



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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A MESSAGE.

To the Women of North Dakota,
From Mary H. Hunt.

The saloon with its record of crime, broken hearts, and ruined lives is the darkest blot on the otherwise fair face of our American civilization. But it is doomed to go:

First, because the use of alcoholic drinks is a relic of an ignorant, barbaric age. That ignorance is dispelled by the investigations of modern science which show that there is not a single argument for the use of these drinks that has any basis in truth.

Before the second co-ordinate proof that the saloon is doomed to go westward with reverent awe, for it shows God's purposes of mercy to our land. It is this:

As the testimony of science has poured in its light, proving alcohol to be, not a good creature of God designed for human comfort, but a subtle, destructive poison that is always, in small or large quantities, a dangerous beverage at war with human well-being, the legislatures of this country have enacted laws proving that all the people shall know these facts through the education of all the children in the public schools. The legislatures have done their part. Science has done its part and is adding constantly to its testimony against even the most moderate use of alcoholic drinks. The Bureau of Scientific Temperance Investigation has done its part in collecting and translating these findings of science into simple language adapted for incorporation into school text-books on physiology and hygiene for all grades of pupils in our public schools. An ample school literature is ready.

It now remains for the temperance people to do their part in insisting upon the full enforcement of these temperance education laws. If they do, the final going of the saloon is not far off.

Only the ballots of the majority of the voters can close the American saloon. But men will not vote to prohibit the sale of beverages they believe in and want to drink. Hence there must first be education as to the evil nature and effects of the drinks the saloon has to sell. How largely can Scientific Temperance Education in the public schools of your state reach the future voters and through them the voters of to-day?

The following facts will help answer this question:

A recent report of the North Dakota public schools showed an enrollment of about 77,680 children registered as in actual attendance in the public schools of the state. The law requires that physiology and hygiene with special reference to alcoholic drinks and narcotics shall be studied as a regular branch by all the pupils in all the public schools of the state.

Assuming that the minimum for each pupil is 30 lessons yearly, each of the 77,680 children in your state is each year receiving 30 lessons in the physiological reasons for obeying the laws of health. Of these lessons about one-fifth are warning lessons as to the dangerous nature and effects of alcoholic beverages and other narcotics.

Most of these 77,680 children repeat some part of their lessons at home. Please remember that for all these temperance lessons to the children, and through them to the parents, the state pays the bills, and ask yourselves by what other instrumentality could so much temperance instruction be given

to the rising generations and through them be diffused among the homes and people of your state.

NEED OF INFORMATION.

It has been said that the people can be trusted to do the right thing if they know all the facts. That they have not yet in all cases learned the facts is shown by the following incident:

A Presbyterian minister who represents the temperance cause in the gatherings of that denomination had been in attendance upon a large ministerial meeting in which that subject had been discussed. As they were leaving for home, a young minister dropped into the seat on the cars with the clergyman who tells the story. With a clouded brow the young man said to the other, "I am in trouble." Sympathetic inquiry called out the following history:

"I graduated from the grammar school and the high school in 18—. I spent two years in the preparatory school, four years in college, and four years in the theological school. These years of study ought to have prepared me for every contingency that would arise in any pastorate. But they did not. None of them ever taught me anything about the temperance question. I have been called to a church in R.— where the temperance cause is at a white heat, and I don't know the first thing about the subject. I don't know its literature nor where to get it. I am helpless to do, or to form myself as to what I ought to do."

Further inquiries showed that the temperance education law was passed in the state where this clergyman lived too late to reach him when he was either in the grammar or high school. This story well illustrates the lack of information on this important subject of many persons who are otherwise informed.

PROGRAM FOR A THRILLING PUBLIC MEETING.

We have just published a new program for a Scientific Temperance Instruction public meeting in which the clergyman, doctors, lawyers, editors, and teachers of the community may be given a part in recounting the history, progress, results, and world-wide spread of this American educational method for the prevention of intemperance, and the present need in the community where the meeting is held. Good judges say the meeting is held. Good judges say it is the most informing, helpful, and thrillingly interesting program we have ever issued. We are inclined to think they are right.

The price of the program with all the literature needed to present it is 80c. Included in this material are a number of leaflets and a copy of "An Epoch of the Nineteenth Century," a brochure of 65 pages (marked selections only are used in the program) which gives an interesting account of this Scientific Temperance Instruction movement, and which, when sold separately, costs 40c. Since this book, as well as the leaflets, should be owned by every union, this package of literature not only furnishes material for a splendid program, but has also a permanent value.

It would be a good plan to distribute copies of the leaflet, "Where are the Future Majorities?" (No. 92), at the close of the meeting. We can send 80 copies for 20c extra.

Send for the program and literature, work up a rousing meeting with a big audience, and take up a collection to defray the necessary expenses of the meeting, furnish the SCHOOL PHYSIOLOGY JOURNAL to teachers and further the Scientific Temperance Instruction work. One of the questions for the

annual report will be regarding the number of unions who have used this program.

I am anxious that every union in your state should hold one of these meetings as soon as possible. It will have an immense educational effect, and cannot fail to awaken interest in the law and its thorough enforcement.

The success of this great movement to train the boys and girls in that sobriety which is already making us one of the most achieving of the great nations must now, as always, depend largely upon the way in which you, the faithful consecrated workers in the local unions persistently agitate and constantly follow up the advantages gained in the past.

Let me in closing pass on to you the personal watchword that has been my effort through all the strenuous years of work for the temperance education of the children of America:

"What ought to be done can be done by whoever has the courage and the faith to undertake it, for Omnipotence is pledged to such an one."

Treasurer's Report.

Dear Sisters:—I have been pleased to hear from so many of you this month. If all have not received receipts for remittances you will know by these reports that it has been received.

LIZZIE SCHLOSSER, Treas.

Fairmount, State Minutes	8 63
Pembina, state dues	7 70
Leal, state dues	1 40
Minot, state dues	2 30
Crar, proceeds medal contest	5 30
Caledonia, Enforcement League	3 00
Hankinson, Memorial	2 00
Larimore, Scandinavian Home	4 50
State Minutes	15
Hamilton, Home \$5.00, State Minutes 10c	5 10
Mrs. M. A. Garry, State Minutes	60
W. R. B. subscribers	50
Mrs. Anna Howrey, Home bldg	1 00
Mrs. Mattie Parsons, Home bldg	1 00
Knox, Home	5 00
Sherbrooke Y, State \$10.00, Home \$5.00	15 00
Sherbrooke Y, Memorial \$2.00	2 00
state dues \$8.40	10 40
Valley City, Memorial	3 00
Wyndmere, state dues	1 40
Mayville, State \$5, Memorial \$2	7 00
Forest River, State \$3, Home \$3, L. T. L. \$2	8 00
Forest River, Organ \$1, Legislative \$2	3 00
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Thompson, Enforcement \$5, state dues \$1.40	6 40
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Mrs. Emma H. Clark, Home	20 00
Wahpeton, State Minutes \$1.50, state dues \$1.40	2 90
Easby, State \$5, Home \$5, Legislative \$5	15 00
Easby, state dues	1 40
Hope, Memorial \$2, State \$5, State Minutes \$1.80	8 80

Hope, state dues	\$ 1 40
Amenia, state dues	1 40
Mrs. Edna Salmon, State Minutes	1 30
Cleveland, state dues	1 40
Claza, Memorial	2 00
Jennie Staples, Brooklyn Patron	5 00
Mayville, Life Member	10 00
Enforcement pledge	5 00
Mrs. W. O. Pickard, Niagara, State Minutes	16

Iceland.

Iceland, about half the size of Missouri, has no jail, no penitentiary; there is no court, and only one policeman. Not a drop of alcoholic liquor is made on the island, and its 78,000 people are total abstainers, since they will not permit any liquor to be imported.

"There is not an illiterate on the island, not a child ten years old unable to read, the system of public schools being practically perfect.

"There are special seminaries and colleges, several good newspapers, and a printing establishment which every year publishes a number of excellent books on various lines."

Such is the report brought by northern travellers of this incomparable and ideal land. It speaks with a mighty voice for prohibition.—Defender.

It is Good to Laugh.

Health, an English publication, says: "It is good to laugh. There is probably not the remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood vessels of the body that does not feel some wavelet from the great convulsion produced by hearty laughter shaking the central man. The blood moves more rapidly. Probably its chemical, electric or vital condition is distinctly modified. It conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body as it visits them on that particular mystic journey when the man is laughing from what it does at other times. The time may come when physicians shall prescribe to a torpid patient so many meals of laughter to be undergone at such and such a time."

The Virtue of Patience.

"Chillum," said Uncle Rastus, "dar's a gran' lesson to be learned 'r'm de foolish cutworn. He gits up 'r'm in de mo'nin' an' goes fo'th an' eats de little sproutin' melon vine. Ef he had sense enough to stay in bed a while longer de vine 'd p'duce a melon an' he might eat sump'n wuff while. 'Patience, chillum, am a great virtue."

There is at least one part of the world where gambling and liquor advertisements are illegal, and the example set by the municipal authorities at Johannesburg might with decided advantage be followed elsewhere. By an ordinance verifications entails the substantial penalty of \$125, or two months imprisonment, and only recently offenders, who had thought that the authorities were content to treat the law as a dead letter, received a rude awakening in the shape of an announcement that the police would take prompt action if such advertisements were continued. Obviously the Johannesburg people are fully alive to the evil wrought by the bookmaker and ally.—Ex.

There are 15,000 young women in the colleges of the United States preparing for professions, 350 co-educational institutions and 150 colleges for women alone. There are, besides, 22,000 girls in the technical schools throughout the country.

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STATE MOTTO: I am but one; but I am one; I can do nothing, 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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"There is no substitute for thorough-going, ardent and sincere earnestness."

"There is no royal road to learning, and what is life but learning."

Liquor-sellers in Maine are under a ban; they are classed as criminals and compelled to ply their vocation in dark corners and with more or less secrecy. And, of course, reputable men do not. And care to be placed in such positions. And so the traffic is relegated to indifferent or positively worthless men.—Wine and Spirit Gazette.

It is very pleasant to know that our workers still keep us in mind, even though they have been away from the state some time. We received the first issue of this month from one who is well known to many of our readers: "Please renew my subscription to the Bulletin. Can't get along without the paper. It seems like a monthly letter from the folks at home. Yours for the cause, Ida A. Morrill."

During the institute held in Fargo, March 25th, by the two unions of the city, the plan of work by general officers was emphasized. First—Every local union must take the Union Signal, at least as many copies as shall equal one-fourth of its membership. Second—Either alone or in conjunction with neighboring unions each local union must hold an institute during the year. Third—Each W. C. T. U. member should work and use her influence for legislation giving equal suffrage, better anti-cigarette law and a Temperance Commission. Fourth—Each local union should look out for some neighboring town or community. Send literature and endeavor to bring a speaker and organize a new union. In other words, establish a mission station.

Anniversary Peace Day.

The 18th of May, the anniversary of the founding of the Hague Conference, has been quite a general Peace Day, and it is desirable that the W. C. T. U. Peace Department observe it as widely as possible. While our December Peace Day is well adapted to be observed in the churches, our Spring Peace Day seems especially adapted to the public schools, and I wish that every local union would arrange to have the day observed by the schools in its locality, either individually or collectively in a joint public meeting. Printed suggestive programs can be obtained at our office. Winthrop Center, Me. Send 2 cent stamp. HANNAH J. BAILEY, National Supt. Peace Dept.

The Prize Banner.

The prize banner will be awarded for 1905 to that State which has the largest number of working local superintendents of Non-Alcoholic Medication, in proportion to the number of unions in the state. That they are working superintendents will be judged by their reporting at least one Department Meeting held during the year, and the distribution of at least fifty cents worth of department literature. Each local superintendent must report exactly what leaflets were distributed, so please keep a note-book for the department. Any State winning the banner three times may keep it.

Press Committee.

In 1878 the press committee of the national W. C. T. U. reported 3,000 papers as willing to publish temperance news. In 1905 there were reported 22,000 upon which the press superintendents "had their eyes." The copy for 1,000 columns of news each week is supplied by 2,816 women in the different states.

Dwight, N. D., Feb. 19, 1906. As Press Reporter for the W. C. T. U. of Dwight, allow me to report that a Memorial service to Miss Willard was held in the Congregational church in Dwight on the 18th. The church was decorated with beautiful palms and other plants; a large white bow was suspended from the chandelier, and a fine picture of Miss Willard rested on an easel. A choir and a chorus of children sang especially prepared music. Miss Hannah Carlson read a poem, and Rev. Chas. A. Mack delivered the Memorial address to an audience of seventy-five people. The success of the program is largely due to the untiring efforts of the local president, Mrs. Lulu L. Mack. A local contest is to be held here on March 2d. Very truly, Chas. A. Mack, Reporter.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: I scarcely know how to express my appreciation for the beautiful letters of sympathy which have poured in since my beloved father went to his heavenly home one month ago to-day. May the comfort you have given me be returned when your time of needs shall come.

During these days my thoughts have often been with my father in that fair often been with my father in that fair to which he has gone, his coronation in the presence of the Master to whom he gave a long life of service, the Whom he gave a long life of service, the meetings and greetings with those whom he had loved and lost awhile, the activities of limitless scope in which he was engaged without the limitations of weakness and weariness and old age, which he so heroically refused to recognize; the continual devotion and unflinching of that beautiful life and character which blessed all whom it touched here and which I can but believe will continue to be for ever a greater blessing and inspiration now that it expands in a wider, higher sphere. There was a look of bewildering joy and surprise on his face as he swept through the gates, a wonderful light which we felt was a reflection of the glory into which he was entering. The glow remained for a time even after the spirit had fled. It was not death, it was a transfiguration and a translation.

Now we turn to consider our work which was his work and for which he had the greatest faith and enthusiasm. With the opening of spring, interest in the work seems to be increasing. A number of unions report large additions to membership as a result of the work in membership week. We hope every union observed this week, closing with the Frances E. Willard memorial meeting, and that two dollars will be sent from each union to the Willard Memorial Fund for the extension of our work. If for any reason a union failed to observe membership week and hold their memorial meeting at the proper time, it can be done later.

Last week a wonderful Missionary Convention was held in Fargo, attended by delegates from all parts of the state. The heroic, consecrated lives of the Bishops and missionaries who were there gave great emphasis to their inspiring words. The influence of such a convention cannot but rest upon the moral tone of the state, uplifting and purifying it.

My mid-yearly executive meeting was held in the pleasant club rooms operated by the Fargo W. C. T. U.

The resignation of Mrs. L. M. Stanley, president of the Ninth District, was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Katherine V. King, of McKenzie, was appointed in her place. Mrs. Marie Yeoman, of Taylor, was appointed president of the Seventh District. The resignation of Mrs. S. M. Flewelling as superintendent of Mercy and Help, was accepted on account of her absence from the state, and Mrs. Ethel Olsen, Dwight, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The department of Proportionate and Systematic Giving was adopted, and Mrs. Alice May Gøneen, Sherwood, appointed superintendent. A new department, "Bureau of Statistics and Information" was created and Mrs. May H. Touseley, Fargo, appointed superintendent. The object of this department is to gather all possible information and statistics in regard to the working of prohibition in this state.

Miss Sara J. Shirman, of Abercrombie, a graduate of the Columbian School of Oratory, was employed to drill Medal Contest classes. County presidents and local unions desiring her services, may communicate directly with her, or with Mrs. Lulu L. Mack, Medal Contest Superintendent, Dwight.

Miss Lily Anderson, Grand Forks, was employed to do L. T. L. work. Mrs. Ella C. Boise, L. T. L. Secretary, will make her engagements.

Our Vice President, Mrs. Mattie Meacham, is now in the field for Institute work, and Mrs. S. E. Haywood, of Fargo, has also been engaged for organizing and Institute work. Our Lecture Bureau Superintendent, Mrs. Florence B. Connor, Minot, will make their engagements, and also engagements of Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Unruh and Miss Robbins, who come to us in May and June. The plan is, with these workers in the field, to have a local Institute with every local union in the state. Local unions should apply to their county presidents, and the county presidents should plan to keep these workers in their territory as long as possible, arranging for meetings in every town and hamlet. The Park River Union sent a unani-

mus invitation to hold the State Convention, Sept. 21-24, in that charming little city. Remembering the delightful hospitality of Park River in other years the invitation was accepted with great enthusiasm. Plans were discussed for the Convention. It is expected to have our National Y. Secretary, Mrs. Cora E. Seberry, of New York, Mrs. Helen D. Harford, of Oregon, and Mrs. Mary E. Hopper of Chicago, to assist at this convention.

We are asking every union to make a strenuous effort to do two things: increase the number of members and secure a number of subscriptions to the Union Signal equal to one-fourth of the membership. If every union will do this, we shall come up to our Harvest Home next fall with glad hearts, because of the increased members, power and influence of our work.

Fargo unions are the first in the state so far as we know to carry out the local Institute plan. This Institute followed the State Executive Meeting and was attended by the general officers and members of the executive committee. It was a helpful and successful meeting, a report of which will given elsewhere.

The Teachers' and Parents' Association of Valley City at a recent meeting appointed a committee to consider how the moral environments of the children of the city might be made better. The report of the committee recommended that the incoming city administration be asked to enforce all laws for the protection of children, including the cigarette and tobacco laws, law prohibiting minors under 18 from frequenting pool rooms, Sabbath observance laws, etc.; that a committee be appointed of which the Superintendent of the City Schools and the President of the Normal School shall be members, to confer with the Mayor and City Council in the interest of the enforcement of law; that the City Council be asked to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of curtains or screens in pool rooms, etc.; that certain portions of the Bible, as the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, Book of Proverbs, be read without sectarian comment, and the Lord's Prayer recited at the opening of the schools; that inter-scholastic games be played which require pupils either to travel on the Sabbath or be away from home on that day. These recommendations were unanimously adopted. This movement has behind it the representative parents and teachers of the city, and indicates that the public conscience is being quickened and that the tide of morality is rising. We believe the results will prove what can be accomplished when teachers and parents work together in harmony for the good of the school and the home.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
March 27, 1906. Valley City, N. D.

National Purity Conference at Chicago, Oct. 9-10-11.

PURPOSE.—This Conference is called by and will be held under the auspices of the National Purity Federation which was founded at the National Purity Conference held at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in October 1905.

FURTHER INFORMATION.—Printed matter giving all necessary information concerning speakers, railroad rates and other details of the Conference, will be sent later in the season free of charge to such persons as desire it. Further inquiries should be addressed to B. S. Steadwell, La Crosse, Wisconsin, or to any other of the Federation.

B. S. Steadwell, Pres., La Crosse, Wis.
Sidney C. Kendall, Sec'y, Long Beach, California.

Hard at Work.

Mr. J. M. Skinner, so well and favorably known to Ontario temperance workers, is hard at work away out in Montana. The Billings, Montana, Gazette has a very full report of an address given by Mr. Skinner in that town, from which we clip the following paragraph: "Milwaukee is a fine city of 330,000 inhabitants, but it does not owe its prosperity to beer. Mr. Skinner said that the Allis Chalmers engineering works has done far more to build up Milwaukee and make it really famous than all the breweries. Milwaukee gives employment to 27,077 men making engines and machinery. There are 7,283 in the clothing trade, and 7,329 making leather goods, while those employed in making beer and tonics number only 3,545. The liquor business needs puffing out by advertising, and, like quick medicine, the profits are so great that much can be spent on advertising."

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EDITED BY MRS. L. M. BROWN.



MRS. BROWN.

Mrs. Brown's Letter.

My dear Y Girls:—The reports which I have received from some of you this month has brought me fresh cheer and courage and I feel sure that many others are working but do not report. Let me suggest that each Y keep a copy of the questions asked in our report blanks for reference. This will give a definite plan upon which to conduct the work of each year. It will help us bear in mind some of our important points in our work which are often forgotten or neglected because we have not a definite plan before us. I am glad to note that some have made gains in memberships. Remember if you do not send in 70 cents to the state Treas. for each member we cannot be credited with our full quota of members, and this 70 cents will bring the White Ribbon Bulletin to each member. Won't some Y write that leaflet on "The Social Dept. of the Y. W. C. T. U." for which Mrs. Seberry offers a prize of \$5.00? N. D. has Y that can do it. Why not do it? Won't each Y take at least one copy of The Union Signal? Our column in that keeps us in touch with our General Secretary. I hope we may be gladdened by a letter from Miss Best in this issue. With love, L. M. Brown.

Y Notes.

Cooperstown:—The Feb. Union Temperance meeting was addressed by Prof. A. P. Hollis of the Valley City Normal. A house full greeted the speaker, whose subject was "Social Heredity," which received both a scientific and practical treatment, and for its application laying a heavy responsibility upon society—the community—for the right development of the race. Prof. Hollis warmly endorsed the cause of temperance, citing many proofs of the great eminence it has won in the world's regard to day.

The Cooperstown Union observed Willard Memorial, at another of its parlor-meetings, which are the most popular features of our work this winter. This meeting was held Feb. 15th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Syverson, and one of Cooperstown's pleasantest homes. A company of 52 listened to the good program which had been prepared. Mrs. R. M. Cowen gave an excellent character sketch of Miss Willard. Remarks were made by Rev. S. Batchelor and other facts given on the dangerous nature of narcotics. Music was furnished by a company of eight young men who were stationed in the library. The kind assistance of this newly organized orchestra was much appreciated by their audience. A generous offering was received. The social luncheon which concluded the evening was much enjoyed. Membership week was observed. Ten new members, seven of whom are honoraries, have been added to the union.—Press Supt.

From a Former Y Secretary.

My dear N. D. Ys.—They say all letters begin with apologies, but as I have just written two whole letters of apologies to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Pollock, I don't need to make any here, so this will be a very remarkable letter. Won't it?

It does seem good to be writing to you again, and I wish I had the same pleasure coming from it, that I usually have from my letters, and that is an answer. Wouldn't it be personally enough, to think that it required an answer, through the same columns? My! wouldn't we have a good time getting acquainted! It would be almost as good as a convention. I wish at least one in every Y could be a Y secretary, and then I know that afterward, when they did anything at all in their union, they would do what the men say women always do any way. "Go and tell right away," and our column would be full of helpful little notes.

I must tell you one of the things which brought me a great deal of pleasure. Last week I received a letter from Mrs. Edes of Steele Y. You will remember her when I tell you that she was Miss Rose Collins. She showed me by writing, that she regarded me as a personal friend, and not simply an agent of the W. C. T. U. I wish I might be that to more of you. I tried to be as your secretary, but I am afraid I didn't succeed very well. It is very hard for a secretary to make herself one of you, because you will regard her as a kind of a foreign, and not let her off her pedestal. It feels good to the secretary some times, because there is a little touch of flattery in it, and all humanity enjoys a little of that, but it makes the secretary feel kind of helpless when she tries to get right in among you and be one of you, and you resist, pushing her up again. Do let Mrs. Brown come right in and be one of you. She can help you and you can help her the most that way. Be free, frank and friendly. Get away from the worldly idea and cling to the Christian idea. Under the worldly or legal laws you may not be the closest friends, but under the Christian laws you are and can be.

I must tell you some of the things Mrs. Edes told me, and then get at my studying, which I must confess is not nearly as attractive as the N. D. Ys. I had to smile when I read, "Our Y has not been very active this winter," and then two sentences further, "We have had two socials this winter, one a Masquerade the 28th of December, and the other a box social the 23d of February. Both were successes." I think some of us would say they had been active. Then she says, "Some of our Y boys have joined the Christian Endeavor." We are all glad of that, because that is even a broader pledge than ours, for it says, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do," etc., and this includes the temperance pledge. I do hope that all the unions which have "not been very active this winter" have done as much as Steele, and we shall have a good record.

I want to tell you that if our state is not in the Year Book, it is not your fault, nor mine, nor the National's. That may be a queer statement, but I was sick when the report blank was sent out, and at Fargo Miss Thomas sent mine to Minneapolis, and as there was no one here, it was not sent to me. I found it, among some papers, about two months ago, but it was too late then to get in this year's book. I am very sorry it happened so, but we are all glad it was nobody's fault, aren't we?

A telegram from London, Mar. 17, has this to say of the young people of Bristol, Eng. Wouldn't it be nice if the North Dakota young people would emulate their example?

"Rev. W. Mayo of Bristol has informed the annual convention of the Bristol Anti-Tobacco and Anti-Narcotic League that 300 girls of this city have resolved to have nothing to do with boys who smoke. This announcement has been received with enthusiasm, and it is believed to mark the progress of the movement."

"Another report from Bristol indicates that the boys have taken the movement seriously, one young man securing anti-tobacco pledges from 550 of his comrades."

Wishing you great success, as you grow older in this work of our Master, I am yours lovingly,
 EMIL BEST.

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L. T. L. CORNER.

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

My Dear Legioners:—I am going to tell the Junior Legions about one of their number which has been doing some good work during the past two weeks obtaining subscriptions for the Crusader Monthly.

The Y had started a subscription contest for the Union Signal and the L. T. L. wanted to do something, so their superintendent proposed that they try the contest plan for subscription for the Crusader Monthly. They were delighted with the idea and have worked faithfully ever since, until now each side has 12 subscribers. In a place that is noted for having 60 or 65 souls this is well done we think.

The original plan was to have the defeated side entertain the winning side, but since both sides are equal, and the Y is following the same plan they decided to give a reception for the winning side, and the L. T. L.'s also. What this league of 12 members has done, others can do if they will, and if each one in the state would do as well, what a fine record North Dakota would have.

I see by the list sent me from headquarters that some of the largest legions in the state take only a few copies. This should not be so. You need the paper and the paper needs you. I would suggest that both the juniors and the seniors try the contest plan.

I wish I were able to impress the would-be leaders of the L. T. L. work of the importance and assistance they could obtain from the L. T. L. Correspondence Training School. One of its prime objects is to train leaders, so there cannot be an excuse for not having a legion.

We have received three reports, for which we are very thankful, but sincerely hope that is not the limit, so we await patiently for more to follow soon.
 Lovingly yours,
 MRS. ELLA C. BOISE.

Joint Missionary and W. C. T. U. Meeting at Grand Forks.

By special invitation the missionary societies of the different churches met with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the parlors of the Grand Forks Baptist church Friday from 3 to 5 o'clock. The president in a few opening remarks, showed the relation of the W. C. T. U. to societies of kindred aims to be one of co-operation, sympathy and helpfulness, and the object and purpose of the meeting was that we might more fully realize how closely related is our work. Katherine Stevenson says in one of the W. C. T. U. leaflets: "The kingdom of heaven may not come by ordinary observation, but its coming will be greatly hastened when we have learned to observe together our heart unities rather than scrutinize our head differences."

The following paper was read by Mrs. A. L. Woods:

"OPPORTUNITY OF THE WOMEN."

Quoting from an address by Miss M. M. Leitch during the Ecumenical Conference in 1900: "What makes it possible for these great evils to go on unhindered in heathen lands, especially in lands under the control of Christian governments? The lack of an aroused Christian public sentiment makes it possible. How long shall immense quantities of rum, manufactured in this country, be poured into Africa to curse her people? How long shall American frontier saloons in the eyes of the natives and prove an almost irresistible temptation to our soldiers? So long as public sentiment in this country makes it possible, and not a day longer."

This is a government of the people. The men in the halls of the legislatures and of Congress are not the masters, but the servants of the people. They have their ears to the ground. The Christians of this country form a balance of power. They have but to speak the word, and their rulers will turn it into law.

Will not the missionary societies take up this fight, making it an integral part of their work? The removal of these two death-dealing traffics in mission lands would be equivalent to doubling the missionary force in those lands and the victory gained would react favorably on the work at home.

These gigantic and deep rooted evils will never be overthrown until the whole working force of the church moves forward to the firing line. As there are

now ten in the church interested in missions to one in temperance, the enlisting of the missionary force would mean a great increase in the temperance ranks, and when the forces of temperance and missions are welded as one and mobilized in this crusade it will not be long before the rank and file of the church is enlisted in the fight. The long desired end will then be in sight, for as Dr. Josiah Story has said, "There is no reform which the Christian churches of this country will unite in demanding from our government which they cannot secure."

FIELD NOTES.

On March 8 Lisbon union held a memorial service for Rev. E. S. Preston, pastor of our state president, who was pastor of the Elliott charge in this country for many years and well known here. The program consisted of scripture and hymns known to have been often participated in by him as favorite ones. Loving reference was made to the many endearing qualities of dear "Father" Preston, whom to know was to love. Especially touching and tender was the eloquent tribute by Rev. C. A. McNamara, who also gave a sketch of the long and useful life so bravely filled with faithful and successful service for the Master. The meeting closed with expressions of sincere, loving sympathy for our beloved State President.

Park River, March 15.—Our Willard Memorial Meeting was not held until February 27th, being postponed on account of protracted meetings. The service was held in the evening in the Presbyterian church, which was well filled and the program excellent. Rev. McIntosh and Rev. Vermilyea made fine addresses and the musical numbers were well rendered. A generous offering was received. The evening of March 7th a Union Signal Social was held at the home of Dr. Douglas. About 70 were present. A good program was given, light refreshments served and a dime collection taken. The Senior L. T. L. continue to have interesting meetings with an average attendance of thirty.

Forest River union observed Frances Willard Memorial by a parlor meeting this year, and though the attendance was small, knew we were strengthened by dwelling for a little upon the noble life and work of our promoted leader. Such rare endowments as were Frances Willard's are given but few. We can each consecrate the talent we possess and our Lord will multiply the gift and bless the giver in proportion to our love and loyalty. He does not ask of us the impossible. Let us go forward!—E. B.

Hankinson N. D., Mar. 16, '06.—While the union of Hankinson has not accomplished as much as some others, still we have not been idle. We hold regular meetings twice a month, where we study and talk over the lesson published in the Union Signal and feel that in that way we are getting acquainted with the history and aim of the W. C. T. U. On Feb. 18 we held a Willard Memorial service in the Congregational church, with a good program. The meeting was well attended; the collection enabled us to send \$2.00 to Memorial Fund, pay our expenses and a small balance for our treasury. On Feb. 27 we gave a supper treasury and a small balance for our treasury. Spent a very pleasant evening, gained five new honorary members and added \$12.00 to our treasury. We have placed the Physiology Journal in our schools and have paper holders in both our depots, and hospital, which I think are kept well filled with good reading. Have also what we call a book fund, to which each member contributes 10c a month, to be used to purchase books to be placed in either the public school or S. S. library. A preliminary program is preparing for an oratorical contest for the 20th, to be followed on the 27th by our Institute to which we are looking forward with pleasant anticipations, Fairmount uniting with us in same.

Amenia W. C. T. U. gave a six o'clock chicken pie supper and Washington's birthday social on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st. It was a success financially as well as socially, as \$21.45 was added to our treasury. The decorations were garlands with little flags of various countries attached. Papers and pencils were handed around and all were given a chance to guess to what country the flags belonged. The last meeting of our union was a Memorial meeting in remembrance of Frances Willard's heavenly birthday. There was a good attendance, and it proved an interesting and helpful meeting.—Amenia, Mch. 2d.

The Missionary's Great Hindrance.

Missionaries tell us that Christian Nations are making ten drunkards to one christian, and they also say that we could multiply conversions by ten if we could first subtract the saloon, it would seem a self evident mathematical axiom that missionaries and temperance societies should unite for the overthrow of the liquor traffic among our home and foreign people.

While the churches are anxiously asking why conversions are decreasing, the Rev. Wilbur Craft says, "We would like to write on the sky this message at home and abroad, "Environment affects Conversions before and after." This warning is needed alike in home missions, city missions and foreign missions. Ex-President Harrison in his address before the conference, uttered these words, "The men who like Paul have gone to heathen lands with the message, "We seek not yours but you," have been hindered—hindered by those who coming after have reversed it.

Considerably more than half of the world's surface is under Christian governments and the remainder largely under their control and if we have Christian Politics the world will soon be Christianized, but the government back of the missionary is often his chief obstacle.

Japan is seriously thinking of adopting the religion of China because the religion of Christ is too weak to control Christian nations as they have proved themselves, so says the Christian Herald. America in one hand brings the Bible, in the other The Alcohol while England brings the Bible and their opium as the Chinaman can testify. The history of foreign missions has been for many years a history of the fleet of ships from Christian ports which have carried missionaries in the cabin and rum, opium and firearms in the hold. We have held out the Bible in one hand and the bottle in the other; all for money!

The Rev. David A. Day, once wrote as follows: "In a few decades more, if the rum traffic continues, there will be nothing left on the West coast of Africa to serve for God; the vile rum and this tropical climate is depopulating the country more rapidly than war, famine, and pestilence." Liquor has turned the West coast of Africa into one long bazaar from which no fewer than two million of savages go forth to die every year as the result of the rum traffic; a savage drunk on rum is a thing of horror. The Rev. Cyrus Hamlin founder of the Robert College in Turkey, says: The one virtue of the Turkish government that of prohibition, has been entirely overcome by the English and American governments, they both know that in promoting saloons they promote murders, thefts, falsehood, poverty, cruelty to women and children, yet they go on doing it because they want the money. Saloons and Gospel cannot go together. Governments have taken the side of the saloon and we appeal to a righteous God against them, unless they repent and do works meet for repentance.

We may sum up in the words of the poem by Coletta Ryan, these profound problems which confront us at the closing of the century.

God is trying to speak to me
And I am trying to hear;
Away with the Gold that is won by death,

Of Mind and Body (O Nazareth)
(O loving breathing Tear)

Away, away with the realist hand,
Away with the tyrants that slave the land.

For the heart must sing,
And the stars command,
(Great God is near)

And hush and silence the battle's din
And lift forever the mist of Sin,
That veil forever the God within
(Great God is near.)

Can we not take this stirring motto as our War Cry, as Christian women.
"I am but one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, I will do."

Mrs. ROSALI BEST McADAM.

The question, "Upon what does the success of the liquor traffic depend?" was asked many years ago the New York Tribune, and then answered, "Upon debased manhood, wronged womanhood, defrauded childhood. It holds a mortgage over every cradle, a deed written in heart's blood over every human life."

Mrs. Anderson's Fargo Talk.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, president of the state W. C. T. U., delivered an interesting address at the First Congregational church of Fargo. Her talk was devoted largely along temperance lines in the United States as shown by the passage of the numerous pure food measures and the strong effort to secure the passage of a national pure food measure. Mrs. Anderson stated that the main opposition to pure food measures, and especially the national pure food measure, comes from brewers and liquor dealers. Patent medicines came in for their share of condemnation in the remarks of the speaker. Mrs. Anderson directed attention to the investigation of patent medicines carried on under the direction of Postmaster General Cortelyou, which resulted in advertisements for about one hundred patent medicines being refused access to the U. S. mails, on account of fraud connected with the concoctions. Mrs. Anderson directed attention to the last issue of the North Dakota White Ribbon Bulletin, in which is given a list of patent medicines, showing the percentage of ingredients in each medicine shown to be alcoholic liquor. Mrs. Anderson expressed the belief that W. C. T. U. workers had plenty of reason to feel encouraged in the progress being made. The conclusion of the address was greeted with hearty applause.

Before the address of the state president a business meeting was held in which the principal subject of discussion was the proposition to establish a permanent state headquarters with resident officers. Pledges for subscription were taken for the purpose of establishing a state headquarters. It developed during the discussion that the matter of the location of the state headquarters office is by no means settled. Fargo W. C. T. U. workers hope it will be located in that city and are working hard to that end. Other cities want the headquarters. That city will probably secure the headquarters which makes the strongest and most substantial efforts to secure it. Much will depend upon the subscription pledges made.

Make It a Crime.

"A man may drink watered milk for his weak stomach's sake, but law will not allow him to sell it to others. He may read obscene and vicious books to satisfy the innate cravings of a corrupt nature, but the law will not allow him to engage in the sale of those books to others. If a man may drink liquor which poisons his whole being and converts him into a pauper and criminal to be a burden upon society, he certainly ought not to be allowed to engage in the sale of such liquors to others. The Prohibition party believes that the selling of alcoholic liquors ought to be made a crime just as the selling of watered milk, diseased meat or vicious books has already been made a crime."—The People.

A Great Surgeon's Motto.

Dr. Lorenz, who is preeminent among the surgeons of Europe, on the occasion of his second visit to America during the past year, where his remarkable operations attracted much attention emphatically declared the danger of alcoholic drinks. A banquet was given in his honor in New York City, and wine was served. The eminent guest declined it, and politely requested the waiter to bring him a cup of tea. This caused him to be asked if he were a total abstainer from the use of wines and other liquors. His answer was as follows: "I cannot say that I am a temperance agitator, but I am a surgeon. My success depends upon my brain being clear, my muscles firm and my nerves steady. No one can take alcoholic liquors without blunting these physical powers, which I must keep always on edge. As a surgeon I must not drink."

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