

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Report of Sixteenth Annual Convention.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in Grand Forks September 29 to October 3. The weather was summer and flowers and vines decorated the large auditorium of the Baptist church where the sessions were held. Ninety delegates, with the many visitors, made the days seem too short for the large amount of business to be done.

Friday was given up to reports of officers and superintendents. The reports all show healthy condition in different lines of work. Rev. Macnamara, temperance evangelist of the Methodist church, and delegated by the prohibition league as representative, addressed the convention. He spoke of the condition of North Dakota at the present time. Less blind pigs are being run, and in Ward county especially is the work commended. The county officials, he stated, had done much towards the suppression of the liquor evil and during the past year 90 persons had been arrested and with 30 more to try, only six had failed of prosecution.

The report of the White Ribbon Bulletin found the official paper of the union to be on a paying basis for the first time since it was started.

The Union Signal Hour was given over to a talk by Mrs. Callie Howe, who spoke of the grand work being done by the national organ. A committee was appointed, and this committee reported a large addition to the subscription list of the union's national paper. Mrs. Howe carried greetings from the Missouri and Minnesota state unions.

Impressive memorial services were held for the departed. Surely this year has "Death loved a shining mark," and we mourn our brightest and best. The services were led by Mrs. Garry. Mrs. Tousey spoke of Mrs. Van de Bogart, Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Vail.

The delegates were officially welcomed to the city Friday evening and these welcomes were so general and from so many sources that the members of the union could not fail to see that their presence in Grand Forks was appreciated. Naturally the first address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Geo. E. Duis. He assured the convention that so far as his ability was concerned five minutes was ample time, but considering the merits of the union he thought that perhaps it was too short. "Since being asked to welcome you to Grand Forks," the mayor said, "I have taken a little time to look up a few statistics concerning the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and I must say that I have been agreeably surprised, and I want to confess that I have not credited you with a fraction of what you are really entitled to. I find that your association was founded in 1874 at Cleveland, Ohio, and that Mrs. Anna Wittmeyer was elected your first president, since which time branches have been organized in every state and territory of our union, numbering at present over 10,000. I find that your membership and following amounts to 600,000 in the United States alone. Your first president was succeeded by Miss Francis E. Willard, perhaps the brainiest woman the United States has ever known, and to her the success of your organization is largely due. The future success of your organization is assured. I am frank to say that there is no other organization in the world that aims at higher morality and better laws than your society. Yours is the largest wo-

men's society in the world and the good that you can accomplish with such an organization is beyond my comprehension. The members of your society have done more to have good laws placed upon the statute books of our states than any other body. The members of your society have been the first to call attention to the existing evils; you have worked most faithfully for the suppression of vice. Through your efforts the temperance question has been brought prominently to the front in every state and territory. You have insisted on the scientific study of the temperance question in our schools and colleges, and through your efforts laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors have been placed on the statute books of nearly every state. Laws for the better protection of women and girls have been brought about largely by your untiring efforts, and the establishment of industrial homes is a thing that you are entitled to every credit for.

"I could go on and name occasions without number, where your influence has been exerted and always for the purpose of bettering moral and social conditions. Every citizen who believes that the home is the bulwark of this nation ought to feel proud of your organization. I trust that your meeting has been in every way a success. I know that the ladies of your society in Grand Forks have spared no efforts to make this a pleasant and profitable meeting to you and as the chief executive of this city I want to say that the members have not been idle here in our city; they have been active upon all occasions, always working for better social and moral conditions. I want to congratulate them and you on the good work that has been done and I want to invite you most cordially to remember Grand Forks at some future time when you may desire to hold a state convention. Our citizens will be glad to have you meet here again. We have had the pleasure in the past of having many state conventions; none of them I believe has accomplished more good than your society. Your program includes many prominent speakers and I know you will hear many entertaining things from them. I thank you for giving me an opportunity to say these few words."

Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church, welcomed the union on behalf of the churches of the city, and said that he was pleased to welcome a body of women who were largely responsible for the work of purity in all church societies. Rev. Miller outlined some of the results that the union had obtained in its great work for temperance, and said that in believing in temperance and working for temperance much good resulted and would result from the future efforts of the W. C. T. U.

Tracy R. Bangs welcomed the members of the state union on behalf of the bar of Grand Forks. He assured the members that if they were responsible for driving all the bars across the river that they should feel somewhat ashamed for inflicting such a curse on a sister state. Mr. Bangs admitted that he did not believe in all methods of the union, contending that its efforts should be centered in education rather than in legislation. Mr. Bangs said that a great cause of temperance had been greatly benefited by the railroad companies in refusing to employ men who drink and by insurance companies who give a lower rate of insurance to total abstainers.

President Merrifield welcomed the

union on behalf of the university and compared conditions in this country with those in foreign countries which he had but recently visited. His address was an interesting one and he assured his listeners that the morals of the young men at the university was a part of the education and always would be. He declared that the prohibition law in the state has proved an unspeakable blessing to the students.

C. A. McCann welcomed the members of the union on behalf of the press. He said that he believed in the W. C. T. U., an organization of high morals and one which was doing a great educational work. He thought that if the W. C. T. U. could educate members of the legislature that it should be done and done at once.

Mrs. Callie Howe, St. Joseph, Mo., responded to the several welcomes. She said that Mayor Duis was the first real mayor who had welcomed the union, and they felt much gratified over the fact, in most cases it being found that the chief executives of cities were either busily engaged or were out of the city. She assured the city that no additional police would be needed, as the delegates were all well behaved, and the stores that no additional clerks were needed, as they were all in good health. She spoke of the frankness of Mr. Bangs in speaking of some methods that he did not approve, and was glad that he had qualified the remarks by saying that he was talking as one from the outside, and she declared that things looked differently from the inside. In speaking of the welcome of President Merrifield, Mrs. Howe said that she was glad to find a university president who included education of morals as one of the objects of the institution, and declared that if there were more colleges that bred men in the penitentiaries, Mrs. Howe is a very interesting speaker and one by one she referred to the several welcomes, and assured the speakers that the union fully appreciated them.

The evening session of the association closed with a benediction after Miss Pauline Allen had sung "Just for Today."

The Saturday morning session of the W. C. T. U. convention was devoted to a Y conference, the young ladies' branch of the W. C. T. U. work, and the conference was one of the most interesting features of the day's proceedings. Reports were presented from the different Y unions in the state, and these reports indicate a very gratifying increase in the number of Y unions.

"How to Gain and Hold Your Members" was the subject of an able paper read by Miss Rose Collins of Steele. During the course of her remarks she gave those present much interesting advice concerning this subject, another was general satisfaction at the manner in which she handled it. Talks on the different departments of anti-narcotic, flower mission, scientific temperance, physical education being among the topics discussed by those present. "How to Obtain and Use Y. W. C. T. U. Literature" was spoken of by Miss Irene Moore, of Carrington. She gave the details of the system which had heretofore been unknown to a number of the members. The conference was one of the best ever held in the state.

"Essentials for a Live Union" was the title of a paper presented by Mrs. K. McCadden, of Tyner, and it was an interesting outline of what may be accomplished in W. C. T. U. work, and contained many suggestions tending to

increase interest in the temperance work.

"Present Day Needs of the W. C. T. U." was the general title of a discussion handled by Miss Bertha Ferguson, of Grand Forks. Mrs. Barbara Wylie, of Drayton, and Mrs. May H. Tousey, of Fargo, discussed in their papers the subjects of printed programs, connected course of readings and a do-something policy.

The evening session was devoted to the L. T. L. and Y work, and the feature was the annual address of the president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Mrs. Ella Boise, presided.

The president's annual address was a stationlike review of the temperance question and our work, both in our own state and in the world. Sunday sessions were well attended. Mrs. Howe preached the annual sermon in the afternoon and addressed a mass meeting that filled to its utmost capacity the large church where the convention was held.

We wish we could bring to our readers the many good thoughts and the encouragement to continue our work till the end, in this battle for better morals, better homes and higher ideals of life, which all who were privileged to attend cannot fail to have received.

The convention closed with a grand gold medal contest. An excellent program of music and recitations was rendered. The judges awarded the medal to Miss Tina McLarty, of Cando.

Reports of Superintendents.

FLOWER MISSION WORK.

"Flowers are God's thoughts."

No. of bouquets and floral offerings,	1,850
No. of funeral designs,	23
No. boxes sent to hospitals,	2
No. text cards,	744
No. pages literature distributed,	1,625
No. visits made,	271
No. poor people helped,	604
No. bundles of clothing given away,	10
No. hours spent with shut ins,	174
No. flower mission meetings held,	6
No. graves decorated,	51
No. outings,	23
No. unions observing flower mission day,	12
No. unions reporting flower mission work,	37
No. glasses of jelly,	214
No. quarts of fruit,	27
Amount of money spent in this department,	\$152 00

HAZEL KNEESHAW, Supt.

FRANCHISE.

Mrs. L. L. Muir reported a decided improvement, especially in number of women voting at school dist. elections, Walpeton leading the list with a women's vote of 99 per cent. and in Pembina 85 per cent. of the women voted. In some of the rural districts more women than men voted at school elections. Some unions have held franchise meetings and lectures have been given. 5,000 pages of literature distributed.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

No. pages literature distributed,	500
No. churches reported using unfermented wine,	107
No. churches using fermented wine,	16

Have written 116 letters and an article for the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Mrs. M. J. WHITFORD, Supt.

ANTI-NARCOTICS.

A number of Anti-Narcotic meetings have been held, a few sermons preached and some lectures given. About seven hundred anti-cigarette pledges have

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STATE MOTTO: I am but one, but I am one; I can not do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

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Fargo.

One correspondent writes that the union voted to send a delegate to Grand Forks convention, but it took all their money to prosecute the blindpiggers. But they secured a great victory and feel well repaid for the sacrifice.

It is greatly to be regretted that Miss Olga Nelson, of Fargo, who was expecting to do evangelistic and organizing work among the Scandinavian people, has been obliged, by ill health, to give up all work and seek a change of climate. Her friends tendered her a reception and presented her with a purse as a token of appreciation of her work as missionary among the Scandinavians of Fargo and vicinity.

North Dakota W. C. T. U. is to have a larger representation than usual in Los Angeles. The delegates and visitors took with them beautiful banners. A large bow of white ribbon tied to a staff surmounted by gilded heads of wheat. On one of the ends of the bow in letters of black and gold the word Prohibition and on the other North Dakota W. C. T. U.

We would call attention of our readers to the report of our W. C. T. U. Woman's Home. The current expenses are met promptly and a small balance. But a new foundation is needed and needed immediately. The building is large and with the necessary changes to the furnace will require \$1,000 to complete the repairs. It is proposed to ask each one to be responsible for \$1. Send your dollar to the state treasurer at once that work may be commenced as soon as possible.

The W. C. T. U. women of Park River have been having discussions, many and often, on the subject of Druggists' Permits. Nine women who had signed druggists permits petitioned to have their names withdrawn, but it was not granted, and the judge granted the permits. The ladies appealed from the decision of the judge that women must be citizens as well as residents and the case will be tried in the January court.

The W. C. T. U. of Biebee entered a protest against the issuance of a renewal of the liquor permit of A. McKay, druggist. The ladies were able to show by the records that certain persons in that vicinity use a great deal of "medicine" that is not in the patent list nor prescribed by a physician. But the judge granted the permit on the ground that the requisite number of signers qualified to sign had been procured notwithstanding. The law says where there is reasonable grounds for believing that a druggist has violated the provisions of the law under which the permit was granted such permit shall be cancelled. And it is said the end is not yet. The Mazza and Cando W. C. T. U. went in a body with the Biebee union to the trial. The Cando W. C. T. U. served dinner for the visiting unions, the lawyers and ministers.

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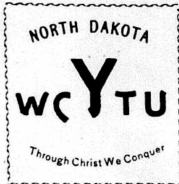
Mrs. Anna M. Springer, of Moselle Union, died Oct. 23, of pneumonia. For the past two years Mrs. S. has been confined to her chair with rheumatism.

Mrs. Springer was a charter member of the Moselle Union. For the past two years she served faithfully as Co. Cor. Sec'y. Although she could not walk she conducted all the correspondence, and her brain was continually planning for the good of the work. No matter what she was asked to do she was always ready and willing. Many times I have been welcomed in her home. The last time I was there her husband, who is one of our tried and true temperance men, made her a Life Member of our State W. C. T. U. Richland county mourns the loss of one of its most consecrated workers and extends love and sympathy to the bereaved husband and sons, and commends them to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. IDA SPARKS CLARKE, Pres. Richland Co. W. C. T. U.

Note From Havana.

The business men of Havana held a mass meeting the 23d inst. and decided the "pigs" would have to quit - they petitioned the town board and the marshal has been instructed to close them. The up or there would be trouble. The "pigs" say there will be if they do, but the citizens evidently mean what they say and will stick to it, we hope.

Amenia, Oct. 11, 1905. - Our union observed Frances Willard's birthday. The entertainment was given at the school house on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28th. We used the program mapped out by the Union Signal; had three songs by the children, solos by Mrs. W. R. Reed the children, solos by Mrs. W. R. Reed and Mrs. Chaffee, and an interesting and Mr. Davies, the principal. The talk by Mr. Davies, with a large picture of Miss Willard, suitably framed, and also gave her book "Glimpses of Fifty Years" to the school library.



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Letter From Mrs. Brown.

Dear Young Women: - I scarcely feel that I need an introduction to the Y Branch of North Dakota. I have so often read your letters and rejoiced in your work that I feel that I am talking to dear comrades when I address you. But my dear girls I must confess to a strong feeling of reluctance in assuming the leadership of the Y's for the coming year; not from a lack of interest, but were arrested, six in all, and are to have their trial tomorrow in Minot, and warrants are out for the ones who escaped to the Canada side and were not returned. There is more than fear of hurting the work of the officers, but we feel that we have had a great victory. Even the red light house is closed by injunction, and we have the promise of Sheriff Lee that their places will stay closed until they will have time "to rot." So we thank God and take heart again. This is the first prosecution for liquor selling in North Dakota, and they felt perfectly secure, for merely by going across the road they could escape the law, but they reckoned without the W. C. T. U.

Great power has been placed in your hands for the weal or woe of your brother man, and my faith and hope in you comes from the fact that you have shown by your acts that you recognize your responsibility to exert that power in behalf of the best and noblest life of humanity.

Let us take courage from the following: "It is not the space one occupies in this world, but how he occupies it, that God reckons when He takes measurements."

Will you not gladden the hearts of us all by your bright and happy letters, filled with the cheer of what you have done or are doing for our great cause?

I know you all regret with me that your sweet young leader, Miss Best, has been obliged to decline the position for this year, and I am sure that our heart's best wishes go with her to the neighboring city, and also our gratitude that she has been restored to health again.

May I not be truly, Your Comrade?
LUCCY M. BROWN,
Cooperstown, N. D.

Pembina Y.

Report for the year ending Sept., 1905.
Number of active members, 16
" " honorary, 7
" " business meetings, 18
" " social meetings, 5
Amount of money raised, \$34.73
Floyd Starr Lectured in the interest of L. T. L. work. We have given our honoraries three parlor meetings and one picnic. We had a "Carnival of Nations" two evenings, for the purpose of raising funds. We have paid our state, county and Fargo Home pledges. As a Y we have taken up the L. T. L. work, now having two divisions of some forty members. We celebrated Frances Willard's heavenly birthday, also Mrs. Barnes' birthday. Hoping to do better work in the future. Lovingly,
The Pembina Y.

The White Ribbon Bulletin has reason to appreciate the dollar dues, when for the first time in its history it came through the year free from debt. A year ago we were four hundred dollars in arrears.

Letter From Mrs. Johnson.

Portal, N. D., Oct. 16, 1905. - Dear Mrs. Pollock: Mrs. Anderson has requested me to write the Bulletin about the raid made upon the Portal blindpiggers. Until Sept. the blindpig element seemed to think, and with good reason, that they owned the town. Five such places were run openly upon Front street, with high board fences about them, screened entrances, and gambling in connection. Lawless, insolent, having the support of the majority of the business men of Portal, who accepted a tax or license from them with which to build sidewalks. Upon the 3d of July an International celebration was held here, and several thousand people came from both sides of the border, by special trains, to spend the day. Of course those places reaped a big harvest, apparently un molested. It is said that two car loads of beer and other liquors were unloaded here the night of the 2d and there is no doubt much of it was disposed of to such a crowd. However, this was just the time that the W. C. T. U., with the help of a few good men, decided to see what could be done. They hired a detective, who had no trouble in securing plenty of evidence, which was given to Sheriff Lee, of Minot, who made several attempts to capture the piggers, but each time was foiled, as they were warned in time to escape to the Canadian side where they could not be managed to surprise them, capturing two and getting them upon the train when, by prearrangement with train men, the train was backed across the line, two of the Canadian police appeared, demanding the prisoners, upon a trumped up charge by a Canadian saloon keeper of an unpaid board bill. Sheriff Lee was clubbed by them and forced to give up the prisoners, as when he called upon our marshal and editor for assistance they refused to side him. The sheriff reported the affair to the Canadian government, an investigation was held, the two Canadian police discharged, the "piggers" returned to the American officers, when they quickly got sentences of one hundred and twenty days each in jail. The editor of the "Portal International" and the marshal and others were arrested, six in all, and are to have their trial tomorrow in Minot, and warrants are out for the ones who escaped to the Canada side and were not returned. There is more than fear of hurting the work of the officers, but we feel that we have had a great victory. Even the red light house is closed by injunction, and we have the promise of Sheriff Lee that their places will stay closed until they will have time "to rot." So we thank God and take heart again. This is the first prosecution for liquor selling in North Dakota, and they felt perfectly secure, for merely by going across the road they could escape the law, but they reckoned without the W. C. T. U.

LURA A. JOHNSON.

Lecture Bureau.

We have had five speakers in the field during the year. Mr. Floyd Starr, Miss Annie A. Robbins, Mrs. Florence D. Richards, Miss Charlotte Barnum and Miss Pernelia C. Mahan. Mr. Starr did splendid work for nearly seven weeks. Forty appointments were made in the northern part of the state, and those on account of rain, falling, and only two appointments of heavy rains. Fifteen Loyal Temperance Legions were organized and two normal classes secured. Also a Senior Loyal Legion and one union. Seventy-three subscriptions for the Crusader Monthly were received.

Total receipts,	\$163 21
Total expenses,	147 05
Balance,	\$15 56
Miss Robbins worked about seven months. She covered nearly the entire state and did pioneer work in many places. Over one hundred towns were visited, 137 addresses given, 96 addresses to children in day schools and Sunday schools, 127 calls were made, 9 unions were organized, 3 Ys and 2 L. T. Ls; gained 217 new members and 19 honoraries and 1 life member. Attended county conventions and organized the ninth district. 475 leaflets and papers were distributed. 16 subscriptions to Union Signal and 6 to Crusader Monthly.	
Total receipts,	\$629 83
Total expenses,	639 68
Deficit,	9 85

This small deficit in no way detracts from the splendid results, as some long distances were traveled and hotel bills had to be paid where there were no

Casselton Reporter

CASSELTON, N. D.

Neat Job Work For W. C.

T. U. on Short Notice,

AT REASONABLE PRICES

unions to care for a speaker.

Mrs. Richards spent seven weeks in the state, visited 33 towns and gave 55 addresses, including three county conventions. One new union was organized and one re-organized.

Total receipts, 8319 25
Total expenses, 304 34

Balance, 814 91

Miss Barnum was employed for twenty days and gave thirteen addresses, attended four conventions, gave two talks on L. T. L. work, spoke at two afternoon meetings and at twenty-eight personal calls. Eighty-two subscriptions were taken for Crusader Monthly.

Total receipts, 896 43
Total expenses, 83 45

Balance, 812 98

We give Miss Mahan's report in her own words: "I gave four lectures, two at Fargo, one at Cooperstown (the next Sunday) and one at Underwood. I addressed and read before the L. T. L. at Fargo and Cooperstown. I held three W. C. T. U. meetings, one at Fargo and two at Underwood, held the meeting with the girls at the Rescue Home, and gave recitals at Hunter, Wheatland, Tower City, Sanborn and Underwood—making fifteen meetings in all. I had small audiences at Hunter and Tower City, but otherwise I had good audiences. The harvesting season, of course, made quite a difference. I could not hold afternoon meetings, and thus I could not get in close touch with the white ribboners. But I enjoyed the work very much. I was charmed with North Dakota. I liked everything but the mosquitoes. I shall never forget the wheat fields, and shall remember with great pleasure the white ribboners of the state whom I chanced to meet. I wish I might have seen your president, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Morey, of Ojata, who planned my route so carefully.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

Helper, Utah, Oct. 23, 1905.—My Dear Co-Workers: Many of us have returned from the state convention and a few of us are wending our way over the continent to the National. While your secretary was unable to start with the rest of the N. D. delegation, we are thankful that we are permitted to go at all. I hope that sometime all of the North Dakota Legions may have the privilege of taking this trip. I would like to describe it, but words fail me to express one-tenth of the beauty, where it is beautiful, or of the dreariness of the plains. To go back to our work in North Dakota, which is difficult for me to think of, while passing through these stately old Rockies near Castle Gate.

I do hope that each Senior Legion in the state will make a brave effort to produce some graduates during the year. Every new Legion can accomplish this also, and when we come to convention next year we will not be left as we were this year, when it was discovered that Mrs. Hoffman could not be with us. I hope to get some new and interesting suggestions from the L. T. L. conference that will be held at Los Angeles, and new enthusiasm from the workers who will be there.

One word to the childless unions. Mothers, you are doing a great wrong and injustice to the children and young people of your community. Some day you will lament and repent for your negligence. Then you will go to work as our president said we could do if the prohibition law was repealed. Let us work before it is too late, and not have the young people of our state asking for bread, and we give them a stone. Remember what Jesus said: "Forasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." When you think about it, it is very little to give a few minutes each day to making a study of the lesson and one hour a week or in two weeks to the teaching of it.

When we stop to think of the good we may do with the same material that Satan stands ready to grasp, we should feel inspired to take up the work at once. Hoping that I may hear of many new Legions upon my return to North Dakota, I am, Yours lovingly,

ELLA C. BOISE

The Influence of Our Badge.

Do we, as a whole, really appreciate the influence of our badge? I fear not.

Therefore, my effort will be to set before you in a few words my estimation of its importance to the interests of our cause.

What does the wearing of a little knot of white ribbon signify? Simply this: that we are for all time set apart to the work of helping others to become strong where they once were weak. Can anything be more beautiful, than to feel that without word or deed, you are "Known and read of all men," as one who wishes to be in sympathy with everything good and true? Certainly, friends, this is the real meaning of our badge. Let us then don it and wear it all times, never forgetting that we are one with a great many others, trying to help men, women and children to strive for the highest in life, for the greatest good.

Oh times when I see those whom I know to be members of our order without this sign of their loyalty, I wish they could know how largely they are, in a way, doing injustice to themselves and the cause they profess. Oh, for the pen of an angel to write so as to inspire you all to give to every dress (and especially the best ones) and to outside wraps a little bow of white ribbon, that it might always be there to tell of your trueness to the principles of temperance and purity, peace and love.

Dear Sisters, can we not let our silent influence be "For God, Home and Native Land" and our loved fellow beings, by always wearing this badge of our order? Certainly no member of our world-wide organization would fail to make it a part of her dress, if she positively knew that it would save a soul or even help a struggling mortal to take a firmer hold on things better and a step higher in his or her scale of being, but such may be a fact. We read not long ago of one who was trying to break himself of strong drink, who being in the vicinity of a saloon, found it hard to pass by without entering, but catching a glimpse of fluttering white ribbon worn by a lady just in front of him, he kept close to her, and was able to pass the dreaded spot, and he declared, "it was this tiny subtle influence that saved him to manhood and his loved ones." Another was on his way, discouraged, and in despair at his oft-repeated failures for reform, to make an end of his life, when arrested by the same pure white badge, he, too, was drawn under its magic influence to a better place and became a man again. If these cases be true, how little does it sometimes take to accomplish much for the cause we love. I know by experience, (and mine is very limited), that our badge does carry an influence in its presence of no small amount. Once when I was traveling for a night on the cars, in the morning on going to the toilet room I was obliged to wait for other occupants, when one of the ladies noticing my little bow exclaimed: "Oh, the blessed white ribbon! My mother wears that." This led to a pleasant little chat, in which I was at least strengthened and encouraged in my principles and perhaps others, too.

Worthy Comrades, let us have a conscience in this matter: remembering that it is the small things in our lives that give force to our characters and add much to our usefulness in the Master's service. Let us every one cast in our effort, great or small, as the case may be, to do something for the cause of the great reform we have put our hands to, and let us not weary in well doing, nor forget our badge until a tempted world shall be fairly belted with the white colors of love and purity.

MARY B. MARSH.
Minto, N. D., June 21, 1905.

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