Doubtless you were all somewhat disappointed not to have found in the last issue a report of the Y conferences and Y evening of the convention at Devils Lake. It was all as we never before - also asking His special blessing upon our far distant leader, our dear Miss Larimore. Her usual routine business Miss Mathews read a paper entitled "The Open Door," which was very interesting. The call of unions showed that Larimore, Reynolds, Thompson, Sherbrooke, Inkster, Devils Lake, Grand Forks, Emerald and Pembina were represented. Following this was discussion on plan of work. It was decided that all the unions put forth special efforts to get the honoraries to attend. It was suggested that a short social session be held after each meeting, and that we endeavor to have our meetings very interesting; and one way to obtain this was that of setting aside an evening for each department and have all papers, recitations and discussions along that line. A calendar of work is to be prepared for the next year and several copies sent to each union. We hope in this way to get closer together and to know more nearly what one another is doing.

Friday evening Miss Mathews again took charge of the session. Miss Norton of Thompson then read Miss Larimore's report of the world's convention, after which Mrs. Cooke recited several selections. The Y benediction was then pronounced and they adjourned to meet next day.

When from the opening chambers of the east
The morning springs in thousand liveries
drest,
The early larks their morning tributes pay
And in shrill notes salute the blooming day!"

Then we to the court house returned, there to greet each other for the first time. What a happy privilege it is for members of this great family in our state to meet together once a year, become personally acquainted with each other and then together form plans for the advancement of the cause so dear to us all!

After these greetings were over the session was called to order. The usual devotionals followed and routine business was transacted, and then came one of the most interesting discussions of the conferences - it was on purity pledge, amusements and dancing. The thought was, "Can a Y Attend Dances and Still Keep Her Purity Pledge?" Mrs. Unruh was present at this session and gave the girls many helpful thoughts and suggestions and was ready with an answer to all their perplexing questions. I believe all who were fortunate enough to attend this meeting went home feeling that if they could not have been present at all the sessions this one was the one they could ill have afforded to miss. Then Mrs. Calderwood was introduced. She was sent by the executive committee to present the need of the Home to us, and asked the Ys to undertake to raise the necessary funds to enable them to complete this fall. The actual cost will be but \$70. Now here is some actual work; let us come to the front and help - send in our mite even if it is small; it will be doubly acceptable. I have just been doing a little mental arithmetic, and find that if each Y in the state would send in but 25 cents we would then have more than the required amount. Surely we can deny ourselves to that extent. Send

all subscriptions to me please, and as soon as possible, for it is extremely necessary that this work be done before the cold weather comes on.

Saturday evening was Y evening. The program opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Hougan of Northwood, which was much enjoyed by all. Miss Lockwood of Rugby then delighted the audience with a vocal selection, which was heartily encored. Mrs. Cooke of Inkster gave a very interesting and helpful paper on "Why Girls Should Affiliate Themselves with the Y. W. C. T. U." Mrs. Kemp of Galesburg then sang a selection with harp accompaniment, which was also encored.

When we first planned our program for the evening we expected to have Miss Clara Parrish with us, and it was with great eagerness and delight that we looked forward to the time when we could greet her in our own fair state and hear from her own lips what her work has been and, best of all, have the pleasure of telling her how much we appreciate it; but alas, our hopes were to be blighted, for a little over a month ago word came that on account of ill health she would not be able to be with us. Bitter as was our disappointment, we yet rejoiced to know that she has been persuaded to rest and earnestly hope that ere long she may once more be able to take up her work so dear to her. Therefore it was necessary for us to find some one else to give the address of the evening. Mrs. Unruh kindly consented to do it. Her thought was "Purity: An Equal Standard of Morals For Two." Only those who have had the pleasure of listening to one of Mrs. Unruh's lectures can realize how well she handles her subject or how she holds her audience from beginning to end. She seems to put into the hearts of all a desire to live purer, nobler lives. What an important question it is, that of purity. You perhaps have read the message Mrs. Josephine Butler, that noted English woman, sent to the young ladies of this country. "The one thing I feel is their lack of dignity. The sense of their own worth should be impressed upon girls in all ranks of life. They are too cheap; they are made cheap and they allow themselves to become cheap." Then arises the question, "What is my value?" and the reply comes at once, "Just what you make it." What the world needs today is not more manly men or more womanly women, but more womanly men and more manly women, those who are not afraid to stand by their principles at all times and in all places, no matter what temptations arise.

After Mrs. Unruh's lecture Mrs. Cooke sang in her own sweet way a very pretty selection and responded to a very hearty encore. Thus ended the evening of the Ys. No one but those present can realize how much we all miss our beloved secretary - seems as if we never loved her half as much as now. "Absence, you know, only makes the heart grow fonder." We wanted her to know that, though she was so many miles away, she was still thought of, hence each Y delegate was asked to write a short greeting and these were sent to her.

Now I have come to another matter which I want you all to think about at once. The Y Almanacs for 1901 have been received. They are, if anything, in many respects, handsomer than those of last year.

I fully realize that times are hard and that we will have to economize on every side, but still the work must go on, and if it is necessary for us to deny ourselves a little to help it along, will we not be the better for it? Then let us each decide at once to take one of these Almanacs, and tell your president so. Then I am going to ask her to send to me at once for the number she wants and I will send them to her. Please, girls, let me hear from you soon. Loyalty yours, CORA M. ADAMS, Grand Forks, Oct. 17, 1900.

L. T. L. CORNER.

From Miss Halcrow.

"For Truth and Right
in the King's Name."

My Dear Friends: I want to assure you all that I share in your disappointment that our dear Mrs. Ryan felt compelled to give up the L. T. L. department for this year. She was so faithful and capable and I know you all privileged to love and trust her. It is my privilege to know her well, and let me tell you that those who know her best are her most devoted admirers. The work of the *Loyal Temperance Legion* has always been very near her heart and it must have cost her something to relinquish a department for which she was so eminently fitted. I have consented to take charge

of the L. T. L. department this year, and I ask the hearty co-operation of each and every Ribboner in our ranks. Won't you do your best to push this grand educational work among the children? There is no department that will pay a higher interest on the time invested than this. Let our aim this year be an L. T. L. mothered by every W. C. T. U. It will gladden the heart of our dear ex-secretary, when she will be able to take up the work again, to find that we have taken no backward steps, so let us double the L. T. L. membership. Will each superintendent or L. T. L. member who may read this kindly send me the address of the local L. T. L. secretary? I would like to be in direct communication with all the local L. T. L. secretaries. The L. T. L. department of our Bulletin will generally be for the children and Legion workers. I hope they will each subscribe for this paper and keep in touch with the state work. Let us give our beloved state; let us build upon its structure worthy of the great cause of "home protection," to which it owes its origin. Very respectfully yours,
BESSA HALCROW,
Bowsmont, N. D., Oct. 15, 1900.

How One Little Girl Earned a Dollar For the Heating Plant in the Home.

She was the strangest little girl anyone ever saw. It took her such a long time to wash the dishes, and she was so apt to leave some of the tins. Perhaps she saw visions like the prophets of old, for mamma would find her, dish cloth in hand, apparently dreaming while the dish water grew colder and colder. One day mamma told this strange little girl that she would give her ten cents every time she washed the dishes if she washed them all and finished in half an hour. She has failed many times, but she has been brave and kept trying until she now has a whole big dollar. In how many ways was this plan helpful to the little girl and to others? Can our L. T. L. readers tell?

State Superintendent Schools.

[We urge our women and all voters to well consider the splendid qualifications of Mrs. Eisenhuth for the office of State Superintendent of Public Schools. We heartily endorse the sentiments of the following article. Ed.]

In the impending elections there are some offices that are left vacant on the Prohibition ticket. One of these, and a most important one, is that of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This office must be filled by the Republican or Democratic candidate and the Prohibition voters of the state should scrutinize carefully the merits of each before deciding to which they will give their support. It may fairly be said that upon the subject of temperance reform women have generally manifested an intense interest than men. To them, the question of its influence upon the home appeals with a peculiar force, and other things being equal, this matter might quite as safely be trusted to the instincts of woman! But in addition to this vital point others of not less moment present themselves:

What is the ability of the candidate for the office? If able, will he, or she, give to it his best efforts, and fill it with an eye single to the interests of education? Is his private character above reproach? To whatever political party he may belong, will he be broad-minded enough to divest the subject of education from the subject of politics? Is he governed by any outside influence that might control the direction of work? Whom will he choose to assist him in his duties?

These, and other, questions will suggest themselves to the voter in his choice. Against the republican candidate the writer has not a word to say; with him he has no personal acquaintance; but for the past two years the writer, with his family, has enjoyed an intimate personal acquaintance with the democratic nominee; and this fact impels him to advocate the election of that candidate of whose qualifications he entertains no doubt.

One of the unpleasant features of a political campaign is, that, from time to time, statements are circulated and published calculated to arouse prejudice towards that candidate against whom they may happen to be directed. Such a report was the one lately published, to the effect that the writer had accepted, intended to choose as assistant her brother, a promising young lawyer, in case he is not elected to the office for which he has been nominated. This had never been thought of by either party, as the lady had de-

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clared her intention, if elected, of choosing from among the educators of the state that man or woman she might secure best adapted to aid her in the work of filling the office acceptably to the best interests of the schools.

By nature Mrs. Eisenhuth is an educator; both her inclinations and her training adapt her to the calling. Her ideas of education are practical and comprehensive. For twenty years she has been a teacher and engaged in educational work, and the proficiency of her pupils is evidence of the thoroughness of her instruction. She is a Christian woman, and an earnest temperance advocate. Though a democrat she is liberal in her views, and is unhampered by pledges or obligations. She knows the needs of the schools; she has had experience in the office; she filled it acceptably once, and, if elected, she can fill it better again. At the polls each voter will, and should, exercise his own judgment in the choice; but it is the sentiment of the writer that the Prohibition people of the state would go far to find a candidate who would better represent their cause, or who is more worthy to discharge the duties of the office which must so soon be refilled.

R. N. HOWARD, M. D.
Carrington, N. D., Oct. 23, 1900.

W. C. T. U. Home.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 15.
Dear Bulletin: After so many weeks of silence, we feel impelled to have a word with you once more, as to how life goes on at the Home.

Since writing before, time has sped rapidly along, being filled, perhaps unusually full, of the blessings and trials, joys and sorrows, of earthly existence. While gratefully acknowledging our mercies we cannot help a feeling of deep sadness that we are obliged to chronicle another death in our household. On the 22d of Sept. our little Ernest was taken from us and went to join the company of those sinless ones, who "in Heaven do always behold the face of our Father."

Sweet angel spirit, he was lent to us only, for less than 6 months, but during his frail little life time, he had so entwined himself round our hearts that it was hard to give him up. What a strange power there is in the love of a little child. What a strong tie between us and the life beyond is the removal of such an one. We miss our little darling; without him the house seems empty, though we know that for him it is far better.

We have been enjoying those days of balmy air and bright sunshine, but today is dark and gloomy, and the sighing of the wind and mournful fluttering of the few leaves still left on the almost bare branches reminds us that old winter is not far off and makes us think longingly of the furnace we hope to have before he pounces on us in all his rigor.

Our family is still large, consisting at present of 14 girls and 10 babies. Mrs. Peele, who was with us from the 22d of August, left on the first of Oct. to fulfill a former engagement with a sister.

There is not much more to say. It seems needless to write of the daily round of duties, common to us all, that at times perhaps seem trivial.

We are just going on from day to day, getting daily strength for daily duties and praying for grace, that we may discharge each duty in a manner that will be pleasing in His sight.
MAYRON.

Ransom County Druggists' Sale of Intoxicants For August.

Libson - E. C. Lucas	256
Libson - W. S. Parker	150
Sheldon - P. J. Hoff	108
Enderlin - Hoff & Shirley	138
Enderlin - C. E. Engle	62
Total	714

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Libson - E. C. Lucas	270
Libson - W. S. Parker	170
Sheldon - P. J. Hoff	101
Enderlin - Hoff & Shirley	154
Enderlin - C. E. Engle	76
Total	1071

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DEPARTMENT OF THE E. S. A.

For the remainder of this year, or until our annual state convention, Mrs. J. S. Kemp, of Galesburg, N. D., will have charge of this column. Any communications for this department should be sent her by the 15th of each month, or at least she should know by that time what you expect to send in.

"Efforts, not Results, are our Responsibilities."



Hon. Pres. Dr. Cora Smith Eaton, Minneapolis; President, Mrs. Flora B. Naylor, Larimore; Vice President, Mrs. G. S. Roberts, Dawson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Haagensohn, Hillsboro; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Janette Hill Knox, Wahpeton; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Carmody, Hillsboro.

E. S. A. Report.

Lakota, N. D., Sept. 27. The state equal suffrage convention was held this week in the Methodist church, which was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting and flowers. Mrs. Flora Blackman Naylor, president, presided in a graceful and able manner. Rev. Stephen Whitford and Mrs. E. T. Hutchinson made short and appropriate addresses of welcome—Mr. Whitford on behalf of the town and Mrs. Hutchinson on behalf of the local W. C. T. U., through whose kindness and courtesy arrangements were made for the convention.

Mrs. Dr. Knox of Wahpeton responded to the addresses in a few well chosen remarks.

Mrs. Naylor spoke for a few moments concerning the work, and her address was followed by a selection by the Lakota male quartet.

Following this was the matrons' oratorical contest, in which Mrs. Katherine V. King of Inkster, Miss Mary Carey of Bottineau, Mrs. Hollahan of Larimore, Mrs. Cora Ross Clark of Langdon and Mrs. Edith M. Bowen of Lakota participated. It was determined to give two prizes, one to Mrs. Bowen and the other to Mrs. Hollahan.

During the contest vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. King and Mrs. S. A. Floren of Lakota, all of which were excellent.

On Wednesday forenoon the business of the convention was transacted. Committees were appointed and officers' reports were heard. The report of the president showed the work in good condition. The corresponding secretary read a letter from the Minnesota association sending greetings, and the treasurer's report showed receipts from all sources for the year of \$106.20, expenditures \$49.25, balance on hand \$56.95. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Flora Blackman Naylor, Larimore; vice president, Mrs. Dr. Janette Hill Knox, Wahpeton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Carmody, Hillsboro; recording secretary, Mrs. Katherine V. King, Inkster; treasurer, Mrs. Maza Stevens, Northwood.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. G. H. Smith of Grand Forks spoke in the Norwegian language to an appreciative audience. Mrs. Dr. Knox gave a short address on "The Future of Our Work."

Miss Elizabeth Preston entertained the convention with reminiscences of her trip to Europe last summer. Mrs. Naylor, the president, says: "The cause of suffrage is advancing in North Dakota for three reasons: First, because the new northwest is progressive; second, be-

cause the W. C. T. U., which in its franchise department is an educational force for suffrage, is so well organized in the state; third, because this is a prohibition state, temperance sentiment is strong and the saloon element, which is always against suffrage, has comparatively little influence."

In Memoriam.

Our well loved sister, and first president, Mrs. E. P. Beard, has been called to endure the sundering of the closest tie that binds us here below, in the death of her husband, the Hon. W. W. Beard, which occurred at their home on Monday afternoon, Oct. 8th, after months of severest suffering which brought out the beauty of his noble christian character as nothing else could have done. He has gone on a little way before and his noble wife, who has walked so unflatteringly by his side through the often rough, hard ways of pioneer times, and has graced his home and blessed his children for more than seventeen years, is left lonely, but not alone, and we as a union and as a community have met with a loss that cannot be estimated.

Mr. Beard was born at a station on the "Underground Railroad," in Indiana, in 1830, and his mother was the "Rachel" whom Mrs. Stowe portrayed in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." So he was a reformer all his life, for he held the most untiring interest in all the burning questions of the day to the very last, and expressed a longing to vote once more for president that he might cast a ballot for the prohibition candidate.

We shall all miss more than words can tell our beautiful gray-haired honorary at every public meeting, but our hope is sure and we all follow that way.

MRS. L. L. MUIR, Hunter.

SUPT.'S DEPARTMENT.

Scientific Temperance.

The following letter was written in reply to one sent Mrs. Davis. After examination of the full course I concur with Mrs. Davis. While I am exceedingly sorry that Scientific Temperance teaching could not have occupied a more prominent space in the course of study, I am persuaded that our teachers can give it just as much prominence as any other subject, and the matter lies wholly within the power of our ladies who vote for our County Superintendent of Schools.

DELLA R. MANDIGO.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 19, 1900. Dear Mrs. Mandigo: In replying to your inquiries regarding the relation of the Course of Study to Scientific Temperance Instruction I wish to say that while I had nothing whatever to do in formulating our state Course of Study, I have, from the first, urged that a course be arranged and adopted, and while the course does not give the prominence to Temperance Instruction that I would like, on the whole it contains so many good things that it will certainly advance all school work and will not retard, but rather advance, the teaching of temperance now being done in the schools.

The provisions of the law concerning Scientific Temperance Instruction will be carried out, I assure you, as long as I am connected with the schools, and there seemed to be no thought on the part of other Co. Supts. of neglecting temperance teaching. The course calls for oral work in Physiology and Hygiene and the nature of alcoholic drinks, during the first four years, followed by two years of work in which the pupils use an intermediate text book, after which work in an advanced text book is required. You need have no fear that this work will be neglected, for the Course provides for monthly examinations or tests for all pupils. The questions will be uniform throughout the state and are to be graded by the teacher and kept on file subject to the inspection of the Co. Supt. These tests will be incentives to thorough and systematic work. In fact, we all feel the work will be done better than ever before.

The Course of Study places Scientific Temperance Instruction, Physical Culture, Nature Study, Music and Drawing under the head of General on page XXI, and the law which has been on the statute book since statehood and is thoroughly understood by all teachers is given in full on page VIII of the Introduction.

Sincerely,
MATTIE M. DAVIS.

Sunday School.

Dear S. S. Workers: I wish to call your attention to the work for World's Temperance Sunday, Nov. 25th. Will you ask every pastor in your town to preach a temperance sermon on that

day? Ask the Sunday school supts. to observe the day in some special way, provide temperance literature for distribution.

That the most possible may be made of the quarterly temperance lesson, send to Mrs. Irvine for the special leaflets and the blackboard exercise on the lesson and distribute leaflets one week in advance. Mrs. Irvine is getting out a new program for the day she also wishes to introduce on that day, the supplemental course of study in temperance; send for these, they will help you.

For pledge signers use the red, white and blue pledge cards. If possible, present each school with an honor roll.

Mrs. Irvine, Nat'l Supt., offers a banner to the state making the greatest per cent. of increase in local superintendents. Can not North Dakota win this banner the coming year? Local presidents see that your union appoints local superintendents. Local superintendents, send me your name and the thing is done. Yours for a good year, Mrs. NECTA BUCK.

HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

Important Notice to Supts. of Health, Heredity, Purity and Mothers' Meetings.

By the action of the executive officers at the late state convention the above departments were divided, making two separate departments of them. Purity and Mothers' Meetings has now as superintendent, Mrs. Mary B. Calderwood of Gray, while Health and Heredity are still under the care of Mrs. L. M. Brown, Cooperstown.

Dear superintendents, you will save yourselves and others extra time and effort if you will bear this in mind and write to the proper state superintendents for conference and advice.

I regret that I must take leave of a part of the supts. with whom I have had such pleasant relations for the past three years, yet manifold duties compel me to do so, and I am sure the department will be more ably managed by my successor and I bespeak for her the warm interest and co-operation which you have given me. Loyally your comrade,
Mrs. L. M. Brown,
Cooperstown, N. D., Oct. 6, 1900.

Methods.

This is the season when local unions are beginning to outline work for the coming winter and planning to make that work as helpful and effectual as possible. One of the recommendations given by our president to have interesting, helpful meetings, is to have a printed program. Knowing how hard it is to sometimes arrange those programs, we offer the following outline as a little guide which can be easily changed to suit local conditions.

A little time should be given at each meeting for opening exercises, or hold a special business meeting. Good music should be furnished at each meeting. Have a stated number of minutes for each part of program, then follow that.

- Nov. 9. Reports of department superintendents, 3 min. each.
- Social meeting: Health and Heredity.
- Nov. 23. Bible readings.
- Reform news.
- Christian citizenship.
- What does it mean to prohibition.
- Discussion.
- Dec. 7. Bible reading.
- Drill on state minutes.
- Dec. 21. Mothers' meeting.
- Dec. 28. History, growth and literature of Evangelistic department.
- Jan. 4. Report of superintendents.
- Discussion of the life of Madam Willard.
- Jan. 18. Drill on annual leaflet.
- How to use our literature.
- Discussion.
- Feb. 1. Bible reading.
- Non-alcoholic medication by a physician.
- Feb. 15. Life and work of Frances Willard.
- Feb. 1. Report of superintendents.
- Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin.
- Mch. 15. Mothers' meeting.
- Teaching truth.
- When? How? Why?
- Mch. 29. Bible reading. Discussion.
- Reform notes.
- Life of Neal Bow.
- Growth of prohibition sentiment.
- Apr. 3. Bible reading.
- Reports of superintendents.
- Parliamentary drill.
- Apr. 19. L. T. L. program.

FIELD NOTES.

Park River union will soon give an evening entertainment, presenting a musical and literary program, the proceeds to go to the heating plant fund for the Home. In the capacity of superintendent of press work for Walsh county your correspondent has written every

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Hunter—Our last regular meeting was a grand one. We went out two miles and a half, by invitation, to meet with a dear sister who has been confined to her bed for the last five years, but she was the happiest one among us, and when at roll call she responded with the 23d Psalm there was hardly a dry eye in the house. We read for our lesson the 19th Psalm and sang the dear old hymns. Mrs. Gale sang "The Little Black Sheep" and Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Fosburg gave us a glowing report of the state convention. A delicate and delicious lunch was served and we came away each bearing in her heart the picture of a radiant face and a lesson in patience and fortitude that can never be forgotten, while dear Mrs. Sayer rejoiced over the beautiful things she would have to think of through the long night watches.

Enforcement League.

To the voters of the state of North Dakota: The Enforcement League of our state is entirely non-partisan and is composed of members of all the different parties. Our object is to secure the proper enforcement of our laws and thus improve the morals of our state. We also believe that when there is only one candidate nominated who can be relied upon to discharge the duties of an office, it is our duty as loyal citizens to support such a candidate, even though he may not belong to our political party.

We therefore make the following appeal: In as much as the most important office in the state for the enforcement of the prohibition law is that of attorney general, he being authorized to deputize attorneys to enforce the prohibitory law or to take action himself in every county where in his judgment it is not properly enforced. We need for that position, a man of unimpeachable character, who is personally temperate and in sympathy with temperance laws, as well as possessed of legal ability to discharge the duties of his office. Such a candidate we now have before the people for the position of attorney general in the person of John Carmody, of Traill county. A great crisis is before us. Shall we have the prohibition law enforced in every part of the state, or not? A vote for the whiskey candidate means that we will not; a vote for the temperance candidate means that we will. We urge you, as you love the honor and good name of our state, to vote for John Carmody for attorney general.

By order of the executive committee.
A. LINDELIK, Secretary. R. B. GRIFFITH, President.