



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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He Careth.

One bright morn a lily fair. Filled with beauty and fragrance rare. Lifted its tiny, spotless face— With modest mien and gentle grace. seeming to offer praise to God. The gardener came with heedless air. And without a word, a thought or care. He left the lily lying there. Wounded, broken, dying.

A little bird was on the wing— Its sweet voice raised it seemed to sing In joyful notes which could not cease— Of heavenly happiness, love and peace. And praise to God on high. A sportsman came with reckless air. And without a word, a thought or care. He left the songster lying there. Wounded, bleeding, dying.

A maiden pure as lily white. Set dreaming of a future bright; The world, untired, before her spread Its rainbow glories—by fancy led— Of hope and joy and love. The spoiler came with alluring air. And without a thought, a word or care. He left the dreamer lying there. Wounded, broken, dying.

Thou who dost clothe the lily fair. And give it fragrance and beauty rare; Thou who dost note the sparrow's fall. And hast a watch-care over all; Let Thine own hand extended be— Let her Thy loving kindness see— For Thou dost know and Thou dost care For the weary one who lies helpless there. Wounded, broken, dying. —Carrie E. Farr, Boston.

Purity.

Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?—Zech., 3-2.

When Jesus gave His life for sinful men He marked out a beautiful path for weary feet. Are you weary of sin? Look unto the cross and He will blot out your iniquities and will remember them no more. Though you be plunged into the depths of sin, His love and mercy can lift you out and make you as white as snow. A just God can look upon sin with no degree of allowance, but how He pities—"For He knoweth our frame. He remembereth that we are dust," and is so merciful and loving that He has given His salvation to pluck the brands from the fire of sin. Sin! How it burns into the vitals of life, physical and spiritual, consuming the whole being—for as fire consumes and causes destruction, so sin is a greater fire that destroys body and soul. Knowing these things, how natural that we endeavor to rescue the brother or friend whom we see in immediate danger of some calamity. If the natural life is endangered in a burning building, how quickly we venture to snatch them from the fatal flames if in our power to do so. We mourn at the disasters which cause the loss of life. Our sympathies are wrought to the highest tension when we read of the burning of some great building and a loss of life in consequence. We justly mourn for all of these sad occurrences—but around and about us the flames of sin are consuming the lives of precious ones. No greater fire is burning today than that of the sin of impurity, and how often is it that we would pass by on the other side to avoid one whom we feel sure has committed a sin against one of God's most sacred laws. The fire of sin is consuming that man or woman. Life is in danger there. The natural life? Yes. The spiritual life? Yes, both. Are we afraid to pluck this one from the burning fire of sin? Afraid that we might suffer, or in our attempt encourage the suffering one to go on deeper into sin? God forbid. Jesus said to the leper as He stretched forth His hand and touched him, "I will, be thou clean;" and to the blind man He put His hand upon their eyes and they were opened. Can we not follow where He leads? How often it is that a loving touch or a word has helped to open the eyes of the sinning ones, and they saw this consuming fire,

and He who is able to save received them? He is no respecter of persons. The soul of the vilest sinner is as precious to Him as any other—and a message is given to the one who would seek to help one of these, and a work to pluck them out of the fire. Because they have been tempted and fell, the hands of God's servants must not be turned aside and they be consumed body and soul. Rescue Homes have been established all over our country as one of the means to save the unfortunate women who have been tempted above what they were able to bear—not that she is a greater sinner than man, but because she is able to bear more care owing to her God-given constitution.

Does anyone dare to venture the remark that tender love, care and sympathy is fuel added to keep the fires of sin burning? Does kindness ever tend to deteriorate or encourage wrongdoing? Ah, no, else the loving father would never have sent His only son to die for a sinful

and the necessity of the best endeavors to establish purity, for upon that depends the perpetuity of our nation.

In the name of Him who came to seek and to save those that are lost, let us work to rescue the perishing.

W. C. T. U. Home.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 16, 1901.—Dear Bulletin: Now that we are fairly launched on a new year and new century, we are reminded that it is time we had some conversation with you again.

The New Century—When we think of it, it seems as though this ought to be in some way different from the previous years, and still we cannot see that it is only that we are one year older, and so time with us will continue to go on until we are called to be with Him with whom a thousand years are as one day. The year that has just closed has brought to us the usual amount of joys and sorrows. Dear friends have been called to lay

in the words of our Master, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

Our furnace, which is now complete, is working admirably and, like an intelligent creature, will do good work so long as it is well fed.

Our Christmas and New Year days passed pleasantly, and we wish to thank the kind friends who remembered us so generously. The Christmas turkey and other good things made the Christmas greetings doubly acceptable.

Our talk dear Bulletin, must be short, for we fear we have not the gift of keeping up a conversation when it is all on one side.

Wishing you all joy and prosperity in the new year, we will bid you good-bye. MATRON.

National Organizing.

On January 3d, the birthday of Madame Willard, the general officers of the National W. C. T. U. held a conference of unusual interest at Rest Cottage. The Frances E. Willard Memorial organization fund established at the St. Paul convention for the perpetuation and extension of the work to which Miss Willard gave her life, was the subject of special consideration. This memorial fund has during the past two years been maintained largely by our local unions. The plan calling for \$2.00 from each local union on or near Feb. 17th, the date of Miss Willard's home-going.

The officers decided to broaden this plan and to appeal not only to their W. C. T. U. constituency, but to the friends of Miss Willard everywhere, to churches interested in the advancement of the principles she advocated and to the general public, and those who are making bequests will be reminded that they can do no better than to remember the great work for humanity which our organization is doing. Contributions for this fund should be addressed to Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Treas. N. W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill. By means of this fund the National will be able to fulfill the sacred wish expressed by Madame Willard in almost her last words when she said: "I should like to pronounce a benediction upon the whole world."

Mrs. J. K. Barney, of Providence, R. I., one of the Round the World Missionaries, has been appointed by the officers to take charge of the organizing work in Cuba. Havana will be the first point visited, and the work will be begun at once.

W. C. T. U. work in the Philippines has been intrusted to the care of Mrs. Cornelia C. Moots, and unions there are already organized and doing good work.

Special attention for 1901 will be given to work in Oklahoma, Arizona and Indian Territory by the National, and large appropriations will be made for the work in this section of the country. Work among the Scandinavian women in North Dakota, and among the colored people of the South will also be made prominent along organizing lines.



Miss Alice Cummings, Matron W. C. T. U. Home, Fargo, N. D.

world, and would never have sent His loving messages to carry us safely over the temptations of this life, and when sinning again and again would not be so ready to forgive. Oh, sisters, the sinner can best be saved by loving, prayerful spirit.

From our own Rescue Home in Fargo many precious souls have been saved and are now happy in a Savior's love. Our earnest, consecrated Christian matron is laboring to save, and Miss Pederson, evangelist, opens the light of truth every Sunday p. m., and both have greatly endeared themselves to the girls.

Are not these saved ones brands plucked from the fire of sin? Let us arouse to the needs of the hour and work for reformation of the lost, and formation of true principles in the home and among our children lest they be tempted in like manner. When we realize that there are now 300,000 fallen women in our country and 2,000,000 fallen men we wonder that the country is not more thoroughly aroused to its danger

down the cross and take up the cross, and we have had many reminders that time is fleeting and it behooves us to be up and doing while it is called today.

We have been thinking that if we should be allowed to stand for a moment on leaving this life and take a retrospect of our lives as we have passed them here, with so many opportunities wasted, how precious would appear the many moments that we now allow to pass so heedlessly or trifle away.

We have many regrets for time that might have been more profitably employed, and pray that this year may find us more watchful and faithful, lest the Master comes and finds us sleeping.

We will not attempt to enumerate our blessings during the past year; they have been innumerable, and of our large family (numbering today thirty-seven souls, twenty-two adults and fifteen children), all are enjoying good health, and if the question does sometimes present itself to our minds—how shall we provide for so many?—the answer comes

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FEBRUARY, 1901.

Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and American Mother, \$1; Bulletin and Light, 70c.; Bulletin and Union Signal, \$1; Bulletin and Backbone, 25 cents.

Red Letter Day, Feb. 17th. Heavenly Birthday of Frances E. Willard.

Remember the small offering asked by the National, of a gift of only \$2.00 as a memorial to our promoted leader. It will surely be a pleasure to do this, to be used in organizing work. Send all money to Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood, stating for what purpose it is to be used.

For a short time we offer as a premium for a list of fifteen subscribers, renewals or new subscribers, either the book "At Most a Man or Almost a Woman." For a list of twenty-five we will give the book "What a Young Woman Ought to Know." For a list of twenty we will give a picture of our beloved Miss Preston, mounted on a handsome card 8x10. Let us hear from you in large numbers for these premiums.

We can give you the Dakota Farmer, published at Aberdeen, S. D., a fine agricultural paper, and the Bulletin, for 50c. to new subscribers, or 50c. for one-half year, and as a premium a map of the two Dakotas printed in four colors, on a scale of 21 miles to the inch. It shows all the township lines, railroads, rivers, lakes, inland towns and postoffices and is corrected up to date. On the reverse side is a map of the world. Try new subscribers with this combination.

We are sure the hearts of all have been made to rejoice over the signal victory gained in the successful passage of the anti-canteen amendment in the United States senate. This amendment passed the house of representatives when we were in convention at Washington. Among those who most ably championed the bill were our own senators, Messrs. Hansbrough and McCumber. Mrs. Ellis says of Senator Hansbrough: "He is one of whom we may always turn in an emergency with the assurance of getting help." Thanks are extended by North Dakota white ribboners to our two able senators for their effective work.

Having personally met Miss A. G. Mabee and having done quite an amount of shopping through her, we take pleas-

Casselton Reporter

CASSELTON, N. D.

Neat Job Work for W. C. T. U. on Short Notice, AT REASONABLE PRICES

ure in calling special attention to her ad. which appears on fourth page. We can most sincerely recommend her to our ladies as being very efficient and prompt.

Nov. 29 the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors in Vermont became a law when Gov. Stickney affixed his signature within an hour after the bill had passed the senate.

The brewers of Cincinnati protested against the International Christian Endeavor convention for 1901 coming to that city, but it was invited in spite of their protests and the Christian people propose to pay the bills themselves.

Gov. Powers, of Maine, says concerning the prohibition law: I think the prohibitive law has been productive of great good in creating a temperance sentiment and making the sale unpopular in our towns. In at least four-fifths of the towns in Maine the law is very generally enforced. In some of the larger towns and cities the enforcement is spasmodic.

Miss Alice Cummings.

We are sure all will be pleased to see in this issue of the Bulletin the picture of the matron of our W. C. T. U. Home in Fargo. Miss Cummings formerly lived in Strathroy, Ontario, where her parents still reside. For two years she was in the Brandon, Manitoba, Indian school, and the year before she came to us she was in the Regina Indian school, where her work was very successful. She has been assistant matron of the Home and for the past year has very efficiently served us as matron.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—I write you this month from the Capital City. I have not been on the ground long enough to pass final judgment on the conditions here, but it seems evident that reform is in the air. Bismarck is undoubtedly cleaner and "drier" than it has ever been before. Many of the open saloons are closed, the bars taken down and out, and the window shades rolled up that the whole world may look in. There still exist places, however, that need looking after. Attorney General Comstock has made a splendid start, and if he follows out the policy proposed, he will have the support as well as the grateful appreciation of all the good people of the state.

There seems to be no question but that the present legislature is strongly in favor of prohibition and against any change in the prohibitory law. No measures affecting the prohibitory law have been introduced as yet. This legislature is overwhelmingly republican, and the republican party will be held responsible for its acts, good and bad. There is a feeling among party leaders, irrespective of personal bias, that it would be disastrous at this time to break faith with the people by not carrying out the declarations of the party platform.

There is much evidence to show that sentiment in favor of the enforcement of the prohibitory law is rapidly increasing in the western part of the state. This is true of Bismarck and of Burleigh county as well as of the slope generally. Judge Winchester did not carry his own county in the last election, and had a narrow escape from losing his office. This may account for the increased activity in law enforcement at the present time. Whatever may be the motive power of the present ebullition, temperance people may well rejoice and pray that the good work may go on.

Senator Lavayer's bill taking from women the right to vote on school questions and to hold school office, has made the author the subject of much unpleasant criticism from the women of the state. It is thought by some here that the bill was introduced merely to give employment to the woman suffrage committee of the senate, and was not seriously intended. One who knows the gentlemanly senator would be slow to believe that a man of his mental calibre could seriously advocate so preposterous and unjust a measure. There is a question as to the constitutionality of the bill, as the constitution of the state provides that women shall vote for and hold school office, and this bill is not in the form of an amendment to the constitution. However, as the bill is before the senate, the safe thing to do, is to write at once to the senator from your district protesting against its passage, and also circulate and send in petitions to the senate against the measure. The legislature must not be left in doubt as

to what the sentiment of the people of the state is in regard to school suffrage for women. Action should be taken at once, as experience has taught us that eternal vigilance is the price of the small amount of liberty we have.

The legislature is now enjoying a vacation, but will reconvene to-morrow. A bill will soon be introduced prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in the state. It will be the Tennessee law which has been pronounced constitutional by the supreme court of Tennessee and recently by the supreme court of the United States. Letters and petitions should come in thick and fast for this measure, that there may be no question but that this law is desired by the people of the state. This work should be done at once, and remember that while petitions are good and should be circulated, that letters are better.

The local union is asked to make but one contribution a year to the National W. C. T. U. This contribution of two dollars goes into the Willard Memorial Fund, and is used for the work of organization. With the help of this fund a great deal of organizing was done last year, and as a result twelve states made a gain of five hundred or more members and had a share in Benefit Night at the National Convention, and the treasurer's books showed a net gain of fifteen thousand. Every union is asked to hold a public Memorial meeting on Sunday, February 17, which is Frances E. Willard's heavenly birthday, and to take a collection for the work of organization. Two dollars of this should be sent to our state treasurer, Mrs. Carr, with the statement that it is for the Willard Memorial Fund, and she will send it to the national treasury. In this way your union will receive credit in our state report. I trust that every union will respond to this appeal. Our state will receive benefit from this fund, and we will also aid the cause in other states, and help to establish our work in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines where the W. C. T. U. has already followed the flag.

At the last National Convention a new line of work was adopted under the department of Mother's Meetings. It is called the White Ribbon Cradle Roll. Any child under six years of age may be enrolled, the mother signing a pledge to teach the child temperance and purity. A pin (beautifully finished in gold and enamel) is provided for the child to wear. It is the duty of the superintendent to visit the home at least twice a year, carrying with her suitable literature for the parents. Not only will the children be reached in this work, but also a great many young mothers outside of our organization, who may in this way be induced to attend the Mothers' Meetings. Write to Mrs. M. B. Calderwood, Cray, N. D., for particulars or to Mrs. C. E. Hunt, Harvard, McHenry county, Ill.

Word comes to me that Mr. E. B. Sutton is again endeavoring to collect money in this state for the so-called Inter-State Temperance Alliance, with which North Dakota has never had anything to do. Mr. Sutton is not indorsed by any temperance organization in this state and it is earnestly hoped that no money will be sent to him.

Mrs. Ella M. Thacher, National Superintendent of Work Among Soldiers and Sailors, Florence, N. J., has a call for 60,000 comfort bags for the "boys in blue." We have now 79,000 soldiers in the Philippines. Mrs. Thacher earnestly requests that the white-ribboners of this state shall help in this work. Full directions as to the making and sending of these comfort bags will be found in late numbers of the Union Signal. Mrs. Thacher also requests that unions correspond with and send newspapers and magazines weekly to soldiers whose names she will gladly furnish.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON.
Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 29, 1901.

Cor. Secretary's Letter.

We have been reminded in so many places and in so many ways of the new century, that we must all begin to feel somewhat acquainted with the 20th century by this time, but let us not forget to make it one of great advancement, for large possibilities lie before us. Forward must be our watchword, along all lines of work, we must not get behind in any way. While it is impossible to personally speak to you all, we are glad that the columns of The Bulletin afford us a means to talk with you just a little, but as one cannot do both sides of the talking in writing, we ask you to please let us hear from you often. Remember that the especial duty of the corresponding secretary is, and do not fear of too much conversation. It is a

pleasure to respond to anything you may wish to say about anything that lies within our power to do will gladly be done. Of course there are things you will want to say to our president personal in nature, but matters bearing on the regular work, will, if sent to the secretary, receive careful attention and questions of importance will be discussed with the president, so you may rely upon having our united thought, though I should only respond. This would give our president more time to attend to more pressing duties. I especially wish that I might hear from more of you through the reports. Only fifty-five unions responded last quarter and some of those so very late that it will seem only a short time until you will receive another blank which will be due to you the last of February. I am expecting to try the plan of sending blanks to the county corresponding secretary and have them returned to her, that she and the county president may look them over and return to me. This can be done without much delay if all will act promptly, and I trust that each county secretary will work up the unions to the point of reporting so that next quarter we shall not have only fifty-five, but more than that number. I shall have an Honor Roll in the Bulletin for the counties sending in all reports before the middle of March. Reporting is an education of itself. In looking over the blanks if there are many questions you are obliged to answer in the negative perhaps that will be where you can put a little effort for the coming quarter. I will give you a list of the number of unions reporting from each county:

Barnes county one, Cass county nine, Cavalier county two, Grand Forks county seven, Kidder county one, Pembina county eight, Sargent county one, Steele county three, Ransom county three, Richland county three, Walsh county four, First district three, Second district one, Third district two, Unorganized district three.

We trust the county and district officers will look this over carefully and see where you can help.

If we are to accomplish the half we hope to this year, we must treble our consecration, making a consecration of the heart, of the hand and the pocket-book. Our membership must be increased. Organizing work must be done and as there seems to be no worker that we can get for very long this winter, we trust each union will plan to help. We trust our department work will take on great energy and efficiency, and our state paper must be worked up until it shall more than pay for itself. Our North Dakota women are always willing and we trust you. In looking over the reports we find there are only eighteen that report having an L. T. L. We hope this will be greatly increased this year.

Many encouraging words have come to us since state convention and kind words for the Bulletin, all of which we greatly appreciate. Yours in loving service,
MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.

The Good Superintendent.

She should be an earnest consecrated Christian woman.

She should be a daily student of the Word.

She should be a subscriber to the Union Signal and her state paper.

She should have the gift of doing little things.

She should know the needs of her field.

She should be intelligent in regard to other departments.

She should be filled with business tact and good sense.

She should be careful in the selection of good literature for distribution.

She should be a good accountant.

She should grow the talent for reporting all work done.

She should always be on time. Pacific Ensign.

An Hour in Babyland.

BY ADA WALLACE UNRUH.

The address under above title, that so many of our Dakota women have listened to with enthusiastic interest, comes to us in the form of dainty booklet of fifty pages with a picture of the author. This book would be a great help in our union work for discussion in the meetings and for the lending library. We hope every union will supply themselves with large numbers of them and see that fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, read them. It can be secured, postpaid, at address below, for 25c, single copy, or 20c for twenty or more copies to one address.
DELIA B. WALKER.
88 Broad St., Adrian, Michigan.



From Ys of Other States.

Ten new Y unions in Virginia.
Three new Y unions in Washington state.
New York Ys believe in distributing literature.
Messs Y of Colorado had a membership contest and gained 80 new members.

Every Y ought to be in close touch with a W on one side and an L. T. L. on the other.

Millersville, Pa., Ys say of their evening meetings, "short, brisk and pithy" is our motto.

Four new Ys for Louisiana, and a new district Y secretary in a section that has never had a Y before.

Massachusetts Ys have opened a rest cottage at Beachmont, where young women can find rest for two weeks at small expense.

Ys of York, Pa., gave a Christmas dinner to the inmates of the Crittenton Home, and presented each with a Y Almanac.

Ohio gives a white satin banner to the new union organized that does the most effective work. Also a prize of \$10 to the honorary who invents the best original game for the Y. W. C. T. U.

A Minnesota Y recommends "Eighty Pleasant Evenings" as containing many helpful hints for entertainments and socials. To be had of Miss Emma Alexander, West New Brighton, L. I., N. Y., for 35 cents.

Epping, N. H., Ys have pledge cards signed in the Sunday schools—temperance sermons preached. Christmas they visited the county alms house, held appropriate services in the chapel and distributed oranges, candy and papers to each of the 200 inmates.

Geneva, N. Y., Ys have monthly evening socials for those who can not attend day meetings, and the secretary says "we discuss all things pertaining to girls. Sometimes 20 girls take part the same evening, and we have a White Ribbon chorus of 30 members, who furnish music in public meetings also."

Cortland Y gave a reception in Normal College to a teacher's institute convening in that town. 200 accepted the invitation. Cards were given each teacher tied with white ribbon, on them this sentiment: "Teach the children temperance and purity today and you save the nation tomorrow." These same Ys were the means of driving some gambling sharpers from their county fair grounds.

Baltimore Y presented 50 poor families with a basket each containing a 3 lb. chicken, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, some apples, potatoes, and butter, 4 eggs, 4 lbs. of flour, 1 lb. of coffee, tea, 2 lbs. of sugar, bread, bananas, hominy, rice, meat, corn meal, etc. A neat little roll of suitable literature, tied with white ribbon, was in each basket. The girls who participated in this work say they realize fully that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Girl Trust.

"We do hereby, severally and collectively, agree never to marry men who drink. They must sign the pledge before asking us for our hands."—Agreement made by the young women of Greenport, L. I.

This platform has been adopted by the girls of the little Long Island town, and a panic prevails among the young men. They have dropped their drinking ways and are all eating clogs. The saloon keepers, seeing nothing but ruin in sight, have appealed to the girls to change their minds, but they declare they will not. The girl trust for the suppression of drunkards was organized at the home of Mrs. S. B. Horton. A total abstinence society was formed and then the members announced that they had agreed to boycott drinkers matrimonially.

Mrs. Cora Seberry made a speech paving the way to this stand. Mrs. Horton said the only pledge absolutely required from the members was that of total abstinence, the other agreement being optional.

"Our object," she said, "is to form an

educational society with special reference to the influence of liquor on young men and women. In addition they adopt a standard of personal purity.

A study will be made of the results of alcoholic marriages and lectures will be given showing the dreadful endings of homes in which the husband is a drinking man.

The youth of Greenport fear they are to be watched and investigated, they talk of forming a counter organization to boycott the girls who spend more than \$50 a year on dress. They say that hereafter they are going to Southold, Peconic and Malintuck for their wives, because no restrictions are made by the girls of those places, while the girls still declare that it is better to be true to right and principle than to marry drinking men. Our girls can do great things if they will stand firm and work for total abstinence and purity.

WELD NOTES.

Hillsboro is planning a matron's contest.

Thompson Y has done special work in parliamentary drills.

Enderlin is working along lines of self preparation and study.

Wahpeton has invited Breckenridge ladies to meet with them.

Cando held a matron's medal contest, Mrs. Sean winning medal.

Cogswell holds weekly meetings, with a well prepared program for each.

Emerado takes as many copies of the Bulletin as they have members.

Grand Forks has made her greatest effort to educate the mothers.

Bowbells, although a young union, has succeeded in closing a blind pig.

Elliott union is holding fine mothers' meetings and planning for a fathers' meeting.

Page has been endeavoring to get all members out and make the meetings interesting.

New Rockford union holds meetings every other Friday, and have very interesting mothers' meetings.

Durbin has held two public meetings during the quarter and given some assistance to the Home.

Dawson has met with great encouragement in spiritual lines of work and has had an elocutionary recital.

Lisbon has made special effort to raise money for Enforcement League. Have held three public meetings.

Minto has raised \$52.50 during past quarter. They have held three picnic meetings with members in the country.

Park River has been busy for the Bulletin. A membership contest—and distributing clothes for the sufferers who had total crop failures.

Ardoch has been doing special contest work with L. T. L. The legion has been greatly revived and now numbers fifty-five. Mrs. Dora J. Carpenter, supt.

Schurmier Y has made especial effort to teach total abstinence. They gave one entertainment with grand success, and have succeeded in breaking one man from drinking.

Sherbrooke Y has been trying to educate their superintendents in regard to their work and has taken up twelve departments of work. They find their honoraries very helpful.

Forest River held a very interesting mothers' meeting and received three new members. They used the invitation ceremony given in November Bulletin and found it very interesting.

Hope has secured forty total abstinence pledges, has made a special effort to distribute literature, has received great encouragement by having programs arranged for their meetings.

Aneta has a very neatly prepared program arranged in the form of an invitation to all to attend. Special work has been done to interest the members preparatory to doing outside work.

Tower City recently held a very successful parlor meeting, under the management of Mrs. N. E. Moore, supt. There were eighty-five in attendance. Eight new members secured, five honorary and three active. It was held at the home of Mrs. Frazier. Light refreshments were served.

Amnesia union held a medal contest Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. There were eight contestants taken from four different schools, five boys and three girls. The medal was won by Ellen Chaffee. A second prize was given to Chrissie McClellan, and to each of the other contestants a book.

During the past quarter \$750 has been raised by fifty-five of our local unions.

Two-thirds of the unions in the state now have carefully prepared literary programs.

The Riverside W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Morgan Jan. 18. The ladies are making comforts for the Home and are working as busy as bees. Mrs. J. W. Laramore of Hope kindly donated the lining of one comfort. This lady, although not a member of our union, is much interested in the Home, and this is not her first donation. In addition to the sewing two papers were read on "Annual Leaflets" and "How to Use Our Literature." Before News and Current Events given and discussed. Our program is made out for the year and sent to the printer. It is a very interesting one and we hope will cause much interest in our work in the community. Jan. 3, Madam Willard's birthday, was observed by our union. Mrs. Connor read a fine paper on this admirable mother—which should be an inspiration to all mothers, while the other ladies sewed industriously.

Hunter—We have not held our meetings regularly for the last two months, owing partly to an unusual number on the sick list and partly to the presence of other duties. But we held our temperance Sunday service in November and sent the collection, \$3.07, to Mr. Kiff for the White monument. This union meeting was conducted by the honoraries. Rev. Fosburg, Rev. Stone and Rev. Union did most of the speaking; subject, "Prohibition in North Dakota, Past, Present and Future." Walter Muir, the chairman, spoke of the noble work of Capt. and Mrs. White in the state. We had a splendid mothers' meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Critchfield in December and expect to meet with Mrs. Nellie Barber this week on Friday evening. Our L. T. L. is still active and some new names are being added to our number. A new "White Ribbon Boy" came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons New Year's day. L. L. MUIR.

The Reasonableness of Arbitration.

BY A. T. PIERCE.

[Read before the Scandinavian W. C. T. U., Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 23, and requested for publication in White Ribbon Bulletin.]

"Come," said Jehovah, "let us reason together;" and the poet has sung:

"Come, exalt the right and learn the better
When reason rules the mind, peace will rule the day."

For some 6,000 years we have before us the annals of man's career upon the face of the earth. Glance over the record, a huge conglomeration—and yet not a tithe is told—and we have not far to look ere the impress is formed that a very large proportion of the chronology of man's activities consists of "man's inhumanity to man." 'Tis largely a record of shame.

Prompted by selfishness, lust and unbridled passion, man goeth forth either singly or in hordes, and the trail to and fro across the earth is marked by bloodshed, rapine and devastation. A sad, a gloomy picture; too horrid for contemplation: We turn in disgust from the scene.

But all is not blackness. Here and there, in the background, anon in the foreground, are spots illumined by brave deeds, prompted by love, humanity, patriotic fervor, nobility of soul—flashes of the Divine in man, and we take courage, utter a prayer, grasp a higher hold on hope and go on again.

Two attributes exalt man above the brute—reason and articulate speech. With the ability to think and to communicate thought, what more logical sequence than that the exercise of those God-given faculties?— Minds differ—'tis mete that they should—the thoughts of the thinkers may be at variance, but if reason shall have its sway and "patience shall have its perfect work," there will not, cannot follow a "clash of arms." Is it not safe to affirm in positive terms that every resort to force, every dependence on the arbitration that "might makes right" may be charged to the account of will and waste? or, to put it in the commercial vernacular, the parties are "short" on reason and patience, and "long" on mad and muscle.

Proceeding then that rationality is a grand prerogative of man eiled from "In the beginning" (tho' if truth be told evidence points to terrible lapses in both individuals and nations), is it not reasonable to presume that in the mass of man's recorded experiences, quite accessible to

every inquiring mind, that every emergency is anticipated, a precedent established for every occasion whereby we may "learn by the wisdom of the ages?"

"When angry count a hundred before you speak" is an ancient antidote against evil results among individuals. To make the application to belligerent nations, we would say: Choose your ablest, wisest statesmen, together on the page historic, call therefrom the facts that run parallel, trace the analogy, compare the premises, draw the inference, come to judgment sans prejudice, sans malice, sans everything but justice, honor, with the ultimatum clothed in humility, tempered by mercy. When we have this force prelude rebandaged war will become as far from the national body politic mind as the east is from the west.

So, passing in review the bloodstained centuries of the past, marred by jealousies and hatred, tyranny and oppression, waste and desolation, who dare proclaim the wisdom of violence? Therefore, with all the gathered light and intelligence of the ages ago, is it too much to resolve at the threshold of the new 20th century that no day thereof shall be lighted by a counterpart of that dark scene just outside the gates of Eden's garden, as the two first beings born into the world met in mortal combat?

Arbitration "in international law is one of the recognized modes of terminating disputes between nations." Vattel calls it "a reasonable and natural mode of deciding" such disputes as do not directly interest the safety of nations." We should think its usefulness might be extended to include that also.

A few reasons, briefly stated, for arbitration:

1. Arbitration is less expensive. That alone should cut quite a figure in this acquisitive age.
2. Compassion for bodily pain and suffering, and no less for the agony and grief of mind that war entails, compels to arbitration. As we shrink from pain, we should hesitate to inflict or cause pain.

3. From the aesthetic standpoint war has such a revolting aspect—destruction, carnage, groans and grief. Away! away! per contra. As we love the beautiful, admire art, delight in luxury and ease, we must repel the robber war, who would attempt to deprive us of these.

Other reasons might be adduced, but let a fourth suffice: It is unreasonable, eye dangerous—to trespass upon the prerogatives of our God, for has he not declared "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord?"

In conclusion, can we see aught in the "signs of the times" to give us hope of a "better day a-coming"? Do we catch any glimpses of the ultimate fulfillment of the prophecy of the "Lion and the Lamb"? I think we may have such a hope. It may be very far in the distance, but I would not be a pessimist.

Arbitration is not banished from the courts of the governments. Grave commissioners have met in council, discussed and decided weighty matters of international law in the recent past. Note the "Alabama claims" and "Venezuela boundary dispute" the "Behring sea" award, and above all these, the highly significant assemblage of the nations at the "Peace Congress" less than a year ago. The diplomats are now wrestling with knotty problems in the Orient with a view to avert war. Judging from the present status of the struggle in South Africa, both Boer and Briton may yet learn that the "wager of battle" is fraught with little of profit or satisfaction whichever sides wins out.

A recent issue of a local paper gave us this for our encouragement: "Notwithstanding the fact that the 19th century goes out amid wars and rumors of wars of greater or less dimensions, it is true that the cause of peace has been wonderfully advanced within the past 100 years. Within the past decade a score of incidents which at one time would have provoked bloody wars have been settled by diplomatic negotiation or by arbitration. There was a time when the only method of protecting individual rights was by the two fists, and while the argument of blows may never be dispensed with, it is one that is not generally taken into account. A similar change has come over the nations of the earth, and war is becoming more generally recognized as a last resort, to be tried when all other means have been exhausted."

If it is true—and who shall deny it?—that the learned Channing has given us the key to the desired condition when he says: "War will never yield but to the principles of universal justice and love, and these have no root but in the religion of Jesus Christ," then we are not in the

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dark how best to attain the end. And we'll join with the poet in the belief that

"War, in men's eyes be
A monster of iniquity
In the good time comin',
Nations shall not quarrel then
To prove which is the stronger.
Nor slaughter men for glory's sake;
Wait a little longer" — McKay.

Two gems from Talmage — Viewing the wonders of the Paris exposition, he remarks: "Is not the 19th century too late an age for wholesale cut-throatery and diabolism?" And: "It is time that the cavalry horse stops eating out of the manger in which Christ was born."

Listen! No fancy hears the echoing song reverberating down the centuries that first fell on the shepherd ears on the hills of Palestine, the song of the angelic host singing "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men."

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National Suffrage Bazar.

The National Suffrage Bazar cleared about \$7,000, instead of \$6,000 as at first reported. The supplementary sale at Philadelphia netted \$837, and some goods are still on hand.

A Chinese Opinion on Woman's Industrial Position.

Our Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fang, gave in Frank Leslie's Monthly for September a fine argument in favor of the wage-earning woman. He said:

"No foreigner in America fails to be impressed with the importance of the role women play in this country. Their activity in the social and business world gives certain subtle qualities to American life not found where the influence of women is less generally and definitely exerted. It seemed to me once that there was danger of woman usurping man's place in the world. I have come to think that it does not much matter if she does. I believe in the survival of the fittest. Success, surely, is the only test of fitness. Let the women go on then; let them go as far as they can. Those who are unfit for the race will fall by the wayside and only the truly fit can win. If women encroach on the vocations of men, then the men, if they are worth their salt, must forge far ahead, that means advancement for the world."

China is said to be the most conservative country in the world, but for progressiveness and profound philosophy the utterance of our Chinese ambassador is hard to surpass. Would that he might for a brief period drop his role of ambassador and become a missionary to that large and distinguished class of Americans who pride themselves on their learning, culture and statesmanship, but who are so deep in the back-woods that they have not discovered this elementary truth, that woman's advancement "means advancement for the world." Woman's educational advancement means the educational advancement of the world; woman's social advancement means the

social advancement of the world; woman's industrial advancement means the industrial advancement of the world; and woman's political advancement means the political advancement of the world. Here is the whole "woman question" in a nutshell.

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN.

Woman's Advancement.

Only 35 women and children were employed in factories in the United States in 1868.

As late as 1840 only seven occupations were open to women. In 1890, 50 years later, 3,914,571 women are reported as engaged in gainful employment. In this same year, 1840, \$1 a week with boarding around, was accounted good wages for a woman.

In 1890 over half of the teachers in the public schools in the United States were women, there being 236,912 women public school teachers.

In 1856 the first medical school was open to women. Men physicians refused to recognize women physicians and even stooped to incite boycott against them. There are now 49 medical schools admitting women and 8,000 regular graduated women physicians practicing in the United States. There are 700 in Russia, and nearly every country in Asia and Europe has a number of women practicing physicians.

To-day woman has entered every place she has chosen to enter and has dignified and elevated every place she has entered. She has found organization a powerful lever and has utilized it. There are over 10,000 local W. C. T. U. unions in the United States, 2,110 women's clubs and other organizations almost without number, doubtless not less than two million women belong to these various organizations. All of which cluster about some great philanthropic idea.

Woman has the right to control her own property in 37 states.

A married woman can will her property in all the states, and in nearly all European countries.

A married woman can control her own wages in all the states except two, Louisiana and Texas.

A mother is equal guardian with the father of their child in eight of the states, in the rest the father only is guardian.

Woman has limited suffrage in 25 states, full suffrage in four. She also has full suffrage in the Isle of Man, New Zealand, South Australia and West Australia.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

My Dear Co-Workers: A new century has opened before us: and we stand upon its portals. As we cast a hasty look backwards we see marvelous developments in the sciences, arts and inventions, most of which can be viewed within the past fifty years. These things are making wondrous changes in the sentiments, lives and actions of our people.

Scientific Temperance Instruction is no minor factor in molding and uplifting the character and lives of the people of our grand and glorious Republic. It is not occupying a place in the rear, but steadily advancing until it has become possible for our senators and representatives to proudly stand in our legislative halls and eloquently defend it from its enemies—among whom are men occupying positions of trust in our state and nation and whose influence can hardly be estimated. Why? Because public sentiment is being so moulded that their constituency demands these measures and they know they are carrying out the will of the majority.

God has indeed raised up the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as a mighty factor in the affairs of this nation, and no organization has done more to bring these things about. Among its many lines of work, no open door provides for greater possibilities than the Scientific Temperance Department.

Dear Superintendent, your union has placed the responsibilities of this work upon your shoulders. How are you meeting them? Will it be said of you: "She hath done what she could." This is all God requires of us. Let each one of us pause and ask ourselves the question. We have a goodly number appointed for this work and if we all do what we can, it would give this department such an impetus that we would astonish even ourselves. The details of this work have been given to you many times. Should any new Supt. need a Worker's Outfit, send 10 cts to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, 23 Trull St., Boston, Mass., and secure one. I would like to urge again this year,

that each superintendent apply to their county Supt. of schools for a list of the summer institutes to be held in your county or district. Ask them for the privilege of a place on the program for a Scientific Temperance lecture. If possible, be prepared with the name of some one who can acceptably fill the place. If you cannot do this, make yourself responsible for this part of the program. Do not give up your point. If you do not succeed get some one else to ask the same favor until it is granted.

Do not fail of visiting your schools and observe what text-books are used. If not among the endorsed books, appeal to your school board and do not relinquish your efforts until they are changed. Co-operate with your teachers in securing the proper instructions. You are on the ground and know the needs of your locality. Use your best judgment in conducting affairs. Let us make the first year of the new century a banner year in our department. Let us join hands in the work—the local Supts. with the county, the county with the State Supt. and see how much we can accomplish this year, and bring reports to our state convention that will cheer and gladden the hearts of our faithful state officers. Any assistance your state supt. can give you, will be cheerfully given.

That God may abundantly bless your efforts and fill your hearts with enthusiasm for this great work is the prayer of your State Supt.

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School Savings Banks.

More interest has been manifested in S. S. Banks during 1900 than at any other time since it became a department of W. C. T. U. work in the state. The following supts. have been appointed: Mrs. Chas. Boise, Sherbrook, Steele Co.; Mrs. Margaret Hotson, Grandin, Mrs. E. McWilliams, Cogswell, Sargent Co.; Mrs. Florence Towle, Park River and Mrs. K. V. Ransier, Cando. Mrs. Stevens, of Northwood Union, has always shown a deep interest in this work, also the president of Lakota Union. The only difficulty in instituting the work in schools seems to be in securing the pupils' cards. It is impossible for your State Supt. to know how many of these cards will be required during the year as the number of depositors varies, and unlike other supplies, they cannot be used the following year and are consequently a financial loss. I will gladly order these cards upon receipt of cost price, 2 cents each or 100 for one dollar.

H. C. RYR, State Supt.
Portland, N. D.

METHODS.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not be ashamed."

When entering upon any new duty, very forcibly should the words of the above bible injunction come to us, and with especial emphasis upon the word study, and an application made of the whole. While this is true for every officer from the president down, we wish more particularly in this article to speak of the superintendents, for their work so largely comprises the work of the organization. She is elected to some department of work a raw recruit. What shall be done? As soon as made a Supt. ask God to fit you for that place, to guide and direct all of your endeavors, to give wisdom as needed and give abundant success for His glory, then start to work at once. The counsel of the wise president will be given to her superintendents and about the first thing advise her to study carefully the W. T. P. A. catalogue, for of course they have them in the union (if a local Supt.) or can tell her just where to get them. What a privilege to become a specialist in the line of work given. To be so well qualified, we need to make special study of this particular work. Learn the history and progress of this department, study carefully the literature selected from the catalogue, drink deeply of Union Signal articles along your line, clip articles pertaining to your work, and have them so carefully filed away that you can readily turn to them, and you will soon be astonished at the great interest you will feel for the work, and then your great desire will be for the practical application of work of high order. Another very important thing in order to become a specialist is to keep yourself in touch with the superintendents above you, if a local Supt. be in communication with county Supt., if county Supt. be in direct

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Armor-Plated Boys.

In these days it is more important that America should have armor-plated boys than warships. A boy needs to be iron-clad on:

- His lips—against the first tastes.
- His ears—against impure words.
- His hands—that they handle not.
- His forehead—against an impure kiss.
- His stomach—against rich, enervating food.
- His feet—against keeping dangerous company.
- His eyes—against dangerous books and pictures.
- His pockets—against covetousness of blood money.
- His tongue—against false or cowardly sentiments.

The Christian armor on her citizens gives more security to the nation than all the armor plates on ships. Selected.