

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Some Mother's Child.

At home or away, in the alley or street,
Whenever I chance in this wide world to meet
A girl that is thoughtless or a boy that is wild,
My heart aches sadly, 'tis some mother's child!
And when I see those o'er whom long years have rolled,
Whose hearts have grown hardened, whose spirits are cold,
Be it woman all fallen, or man all defiled,
A voice whispers sadly, "Ah, some mother's child."
No matter how far from the right she has strayed;
No matter what inroads dishonor hath made,
No matter what element cankered the pearl,
Though tarnished and sullied, she's some mother's girl.
No matter how wayward his footsteps have been,
No matter how deep he is sunken in sin;
No matter how low is his standard of joy,
Though guilty and loathsome, he's some mother's boy.
That head hath been pillowed on tenderest breast;
That form hath been wept o'er, those lips that soul hath been prayed for in tones sweet and mild,
For her sake dealt gently with some mother's child.

Home History.

The State Woman's Christian Temperance Union Home for needy women I believe to be the conception of our first state president, Miss Addie M. Kinnear. Early in the year of 1890 she came to me as first vice president to talk over our work and plans. She told me of the burden that had been laid upon her heart of caring for outcast girls. After a talk with the workers of Fargo, Mrs. Dr. Hill, Mrs. Mears and others, she went to the Grand Forks convention in 1891 and presented the project to the State. Miss Emma Bates in an able speech convinced the women of the necessity and feasibility of such a Home, and it was created with Mrs. Dr. Hill, Mrs. Mears and Mrs. Benedict as directors.

A building was rented and the Home opened. How the women did work for this Home of small beginnings. Every week found the faithful few there, each with an invited friend whom they hoped to interest. How these women prayed, not only for spiritual gifts, but for material and definite things as well, even for a bed and chair. Each time these consecrated women would think of something in their own homes that they could do without, or of a friend who might help, and so by these self denials this temporary home was made comfortable.

The following year at the National convention (Ch) at Crittenton, the "Brother of Girls," gave to the National \$5,000 to be given to the five states which should present the best claims. Each home endowed to be given the name of his little daughter "Florence." Miss Willard placed this fund in the hands of Mrs. Stevens, and Miss Kinnear, with her usual zeal for North Dakota and her love for suffering and sin-sick woman, presented the facts of the existence of this refuge, which was already established but without a building, the needs and scope of this field, in such a convincing manner as to secure \$1,000 for a building here. A. W. C. T. U. sister, Miss Briggs, gave the two large lots on Thirteenth street, then the prettiest street in Fargo. The State has added nearly three thousand dollars to this and we have a perfectly plain building with bricked and cement basement, comfortably heated with hot air, well ventilated, supplied with city water and sewer, the nursery and sleeping apartments furnished with iron cribs and beds.

In 1898 Mr. Crittenton's work had so

Miss Thompson.

Miss Anna Bell Thompson, our State Home Worker, is a native of Ohio, but in early childhood moved with her parents to Pennsylvania where she received her early training and education.

In 1893 she commenced a course of instruction at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, completing the course in 1895. She then spent one year as State Superintendent of the Junior Epworth League work in Wisconsin and also one year as missionary in the city of Council Bluffs.

She feels that her call to do Rescue Work is from God and is willing to answer the call with the words, "Here am I, send me." She was a successful matron in the Florence Crittenton Home in Minneapolis and also in the House of Mercy in Milwaukee.

Miss Thompson commenced her work with us March 1st and has been very successful in soliciting for the needs of the Home here in Fargo.

When notice is sent the unions that they will visit your town, will you kindly see that she is entertained. Arrange for an afternoon meeting and



MISS ANNA BELL THOMPSON,
State "Home" Worker.

see that it is possible for her to do her very best work for the Home.

increased and his organization so developed that he desired all Homes under the name of his little daughter to deed their property to the organization through which he worked. The North Dakota white ribboners saw no advantage to be gained for the work and a loss of heart to heart talks after these meetings is when we have our greatest power. Where we seek a matron for the Home the first consideration is not her executive or financial ability or her reputation as a nurse, but though these must be had in some measure, a patient, forbearing, loving Christian disposition that will mother these forlorn suffering girls brought in from the cold and unkind world, where they have sinned and been sinned against, and will love them back to a life of rectitude. We have had many such. The good they have done, and you through them, can never be estimated.

The first president of the Home Board was Mrs. Mears, who retained the position until her removal from the state. Mrs. Campbell succeeded her for one year, when Mrs. Benedict was successively elected until a change in the constitution made the state president also pres. of the Home board. To these early workers, aided by Mrs. Dr. Hill, Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Rice, the last two still upon the board, is due the firm foundation laid in the love of God and for humanity upon which our work now so securely rests.

REC. SEC. HOME BOARD.

Religious Life of the Home.

The underlying principle of all our work is John 3: 16. We recognize that there is but one sure way of saving erring girls, that through the love and grace of Christ. So it is always our aim to touch the hearts of those who come to us and we have always found them softened and melted under Christian treatment and we try to teach them to love and revere God's word and to seek the way of life by means of its teachings.

Every meal the Father's bounty is recognized. Each woman finds and learns as well as food for thought that day and family prayers are held. Friday evening evangelistic service is in the hands of the pastors of the city. Sunday afternoons at four o'clock is the hour for bible study and song service under direction of the board or matron. To these services all those who have been sheltered by this Home and live near enough to do so are expected to

attend and are most cordially welcomed. This gives us an opportunity to help them in this new life, which is the only aid many can have as their babies keep them from church and here are the only persons whom they know aside from people with whom they are employed. The heart to heart talks after these meetings is when we have our greatest power. Where we seek a matron for the Home the first consideration is not her executive or financial ability or her reputation as a nurse, but though these must be had in some measure, a patient, forbearing, loving Christian disposition that will mother these forlorn suffering girls brought in from the cold and unkind world, where they have sinned and been sinned against, and will love them back to a life of rectitude. We have had many such. The good they have done, and you through them, can never be estimated.

A. W. H. Best.

Our Home.

This month we are pleased to devote a large part of our Bulletin to the work of our Rescue Home. We know it will be impossible to picture to you its full meaning of this work. The infinitely immeasurable and can only be fully realized when the sealed books are opened and the redeemed shall stand as witnesses. No truly womanly heart can resist the call to work for the preservation of the purity of our girls and surely no loving heart can refuse to help those who have stepped aside, to lift them to the place where they may be forgiven, redeemed.

When Peter walked on the water to go to Jesus the winds and the waves were boisterous and he began to sink. He cried out and Jesus stretched forth his hand and saved him. In our own land there is a great sea of impurity. The waves and the winds are boisterous, they draw into their awful depths our own pure girls and they cry out when they see their lost condition, "What shall I do?"

The answer comes from the Christian workers who have established these

homes of refuge. The loving hands are stretched forth to save these unfortunate ones ere they are lost in the depths of despair. They are not only cared for in their trouble but are invited to cast their anchor upon the eternal refuge. The life that seemed so dark is made bright in the redeeming love of Him who died for all.

This is often a despised work because the sin looks so enormous to us, and often the illogical argument is presented that it is only an encouragement to crime. But we must remember that we are not to despise one of these little ones. God is no respecter of persons and one soul is just as precious in His sight as another. They are bought with a price. He dared stretch forth his hand and touch the leper and we surely can follow his example. Who among you is without sin? Was love ever an encouragement to crime? Never, it is love that saves and not the drawing aside to pass by lest we come in contact with duty. Can we imagine what it means to have such a refuge to flee to? Not unless we have sometime realized our condition as lost, and seeing this we cry out, "What shall we do?" The answer comes softly and sweetly, "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow," and we fly to the eternal refuge. We need such a broad love for humanity, such courage and strength, such a consecration to service, that we may feel the real need and give our very best.

The necessary funds are too often lacking so that this work is often crippled and many things are not done that could be done with more to do with. We know that our white ribbon sisters and the good citizens of the state will gladly aid if this work is brought before them and we have secured Miss Thompson to come to you personally and show you plainer than written words how this can be done and show you too the reasonableness of this Christ-like work.

I wish it were possible for you to also meet our local committee who have for so many years spent much time and thought to make this work a success here in Fargo. You would be convinced by their unselfish devotion upon what strength they are leaning upon what help direct aright the running of our Home. You can not all be here, to give your time and talents but you can help in these other important ways and it will all count for very much.

Let us remember with gladness the privilege we have of serving and in this service to help save the lives and souls of many. Listen for the voice within that shall speak to you to do this rescue work.

MATTIE VAN DE BOGART.

Dwight, N. D., March 25, 1903.—Miss Stewart organized a W. C. T. U. at Dwight on Dec. 31, 1902, with 26 members, 16 active and 10 honorary. We have held a meeting one evening every week and increased the membership to 36, 21 active, 15 honorary. Have given one silver medal contest and one play entitled "The Inter-State Milkmaids' Convention," held 12 Mothers' Meetings at homes and 12 public meetings in the school house, all being well attended, the public meetings averaging 100. Money received from all sources since organization \$48.75, the expenditures nearly the same. The proceeds of the Milkmaids' Convention were used towards purchasing an organ for the union and the school. As Mrs. Bell is moving away, her resignation as president was accepted at the Mothers' Meeting Mar. 24th, Miss Christina Carlson being elected to fill the vacancy and Hannah Carlson as Cor. Sec'y.



A Recitation for the Y's. Written for the Bulletin.

We're coming, too. We're coming to the rescue! We're girls instead of boys. But we've learned to ride a cycle. And outgrown our childish toys. Just a lot of girls who seek Nobility to prize. And so for short our seniors Are pleased to call us wise. We're just a little wiser - And we never shall regret That we turn away disgusted From the filthy cigarette. Yes, we turn our backs upon them, And those who use them, too. Even if they're tall and handsome And rich as any Jew. There's someone else we've banished. Perhaps you'll think it queer. 'Tis the man who loves a strident. His wine and lager beer; For we know that something stronger Will surely be for them, too. And a scolding wife and children Will share in the disgrace. So we've planned to keep our freedom For he sure we covet not The home of the man who's married. To one who is a sult. And the man who dares to follow These things in early life. Is asking for auster. That will make him beat his wife. So you will please remember That only clean and pure Young men need ask attend us - Of that they may love a strident. Perhaps you'll think this matter A most gigantic joke. So you can live a bachelor And be protected in smoke. MRS. M. P. KELLY, Waterville, Vt.



My Dear Comrades: As the reports come in, I notice that nearly all the Y's have contributed something to the Home. For this we are very thankful, but we shall not feel entirely satisfied until every Y is doing its share to carry on this work.

You understand that all of this work must be carried on by the freewill offerings of the people—the W. C. T. U. being responsible. It is our "Home," let us do our part to make it home like. It is our aim to give these unfortunate girls Christian training which will make them better able to overcome the temptations of the world and to train the lives of their little ones. Shall we not help? And while we give of our means to help the unfortunate, let us give our time to the study of a life of purity, so that by our lives and influence we may strengthen the weak and instruct them in ways of righteousness. Not enough work is being done in the department of Purity. The White Cross and White Shield pledges should be kept before the young people. The very reading of these pledges oft times raises one's standard of morality and will set the reader to thinking at least. To be pure means to see in all life the beauty of God's thought; to look upon His ways as sacred; to consecrate ourselves and our every power and pleasure to His honor and glory. No better rule can be given the young man or woman who desires to lead a safe life, a pure life, than this: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God!" Solomon said: "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband," and again he asked the question, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" and says of her value, "For her price is far above rubies." Is a pure man of less value? Our motto is: "One standard of morals for two," let us stand by our principles. Margaret Sangster says: "A girl cannot condone vice in her associates. She must not have loosely elastic notions as to what her brothers and cousins and the men she meets socially may do without reproach. The truth is that a man has no license beyond that accorded to a woman, and good men and good women do not need license. There is abundant liberty for all right-minded and right-deeded persons within the safe and sacred circle of divine and

human law. A girl exercises her influence, first and most strongly, by simply being good herself. * * * To let one's light shine! That is the main thing. Be the taper ever so small, yet in the dark it glows like a star." How true it is! May God help us as Y girls to let our light shine, and by purity in thought and life, teach by precept and example the blessed gospel of Christ "which is first pure." Yours for strength of purpose, MARY M. GROVER. Fargo, N. D., April 17, 1903.

Purity.

[It gives me pleasure to present to "my girls" this paper, written by Mrs. Mott for us. Read it carefully and see that it gets into the hands of those who do not take the paper. M. M. G.] As we make their lives are songs; God writes the words and we set them to music as pleasure. And the songs grow glad or sweet or sad. As we choose to fashion the measure. So with our bodies, they may be temples of purity or they may be whitened sepulchres, just as we wish. The valley of poison is situated on the island of Java. It is filled with the bones of birds and beasts that have been suffocated by carbonic gases which seek the lowest level because of their great gravity. This is fatal, especially in volcanic regions. Virgil tells us that every bird that attempted to fly over the mystic lake Avernus was drawn into its poisonous depths by some unseen power. There are numerous valleys of poison and lakes of Avernus in the world through which or over which it is impossible for one to pass without wholly losing his spiritual life or having his spiritual wings smirched. One of the most poisonous of these valleys is the valley of impurity. Impurity in thought, word, or deed.

We sometimes hear people say, as an excuse for participating in, or witnessing impure things, that they want to know all phases of life by experience and observation. That would be the thought of one who would have a leg amputated or an eye taken out to gain experience? But the amputation of a leg or the loss of an eye would be a small misfortune compared with the loss or maiming of the spiritual character-making self. It is as impossible for one to indulge in immoralities and wholly regain his unsullied manhood as it would be to grow a new leg or an eye. The character and standing of one who has once been thoroughly corrupted are the wooden legs of manliness, the glass eyes of purity. "He who yields to temptation," says Horace Mann, "debases himself with an affliction from which he can never be cured." Shun evil thoughts as you would shun temptation to crime. Do not harbor them or for an instant let their foul contagion contaminate your soul with a taint which even religion is powerless to erase. A single glance at an unclean picture or book may ruin the purity of a noble life. The mind's photograph will reproduce a bad story while life lads whether we wish it or not. Its deadly echo will haunt us forever. A writer says even from the body's purity, the mind receives a secret sympathetic aid.

On a frosty morning the panes of glass are covered with landscapes, mountains, lakes and trees, making a fantastic picture. Lay your hand upon the window or breathe upon it, and all the deli-dou tracery will be obliterated. So there is in youth a beauty and purity of character which when once touched and defiled can never be replaced. A fringe more delicate than frost work which when torn and broken will never be re-mended. He who has spotted and soiled his garments in youth, though he may seek to make them white again, can never wholly do it, though he may wash them with tears." Virtue alone raises us above fears and chances. If any of us have been able to live a clean, pure life, what have we done to help others to this high standard? Have we stood unflinchingly by our principles and in a quiet dignified manner taught others to respect them? Alas, no! The best of us are apt to be weak in this respect. We do not live up to our privileges. I have sometimes said that men are more self respecting than women. They demand purity of life and polite action from us, but we are not always particular to require it of them. When we, as women, learn to work out in our lives all that we know and respect our position. When we learn to do this our principles will, I believe, be held in much greater respect by the opposite sex. My observation and experience has been that man in most cases rises to the

standard raised by the woman or woman with whom he associates most. Of course there are exceptions, but they only prove the rule, so when I see a woman treating lightly the violation of our organization, I cannot but feel that she is lowering the standard. It is not sufficient to fail only, but also by what we do or refuse to do that we witness for Christ.

Daniel Webster, on being asked what was the greatest thought that ever passed through his mind, replied: "The thought of my individual responsibility to God." Queen Victoria, when a Cabinet Minister urged upon her the expediency of a certain questionable measure, said: "I have been taught, my Lord, to judge between what is right and what is wrong, but expediency is a word which I neither wish to hear nor understand." Shakespeare says: "That a heart unsoftened is not easily daunted," so let us unkindly keep our hearts unsoftened; be courageous. Let us be just as good as the profession we make, then it will not be necessary for us to be constantly telling where we stand, our lives will speak for us and much louder than any words of ours can possibly do. We will receive deferential respect even from those who differ from us.

"We are the white flowers of candor on thy breast; speak only truth; obey God's high behest; with falsehood have thou naught to do; clear soul; God bids thee serve him with a service whole." [NELLIE E. MOTT], Lisbon N. D.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

Recitation for the L. T. L.

BY MRS. M. P. KELLY.

We're coming to the rescue— We're young and brave and strong— And we're ready for the conflict Between the right and wrong. Our nerves are strong and steady. Our pulses full and true. For we hate the vile tobacco. And bear and elder too. They tell us we are children— We're glad to know the fact For in the coming future And I'll learn to think and act. They tell us we are feeble. But God we do not doubt. So in His name for all our powers We'll raise a mighty shout. We hope to grow to manhood And mingle in the strife. And with loyal steadfast purpose Join in the noble ranks of life. We'll work a few more summers As temperance boys, and then We'll stand among our peers The Loyal Temperance Men. Yes we're coming to the rescue A host of loyal men To fight the foes of temperance With the sword and with the pen. And we'll shout for right and justice Till the people understand This cruel poison serpent Shall cease to spoil our land. Waterville, Vermont.



Dear Legioners:-- I have something very important to say to you this month and I hope you will all listen very carefully and don't pass it by but act at once. I have received word from our national officers that our own official paper, The Young Crusader, has reached the point where it must have 6,000 new subscribers to meet the deficit occasioned by its present small subscription list.

This number has been divided according to the ability of the different states and our share is 120 new subscribers. As many more as we can get will be just so much additional help, but 120 is the least we can secure. Now will every boy and girl and man and woman try to work at once and get just as many subscribers as you possibly can. I am sure that no more loyal legioners are found in any state than we have here in North Dakota, and we must remember that loyalty to the L. T. L. demands that we stand by its official organ. I do not think that any legion can afford to miss the help and inspiration The Young Crusader brings with it each month. It is such an excellent little paper and it has been so much improved of late. Let us rally loyally to its support at this time of its great need. Please send me the number of new subscribers you have gained by June 1st.

The Special L. T. L. number of the Union Signal is to be issued this year the first week in July and we have been

asked for an account of our work in N. Dak. I have been asked to send an account of the most interesting legion in the state and the name and address of the legion having the largest present membership, stating definitely the present number of pledged and enrolled members. The legion at Cavalier reported 150 members last year and this was the largest one we received any account of. If any legion has more than 150 members will you please notify me at once. I should be sorry to make any mistake in this respect. If some of you have anything interesting to give for our corner the Union Signal I shall be very pleased to receive it. I want to tell you of what a splendid L. T. L. we have at Riverside. They sent a dollar to our L. T. L. room in the Frances E. Willard Nat'l Temp. Hospital and also prepared a box for them. Mrs. Butterfield, the hospital treasurer, writes, "We are so happy in being re-membered, and hope it may be possible to continue. We are doing so much good, crowded for room, but hope some day, not far off, to have a new hospital in memory of our dear Miss Willard." I do wish some more of our legions could make them "happy in being remembered."

Please don't forget to do your very best for our Young Crusader. Yours for more than 120 subscribers, MRS. C. W. MOSES. Drayton, April 18, '03.

Leaflets to be Used.

Question.—What Leaflets shall I order giving statements in regard to the awful effects of liquor on our people and teaching our young people something of the temperance work? Ans.—National Leaflet Nos. 34, 39, 86 and 89. Price, 3 cents each, four for 10 cents. Ques.—Can you send me some suggestions for temperance work in the C. E. Society? Ans.—National Leaflet No. 87. Price 3 cents, four for 10 cents, 1 doz. 15 cts. Ques.—We need a Leaflet to read before an audience absolutely ignorant as far as our work is concerned. What shall it be? Ans.—National Leaflets Nos. 1, 63, 70, 74, 91. Price 3 cents each, four for 10 cents, one dozen 15 cents. Ques.—Our minister requests me to procure for him some information regarding the W. C. T. U. What Leaflets should I order? Ans.—National Leaflets Nos. 1, 63, 69, 70, 74, 91. Price 3 cents each, four for 10 cents, one dozen 15 cents. Ques.—What can you send to our minister that will help him in preparing an address before ministers, laymen and members of the Methodist Church? Ans.—National Leaflets Nos. 1, 63, 68, 70, 74, 91. Price 3 cents each, four for 10 cents, one dozen 15 cents. Voters' Leaflets No. 2. Price 3.cents each, four for 10 cents, one dozen for 15 cents. Campaign Leaflets Nos. 7 and 8. Price 15 cents per hundred, 10 cents for fifty. These can be obtained of the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association, Chicago, Ill.

Unfermented Wine.

Dear W. C. T. Unions:—Do you realize that unfermented wine is one of the important departments of our work and that it cannot be neglected without detriment to our unions? If you know of a church within the circle of your working influence which "fermented wine," do you sound a note of warning? Do you give a word of remonstrance? Do you send to the pastor of that flock literature opposing the use of "fermented wine?" Does reporting to your state superintendent, that "unfermented wine" is not in your line of work, and that you have no superintendent on this line, free you from the obligation you owe to that church? Will you please report to me the names and postoffice (written plainly) of pastors using "fermented wine" at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, also the names of priests using it? Will unions who have never reported to me, send in the blanket report of this work? Finally, dear co-workers, do not let this work suffer, if no one is specially appointed to it, because it is not in "our line." Yours for the "all around work" policy, MARGARET M. STEBBINS, State Supt. Unfermented Wine. Steele union served a "Ten Cent Tea." Proceeds with the free will offerings amounted to \$6.25. This was for the benefit of our Home.

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Program for New Unions.

The following is given as a suggestive program for new unions. The Order of Business and Closing Exercises are fitting for every meeting. Literature is sent by the corresponding secretary for the first few meetings to the new unions. Have good music at each meeting. Matie Van de Bogart.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- (For any regular meeting.)
- Devotional Exercises.
- Roll Call.—Response by members, quotations from scripture or some of Our Leader's sayings.
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- Reports of corresponding secretary and treasurer.
- Communications received read and acted upon.
- Miscellaneous business.
- What has been done to increase membership?
- Introduction of new members.
- Program—Special topic.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

- A nice closing exercise is the Temperance Doxology and Benediction as follows:
- Doxology—
- Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
- Praise Him who heals the drunkard's woe,
- Praise Him who leads the temperance host,
- Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This Doxology to be followed by state motto of W. C. T. U. benediction or both.
- Benediction.
- The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
- The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee,
- The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

PROGRAM FOR FIRST MEETING.

- Reading of the constitution and by-laws from State Minutes.
- Drill on names of state and national officers. (From State Minutes and Annual Leaflet.)
- State motto and pledge.
- History of W. C. T. U. (From Annual Leaflet.)
- Reading.—What the National W. C. T. U. has accomplished. (See Leaflet.)
- Closing exercises.

SECOND MEETING.

- Business.
- What is the state official organ? Where published? Price?
- National official organ? Price?
- Readings from each by the members. How will these papers help our work? Our duty to our state treasury.
- Discussion.
- Closing exercises.

THIRD MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Literature.
- Where can we purchase literature for our work? (See W. T. P. A. Catalogue.)
- Aim of the Department of Literature. (See Annual Leaflet.)
- Readings from leaflets on literature. How can we use it in our town?
- Discussion.
- What kinds shall we use? (See catalogue.)
- Closing exercises.

FOURTH MEETING.

- Mothers' meeting—Topic, Obedience.
- Readings from leaflets.
- Original paper by member.
- Discussion.
- Closing exercises.

FIFTH MEETING.

- Business.

What are W. C. T. U. Red Letter days? Their significance. Discussion. (See leaflets.) Closing exercises.

SIXTH MEETING.

- Business.
- L. T. L. Meeting. Send for outline program of state L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Moses, Drayton.
- Yell by children: Rah, Rah, Rah. Can't you tell We're the boys and girls of the L. T. L. No saloons within our state, King Alcohol has met his fate. Prohibition, That's the mission Of the North Dakota L. T. L.

SEVENTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Non-Alcoholic Medication.
- Reading—"Is Alcohol Useful or Necessary as a Medicine?"
- Reading—"The Danger and Harmfulness of Patent Medicine."
- Discussion.
- The above leaflets can be obtained of Mrs. M. M. Allen, 809 S. Gedder St., Syracuse, N. Y. Distribute leaflets after meeting.
- Closing exercises.

EIGHTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Flower Mission.
- Paper—"The origin and development of the W. C. T. U. Flower Mission. Helpful incidents showing the benefit of the work.
- Song—Scatter Sunshine.
- Distribution of leaflets and bouquets, with the text cards.
- Closing exercises.

NINTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Scientific Temperance Instruction. (See leaflet.)
- What is it?
- What is the law of our state requiring it to be taught?
- Discussion.
- Closing exercises.

TENTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Anti-Tobacco.
- Readings or original papers.
- Does it pay to use tobacco?
- Rights of non users.
- Why is the cigarette more harmful than tobacco used in other ways? (See leaflets.)

ELEVENTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Franchise.
- The proper education of woman.
- Woman's right to vote.
- Eminent opinions on the subject. (See leaflets.)
- Enrollment of those in favor of woman's suffrage in the town.
- Closing exercises.

TWELFTH MEETING.

- Business.
- Topic—Evangelistic.
- Paper—"The Christian part of our work. Our W. C. T. U. Home. How can we help?"
- Discussion.
- Closing exercises.

Temperance.

Paper read at one of the public meetings: Benjamin Franklin said a hundred years ago, "Temperance puts wood on the fire, meat in the barrel, flour in the bin, money in the purse, credit in the country, clothes on the children, intelligence in the brain and spirit in the constitution."

It has been rightly said that if our girls were taught not to associate with or marry young men of bad habits, that young men would hesitate long before forming such habits. Raise the standard of morals for women, increase the demand for young men of good habits, and the men of the future will be better fitted for husbands and fathers.

In some homes, where the mother, sister or sweetheart drink wine or beer in a social way with the father, brother or dear friend, what chance have they for complaining when these dear ones drink too much, coming home drunk, and perhaps abusing the family? None whatever. The woman who stoops to take the social glass and never gets drunk cannot complain when father, brother or husband drinks too much. The only way that our influence can do any good is to leave such things entirely alone, thus avoiding the very appearance of evil.

How many girls ever think of complaining about a young man's bad habits before marriage? I'm sorry to say, very

few. They are generally all smiles then; but after marriage if he smokes or chews around the house, or gets drunk, it is terrible, and she is so unhappy and is soliciting the sympathy of all her friends. "It is so sorry for poor Ella. Her husband is a regular brute and makes her life so miserable." Girls, he is doing the same things that he did in while keeping her company, perhaps for years. It made no difference to her then, why should it change her life so completely now?

The time for such complaining is before marriage. A young man with such habits is much the same after he is your husband. If our girls would only insist on the company of, and marrying young men of good habits only, how much unhappiness would be saved, for when we marry them, paying no attention to their bad habits before, I can see no excuse for complaining. We knew what we were getting.

Mothers, make confidants of your boys and girls and teach them plainly against these evils. But the fathers have a great deal to do to keep their sons pure. Who is responsible for the liquor habit, who is responsible for the tobacco habit, who is responsible for the manly to smoke, on the street that it is manly to smoke, drink and swear?

Every father is directly responsible for the habits of his sons. The mother lives her pure christian life, her influence is for christianity; but when a boy goes out into the world, it is the father who knows the dangers. Does he warn? No! He generally lets the boy drift; he believes every boy must be a law unto himself, that the boy "must sow his wild oats." How can fathers let their boys go through life, their souls scarred and their will powers weakened, by excesses from which they, with their experience and example, might have saved them!

Mothers are trying every means in their power to educate themselves more thoroughly in the care and development of their children, but without the aid of the fathers, much of their work fails. We might cite many illustrious sons of devoted mothers, but could tell of many more heart broken mothers, because after all their efforts, the boys have followed in the footsteps of their fathers.

Fathers cannot afford to devote every minute of their lives to business and throw all of the responsibility of raising the family onto the mother's shoulders. A good example from father, a timely word, and his influence tells much upon the character of our young men. The children very soon discover whether the mother's teachings are applicable to the father's life. The mother makes may "bring back the erring boy," but the influence and warning of a temperate father will keep the boy from going astray.

Mrs. BLANCHE E. BELL,
 Pres. of Dwight Union.

Treasury Notes.

With the exception of the "Home" fund the remittances have kept pace with the outgo of the various funds the past two months. This is not surprising considering the household of that size. Though many unions have been generous in their gifts to the Home, there are others who have not yet remembered claims upon us. Boxes of household supplies and clothing are quite as acceptable as money. Miss Anna Thompson, our State Home Worker, has been doing effective work in Fargo for the Home, having put her first \$100 into the treasury. Unions can do no more telling work for the Home, we believe, than by opening the way for her to work when she takes the field.

Please do not send your county dues to the state treasurer, they should go to the county treasurer.

The following are the unions having contributed to the various funds since last reported: Grand Forks, dues and state and home pledges; 1st dist. Willard memorial; Lisbon Y, state and home; Tynes state; Fargo Scand., Willard memorial; Inkster, state, home, organizing, legislative, L. T. L. and Chautauqua; 2d dist. home; Sanborn, home; Joliet, dues; Minot, state pledge; Steele, state and home; Reynolds, Willard memorial and dues; Grandin, dues and state; Langdon, state and home pledges for last year and minutes; Hope state pledge, Willard memorial and minutes; Hannaford, minutes; Grafton, Willard memorial and dues; Drayton, Willard memorial, state pledge, chautauqua and Temp. hospital; Forest River, home, L. T. L., Willard memorial and minutes; Bethel, home and Willard memorial; Dwight, dues; Maza, Willard

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Topics for Local W. C. T. U. Meetings.

1. Why do I choose to belong to the W. C. T. U.? Symposium by all members.
2. How does the drink evil menace our boys?
3. The Curfew Law—What is it and how will it protect the children?
4. Is alcohol useful or necessary as a medicine?
5. Effect of the liquor traffic on missionary work, both home and foreign.
6. Why wear the white ribbon?
7. The child in our midst—What have we done for it and what ought we to do for it?
8. How would the ballot in the hands of women help the temperance reform?
9. What has the W. C. T. U. accomplished?
10. Nuggets of encouragement for temperance workers. —Selected.

FIELD NOTES.

Bottineau union has been active in securing the arrest of a druggist. Subscribe for the Bulletin, ask your union members to take their state paper and make it a part of your duty to see that the union itself does its full duty. Aneta union has recently organized a new union in the country a few miles from Aneta. The union will be known as "Lenora" Union, P. O. Aneta. Mrs. R. H. Belden president, Miss Mabel Belden Cor. Sec. They expect to put their efforts in L. T. L. work principally.