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**The National Convention.**

After a day and a half at Minneapolis, visiting Minnesota's state president, Mrs. Scovell, and also North Dakota's Mary A. Wheedon, Mrs. Scovell, Miss Maude Mathews and I turned our faces toward Ft. Worth, Texas, for a time was the Mecca of all white ribboners.

We spent Monday passing through southern Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska and Tuesday morning found us in Kansas City, Mo.

Here we joined the "Special" from Chicago, containing most of the national executive committee, a happy company.

Noon-tide prayer was observed as we were passing through prohibition Kansas, and a sweet vesper service was held as we were speeding in the darkness across the plains of Indian Territory.

A purse was made up for the courteous porter, and Mrs. Benjamin, president of Michigan, wrote a poem for the presentation which she endeavored to read. But as there had been a little delay and the lines had grown cold, she found it difficult to decipher them. The crowd grew hilarious and made remarks which Mrs. Benjamin as a parliamentarian thought were manifestly "out of order." Mrs. Barker moved that she be allowed to pass the poem around that the ladies might be convinced of the utter impossibility of reading it. The patient porter who stood in respectful silence and with head uncovered during the presentation, looked not only happy but greatly relieved when the ceremony was over.

Wednesday morning we awoke in Texas and some of us saw for the first time the great cotton fields, "white unto the harvest," stretching away in every direction. We saw children trudging along the country roads to school, the little girls wearing sunbonnets, and we noted that some of them had hoods underneath the bonnets. It reminded me of a New Years Day base ball game in North Dakota when some of the spectators wore linen dusters with over coats underneath.

It was raining when we reached Ft. Worth and the air seemed decidedly chilly. The sun came out after a day or two, and we had most delightful, balmy weather until the close of the convention.

We were delighted with the flowers blooming out of doors—roses, carnations, chrisanthemums and English violets greeted us everywhere.

Ft. Worth is not a beautiful city, but it has some fine public buildings and many elegant homes. These homes were thrown open to us in true southern hospitality. Citizens, from the mayor and the ministers to the street car conductors, seemed to vie with each other in showing the delegates every possible courtesy. The leading stores had their show windows decorated with portraits of our leaders, festooned with white ribbons. Almost everyone wore the little bow of ribbon white, and during the convention it seemed to have become a universal badge.

One of the leading restaurants put away its wine list, and patrons who asked for it were informed that as a matter of courtesy no wine would be served while the great temperance convention of women was being held in the city. So far as we could learn the patrons were too chivalrous to utter protest.

After two days' meetings of the official board and executive committee, and an all day evangelistic service conducted by Miss Greenwood, the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention opened Friday mor-

ning November 15th, in the First Baptist church.

The great feature of the morning was the annual address of the president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, which was listened to with intense interest and received a rising vote of thanks. All white ribboners should read the address and preserve it for reference. The facts given in it, especially in regard to the anti-canteen law, should be given to the local press.

The evangelistic hour each day was in charge of Miss Greenwood, national evangelistic superintendent, and the husband of that quiet hour when all business was laid aside, was most restful and inspiring.

The first day each general officer and state president gave a promise from God's word which they had tried and proved. Many requests for prayer came from all over the country.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Helen B. Barker, showed that a larger amount had been paid by the unions into the Willard memorial organizing fund this year than ever before. It also showed that the states paying the most had made the greatest increase in membership, which proves that we gain by giving.

The first evening was "Welcome Night" and the addresses were sparkling with wit and humor. We were welcomed by Mayor T. J. Powell for the city, by Capt. Paddock for the Board of Trade, by representatives of the legal fraternity, the stockmen, the Y. M. C. A., the press, the churches and the local and state W. C. T. U. These were responded to by representatives of the eastern, western, middle and southern states, Mrs. Scovell speaking most ably for our section of the country.

Capt. Paddock speaking of the resources of Texas said they had more forests than Maine, more granite than New Hampshire, more marble than Vermont, more iron than Pennsylvania and more cotton than all the other states put together.

Among the visitors introduced Saturday was Miss Tining of England, a charming young woman who became a great favorite with the Convention, and Miss Anna Robbins who was chief nurse of the Santa Mesa Hospital at Manila, and who, on behalf of the Manila W. C. T. U., presented Mrs. Stevens a gavel made from the horn of a caribou, and inlaid with the native mother of pearl were the letters, W. C. T. U. Mrs. Ada Northam Fields, who was sent as W. C. T. U. Missionary to Mexico and has done most successful work there, was presented with a number of her Mexican workers. Col. R. L. Owens, of Indian Territory, was introduced as a Cherokee Indian, but declared that his father was an Irishman. He was much opposed to Indian Territory and Oklahoma coming into the union as a single state. The question of "single statehood" was discussed in the convention and executive committee. The temperance people of Indian Territory feel that it means for them the losing of their prohibition law. A telegram was sent from the convention to President Roosevelt, asking him to recommend in his message to congress no action which should tend to do away with the prohibition law of Indian Territory.

The Y's took charge of the Saturday evening meeting, Mrs. Clara Parrish Wright, presiding.

The platform was beautiful with the bright faces of the winsome young women who represented the Y's of the different states. Miss Maude I. Mathews represented the Y's of our state. She

was also honored on the first day of the convention by being appointed one of the assistant sergeant at arms and did good service during the convention.

Miss Tining gave the principal address of the evening, her subject being "Noblesse Oblige." It was a beautiful talk to young people and listened to with great interest.

Sunday was a great temperance day in Fort Worth. Twenty-eight pulpits were filled by white ribboners and many new members were added to the ranks of the local unions.

The annual sermon was preached Sunday morning by Miss Greenwood. Her remarks were based on the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the theme being "Consecration." She made a strong point of this part that our resources or powers may be ever so small, but if we bring them truly to Christ and lay them at His feet they will be multiplied until they are sufficient for every need.

Sunday afternoon a great Philippino Rally was held in Greenwall's opera house.

Conditions in the Philippines and the work which we have done there, and what we hope to do were discussed by Mrs. S. M. D. Fry, national corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ella M. Thacher, superintendent of work among soldiers and Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice president of the national W. C. T. U.

Miss Annie Robbins, who was a nurse in Manila for some time, gave an interesting account of the life, customs and manners of the people, and the resources of the country. She showed us the cloth they manufacture, the houses they live in, their hats, swords and cooking utensils. She had on the platform a young lady dressed in the conventional costume of a Philippino woman. Some of her experiences in the hospitals, taking care of our soldier boys, were most touching.

Mrs. C. C. Fuxon, of Michigan, who had been appointed W. C. T. U. missionary to the Philippines, was introduced and given an ovation. She spoke briefly, as the hour was late. Mrs. Fuxon has agreed to stay two years if her health permits. Miss Gordon made a plea for funds to help pay her fare and expenses while there and fifteen hundred dollars was raised. The next day Mrs. Fuxon started for Manila. She was presented to the convention before leaving and Rev. Frances Townsley offered an earnest prayer for her safe keeping, the convention sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and this intrepid little woman started out alone on her mission of love and good will. The prayers of her white ribbon comrades will follow her.

A tender memorial service was conducted Monday morning by Mrs. Stevens. Among our workers who were called home during the year were Mrs. Zerelda G. Wallace of Indiana and Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney, formerly president of Oregon.

Changes in the constitution and by-laws were discussed at length. The proposed amendment to admit lecturers to the executive committee failed to carry. A change was made which provides for the election of the L. T. L. and Y. secretaries in the same manner as the general officers are elected.

Mrs. Hunt gave notice that she will move to have her department, Scientific Temperance Instruction, made a branch next year.

The boys and girls of the Loyal Temperance Legion had right of way on Monday night. A model annual meeting of the L. T. L. was given and greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

The election on Tuesday morning resulted in the returning to their posts of the corps of officers who have served us so faithfully during the past year by an almost unanimous vote.

Six states made a net gain of five hundred more members and had a part in the program on Tuesday night. South Dakota led the happy procession, followed by Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Oklahoma. The president of each state recounted in the most eloquent words she could command, the glories of her state. Her delegation came to the platform and sang the state song amidst the waving of handkerchiefs and great enthusiasm. The climax of the evening was reached when Texas came forward, her members filling the platform and the aisles on either side of the church, and waving the stars and stripes and the lone star flag. The piano played the stirring notes of "Dixie" and the great delegation sang a song of welcome composed for the occasion. The chorus was:

"We're glad you come to Texas,  
We are, we are;  
White ribbon band from all the land  
We bid you joy in Texas."  
When they had finished the convention took up the strain, singing  
"We're glad we came to Texas,  
We are, we are,"

accompanied by waving of flags and handkerchiefs and applause from all parts of the house.

We have not space to give extracts from the reports of superintendents, which were full of interest. Our state

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### Our Club Offers.

White Ribbon Bulletin and American Mother, 81; Bulletin and Light, 70c.; Bulletin and Union-Signal, 81; 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.

The hearts of all of our white ribboners, we are sure, are with our state president as she is busily preparing for the happiest and most eventful day of her life. Invitations have been issued, and those who are not able to respond with their personal presence, may yet feel that they have a part in it. Miss Preston expects to continue on with the W. C. T. U. work and in her union with Mr. Anderson we may feel that she has a helper and sympathizer in this work to which God long ago called her.

Kind words have been received from so many of our subscribers in behalf of their appreciation of the Bulletin, we would gladly pass them along if the space would admit, but take this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of these encouraging words.

We wish to extend an appreciative word to the Forum for the following kind mention: "Among other highly selected articles we consider that the Forum is one of the leading papers of the state and we are doubly grateful for this recognition: "The current number of the White Ribbon Bulletin, published at Tower City, contains several valuable articles on questions of religio-social character. Bena Halcrow, of Drayton, contributes a well condensed array of facts, why the work of L. T. L. is of such value as an auxiliary of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Anna McCrory, of Cogswell, outlines the duties of local presidents in a comprehensive article. Among other highly selected treatises are those of Cora W. Larimore, Mrs. Necla Buck and Frances W. Wagar. The White Ribbon Bulletin under its present management is a powerful factor for diffusing the sterling doctrines of temperance, and is entitled to no small credit for the comparatively slight infraction on the prohibition law in this state."

## Casselton Reporter

CASSELTON, N. D.

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

Some of our sister editors have said that if possible the columns of our papers should not be used to collect, or help to collect what is due the paper. It does certainly seem too bad to have to remind any one that their subscription is due, and that we would like it very much. It, however, seems to be necessary some times to do this. We now feel that we must speak out. We are patient waiting for eight hundred of our subscribers to send their little mite. Only twenty-five cents a year, but this would amount to much for us if we could have it all. Do we want a paper? Do we need a paper? Most certainly we cannot afford to be without it. And as long as I have the management of the paper, I must advocate that every member needs it and ought to have it. At the state convention, it was discussed and decided unanimously that it be recommended to the unions, that they take as many copies of the paper as they have members, that they be responsible for that many. These are to be twenty-five cent subscriptions, as the club rate was done away with. Now, will we stand by the recommendation of the convention, and who will be the first to send in their list? Please do it now, every one of you, so we may have our books balanced and a balance on the right side. This work cannot be run without money, and it is as easy to do it now, as it is to put it off. The bills for the paper cannot be put off. Send for a list of those in your union that are now taking it and it will be sent to you.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LETTER

We are greatly rejoiced to report two new unions again this month, organized by Mrs. C. E. Smith and Mrs. J. S. Kemp, president of Trail county. A new W. at Clifford and a Y at Galesburg. This makes two new Y's and one W for that county this year and at the beginning of the year. We may reasonably expect quite an addition before its close. Some of our older and larger counties and districts will need to look well to their laurels or Trail county will bear off the honors for the coming year. However, we believe much will yet be done by each county and district because we know their interest in these matters. Our state papers are full of reports of the great number coming to our state, this fair land of the northwest. This has been a prosperous year and we must be awake to our opportunities and push our organization as rapidly as those of other branches of work. We trust each county and district president has an up to date map of North Dakota and is looking up every possible point for work within her jurisdiction.

This year we have quite a number of new state supts. who are anxious to have the work of their departments thoroughly cared for. Will not every local union and county and local supt. help them as much as possible, and thus help the work.

The new supts. are as follows: Mrs. O. M. Omlie, Grafton, Supt. of Work Among Foreigners; Mrs. Nellie Mott, Lisbon, Supt. of Non-Alcoholic Medication; Dr. J. H. Knox, Wahpeton, Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction; Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowesmont, Supt. of Literature; Mrs. Carrie M. Allen, Grand Forks, Supt. of W. C. T. U. Institutes; Mrs. Fanny Huston, Larimore, Supt. of Work Among R. R. Employees; Mrs. Ella Gallagher, Inkster, Supt. of Medal Contests; Miss E. D. Santley, Valley City, Supt. of Legislation and Enforcement. When our supts. send out a call for local supts., it is to be hoped that the unions will feel that they can appoint. "We believe that nearly every woman could take some department of work, and with proper instruction work it thoroughly. It does not take so much time if well understood. No one can do this work and understand it, without becoming interested in it.

We are very much encouraged by the article on Sabbath Observance in this number, which we hope will be read by all. To think we came so near to being on the Honor Roll at the national convention. Part of this result, we believe, is due to the blanket blank, and I must again urge the accurate keeping of records and the prompt reporting when the blanks are sent out. An excellent idea is to keep a copy of the blank in the union for reference, so each will know just what questions are to be answered. Indiana, the banner state for winning national banners, gives the credit of these results, to the work of the blanket blanks in collecting the reports. Last year they voted to make the reports semi-annual instead of quarterly as before. This year they again voted to go

back to the quarterly as the reports had fallen off so much.

In this month's issue of the Bulletin we have an article for the benefit of our treasurers who, as some one has said, are the generals. One thing I wish to add to this as it applies to us this year. That we try to be as prompt as possible to send in our dues and pledges. They are very much needed. We must not lose our reputation in being prompt to meet all expenses. I am sure our faithful sisters will bear this in mind. The nursery of our W. C. T. U. Home is now finished, which will make it much more comfortable. The pledges are not all sent in as yet, but are needed. Our state treasurer feels a little blue now, but let us make her greatly rejoice before the new year dawns upon us. We have again ask that each one make this a subject of prayer that we may be able to find just the right one to fill that place. Just at this time there are some subjects that need the careful and prayerful consideration of all our comrades.

The anti-cteam law is likely to receive some severe attacks this winter from the opposition. While the recent announcement made by General Miles showing clearly the good results of the present law, has dealt a heavy blow to the liquor combine, yet we must not sit down with the thought that it is safe, and we have nothing to do. Let us write personal letters to our senators and representatives urging them to stand by the law as it now is. In order that each may have a thorough understanding of the matter I recommend that every union provide itself with literature of the Reform Bureau, The National Temperance Society, and The New Voice and arrange for a public meeting, so the right of the matter may be known.

The liquor power is trying to urge the union of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma and have them admitted into the union as one state. This would mean that Oklahoma would then have control of the sale of liquors into the Indian Territory. There have been several treaties made that no liquor should be sold to the Indians and the honor of the government demands that these treaties be kept, and the honor of the nation demands that we protect the lives and souls of the Indian. If the government will license the sale of this ruining, blighting "stuff" to the white man and kill off their own sons, let us at any rate protect the Indian and uphold the treaties that have been honored for the past one hundred years. We can use our influence to thwart the plans of the liquor traffic in this matter.

One very important matter which our people should understand, is the menacing power of the Mormon church. Perhaps many are not yet aware of the fact of the great increase in this faith. It was predicted some time ago that in fifty years the Mormons would control a belt of states cutting the country in two from the northeast to the southwest. The prediction has been verified in twenty years. They now own land from the Rocky Mountains to the Sierras and are spreading east. They control four states and at their present rate of progression in a number of others will soon have supremacy. If the constitutional amendment making polygamy a crime, is not passed now, it will soon be impossible to pass it, as they need to acquire control in only twelve states, to prevent legislation against them. Two thousand Mormon missionaries are actively at work. Sixty of them in the state of New York alone.

These are subjects that need to be brought before the public and the conscience be thoroughly aroused to action. Can we not use all possible influence to stir up public sentiment on these important subjects? Yours for progression, MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.

### METHODS.

#### Suggestions to Treasurers.

BY HELEN M. BARKER.

### QUALIFICATIONS.

What are the qualifications for a good treasurer?

- 1st. Integrity.
- 2d. Knowledge.
- 3d. Accuracy.
- 4th. Faithfulness.

A treasurer may have any three of these qualities and if she lacks the fourth she will fail. The first—integrity—must be a part of her character and must pre-exist. Knowledge may be acquired, accuracy may be cultivated, and faith-

fulness secured. Given the first, how can we help to the acquisition of the other very important qualifications? Knowledge of figures of course is first, then knowledge of best methods, and it is to these that we shall give particular attention.

### DUTIES.

First, let us consider a good treasurer's duties, as to the receipt and care of funds, and may I say, that accuracy as well as knowledge is an absolute necessity here.

Never trust to memory. Always have a note-book at hand if away from your desk. If 10 cents, \$1.00 or \$100 be paid into your hand record it, and receipt for it on the spot. If received by mail, make a record on the letter of its contents—\$10.00 money order, check, express order, draft, currency stamps, and the case may be. If the letter says: "Please find enclosed \$2.00" and the sender has neglected to enclose, record upon the letter before you lay it down, "no enclosure," and immediately notify the writer of the omission.

Then in your day book record each item with name and place. Mark upon the letter in some way, that you will know that it has been entered on your book. An X near the \$10.00 will always tell you that it is properly recorded. The letter should be immediately answered and a receipt sent. These transactions should also be marked on the letter in such a manner that it will tell you whenever you refer to it that this amount was received, was recorded, receipted and the letter answered. Then the cash letter is ready to file and should not under any circumstances be destroyed under five years.

### BANKING.

Next comes the banking. The bank of deposit should be chosen by the general officers and not by the treasurer. The deposit blank should be made in duplicate. The blank retained in the office should not only state date and amount of each money order, check or draft, but also town from which sent or name of sender. The blank sent to the bank contains only the amounts with date. Always examine the pass book after making a deposit and see that the entry is correct. Balance books at least each month. In large establishments a balance is struck every day.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Next comes the paying out of these funds entrusted to your care. Each constitution, whether local, county or state, should prescribe the safeguards for this expenditure. All bills should be examined and O K'd by president or secretary, or both, which would be an order upon the treasurer to pay, or a properly filled order be sent with the bill. In the case of stated sums voted by the society as monthly salaries, appropriations, rent, etc., a special order is not necessary, as this vote becomes an order, and the treasurer meets these when due without further order.

Recently the question has been raised as to which secretary should sign orders on treasurers with the president. In many local unions there is but one secretary. Where a corresponding secretary and a recording secretary are both elected in the local union, the constitution should designate which secretary should sign orders, and evidently it should be the one nearest to headquarters and most easily reached. Most of the states and the national name the corresponding secretary, as she is usually at headquarters every day in the year, while the Recording secretary does her work at convention, gets out the minutes and her work is done for the year. Each society must decide this for itself.

In paying out funds it seems hardly necessary to say always, always take a receipt. Not because this is a good business method, but for your own protection. Keep your receipt record and expense account separate.

### DUES.

As to dues, let me say that it is the duty of the local treasurer to collect the dues and she should never feel that her duty is fully done until she can write "Paid" opposite the name of every recorded member. Never hesitate to remind a member that her annual fee is due. A thorough W. C. T. U. woman will never resent a notice of this kind. When dues are paid the treasurer should remember that only a certain portion belongs to the treasury, and the state's portion should go promptly to state treasurer. The state treasurer should then recognize the fact that 10 cents per member of dues paid in belongs to the

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From Miss Larimore.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18, 1901.—My beloved comrades—While the precious mother sleeps is my only opportunity for writing you, and as I take up my pen words are crowding to the point. There are so many things to say and ever and ever so many to plan for, and only a limited space to use.

First, I want to tell you that for the past three weeks I have been with my mother in a private hospital in St. Louis, and the improvement in her condition is so great that my father and I will take her south in a few days. Our objective point is San Antonio, Texas, where the dear invalid may bask in the sunshine and warmth, and regain her strength much more rapidly than she could here, or in our "frozen north." I am sure you will rejoice with me over the gain in mamma's condition, and my heart is so full of gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for his wonderful goodness to us that I must tell it out. As I sit here by the bedside my thoughts frequently stray off to my dear Y girls at home, and I do long with such eagerness to be of some help to our beloved work. I have felt so powerless and hampered and bound that it seemed to me the only thing to do was to resign, and allow some one to do more leisure, and who could do right on the field of action take charge of the work.

I have thought and prayed much over the matter, and consulted with those in authority, and since their judgment and divine leadings direct I have agreed to remain your sec'y, doing whatever lies in my power to assist you, tho' we may be several thousand miles apart. As I said to you very before the U. S. mail service is efficient and much can be said for 2 cents, so I trust you have determined to keep me busy answering your letters. I should like nothing better, and wish each union would decide to exchange letters with the sec'y at least once a month. Think what a lot of matters we should consult about, and what a joy it will be to me to feel that I am thoroughly acquainted with the work of each local union, its needs, its difficulties and its aspirations. I believe we can accomplish very much more if we keep more fully in touch, and I do so earnestly hope I may be made a partner in all your trials and troubles, as well as a sharer of your joys and successes. I have many half formulated plans for our campaign this winter, and think after reaching the sunny southland mamma will gain so rapidly I will soon have more leisure to devote to our work.

Will you not write me, each one of you, telling me something of the condition of affairs in your local unions. I shall look eagerly for your letters and will ask you to address me until Dec. 15 at San Antonio, Texas, 303 Ave. E, and after that at 219 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Cal., until I notify you further. And now I will ask this favor of you—with your first letter send me the names of at least five (5) young women you think ought to be members of your Y. That would mean any five girls in town who do not already belong to our white ribbon army, for of course every girl and young woman in our land ought to be engaged in our fight against the evils of intemperance and impurity, and we ought not to relinquish until such results are accomplished. Send me these names, then, so I may write to them. There are so many things I cannot do to help you, but I do think I may be able to write personal letters to several score young women, urging them to join your local union. This is not an original idea at all, but one worthy of adoption, I think. However, if you will comply with my request, and send me names of girls in your town or neighborhood I will gladly write them.

The rest of the plan is a secret, which I can not tell you until my letter next month, but if you will do your part now, you will enjoy the secret so much more, and it will mean a great deal more to you. You see I have already caught the "secret" infection; as the joyous Christmas tide draws near many are the preparations already in progress and dainty

gifts are being worked in secret and away from the loving eyes that a few weeks later will brighten at the sight. All my friends are talking of their Christmas secrets, so it seems only right I should have one, too! You will forgive me next month.

As I write you, our Annual National Convention is in session at Fort Worth and I am trusting that North Dakota is largely represented, and that much good will result to our state work from the inspiration and enthusiasm always derived from attendance at such gatherings. I had expected to be present, but that disappointment, with others, has long since been put aside in gratitude to God for dealing so mercifully with us and sparing the mother's precious life.

Another unrealized plan was to have been present at the wedding of our beloved and honored National Secretary, Miss Clara Parrish, on Oct. 30. An invitation to the Y's of N. D. was included with mine, and I wish each of my girls to feel she had a share in it. Though we were none of us able to be with Miss Parrish on that auspicious day, I am sure we all wish her to feel she has had no congratulations more sincere, or good wishes more heart-felt than those of her comrades, loyal and true, in North Dakota.

Let us add to her joy and happiness by doing our all to build up the cause we love in our own home state. One thing I am going to tell you now which I had expected to keep until the New Year, but the sooner you know it, the better. I have made up my mind that the Y membership in North Dakota must be doubled before our Annual Harvest Home next September.

I am resolved to do all and everything in my power to bring about this result, and I ask each and every member to assist me. If each girl would bring in one new member, let it would be done. Let the young women of North Dakota banded together under the white ribbon banner would be an army mighty indeed! Let us do it, dear girls, and really after all, it is a simple matter if only we are in earnest. Invite your friends to join; you will be surprised if you set about asking, to find so many who have never been asked to don our white ribbon badge. You do all you can by asking your friends and neighbors, and don't forget I wish to do my part by writing to those who you do not have time to see. Don't delay, but send me the lists at once, that I may set to work.

You make me a Christmas gift of your lists of friends, and I shall hope to make you a Christmas (or at any rate a New Year's gift) of some new members! And now, dear girls, I must say good-night, and send along with this my best wishes for all the joys of the Christmas tide. May the spirit of the blessed Christ be in each and every heart, mellowing, purifying and molding us in His image.

Yours for consecrated service,  
Cora W. Larimore.

The National Convention.

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received the beautiful banner given by the dept. of Sunday School Work. We were sorry that our superintendent, Mrs. Necia Buck, whose faithful work won the banner, was not present to receive it. It will be sent to her and we shall have it to grace our state convention next fall.

The last evening was platform night. Addresses were given by Mrs. Nellie Burger, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, Miss Amelia Humbert of Switzerland, Mrs. Barker and Miss Tining.

Invitations for the next convention were received from various parts of the country, and the invitation to Portland, Me., the home of Mrs. Stevens, was accepted. Our closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung, the Aaronic benediction repeated in chorus, and the twenty-eighth annual convention adjourned.

The following extract from The Fort Worth Register shows how the press of Texas regard this convention of women: "It was a remarkable convention at the beginning, remarkable throughout, and remarkable at its close. The people of Texas who have never before witnessed a business convention in which no man's voice was heard and in which no man's help was asked have watched with interest the deliberations of each day. Every word spoken has been in kindness, every objection raised has been with a word of apology to the opposition, every contention has been with the sweetest words in exchange, and in every way they have exemplified the true Christian character. Women of every religious denomination were in the convention, women of every

political faith; those who believe in suffrage and those who do not, married and single, widows and spinsters, yet never was politics or religion brought up in contention. They referred to the old parties, but none of them did they endorse, no plank of either platform did they discuss, and they heeded to the line on their own platform, let the chips fall where they may."

ELIZABETH PRESTON.

A Recitation for the L. T. L.

By Mrs. M. P. KELLY.

We're coming to the rescue,  
We're young and brave and strong.  
As temperance boys and true,  
Between the right and wrong.  
Our nerves are strong and steady,  
Our pulses full and not doubtful;  
For we hate the vile tobacco,  
And beer and elder too.

They tell us we are children:  
We're glad to know the fact.  
For we're growing fast,  
We'll learn to think and act.  
They tell us we are feeble:  
As temperance boys and true,  
So, in His name for all that's pure,  
We'll raise a mighty shout.

We hope to grow to manhood  
And mingle in the strife,  
As for some steadfast purpose  
Join the noble ranks of life.  
We'll work a few more summers  
As temperance boys and true,  
We'll stand among our elders,  
As Loyal Temperance men.

Yes, we're coming to the rescue,  
A host of loyal men.  
To the noble ranks of temperance,  
With the ballot or the pen.  
And we'll shout for right and justice,  
As for some steadfast purpose,  
This blasting, deadly serpent,  
Shall cease to spoil our land,  
Waterville, Vermont.

L. T. L.

My dear boys and girls:—In the reports your leaders sent in for last year I was impressed with the small number of "Young Crusaders" led by the legion. And I was thinking if you only knew what a splendid paper it was you would all want to take it.

It is so bright and interesting, so "readable," that if you once became acquainted with it you would not want to give it up. You know very often the reason for our not becoming interested in people or things is because we do not know about them. I wish I could send each of you a copy of the "Young Crusader" so you would know just what a good little paper it is. The subscription price is so small, twenty-five cents a year; in clubs of ten or more you can get it for twenty cents.

A recent number has on its front page a beautiful picture of Lady Henry Somerset and Easton Castle, her ancestral home. Mrs. Frances J. Barnes writes an interesting little sketch of her noble life. Another article tells of her Duxhurst Home for Inebriate Women and the "Birds' Nest," the children's home where so many of the little waifs from the slums of London bear for the first time the story of Jesus' love for little children. It makes you feel as though you want to be better and be of some use in the world.

Then there is a department for the Senior Loyal Temperance Legioners. It contains reports of the state conventions and tells what young people in other states are doing. When we have enough graduates we are going to organize a state legion, too. I hope you are all working hard for your diplomas, so this can soon be accomplished.

There is also a department in the Young Crusader for the Juniors and the Band of Mercy boys and girls. Surely we should all be interested in the protection of the dumb animals and see that they are treated with kindness and mercy.

In this same number is an excellent picture of Mrs. Helen G. Rice, our National L. T. L. Secretary. It is so much like her. We had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Rice at our home when she was in north Dakota a few years ago. You feel sure you would all love her "at first sight," and she thinks and talks so much of you. The L. T. L. work is nearer and dearer to her than any other and she is just devoting her life to it because she thinks it is so important that our future statesmen and home-makers shall be total abstainers and Christian citizens.

And then there are the chalk-talks over at the back that you might have at the meetings of your legion. They are so well and so plainly illustrated, any one could put them on a blackboard, and they are such a help to remember things by.

Won't you go right to work and get up a club of subscribers for the Young Crusader? Yours for an increased circulation,  
BENA HALCROW.

Drayton, N. D., Nov. 18, 1901.

FIELD NOTES.

The new union at Granville is prospering very nicely. They have sent in several subscriptions to the Union Signal and Bulletin with the promise of sending more soon. They have taken in three new members since their organization only a few weeks ago. They have sent for a number of annual Leaflets and distributed to the members. Their editor will grant them all the space in the paper they wish and they have appointed a press superintendent.

Mrs. C. H. Smith, our Scandinavian organizer, has been spending a little time in Traill county with excellent results. The county president, Mrs. J. S. Kemp, says: "I can not too highly recommend her and her work, and her people take her so well." She is very sweet and winning in her ways, and persuasive if her talks to them. She organized a union in Clifford with Mrs. Mary Stommer Pres., Miss Kristina Kopping Cor. Sec. and Mrs. Lottie Overum, Treas. At Galesburg she organized a promising Y with Miss Julia Johnson Pres., Mrs. Pauline Parson Cor. Sec. and Mrs. Rosa Jorgensen Treas.

The Sanborn union had a very successful social Nov. 8 at the pleasant home of Mrs. M. Langers. The evening's entertainment opened with a guessing game. A committee had gone about town and gathered up photos of the people that had been taken years ago, most of them taken in their childhood. Then the guests were to guess who they were. Some very amusing pictures were produced. This brought forth a great deal of merriment and the time for refreshments arrived all too quickly. \$8.00 was realized. This is very good, considering the small price charged, which was 15c. Sanborn unions has gained several active members recently and has made some strides forward. Some departments have been added. Instead of meeting once a month they now meet once in two weeks. The program is made out three months ahead and will be published in our local newspaper. Each meeting will open with a short Bible reading and some part of our work will be studied and talked about. We have had a hard struggle for existence in the last few years. The Sanborn unions has gained several active members recently and has made some strides forward. Some departments have been added. Instead of meeting once a month they now meet once in two weeks. The program is made out three months ahead and will be published in our local newspaper. Each meeting will open with a short Bible reading and some part of our work will be studied and talked about. We have had a hard struggle for existence in the last few years.

Forest River union has been having the busiest and therefore the most successful year in its history. Mothers' meetings have been held every two weeks all summer and fall, in connection with which we hold a dime social. These are well patronized and our treasury is always in a flourishing condition. We sent as our delegate to the state convention at Lisbon, Mrs. R. M. Russell. It was one of the best investments we ever made, for she reported the convention to us so thoroughly that it was next best to attending after her return from convention we held a reception in honor of our honorary members. It was the most enjoyable functions of the season. The first part of the evening was given to Mrs. Russell, who entertained us with extracts from the addresses of Mrs. Burger and Miss Kearney. The remainder of the evening was devoted to music, games and social conversation, after which dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Russell also visited our W. C. T. U. Home in Fargo on her way home from convention and at the next union meeting showed us some of the nice things we were eager to do something. So we met two or three afternoons and made many useful garments, particularly infant clothing. A good deal was also donated and we had the pleasure of sending a large box of clothing and a barrel of vegetables to our friends at the W. C. T. U. in Fargo. It is being widely felt also one result being the banishment of dice boxes and other gambling devices from several of our business places. Our women are loyal and devoted and it's quite the popular thing to belong to the W. C. T. U.

MARY H. MOORE,  
Local Pres. Supt.,  
Forest River, Nov. 18, 1901.

Hunter, Nov. 16.—At our afternoon Mothers' Meeting yesterday 25 were present and we secured one new member. We had a good program, both literary and musical, and planned our temperance Sunday program, also a parents' meeting for Thanksgiving evening. Our Ys are also doing an excellent business and full of enthusiasm. The L. T. L. are also doing well. Mrs. Smith, our Scandinavian organizer from Grand Forks, during this week coming over to attend our business evening, having organized a promising union both at that place and at Clifford in Traill county. She is truly an earnest and consecrated worker. The president of our union is overwhelmed with the appreciative gratitude for the honor conferred upon her by a class county in making her a life member.

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national, and she should not retain this money in her treasury for months before sending on to the national treasurer; so the national treasurer should forward to the world's treasurer the amount that belongs to her treasury. No local treasurer should ever send dues to the national treasurer. No union should use the portion of dues belonging to the state for general expenses. These are appropriated funds by constitutional requirement.

Many constitutions say: "The treasurer should devise ways and means of replenishing the treasury." This of course means aside from dues. Medal contests, parlor meetings, public meetings and entertainments may be utilized for this purpose, but I wish to suggest house visitation by a judicious tactful committee asking for contributions to the work. Many temperance women will be glad to help, and yet perhaps would not be quite ready to join. Long experience and observation teach that a heart to heart talk is far more effective than written communications. If we could have a contributors' band in every town, it would greatly help, not only the treasury, but would make your work better known and would result in an increase in membership, as those who give to a cause are ever after more interested in its success. An annual leaflet and other literature should be sent to every contributor on your list.

The W. C. T. U. is behind many other societies in its methods of soliciting financial aid. The work is God-given. The money belongs to the Lord and His servants need not hesitate to ask for it. The Y. M. C. A. solicits large sums, not only for buildings, but for each department of work. They received last year \$70,000 for their railroad department alone. According to your asking will be your receipts, and according to your receipts can you broaden and deepen your work.

## REPORTS.

Just a word as to reports. A local treasurer should report to her union at least every month; every week is better, and every dollar raised for any purpose should pass through the treasury. This is not always done. A public meeting is held, a speaker secured, and she is to have the collection. At the close of the meeting some one gathers up the loose money—dimes, pennies, etc.—gives it to the speaker and, perhaps, without counting it. No record is made of it. This is wrong. The treasurer should take the collection, count and record it, give to the speaker, not the loose change, but its equivalent in currency. Where the speaker is to have a stipulated sum—\$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00—the treasurer should always have that amount in an envelope ready to hand to her quietly with a filled out receipt ready for her to sign. The collection should go into the treasury and be reported; so with every dollar raised for any other purpose.

A committee is appointed to prepare for an entertainment. They solicit funds, and instead of turning the funds into the treasury they purchase drapery, rent dishes, pay draymen and carpenters and expend all the money. This is all wrong, and the treasurer should insist that every dollar raised should come to the treasury with names of donors, and every bill should be sent to the treasurer and be paid by her. Then the union has the credit and record of these funds, and in no other way could it have the credit. If we could have a faithful record of all moneys raised and expended by local unions with a showing each side the thousands of dollars, and we should find that thousands

would tell to the world a very different story as to our sacrifice and generosity for the work's sake. Let us have more complete reports.

## VOUCHERS.

A box file alphabetically arranged in which all financial letters, bills receipts and orders should be kept can be procured at any book store for thirty or forty cents. By its use any letter or paper can be found in a moment.

## AUDITING.

Every treasurer should insist that her accounts shall be audited annually and the report of the auditor accepted. To prepare for your auditor, number every item on your books, both receipts and expenditures, then arrange and number every cash letter and voucher to correspond with items in book, of course keeping receipts and expenditures entirely separate. The auditor can then go rapidly over the items and corresponding vouchers without loss of time. Preserve all your vouchers until you are sure that reference to them will not be needed.

The Shannon file is very convenient for the arrangement of the numbered vouchers and each state treasurer would find a file of this kind a great help in preparing vouchers for her auditor.

## FISCAL YEAR.

Some confusion seems to exist owing to the fact that the fiscal year of each state covers a different period of time from that covered by the national fiscal year, hence the dues representing paid up membership of no state exactly corresponds to the report of the national. This is unavoidable. The state fiscal year may be from May 1st to May 1st, or June 1st to June 1st, or for any other period of twelve months. From the close of the state year to November (close of national year) great changes in membership may occur, so that national report may differ considerably from state report given a few weeks before, but in the long run the aggregate will be the same. So let each state treasurer correctly report for her fiscal year, and the national treasurer will do the same for the national fiscal year.

While the work of the treasurer is sometimes onerous, and the responsibility great, yet it has its bright side, and there is a real pleasure in feeling that by faithful service, you are helping to make the wheels of the great organization "go round" and helping to bring about the glad day of deliverance from the bondage that destroys.

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Sabbath Observance.

Drayton, N. D., Nov., 1901.—Dear local unions:—A number of reports came in after mine was sent to the state convention so the report to National Supt. was much better than I hoped for, as she writes that N. D. came near getting on the honor roll. Let us begin at once, if we have not already done so, our work for Sabbath Observance and aim to have our state on the honor roll next year, not simply for the honor, but from the higher motive, because of the need and importance of the work. Do, I beg of you, send for leaflets to Mrs. V. F. Cox, Tabor, N. J., or to me, and distribute them freely; 10 and 15c per hundred. And do not fail to ask all your ministers to preach on this much needed reform. Even we who are Christians need of waking up to the better observance of this day.

A branch of holly, tied with white ribbon, will be mailed to any address for five cents; a box of pine cones for twenty cents. Address The Midget, Midget, Ga.

The W. C. T. U. sisters of Bowesmont are anticipating and hoping for a reorganization as soon as possible. Their hearts are in the work and they hope to put their ideas into use.

The union which was organized at Forman late last summer has since then added three active members and five honors. They have recently sent for one-half dozen White Ribbon Hymnals for use in their meetings.

## A Guest From Belgium.

Dr. Fernand Deschamps, secretary of the Sociological Society of Belgium, sailed for Europe Oct. 2, after spending some weeks in this country investigating the question of woman suffrage. He has visited Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Kansas, and a number of parts of his interviews with governors of these states have appeared in the press.

Dr. Deschamps spent several days in Boston, providing himself with documents and information at the office of the Woman's Journal, the Boston Public Library and elsewhere. Dr. Deschamps' report of his investigations is very interesting. As the Catholic party in Belgium is now discussing woman suffrage, he has visited Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland and prominent Catholic clergymen in the enfranchised states. Dr. Deschamps says that he was inclined to be opposed to woman suffrage when he arrived in this country, but his inquiries and observations in the suffrage states have made him much more favorable to it. He is now convinced that in America it has done no harm whatever, and has done some good, though not so much good as the most enthusiastic of its advocates hoped for in its advance. He says, however, that conditions in Belgium are very different, and that it might not be advisable there to grant woman suffrage just yet.

Cardinal Gibbons expressed himself opposed to the ballot for women and said he believed that it worked badly in the enfranchised states. At this, Dr. Deschamps says, he himself smiled inwardly, as he had just returned from those states, and he knew better.

Archbishop Ireland, on being asked whether he regarded the effort of women to secure the ballot as a natural or artificial movement, answered that it was a natural movement, and that he himself saw no harm in it; that in the western states it had worked well; and that the leaders of the movement were good women. Dr. Deschamps asked, "What is the opinion of the Catholic church in America on this question?" Archbishop Ireland answered, "It is a matter of doctrine, and the Catholic church has no opinion on the question. Some individual Catholics believe in it, others oppose it. It is a question of individual opinion."

Dr. Deschamps says that Archbishop Ireland and Bishop Spalding are among the American prelates best known and most esteemed in Belgium on account of their writings. He was much interested on our informing him that Bishop Spalding favored equal suffrage. We were able to supply him with some of Bishop Spalding's published utterances on the question, and he has written to the bishop for a further expression of opinion.

In Wyoming Dr. Deschamps met Gov. Richards—"A charming man," he said—and interviewed a number of prominent citizens, including clergymen of different denominations. He did not spend a long time in Wyoming, because everybody whom he met was so clear and emphatic in expressing approval of equal suffrage. The only person he found who was opposed to it was a German saloon keeper. "I think his opposition was chiefly due to the fact that he was a German," said Dr. Deschamps. This saloon keeper and one Catholic priest in Denver were the only persons who told Dr. Deschamps that equal suffrage had made trouble in families.

In Kansas the state librarian, Mrs. Annie L. Diggs, exerted herself to get information for him, writing letters to the county clerks for statistics, etc. Dr. Deschamps was delighted with Mrs. Diggs, and pronounces her "tres spirituelle." He spent a very pleasant evening at her house. A French lady was present who helped to interpret, and they discussed woman suffrage till midnight. Dr. Deschamps also saw Gov. Stanley, who assured him that the ballot had not caused women to neglect their domestic duties; and he interviewed various other persons.

In Utah the Roman Catholic bishop told Dr. Deschamps that equal suffrage was rather contrary to his feelings, as a matter of sentiment, but that he must acknowledge he had never known or heard of any harm resulting from it.

Dr. Deschamps was disappointed in not finding W. J. Bryan, but Mrs. Bryan was at home. She told him that her husband in his youth had been strongly opposed to woman suffrage, but since he had seen its workings in the western states, and since his marriage, he had become more favorable to it. Mrs. Bryan herself believes in it.

In Colorado, Dr. Deschamps saw a number of prominent women, but found them all very busy, and had difficulty in getting definite facts and statistics. Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford acted as an interpreter for him. He says the paper on women suffrage that Prof. Leighton lately read before the Scientific Society expresses exactly the opinion he himself formed from his observations in Colorado.

He talked with Mrs. Catt and Miss Gordon at the national headquarters in New York. In Boston he had a long and animated conversation at the Woman's Journal office with Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw, Mrs. Mary Hutcheson Page

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and Mrs. Maud Wood Park, all of whom speak French; and he also had a conference with Mrs. J. Elliot Cabot and the executive committee of the "Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Extension of Suffrage to Women."

Dr. Deschamps found something amusingly inconsistent in the attitude of those "Antis" who go about making public speeches to prove that a woman's place is at home, and who favor letting women be doctors and lawyers, yet object to letting them vote. To him it seems much more dangerous to admit women to the professions than to admit them to the ballot box—more dangerous because more likely to withdraw them from maternal duties, and the system of plural voting prevails. Each man has one vote, on general principles. In addition, he has a second vote if he is a tax payer, still another vote if he has a college diploma, and a fourth vote if he is a married man. The Socialists are agitating vigorously for universal suffrage for men, on a basis of one man, one vote, and they threaten revolution if they do not get it. As an offset to the increased power which universal manhood suffrage would give to the Socialists, some of the Catholic party propose to give the ballot to women, who are believed to be more conservative. The Socialists cannot with good grace object to this, as they have long made equal rights for women a part of their theoretical program, though they have not brought forward equal suffrage as a part of their practical program. So that woman suffrage in Belgium is now being advocated by the Socialists and a part of the Catholics, while the Liberals oppose it. Strange to say, the Liberals in Belgium also oppose all efforts to secure better legal protection for women and children, while the Catholics and Socialists often unite upon these and similar humanitarian measures. The young Catholics are many of them very progressive. The party called Liberal in Belgium seems to be just the opposite of what would be called "Liberal" in England or the United States, being opposed to all innovations, and especially to measures for social amelioration.

Dr. Deschamps is a lawyer, a Catholic, and a very intelligent and pleasant man. Everyone who met him liked him. He expresses warm gratitude to Mrs. Diggs, Mrs. Bradford, and all the other friends who have helped him in his researches.

Dr. Deschamps says that as a matter of sentiment he finds much that is amiable and attractive in the old idea of woman, timid, confiding, the "dangling vine"; but that he recognizes the fact that the stronger and more educated modern women are better adapted to be useful in modern life. He believes that equal suffrage is destined to come, and that although the results will be harmful in some respects, the good will outweigh the evil. He said, "My feelings are still opposed to it, but my understanding is convinced."

Alice Stone Blackwell.

Harlem union held, since the state convention up to the first of November, seven meetings. The first, on Sept. 19, was an echo meeting of the state convention, while it was fresh in mind. On Oct. 3 a Purity Meeting was held. "How to Gain the Sympathy of the Masses" was the subject of one meeting. Some of the points given were by giving the public all possible information about the work and that temperance is a part of Christian work; by holding contests. At one meeting the time was taken up by each one reading from the Bulletin that which interested them the most. Another meeting was given to reading selections from the Union Signal. The union has held one chicken pie social, from which they realized the neat little sum of \$20. They have paid state pledge and have \$5 for the W. C. T. U. Home. They have distributed 212 pages of literature. Mrs. Anna McCrory, Pres.