

# WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## Social Meetings and Red Letter Days.

Some of our workers, and especially some superintendents of the departments, who feel that theirs is the most important, may ask why we place such a high estimate upon social or parlor meetings.

We would say that every home should be consecrated to the Master's service, even as the home in Bethany which so frequently entertained our Saviour. We cannot expect to gain members for our unions until we talk to the mothers, the sisters, and the daughters, (who are the home-makers) in reference to the evils of intemperance. These social meetings may be held in parlors or church parlors, halls, school-houses, in sitting rooms or kitchen, wherever woman reigns as queen. Many meetings have been held in such places from which no report has been received, as our women thought they could not be properly called "Parlor Meetings."

We often read of them in the Bulletin or the daily paper. But never receive a report of them. I am sure you would find it more beneficial to appoint a superintendent and give her the power to choose a committee of three or five to assist her if she wishes. She might be however, in the same state of mind that Mrs. Hannah Whitehall Smith was, when once appointed on a committee she rose and said to the President: "If thee wants me to accomplish anything, put me on a committee with two others, one of them a permanent invalid, and the other always out of town."

We believe better work would oftentimes be done with such committees than with those that seem to be in a working condition.

A very good way would be to issue invitations to the ladies of the place, if the meeting is to be held in the afternoon. If in the evening send to the gentlemen also, and do not feel hurt if only about one-third of the number of persons invited, attend. Make your parlor cheerful with potted plants and flowers if possible, and as the guests enter, receive them as though you expected them and were pleased that they had responded to your invitation.

Instrumental music played in a subdued manner helps to avoid formality while people are being seated.

Open the exercises by singing a hymn in which all can join: followed by a selection of scripture and a short prayer. Use the best musical talent that you can obtain, and after a soloist or a quartette has rendered a selection, present the speaker, and have it understood that there will be a question box at the close of the address.

The question box adds greatly to the entertainment, as often there are many spicy questions as well as instructive ones inserted therein. Our pledge should be read at every meeting and an opportunity given to sign, if we would win members. As to winning members I am sure it is convincing that we have the method when we read in our National Minutes that over seven hundred and nineteen active and eighty seven honorary members were secured in one year through the medium of "Social Meetings" by the few states that reported this department.

When unions are in a discouraged state, I would recommend this kind of a meeting.

Some unions have adopted the plan of having four social meetings in a year, one being devoted to the prominent women in W. C. T. U. work, such as Miss Willard, Lady Henry Somerset,

Miss Mary T. Lathrop, Mary Clement Leavitt, Mary A. Woodbridge and others in this and other lands whose lives and words of wisdom will always prove a source of inspiration.

At the second meeting, one of the prominent workers of the local or neighboring unions is invited to make an address. The third is a mother's meeting, and at the fourth a few of the various departments are considered.



MRS. ELLA BOISE, STATE SUPT.

OF SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS

OF COURSE the programs can be changed and give teas if you like, and have recitations, music and short speeches from your pastors, and a few of your women.

Many women who have been put on programs at these meetings had thought they never could write a paper or read it in public have discovered that they were quite as able to do such things as they were back east or at home in their girlhood, and it takes their mind off the daily toils of life for a little while at least.

These "Social Meetings" are intended to promote sociability among workers, to promulgate the temperance gospel of total abstinence, to increase our popularity, to create public sentiment in favor of the cause of temperance, to spread the cause of purity, that there shall be a white life for two, and to win members both active and honorary, to help further all the endeavors of our grand organization, and to reach those who cannot be reached in any other way; not only those of influence whose help we need in our work, but also the women who need us; and in order to obtain such we shall have to go after them.

Of course it takes money to carry on this department successfully, but it is well invested because it adds so much to your treasury if you see fit to make it do so. To be sure we dislike to ask for money all the time; but as a usual thing people feel like opening their purses after a lunch.

If the local union would do as the state and county does, that is allow an appropriation to the superintendent much more work could be accomplished. If the women are sensitive about asking for a contribution, the treasurer could sit by a table upon which is placed a basket with the word "Offering" upon it in large letters.

In having these "Social Meetings" all the other departments may be involved by having papers read, and talks upon the various departments.

The Loyal Temperance Legion is always a live subject for these meetings and one which every union should be interested in for the boy of today is the man of tomorrow.

In taking this subject for a meeting the children can be worked in nicely with their little motion and marching songs. There is no end of subjects, and information can be obtained from the Union Signal and leaflets published by the W. T. P. A. and our National Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Tomlinson, Plainfield, N. J.

In many places Social Meetings could be held for the G. A. R.'s, firemen, railroad men, etc. And we might do untold good to them and to ourselves by gaining them as honorary members.

The Y's can certainly take up this department to their great advantage because the girls esteem it a great privilege to work in this social manner. I read of one meeting in particular, when they met in a beautiful parlor one evening. The young men and women were invited. A welcome was given and a most able address by one of the gifted girls, showing what possibilities there are for the cause of temperance. A series of temperance tableaux followed: Music, vocal and instrumental, was interspersed, refreshments served, and all present admitted they had spent an enjoyable evening. Young women should make this one of their most effective departments for they can more readily reach and wield an influence among their young friends.

Please do not fail to observe some of the Red Letter Days, if you cannot all of them. These days are suggestive of events that have served to make history, in the last twenty-seven years: suggestive too of names especially dear to all White Ribboners.

Of course there are others that will assist you.

It is well to file the Signal for future reference in preparing a program for the Red Letter Days.

I would suggest that the Superintendent of Literature have suitable leaflets to distribute at the close of each meeting.

fully realize that many unions cannot carry out all the suggestions here given; but my aim has been to offer something that may help each union, even though you are small and away off on the broad prairie, you can do something, and be sure to report, report, report.

I am pleased to have received so many reports of work having been done in the past six months, and hope for greater ones in the next semi-annual reports so that I may be able to have a good report at the convention, and to send to our National Superintendent.

"May every soul that touches mine—  
Be it the slightest contact, yet therefrom some good.

Some little grace, one kindly thought,  
One inspiration yet unfelt, one bit of courage,

For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith

To brave the thickening ills of life,  
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists.

To make this life worth while,  
And heaven a surer heritage."

ELLA CURRY BOISE, S. Supt., Sherbrooke.

Mrs. A. W. Alger, president of Forman union has removed to Stanley, N. D. Mrs. J. W. Mahin has been appointed to fill the vacancy. As a slight appreciation of Mrs. Alger's work, Forman union presented her with two pieces of china and silverware.

## God's Plan of Finance.

Read at First District Convention:

All Christian enterprises under the providence of God, are dependent for their support upon gifts, and in order to insure the largest success of any work for the Master, there must always be those who shall give largely for that work. But that contributions for religious and benevolent purposes are most inadequate is impressively apparent, and God's cause is left to languish for lack of financial aid. Never before was there need so urgent as today for the revival in all our churches of systematic and worshipful giving, and for best results we have but to adopt God's plan of finance as recorded in the Bible. All who have even a slight acquaintance with the Divine record, are aware that God taught His ancient people to regulate their beneficence by strict rules of proportion. Under this law of tithing, the first tenth was for their Levites, who ministered to them in holy things. Notice that it was God's plan to support His ministers by the free-will offerings of His people, so that their entire time might be given to the service of His sanctuary. In addition to this another tithing was required to keep up a religious festival held in the court of the Temple.

Then every third year this tithe must be disposed of at home in works of charity for the relief of the widows, and the fatherless, the poor and the stranger. Besides all this there were their free will offerings—amounting in all doubtless to the full thirty per cent of their entire income. The law not only stated a systematic plan for giving and a definite amount to be given, but also a time to give. Three times a year they were to appear before the Lord their God at Jerusalem and none were to appear before the Lord empty. We wish here to call especial attention to the fact that none were to appear before the Lord at these feasts empty. Every man was to give as he was able according to the prosperity God had given him and a careful reading of God's word will reveal the fact that the Jews in order to meet the divine requirements, gave not only a tenth as we have been taught, but at least one third of their entire income for charitable and religious purposes, and the time devoted to God's service amounted to probably at least one third of their entire time. We may wonder how the Jews could provide for themselves and families and prosper financially when giving so much of their time and means to God, but if we study their history we will see they never lost anything by giving to God and temporal prosperity was the result of their faithful stewardship. But this prosperity could not be theirs unless they "hearkened diligently unto the voice of the Lord their God." By perfect obedience to God in all things they were to receive great physical, temporal and spiritual blessings. They were to be blessed above all other nations of the earth. It is plainly to be seen that the temporal prosperity of the Jews depended entirely on their obedience to the divine law. It was for their good in this life as well as the next to faithfully pay to God what belonged to Him: So in this day if we want to succeed in business, want to be sure of temporal prosperity, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty." The devoted Jew knew better than to ask or expect God to bless him, until he had made an end of tithing; he was not to

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AUGUST, 1902.

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State Convention, Sept. 26-29, Wahpeton.

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

## Call to State Convention.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Wahpeton, September 26, 27, 28, 29. The annual meeting is composed of the executive committee, trustees, organizers, evangelists, superintendents of departments, directors of 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 or 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 into the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent.

No credential cards will be issued this year, but each county and district president will be responsible for their delegation. Blanks will be handed the convention and they will write the names of delegates present on their blank cards. It is none too early to plan to send your delegates. It is worth while to pay the expenses of at least one delegate and I trust this will be done. Counties and districts should see that their presidents' expenses are paid.

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
MATTIE VAN DE BOGART, President,  
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## Casselton Reporter

CASSELTON, N. D.

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T. U. on Short Notice,

AT REASONABLE PRICES

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

(THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.)

DEAR COMRADES—During the last week all eyes have been turned toward Fargo where the republican state convention was in session. The strength of the republican party in the state has been such for several years, that a nomination is practically equal to an election, therefore the convention and not the election seems to be the pivotal point upon which turns the fate of aspirants for office and also of important issues.

A party that feels perfectly secure in its sense of power is almost certain to become corrupted and reckless, thus driving from its ranks the better class of its supporters and in the long run working its own defeat.

Great surprise and indignation is felt by the temperance men, who have stood by this party in North Dakota, believing it to be the strong support of the prohibition law, that for the first time since that law has been in our constitution and upon our statute books, the republican party has refused to endorse it. Every year up to this time, it has endorsed the prohibition law and has steadily gained in power and prestige by so doing. This year it has refused to do so, and still doubtless expects the support of temperance men.

The action of the convention at Fargo proves what I have so often stated, that the re submissionists have never for one moment ceased their work. While temperance people have rested in fancied security they have kept steadily at it, and this is another and most important point gained in the program they have mapped out for the overthrow of the Prohibition law. Heretofore, many doubtful members of the legislature have been held in line by the platform of the party. This year they will be under no obligations to stand for the retention of the Prohibition law, as far as the state republican platform is concerned.

The only thing that can be done now, is for the legislative districts to make a special effort to nominate temperance men, and to place strong prohibition resolutions in their platform. There is no doubt but that we have before us the greatest fight we have had for years on this question. Let the temperance people get thoroughly aroused to the fact that this is a life and death struggle, let them make the most of the short time that remains and the victory will be won. Let every union bring this matter to the attention of the ministers of their towns and community and ask these watchmen on the walls of Zion to sound the note of warning before it is too late. Will you, my comrades, as you value the prohibition law with the wonderful blessings it has brought to us, as you value the safety of your homes and loved ones, go to work at once? Do not let an hour of the time that is doubly precious just now, be lost. Agitate, hold meetings, have sermons preached, distribute literature. Interview candidates for the legislature and find out how they stand on this question. And as we work up to pray for a moment forget the power of prayer.

"Know well, my soul, God's hand controls  
Whate'er thou fearest;  
Round him in calmest music rolls  
Whate'er thou hearest.  
What to thee is shadow, to Him is day  
And the end He knoweth."  
We have only to do our part, the issue is His.

CHAUTAUQUA.

Our delightful headquarters, Baldwin Cottage, gave the work at Chautauqua new interest and impetus this year. The simple and beautiful dedicatory service was most impressive. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Van de Bogart were both present and took part in the service, which was followed by an informal reception in honor of Mrs. Ellis.

Mrs. Ellis did not arrive in time to give more than a brief address on W. C. T. U. Day. Miss Clark, who was born and has spent her life in South Africa, gave us an address setting forth the awful condition of the natives of Africa on account of drink. She affirmed that the liquor traffic could not be put down so long as Oonoul was president of the Transvaal, that he personally derived a revenue from the business. Her address was full of interest and received the closest attention throughout.

Sunday morning Mrs. Ellis gave the address she was to have given on W. C. T. U. Day and delighted as well as instructed her audience.

We hope to have Baldwin Cottage nicely furnished before the next session



BALDWIN COTTAGE, CHAUTAUQUA.

opens. We will be glad to correspond with any individuals or unions wishing to have a part in this. We are indebted this year to Mrs. Whitford, Mrs. Mary Haig and Mrs. Col. Creel of Devils Lake who kindly loaned us furniture. Mrs. Creel even went without chairs in her own tent in order to keep us supplied.

We had a great number of callers at Baldwin Cottage and hundreds of pages of literature were given out.

Our lot which we purchased three or four years ago and which is in a very desirable location, is now for sale. From the proceeds of this we hope to establish a permanent fund for our W. C. T. U. Institute work at Chautauqua.

## STATE CONVENTION.

The thirteenth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of North Dakota will be held at Wahpeton, September 26-29. This beautiful city on the Red River is far famed for its open hearted hospitality, and the alert ladies of the Union there will do all in their power to make our stay with them a delight. Wahpeton is a railroad center and can easily be reached from all parts of the state. Reduced rates will be given on all railroads on the certificate plan. Let every union plan to be represented there, let every union send in at once all arrearages in dues and pledges, see that all dues are collected, that reports are sent in on time and in full, and we shall have a Harvest Home that will gladden all of our hearts.

Whether or not North Dakota shall be on the honor roll with five hundred new members at the National Convention at Portland, Me., depends largely on the way in which results of the work are gathered up this month. This crucial year when our prohibition law is in great danger, we ought to make unusual efforts that there shall be the greatest, most enthusiastic and inspiring Convention in our history. Will you help? Miss Lil-M. Phelps, of St. Catharines, Ont., who will preach the annual sermon and give the address on Sunday evening, has won an international reputation for her impassioned eloquence. Miss Della Connet, of Ohio, who will give the address on Y evening, is one of our coming young women and will be heard with great profit. The daily program will be full of interest. No union can afford not to be represented in this great gathering of the clans.

## WEDDING BELLS.

Before this reaches you our much loved L. T. L. Secretary, Miss Bena Halcrow, will have changed her name to Mrs. Moses. She marries Mr. Chas. Moses, a christian young business man of this place where they will make their home. It is hardly necessary to add that he is an honorary member of the Y.

All white ribboners, W's, Y's and L. T. L.'s will join us in warmest congratulations to the happy pair, and best wishes for a long, happy and useful life together.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
Drayton, N. D.,  
July 28, 1902.

## Chautauqua Institute.

It is my privilege, as well as pleasure, to give to our readers a short report of the last half of the institute held at Chautauqua. As I reached the grounds on Wednesday afternoon, July ninth, I found our institute in session. Our state president was conducting a very helpful parlia-

mentary drill. Following this Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis gave an address on "What can the W. C. T. U. do to influence the coming elections in favor of the prohibition law?" Some of her points were— influence as far as possible; good men to attend the primaries; acquaint ourselves with all the conditions; get acquainted with our men who are nominated and elected to office; ask them how they stand in regard to our prohibitory law; use tact and ask them to study the question and see where work can be bettered. Each of these points was enlarged upon, a brief discussion following.

At four o'clock a dedicatory service was held at our "Baldwin Cottage," followed by a recess to Mrs. Ellis. The yard, porch and rooms were filled with interested ones, and I am sure all white ribboners offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the useful and beautiful gift of Baldwin Cottage which is so charmingly situated on the lake front and offers a cool and restful place for any who may choose to stop there.

Our president, Mrs. Preston-Anderson, made a few appropriate introductory remarks, explaining how we came by the cottage and telling some things of the life of Mr. Baldwin. A prayer was then offered by Mrs. Van de Bogart and Mrs. Ellis was introduced and made a most beautiful and impressive speech. She especially extolled the work of our organization and urged the constant wearing of our little badge. The reception was a very pleasant social time. Light refreshments were served.

Thursday p. m. another parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. Anderson, and a talk on department work by Mrs. Van de Bogart.

Friday afternoon was for the discussion of Y work, but preceding the topic Mrs. Gates, one of the Chautauqua's talent, and a most gifted monologist, favored us with two selections, and Miss Cora Larimore, our state Y secretary, read an able paper on "Value of Y work to the state." We hope to have the paper to print so will not mention its helpful points.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Preston-Anderson discussed the method of securing a leader for the L. T. L. A suggestion that the L. T. L. normal course be studied by our women and thus get interested there in, was one very helpful point. A paper written by our state L. T. L. secretary, Miss Bena Halcrow, on "How to maintain an interest in the L. T. L." was then read, and this paper will also be published that the many good things may be passed on.

Monday p. m. Mr. W. I. Nolan, another of the Chautauqua talent and a popular reader, favored us with three short selections. The topic for our mothers' meeting which followed was "How to keep the confidence of our children." As there were several gentlemen present we termed it a parents' meeting. Dr. Parks of Gammon Theological Seminary, Georgia, and Lawyer Allison, of New Rockford, took part in the discussion and gave us some good ideas. Some things mentioned were: "Have true sympathy." "Always tell children the truth, about everything." "Make a confident of them." "Have a true educated love." "Chastise them with firmness and in a reasonable manner." This was the last session of institute work, but we remained a few days and kept the cottage open, where many were attracted

by our sign suspended from the porch of the cottage, which read "Baldwin Cottage, W. C. T. U. Headquarters." This was painted on white canvas with red and blue lettering, giving us our national colors of red, white and blue. Quantities of literature were kept on tables for free distribution and callers came at all times of the day, there being some days as many as thirty.

Literature was also placed in each tent on the grounds and sent to the military encampment. This is surely a good place for work and seed sowing and we leave the results with God.

MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.



Deville Lake Chautauqua, North Dakota, July 22, 1902.—My dear comrades,—Although the season of Chautauqua is a thing of the past, we are tarrying here for a rest and more complete recuperation. I have been very much disappointed not to have seen more of the white ribbon sisterhood here, particularly during our Institute. We were fortunate enough to have with us Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, our National Superintendent of Legislation, who in her ever ready manner gave us most helpful and inspiring talks. Her addresses in the Auditorium were so fine, so powerful and convincing that she made many new friends for our cause. One gentleman, in referring to her Sunday morning address, said, "Why, that was the most splendid thing I have heard on the grounds."

Our own "Queen Bess" and dear Mrs. Van de Bogart kept open house at Baldwin Cottage and it proved a very delightful rendezvous for white ribboners from all over the state. Mrs. Anderson presided at all our meetings, of course, and conducted her famous parliamentary drills, which are always so helpful to those who attend.

Our chief regret this season was that there were not more white ribboners able to be present at our Institute sessions, for they have proved most beneficial and inspiring. They ought to be more of a feature during Chautauqua, and I am sure in future our women will exert themselves more to get out to the sessions. I had hoped to clasp by the hand a number of Y girls from various parts of the state, and regretted we could not use this opportunity to confer together. However, now this is past, we will soon be together in annual convention and already I find myself eagerly looking forward to meeting once more all my dear comrades, most of whom I have not seen in two years. I trust we shall be able to have a goodly delegation for no one can estimate the results from such conferences and interchange of ideas as we have here. I am happy to tell you we shall have with us one of the brightest young women in our galaxy of splendid workers, Miss Della Connet, State Secretary of Ohio. She will give the address on Y night at the convention, and will remain in our state a month for work. Very soon you will be receiving word regarding dates for her, and I hope every local union in North Dakota which can possibly do so, will arrange to take advantage of this splendid chance to have the work built up and strengthened. We all need it, for not one of us is doing all she should and could for the advancement of temperance, and the furthering of the cause, in our home cities and the communities about us. My dear girls the work of the year is almost completed, and when we come up to our annual convention in September some of you will be much surprised when you hear how little your union has accomplished. This should not be so, and I am going to take this opportunity to urge every one who shall read this letter to attend the next meeting of her local union, and see to it that the secretary is informed of every bit of work done by the union for its members during the year. There may be some little bit of charity work, or something which in itself may seem small, but if reported, will enable the state secretary to make a most creditable report for your union. It will soon be time for you to make out the report blanks and send

me. Now I want to ask each union to fill these in very carefully, and won't you be kind enough to note down other items not called for in the blanks. It may seem trivial and not worth while, but you have no idea how valuable they are in the eyes of your secretary when compiling the reports. It might prove to be something which would mark your union unique in the state, and we can never tell the far reaching effects of something new having been undertaken, and done by our dear girls, when the blanks come, do please study over well all the doings of the past year, fill in your reports and return to me promptly, that I in turn may have my report ready in time for our national secretary. She has already sent me the blanks, but I am powerless until I get yours. How true it is that our work is a veritable "wheel within a wheel," and how inter-dependent we all are.

As I sit here this bright beautiful morning I can scarcely keep my eyes from the placid waters of the lake. All nature is at her best, and it is indeed a rare privilege and one to be prized in our prairie state, to be able to enjoy the beauties of woods and water for a season. As we sit on our veranda and watch the ever changing sky and the glories of the sunset mirrored in the almost rippleless surface of the lake, I wish that all my comrades could enjoy the scene with me. And then as twilight fades away, and brilliant moonlight floods the woods and silvers the lake the most grateful and delicious quiet pervades the place, and we rest as we can only when living close to nature.

Yours lovingly and hoping for good reports.  
CLARA W. LARIMORE.

From Sherbrooke Y.

Sherbrooke, June 1st, 1902.—To the White Ribbon Bulletin:—I thought I would write you of one interesting feature of our Y. W. C. T. U. work. We have had during the past two or three years (only when some outsider came in) a few Mothers' meetings. We decided to have them this year regularly and the first one as announced was held at Mrs. Anton Miller's, Co. Supt. of that branch, on the 22d of May.

On account of the busy season not as large a number attended as was to be hoped for, but those who were fortunate enough to go enjoyed every moment.

Mrs. Miller opened the meeting by reading the Crusade Psalm, followed by most earnest prayers for the work. The topic for the meeting was "What do you consider the most important thing to first teach a child?" The subject brought forth many interesting ideas from the mothers present. The decision was unanimous that obedience was the most essential thing to be first impressed upon the infant mind. Way of teaching and enforcing obedience followed and brought forth many helpful ideas.

It was decided to hold these meetings once a month through the year. All ladies are invited to attend and contribute their ideas and suggestions on the topic to present each month. The topic for June will be "The relation of dress to vice." The meeting will be held at Mrs. Green's, June 30th.

MARY A. STILL, Press Supt.,  
Sherbrooke.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

DEAR LEGIONERS:—

The motto that appears at the head of this column is the state L. T. L. motto. I hope you will each learn it and practice it in your daily lives.

It gives me very much pleasure to pass on to you a letter received recently from Miss Sophia F. Grubb who has done such excellent work in our state during these beautiful summer months. She writes from Bottineau "I think you will be glad to know that I have organized in your state our new L. T. L.'s of 94 members. One at Balkan, Gallatin, P. O. Mrs. Hagen Leader, 40 members; Pesenden, Mrs. Chas. Q. Turner, 14 members; Saline, Mrs. L. T. Houston 20, members and Velva, Mrs. Polar Leader with 20 members. All are well organized with leader, assistant leader, president, secretary and treasurer, teacher, chorister and organist. The Balkan L. T. L. is a senior from 14 to 18 years of age. A gentleman donated them an organ, some of the boys and girls walked five miles to be organized at night, then five miles home and worked in the fields seeding the next day."

This was a great surprise to Mrs. Grubb, but then she did not know the

capabilities of our North Dakota boys and girls. When they make up their minds to do anything it simply has to be done. Grit thrives well on these western prairies. I am sure we all appreciate very highly the good work done by our National organizer, Mrs. Grubb. Our own Mrs. Shipley has also been in the field and organized a new legion at Hannaford with a membership of 25 and Miss Marie Tollefson as superintendent.

Our state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Van de Bogart has organized a new legion at Perth; Miss Clara Starr is the superintendent. So we all have six new legions to report this month. This is July eighteenth and as yet I have not received any dues. I hope you will soon make up for lost time and that the dues will come in time for the state convention.

Do your best to have things in good shape for the end of our W. C. T. U. year. You know if you always do your best your best will better you."

Yours very sincerely,  
BESS HALCROW,  
Bowesmont, July 18th.

From Mrs. Grubb.

I want to speak another word to all the dear friends whom I have met in North Dakota and to say again how much I appreciate their kindness. I believe my trip through your state has been very successful which is to be attributed as much to the thoughtful love of the unions as to my own efforts.

I am now in Mrs. Garry's district and I fully appreciate her interest and unceasing care in making arrangements for me to bring about the best results.

To my girls and boys of the L. T. L. I send an especial greeting of love. Six legions have been formed so far with 124 members and I hope many more gained since that time. My Scandinavian boys and girls have held a very successful social with the aid of their splendid leader, Mrs. Hogan, to get money to carry on their work and subscribe for ten copies of the Young Crusader. They cleared \$6.50. Good for the boys and girls! May God bless them. I have gained 165 members of which 94 are active and I have three weeks yet in the state. Will the unions please see that the dues from these active members are sent in to the state treasurer before the 1st of September so they can be counted for the state before the National Convention. Please remember this, dear sisters. I want North Dakota to gain 500 this year. May God bless and keep you all, my precious friends, and cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Yours in the bonds of love,  
SOPHIE F. GRUBB.

How to Maintain the Interest  
of the L. T. L.

I may just as well be quite frank and tell you that I realize that it is a great deal easier to write a paper upon this subject, to give any amount of precept, than it is to put into practice any suggestions that may be made.

Nevertheless, we firmly believe that it is quite possible to maintain a steady interest in the Loyal Temperance Legion four weeks in each month, twelve months in each year, the whole year round.

The very first thing to do in this attempt is to meet regularly. Nothing is so killing to an organization as irregular, postponed, or entirely omitted meetings; the interest lags, the attendance falls off, no one knows just when the Legion will meet, and there are not many stages between that and total annihilation.

So then it is of primary importance that your Legion should meet regularly, have a certain day for your own and let nothing ordinary interfere, in fact admit of nothing but an extra-ordinary interruption.

I am supposing that the old-time honored objection "we cannot find a leader," has been successfully met by your union. If it has, then three-fourths of your trouble is gone; to an able, enthusiastic leader nothing is impossible. The "do-every-thing" policy at one time had its opponents, but one thing is morally certain unless people or organizations do something deterioration is inevitable. The favorite motto of Louisiana, "Alot's mother was 'hope and keep busy,'" and when we think of it there is a wonderful lot in it; it is a good receipt for happiness, the hopeful busy people are the happy ones. The Legion that keeps busy and reports the "what-so-ever" plan does not complain of lack of interest. Just to show you some

possibilities in this direction I am going to quote from a letter in a recent copy of 'The Young Crusader' that deserves a wider circulation.

Can you give us one little corner, dear Crusader? We want to come in and tell you what we have been doing this past year.

We have kept most of the Red-letter days, and have added some of our own. December 18th, we organized a Peace society with fifteen members. Crusade day we started our hazing protest, and we now have nearly 200 signers. We are to carry it through many more of the schools this winter. January 3 we had a literary program, also a history of Madame Willard's life. February 10th was celebrated at school by our L. T. L. children. February 17th we had memorial readings. March 20th we had his tories of the Doves' and Frances E. Willard's lives with biographical selections and original talks. Sabbath day was kept by soliciting better attendance and signing pledge cards. Fifty-eight were signed and sent to the secretaries of Sunday school departments. Temperance Sunday was observed in our three churches in the morning, and by the Legion in the afternoon. The L. T. L. also sang a special song for the Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening. We kept Decoration day by going once a day ahead of the National, to five cemeteries, and remembering "fallen friends" of temperance by placing on their graves flowers, tie with white ribbons. Each bouquet had a card attached inscribed with the words, "Always kind to the L. T. L." or "He helped us all he could." June 9th the glorious month of roses, we had special exercises, and were given a wilderness of flowers, which we arranged and sent out into many homes. We had a picture of Jennie Casseday and a sketch of her life. On that day we visited five cemeteries taking flowers to the graves of our loved ones. Bouquets were taken to three Sunday schools, four church services, one Endeavor prayer meeting, and one union. We spent July 21st in soliciting needful articles for a destitute family, and a generous supply was taken to them in the name of Anna Gordon. We purchased material and made a heavy comfort for an aged widow of our town, and gave it in the name of Helen G. Rice.

We have distributed much literature this year. We visited White's Institute to which we contributed eight pounds of paper. We also gave six pounds to the Orphan's Home, forty pounds to one Legion and twenty to the Poor Farm. Among papers distributed were 'The Union Signal,' 'The Message,' 'The Crusader,' and the 'Youth's Companion.' Flowers and food were taken to 130 sick persons. Five memorial offerings were given with L. T. L. messages.

We held three socials during the summer. Two were box socials, at which we cleared \$9.41, and one was for the primary grade, which we celebrated by taking the children to the white-clover fields and making wreath crowns for the girls and bouquets for the boys. At one of the box socials we gave the book "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," for the best answer to the question "How many times is temperance commended in the Bible?" At another one we gave the prize to the one repeating the largest number of Bible texts on Intemperance. Two dozen seals have been ordered, and others are to be sent for soon.

We have visited the only other Legion in the county, giving them a short program, and offering to help them pay their yearly dues. We have paid our own dues—\$2.40, and also those of our graduates—\$4.75, and we have pieced two blocks for our autograph quilt. For our "Harvest Home" we have planned a picnic. Good speakers have been engaged, and we hope to rally about one hundred for our legion.

M. A. S. HOLLOWAY,  
Corresponding Secretary.

Lincolntonville.

Don't you think the interest is pretty well maintained in that legion?  
(Continued next month.)

Webster L. T. L., was organized by the teacher of the school and every member of the school has taken the pledge, twenty-six in number. Meetings are held every two weeks. All public entertainments for the school have been along the line of L. T. L. work. Both musical and literary contests have been held. They have presented the school with pictures, among them a large size water color of Frances Willard, The Madonna, The Angelus, The Horse Fair and The Four Kittens. These have nice frames, that of Frances Willard being of best gilt.

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## God's Plan of Finance.

(Continued from 1st page.)

come before the Lord at the appointed season of worship until he had opened wide his hand to all the poor and needy around him; then he was instructed to call upon God for help and prosperity. This Scripture with its application should be heeded by the child of God today as well as then. Christian ministers should instruct the people to pay their tithes and provide for all of God's work before expecting any great blessing from God.

In Isaiah we read of the wonderful prosperity to be given to the Gentiles through Christ, but this prosperity is promised upon conditions, and the Christian church has failed to come up to the requirements of God's word. We have dishonored God by robbing Him of tithes and offerings and by not giving Him our whole heart. People withhold their property from God for the same reason that they withhold their hearts. They do not believe that He will do what He promises to do. They are so blinded by unbelief that they fail to realize that every promise given to the Jews, and every prophecy relating to temporal physical and spiritual blessings were designed for us and for God's children through all time: So we do not see the fulfillment of this wonderful prosperity. One of the saddest features of modern christianity is the lack of love, that leads to the prevalence of the belief that because we are not living under the law, but under grace, that God does not require as great liberality of us as He did of the Jews. Now God's standard of liberality as laid down in the New Testament; for the Christian church is a complete consecration of time and money; and if the Jew was bound by law to render to the Lord his tenth, three or four times over, the Christian, who owes all he is and has to the Lord, is bound by love. Should a Christian be less liberal than a Jew? Under Grace and in full enjoyment of salvation, and all Christian benefits, privileges and hopes, we should give freely. God does not restrict us to one tenth, but commands us to give as He has prospered us: One tenth is the minimum: "As God has prospered us" is the maximum. The bible does not command us to repeat the beautiful example of the church at Jerusalem when "Not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common" but it does teach that we should give proportionately and regularly on the first day of the week. The story of the early Christians giving all they had in their hearts for God and each other, certainly ought to shame us out of the modern habit that has led some one to say that "Christians save their pennies for the Lord and the organ grinders." Few who devote an evening to sinful or even selfish pleasure, get off with less expense than a dollar, but Christians at evening church, receiving higher joys, average a penny apiece. As many giving less, as more. It has been said, "One vice is as expensive as ten virtues," but this is hardly so when one has in his "ten virtues" the beautiful grace of liberality. The basis of all that is highest and best in our modern civilization lies in christianity and christianity itself depends upon the support and adherence of the individual. Therefore all work done in the name of christianity is dependent upon the liberality of the individual. All wealth is a trust from God. No one saint or sinner can truly say that aught of the things he possesses is his own. The principle of christian stewardship is absolute. It has always

been God's doctrine. It makes the holder of property little or much, subject to orders drawn by his Lord for what ever purpose. Honoring them is paying a debt; dishonoring them is robbing God. Many there are who realize this truth and who exercise a faithful stewardship over the wealth committed to their care. But what of many others? It is sufficient to know that less than one tenth of a cent a day is still the average contribution of over nineteen millions of American church members for foreign missions. In a year we spend a paltry five millions for foreign missions, one hundred and twenty-five millions for our churches, and in the same length of time is spent for liquor the enormous sum of one billion and for tobacco sixty millions. We expend on the gaieties and riotous powder of our national holiday and on the decorations and gifts of a worldly Christmas tide, more than we give to expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Parents expend without thought on trinkets and confectionery for their children many times as much as finds its way into the coffers of our missionary societies. Many claim to

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grieve over the fact that thousands all around them are perishing for lack of help and means to carry forward the work of God. Yet they do not think they can give even one tenth of their income to rescue them. Alas for the unjust stewards! when their Lord shall come to whom they must render an account. Christ said that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" and in nothing is this exemplified more than in the failures on the part of christians to use system in providing for the carrying forward the work of God. Every successful business man understands the necessity of systematic management if he would secure success in any direction; and yet many christians who fully understand this necessity in other matters, seem to utterly fail to realize the need of system in providing for the cause of Christ. It is as valuable in giving as in anything else. If we would adopt the Bible principles of consecration of property and systematic giving and apportion our gifts among the different objects as an intelligent prayerful spirit would dictate the needs of God's cause would be gloriously provided for. Think what an impetus would be given the work of the organization represented in this convention if this plan of systematic giving and of giving to the best things was adopted.

We learn from statistics that the licensed saloon is making a drunkard of every fifth boy in America, and in God's word is recorded his awful doom—"No Drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven!" In view of these facts of what vast importance is the work of the Woman's Christian Union, pledged to the overthrow of the liquor traffic and the salvation of the drunkard. It is worthy of our best support, yet think of the meager bits we dole out to it. May God help us to see the blessedness of giving. We find in the Bible ten rules for giving, among them are these—First give our own selves—Give according to our ability—Give a tenth—Give cheerfully—Give systematically—Let us remember: "There is a giving that tendeth to increase and a withholding that scattereth abroad." The Bible teaches that giving is a part of worship, and so no one can do another's giving anymore than their repenting. God says, freely ye have received, freely give; we should be distributors as well as receivers. "Hands that are but to receive Empty close, they only live, Richly, who can richly give."

Mrs. Carrie Madison, Cando, N. D.

## Notes from Sargent County.

On the evening of June 23, the Harlem W. C. T. U. held an oratorical contest in the little "red school house." Out-

side it looked like the same old school house, inside it was transformed into a place of beauty. Back of the platform it was draped with roses, with a pure white ground work. In front of those roses were still more beautiful ones, "those girls" just blossoming into young womanhood. At their feet and all around were flowers in profusion. Did we have an audience? Yes, the school room was filled "to the brim." It was presided over in a most creditable manner by our worthy supt., Mrs. A. N. Flinn. Each one rendered their part well and the medal was won by Georgia Fulton. The Union presented each contestant with a neat little book of the "Worth While" series.

The first annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Sargent-Dickey Co. was held in Oakes, June 24, 25. It had been said that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union could not approach the city of Oakes. The liquor element was so strong that our cause and our work would be ridiculed, but "we went, we saw, we conquered." The reports of the different unions were the best ever given in Sargent Co., each union reporting a gain in membership, so that today we have an increase of forty-one active members. Each paper that was read is worthy of mention. "Mothers' meetings," "How? Why?" was exceptionally good. "Would like to tell of all the helpful ideas in this paper but there is so much to write about that I fear our editor will cry lack of space. "What the W. C. T. U. has accomplished," by Miss Campbell, and "What can the W. C. T. U. do to influence the coming election?" These questions should be studied by every white ribboner. We were glad to have Mrs. Anderson with us—once more, the only trouble was her stay was too short, but her encouraging words were helpful and restful. The Y. Hour was presided over by Miss Addie Hicks, of Minor, and the Y's of Minor did credit to their town. The matrons' gold medal contest was a success, each one rendering her selection well. Mrs. Mary Lindquist, of Newark, won the medal. The different solos listened to during the evening were most excellent. Proceeds from contest were \$90.45. "We often wonder down here what the other counties accomplish during convention, how much money they raise, how they manage, how helpful and do with it," etc. In executive meeting the following supts. were appointed: Non-Alcoholic Medication, Mrs. Daisy B. Hunter; Purity and Mothers Meetings, Mrs. Blanche Marcellus; Forman; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Mary Pennington; Milnor; Medal Contest, Mrs. Marion Smith, Newark; Flower Mission, Social and Red Letter Days, Mrs. Anna V. White, Cogswell; Sabbath Observance, Sunday School, Christian Citizenship, Mrs. C. G. Black, Harlem; Franceise, Mrs. Elizabeth Finch, N. D.; Case and Arbitration, Mrs. M. B. Tibbets, Ellendale; Household Economics, Mrs. Jennie Jimmerly, Cogswell. Each of these supts. was given one dollar to commence work with the coming year. Five dollars was appropriated to Mrs. McCrory for literature. We paid our state president \$10, our county pres. \$5, cor. sec. \$2, hall for contest \$5, hotel bill \$9.50, medal \$5. The convention was invited to Ellendale for 1903. Officers: President, Mrs. Emma F. Vail, Cogswell; Vice Pres., Mrs. Jennie Jimmerly, Cogswell; Cor. Sec., Anna McCrory, Cogswell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ruth Ent, Ellendale; Treas., Mrs. Anna V. White, Cogswell.

## Traill County Convention.

The Traill County W. C. T. U. convention was held in the Congregational church at Hillsboro last Friday and Saturday, but on account of wet weather the attendance was not large. The church was beautifully decorated, the delegates present were enthusiastic and altogether the convention was a very good one. Mayville, Portland, Caledonia, Hillsboro and Caledonia Y were all well represented. The county officers were all present but one, and Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, national superintendent of legislation, gave much inspiration to the convention through the sessions Friday. She is a bright and interesting lady to meet and a very pleasing and forceful speaker.

The papers and addresses of the convention were especially good. Mrs. Briggs of Caledonia brought out some excellent points in reference to the influence of narcotics among children, in her "Danger Signals"; and "Woman as a Mother" by Mrs. Deitz of Mayville, was a very thoughtful production and much appreciated. Mrs. Carmody read a spicy article on the "Present Methods

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of Work" which brought forth much discussion and papers given in the Y hour proved that the young women of Traill county were rapidly wending their way to the front in this work among the young people. One of these papers was given by Miss Vie Sargeant of Caledonia and one by Mrs. W. D. Stires of Hillsboro. Lawyer Styles of Mayville was entitled to the thanks of the convention for having driven over through the mud to deliver an address at the Saturday afternoon session. "The Prohibition Law and its History" was the theme upon which he based his remarks. He gave our workers some very practical suggestions as well as interesting history. The gold medal contest Friday evening was a decided success, the contestants all having done beautifully, but Miss Nellie Dokken of Portland was decided by the judges to have come the nearest to fulfilling the requirements of the rules under which the contests are held, and was awarded the gold medal.

The music of the convention was very nice. The instrumental solos by Miss Sargeant are always enjoyed; Mrs. Lewis of Mayville, although a stranger to most of us won the hearts of her hearers at once with her rich, sweet soprano voice, and the solo by Miss Kneeland was particularly praiseworthy.

Mrs. Florence Pottle of Portland delighted the convention with several readings and recitations and a physical culture drill. She has such a pleasing manner that her work is always doubly appreciated.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mrs. May Hewitt Tousey, pres.; Mrs. C. D. Lewis, vice pres.; Mrs. Emma Bervig, cor. sec.; Mrs. Lizzie Schlosser, rec. sec. and Mrs. H. C. Ruth, treas.

## Kidder County W. C. T. U. Convention.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Kidder County Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at Dawson, June 18th and 19th, 1902. A very good report was given in of the work done in the two unions, showing a great deal of planning and desire to work for this cause. The superintendents of different departments gave in some excellent reports; among them the county superintendent of Scientific Instruction showing every school in the county being visited and in every one this very necessary branch being taught. Some very good papers were read and thorough discussions followed. The convention passed a resolution resolving to do extra personal work against anything pertaining to rebusmission. Our dear editor was with us and entwined the skein of love around our hearts so securely that it was with heartfelt regret that we bade her good bye. She also helped us in all our different lines of work.

On the evening of the 18th Mrs. Van de Bogart delivered a very instructive and pleasing address and on the evening of the 19th, a silver medal contest was held at which \$17.40 was realized. The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. A. Smith, Pres. Steele; Mrs. Bessie Roberts, Vice Pres. Dawson; Miss Edna Orner, corresponding and recording secretary; Steele; Mrs. M. E. Roberts, treasury, Dawson. Mrs. Mattie Devore, Reporter.

Fairview W. C. T. U., held a gold medal contest, which was very successful. Mr. Charley Loomer won the medal. Proceeds ten dollars. July Fourth a grove picnic was held and fourteen dollars realized.