

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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About the Army Canteen.

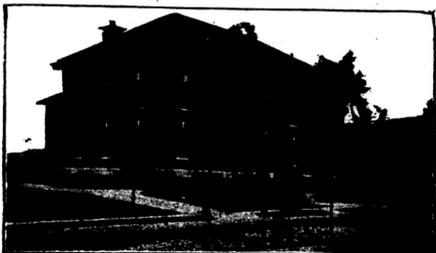
A great deal is being printed in papers throughout the whole country about the canteen and there is some misunderstanding. We quote from the Union Signal:

"Canteen a Misnomer. If temperance, prohibition and religious writers and speakers would drop the terms 'army canteen' and 'anti canteen law,' and substitute the word 'barroom,' it would help to enlighten some persons, and do away with much sentiment that now exists in favor of the 'army canteen.' Many persons do not understand that the soldiers may still have the canteen if desired, with the barroom eliminated. Others believe that the soldiers have been wrongfully deprived of a place of amusement or recreation that the canteen afforded, when the truth is, they have only been deprived of a drinking place or a barroom. If the soldiers have been deprived of anything else, it is because of some influence other than the Anti-canteen (barroom) law. Things should be called by their right names. When we speak of a place where beer is sold to be drunk on the premises, say 'barroom,' and not 'canteen,' which some persons still think means the tin flask in which a soldier carries water when he is on the march."

"Congress did not close the canteens; what congress did do was simply to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on all military reservations. Post exchanges remain; their general store department remains; their lunch counters remain; their reading and recreation rooms remain; the law passed by congress does not take from these a single paper, mag-



Post Exchange before passage of Anti-Canteen law—showing "Empties."



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azine, book or game—all the club and social features any post exchange or canteen ever had remains untouched. The sale of intoxicants is all that the law prohibits."

Congress has appropriated nearly two millions of dollars to the building, improvement and maintenance of these post exchanges or canteens and all army posts may have them if officers and men so desire.

The Press on the Canteen.—Referring to the numerous articles appearing in the daily press calling for the restoration of the army beer saloon on the ground that the present law has resulted disastrously, the editor of the Christian Nation says:

"It requires no great insight to enable one to see in them the studied purpose of an attempt by the brewery trust to give prestige to an unpopular cause. One can hardly help wondering, what kind of ideals our army officers have when they say that the soldiers have as much right to have their beer as the officers have. In these days when the great business corporations forbid their employes to use intoxicating drinks of any kind, one can scarcely imagine that the defenders of our country have any right to drink. If every drinking officer were removed from the service, it would be of great benefit to the military service and would promote the welfare of the soldiers far more than the restoration of the canteen."

A man has been arrested in Iola, Kansas, for saloon wrecking. Never heard of a saloon being arrested anywhere for man wrecking.—Cambridge Press.

Some Signs of the Times.

I think there is no disputing or denying the fact that our time has fallen in an era of reform, and many experienced workers believe that the ethical wave now in motion will go further and reach higher than any that have gone before; it behooves us, therefore, my dear sisters, those of us especially who believe in this principle of equal suffrage, to be up and doing, awake and alert to take advantage of the movement in the troubled pool of public sentiment, to advance our principle, that it may do its share of the so much needed healing of the nations.

Encouragement comes to us from many directions just now, from the attitude of many distinguished people, from Mr. Roosevelt to Mark Twain, and many of us believe that even Grover Cleveland has given us a lift to the ethereal light that is being thrown on the different fields where women have been partially or wholly enfranchised, for many years.

Among the most notable records of these facts is a little book recently published in New Zealand, entitled "Outlines of the Woman's Franchise Movement in New Zealand."

It gives us cause for thankful pride in the fact to know that our own Mrs. Leavitt, our revered first round the world missionary, organized the W. C. T. U. in that far country, with a franchise department and superintendent of energy, ability and tenacity of purpose, devoted to her and her colleagues, Sir John Hall attributes the final and complete triumph of a cause that began to be agitated in that island more than fifty years before, during which time it has had many titled and distinguished advocates, from Mr. Alfred Saunders and Sir William Fox, who advocated equal suffrage in 1843 to Sir John Hall, identified with the progress of New Zealand since

1852, as provincial secretary, Postmaster General, and Premier.

The many times defeated bill enfranchising women, became law, September 19th, 1893, and so has been on trial twelve years, and these are some of the results:

"An equal standard of morality for men and women, and the conditions of divorce have been made the same for men and women. Women may now recover damages for slander; legal separation may now be obtained promptly and without expense; by the Testator's Family Maintenance Act a man is prevented from willing away his property without making suitable provision for his wife and family; pensions for the aged poor of both sexes have been provided; inebriate asylums established; labor laws have been enacted guarding the health of women and girls; their hours of labor have been limited, their holidays fixed and a minimum rate of wages enforced; the economic partnership of husband and wife has been recognized; the criminal code has been amended; an act has been passed to regulate the adoption of children; an "Infant Life Protection Act" prevents baby farming; servants registry offices have been regulated; the interests and health of shop girls have been safeguarded;" the Industrial School Act has been amended; and the Temperance vote has increased three fold; and W. Sidney Smith sums up the record by saying: "The advent of women into the politics of this colony has been a great moral gain."

Now let us rally our forces for effective work along this line. Why cannot every union have at least one franchise entertainment, and every believer in equal opportunities for men and women be on the lookout at these functions and all other practicable occasions to get signatures to the enrollment blanks (I hope to have furnished to every union soon)

so that we may know positively just where our state stands on this question by next convention time, and if we could only be ready to step into the line struggle we hope Washington will have emerged from by that time, what a glorious victory it would be for us.

Touching the nature of these entertainments I would call attention to a drama which is being published in the Woman's Journal. It began in the January 6th issue and will be continued in two more numbers. I understand, and is entitled "Put to the Test." These three numbers—the issues of Jan. 6, Jan. 13 and Jan. 20—will be sent to any union, as long as they last, for ten cents, and from what I have read of it, it seems to me it would make an excellent program for almost any social entertainment. Yours in bonds of love and labor,

L. L. MUR, Supt. of Franchise.
800 13th Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Why a Teetotaler.

Edward W. Bok, editor of the Ladies Home Journal, gives the following among other reasons, for having never tasted liquor:

Another thing which led me to make up my mind never to touch liquor was the damage which I saw wrought by it upon some of the finest minds with which it was ever my privilege to come into contact, and I concluded that what had resulted injuriously to others might prove so to me. I have seen, even in my few years of professional life, some of the smartest, yes, brilliant literary men, dethroned from splendid positions, owing to nothing else but their indulgence in wine. I have known men with salaries of thousands of dollars per year, occupying positions which hundreds would strive a lifetime to obtain, come to beggary from drink. Only recently there applied to me for any position I could offer him, one of the brilliant editorial

writers in the newspaper profession—a man who two years ago readily commanded one hundred dollars for a single editorial in his special field. That man became so unreliable from drink that the editors are now afraid of his articles, and although he can at day write as forcible editorials as at any time during his life, he sits in a cellar in one of our cities writing newspaper wrappers for one dollar per thousand.

The Church Responsible.

If the Christian communities would unite in denouncing the liquor traffic, in twelve months there would be no liquor traffic to denounce. The question is in the hands of the churches. The public house was built by the devil, and to the devil it will go. The public-house is the gate to hell. Who can write the story of the ruin it has wrought? Oh, the misery, the heart-break, the desolation, the orphanhood, the murder, the madness, for which that house is responsible!—Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker.

The Liquor Traffic.

Officials have protected her; business men have patronized her; the church has denounced but tolerated her; even some ministers have ignored or excused her; Christians have voted for her; decent people have signed her petitions; self-seekers have gone on her bonds; mothers have prayed with her; beaten wives have implored her; outraged womanhood has cursed her; starving infants have wept at her side, while all the time she has gone on her wicked way, carrying sin, shame, sorrow, agony, misery and death to millions of the children of men. Prof. Charles Scanlon, A. M.

The manly, open struggle against wrongs shows the old ideals are not dead, that men still love justice and right instead of injustice.

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Call to Supts. of Medical Temperance.

Dear Friends: It is the intention of this department to send out a Medical Temperance issue of our state paper in March if possible and it is the desire of our State President Mrs. Anderson that our State President in the state shall receive a copy. To this end I make the following request, that each county Superintendent, or President where there is no superintendent, ask each union in her county to send the names of all physicians in her locality with five cents for each name sent. These names with address and money to be sent by her sent to the Editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin. This will enable Mrs. Pollock to send a marked copy of our Medical Temperance issue to each physician in the state. I am sure you will realize how important this work is and that you will promptly and willingly respond to this appeal.

Yours cordially,
NELLIE E. MOTT,
State Supt. Medical Temperance,
January 11, 1906.

Virginia Call: It is, I believe, impossible for a Union to live whose members do not read the State and National organs. Such a Union is anaemic and shrivels up and dies at the first blast of opposition.—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

We hope the unions are working for the improvements needed in the W. C. T. U. Woman's Home. Some have done excellently well, but we are still a long way from the \$1,000 needed. This is our Home and each should feel an individual responsibility in its well being.

Can't some North Dakota Y write that leaflet, subject, "The Social Department in Y. W. C. T. U.?" The General Secretary offers a prize of \$5.00. Whether you get the prize or not you will get \$5 worth out of the effort. No brighter Y exist anywhere than in North Dakota.

We are a Presbyterians and we were in depths of humiliation to read in secular press that in our own home state of Wisconsin the synod had adopted a resolution favoring high license. With great satisfaction we read from the pen of Mrs. Mary C. Upham, president of Wisconsin W. C. T. U., her own true Presbyterians from the same home church in Wisconsin, the following: "That in notice that some secular papers have so gladly copied, as 'The Presbyterian Synod declaring for high license, was a sad mistake, as we who heard Rev. Scanlon very well know. It seems that one misguided brother said casually, he would accept high license if he could not get prohibition—no motion—no vote—and it created a ripple of discouragement, and no notice was taken of it. We know very well that secular papers are not, as a rule, in favor of prohibition. It is a matter of thanksgiving that every church is making rapid strides toward prohibition, and we know the increase in this sentiment is due very largely to the consecration of our earnest Christian white ribboners, who are, as I fully believe, the very backbone of the church universal."

Life Patrons.

Dear Sisters of the N. D. W. C. T. U.: As most of you know there was a committee appointed by Mrs. Anderson at state convention to solicit Life Patrons at \$5 per year, the money so raised to be used as a fund for establishing State Headquarters as soon as possible. That committee consisted of Mrs. May H. Tousey of Fargo, Mrs. Ella C. Boise of Sherbrooke and the writer. Every union will soon receive our circular letter which will tell you why we should have State Headquarters. Now, we feel sure you will each see the need of becoming patrons, and hope that you will send in your \$5.00 so fast that it will keep us all busy sending out receipts. As quite a number of you are now patrons, we will not expect you to send your names again but we do expect you to send in those of your husbands. Let every one of us put our shoulder to the wheel and see how much money we can raise for Headquarters before our state convention next fall. Send names and money to any one of this committee, or direct to the state treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville, stating what it is for.

We have about a foot and a half of snow up here but it is warm and pleasant. Yours for State Headquarters,
IDA SPARKS CLARKE,
Jan. 13, '06. Barwick, New Ont., Can.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: Two important Red Letter Days are near at hand, each of which should be observed by every union.

The first is FRANCIS E. WILLARD MEMORIAL DAY, February 17, preceded by membership week February 10-17. Can we not have in every union an earnest, enthusiastic crusade for new members—beginning the 10th and pushed vigorously for one week? Call on your friends and neighbors and the strangers within your gates, and invite them to join. We have the pledge with you for their signature, and collect the dues, one dollar, if it is convenient for them to pay at that time. Whether they join or not, leave with them temperance literature. The Annual Leaflet, The Union Signal, The White Ribbon Bulletin and the following leaflets: "What the National W. C. T. U. Has Accomplished," "Why I am a White Ribboner," "Why Should a Church Member Belong to the W. C. T. U.?" are excellent for this purpose.

If your union does not meet before February 10, call a special meeting and plan for membership week. The Union Signal of January 25th has fine suggestions and outline for program for the Memorial Meeting. It would be well to combine with this—the formal reception of members gained during membership week.

The second Red Letter Day is UNION SIGNAL SUBSCRIPTION DAY, the birthday of our President, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. We want to show our appreciation, not only of our national organ, but also of our great leader, by giving her a subscription shower on that happy day. Begin now to work for subscriptions, sending them in any time before March 1st, accompany the letter containing money, subscriptions and all directions in regard to the same, with a card containing only the NUMBER of subscriptions sent, your name, address, and a few words of greeting. This card will be given to Mrs. Stevens on the morning of March 1st, and you will thus have a pleasant part in the birthday celebration.

First District holds the proud pre-eminence among the districts and counties of the state, of having the largest number of subscriptions to the Union Signal in proportion to its membership thirty-three per cent.

Cando is the banner union, not only in North Dakota, but in the United States; its subscription list being over ninety per cent. of its membership.

Barnes-Griggs county has a subscription list of twenty-seven per cent. of its membership.

Grand Forks-Nelson, and Ransom-LaMoure are neck and neck in the race, each having a subscription list of twenty-two per cent. of their membership. Much work will need to be done in some of the counties and districts before the pledge we have made to have a subscription list equal to twenty-five per cent. or one-fourth of our membership, can be redeemed. I would not like to have printed here in cold type the pitifully small proportion of subscribers in some of our counties and districts. They will all be printed in a few months, but we delay in order to give time to make a better record.

The course of study now being published in the Union Signal adds materially to the value of the paper. White ribboners who take this course of study will not only be able to give a reason for the faith that is within them, but will also be equipped for efficient service.

I find in no paper so condensed and yet comprehensive an account of the legislative proceedings at Washington in which we are interested, as is contained in the weekly letters of Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, our legislative representative there. I have heard men say that one of these letters was worth a year's subscription to the paper.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

At a meeting of the Valley City W. C. T. U. held yesterday, a letter was read from Mr. P. R. Martin, president of the local Enforcement League, in which he called attention to the fact that out of a total of forty criminal actions in the district court of Barnes county for the past year, twenty have been for violations of the prohibition law. Of these twenty, twelve have plead guilty, five were tried and convicted by a jury, one dismissed by the state, and one continued over the last term of court. There have been five collected from the liquor prosecutions amounting to \$1,980.20. Temper

ance people have reason to be greatly encouraged. Much credit is due to State Attorney Zuger and Judge Burke for good work done.

THE SMOOT CASE.

The Senate Committee on "Revenues and Elections," renew the investigation in the Smoot case, beginning February 5th; in all probability they will be ready to report to the Senate, the latter part of February. Mrs. Ellis writes that it is urgent that a flood of telegrams go to every Senator THE DAY AFTER HIS REPORT IS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMITTEE.

It is of the greatest importance that every reader of these lines take no matter up at once and be ready for action. Watch carefully the daily paper for the account of the presentation of the committee's report that you may know when to have telegrams sent to both Senators Hansbrough and McCumber. As communications of any kind from voters count far more with politicians than those from women, will you in addition to telegrams, get as many voters as possible to send telegrams? We believe there are men in every town and community who will be glad to spend a dollar or two to help rid the Senate of this man.

There will be no more important legislative work before us this winter, and this cause is surely worth our best thought and money.

Yours for the protection and purity of the American home,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D., Jan. 27, 1906.

FIELD NOTES.

The churches and the W. C. T. U. of Cooperstown have united in holding monthly temperance meetings. They are to be addressed by speakers representing various interests. Sunday evening Jan. 14th a Business Men's Temperance Platform meeting was held. It was addressed by Mr. David Bartlett and Mr. W. D. Hartman. Both gentlemen gave strong endorsement to the work and promoters of moral reforms. A compliment to the speakers and an assurance of the strong interest felt by the people in the great question of temperance. Mr. Bartlett gave an able and convincing argument in support of the justice, constitutionality and righteousness of our prohibition law; giving various well grounded reasons why it seemed to him the best and only way to successfully deal with the iniquitous liquor traffic, and speaking strong words of commendation for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; ascribing to its direct agency the fact that we have constitutional prohibition in North Dakota. Being a member of our Constitutional Convention he knows whereof he speaks. Our organization has no truer friend nor more willing helper than our worthy lieutenant governor has proven himself to be. He declared he believed it to be the duty of every man to help it carry on its worthy cause. Mrs. Bartlett gave able support to the cause and greatly added to the pleasure of the meeting by her skillful mastery of the organ. Mr. Hartman treated the question from a high standpoint of character. Placing a true estimate upon all moral reforms, and ascribing to woman an equally important place with man in that the world's great work. Pointing out that true patriotism consisted in voting with our convictions rather than dodging them on election day.—L. M. Brown, Reporter.

There is a lively L. T. L. in Wyndmere about 40 members. They meet at the homes of members, have good programs and some refreshments. They expect to organize a Y in the near future. We expect lots of help from our pastors. The county convention is invited to meet with the Wyndmere union. Our president lives 5 miles out in the country and has missed only one meeting since convention.

Park River Gazette:—The L. T. L. purchased 20 chickens with the proceeds of last summer's basket ball games and distributed them among the needy Christmas. This was a very commendable act, and it is hoped that basket ball matches to be held in the future will receive liberal patronage and insure a continuance of the practice.

When the father builds his life and thought into his daughter as the mother has hitherto built hers into her son, she has hitherto built her grandest woman and her kindest men. The manhood of strength and gentleness can only come as a result of the ministry of gentleness and strength, and home will be its training school. Frances E. Willard.

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EDITED BY MRS. L. M. BROWN.



ions and in a position to furnish needed information and assistance; and help to keep the unions over the state more closely organized for work. Can't we have a headquarters next year?

West Fairview.—Dec. 30th the Fairview union held a reception at the home of Mrs. Matt Hanson, the president, and presented her with a life membership certificate, a gift of the union. The presentation speech, which was made by one of the honorary members, Mr. Chas. Whitney, was both interesting and helpful. Mr. Whitney, in a pleasing manner, voiced the sentiments of the union, toward one who for thirteen years has stood at the head of our local organization; who for thirteen years has faithfully planned and worked for the temperance cause. To say she was surprised is putting it mildly, but she responded in a touching manner with a few words of thanks. Twenty-eight were present. After a bounteous supper, the guests departed, wishing Mrs. Hanson a Happy New Year, and many more to come.

Lisbon W. C. T. U. has considerable hustle and determination. The question of a reading room was taken up about December 1st and a committee of three ladies appointed. At first it seemed as though no suitable room could be secured, but they were not discouraged. Realizing the urgent need, they were undaunted, and success came to them. On Monday, Jan. 8th, the committee gave a reception to the young men of the city and High school students, in the room which is the W. C. T. U. headquarters. The Loyal Temperance Legion meeting place and reading room for young men. Early in January the stores closed at 6 p. m. and some of the clerks who have no homes, as well as students attending the High school from other parts of the country, greatly appreciate the accommodation thus afforded. The Senior L. T. L. has usually met in private homes, but has grown so rapidly that no ordinary home can be found large enough for it. The monthly union temperance meetings have been continued without a break for 16 or 18 years, and are always so largely attended that the full capacity of any church is not able to seat the congregation. Judge C. A. Pollock tried a blind pig case in Lisbon from Dickey county. A great deal of interest was manifested. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and the Judge gave a caustic and deliberate talk to the prisoner, which we trust may lead to the sentiment on the question of enforcement of law in our town. No druggist permits are issued in Lisbon, and two druggists live with a population of 1500 people.

Richland Co., Jan. 18th, 1906. Dear White Ribbon Bulletin Readers—Christian Greetings: I as press Supt. for our dear Richland Co. W. C. T. U. have received correspondence from all our unions which are five. Walperton union have not been as flourishing as we have known it to be, their president, Mrs. Woolsey, is kept very close at the bedside of her dear sick husband, who has typhoid fever, but they do the best they can. Fairmount union are planning on having the printed programs next year, the Sunday School has observed all temperance Sundays for the year. They held a Union Gospel meeting in Nov. with good results, the meeting consisted of Temperance songs, Recitations, talks from the Pastors and a general good meeting it was pronounced, the collection amounted to \$6.18, they also have distributed many pages of Literature. It seems the stormy weather has hindered the workers, several of the members visited the Walperton Union. Hankinson, our dear old Union, has already learned to walk and is not one year old; they have held one contest with great success. Their Pastor is in sympathy with the work, hence a good help. Mrs. Hayworth was a great help to them, they greatly appreciated the dear lady, they expect also to use the printed programs and take up the course of study in the Union Signal. Mrs. E. M. Tyson is their worthy president. The Dwight Union with Mrs. Rev. Mack as Pres. have done fine work for the past six months. They have gained 15 new members by the contest plan, as Mrs. Mack is our State Supt. of contest work she is still planning for contests in her own union and urges others to do likewise. Their honoraries take great interest in the work, they expect to use the printed programs. Wyndmere last but not least is doing all they can for a small town, and not so many other organizations have gained 5 new members in the past six months.

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Union Signal.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters: Once again I wish to speak to you about the circulation of The Union Signal. March the first, the birthday of our National President, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, is one of our Red Letter Days known to all white ribboners as "Union Signal Day." Will you not do your very best to secure new subscribers by the of first March? We want to keep the prize we won at the National convention this year, but if we do not increase our efforts I fear that Maine will claim it at the next National convention. Have you noticed that in nearly every issue of the Union Signal Mrs. Rollins of Maine, sends the largest list of new subscribers?

Mrs. Carrie E. Madison, of Cando, has done nobly in this work. The Union Signal gives Mrs. Madison credit for having sent in thirty-two subscriptions. I hope many of our white ribboners will follow her good example. Each week I watch anxiously to see what progress we are making. Nearly every week we have a few new subscribers and I hope sincerely that by the first week in March the list will be led by North Dakota. Let us get to work at once! Yours for a mighty increase in Union Signal subscriptions.
MAE HALCROW,
 BOWSBORNTON, N. D.
 Jan. 15th, 1906.

Union Signal Briefs.

The Course of Study, beginning in the January 4 issue, is your opportunity for study along W. C. T. U. lines. Enroll now. Full information may be obtained by addressing the Course of Study Dept., The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill. The March First is Union Signal Day. Roll in the subscriptions! Why not have a subscription contest? Write us for ideas and suggestions. You will need a large number of the Feb. 22 Union Signal for distribution at your March First Meeting. Order early that papers may reach you in time. Price 2 cts. per copy; \$1.75 per 100. Subscription price \$1.00 per year.
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Permission to Sell Sorrow.

Manager Cooper, of Hotel Lankershim, of Los Angeles, said to a newspaper reporter that he regarded the securing of a liquor license as "Buying Permission to Sell Sorrow." Oh! What an assignment of the damnable license arrangement! "Permission to Sell Sorrow!" That is just it, Mr. Cooper. No one has ever told it so forcefully as you have. You shall have first prize for saying in five words more solid, sensible truth than is found in many volumes of learned essays. God be merciful to the civil government that for any price-gives "permission to sell sorrow."—The Searchlight.

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Letter to Y's.

My dear Y Girls: I have not received any letters from you as yet. Would you write me what you are doing in your Y for our column?

We need the inspiration of each other's efforts. Have any of you had a membership contest or any special effort for new members? In Mrs. Stevens' Signal letter of Jan 4th she asks that membership week be universally observed, Feb. 10th-17th. Let us not disappoint our beloved leader. A membership contest can be held at any time. I hope that each Y will have one during the year, and as early as possible. Don't think I want to preach in suggesting that you seek to temper your zeal with patience and charity toward all who differ with you, avoiding antagonism which invariably destroys influence.

Faithfully yours for victory,
 LUCY M. BROWN.

FIELD NOTES.

The Fargo W. C. T. U. has been busy along several lines since the state convention. On World's Temperance Sunday pledges were circulated in all the English speaking Sunday Schools and a long chain of pledge cards representing all these schools is being made. Temperance sermons were preached in nearly all the churches. Seven petitions for druggist's permits have been filed. The union protested in each case and only one permit has been granted in the city. A beautiful chair was presented the president, Mrs. Tousley, at Christmas time. The principal work of the union, however, has been directed toward the opening up of club rooms for the young women down town. Rooms have been secured in the basement of the Edwards Building on Broadway and are being nicely fitted up for reading, rest and entertainment. Clubs are being organized among the young women and classes are being formed for physical culture, studies in literature, etc., and lectures and other helpful entertainments will be provided, also Sunday afternoon evangelistic and Bible study meetings. An earnest invitation is extended to all ladies when in Fargo to visit the Young Women's Club Rooms. Press Supt.

The committee on state headquarters finds the workers over the state to be much in favor of having a headquarters where some of the officers and superintendents and state workers could have a home office. Records and documents pertaining to the work could be kept together, the state executive committee have a place of meeting and the White Ribbon Bulletin have an office. With the corresponding secretary and the editor of the Bulletin in charge, these ladies would be in touch with the un-

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

My Dear Co-Workers:—Your secretary has been kept pretty busy during the past few weeks answering letters and sending leaflets and outfits for L. T. L. work. We believe a great deal of this demand is caused by the Institute workers as we notice most of the calls have come from the quarters where institutes have recently been held. Let the good work go on! Your secretary is only too glad to send all the leaflets and instructions for organizing legions that is possible. We shall have a new lot in a few days. Will the legions or unions in the western part of state please make arrangements with our Supt. of the Lecture Bureau to have Mr. Shattuck begin his work then as he is leaving for the west about the last of April or first of May. We greatly regret that he could not come during the winter months; but cannot always have things as we want them. He is worth waiting for, however, and we want him placed everywhere that is possible for him to assist a legion or organize one.

Yours for better work,
ELLA C. BOISE.

L. T. L. Circular Letter.

(Continued from last month.)

Fourth. Thirty L. T. L. delegates at Hartford, 1906. This year there was an increase of dues paid to the National treasury, and every state represented by a paid L. T. L. delegate rejoiced to be in it, and to have a part in the deliberations of the greatest reform body on earth. Reviewing the roster of states it was decided that our number of L. T. L. delegates should be doubled the coming year and the conference pledged its efforts to have thirty L. T. L. delegates at the coming National W. C. T. U. Convention at Hartford in 1906. Five cents each from 1,000 boys and girls of your state will bring the privilege of representation in the deliberations of Mother National. Shall we count your state in?

Fifth. A paid Junior worker in 100 cities of the United States, so that the children shall not be neglected. The impossibility of maintaining permanent L. T. L. work in our large cities with volunteer services was admitted by the conference, and it was the consensus of opinion that the employment of a young woman Senior Legioner, either by the month or payment of a stated sum for each meeting, was the only solution of the problem. For many years Milwaukee has employed a paid L. T. L. worker, Detroit, Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, Bridgeport, Conn., and other cities have all found this plan successful at different periods. Will you review the work of your state and send me the names of those cities where you feel a paid L. T. L. worker might be supported with advantage, and we will co-operate in the effort to secure the desired worker?

One of the most important actions of the conferences was the adoption of the L. T. L. Correspondence Training School, with Mrs. Belle C. Rowley, 411 Jefferson St., Elkhart, Ind., as director. Explanation of the object and work of the school will be found in the conference report, enclosed in this letter.

You will rejoice to know that at my most earnest request, Miss Anna A. Gordon has consented to render the same service to the Crusader Monthly which Mrs. Stevens has so long given to The Union Signal. Since The Crusader Monthly owes its continuance during the trying period of the readjustment of the affairs of the W. T. P. A. to Miss Gordon, and it was she who so largely arranged for the purchase fund, while her pen and efforts are at its command, it seems most proper as well as fortunate that she has consented to serve as Editor-in-Chief with the former editor as managing editor.

The L. T. L. Branch is fortunate this year in its equipment of helpers and associates. The official roster bearing the names of Mrs. Maud L. Greene, Marshall, Texas, whose chalk-talks are famed and whose "Boy Done in Smoke," was one of the features of the Organizers' Night, Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Auburndale, Mass., and Miss Louise Hollister, 2106 Central St., Evanston, Ill., as National Associates, while the following Seniors will serve as Lecturers and Organizers: Mr. Floyd Starr, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. Herbert Shattuck, Ithaca, N. Y.; Mr. J. George Friedick, Evanston, Ill.; Miss Edna Wensley, Albany, N. Y.; Miss Charlotte Barnum, Coxsack, Mich.; Mrs. Frances E. Preston, Detroit, Mich., will serve as

lecturer and organizer for the L. T. L. Branch among colored people. While sending this letter the writer is aware that it will bring to the hearts of many recipients regret that it is written by another than the one who has for eighteen long years served the Loyal Temperance Legion as National Secretary, Mrs. Helen G. Rice. As the work passed from her hands to the present incumbent, only love and appreciation were evinced, and the newly elected secretary was asked not that you will come and appreciate her predecessor less, but that for the work's sake, we shall altogether join hands in the effort to make 1906 the Loyal Temperance Legion's year of highest endeavor. Monthly letters will be sent you replete, and as suggestive as possible with plans and methods, also a monthly bulletin from which it is hoped selections will be made for the L. T. L. columns of your state W. C. T. U. paper, and that we may come in closer touch and ask that each state secretary and L. T. L. president may communicate with me each month. An apology should be made for the length of this letter, yet to the sender it seems all too brief. There are so many personal touches that should be given mention of our Seniors and those others at the conferences, who so greatly contributed to its helpfulness, of our two conference secretaries, Mrs. Lane and Miss Quimby of Ohio, whose faithful services have preserved the conference record for you. Of these and all the many acts of love and courtesy and helpfulness, would I gladly make full mention, did not space forbid. Yours for helpful loyal service in the Master's name.
MARGARET WINTINGER,
Evanston, Illinois.

Lecture Bureau.

Dear Co-Workers:—There will be in our state during the spring and summer months for National workers: Mrs. D. Harford in the month of March, Mrs. Ada Unruh, Mrs. Hopper and Mrs. Robbins in May and June. Mrs. Harford will enter the state from the west on the N. P. R. R. and work east to Jamestown, then south through the counties of LaMoore, Ransom, Sargent, Dickey and Richland. Mrs. Unruh will work west on the G. N. and Soo E. R's, in the 2d, 3d and 4th Districts, finishing in the 9th District. Mrs. Hopper will fill engagements in Trail, Steele, Cass, Griggs, Barnes, Richland and Ransom counties. Miss Robbins in the counties of Grand Forks, Pembina, Walsh, Cavalier and 1st District.

Dear sisters, the engaging of these lecturers by the different unions means much towards the prosperity of our work in the state and the temperance laws for the next two years. This is the time when it takes the "long and steady pull" towards making defenses stronger in the coming legislature. Especially would I urge the unions in the west and northwest to secure these workers as they come into their territory. We are fast approaching the time when the voters in these sections are to be a vital force in the legislative bodies. There are many new segments of progressive people who need to more thoroughly understand our temperance laws and the good emanating from them before going to the polls next November.

Before this printed matter reaches you many will have received letters from me in regard to securing Mrs. Harford. I trust all will do their best to further the work. Anyone wishing Mrs. Harford in communities unorganized, write me and you shall have a date. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes these speakers at any point along their route. We are anxious for them to reach as many as possible while in the state.

FLORENCE B. CONNOR,
Supt. Lecture Bureau.
Minot, N. D., Jan. 15, 1906.

Treasurer's Report.

Dear Sisters: Our report is better this month for which we are very thankful. The State minutes are ready to send out and we hope every Union will send in an order; they are quite an expense to us and we want to distribute them as soon as possible.

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What About

Druggists' Permits?

This is one of the methods of Fargo W. C. T. U. in dealing with permits: To the Women of Fargo:—The matter of druggists' permits to sell alcoholic liquors has been attracting considerable attention of late.

For some time, and until the past month, not a drug store in this city had a state permit to sell liquor. So far as we can learn, the city's welfare was not seriously impaired. Last July the former law governing druggists' permits was replaced by less stringent legislation, and since that time a majority of Fargo's drug stores have been represented throughout their wards by persons bearing petitions that these stores be permitted to sell liquor, of course for "medical, mechanical or scientific purposes."

We have no desire to reflect upon the character of the druggists of our city, but it must cost them heavily to circulate these petitions, published their legal notices, secure government license, etc., which must be done in compliance with the laws, and it would therefore seem that the sale of liquor must be a very important item of business to warrant all this expenditure. Now if the eight druggists of Fargo were to secure permits and each be able to sell one pint of liquor daily (to an individual whose conscience was sufficiently elastic to allow him to swear it was necessary for medicinal purposes), what would be the prevailing "temperance" condition of our city? The druggist himself, as men view business transactions, is almost powerless to prevent the abuse of the permit law, for if he refuses to sell liquor to a reasonably respectable applicant he may be certain of angering a good customer thereby. An attorney stated recently: "We all know the intent of the change in the law, from one-half pint to one pint, was that more was needed for medicine, but to make it easier to secure more for drinking purposes. As men who understand the ways of the world, we know how easy it is for a man who wants a drink to imagine he has a cold, a very bad cough, stomach trouble, or some ailment for which he claims to need liquor. He signs the affidavit, receives the liquor and drinks it as a beverage."

No permit can be secured until fifty per cent. of the women in the ward where the drug store is located petition the county judge asking that such a permit be granted, and here are some of the statements which every person makes to the court when these petitions are signed: That the druggist's application has been read;

That the druggist is a person of good moral character;

That he does not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage;

That he can be safely entrusted with the responsibility of selling liquor. In other words, every woman who signs, endorses and shares every moral responsibility assumed by the druggist, and must continue to share that responsibility during the year the permit remains in force. A signature given for one druggist is usually very soon made the basis of a plea that the signer show no partiality but sign for the other drug gists in her ward.

The women in the wards where the

drug stores are located have the power to determine whether or not these permits shall be granted. Can you, conscientiously, ask the judge to allow the druggist to sell intoxicating liquor thus? And can you intelligently say the man is of "good moral character, does not use intoxicating liquor as a beverage and that he can be entrusted with the responsibility of selling the same?" We appeal to you as mothers, wives and homemakers in the city of Fargo, to consider well what the results may be, before you sign a druggist's petition.

Respectfully signed,
Mrs. May H. Tousey
Mrs. Mattie Monson,
Fargo W. C. T. U.
Mrs. Julia Nelson,
Mrs. J. M. Johnson,
Scandinavian W. C. T. U.

Prohibition Against License.

The condition of Maine and Ohio affords a most instructive contrast. Ohio has 10,000 saloons and the Pine Tree state has not had a licensed saloon since 1846. The population of Ohio is five and a half times greater than Maine, but the people of Maine have a bank deposit of \$30.77 per capita against \$0.42 in Ohio.—National Advocate.

From Harlem.

Harlem, N. D., Jan. 6, 1906. While Ribbon Bulletin, Fargo.—Not having before been noticed in your paper, if possible, please give room to the following: Our union was organized Aug. 2d and had regular meetings from that on until the middle of Nov. when sickness, death and bad weather stopped them for awhile. Our union has over a dozen of the staunchest women to be found anywhere, and when other unions were laid by because of fall work, want of horses, etc., our union forged right ahead. Our first meetings were given over to parliamentary drills, lessons on principles, catechism, state minutes, etc., after which a number of suits were appointed and instructions and help were given to each so that they might become somewhat familiar with their own departments. Have had especial meetings, taking up Non-Alcoholic Medication, Red Letter Days, Christian Citizenship, Purity in Literature and Art, etc. We have taken up the Prohibition Laws of North Dakota for careful study and find they are broken right here in our midst, yet the way hasn't seemed clear as to what could be done. On the evening of Jan. 6th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black, a happy time was spent, the occasion being a 6 o'clock dinner given by the hostess to the union of which she is president. In the evening a carefully prepared program was carried out as a Frances Willard Memorial, and included the best things pertaining to the life of this great and beloved woman.

Special features were a song set to music by her faithful friend, Anna Gordon, also her own last words set to music. Also impromptu speeches by several who had been connected with our contest work in this county. An impressive feature of the meeting was the presentation of our first W. C. T. U. baby, Donald Berthoff, who was greatly admired and who impartially scattered smiles. Some say of our work: "I don't see anything of much account that they do." Let me tell such, that only a very small part of the real work of such an organization is divulged to the general public that many members are contentedly on the alert and they spend many hours "doing things" that are not taken into account only for a final reckoning. Very sincerely for Temperance "All Round the World."—Mrs. C. G. Black, President Stirum Union.

Round Table Topics.

Shall our unions take vacations? Are so-called "temperance drinks" safe? When and how shall dues be paid?

Ought our members to take intoxicating wine at sacrament?

What shall the W. C. T. U. do with patent medicines?

What should be our attitude concerning the Sunday newspaper?

Do we help young people to be happy and consistent total abstainers? How?

The relation of drink to vice.

Why are not righteous laws better enforced?

Is the W. C. T. U. a good place for the Lord's tent?

Boy's bedroom; what shall furnish it? The small boy and the cigaret.

Which teacher shall we choose; he who preaches, or he who practices? The responsibility of the mother for the double standard of morals.