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## The Coming Convention.

### OFFICIAL LETTER.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. will be held at Wahpeton, Sept. 26-29, in the Congregational church in that city.

We are anticipating a rare treat in our speakers as we expect Miss Lillian Phelps, of St. Catharines, Ont., graduate of School of Oratory, etc., and Miss Della Mae Connett, Ohio's popular state Y Secretary, who comes highly recommended by our national secretary, Mrs. Clara Parrish Wright.

The addresses by the outside talent is each year one of the most important features of our interesting state conventions, and we are sure that this year will be no disappointment in this direction. You will see by the press notices that our speakers are very highly recommended and will be a great inspiration to us.

Miss Phelps will deliver the Annual Sermon on Sunday morning and an address on Sunday evening.

Miss Connett will speak on Saturday evening, which will be Y night, and will give some physical culture exercises at different times during the convention days. She will also assist in the Y conference. We hope to make our thirteenth annual convention a most helpful one. It is to be held a little later this year, coming Sept. 26-29, so we trust more will be able to attend and will thus get the much needed inspiration and help which is so important to carry forward the work the coming year.

Wahpeton musical talent have kindly consented to furnish us with all the music we need and it will be of high order.

We hope to have an address by some of our best state educators on Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Friday night will be Welcome night and we have a fine array of prominent people to welcome us. Among them are the mayor, Judge Lauder, U. S. Senator McCumber, Robt. H. Devine, M. D., Rev. Edmonds and Rev. E. P. Robertson, president of the university. The response will be given by Mrs. Bertie V. Titus, president of Walsh county.

There will be a departmental symposium by the state units, consisting of five minute speeches on the objects and plans of their departments, followed by discussion. Superintendents will prepare their reports as usual which will be printed in the minutes.

We also must trust that each state superintendent will have a wall pocket containing samples of literature on her department for free distribution.

Monday evening a matrons' grand gold medal contest will be held under direction of the State Superintendent.

We hope to have the following papers discussed: How to educate new members. Why unions die. Value of Blanket Report Blank; A to superintendent. b. To local union. Also a symposium on L. T. L. work. A parliamentary drill and a question box will also be pleasing features.

Saturday afternoon the introduction of fraternal delegates and visitors will occur and we trust there may be many present from various parts of the state.

Mrs. W. H. Best, of Fargo, will conduct the memorial exercises and you will kindly send her the names of our promoted comrades.

Arrangements are being made to secure reduced rates on the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Soo and Milwaukee railroads. Secure your certificates when you purchase your tickets and buy them to the farthest point possible over one line of railroad. For in-

stance, if a delegate is to go from Leeds she should purchase to Fargo over the N. P. as the agents may not be instructed to give rates at intermediate points. Each union is entitled to the following representation:—The president or her alternate, one delegate at large and one for every thirty paying members. Be sure your dues are paid to our state treasurer, Mrs. Addie Carr, Northwood. Send names of delegates at once to Mrs. Wm. L. Forkner, chairman of entertainment committee. The ladies of Wahpeton are royal hostesses and are preparing to make us all very comfortable, so desire your names that you may be assigned and they may know how many

## 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

## Press Notices.

MISS LILLIAN M. PHELPS, St. Catharines, Ont., Honor graduate of National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia, Pa.

As a lady speaker on the temperance question, Miss Phelps has no superior in Canada.—Toronto Mail.

Many were heard to say that it was the finest temperance address ever given in this city.—Biddeford, Me., Daily Times.

For eloquence, sound logic and the presentation of temperance reform, she is the best lady speaker that we have ever heard in this town.—Newmarket, Ont., Era.

Miss Phelps speaks rapidly and the amount of reasonable matter, apt illustration and luminous metaphor she can crowd into an hour's speaking is astonishing. Her audience last evening was carried away by the simple earnestness of her manner, into an enthusiasm that would not be suppressed.—Brattleboro, Vermont.

As a literary effort, the lecture was of the highest excellence, showing long and careful research as well in matter as in style. Miss Phelps is a master in elocution. She is perfectly at home on the platform, her delivery is unaffected and easy, and her beautifully rounded sentences, delivered in a fine and attractive voice, entirely under her control, were listened to by the entire audience with unabated interest throughout. If we cannot give a report of her lecture we can at least advise all of our readers, of whatever opinion, to take the first opportunity of hearing her.—Smith's Falls Independent.

Miss Lillian Phelps of St. Catharines, Canada, but really of America, for she is the rising star among the noble women who are coming to take the lead in this advance temperance movement, gave one of the most powerfully eloquent addresses ever given on the American platform by man or woman. The history of the world's progress was on her tongue, the love of God was in her heart, and every word that came from her lips was born of inspiration.—Portland, Me., Ambassador.

Something akin to a hypnotic spell fell upon the entire assemblage of people with unabated interest throughout. If we cannot give a report of her lecture we can at least advise all of our readers, of whatever opinion, to take the first opportunity of hearing her.—Ottumwa, Iowa, Press.

Miss Lillian Phelps, who lectured in Zion church last night, gave an address on temperance reform which for eloquence and powerful argument is seldom equaled.—Charlottetown, P. E. I. Guardian.

Mrs. Sophie Grubb closed her work Aug. 8th, having given us ten weeks of active, faithful, consecrated service building up the weak unions, organizing and educating. She held 78 meetings, delivered 57 lectures and secured 198 members, of these 110 are active. She organized nine L. T. L.'s and two new W. C. T. U. unions. Her work has been very satisfactory and we hope to have her in North Dakota next year.

## Press Notices.

Miss Connett is one of the brightest, most wide-awake girls I have ever seen; a fascinating speaker and a power among young people. The ministers were delighted; the young people flocked about her, and one could read the influence in their faces. Rev. Ricketts' Darbyville, Ohio.

Miss Della Connett makes a good impression on her hearers by her manner and voice; the subjects, matter and style of her addresses possess the qualities of simplicity and lucidity of style, and the thought that of directness and elevation. She possesses remarkable power and all the more so because of the thorough feminineness of it all. Rev. S. Gobiet, Toledo, O.

I believe Miss Connett to be a type of that "blessed young womanhood" which the prophetic wisdom of the last twenty-five years has nurtured to blossom in ever-increasing beauty and numbers. With a healthy body, cultivated mind, consecrated talent, and the training which enables her to express her thoughts in a finished and forcible manner, we have the elements of success in our "Y" Secretary, Mrs. Annie W. Clark, President O. W. C. T. U. I have belonged to the W. C. T. U. in

to expect. If any woman must either take her baby or stay at home, they prefer to have her come, but be sure to notify them how many you intend to take so they may prepare for that also. Wahpeton ladies are good systematic women, so please help them all you can. Delegates will furnish their own dinners. Send banners to Mrs. W. L. Carter, chairman of committee. The unions that received the prize banners last year will please forward them to the committee at Wahpeton.

Have your reports to the State Corresponding Secretary been sent in? If not, do so at once.

No union can afford to miss this convention so we trust every one will be represented. Make your plans now if you have not already done so. Let all unions and members observe Friday, September 19th, as a day of prayer for Divine blessing and guidance in the deliberations of this convention.

Yours faithfully,  
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
MATTIE VAN DE BOGART, President,  
Corresponding Secretary.



MISS DELLA M. CONNETT, State Y Sec. of Ohio.

four different states in the last eighteen years, and have seen work done, and heard many lecturers, but I can truthfully say I never heard a better lecture on temperance, or saw a lady with more faculty for winning young people. Mrs. M. E. McCann, President C. Hill W. C. T. U.

every \$5 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 county and district presidents at the convention and they will write the names of delegates present on their blanks.

It is none too early to plan to send your delegates. It is worth while to pay the expense 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,  
Corresponding Secretary.

The first name on the list of memorial members of the State W. C. T. U. is that of Mrs. Elizabeth Hilborn, who was a member of Wimbledon union, and who was promoted to the ranks of the white ribbon army above last year. Her children have paid this loving tribute to her memory.



beautiful testimony to her beautiful christian life, and her "twin friend," Mrs. Marion Simmons, read Dr. Milton S. Terry's grand poem, "Transfigured," dedicated to Miss Willard, and we all felt that it was very fitting.

We can only close up our ranks and press on. L. L. MURK.  
Hunter, N. D., Aug. 15th.



Larimore, N. D., August 16th, 1902.—  
Comrad's beloved: As I sit here this morning pondering in my heart the message to give you, there is a tinge of sadness in all my thoughts. We are closing another year's work, and this is the last official letter I shall send you. It means so much to pick up the scattered threads, to gather the fragments of work, and make them into one perfect whole, a report which shall be readable and at the same time fairly represent the work of the various local unions. I am sad as I wonder over results given along some one line of work, and I ask, "Is this all that could have been accomplished? Have we done with our might what our hands and hearts and brains found to do? What of the neglected opportunities for service? What of the work depending upon us for success, only half heartedly done? Ah! beloved, what of the various duties performed and unperformed? Have we been faithful to our trusts? Have we been using to the best of our knowledge and power the one talent or five talents with which our Heavenly Father has blessed us? Have we been the good and faithful or the wicked and slothful servants?" These are questions which can only be answered by our own hearts to our Lord and Savior.

Just here I am reminded of one of our "good and faithful" comrades who has recently gone to her reward. To all who knew her personally it has brought great sadness, and to those of us who knew her only through correspondence there is a great void made by her Home going. I refer to Mrs. Frances B. Yarnall, the Custodian of our Y Almanacs, and a most devoted worker in all Y interests. We never will know all she sacrificed for our beloved work. Mrs. Barnes said, "She might have taken her vacation with me, but remained in the city to put the last touches on the manuscript, to get in all the latest pictures and to correct the proof. When the doctors said there must be a serious operation she said, 'Can it not be delayed one week? There is just a little more proof on the Y almanac to read yet.' They did not consent, however, and in joyous anticipation of being well in a short time she underwent the operation." It cost her life. I am sure all hearts will be touched by this sad news, and we will be aroused to greater activity and incited to nobler action by her devoted self sacrifice.

Elsewhere in the Bulletin you will notice the prospectus for our new 1903 Almanac, which Mrs. Yarnall sent me only a few days before she died. It was printed in our state paper. You will observe the many attractions of the 1903 Almanac, being, it is claimed, the richest, most profusely illustrated and the handsomest we have ever had. I feel the greatest desire that the North Dakota Y lassies should honor the memory of our dear comrade who has gone, by selling several hundred copies. Will you not come down to our Harvest Home in Wahpeton with a long list of people to whom you've already sold copies, or at least each union will be glad to have a number before Jan. 1? You know the money raised from this source has always gone to our World's Y Missionary fund, and how we loved our dear Clara Parrish when she was across the sea, laboring in foreign lands to establish our white ribbon principles in the hearts of our brothers and sisters of other climes and other color. How much more interested we were in all she did and all the great work she accomplished because we felt we had a small share in it. Out of every quarter, fifty cents goes toward the support of our missionaries in foreign fields. On September 19 we will send out a new one. Miss Kara Smart,

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former Y secretary of our sister state of South Dakota, will go to Japan, to carry forward the work begun there several years ago by Miss Parrish, and so ably continued by Mrs. Large and the native workers. We have had no special Y missionary since Clara Parrish returned two years ago, and I am sure we will feel the keenest interest and the most prayerful sympathy in Miss Smart and her work. God does not call all of us to do such work. He has not asked you and me to give up home and loved ones to go into a strange land and labor with its people in His name and for His sake. But He does give you and me the blessed privilege of assisting in this work, and allows us to aid these great Ambassadors with our pennies and our prayers.

You will be glad to note that in the Union Signal North Dakota has been accorded honorable mention for selling over 100 Almanacs this year. Great Britain 500, Pennsylvania 454, New York 404, Massachusetts 225, Maryland 191, New Jersey 136 and North Dakota 105. Now I am going to ask my girls to see that North Dakota stands higher on the list this year, and we can do it, and I believe will do it. Every Y girl in the state should own one, and every Y girl should sell at least one, doing missionary work in two ways, by scattering temperance doctrine and financially assisting others in carrying the gospel of purity and love. This is a wonderful opportunity and I do trust we will all avail ourselves of it. I pray God we may.

The Almanacs will be on sale at our Convention in Wahpeton and let us all go prepared to carry several home with us. Why not make the Almanacs your little gift of remembrance and love to some dear friends at the Christmas tide? I know of no gift sweeter, daintier or more full of meaning than this, carrying with it as it does a message for every day in the year, in the carefully selected scripture texts and quotations.

Some after this letter reaches you we shall meet in our annual convention, and enjoy the comradeship of those few days together. May each of us go prepared to do all she may to make our Y conferences helpful and uplifting, and a means of inspiration for the coming year. The conferences will be held all day preceding the formal opening of Convention I presume, as we have had them before, and I do urge as many as can possibly attend to be on hand at the first conference. We need to discuss and confer together regarding our various lines of work, and I trust we will have a large representation. We will have with us one of the foremost young women in our national organization, and from her will receive much helpful co-operation and advice. We can not afford to lose this opportunity of being strengthened and benefited by such able counsel, and I hope every local Y union will send its full quota of delegates.

Loyally yours,  
COBA W. LARIMORE.

### 1903 Y Almanac Now Ready.

Our booklet for 1903 in a cover of gold and white, containing over sixty pages (twenty-seven of which are illustrations) promises to be one of the finest yet produced.

There will be Bible texts for every day in the year, selected by Lady Henry Somerset, Frances J. Barnes, Miss Amy A. Swankie-Cameron, Miss Olafia Johannsdottir, of Iceland; Miss Ethel Martin, of Egypt; Mrs. Esther de Ortiz, of Spain, and by temperance "Ys" of America, Norway, China and Bulgaria; also sentiments from the writings of Frances E. Willard, contributions from the pen of Dr. Hunter, the noted Congregationalist of London, and selections from the works of well known writers. Among the illustrations is a beautiful picture of Lady Henry, new to temperance circles, also one of Miss Willard never before used in our Almanac, one of Miss Anna Gordon, taken specially for this booklet, with an excellent photo of Mrs. Stevens, a group picture of Mrs. Barnes and Miss Cameron, photographed at "The Pines," Elkton, N. Y., of Mrs. Waycott, Y Secretary of Canada, and a photo of Miss Kara G. Smart, our

new Y Commissioner to Japan.

The latest pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish-Wright and "Flashlight of Wedding Party" are among the attractions. There will also appear half-tones of Miss Willard's homes and a tree planted by her at Mt. Vernon. "The Coronation Chair" and "Westminster Abbey," with historic reference; four noted English cathedrals with description of same and a page of "Shakespearean Views" with "wise sayings" of the non-protestant.

Group pictures of Cornell Somerset Y, Queensland Ys, Chinking Ys, China and Bulgaria Ys adorn the pages.

Views in South Africa, Mexico, Egypt, India, beautiful Japanese faces. The Canadian Baby Band belonging to Winnipeg Ys, photo of Neal Dow, with views in Portland, Me.; and place of National Convention complete the list.

A original poem written by Mrs. Kathleen Lenie Stevenson for the Ys of the north, in memory of Frances E. Willard, is alone worth the price of the Almanac.

The book will be ready in time for the early fall conventions. We trust that all Y secretaries will urge the sale of the edition by January 1st, by presenting it to conventions, meetings, and personal friends, trusting the sale of the Almanacs only with reliable people and if possible sending the returns to custodian directly after the conventions.

The half-tones made by the Gill Engraving Co., under the supervision of Mr. Walter Mount and the printing from the Gilliss Press, of New York City, make the work of high merit.

Let all the Ys rally to the sale of the 4,000 and thus aid our new missionary to Japan and the World's Y missionary work generally.

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

(Continued from last month.)

The influence of art in the education of the mind and refinement of the soul has been well nigh boundless and so our legion workers have recognized the fact that the lesson presented through the eye is equally as, or perhaps more, telling than that presented by the ear. As a consequence we have our talented chalk-talkers who have been very successful in arousing interest in their temperance stories told by a few strokes of the crayon.

These pictures are very simply done. In almost any Legion some member can be found who could reproduce the chalk talks given each month on the last page of the Young Crusader. Children love pictures and are sure to be interested in the stories they tell.

So much of the success of the legion depends on the superintendent that I believe the mother-union should be very careful to make sure that she reads regularly our own paper, "The Young Crusader." It is just as impossible to have an intelligent L. T. L. superintendent who does not read the Crusader, as it is to have an intelligent W. C. T. U. president who does not read the Union Signal. There are so many bright suggestions and new ideas for our workers in this excellent little paper, no sup't can afford to be without it. In addition to this we would recommend very highly Miss Alice M. Guernsey's "Loyal Temperance Legion Helper," the state organ of the New Jersey L. T. L. The subscription price is only ten cents a year. The superintendent who takes and reads these two papers faithfully can not lack in interest and a wide-awake, intelligent superintendent can entuse any legion.

It seems to have been the policy of some unions after they have succeeded in the organization of an L. T. L. to leave it entirely to the sup't. and Providence. All anxiety is gone, if once started that is all that is necessary, they must now look out for themselves. This accounts for the decline some of our legions fall into. After a leader has been appointed the burden is entirely thrown on her shoulders and she so often feels quite alone in her effort to carry on the work. If the union would only stand solidly by the L. T. L. sup't. perhaps it would not always be so difficult to secure a leader. The report of one legion said, "The mother-union gave us no help save to let us alone." Surely that mother did forget her child. A little interest shown by the union members will help wonderfully to keep up the courage of the superintendent and the interest of the children.

To Legions as well as individuals there is nothing much more disheartening than

the thought that "nobody cares." Show them that you do care and that the legion is considered the most precious and promising work you can be engaged in. A good list of honorary or adult members will strengthen and stimulate interest and help to establish the relations of mutual help that should exist between the mother union and the legion.

Remember that our state has made the Loyal Temperance Legion work a branch of the union, it is an integral part of the W. C. T. U., and in maintaining and nurturing it the union will find that it is building up and strengthening its own foundations.

It is more than seventy years ago since Frederick William III of Prussia, troubled by the expensive wars he was carrying on and a bankrupt treasury, called for the women of Prussia to bring their jewelry of gold and silver to be melted into money for the use of their country. In exchange they received an ornament of bronze or iron, in token of the King's gratitude, which bore the inscription "I gave gold for iron 1813." These were more highly prized than the gold and silver ones had been for they were a proof that the women had given up something for their king.

In the peaceful war we wage for God and home and native land, there is much need of reinforcements. If our intelligent Christian women would only be willing to give some of their time to the service of their King, how rich would be the reward and how blessed the result of their consecrated work.

They who have not known the joy of service have missed one of life's sweetest experiences. The field is broad and the need of workers is great, let us have a grand rally to the support of this work in the name of Him who said "for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."  
BESSA HALECROW.

### Unfermented Wine.

Once on a Sunday while sojourning in the south, we heard a colored pastor exhort his church members to pay their over-due obligations. As a future incentive to those who had promptly paid theirs, the pastor said he would publish their names in the next morning's daily, and those who failed to pay theirs he would publish their names as "delinquents."

For lack of time we would like to publish the names of those unions and superintendents who have sent in their reports, but for the love of mercy we forbear to send the names of tardy and delinquent.

A word to the wise is sufficient. May we not hope that all active unions will send in their final reports not later than Aug. 25th to give this department time to complete the report for the state and the national reports?

Every union named in the minutes has now received literature with the request that it be read in the union and then given to some pastor to be further read.

M. M. STEBBINS,  
State Supt. Unfermented Wine.  
Fairmont, N. D., July 15, 1902.

### Press Superintendent.

Dear Sisters:—It is now time to render your reports again, and I am going to offer a suggestion through the Bulletin, that I made in personal letter to you some months ago. In answering the questions "How many columns published," and "How many reports of meetings published," please do not answer "Some" or "Quite a number," or other such indefinite answers, but, unfortunately, I cannot form an opinion of how many you consider "Some," and you can get no credit for work in these particulars. Then, too, this cuts down our statistical report to the national. If you would only form the habit of keeping a note book, and in it jot down from week to week the amount of work done, as— "July 25, 3/4 column published, and 1 notice," you would find it an easy task to make reports, and a pleasant one. I, with other superintendents believe that a great per cent. of work done is never reported. Remember 125 lines is counted one column.

I am more than sorry that I have been unable to do more in this work than I have the past year, but circumstances over which I had no control have prevented much in the past six months.

With best wishes for the success of all, and the wish that all unions now planning work for the coming year might feel that they can take up this important department. Lovingly

BERTHA M. GUNDERSON,  
State Press Supt.

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the invariable adjuncts of tracny among chronic truants. The literature con- demnates the mind of the boy and the cigaret menaces his physical welfare. The most dangerous form of smoking is the cigaret. The Anti-Cigaret League hasmy best wishes for its crusade, for I am in a position to fully appreciate the necessity and benefit of such a crusade. Cigaret smoking is by no means confined to the smaller boys. Last year the medical inspectors of schools (over whom I have jurisdiction) were assigned to make physical examination of the young men who were members of the base ball and foot ball teams of the various high schools; we also examined the young women of the basket ball teams. All of the young women passed a successful examination, but many of the young men athletes were rejected because it was found that they had valvular heart trouble. Each of the young men so rejected (with but one exception) was ad- dicted to cigaret smoking."

Her Objection: "I hope you do not object to tobacco smoke," he said. "Not at all," was her reply. "I object to the SMOKER, for without him there would be no smoke."

A Southern paper remarks that the anti-cigaret forces still continue their warfare and show no disposition to smoke the pipe of peace.

A. A. Stagg, coach and trainer of the university of Chicago, recently, on the very day of an important contest with another university, dropped two men from his base ball and track team because they had been smoking cigarets on the sly. Unprepared men were substituted, but coach Stagg would rather suffer defeat for his team than break his rule against cigaret smoking.

Suggestions: Pledge the children. If your state supt. does not print pledges, get them of Mrs. E. B. Ingalls, 4119 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo., for ten cents a hundred.

The W. T. P. A., 184, La-Salle St., Chicago, has just issued a monthly reading on The Cigaret Problem, which is full of information. It has also issued a new leaflet, "Why the Cigaret is the most Harmful form of To-

bacco." Send this broadcast over the state.

One of the best ways of interesting people and arousing public sentiment is by anti-cigaret medal contests. An anti-cigaret speaker, compiled by Mrs. Ida B. Cole, national lecturer for anti-cigaret leagues of the W. C. T. U., has just been published by the W. T. P. A. Ten cents per copy.

Our new A. C. L. badge delights boys and girls everywhere, can be obtained of Mrs. Ingalls, for 25 cents apiece in lots of 25 or more.

The Young Crusader has an anti-cigaret department. The July number was a special anti-cigaret edition, copies of which can still be obtained for distribution for \$1.25 per 100.

What Can the W. C. T. U. do to Influence the Coming Election? [Read at Kidder County Convention.]

As often as a great election draws near, just so often this question confronts the women of the W. C. T. U. Too often it is answered wrongly or not at all.

Yet it is only by failure that we discover our strength. It is only in the few months preceding an election that we hear about it. Yet it is not the creature of a day, sprung into life out of nothingness and destined to vanish into the same oblivion.

The principles and issues at stake in each election are but the evolution of principles and issues of former elections, the consequent effect of heterogeneous causes.

It is very often the policy of reformers

to leave political corruption and vice alone as long as it is making no noise.

General Grant said, "In time of peace prepare for war," and it is manifestly bad policy to begin preparations for influencing an election only when the election confronts us.

The foundation of good government is the family, and certainly the mothers have the greatest influence for good there. If a boy leaves his mother's hands with a right idea of life, it is scarcely probable that he will need any more influence to cast his vote for good morals and good government. But, as the women of the W. C. T. U. are not all mothers with sons old enough to vote, they are not largely responsible for the present state of affairs.

However, the influence of a mother is not the only influence that womankind exerts on the voting population. The girl who does not object to a man taking an occasional glass of liquor, or who for associates with young men who drink, is not a very strong argument for prohibition. Just as soon as our girls demand the same standard of morality of the boys as is demanded of them, just so soon will there be as little intemperance among the boys as there is among the girls. But even those girls who object to strong drink are prone to forgive the culprit and as often as forgiveness is asked and, like the dog who was whipped for killing cats and came regularly for his punishment after each execution, he comes to consider the scolding and subsequent forgiveness as much a part of the spree as the morning's headache. Therefore the influence must be brought to bear as much upon the women who are outside the Union as upon the voters. The general body of men, as a rule, resent the interference of women in what they are pleased to consider their own particular business. Yet, from the time when Eve gave Adam the apple, she has led him wherever she would, through darkness and through light, but with such tact that he thinks he is leading her.

Of course this puts the W. C. T. U. at a disadvantage and hampers any attempt at combined effort. While plans may be discussed and adopted as a body, their execution must be by the individuals. Since this method of work is necessarily slow, for immediate needs it might be well for the Union to ally itself with the reform party, entrusting the active work of the campaign to the men, being contented ourselves to be the "power behind the throne."

It being comparatively recently that women have interested themselves in politics we are naturally at some disadvantage with men who have spent their lives in politics. While it is not expected that a reform party will resort to trickery it is always well to be acquainted with it in order to be able to meet the opposition. The men who are really anxious to reform will readily co-operate with the Union, and can, by thus putting themselves in line with the temperance people, form a powerful factor to draw votes from the opposition. For no one is desirous of identifying himself with a party that is unpopular with the better class of people, and that class is usually found on the side where there are the most women.

Plans should largely be formed as the occasion arises, but there should be a preparation which will enable us to meet any emergency. And in any case where combined action is necessary the W. C. T. U. must be a union in every sense of the word. Division is but another name for failure. E. P. ORSK.

## FIELD NOTES.

Mrs. Mabel Conklin finished her work of five weeks on July 27th. She secured 157 active paid up members.

The new union organized at Pessenden last April, writes that they are very much alive and expect to hold a contest soon.

Mrs. Garry, president of Second District, writes that the organization of a W. C. T. U. at Pleasant Lake has been completed which she has organized since Mrs. Grubb was there and lectured and secured the promise of an organization. Mrs. Eureka Spencer is president.

From Cooperstown:—Mrs. Mabel K. Conklin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., did three days successful work for the Cooperstown union, July 25, 26, 27. Her meetings were marked with increasing interest to the end. Sunday morning she filled the Congregational pulpit, preaching a strong and beautiful sermon from the text "Jesus the same yesterday, today and forever." Sunday night a

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crowded house listened to her cultured and logical lecture on "Personal Responsibility." Mrs. Conklin's visit resulted in 22 new active members for the union and three honoraries, all paid up. \$10 was left in the local treasury and \$41 contributed to the state W. C. T. U. by business men and friends of the cause.

Harlem:—A Y organization has been perfected at Harlem. Mrs. McCrory, the local president and Co. Corresponding Secretary, says that "this Y is the outcome of the contests that more contests be held everywhere. Mrs. A. N. Flinn is leader of the new Y and Miss Marion Cook president.

Riverside:—An L. T. L. picnic was held Wednesday, July 9, at "Newell's grove." About 150 people were present. Mrs. C. Shippy, of Hope, gave the address, and a fine program was rendered by the Loyal Temperance Legion composed of music, guitar and vocal, and recitations. This legion was spoken of in your last Bulletin as an auxiliary to Riverside. When organized it was composed of 27 members, but has increased to 46. Ice cream and cake were sold and between \$10 and \$12 was realized. Riverside held their annual election of officers at the monthly meeting held at Mrs. Jennie Sanderson's July 18. A number of ladies were present and one new member gained. The old officers were unanimously re-elected. A parliamentary drill was given. The treasurer's yearly report showed that we had had nearly \$80 in cash in our treasury during the year.

It is with great pleasure the Aneta Union sends a contribution to the Field Notes this month. We have been greatly blessed in having with us two national workers during the past few weeks, who have added to our number 20 active and 9 honorary members. Mrs. Grubb was with us for one night in June, and Mrs. Conklin three days and two evenings in July. Aside from the actual membership gained great good was done in arousing temperance sentiment among our people, and a feeling that we must have a better enforcement of our prohibitory law. This feeling culminated in the circulation of a resolution, the gist of which was: That we know that at times, if not at all times, there is in our town a violation of the laws of our state in illegal selling of intoxicating liquors, and that such violation is detrimental to the moral and financial well-being of our citizens, and that we as members of the Aneta W. C. T. U. and business men and citizens of Aneta, pledge ourselves to give our influence and support toward the suppression of this evil. Notice also given at this time that all "blind piggers," "boot leggers" and gamblers will be dealt with according to law, both at this time and for all time to come. This was signed by nearly every business man and citizen in the village and many women. The matter is now in the hands of our state attorney, and if he does not see fit to attend to his duties in this instance we have decided to submit it at once to the Attorney General. Pray for us, dear sisters, that we may be strong for the great work that is always before us.



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## ANTI-CIGARET COLUMN.

### A Plea to Workers.

Dear Local Workers: Again I urge all women who wear the white ribbon to renewed energy in the anti-cigaret work. Have you done your very best to pledge the boys? Think for a moment what it would mean to the future of the country; think what it would also mean to the cigaret trust if every W. C. T. U. woman did her best to pledge the boys.

Give to the state supt. of this department your loyal, helpful interest.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has engaged Mrs. Ida B. Cole as lecturer for this department. In this we are most fortunate. Mrs. Cole is a well known lecturer, thoroughly versed in our department work. She is enthusiastic, earnest, gentle and lady-like, just the kind of a woman to handle this smoking subject. She will not offend, but will win friends for your union. Invite her for one or more days. Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, president of National W. C. T. U., says: "I know Mrs. Cole is a fine speaker and is thoroughly acquainted with her subject." I plead with you, dear women, to engage Mrs. Cole, organizer anti-cigaret leagues and pledge the children. However, do not disband your Loyal Temperance Legions to organize leagues. Address Mrs. Ida B. Cole, 5442 Madison ave., Chicago, Ill. Other lecturers for this department are Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard, Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. B. L. Scovel, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. E. B. INGALLS.

What the Chicago Truant Officer says: Mr. W. L. Bodine, Supt. of the department of Compulsory Education in the city of Chicago, says: "The majority of habitual truants and delinquents in the city of Chicago are addicted to the use of cigarets. A box of cigarets and a yellow-backed five cent novel seem to be

