



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Little Kindness.

You gave on the way a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while.
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair
You'll reap a crown sometime, somewhere.

You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, new promise stirred;
And painted a life with beauties.
And so for the word and its silent prayer
You'll reap a palm sometime, somewhere.

You lent a hand to a fallen one,
A lift in kindness given;
It saved a soul when help was none.
And won a heart for heaven;
And so for the help you professed there
You'll reap a joy sometime, somewhere.

—D. G. Bickers.

Fairs and Open Air Meetings.

Here is a comparatively new line of work for you, "Fairs and Open Air Meetings."

Let me urge you to immediately appoint a superintendent of this department, so that she may keep her eyes and ears open for fairs, conventions, encampments, etc. Attend if possible the very first committee meetings when they are making plans for these different gatherings. Have your little plans ready too, and not only make your plans, but also, if possible, carry them out. For when a woman really makes up her mind to do anything—well, you know.

Be ready, and as soon as our North Dakota weather permits, hold open air meetings. Where is there a better place to hold a meeting than out in the open air, and under a clear blue sky, with a God to whom we can go for strength and guidance in such work as ours looking down upon us and blessing us and the work.

Read Mrs. Guild's letter, containing so many good suggestions for us along this line of work, which is printed in this number of the Bulletin. And be ready to fill out the report blanks when they are sent to you, so that they will be a credit to your union, and so that my report to the national superintendent, which will be based on yours, will be a credit to our state. Yours in the work,

INETTA GOWLAND REED,
State Supt., A. Menia, N. D.

State and County Fairs.

Dear Comrades: With gratitude for the progress made in this department the past year, your superintendent looks forward hoping for greater achievements the coming year. For while we are thankful to God for what has been accomplished, our thankfulness can best be shown by an effort to reach even higher. Every state and territory should have a superintendent of this department, whose first duty is to have a superintendent appointed in every county, the county superintendent to look after the appointment of local superintendents.

Each locality has its special needs, hence the importance of having local superintendents who are in a position to know the lines of work best adapted to that section of the county or state, the kind of literature to be distributed, the subjects to be discussed by our speakers when on the program at fairs and open air meetings.

Superintendents should have a copy of their state laws on gambling and other vices, also relating to the sale of liquor on fair grounds, city parks and at circuses. When states have laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicants at fairs, see to their enforcement.

An effort should be made to have such laws passed in all states and territories not having such prohibitory laws relating to liquors and gambling, so as to make

these assemblies safe places for the young people. The influence of legislators is necessary to secure the passage of such laws, therefore we should use every opportunity to make known our principles and methods to the voters, the lawmakers of our land. Men are usually present at outdoor meetings in large numbers and this is our opportunity. Our Savior's command was, "Go tell the brethren." Let us count it an honor, a high privilege to obey this command.

It is the mission of this department to go to the people where they assemble at fairs, expositions, Fourth of July celebrations, Old Settlers' meetings, "Harvest Homes," Veteran encampments, reunions of the Blue and the Gray, conventions, excursions, annual log rolling of the Woodmen of the World, picnics, street fairs and all open air meetings. See to the enforcement of law relating to gambling and other vices, also to the illegal

using the membership cards I have prepared for this department. Do not wait for fairs or other open air meetings. (Cards 25c per hundred). See that all cards are filled correctly; if they are not, they cannot be counted in the contest. All cards are to be sent to the state superintendent, who will string them on blue ribbon to form a chain. She will then send them to the national superintendent in time to decide before the national convention to whom the banner will belong.

Mrs. Leck, state superintendent of Indiana, secured 82 new members in less than five months, sent in 82 cards all filled correctly. Each card represented one new member, and each card added one dollar to the treasury. How many will go and do likewise? Indiana was awarded the national banner.

Mrs. Leck has been appointed associate superintendent of the national depart-



MRS. INETTA GOWLAND REED,
State Supt. of Fairs and Open Air Meetings.

sale of liquors. Endeavor to influence the managers and directors of fairs and other gatherings to refuse permits to fakirs and gamblers, and to refuse privileges for the sale of liquors. Do not fail to always have plenty of temperance literature on hand.

If a special effort is made this year by this department to secure new members we will have a chain of membership cards long enough to reach around any convention hall that the National may meet in. If each union in a state has a superintendent and she secured only one new member during the year, think of the increase in membership in each state, and the increase in revenue to carry on the work; and as honorary members count in the contest for the National Banner of this department, the same as active members, an effort should be made to secure a large number of Christian patriots as honorary members. Begin now to secure new members,

ment of Fairs, Expositions and Open Air Meetings. The change of name of this department was deemed necessary because many seemed to think the work was confined to fair grounds, and lost the golden opportunities offered at the summer gatherings to reach the people from the scattered homes. That superintendents may be prepared for aggressive work, I would urge that each one get up an entertainment at once, the proceeds to be used to buy literature and meet incidental expenses; lack of funds cripples our work. When privileges are secured from directors or boards of agriculture or the managers of summer assemblies, call on superintendents of the department that in your judgment are the best suited to the locality, ask them to contribute literature; it is their opportunity to make known to the masses the aim of their department. Now is the time to go before agricultural boards to apply for space and privileges. The di-

A Blue Mark here indicates that your subscription has expired.

rectors and managers of other open air gatherings are making arrangements for speakers, preparing programs and planning all details necessary to carry out their plans successfully.

If applied to in time a place will be given one or more of our speakers; you may be able to bring an influence to bear so that the managers will pay the speakers.

If you have a "rest room" and an emergency hospital, or a day nursery charging 10 cents per hour for each child, you will not only benefit the association, but will add to your revenue.

Get a copy of National Minutes for valuable suggestions.

If you have a "rest" room, put up a box marked "Offerings for the W. C. T. U." Very many "mites" will be dropped in. The "mites" help defray the expense of fitting up and caring for the rooms. New York made \$1,083.01 at fairs and other meetings. At Dallas, Texas, the day nursery netted \$114; sold only tea and coffee at Rest Cottage; cleared \$75. Checking bicycles pays well.

Ohio reported 54 counties, Indiana reports largest number of members, Missouri reached the largest number of people at the open air meetings, and all along the line in this department all states are moving forward. Will state secretaries please forward name of new superintendent to me? I hope every state not having one will appoint one at once, so that this much neglected field may be occupied this year. Yours for service,
HANNAH T. GUILD,
Nat'l Supt. Fairs and Open Air Meetings.

Department of Mercy.

Dear Co-Workers: It is a pleasure to state that interest in the work of this department seems to steadily increase. The new contest book, for which we are indebted to Miss Emma E. Page of Olympia, Washington, has already helped greatly. I am anxious that the book should go to every union—it costs only ten cents, and can be ordered of Mrs. A. E. Carnan, 501 Oakley Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. and that Mercy Contests should be held. The children are certain to be interested and great good will result. Public schools occasionally have entertainments. Why not suggest that these sometimes take the form of a Mercy Contest? Local superintendents please note this. A Mercy Contest will develop more human sentiment in one evening than other methods may in a year, and the development of this sentiment is an absolutely indispensable factor in the civilization of the world. We pray for the coming of God's kingdom and we must also help it to come.

And now a word to local superintendents about reporting. Some of you are so busy that you do not stop to set anything down, nor add anything up that is done during the year. This is a great pity. I wish I could make you all understand what a mistake it is; how your deflection spoils the reports of county, state and national superintendents, and how you deprive others of the stimulus which the figures you withhold would give. Vague statements do not give encouragement. Figures, and the statement of interesting facts, do. Keep a pencil and note book, consult the questions on the report blank during the year and set down all that will answer them.

To the local superintendent who sends at the end of the year the best report I (Con. on 2 page)

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APRIL, 1901.

Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and American Mother, \$1; Bulletin and Light, 70c.; Bulletin and Union Signal, \$1; Bulletin and Backbone, 30 cents; Bulletin and Dakota Farmer to new subscribers, 75 cts. for one year, for one-half year, 50 cts., and as a premium a map of the two Dakotas with a map of the world on the reverse side.

Please remember the prizes to be given at the state convention. See March number for full particulars.

Unions that have not ordered the annual leaflet, should do so at once, of Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Rest Cottage, Evanson, Ill. You will find them very helpful.

The National Supt. of contest work is editing a monthly paper in the interest of the contest department. It will contain many helpful ideas and some of the best recitations that can be secured. We offer the Contest Journal and Bulletin for 40 cts.

The State President and Corresponding Secretary have arranged a folder as a help for local unions, and they are now in the hands of the Cor. Sec. for distribution. Sample copies will be sent to each union and we trust you will order enough so that each member may have one. They can be had for 1c each.

A blue mark on your paper indicates that your subscription has expired. Please renew promptly. This means very much to our state work. Surely our paper ought to pay for itself, and it will, if you all help. I shall trust you, each and every one, to send in your subscription soon. Will every union attend to getting up clubs? We have only about six months of the year left, but these will be better months to work in, so let us be industrious.

Our premium offers can still be taken advantage of. For fifteen subscribers either of the books, Almost a Man or Almost a Woman. Twenty subscribers, a picture of Miss Preston, mounted on handsome card board 8x10. Twenty-five subscribers, the book, What a Young Woman Ought to Know, and to the union sending in the largest list before state convention, a large picture of Frances E. Willard. Can we not raise our subscription list to 2,500 before state convention? Let us try our very best.

Mrs. Harford held 17 meetings, visited 10 schools, enrolled 27 active and 11 honorary members and pledged 12 during

Casselton Reporter

CASSELTON, N. D.

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

her short stay in the state of two weeks. She was on her way to Oregon.

By a vote of 143 to 37 the Maine legislature refused to resubmit the prohibition amendment.

The legislature of Wyoming has just passed a law abolishing legalized gambling to take effect the first of January next. The press says it was the women who won the victory.

North Dakota's appropriation for the Pan-American Exposition is conditioned on the closing up the Sabbath days. We congratulate our state for this stand for right.

Miss Preston gave two addresses in Mandan and secured 22 new members, 15 active and 7 honorary. She also secured 9 members for the Jamestown union. We are truly thankful for such an efficient worker as our Queen Bess. Long may she reign.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that Mrs. Nation has brought to the surface the great flood of temperance sentiment which has existed all along, and has made outspoken temperance men out of many who had been careful to take no sides. The legislature has passed some radical laws which will greatly help enforcement in Kansas.

It is passing strange that a mayor from a prohibition city like Fargo, after seeing prohibition's beneficent results and advocating them to such papers as the Fargo Herald could go back to Sweden and see any good results from such a system as the Gothenburg, and claim it an advantage to the country. We feel sure he has not made a thorough investigation of the statistics and noted the destruction being wrought there. He has taken his statistics prior to 1880, but the Gothenburg system did not go into effect until 1880, so that it was generally practiced. It will be observed that prohibition in the rural districts had in 1865 left the consumption of spirits in the whole of Sweden less than one quarter of what it was in 1829 under universal license.

The following statistics will prove that the per capita consumption in cities where the Gothenburg system is used has steadily increased and there has been a decrease in the rural districts where this system is not used. The increase from 1883 to 1898 in consumption of spirits was from 6.8 litres to 8 litres and for beer for same years was 16.8 litres to 42.4. The country is deluged with a veritable flood of beer.

As the prime purpose of the company system was to deal with the problem of pauperism, let us see how it has affected the country in that way. Proportion of paupers to population in 1860 was 3.45, in 1897 4.52. Proportion of paupers in cities in 1897 was 7.79. Let us then sum up some of the facts developed in the Gothenburg system. "Partial prohibition reduced the number of distilleries in Sweden from 173,124 in 1829 to 3,481 in 1855. Local prohibition reduced the consumption of brandy from 36,000,000 kaus in 1853 to 9,436,000 in 1855. Local prohibition almost drove drunkenness out of Sweden until the Gothenburg system was adopted. Under this system the consumption of beer is doubling every ten years. The number of persons annually taken to the prisons has been increasing faster than the population for ten years. Suicides have increased 50 per cent. since this system went into effect. The per capita expenditure for brandy has increased 25 per cent. in the past ten years. Wine has increased 300 per cent." These statistics are taken from the statistical department of the government of Sweden by a representative sent by the New Voice to investigate thoroughly this matter.

We cannot believe the mayor thinks this system any advantage over the prohibition system. Surely he cannot for the best interests of the country.

Department of Mercy.

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will give a prize of \$5. To the state superintendent who gives the best report I will give a prize of \$10. Do you not want to help the work by aiming for this prize? Even if you do not win the money, and help your work in that way, the effort will be beneficial.

I am always ready to receive letters from any one, answer questions and send samples of literature gratuitously to those really interested in the work and intending to help. Will you help? Yours "in His name," MARY F. LOVELL, World's and National Superintendent, 1149 N. 63rd St., Phila., Pa.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—The late legislative assembly will perhaps be more famous for what it attempted than for what it accomplished. We can at least pay it the compliment that it did very little harm.

The prohibition law stands intact. All measures introduced for the purpose of crippling the law, were defeated. The Lamoure states attorney bill, which passed, will render the enforcement of the law in parts of the state where the district judge is not in sympathy with it, more difficult unless the attorney general comes to the rescue.

The anti-cigarette bill was defeated by the steering committee of the senate, who would not permit it to come to a vote. Four out of the five members of this committee were in favor of bringing the bill up, but said the majority were against them. Some one who is skilled in politics may be able to figure out this problem.

The following excellent measures were passed which will be of interest to workers for reform: A state board of pardons created, consisting of the governor, attorney general, chief justice of supreme court and two electors; legislative bills to be enrolled and engrossed by contract to lowest bidder, doing away with the appointment of enrolling and engrossing clerks by the legislative assembly; slander of women made a misdemeanor; divorced persons not permitted to marry within three months after divorce is secured; pure food bill, which prevents the adulteration of food products and provides penalties for the sale of adulterated goods; the appropriation of \$10,000 to the Pan-American Exposition is conditioned upon the Sunday closing of our exhibit.

The sixth annual convention of the State Enforcement League, which was held at Fargo, March 28, was an interesting and successful meeting. Delegates were present from Pembina, Cavalier, Walsh, Grand Forks, Ransom, Towner, Bottineau, Traill, Richland, Cass and Barnes counties. The reports showed that about \$4,000 was raised last year and more than that amount expended in the work.

The League has had more than 200 cases against the "blind pigs" and drug stores during the year, a large proportion of which were successful. The position taken by the attorney general was endorsed and all possible assistance promised him in carrying out his plan to enforce the law.

President Griffith recommended and many speakers throughout the day warmly endorsed the plan of organizing local Leagues in every town and of holding public meetings for the purpose of educating public sentiment.

Aggressive work was planned for the coming year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, R. B. Griffith; Secretary, J. M. Wylie; Treasurer, R. M. Pollock; Executive Committee, Frank Lynch, A. P. Haugen, W. H. Standish, W. F. Honey, J. Easterbrook, J. D. Van Fleet, J. D. Sauter.

A meeting of the board of directors for the W. C. T. U. Home was held at the Home, March 27. Miss M. E. Switzer was appointed assistant matron. Mrs. B. G. Gardner was nominated to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of Mrs. Mattie Monson. Mrs. Gardner was formerly president of the Elliott union and is now a resident of Fargo.

A report of Mrs. M. B. Calderwood, financial agent for the Home, showed a good sum collected in Fargo for the heating plant. Plans were made for Mrs. Calderwood to do personal soliciting for the Home in different towns of the state, the unions being at no expense save for her entertainment. Unions desiring her services should write her at once at the W. C. T. U. Home, Fargo. A little meeting was held with the girls and short talks were given by Dr. Janette Hill Knox, Mrs. L. C. McKinney and your president.

The mid-yearly meeting of the state executive committee was held at the Home on the afternoon of the 27th, and on the morning of the 29th at the residence of Judge Pollock. Plans were made for the work of the summer and for the state convention.

Mrs. Anna M. Palmer, national evangelist, who did excellent work for us two years ago, and who was working last summer in England and Scotland, had been engaged for a month or six weeks this summer.

Our sister, Ida Wallace Unruh will work two weeks in the state enroute to her home in Oregon. This will give the towns

on the main line of the Northern Pacific the opportunity of hearing this gifted national organizer.

It is expected that Miss Clara Parrish, round-the-world missionary and national Y secretary, will speak at our state convention, and also Mrs. Nellie Burger, national Y organizer. Mrs. Burger will work in the state during September. It is hoped that the presence of these brilliant young women will give a great impetus to the work of the Y.

It was decided to adopt what is known as the blanket report blanks, the use of which will be explained in a later number of the White Ribbon Bulletin by the corresponding secretary.

Arrangements were made for temporary W. C. T. U. headquarters and rest room at Chautauqua.

Mrs. Minnie Goodes Cook was appointed musical director for state convention, to take the place of Mrs. J. O. Smith, who has moved to Winnipeg. Mrs. Smith has been musical director for a number of state conventions, was for several years the efficient superintendent of physical education, and it was largely through her efforts that the present physical education law was passed. Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed and the best wishes of a host of White Ribbon friends go with her.

During the session of the legislature I held meetings at Steele, Mandan and Bismarck. At Mandan twenty-two new members joined the union. Mrs. Chas. Barrett was elected president. Mrs. Sadie McCartney is corresponding secretary.

Two meetings were held at Jamestown Sunday, March 10, and nine new members joined the union. The following Sunday a meeting was held at Valley City. The work there is under the efficient leadership of Miss E. D. Santley, a newcomer, whom we gladly welcome to the ranks of the White Ribbon army of North Dakota.

Sunday evening, March 24, I spoke at the First Congregational church at Fargo. Dr. Dudley and Rev. Day assisting in the services. The following evening I spoke at Hillsboro and had the pleasure of meeting the leaders of the union that afternoon. Their president, Mrs. Gray, was sent as a delegate to the Enforcement League convention.

To-morrow I expect to speak in the M. E. church here at Drayton in the morning, and in the Presbyterian church in the evening. I shall work two or three weeks in the northern and eastern part of the state.

The sad intelligence is received of the death of Mrs. Cassie Joy, corresponding secretary and former president of the Glasston union. Mrs. Joy was a lovely Christian character and a most efficient worker in the W. C. T. U. She will be greatly missed. Her husband and little ones have our most profound sympathy in their great bereavement.

Pembina union has lost some very efficient workers this year, among them Mrs. A. N. Ryan, who was president of Cavalier union and a worker of rare consecration and ability.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON.
Drayton, N. D., March 30, 1901.

Sure Cure.

If you are getting lazy, read James. If your faith is below par, read Paul. If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.

If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arm around you.

If you are losing sight of the future climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

If you are out of sorts, read Heb. xii.

If you are down with the blues, read Psalm xxviii.

If people pelt you with hard words, read John xv.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read Psalm xci.

Fairmount.—Fairmount union held a memorial meeting, collection being \$3.15; the national organizing fund being remembered by \$2.00. Mrs. M. A. Garry, one of our state evangelists, for two months preceding election, gave an address each Sunday, her subject being Temperance and Purity, and since then has given four short addresses.



Unpopular Truths.

"Truth," Webster defines, as "an established law, fact, principle or the like." This seems to be too narrow a definition. Before every truth became established it was found in the mind of some one individual, and it usually took years of patient work and suffering to get it established.

Theoretically, we all love truth, and imagine we have only to know what truth is to accept it joyfully, but history shows us that this has not been true in the past. Men have not known a great truth when it was presented to them, but have shrunk from it in horror and indignation. Some one has said that "ordinary people see truths, but they see them indistinctly, while men of genius see them clearly," and it might be added feel them with great intensity.

We see this illustrated in the reforms of the past. In almost every instance, the great reformers have been unpopular. Every new idea has had to encounter and overcome ignorance and superstition. We know how the early Christians were hated and persecuted. The great truths of Christianity, to-day universally accepted, were at first rejected by the people, but the sufferings and martyrdom which the followers of Christ uncompainingly endured only served to spread the gospel. Opposition will not kill a truth, for truth is eternal. Lowell says: "Great Truths are portions of the soul of man; Great Souls are portions of eternity."

Religion has not been the only field in which truth has met opposition. Science abounds with illustrations. Copernicus long delayed the publication of his De Revolutionibus Orbium on account of the unpopular outcry against himself as a "setterforth of truths hitherto unknown to science and as an impugner of the rights of time-honored dogmatism." Yet he only taught that the sun is the centre around which the earth and planets move in elliptical orbits. Columbus believed the earth to be round and only asked a chance to prove it. He wandered from court to court seeking some one with ears to hear him. But they laughed at him as crazy. Among all the crowned heads of Europe, he found only one—and that one a woman—to believe that most unpopular truth, namely, that the earth is round.

Coming nearer to our own time we have many examples of men suffering for their advocacy of unpopular truths. William Lloyd Garrison was dragged by a mob through the streets of Boston, half naked, with a rope around his waist, because he advocated the emancipation of the negro and this happened in the intelligent city of Boston in 1835.

To-day we know not what great truth we are fighting, but every day the conflict between the true and the false is going on in our own lives and in the lives of others. Lowell has said: "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, In the strife of Truth with Falsehood for the good or evil side."

To the men of the twentieth century this question comes more than once, it comes every day. In our social business and political life we find the true and the false so interwoven that few take the pains to separate them. Frequently men realize what they are doing is not just right, but others do it and if they would not be left behind in the race they must resort to the same methods, and so they go on hastening to be rich, seeking to get something for nothing, and down and around are left penniless because some man has proved false to his trust; working men and women are robbed of the earnings of years because they have listened to and believed in some glowing scheme which is to make them rich without any effort on their part. All trying to get something—but only one succeeds. Banks are wrecked, business houses ruined because of man's lack of truth in business relations. It is time to call a halt and consider to what we are coming if this tendency continues to increase. No success built upon falsehood can last.

In our political life we find the same

mixture of falsehood and truth. A politician who is true to his convictions of right and wrong without reference to party or regard for financial considerations is almost an unknown quantity. Our legislative halls are made markets where the sound of barter and trade may be heard all day long. An honest man to-day hesitates to enter political life, but if our politics are to be righted it must be through the efforts of men who have the courage to live up to their convictions of the true and the right. In some of our great cities the light has already been turned upon the dark places and improvement is slowly but surely following. "Right shall not be forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne."

Formerly, neglect, not ignorance, has been our sin, but the greater blame is ours, if, knowing the truth we do not live up to it. Let us no longer have this sin at our door. No society can long stand unless it has truth as its foundation, for Truth will always conquer in the end. "Though the darkness is about us, The sunshine aye shall light the sky, As round and round we run: And the truth shall ever come uppermost and justice shall be done."

M. E.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

My Dear Friends:—The past month brought to us the birthday of our "Grand Old Man," Neal Dow. I hope you have all observed it in a fitting way. The people of a prohibition state should never forget the debt they owe to the man who is called the "Father of Prohibition."

And speaking of this, one of our Red Letter days, reminds me that the National Supt. of social meetings and Red Letter days offers an L. T. L. prize banner to the state whose Legions have held the largest number of social meetings and observed Red Letter days, and have secured the largest number of paying members to some branch of our white ribbon family—W's, Y's or L. T. L's. Why shouldn't North Dakota try it? Do you know what our Red Letter days are? If you don't, it would be a splendid thing to have a drill on them in your Legion some day.

I received copies of the National L. T. L. report the other day and really it's rather discouraging to see how many states are ahead of us. In the number of Legions there are eighteen states ahead of us. Ohio heads the list of enrolled members, 47,258, we are credited with 523. Pennsylvania has more L. T. L. graduates than any other state, 1,453; we just have 12 so far, but we're going to have more. Of course these are all older states and they have been at it longer than we, so we don't mean to stay discouraged at all. Won't you do your best to change that 523 into at least 1,040? That would be only doubling our membership and I believe we have boys and girls enough to do much better than that. But it doesn't make a very good showing for a state with over a hundred unions to have only nineteen Legions. I wish every union would ask the question, "are we responsible to God for the temperance training of the children of this community?" If any one wishes instructions or helps for organizing an L. T. L. I shall be very glad to send any help I can. Yours for greater things, BESA-HALCROW.

Bowesmont, N. D., March 18, 1901.

THE WHITE RIBBON CRADLE ROLL

Something You Should be Interested in. It is an Organization for all Children Under Six Years of Age.

WHY ORGANIZE SUCH YOUNG CHILDREN? For the benefit of the children and their parents. We cannot begin teaching the children too young. The parents are benefited by pledging themselves to teach their children to lead pure and temperate lives; although some may intend to do it without pledging, this is a strong incentive to help them.

WHOM DO WE REACH?

Those we most need, the young mothers and young women.

HOW CAN WE REACH THE YOUNG WOMEN? By asking them to assist in this most delightful work.

WHAT WILL THIS WORK DO?

It will carry the gospel into homes that know not Jesus. It will gain members for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. There will be better attendance at Mothers' Meetings and regular meetings as well. It will help

the treasury so that you can purchase more literature to distribute, and literature distributed will reach the fathers and brothers. It will save many a child from a drunkard's life.

WHO RECOMMENDS THE WORK?

This work was recommended and adopted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in Washington, D. C., 1900, and recommended by our National Superintendent of Purity, Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of Elmira, N. Y.

HOW MAY I KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE?

By sending for a sample outfit which consists of:

- 1 Record Book.
- 1 Enrollment Card.
- A Cradle Roll Pin, designed especially for the work.
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To Mrs. C. E. Hunt, Harvard, McHenry County, Illinois, National Assistant Superintendent of Mothers' Meetings and White Ribbon Cradle Roll.

Mother.

- Little arms, loving arms
- Tighten, almost smother.
- As they cling around the neck
- Of our darling mother.
- Little feet, no way learn to walk.
- Trusting not another,
- Toddle round her knee and chair.
- Holding on by mother.
- Mother's fever heated brow,
- Knowing not brother.
- Finds a balm for aching head
- In the hand of mother.
- Mothers, do not get discouraged.
- All the wide world over.
- Prayers are going up to Him,
- He who kept my mother.
- Mayville, N. D. EMMA J. COOPER.

FIELD NOTES.

Enderlin.—The Enderlin W. C. T. U., although a young union has done good work in the Purity department. The first work they ever did was to secure the curfew and now pay \$1.50 per month for having the bell rung.

Niagara.—Niagara union has elected the following officers for the coming year: Pres. Mrs. Belle Bobb; Cor. Sec. Mrs. D. McKillop; Treas. Mrs. Charles Woods; Supt. Mothers' Meetings and Purity, Mrs. W. B. Cunningham; Supt. S. S. Schools and Sabbath Observance, Mrs. J. W. Nason; Supt. of L. T. L., Mrs. D. McKillop.

Lakota.—Through an oversight the following items from our union were not sent to the Bulletin in due time:

In the early part of winter we gave an entertainment and medal contest. From the proceeds we gave \$20.00 to the school library fund.

We later established the schools saving bank in our public school and it has proven very successful.

In our union meetings we have a program made out for six months, which we have found helpful in bringing out a number of original articles as one feature of added interest.

MRS. M. J. KENT, Press Supt.

Riverside.—Riverside union held a memorial meeting, which was very interesting. An excellent paper on the life and work of Frances Willard was given by W. D. Brady and an interesting history of the Crusade by Miss Frances Evans. A brief sketch of the life of Madam Willard was given by Mrs. Florence Connor. The L. T. L's also helped in the entertainment. A spelling match followed and a Willard bookmark awarded to Master Richard Fairley as the successful one. A quilt made by the union was sold for \$300. Entire receipts of the evening were \$8.00. The Riverside union have programs made out for the entire year. Each month there is a paper on Temperance, Bible Readings, Current Events and Reform News are also discussed. During the winter season the union has held all day meetings because of the short days and the long distance to travel, some going twelve miles. The following statistics will show how busy they have been. Since November each lady has entertained at her home an average of eight persons. She has traveled 40 miles, devoted 30 hours of her time, taken 13,000 stitches, which sewed into cloth two inches wide, would make an average of 469 feet for each woman. These stitches will eventually evolve themselves into two quilts for the W. C. T. U. Home.

Lisbon.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, Lisbon W. C. T. U. held a very interesting anti-tobacco meeting. The program was given entirely by men, eight gentlemen participating. Some who had used tobacco gave their experience, others furnished interesting papers. The church was crowded, some

went away, others stood the entire evening.

Maza.—On Feb. 7th the union held a "Convention Quiz" at the home of Mrs. L. C. McKinney. On Feb. 28th a very successful matron's silver medal contest was given six members taking part. Mrs. McKinney was awarded the medal. Proceeds, \$21.50. Mrs. H. Harford lectured to an attentive audience, March 7th; Collection \$5.50. The union met with Mrs. Hughes, March 14th, the occasion being a "Parents Meeting," and the fathers entered into the subject of child training with much interest. When the honoraries are especially invited they generally understand there is to be something for "body food as well as brain food." M. G. H.

A STRAIGHT QUESTION.

In the Name of Common Morality the Methodist Ministers Are Asked to Put Themselves in the Light.

St. Paul Dispatch, January 15, 1901.—The Ninth Ward Prohibition club, at a recent meeting, ordered its committee to draft the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Methodist ministers, in a recent meeting, appointed two of their number to wait on the city council and protest against the granting of certain liquor licenses; and

Whereas, A large share of ministers of all leading denominations gave their active political support to the license policy and the perpetuation of the saloon; and

Whereas, They are almost absolutely silent in the pulpit, week after week, month after month, and year after year on the saloon question, though admitting the saloon to be the most serious menace to society and the church. And when occasionally the silence is broken, their remarks are so indefinite, vague and incoherent, that their church members, who are political supporters of the saloon, are encouraged in their conduct; and

Whereas, The silence, evasion and political support of the saloon, on the part of the preachers, give their spasmodic protests against granting licenses to specific persons, a seeming sanction of, and acquiescence in, licenses granted to others; therefore,

Resolved, That this shuffling, ambiguous conduct of the preachers on a question involving such serious results, convicts them in the mind of a candid person, of gross insincerity.

Resolved, That we appeal to them, in the name of common morality and Christianity, and the churches they represent, to put themselves in clear light before this community.

That they either become the open, avowed and consistent friends of the saloon, or the open avowed and consistent enemies of it, in the pulpit and at the polls.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Drayton, March 4, 1901. Dear sisters:—

The time draws near for the week of prayer for the preservation and sanctity of the Lord's day. Mrs. Cox, our Nat. Supt. of this dept. says of it: "A Week of Prayer is always a central point in our Sabbath work. Prayer is the right arm of our organization, and the secret of success in work for the Lord's day." In common with all kindred organizations the week commencing with the Sabbath after Easter is set apart by the National W. C. T. U. for united and special prayer, public, private, in the family and the union for Sabbath Observance in our own and all lands. Ministers are asked to preach on the first or second Sabbath on this subject, and the members of our unions are asked to give out leaflets on the same day on some phase of the Sabbath. The S. Schools and mid-week prayer meetings are also invited to consider this topic.

Will each union see to it, or local Supt. if you have one, that ministers and superintendents of S. Schools are spoken to in time so that this week may be generally observed throughout our state this year.

Please speak of it in time to allow due preparation and do not fail to have a good supply of literature on hand to distribute on the Sabbath following the sermon.

Send to Mrs. V. F. Cox, Tabor, N. J., for literature. Will you not also try to introduce the pledge cards for children into every S. S. They are 15c per hundred. Mrs. Cox asks for special work this year among the children.

Mrs. V. F. Cox, of Tabor, N. J., wishes all petitions for the Sabbath closing of the Pan-American Exposition sent at once to her. If any have not petitions, write to me at once for them. L. M. WYLLIE.

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Ballot Versus Hatchet.

The hatchet is the weapon of barbarism; the ballot is the one weapon of civilization. In governments where one half of the people are denied the ballot, that half have no legitimate means by which to enforce laws. The hatchet, or other revolutionary weapons, are their only resource.

In Kansas, since 1887, Mrs. Nation, with all the other women in the 286 cities of the state, have had the right to vote for mayor, for the members of the common council, and for every other officer of the municipality. The same legislature that gave women this right also passed a law giving the governor the power to appoint, in the first and second class cities, three police commissioners to take charge of the enforcement of the laws for the suppression of saloons, brothels and gambling houses. The women soon learned that it made no difference for whom they voted. No city official could do ought to enforce the law. The saloon went scot free, whichever party was in power. The women had no political influence with the governor, while every bootlegger, every jointvent, every saloonist, and every mother's son, no matter how low, drunken or besotted, had a direct vote for him.

In 1899, after twelve years, the law giving the governor power to appoint commissioners was repealed. Since then the cities of the first and second class have had the burden of the enforcement or non-enforcement of the laws thrown back into the hands of the people. Topeka, Wichita, Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City now must take the praise or blame of their action, together with the whole 281 other cities of the state. Women equally with men have the responsibility. Therefore the duty of Mrs. Nation and all women of Kansas is to register and vote for such men only as will publicly pledge themselves to do their duty, and to carefully "spot" and retire to private life every officer who has failed to show his hand. By this process of weeding out the sympathizers with the saloon, and voting only for men or women true to principle, for two or three elections, the women would see the fruit of their labors, proving to themselves and to the world the power of the ballot over the hatchet.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Suffrage Quilt.

Dear Sisters: As some of you are aware, on the evening of Feb. 24 we lost our home with all its contents by fire; saved only what we had on.

In my home, were a few things which did not belong to me, among them was the unfinished E. S. A. quilt, for I had twenty blocks sewn together. I had written the state president, Mrs. Naylor, three times asking who was appointed, supt. bazaar work, as I wished to send

them the quilt, and on Friday before had received a reply to the last, saying there was no supt. for this year, as the one who had been appointed had refused to serve.

As for me alone, I can never replace the quilt as it was. I begged so hard for those twenty blocks. I do not believe I could again. I asked the E. S. A. women before. Now I am going to ask the W. C. T. U. women to each send a block. If you will do this I will line and quilt it before coming. If not, I will try and make it up in other articles for the bazaar. If our women in N. D. only realized how much we might accomplish with the ballot in our hands, surely they would do more aggressive work. During the last year, I have done so little, but I have resolved to do more this year than ever before. I had expected to meet some of you at the Home board meeting and Enforcement League convention, but I think I shall have to give it up, as my wardrobe needs replenishing before I can attend a convention. Hoping this year may be a prosperous one for the work, and that God may bless each one of you, I am yours in the work, IDA S. CLARKE, Fairmount, N. D., March 16, 1901. Box 15.

The national W. C. T. U. is issuing an appeal to physicians to aid in removing as far as possible all tendencies and temptations toward the formation of the drink habit. Physicians are asked to warn parents against the home prescription of alcohol and narcotic drugs. This appeal has been sent to all medical journals, asking for insertion in their columns, and it is also sent to secretaries of the medical societies, asking that some phase of the subject be put upon the program of the annual meeting of their society, that discussion concerning the use of alcohol medicinally, etc., may be brought about. This work will also be vigorously pushed by the local unions.

The national W. C. T. U. is preparing for an exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo this year. The exhibit will be similar to the one at the world's fair, and will aim to demonstrate the principles of the organization, its objects and its department work.

Notice.

Last August Mrs. Unruh sent in a club of subscriptions to Union Signal, and among the names was Mrs. M. J. Johnson, Box 764 Devils Lake. The person cannot be found at the above address. If any one can give her correct address, we will be very glad to receive it. Respectfully, LOUISE C. MCKINNEY, Maza, N. D.

Individual Responsibility.

The range of individual influence is limitless. Some part of our lives, our actions, are our very thoughts, go out from us day by day and mingle with the great world of thought and action, never ending until the remotest bounds have been reached, the far off shores of which we read so much and know so little. The human mind cannot fathom the heights or depths of the influence of one human soul. Since that early morning of our existence when that first great crime was committed and Cain rose up in his agony and cried, "Am I my brother's keeper?" men have wondered why they should be held responsible for another's welfare. Still the great law of God and His universe is irrevocable, and strive as we may, we cannot away with it. Our influence is world wide and we are responsible for our influence. So responsibility and influence go hand in hand, in fact they are identical. We are told we shall be held accountable for every word, and yet what a light value people, sometimes even good people, place on words. But what I wish to speak about especially is our responsibility in regard to our Union work.

In many local Unions one-half of the members consider that they have no responsibility whatever and they are unwilling to assume any. Some do not even consider it incumbent upon them to uphold the Union when it is vilified and maligned. Let us set up a standard and people will respect it. Let people know we believe in the union and are pledged to its support and mean to maintain it, then it will be a respected institution. Whereas, if we act as I have seen some act, as if they were ashamed of the union, and really felt like apologizing for its existence, then what did we bring upon the organization are such members, yet their responsibility is just the same. What a great bundle of un-dones they will have to answer for.

There is something for each one to do, eyes and ears must be open to it. We

must watch and pray and when we know what God wants done we must do it earnestly: on and on and on unceasingly. Endurance is more effective than brilliancy, continued effort is what tells. The men and women who most bless the world are the men and women who never give up. Don't give up because of seeming failures, sometimes our failures are forerunners of our greatest success. The trouble with us is that we work in such a half-hearted way, just as if we really expected no results. We do not do this from a social or business standpoint. Mark the difference. Let us enter the meeting place of the average local union. President comes in, one or two members in evidence; no recording secretary present, consequently no minutes. Of the committee appointed to arrange special meetings, none are present. Is it any wonder that when the president hunts up these delinquents she finds that one was busy, another was looking for company, another had forgotten it was Union evening, and still another said she thought there would be no one there anyhow, so she would not take the trouble to go. Is it any wonder I say, that the president wants to die? If each member realized her individual responsibility she could just as easily make her preparations for union evening as she could for social or business affairs.

A merchant does not stay at home because he feels tired or forgets he has a business. We simply don't put heart in the work. I know there are exceptional cases. Mothers with little children cannot always attend. God never calls two ways at once. What I am pleading for is to make a business of our work. Don't call it a secondary matter, it is first for it is God's work.

If we wanted a new hat, and the millinery department was open but one day in the week we should not set sponge for bread the night before, that would not be our baking day.

We set out as earnest and zealous as the old Scottish clansmen, with a power for good we should be. You remember Sir Walter Scott's vivid picture in *The Lady of the Lake* of a call to arms. The leaders met in conclave, they slew an animal and dipped the cross in the blood, the Roderick Dhu lit it and gave fiery torch to his henchman with the cry, Speed, Malise, speed! On and on, faster and faster, the henchman flew, crying out where the muster place was. A Scotchman needed no second warning, the fiery cross, the muster place, it was enough.

And you remember when Malise tired, and almost ready to fall, rushed into the house of his successor with the cry, Speed, Angus, speed! how Angus lay still and cold in death, but his young son, with his breaking heart, stepped forward and accepted the dread ensign, left his unbrired father and took up the cry; at the end of his race he encountered a far different scene; his successor had just married and the wedding festivities were at their height. One moment of wild sorrow, one lingering look at his bright eyed wife, then he grasped the fiery cross and went on and on. Oh, if we were only just as true.

Remember how God told Ezekiel, "If you warn the people and they heed, you and they shall be saved. If you warn them and they fail to heed they shall be lost but you shall be saved." "If you fail to warn them you shall be responsible and both alike shall be lost."

Oh, if we could understand that each of us has this awful responsibility resting upon us of standing up for the Right. God give us earnest hearts to do His will.—Mrs. M. E. L. Davidson in Missouri Counselor.

An Appeal to Physicians.

Copies of the following appeal have been sent to medical journals of the country and to the national W. C. T. U. superintendent of Non-Alcoholic Medication to be forwarded to physicians through local unions:

TO THE PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED STATES:

The national Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been active for twenty-seven years in combating the evils of alcoholic liquor drinking. Among its most effective allies have been those physicians who do not prescribe alcoholic liquors, allowing alcohol a very limited sphere of usefulness or none at all.

We are endeavoring to bring the teachings of such physicians to the people, and we believe that much good is being accomplished thereby. It is apparent, however, that the evils of liquor drinking (i.e., health, poverty, insanity, crime) have never to be fully abated, the medical profession must take a more ac-

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ive part in this much desired reform. They, more than any others, can disabuse the public mind of old-time errors concerning the use of or necessity for alcohol, either as a beverage or for medical purposes. It would seem to be the duty of those to whom the public looks for guidance in all things pertaining to health, to continue to make the most careful investigations of the nature of alcohol and its effects upon the human system, and to see to it that their medical practice and teaching, as well as their personal example, is upon the side of safety.

The New York School of Clinical Medicine, a post-graduate college for physicians, has just now opened a new department for the study of the constitutional effects of alcohol and other drugs.

An eminent Russian physician, in a paper read before the International Medical Congress, held at Moscow, August, 1897, said: "The struggle against alcoholism merits as much attention on the part of the medical profession as that against the various epidemics, and the success of the struggle is impossible without the active sympathies of the medical profession."

Realizing the truth of the foregoing statement, the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at the beginning of this new century, appeals to physicians to aid in the efforts being made to remove as far as possible all tendencies and temptations toward the formation of the drink habit. The medical profession can wield a powerful influence by bringing to the knowledge of the people the consensus of scientific opinion and practical observation, on the disastrous results which follow the habitual and indiscriminate use of alcohol for any purpose.

Particularly would we ask physicians to warn parents against the home prescription of alcohol and against the use of proprietary medicines containing alcohol or other narcotic drugs, by showing them the danger and by teaching them a better way.

We respectfully ask that this appeal be published in all medical journals and that it be brought before the national, state and county medical societies for discussion.

With profound respect for your honorable profession, and with hope for your active co-operation in this work, we are, sincerely yours,
 LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS,
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