



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

Light at Evening.

I stood by the winding river in the early morning light
Where clouds of mist closed round me
Velling the view from sight;
And I thought of the stream before me
And then of the River of Time
Where the mists hang closely ever
Velling from sight the sublime.
The joyous, the sad, or the peaceful
Life that each day may bring.
"Till we learn our whole lesson of living
And know that death hath no sting.
The scenes of the past are Eternal.
They have vanished beyond our recall
But the doubts and the fears which oppressed us
Often hang like a funeral pall.
And so in the early morning
And all through life's weary way
We search for the things that are hidden
Nearth the cloud that encloses each day.
The past and future are voiceless,
But our journey's end comes with the night
When the toll and waiting are over
For "at evening it shall be light."
—Maud H. Moe.

Report of W. C. T. U. Institute.

A helpful institute was held at Devils Lake Chautauqua, July 8-13. Our state president, Miss Preston, and Mrs. Bessie Scovell, state president of Minnesota W. C. T. U., conducted the work in a very instructive manner. Miss Preston organized the institute Monday morning, July 8, and Mrs. Geo. Honey, of Park River, acted as secretary.

A parliamentary drill was held every morning at 10:30, conducted by Miss Preston. She took up the points of making and modifying motions, limiting debate, suppressing the question, to reconsider a vote, privileged questions, incidental and subsidiary motions. Practical work was done under each of these points.

A model L. T. L. was held each day, conducted by Mrs. Scovell. The L. T. L. course of study was used and very instructive explanations were given by Mrs. Scovell. The L. T. L. yell adopted was as follows: "Who are we? Who can tell? We're Chautauqua L. T. L." One bright little boy, 11 years old, James Duncan, of Arthrop Valley, was so interested in the work that he took the class at the close of the institute and was going to carry on the work. For such children we may reasonably expect a great future.

A "Y" meeting was held each alternating day, the subjects of temperance principles, flower mission and hygienic dress being discussed by Mrs. Scovell. Mrs. Scovell is thoroughly acquainted with all these lines of work, and in her very pleasing way gave helpful talks, both in regard to what the work is and how to best conduct it.

Tuesday afternoon the subject, "How to Become a Specialist," was discussed by Mrs. Van de Bogart. Some of the points presented were: "We must feel the great need for the work." "We must be consecrated." "We must study to show ourselves approved workmen." "We must study to apply knowledge." "We must be systematic." Mrs. Ida Morrill, state supt. of literature, who is a specialist in her department, followed with helpful suggestions in working the literature department.

Wednesday morning the subject, "How Best to Utilize the Press," was discussed by Mesdames Van de Bogart, Calderwood and Scovell. "We must have tact in securing space and be prompt and faithful to keep such space filled with concise, brief and pointed news." "We must study the questions of the day and know how to meet the arguments presented by the liquor traffic."

Wednesday afternoon a very enthusiastic Mothers' Meeting was held. Mrs. Scovell gave a fine address. She pre-

sented the necessity of studying how to be a mother. "Every branch of business is studied more than this most important one. How to be a true mother." "The greatest success in life is to be a successful father and mother. It is not so much to teach children to be famous or smart, but to be good, true and pure." "We must teach them to have high ideals." "There is no greater study than the philosophy of life." "Hereditry is not fatal and by keeping high ideals and working to them many of the bad tendencies of the nature may be overcome." After the address the subject, How to Teach Obedience, was discussed by different members.

Thursday morning the subject of Non-Alcoholic Medication was discussed by Mrs. Scovell. She discussed the subject first from a scientific standpoint, showing that the waste material from microbe life is alcohol as the fermentation is produced by the excrement of the microbe, hence it is deadly poison. "It is never a stimulant, but always an irritant." As the system endeavors to throw off this poison the heart must beat faster and consequently appears to stimulate when it really weakens, because of the extra work required to be done. Dr. Lesser, when he went to Cuba, found six in the hospital with fever they were treating with alcohol and four out of the six died, and later he treated sixty-three cases without alcohol and only one died." "Physicians prescribe medicine known as cheery medicine to keep up the spirits, and so remedies are applied to put the disposition in order that a speedy recovery may be made, but the nature of alcohol is devilish and should never be applied as that is a quality not needed for recovery." "A man that uses liquor moderately every day is in more danger than the drunkard, because he is taking the poison a little at a time and gives nature little or no chance to throw off the poison." In the light of all these well established facts, why will physicians and families persist in using a deadly poison?

Saturday was W. C. T. U. Day proper, and the meeting in the afternoon was held in the large auditorium. Mrs. J. O. Smith, of Winnipeg, formerly of Casselton, and whom we shall always feel like claiming as belonging to us, was present and sang two delightful selections. Mrs. Senator Hansbrough read several original poems which were received with much applause, and certainly exhibited more than ordinary talent. Miss Preston presided in her own pleasing manner. The address of the day was given by Mrs. Scovell, her subject being, "A Business Career." It was an address principally to the young women and proved conclusively that the true business career is to be about our Father's business, which will bring success. Mrs. Scovell has greatly endeared herself to the women of North Dakota and to all who heard her, and we wish her long life and much happiness in her chosen work. After the address a reception was held on the large platform and quite a number remained. Among the number were Senator and Mrs. Hansbrough, Mrs. Gov. White, superintendent of platform Mr. Swift and wife. Light refreshments were served and a very pleasant social time was spent.

The W. C. T. U. had this year a very commodious tent which we own and used as headquarters. A large motto was suspended above the door: "W. C. T. U. Rest Room, Come In." The tent was furnished by the Devils Lake union and was very comfortable for a resting place. A large quantity of literature was

at the disposal of any who wished to read and was given to those who came in. Altogether 10,200 pages of literature were distributed. One of the great attractions of the "Rest Room" was the burnt Flemish work for sale. This work was all done by Miss Mary Whedon, of Minneapolis, and was very beautiful. Over sixty dollars worth of this work was sold during the week. The W. C. T. U. Rest Room was undoubtedly one of the most popular places on the ground. The work at Chautauqua is growing each year and we have reason to expect great results.

Notice.

A prize will be given to each one who will answer 75 per cent of the following questions. To the one giving the best answer a larger prize will be given. Number your answers to correspond with the questions and send upon legal cap paper to Mrs. Gerlie V. Titus, Minto, before Aug. 20th.

PRIZE QUESTIONS.

- National Annual Leaflet for 1901.
1. What is the W. C. T. U.? When and where was the first local W. C. T. U. organized?
2. When and where was the meeting held from which the call for permanent national organization was sent forth? When and where was the national W. C. T. U. of the United States organized?
3. When and where was it incorporated?
4. How many auxiliary unions has it? How many states have two state unions?
5. Where can we find a concise statement of our principles?
6. What is the national motto and pledge? What is our badge and when adopted?
7. How many Red Letter Days have we? May men become members of the W. C. T. U.?
8. How many general lines of work have we? Name them. How many national departments this year.
9. Name some of the principal results that the organization has been instrumental in securing?
10. What compose the world's W. C. T. U.? When organized? What has been its growth?
11. What North Dakota White Ribbons hold positions in national?
12. What is the W. T. P. A.? Where located? What does it publish?
13. What is the name of our national temperance hospital? By whom owned and controlled? Who is president of the board?
14. Mention a leading feature of the twentieth century effort of the national W. C. T. U.?
15. Mention some of the useful suggestions found on pages 53 to 66 of the National Annual Leaflet.

UNION SIGNAL.

1. Where and by whom is the Union Signal published? It is the official organ of what societies?
2. What is the subscription price? To whom should subscriptions be made payable?
3. On what page would you look to find names of editor-in-chief, managing editor, &c?
4. What is its motto?
5. What is the number of the current volume? When did it don its present dress?

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN.

1. How old is White Ribbon Bulletin? What is its motto?
2. Where published? How often?
3. What is the subscription price? What is its club rate? What is the price of extra copies?

4. Who is editor-in-chief? Who is managing editor?
5. To whom should all communications, subscriptions and money be sent? How early should communications be sent in?

- STATE MINUTES, 1900.
1. What is our state pledge? What is our state motto?
2. Name general officers.
3. How many state conventions have been held?
4. When was the state union incorporated?
5. Where can you get the state minutes?
6. How many copies of the minutes ordered printed this year?
7. How many standing committees? Name them.
8. What constitutes a life member of the state union? How many life members have we? What constitutes a patron of the state union?
9. How many district organizations have we? How many county organizations have we? How many local W. C. T. U. organizations have we? How many Y. W. C. T. U. organizations have we?

10. How many local unions become auxiliary to the state W. C. T. U.?
11. What were total receipts of treasurer at close of convention last year?
12. What were total cash receipts for our W. C. T. U. Home?
13. Where can we find the rules for the Home?
14. How many directors has the Home?
15. To whom should all money for the Home be sent? To whom should contributions of clothing and provisions be sent?
16. Who is our general secretary of Y work? Who is our general secretary of L. T. L. work.
17. How many superintendents of departments have we? How many of these reported last year?
18. What was the total amount of money received by the Bulletin last year for subscriptions, advertising, &c?
19. When was subscription price raised?
20. How many subscribers had the Bulletin last year? How many subscribers to the Union Signal in North Dakota last year?

QUESTIONS CONTINUED.

1. How was the prohibitory law of North Dakota secured?
2. What is the prohibitory law of North Dakota?
3. What is the penalty for violation of the prohibitory law in North Dakota?
4. What qualifications must women have to vote in North Dakota and what is the law regulating her voting? Is she eligible to office?
5. Name four important laws of the state and name the one you think is the most important.

A True Woman's Sphere.

"You talk about
A woman's sphere,
As though it had
A limit.
There's not a place
In earth
Or heaven,
There's not a task
To mankind
Given,
There's not a blessing
Or a woe,
There's not a whisper,
Yes or no,
There's not a home,
That's worth a feather's weight
Of gold,
Without a woman it!"

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AUGUST, 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. Westland Educator and Bulletin \$1.00.

Red Letter Day: Aug. 3, Fresh Air Mission Day: (birthday of Lady Henry Somerset).

Twelfth Annual Convention of North Dakota State W. C. T. U., Lisbon, September 13-17, 1901.

Many of our unions have not yet responded to the circular letter sent out by the editor some weeks ago asking that each union send in a list of at least 20 names that we might thereby be enabled to put the paper on a good financial basis. Will all those who have not done so please do this before Sept. 1st, that we may make our remittance to state treasurer before her books close. Please give this your immediate attention.

The Anti-Canteen Law.

A great many newspapers are publishing statements endeavoring to prove that the anti-canteen law passed last winter is proving unsuccessful, but investigation of these statements show conclusively that this is an endeavor of the organized liquor traffic to down the best interests of the soldier boys and go on breaking hearts and destroying homes. The fight is on and the christian people of the country must prepare for it, for if we shall be able to successfully repel the attempt of the liquor power to re-establish the government grog shop, we will progress a long way in making prohibition the recognized national issue it ought to be. Let us push for victory.

To Save the Christians.

National Chairman Stewart by his address at the Christian Endeavor convention has rendered a distinct service to the Prohibition cause and has placed the Christian public under new obligations. We are not all lacking in appreciation of the value of all the various arguments for Prohibition. We believe that everyone of them deserves

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emphasis. We believe that it is worth while to make the American public remember the enormous waste of the liquor traffic, to hammer home by constant repetitions the peril to American institutions in the licensed saloon. Still we believe, and our belief grows stronger with every added experience, that the strongest ground of appeal for the prohibition of the liquor traffic is the moral ground; that the men whom we may most reasonably expect to win to our position are the men who recognize an issue of right and wrong, and the strongest thing that can be said in behalf of our cause is that it IS NOT RIGHT, before a just God and before honest men, to consent, in any way, shape or manner to the saloon.

Call to State Convention.

The twelfth annual convention of the North Dakota State Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Lisbon September 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, beginning Friday afternoon, Sept. 13, and closing Tuesday noon, Sept. 17. The annual meeting is composed of the executive committee, trustees, organizers, evangelists, superintendents of departments, directors of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. Home, chairmen of standing committees, editor of state organ, matron of North Dakota W. C. T. U. Home, presidents of local unions and their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union and one for every thirty paying members, also one L. T. L. delegate for every 85 L. T. L. dues paid to the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. Every union should be well represented.

ELIZABETH PRESTON,
State President.

MATTIE VAN DE BOGART,
Corresponding Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—We made a decided advance in our work at Chautauqua this year, in that we had for the first time a W. C. T. U. Headquarters or Rest Room. The energetic ladies of the Devils Lake union furnished the tent and took charge of it after Mrs. Scovell, Mrs. Van de Bogart and I were obliged to leave, keeping it open until the close of the assembly. Many people were attracted to our pleasant headquarters by Miss Mary A. Whedon's beautiful burnt Florentine work which was kept on sale there, and thousands of pages of the best temperance literature were given out.

Mrs. Senator Hansbrough, who contributed much to the interest of the program on W. C. T. U. Day by reading some of her poems, has kindly consented to read at our state convention. We know our women will be delighted to thus have the opportunity of hearing one of North Dakota's most charming and gifted daughters.

On my return from Chautauqua, I spent half a day at the Traill county convention, which was held at Caledonia, July 17-18. The president, Mrs. H. C. Ruth, on account of the serious illness of her sister, was unable to be present, and Mrs. J. S. Kemp, vice president, took charge. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. S. Kemp, Galesburg; Vice President, Mrs. May H. Tousey, Hillsboro; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Amanda Sargeant, Caledonia; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville; Treas., Mrs. H. C. Ruth, Portland.

July 18 and 19, I attended the Cass county convention at Fargo. It was pleasure to meet with the "Old Guard" again. Although the weather was intensely hot, Mrs. Meacham presided with her accustomed vim and vigor, and every session was full of interest. Doubtless full reports of these conventions will appear in this number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

I have just learned that Mrs. J. N. Gallagher, of Inkster, was elected president of Grand Forks county. They had a fine medal contest; receipts \$35.

A new union was organized July 16th at Manvel, by Mrs. Nora E. Drummond and Mrs. Carrie Barnes, of Schmirer. The president is Mrs. Emma Woodworth, Cor. Sec., Mrs. Gertrude Hamre.

Are there not other white ribboners who can organize a union before our state convention? If you cannot do this, get up a membership contest in your own union, and at the very least do not forget to bring in your one new member and see that her dues are paid before September 1st, that your work may be counted in our gains this year. Yours for North Dakota,
ELIZABETH PRESTON,
Tower City, N. D., July 27, 1901.

OFFICIAL LETTER.

To Be Read Before Every Local Union in the State.

Tower City, N. D., July 25, 1901.—Dear Comrades: Plans are now maturing for our state convention, which will be held in the beautiful little city of Lisbon Sept. 13-17. We hope every White Ribboner is planning and praying for the unprecedented success of this our first convention in the twentieth century, which will be the twelfth annual for the state. Every union, W and Y, should be represented at this convention and come prepared to take back to your unions a good report, which will enthrall and instruct for the working days of the coming year.

You must not forget the very important fact that you are entitled to one delegate for every 20 paid-up members, and see to it that 30 cents for each member is sent to Mrs. Addie Carr, state treasurer, Northwood, at once. We must work so that there shall be no loss in membership this year, but a gain, and that means strong, earnest individual effort on the part of every member. Fill up the ranks, that there may be no chance for the enemy.

Delegates will be entertained by the Lisbon union, and they are making careful preparations to make us comfortable, but according to the custom for the past few years the delegates will furnish their own midday meal, thus giving our hosts the better opportunity to attend the convention.

Arrangements are being made to secure reduced rates on the railroads. Pay full fare going, and do not forget to secure a certificate from your agent, which certificate, when signed by the secretary of the convention, will warrant you reduced rates for returning. Delegates going over two or more roads must secure certificate from each agent of whom they purchase tickets.

We expect to have with us Miss Bell Kenney, the brilliant young southern orator, who will give two of her entertaining addresses. We also expect Mrs. Nelle Burger, national Y organizer, to give the address on Y night. Our own state Y secretary, Miss Cora Larimore, will be with us, full of enthusiasm, energy and helpful ideas, after her extended trip abroad.

A model union meeting will be conducted by our recording secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Allen, also a model L. T. L. meeting by our state L. T. L. secretary, Miss Bona Heron.

Some helpful papers will be discussed on the following subjects: "What a Local President Ought to Do", "What a Local President Ought Not to Do", and "Relation of State Vice Presidents to the State Union."

A question box will stand on the president's table, and all white ribboners are invited to place any questions there which will be of help to the work. These questions will be answered at different times during the convention.

All unions will please send names of seven comrades to Mrs. Emma F. Vail, Cogswell, N. D., who will have charge of the memorial service.

A conference will be held some time during the convention with the county and local corresponding secretaries, also one with the superintendents.

The ex-officio members will please respond to roll call with some temperance news item.

The county and district presidents will give an outlook of the work in their territory and plans for expansion the coming year.

Seven prizes will be given: To each one answering 75 per cent of the questions in this issue of Bulletin and to the unions having the first, second and third best prepared programs that have been carried out. These programs will be placed on the literature table. So do not forget to bring your local union programs. To the union sending the largest list of subscribers to the Bulletin a framed picture of Miss Willard will be given.

Please remember also the banners to be awarded to the W and Y making the largest increase per cent. in active membership and also for gaining the most honoraries. The beautiful L. T. L. banner will be given to the union having gained the most L. T. L. members.

We are hoping to have a grand gold medal contest, and anyone holding a gold medal will do a great kindness if they will report to Ella Gallagher, Inkster.

A fine musical program will be given during the entire convention.

The chairmen of the local committees at Lisbon are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Grover—Entertainment.
" Nellie Mott—General Arrangements.

" Etta Sprague—Music.

" Mary Jones—Decorations.

" Katie White—Postoffice.

Send names of delegates to Mrs. Grover and banners to Mrs. Jones.

The blanket report blanks have been sent to the local unions. Will you please see to it that these are filled out and returned to the corresponding secretary and superintendents not later than Sept. 1st. Try to get a large attendance. Have some special attraction if necessary to get the members out; then have the president, assisted by the corresponding and recording secretaries, seated at a table and ask every question on the blank. The superintendents of the departments add any member of the union who has done any work should answer and the secretary write the answer on the blank. If you have no superintendent list the members report all work done. Do not forget to write the name of the union at the top of each report in the space indicated. The superintendents can not make out their reports for convention until they receive these. The corresponding secretary can not make out hers. The state minutes for 1901 can not be completed without a report from every union, and the national reports can not be made out without them. So you see, dear sisters, how much depends upon your being prompt with this work. The superintendents are requested to make their reports as brief and concise for convention as possible, and give the members of the convention a chance to ask them questions on their departments and thus have a short school of methods.

The executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 p. m.

Believing that we should ever seek Divine guidance, and that the prayers of a Christian organization availeth much, we request the unions to observe Friday, Sept. 6, as a special day of prayer for the success of our twelfth annual convention.

Yours in His name,
ELIZABETH PRESTON,
MATTIE VAN DE BOGART, President.
Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Palmer at Valley City.

Valley City, N. D., July 17, 1901.—Mrs. Palmer left us a week ago this morning. She gave us six interesting and helpful lectures. She is certainly an earnest, untiring worker and a very general person socially. She met the ladies of the union, and a few others, Saturday evening, and gave an impromptu talk. On Sunday she spoke both morning and evening at the Congregational church, the latter being a union service. Monday afternoon she interested the Boys' League with a genial, suggestive talk, such as few men are able to give. Monday evening she spoke at the Methodist church. Tuesday afternoon a reception was given in her honor at the home of one of the W. C. T. U. ladies. Here she related, in a most entertaining way, some of the things that have been accomplished by the W. C. T. U. during the past years. In her lecture at the Norwegian Methodist church Tuesday evening, she told of the early experiences of the Crusaders, and in such an attractive way as to cause one to wish that her mother had had a part in it. All her lectures were given with a directness that could not be misunderstood, yet with a spirit of kindness to which none could take exception, except those whose consciences told them they were wrong. She left a message for us, and I am sure she will have one for all whom she addresses. Sincerely yours,
E. D. SANTLEY

From Mrs. Vail.

You will bear in mind that every white ribboner is in a measure responsible for the resolutions passed by the annual state convention. That they may this year more fully be an exponent of our principles—our platform—will mean of you give it thought and send to me by Sept. 1 what you think will best express them? Also, if anyone has a special resolution, please send to me, that we may not be hurried in convention. Cordially,
EMMA F. VAIL.

A Bible was given by the Lead union for the best essay in the school on Anti-Narcotics. Each pupil read their essays with a musical selection between the readings. The prize was won by Florence James. All did so well that a small present was given to each contestant. The ladies served ice cream and cake following the program.



From The State President.

Dear Y Comrades—Miss Willard used to say that every young woman put on the white ribbon was worth at least twenty thousand dollars to our cause.

You, dear girls of North Dakota, are our wealth, our pride and our hope for the future. The value of your consecrated young womanhood cannot be computed in any coin of this realm. Your influence now reaches further than any one of you dare dream. If you could but see this now, as you will after a time, how careful you would be of every act, and word, and even of every thought! What a wonderful, illimitable thing this influence is: reaching far beyond our little circle and going on, and on, through eternity. To have this influence actively at work for whatsoever things are pure, lovely and of good report, and unalterably set against whatever is debasing, means much for the moral regeneration of society, and for the bringing of Christ's Kingdom here upon earth.

You are now in the sweet spring time of life, when the simple joy of living rings its song in your heart. It is natural that you should look only for the beautiful and the true, for the flowers blooming about your pathway, and I trust each of you may find many sweet and fragrant blossoms all along life's journey. While in the highest sense a Divine hand marks out our pathway, yet we, ourselves, make its environment.

Ruskin says: "The path of a good woman is strewn with flowers; but they rise behind her steps, not before them." They blossom from the kindly words and deeds that she quietly scatters as she passes on.

I trust, dear young women, that you are sowing now this gracious seed, whose harvest shall not only make your own lives happier, but also brighten every life that touches yours.

You are doubtless sometimes discouraged because of the mistakes you make. Some of these are perhaps from lack of judgment which will come with years, but most of them I believe are from lack of knowledge. Our organization steps in here as a teacher, that we need not mourn with many, "Oh if I had only known these things before."

The best wish I can make for you is that you become intelligent in regard to the truths which our great organization teaches. Study our departments of work one by one, systematically and thoroughly. This will cost some effort, but it will be a delightful and profitable investment of time in your union meetings. It will make you able to give a reason for the hope that is within you, and it will give you that knowledge which will make you a power in the cause of temperance, purity and righteousness.

I hope everyone who reads this will look up the answers to the fifty questions published in this number of the White Ribbon Bulletin and send these answers to Gertie V. Titus, Minto, N. D.

On Y night at the state convention, we shall have the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Nelle Burger, National Y Organizer. We shall keep Mrs. B. in the state for nearly a month after the convention. Every Y should plan to hear her and also every W where a Y ought to be organized.

Our bright and winsome Y Secretary, Miss Cora Larimore, will be gladly welcomed home after her long trip abroad. I know of nothing that will rejoice her heart so much as that her loved Y's shall come up to our Annual Harvest Home showing a large increase in membership. If your Y has not doubled its membership this year, hold a membership contest at once, according to directions given you last month by Miss Parrish, and see that dues for every new member are sent to the state treasurer before September 1st.

How many young women of your community have never had the "arrest of thought" which our work brings? Will you not take to them this new evangel that it may be a blessing to their lives also? Yours for the broadening of our work. ELIZABETH PRESTON.

The Army Canteen.

To the Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin:—The women of the Minnesota W. C. T. U. are considerably stirred up on the canteen question. The American Medical association met in St. Paul in June and the military surgeons were determined to get the entire association committed to a resolution asking congress to restore the canteen. The military surgeons brought in their resolution June 5th and it was tabled by a vote of 64 to 25. Later it was referred to the committee on national legislation. Dr. Magee, of San Diego, Cal., declared the resolution out of harmony with the object and spirit of the association, and said it should not appear upon the records. This is the best judgment of all truly scientific people. However, at the final meeting of the American Medical Association the following resolution introduced by Major Louis L. Leaman was adopted: "Resolved, That this body deplores the action of congress in abolishing the army post exchange, or canteen, and in the interest of discipline, morality and sanitation, recommends its re-establishment at the earliest possible date." This action was taken when not more than 150 delegates out of 1,500 were in attendance. Dr. Wm. M. Findley, of Altoona, Pa., made a protest in the Pioneer Press of June 27, saying this was almost in fact a vote of business, and "If I heard properly, the president of the association did not call for the nays, although barely one-half present voted in favor of the resolution. I fail to see why we, as medical men, should interfere in a matter which is so entirely foreign to our work, being wholly in another domain." So we can plainly see that even the resolution was passed in an underhanded way and does not receive the support of a large number of medical men, too scientific to say that the easy use of beer is in the interest of sanitation. Col. P. H. Ray, commanding at our Fort Snelling post, has protested against the part of the resolution which declares the canteen is in the interest of discipline. He says: "It is an insult to every officer in the U. S. army to say that the army canteen assists in the management of his men." And the Col. is very much disgusted with the talk that is going on about the necessity of the army canteen. He has denied all the statements made in the papers in the Twin Cities recently printed in the interest of the canteen. He recently said to a St. Paul Dispatch reporter: "There is no need of liquor at any army post in the country, and they have our Fort Snelling post office in order to regulate the drinking of reporters and editors? In your department stores, is a bar maintained simply because a clerk here and there is liable to leave his work to go outside of the store and get drunk? The statements that are being made about the army and its drinking propensities are libels." We believe that the fight to re-establish the canteen will be the hardest one in our history at the next session of congress. So our sister superintendent of the press is at work with her local superintendents to have the falsehoods answered by the truth. We realize that to meet the organizers and liquidate with its large sums of money, with their large force of lying reporters, their army of many of the army officers and administrators to lead respectability to the movement. But we believe that God and light are more powerful than liquor, organization and money, and that truth is stronger than falsehood. But, sisters of the W. C. T. U. everywhere, we must have the truth in an article for your press showing the truth in refutation to the falsehoods that are printed in so many papers. Nearly every statement in regard to the increased drunkenness at the forts of the country has been proven false. Let the people know this. They are being deceived. Yours for truth.

Mrs. B. LAYTHE SCOVILLE,
Pres. Minnesota W. C. T. U.

From Sabbath Observance Supt

Drayton, July 12, 1901.—Attention, Local Unions: One and all you, and you, and you. If any work has been done along the line of Sabbath Observance, please report it to me not later than the last week of Aug. Where there is a Supt. of this work, of course this duty devolves on them, but where there is none, let any one who knows of any work done forth in this department, please send me full particulars of the same. Let North Dakota work to the front in this, as in all good work, and to this end appoint a Supt. for this department in every union, that it may receive the attention its great and grave importance demands. Remember the Christian features of our work come first. Every union can at least give out literature and ask ministers to preach occasionally on the value of the Lord's day and the sanctity with which the Christian nation should observe it. Do not forget to send for Sabbath Observance literature to Mrs. Varilla F. Cox, Tabor, N. J. Two page leaflets 10c. per hundred, four page 15c.

L. M. WYLIE.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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in the King's Name."

Why we Have an L. T. L.

As a preparation against that day when the decision must be made, that they may "Choose where two paths meet, the narrow, not the broad, as their thoughtless little feet enter life's dusty road," we maintain, and with all our hearts believe in the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion. No where in God's universe do we find things run by chance. The process of the suns unfold His plans like the unfolding of the flowers. And seems to me we cannot afford to be aimless or slipshod in our methods of conducting His work. The white ribbon company that has passed from labor to reward is an ever increasing one, and the burdens that the Master has lovingly removed from their hands must be taken up by others. This is our opportunity, God has given us to day, but we have no lease of to-morrow. Are we laying broad foundations for the future increase of the temperance army? Are we training the boys and girls to be intelligent temperance workers? I wish I might tell you as forcibly as I feel it, the importance of the work among children.

It is proven by statistics that of every one hundred men who reform from drinking habits, ninety return to those habits again, while of every one hundred children who sign the pledge ninety remain true to it through life. What an argument for the teaching of total abstinence in childhood! Formation is so much better than reformation. The foundation is the most important part of the structure, and what better foundation can we have for our Home Protection building than scientifically temperate boys and girls? In the economy of reform there is need for just such an organization as the Loyal Temperance Legion. There is the Sabbath school for the teaching of the Bible, the junior church societies for the personal spiritual development, but the only society devoted to the scientific teaching of the disastrous effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the human body is the L. T. L.: our strongest ally in the fight for a clear brain and a pure heart.

One of the papers of the Liquor Dealers Association recently published a statement of the falling off in their sales, and after theorizing on the probable causes said in effect: "Plainly then we must devote more attention to the children and create appetite." How dark and subtle their schemes to create appetite are those who have had to contend against the "brandy drops" and all sorts of adulterated candy and chewing gum set as traps for the unwary youth, can testify. Shall we be less vigilant than they? Is not the purity of our boys and girls worth more to us than the financial gain can possibly be to them? True we live in a prohibition state, but we do not expect the children always to remain under the protection of North Dakota's prohibitory law. And how important the they shall be, and how important the to the evils of this traffic that unfortunately surrounds us on all sides. Because of the vigilance and untiring zeal of the enemy we feel that our best effort must be given to prepare the children to resist temptations that are being constantly thrown in their way. And because we believe we are responsible to God for the temperance training of the children of our community we have a Loyal Temperance Legion. Miss Willard wrote very appealingly to mothers on this subject, she said after enumerating several excuses that were offered: "Now, mother dear, it seems to me that for all these excuses there is one explanation and you don't know how pitiful that explanation is—a lack of interest in the temperance training of the little one, founded upon a failure to appreciate the relation of that training to the child's character and usefulness in future life." Then she says: "I never allow myself to believe that any mother is really careless about the best interests of those who are her nearest and her dearest." But she lacks the earnest of thought." She has not appreciated at its true value the systematic drill that would have fortified her children against temptation and made them practical workers in philanthropy from the outset of their lives. If she can but perceive and feel the truth about this training, she will henceforth count the gospel temperance education of her little ones second to nothing except her own religious teaching in the home."

When a boy joins the Loyal Legion, begins with the study of the first lesson

manuals vols. 11 and 11 and then studies the relation of alcohol to the Nation, the Pocketbook, the Body and the Mind, and secures his diploma as a graduate of the L. T. L., we may confidently expect that boy to be a prohibition voter. It seems to me we have woefully neglected this very important branch of our work, for do you know that enough boys have grown to be voters since the W. C. T. U. began, to give prohibition to every state in the union. This may not be excused by saying there are not many more girls than boys in the L. T. L., for statistics show only 17 per cent. more girls than boys, and that number is being decreased by the Senior Legion. Lady Henry Somerset said: "One of the curious developments of woman's work for temperance is the slowness of heart, not to say reluctance, with which they take up their special work for children."

Considering the large dividends investments in this work pays, we cannot afford to ignore it. It was only 25c. a friend used to send "The Young Crusader" to a young girl in a western home. But an L. T. L. was organized, a W. C. T. U. soon followed, and the three saloons have been outlawed. Did that investment pay? A well known politician once said to one of our workers: "Madam, if your organization had taken the same pains to win the boys, as the saloon or the old political party have taken, you might have had prohibition to day." We need to be aroused to the truth of this statement. There shouldn't be a childless union in Pembina county. Because we believe the boys and girls to be worth the effort, because of the vigilance of the enemy, because of the value of early training, because prevention is better than cure and formation easier than reformation for the future good of our nation and its citizens, because we are responsible for the temperance training of the children, we wholly and unalterably commit ourselves to the maintenance of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

BESS HALCROW.

Those Questions.

My Dear Friends: I promised to give you a list of the questions we will have to answer in our reports this year, so you can tell how to shape your work, and will hope for a full and complete report of all the work done in this very important branch of our work. The following are some of the questions:

1. Number of L. T. L. companies in your state that have been active during any part of past year?
2. Number of companies organized during past year?
3. Present number of enrolled members? Of pledged members?
4. Number of graduates during past year? Whole number of graduates in all the years?
5. Number of Juniors that have won seal certificates during past year?
6. Number of unions that have adopted the normal grade of the L. T. L.?
7. Amount of normal dues paid this year?
8. Is the Young Crusader in its new form winning increased circulation?
9. To what extent has your state supported the L. T. L. room in Nat'l Temp. Hospital?
10. To what other objects has your state contributed?
11. How many bands of mercy have been organized in connection with Legions during past year?
12. Name the various kinds of work done by your Legions?
13. Name special methods or new plans that have proved successful in raising money or in advancing the interest of the L. T. L. along any line.
14. Will your state have an appointed L. T. L. delegate to Fort Worth, Texas, because it has paid the requisite \$50.00 into national treasury? "Please accomplish this if possible." Mrs. Rice adds, and I'm sure we will all say "amen." And so please do not forget to send me the national dues, five cents per member. So far none have been received; who will be first? Yours with great expectations.

BESS HALCROW.

Bowesmont, N. D., July 18, 1901.

FIELD NOTES.

Hamilton has held two medal contests which netted \$27. These were given by the L. T. L. children.

Knox has been making a specialty in distributing literature and keeping a column in the newspaper.

Sargent county is planning to sow the county knee deep with literature the coming year. They made their honored president, Mrs. Emma F. Vail, a life member of the state union.

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Steele County Report.

The second annual convention of the Steele County W. C. T. U. met at Hope June 19-21, 1901, with 23 delegates present and many visitors. The people of the city showed their usual hospitality in entertaining delegates and visitors. The reports from the local unions were good, showing an encouraging progress.

The subject of L. T. L. work was discussed, many good ideas being advanced as helps in carrying them on, and from the interest shown we feel sure more legions will be established in the county.

Mrs. Florence Connor read an excellent and instructive paper on "Recent Legislation, State and National."

Miss Preston was with us a part of the time through each session, but was not well enough to remain all of the time. Her talks, however, were very instructive and helpful. She gave an able address Wednesday evening on "A White Ribboner Abroad." She told many patriotic as well as amusing incidents of her trip, and in imagination we followed her through the streets of Paris and London, seeing many curious and interesting sights.

Thursday, after devotional exercises, the program was changed considerably for lack of time. The reports of the superintendents were good, but many of them had only recently been appointed.

Instead of "School Suffrage, Its Value and Use," Miss Preston gave instructions in regard to the blanket blank that the state is preparing to issue to local unions, which will aid clerks and superintendents very much in making their reports. She also advised each union to establish a Cradle Roll.

The time to elect officers having arrived, we proceeded to do so with Miss Preston presiding. Mrs. Shippy received a unanimous vote for president. All of the old officers were re-elected. Mrs. Sarah Van Dusen conducted the Bible reading, which was followed by the noontide prayer and adjournment.

Thursday afternoon the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Northrop. The papers that were omitted in the morning were then read. "Our Reserve Forces, the Ys," by Mrs. Myrtle Dingle, and L. T. L. by Ella Boise, gave many good reasons why our "Reserve Forces" should be kept up.

Mrs. Kemp sang the Y song and Miss Preston told us something about the author of the piece. Mrs. Cochrane, having been very ill, was not able to have her paper. Mrs. Hasselquist, our efficient county superintendent, read a very interesting paper entitled "Parents' Meetings in Connection with the Public Schools," which caused some discussion, and Miss Preston added some very pointed remarks, making a special request that parents visit the school and place at least one woman on the school board. This was followed by a short parliamentary drill, given by Miss Preston.

Mr. Shippy had prepared a fine paper on "Temperance Laws" and had just got to the interesting part when time was called, and it was voted to give him five minutes more. Later, on the following Saturday, at the W. C. T. U. picnic at Galatin, the whole address was given and some excellent points made.

Reports were short but to the point, as Mrs. Majors knew whereof she spoke, being the county corresponding secretary. "Social Meetings and Red Letter Days" were rather lengthy but very good papers. Miss Mildred Patton. It was full of suggestions and showed that Miss Patton had made a study of her department although only recently appointed superintendent. The county treasurer then made an appeal to the audience for funds with

which to carry on our work for another year, as the executive committee have been handicapped the past year for lack of funds. The appeal was generously responded to and both the local unions and individuals gave pledges promptly. Miss Patton favored us with a sweet instrumental solo.

Rev. Dingle then gave a fine address on his subject, "Does the Prosperity of the Church Demand That Temperance Work Shall Have a Prominent Place in Church Activities?" The Crusade Hymn was sung frequently during the convention that local unions might learn it while there.

Thursday evening the town hall was filled to overflowing at an early hour, as the Matron's silver medal contest was to take place. The music fine was Mrs. Kemp, of Galesburg, very kindly gave her assistance, which was much enjoyed by everyone. Her performance upon the harp reflects great credit upon herself. The instrumental solos by Miss Mabel Van Dusen and Mrs. Patton were highly appreciated, also the duet by Mrs. Patton and daughter, Miss Mildred. The vocal solos by Mrs. Amos V. Rugg and Mr. C. Boise were also enjoyed very much. There were only five contestants present, one being kept at home by sickness, and unfortunately, two of the five had the same selection owing to the neglect of one in not sending her title to the executive committee. They all did very nicely, the contestants showing they still had control of their memory, even though they were matrons, as not one had to be prompted. Mrs. James Dorrance received the medal, which was presented by Miss Sorena King. The contest was also a financial success and by that the county materially in carrying on the work of the coming year. Total receipts, \$46.65; net, \$36.65.

Friday morning devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Ella Boise, as Mrs. Curry was unable to attend the convention. A good many of the delegates had returned home so the attendance was not as large as usual. A paper entitled "Mothers' Meetings and Their Importance" was read by Miss Mae Miller, showing careful preparation, and was very instructive. This was followed by a parliamentary drill, which was appreciated by even the honoraries who were present.

Mrs. Shippy then addressed the convention, recommending certain plans and methods for the work of the coming year in the local unions. Miss Preston spoke for some time on general topics of interest to all, and then dismissed the convention with the W. C. T. U. benediction. This ended the second annual convention, to meet next year at Finley.

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Ransom County Convention.

The Ransom County W. C. T. U. Convention was held at Enderlin on Wednesday, June 12th. Lisbon union was represented by 18 delegates and visitors; Elliott by two. Fairview union could not send any of their members on account of illness. As the program of this year was almost entirely by Miss Preston, and owing to change of railroad time, she could not be present, the officers of the county felt that the convention was not as good as usual. The evening session was given up entirely, but the morning and afternoon sessions were very interesting. Enderlin union entertained us royally, and the address of welcome by Mrs. Minnie Engle's little daughter was an inspiration to us. A pleasing feature of the afternoon session was a presentation by Miss Alma Brown, a paragon, called the "Drink Brigade." Enderlin has a consecrated band of women in its union. We believe the union has a bright future. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Chamberlin, Elliott, president; Mrs. McIlvain, Lisbon, vice president; Mrs. Nellie Mott, Lisbon, cor. sec.; Mrs. Pherigo, Enderlin, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alma Norton, Lisbon, treas. We were much disappointed that Miss Preston could not be there and give the evening address.

Report of Pembina County W. C. T. U. Convention.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Pembina W. C. T. U., held in Cavalier June 25-27, was a decided success in every way. The delegates returned to their homes encouraged and inspired for better work during the coming year. The delegation was not quite as large as usual, the previous heavy and incessant rains having discouraged many who had intended being present. On this occasion, however, "fortune favored the brave." The weather was fine all through the convention and every one

expressed themselves pleased that they had made the effort to come. In the absence of the president, Mrs. C. W. Ryan, who with her family is spending a year in California, the convention was presided over by our vice president, Mrs. M. J. Switzer, in her own agreeable and capable way. A beautiful bouquet of roses sent by Mrs. Ryan sweetly reminded us through all the sessions of the convention of the absent one whom we have all learned to love.

Our state president, Miss Preston, just recovering from a two weeks' illness and looking worn but sweeter than ever, was with us most of the time. Though tired so often, she never seems tired in spirit. Her talks always inspired. We listen and straightway take fresh courage. On the second evening she gave her lecture, "A White Ribboner Abroad." It was intensely interesting and words of appreciation were heard on all sides as the large audience reluctantly dispersed.

Among the papers read during the convention was one by Mrs. W. C. Green, "The Tools of Our Guild." She said the object of our guild or society is to advance the cause of Christianity, of purity, and to suppress vice in every form. Nature provides all animals and insects with a means of defending themselves against an enemy. Our weapons or tools against the enemy are many. We must work unitedly, unceasingly, persistently. The press is powerful; use it much. Educate the people by lectures, by contests and by spreading literature broadcast. Take the weapon of prayer and the shield of faith and work with God, or we must fail. Let each use the gifts God has given her. None may say I cannot do anything.

Miss Bena Halcrow's paper, "Why We Have an L. T. L.," was an earnest plea that faithful temperance training be given the children, and in no place as this training be given so well as in the L. T. L.

The thought of Mrs. Manning's paper, "Why We Have Not an L. T. L.," was that temperance training can be most effective in schools where all classes of children are reached.

From Mrs. Wylie's paper, "What Has the W. C. T. U. Done for Our Nation," many encouraging facts were gleaned, but the good done by the society in the distribution of literature, circulating of petitions, holding of public meetings, training children in L. T. L. and by the teaching of scientific temperance in public schools, missionary work among lumbermen, sailors, and in innumerable other ways, cannot be estimated. Only eternity will reveal what the W. C. T. U. has done.

In Miss Parker's paper, "Twelve Reasons Why Women Shall Vote," some of the reasons noted were: The most enlightened women of our day ask it. Women will not neglect their work more than men do.

Women are morally superior to men and would not be so easily bribed. Under present conditions the most illiterate men elect officers to govern our most intelligent women and their sons and daughters.

Woman is man's equal mentally. Women will be as ladylike in politics as they are in their vocations.

The responsibility of making laws would elevate women. Women are fitted to rule. The world's greatest ruler, Queen Victoria, was a woman.

Women at the polls will purify election day.

Women would use the ballot in the cause of righteousness.

Women cannot suppress wrong without the ballot.

A few of Rev. Hall's thoughts on the subject, "Companionship Between Parents and Children," were: If we would hold our children we must keep in touch with them, enter into their amusements and pleasures and confide in them our plans and hopes. The home must come first in our thoughts; church work, S. S. work, W. C. T. U. work must take second place.

A silver medal contest was held the first evening. Seven young ladies took part and all did unusually well. Miss Vida McCaffrey, of Pembina, won the medal. The proceeds were \$59.00. Mr. James Wardwell, our convention singer, and also a grand gold medalist, was again with us and pleased everybody by his beautiful songs and humorous recitations. Mr. Wardwell is a young one of our own White Ribboners are justly proud.

Reports from local unions showed a widespread interest being taken by most of the unions. Drayton and Cavalier unions deserve especial mention, the

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former having raised during the year \$247.46 and the latter \$203.34. Tyler, a country union, has distributed 34,133 pages of literature. The proceeds from sale of Miss Whedon's Burnt Flemish Work during convention was \$9.60, 20 per cent of which goes to the Equal Suffrage column in Bulletin. The convention will meet in Pembina next year.

- The following officers and superintendents were elected for the following year:
- Mrs. M. J. Switzer, of Pembina, president.
 - Mrs. F. M. King, of Pembina, vice president.
 - Mrs. J. J. Manning, of Bathgate, recording secretary.
 - Miss Nettie Purdy, of Pembina, corresponding secretary.
 - Mrs. M. E. Musselman, of Cavalier, treasurer.
 - Mrs. McMillan, of Hamilton, superintendent of franchise.
 - Mrs. Harris, of Pembina, superintendent of medal contests.
 - Mrs. H. Cork, of Cavalier, superintendent of press work.
 - Miss Jessie Halcrow, of Bowsmont, superintendent of L. T. L. work.
 - Miss Mae Halcrow, of Bowsmont, superintendent of literature.
 - Mrs. W. C. Green, of Hamilton, superintendent of Sabbath observance.
 - Mrs. Watts, of St. Thomas, superintendent of mothers' meetings and purity.
 - Miss Hazel Kneeshaw, of Pembina, superintendent of flower missions, mercy and help.
 - Miss Bena Halcrow, of Bowsmont, superintendent of anti-narcotics.
 - Miss Lulu Wylie, of Drayton, secretary of Y work.
- MRS. J. J. MANNING,
Bathgate, N. D.

Mrs. Palmer in Steele County.

Steele county was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Anna M. Palmer during the week beginning May 17th. She spoke to crowded houses both Sunday morning and evening, both churches uniting in the services. She remained with us until Wednesday, speaking afternoon and evenings, to good audiences. Wednesday afternoon and evening was spent in Sherbrooke, where much good was accomplished. Meetings were held in Finley, Thursday afternoon and evening, where the forces were strengthened and encouraged. Friday evening another meeting was held in Hope, and Sunday she visited the Riverside union, afterward journeying to the Goose Lake union in Barnes county. Broadland union arranged a meeting for her in Colgate, where a goodly number availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Palmer and much interest was manifested. Mrs. Palmer is a beautiful character, filled with the spirit, laboring to bring wanderers into the fold of Christ and doing with her might what her hands find to do. She is an exceptionally good speaker and holds the attention of her audiences.

MRS. ELLA M. SHIPPY,
County President.