



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Over the River of Drooping Eyes

Over the River of Drooping Eyes
Is the wonderful land of Dreams,
Where lilies grow as white as the snow,
And fields of green and warm winds blow,
And the lilies quiver all in a row—
And no one ever cries;

For it's a beautiful place for girls and boys,
And there's no scolding but lots of noise,
And no wild balls or broken toys—
Over the River of Drooping Eyes
In the beautiful land of Dreams.

Over the River of Drooping Eyes
In the wonderful land of Dreams,
There are horns to blow and drums to beat,
And plenty of taffy and cakes to eat,
And no one ever cleans their feet,
And no one ever tires!

There are plenty of grassy places for play,
And birds and bees, they throng all day—
Oh, wouldn't you like to go and stay
Over the River of Drooping Eyes
In the beautiful land of Dreams?
—Selected.

A Parents' Meeting.

We publish the recommendations of the Parents' League and "The School and Home Club" of Valley City. The subject is one near to the heart of every W. C. T. U. woman, and is a move in the right direction for better enforcement of laws and better laws for the protection of the youth of our state:

A PARENTS' MEETING.

"The Parents' League" and "The School and Home Club" are doing a notable work. Throughout the year fathers and mothers have been meeting at the respective homes of the above associations, to talk over the problem of the child in school and home, and great profit is being derived from the meetings in the way of better understandings, increased interest, closer acquaintanceship, unity and organization on larger problems.

At the last regular meeting of the School and Home Club the discussion precipitated by one of the addresses resulted in the appointment of a committee consisting of Rev. Mr. Batten, Mrs. Irene I. Freeman and Mrs. Anna J. MeLeod, whose report adopted last Monday in a large joint meeting of the parents' associations of the city, is in substance, but in abbreviated form, as follows:

1. We request the incoming city administration to enforce impartially and absolutely every law governing moral conditions in the municipality; such as the curfew ordinance, and the laws referring to gambling, the sale of tobacco, etc., to boys under the age of seventeen, the preventing of minors under eighteen from being in any billiard or card room; the violation of the druggists liquor permit system, and the conduct of business prohibited on the Sabbath day.

2. We recommend the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the use of screens or blinds to obstruct the view from the street into any billiard room, pool room, or bowling alley.

3. We respectfully request the incoming city administration to make appointments upon the police force as shall command the respect of law-abiding citizens, and inspire the fear of the law-breaking element of the community.

4. We recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with the newly elected mayor to present the viewpoint of these organizations on these matters, and to co-operate with the administration in the enforcement of existing laws and securing of amendments or a new

law, such as may be deemed necessary to the moral protection of children and youth.

5. We recommend that athletic features of school life be so arranged as to avoid Sunday travel or absence from home over the Sabbath by the participants.

6. We recommend that selections from the Bible be read in our public schools during the opening exercises, with the use of the Lord's Prayer, all without comment or attempt at interpretation by the person who conducts the exercise. —A Participant.

NO. DAKOTA CHAUTAUQUA.

Opens June 30, Closes July 17.

Some of the Attractions.

This year's program is the best, most expensive and varied yet presented. It includes some of the highest salaried artists of the profession.

The Byron Troubadours—jubilee work, bright, clean, catchy, all star unique instrument performers.

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Hon. Wm. I. Nolan, philosophic, quaint and original.

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Mary E. Hopper—national W. C. T. U. organizer and lecturer.

Bishop Hartzell—great American missionary Bishop, in his powerful sermon, "The Negro in America."

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard—last surviving hero of the Civil War will relate "Actual Experiences in the Field."

Senator E. J. Burkett—youngest U. S. senator; ideal chautauqua speaker.

Frank H. Leonard—C. S. B. of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, subject, "Christian Science."

Alton Packard—lecturer and humorous cartoonist.

Hon. B. H. Hangan—the traveled, cultured Scandinavian lecturer.

Margaret J. Blair—in illustrated lecture on Dress, Household Art and Interesting Woman Subjects.

For detailed information, address Edgar LaRue, Secretary, Devils Lake, N. D.

Medal Contest.

Mrs. Lulu L. Mack, Supt. of Medal Contest Work, sends the following notice: "Will you please, through the Bulletin, urge the unions to at once communicate with Miss Sara I. Schirrmann, of Abercrombie, or with me, if they desire her services in drilling contestants. The unions ought as far as possible, to avail themselves of this opportunity. It will mean much to the different unions and to the Medal Contest Department. Miss Schirrmann writes me that if proper arrangements are made beforehand, she thinks she can arrange for at least one contest a week through the summer. Some of our unions are doing fine work in this department. At Cando three silver and one gold medal contests have been held. Grand Forks has ordered three silver medals, are planning for two more silver medal contests and a gold medal. Cass county has held five silver medal contests and Richland county seven silver medal contests since Nov. 1905. Miss Sara I. Schirrmann, principal of the Abercrombie public school, and a graduate of the Mary A. Blood school of Oratory in Chicago, will give her services to the drilling of speakers in Medal Contests wherever desired so far as she is able. She asks only her traveling expenses and entertainment, but the unions may like to give her further compensation."

Physical Education.

Mrs. Frances W. Letter.

The following program has been prepared, adapted for use by both W's and Y's, and is the most practical yet presented by the department for special parties, or public meetings:

Introductory:

Music, or Hymn—"In the Cross of Christ."

Scripture Lesson—XXIII Psalm.

Invocation.

Music.

1. "Round Table,"

Music.

2. "Open Letter to Young Women."

3. "Practical Plans for Physical Training Classes."

4. "Circulating Library."

Music.

Aaronic Benediction.

NOTE.—In place of "Practical Plans," or "Circulating Library," a specialist may conduct respite exercises, or give a practical talk.

PREPARATORY OUTFIT FOR MEETING.

The "Special Meeting Envelope" contains sufficient number of the new Responsive Reading to conduct the "Round Table," utilizing ten or twelve persons, besides other printed matter to complete the program; also, samples of literature desirable for sale, or free distribution, at the close of the meeting.

Price of this preparatory outfit, thirty-five cents.

SUGGESTION.—Select a good and spirited reader for National superintendent in the "Round Table." The effect will be better to put topics 2, 3, and 4 in manuscript form, to be read at the meeting.

To clinch the nail which has been driven, place printed copy of topics 2, 3, and 4 in the hands of each one present. These are published in two separate leaflets, instead of three. Each leaflet will be furnished at ten cents per dozen, 25 cents for fifty, 40 cents per hundred. One hundred of each of the two leaflets (200), for 75 cents.

Unless they have been previously used, there is nothing more satisfactory

for sale than "Exercises for Busy Women," 5 cents each, 40 cents per dozen; and "The Home a Gymnasium" (supply limited), 5 cents each. The latter shows how the ordinary duties of the home may serve physical betterment, if met properly.

The books and periodicals recommended in the Circulating Library have been carefully selected, and will add interest in any local union, through discussion of some of the topics considered. God will result if the same can find place in public libraries, and attention is called to them through the local papers.

This special meeting is an opportunity to invite those not connected with the society, and may enlist some who can be reached through their own personal needs.

Attention is again called to the fact that a number of the leaflets in the Department Budget are exhausted, and will not be reprinted. These are replaced by others equally desirable.

Unless otherwise directed by your state superintendent of this department, send all orders for literature to the National superintendent.

Mansfield, O., 220 West Park Ave.

A Kansas Plan.

Governor Hock, of Kansas, has adopted a new line of action in regard to the enforcement of the Prohibition law of that State. In some localities, such as Kansas City and Leavenworth, the officers whose duty it is to enforce the law are practically elected or appointed with the understanding that the prohibition law was not to be enforced. Governor Hock summoned the Kansas City officials to his office, and asked them to explain their disregard of the State law. Their defense was that a majority of the people in Wyandotte county wanted saloons and would have them, and the officials, realizing this condition, decided that the liquor dispensaries therefore should have to pay for running. The officers said the saloons were glad to pay, and the result was a large addition to the revenue of the city, more than enough to provide for the additional police force which the presence of the saloons required. Governor Hock refused to accept their explanation, on the ground that the State law was, or should be, supreme.

The Governor then commenced what is called outer proceedings, which simply means action to oust the delinquent officers. This action is warranted by a section of the prohibitory law which provides for forfeiture of office when an executive or prosecutor refuses or neglects to make proper efforts to enforce the statute.

The result has been almost startling in its effectiveness, and to-day Kansas City, the largest city in the State, is dry as a bone.

Convention Call.

Absaraka, N. D., April 26, 1906.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Cass County will hold their Annual Institute and Convention at Amenia, June 13-14, 1906. Representation:—Local Presidents, Delegates at Large, and one delegate for every ten members. Unions and Superintendents bring or send reports. Delegates come instructed to pledge for Home and County work. The people of Amenia extend a hearty invitation to come and make this the Convention of Conventions.

MATTIE MACHAM, Co. Pres.
E. B. MATTERS, Cor. Sec'y.

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

All manuscript for publication must be in my hands by the 15th of each month. Send all communications, subscriptions and money to Mrs. E. M. Pollock, Fargo, N. Dak.

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CASSELTON, N. D.

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HEADQUARTERS

for

W. C. T. U. Supplies

Miss Ruby I. Gilbert,
131 Wabash Ave. Chicago, Ill.

We are in need of news. Will not the press superintendents send in notices of all temperance meetings held in your localities; of the kind and amount of work your union is doing; of lectures and contests that are held. We have some unions who do not report. It is an inspiration and encouragement to others to read of the progress of the work.

"I do not get my paper" is the burden of too many postal cards. Keep on sending them and we will do our best to remedy the trouble. We want every member of the union to get her paper and we work for that end. The paper is small and easily overlooked or lost.

We still have quite a number of the White Ribbon Bulletin for March, containing much matter on Temperance Meetings. Do not the unions want to use them at some public meeting or convention?

The Fargo W. C. T. U. are planning to secure rooms on commission, in private homes for visitors during the State Fair in July, and all the money raised in this way will be given toward the new foundation for the W. C. T. U. Home. It is hoped all White Ribbons and their friends who are anticipating a visit to the fair will write the Fargo Union for rooms, and thus assist in raising money for the Home. Since the street cars have been in operation, distances in Fargo have been eliminated.

Elsewhere we publish part of the program at Devils Lake Chautauqua. We trust the temperance people will attend in larger numbers than ever. North Dakota is justly proud of having the third largest Chautauqua Assembly in the United States. A trip to Chautauqua is an ideal summer outing.

We trust that all our readers will notice in the field notes that Cando union is following out state plan of work, and proposes to have a Union Signal subscription list equal to four-fourths of its membership instead of the 1/4 required.

The Union at Rolla are mourning the death of a faithful member, Mrs. Louisa James, who died suddenly April 6.

The Bulletin has something after the order of a serial on the subject of "Temperance Medication." We are not tired of it, and intend to make it our policy to publish the best we can find on that subject. The belief that alcohol is a necessary medicine has such a hold on many people, that it takes "line upon line and precept upon precept" to make any impression. If we believe the records of our drug stores, what a cure all it must be!

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization of christian women banded together for the protection of the home, abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law. Will you not add your services to bring about this happy era—"When each man's good shall be all men's rule, and universal peace lie like a shaft across the land, and like a lane of beams athwart the sea through all the circle of the golden year?"

The temperance question is the greatest before the American people.

We become agitated when a pestilence sweeps the land. Those high in authority sound the cry of alarm and send relief to the unfortunate. But the whiskey evil is ever present. It knows no vacation, year in nor year out.

Wise Denmark Doctors.

Here is a copy of a poster drawn up by a number of Danish physicians, and which has been put up in all railway stations throughout the country:

To the Danish People:
Alcohol is a stupefying poison.
Alcohol is the cause of many mental diseases and of most of the crimes.
Every seventh man in Denmark dies of drink.

In the struggle for Temperance, abstinence is the safest weapon.

Abstinence never injures a man. Sure in the hand and clear is the thought of him who never drinks spirits.

If you wish to make your people happy, increase their prosperity, build up their homes, advance the interests of your country, and make the race sound in body and in mind, become a total abstainer.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—I am shocked and saddened to-day to receive the news of the death of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt which occurred April 24th was not able to attend our National Convention at Los Angeles. I had not heard of her serious illness. The last number of the White Ribbon Bulletin contained a stirring article from her trenchant pen. If every union would hold the Scientific Temperance Instruction public meeting which she recommends in this article it would not only be exceedingly helpful to the work, but it would also be a splendid memorial to her. Her years of magnificent service for the temperance education of the children have brought her well deserved honor and fame. She was a woman of strong personality, great force of character, optimistic, persistent and insistent in what she believed to be right. In the article above referred to in the April number of the White Ribbon Bulletin, she closes with the following words,—her last message to us and which reveal the secret of her successful life: "Let me in closing pass on to you the personal watch word that has been my guide through all the strenuous years of effort 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.'"

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wylie, and our Lecture Bureau Superintendent, Mrs. Connor, who have both been sorely bereaved in the last few weeks. Mrs. Wylie has lost her father, Mr. John Halcrow, of Bowsmont, a man well known for his unusual faith and piety, and for his sturdy character. Mrs. Wylie writes: "His triumphant faith has been the greatest spiritual uplift to us all. His going was like a benediction and lingers with us yet." Mrs. Connor was called home to ill, to bury her beloved mother. The three times within seven weeks has the angel of death visited our family and summoned first my father, then Mr. Anderson's mother, then a nephew, Dr. R. J. Boyd, a young man with promising future before him, the only son of our sister, Mrs. Margaret Boyd, who makes her home with us. All these passed on in the triumphs of christian faith and we see and understand as never before how death is robbed of its sting and the grave of its victory.

If the county presidents and local unions are awake to their opportunities every union of the state will be visited by a speaker of national reputation within the next two months and we earnestly urge that in connection with these visits a local institute be held for at least one-half day in every union. We were not successful in securing speakers during the past winter months, and in consequence many of our speakers every union to accept the speaker and date sent you. Let nothing interfere with these meetings—advertise them widely and make them great events in your community.

County conventions will be in full swing in June. Ransom and LaMoure is planning to have their convention May 16-17 at Enderlin. June 13-14 seems to be the favorite dates, as at this time Richland county will hold its convention at Wyndmere, Cass county at Amania, and Grand Forks county at Lakota.

Our helpers, Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh and Miss Annie Robbins are well known in North Dakota, as they have given us most efficient service before. Mrs. Mary E. Hopper has never visited our state before, but she is working in our neighboring state of Minnesota with great success.

Last evening the W. C. T. U. of Valley City had an enjoyable and profitable meeting in our home, which was largely attended. The prohibition law was discussed by the honorary members, and as a result two committees of men were appointed, one to visit the drug stores and examine the books, and the other to condense and have published in the press of the city certain portions of the law.

We recommend that every union devote one evening to the study of the prohibition law, giving out questions and copies of the law to the honorary members and other men of the community. A great deal of wholesome public sentiment will be aroused in this way. Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D., April 28, 1906.

For Conscience Sake.

Mrs. Rives was not a pronounced temperance woman, and when at the Thanksgiving feast to which she had been invited, the fumes of smoking plum pudding told the brandy had been used in the sauce, she hesitated in doubt whether it would be better to override a mere prejudice against its use.

Indeed, she flashed across her mind St. Paul's injunction: "Whatsoever is not before you eat, asking no questions for conscience sake." Then there came to her a vision of the table at home where as a little child with clasped hands and bowed head, she had listened to her father's voice: "Whatsoever to this day eat or drink, may it be to the glory of God." As she half unconsciously pushed the tempting dish aside, she did not see that the action was imitated by the young man opposite her, and it was a genuine surprise when, late in the evening, he sought her out.

"My chief cause for thanksgiving to-day," he said, "is your presence here to-night, Mrs. Rives, for your example gave me courage to refuse what has been my greatest enemy."

Cando. Since Dec. 1st our union has held five contests, three silver oratorical, one gold oratorical and one silver musical. Mrs. Kate Ransier is the local medal contest supt. In February a Memorial Meeting was held with a large attendance and much interest manifested. Offering \$10.00. 12 new members have been gained, 8 active and 4 honorary. Among our new honoraries gained is a leading young lawyer who is in the political contest for state's attorney. An Enforcement Fund and a Union Signal Fund were recently established, to be taken from all money not raised for a particular purpose. We expect to raise the Enforcement fund to \$50, ready for an emergency, and we hope to send the Union Signal to every member after July 1st. The First District Executive Meeting was held at Cando March 30th to plan for its Annual Convention which will meet at Rolla some time in June. A good convention is anticipated for Rolla always does things well; some of our best conventions have been held at that place. The district under the supervision of the president, Mrs. Buck, has been holding a series of gold contests at different points, preparing a class for a grand gold contest to follow immediately after at Cando. It was voted at the district executive to engage Miss Robbins for three weeks work in the first district—Mrs. Edna F. Salmmons.

The other day we noticed a large American flag proudly floating from an immense distillery. Then we reflected that that poor banner could not help itself if it did not know what it was doing. If those Stars and Stripes had hung in dejection over their disgrace—Western Advocate.

"There'll be work for everybody,
And we'll all get better pay,
When the bars are closed forever,
And the drink is swept away."

He who drinks beer, thinks beer.
There are too many odds against a young man's success—don't add of your own accord the terrible ones of drink.

The person who cannot express himself without using slang or profanity is poor indeed.

To be a good legioner oneself is only half enough—every legioner ought to influence some one else toward our high ideals.

Perfect honesty is so sure to bring profit that it actually earns more dollars and cents in business than deceit and fraud.

No person is completely out of slavery and free until he or she is the master of every appetite, temper and false ideal which has any hold.

"Not mine to judge another's deed
In phrase severe and harsher thought,
But mine with constant care to heed
What action by myself is wrought."

Rev. Dr. Brown, secretary of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church, says: "In my travels in foreign fields I learned that not only the customs of the people hinder missionary activities, but I found the slime of the pit, as represented in the American saloon, had been transferred to those fields."

NORTH DAKOTA
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 Through Christ We Conquer

EDITED BY MRS. L. M. BROWN.



MRS. BROWN.

My Dear Y Girls: I find myself thinking of you very often and wishing that I might see you face to face. But for the present we must make the most of ink and paper in the mutual work of carrying out the plans of our leaders.

You have doubtless each received a copy of our year book. It is a complete guide to any Y to do effective work. Please don't fail to use it faithfully, girls. You will find its pages packed with valuable suggestions and the help you most need. Look at page 25 and find "How to Make a Y a Success; page 28, "Some Things a Y Union Can Do;" page 32 "Hints to Officers." Best of all! Topical Programs are given for the whole year in the back of the book. No Y can fail to have interesting meetings if it follows these outlines for its programs. Try it! Lists of publications and leaflets and where to secure them are given on pages 46-47. The minutes of the Y conference at Los Angeles, page 18, is full of interesting information. Don't overlook the Recommendations on page 23. The report of Mrs. Seberry, our National Y Secretary, has much of interest and inspiration in it for us all.

I have some copies of our beautiful Y almanacs for 1906, which I will send to any address for 25c, including postage. These are sold for the benefit of our Y Missionary in Japan, Miss Kara G. Smart. If you could see them, I think you could scarcely resist having one. They are so attractive from the cover to the last page. I have also some literature which you can have for the asking. Lovingly Your Comrade,
 L. M. Brown.

Dear Local Unions:—I take this opportunity to say a few words to the Wa. Many of the Y slips of the blanket—report blank—comes to me from the unions with the words, "No Y here," or "No Supt. of Y Work." This means one of two things. Either a leader cannot be found or there is a deplorable lack of interest in this department so vital to our cause. Will you ask yourselves seriously which of the two reasons applies to your union? Upon whom must the future progress of this great issue fall if not upon the men and women of tomorrow? Who shall awaken them to a sense of their duty, and who is their logical leaders and trainers if not the We? Will you not consider this matter earnestly in an executive session or a special committee and endeavor to effect the organization of a Y and then foster it until it is able to go alone? There are bright and loving girls in every place that could be developed into able and ardent workers for God and Home and Native Land as comprehended by the true temperance advocate. Will you help to find and fashion them?
 Yours in Fellowship,
 L. M. Brown.

Flower Mission.

Dear Flower Mission Workers:—I am greatly encouraged in this Flower Mission work by the reports that are coming in to me. Some of the unions have some splendid work. I have had no report from Grand Forks, Lisbon or Larimore—these unions always have good reports and I know they are active. The National now has L. T. T. Flower Mission text cards which will be of great value to the Legions. I want the Legions of N. D. to help in this work of Flower Missions and hope to hear from them. Please read carefully the plans for work and see if they will not be helpful to you. June 9th is Flower Day. Remember to celebrate; watch for the June issue of the Signal, that issue being a special Flower number. Our National Supt., Miss Sewall, wants N. D. to double on every item of work this year. Help her do this by making extra efforts.
 Lovingly,
 HAZEL KNEESHAW,
 State Supt. F. M.

PLAN OF WORK.

"The Flower Mission Department aims to graft our Gospel Work upon a beautiful form of philanthropy. Boquets are to be tied with white ribbons, and a Scripture verse or suggestion relative to temperance is attached; our literature to be circulated accompanies the flowers, and the total abstinence pledge is offered at appropriate times." National W. C. T. U. Annual Leaflet.

The Flower Mission Department seeks to bring the uplifting and comforting, preventive and regenerative, influences of God's beautiful world of nature unto every one, and in this way to teach them the beauty of His love.

There should be a consecrated superintendent in every state, district, county and local union; and the interest and assistance of each member should be secured.

One meeting a year of every local union should be devoted to the department. The best time for it is in the spring, when the flowers begin to bloom.

Observe June 9th as "Flower Mission Day," and, with the co-operation of the Evangelistic and Penal superintendents, hold services in the institutions and give flowers to each inmate. In some states flowers are very generally given and worn on this day. In other states this is done on Decoration Day (May 30th). Railroad men and those who are obliged to work on this holiday are remembered with bouquets and text-cards.

A flower and text-card should accompany, if possible, every gift from this department. The most important item of a report should be the number of bouquets, for the principal work should always be the distribution of flowers. One flower can carry its message as well as a large bouquet. A bouquet in a report is supposed to represent the gift of flowers, or a flower, to one person. Instead of recording baskets of flowers distributed, estimate the number of bouquets which the flowers would make, and report them in that way.

Send flowers or a plant to the churches and Sunday schools on Temperance Sunday.

Appoint a special day for collection of jellies, preserves, etc., but receive them at all times.

Give your assistance to plans for village improvement and everything which tends to make the neighborhood more beautiful and attractive.

The Loyals' Temperance Legions should appoint Flower Mission superintendents who will co-operate with the unions in this work.

Remember that the flowers have their messages for the white ribboners, as well as for those among whom they may work. If we love and feel the beautiful in nature ourselves we will be better able to help in this Mission.

Each superintendent should subscribe for and read the Union Signal and her State paper. It is impossible to do efficient work without the knowledge which can be obtained only from these papers.

You find no difficulty in trusting the Lord with the management of the universe and all the outward creation, and your case can be any more complex or difficult than these, that you need not be anxious or troubled about the management of it?—Hannah Whitall Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mayville, N. D., April 17, 1906.—Dear Sisters:—My report speaks for itself this month. I would that each member had my position and my responsibility on their mind as much as I have. I am sure each would have dues and pledges collected as early as possible and send in as your treasury needs it. It is so much better to have the money on hand to pay our bills than it is to keep such orders waiting for money to come in. I have had it in my mind to write each union a letter urging the necessity of doing this but I have not really had the time for the extra work and as I am sure you all know how much extra work this would make me you will take this to heart and get your collections made as early as possible. You know we are on our last half of the year and not nearly half of our collections in.

Trusting in your help, I am,
 Sincerely yours,
 LIZZIE SCHLOSSER, Treas.

Lisbon, State Minutes	\$ 30
Starkweather, legislative 1.00, chautauqua 1.00	2 00
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Hunter, Home pledge 10.00, memorial 2.00	12 00
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Grand Forks, state dues 4.20, state minutes .75	4 95
Minto, memorial	2 00
Biisbee, state dues	6 30
Fargo Scand., state dues	35 00
" " memorial	2 00
Cooperstown, state dues	1 40
Leal, Japan famine relief work	60 50
Bethel, Home	16 00
Mrs. Meacham, headquarters	5 00
Wahpeton, state dues 1.40, Home 10.00	11 40
Cogswell, memorial	2 00
Grand Forks Scand., memorial	2 00
Leal, state dues 1.40, pledge 5.00	6 40
Leal, memorial 2.00, legislative 2.00 organ 1.00, L. T. L. 1.00	6 00
Mrs. Whitfield, Oakes, Home	1 00
Thompson L. T. L., state 5.00, memorial 2.00	7 00
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Wyndmere, state minutes	52
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Hankinson, state dues	1 40

FIELD NOTES.

A W. C. T. U. Convention held at Wyndmere, N. Dak., March 27-28 was very successful and very much enjoyed by all. On the evening of the 27th an L. T. L. Medal Contest was held. There were seven contestants. The medal was presented by State Vice President Mrs. Meacham. At the afternoon session March 28th various topics of interest were discussed by Mrs. Meacham, Mrs. Tyson, of Hankinson, and others. These talks greatly encouraged the members of the local union. The feature of the evening was a lecture by State Vice President Mrs. Mattie Meacham, which was very interesting and instructive. Press Correspondent, Wyndmere, N. D.

Hankinson, N. D., April 2, 1906.—White Ribbon Bulletin: The first W. C. T. U. Institute held in Richland Co. was held at the Congregational church by our local union Tuesday March 27, under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Meacham, State vice President, assisted by Mrs. Ida S. Clarke, Pres. of Richland Co. Our afternoon session opened at 3 p. m. with singing, prayer, followed by an address of welcome by the local president, Mrs. E. M. Tyson. We then took up our different topics necessary for the instruction of each and all members. After our course of study papers were read and a Temperance Reading by members. We enclose papers read at the Institute for publication in the White Ribbon Bulletin: "Alcohol as a Medicine," by Mrs. Della Hargrave; "Attitude of the School Toward Temperance," by Mrs. K. F. Whitcomb. Evening exercises consisted of singing of hymns, prayer, recitation by L. J. Barnes, former Fargoan, descriptive song, address and collection address. We gained two new members for our union, one new subscription for Union Signal. The one thought held by members of our union was that the Institute was a benefit to us in more than one way. We now have 19 active members, 7 honorary members and 10 subscribers to the Union Signal, and we hope to double our membership in a short time.

We organized with 9 members and one honorary member last June. We have rather a struggle against blind pigs. Why these resorts are allowed to do business in a prohibition state is beyond the reasoning power of members. Yours in the work, Mrs. Lotta J. Barnes, Rec. Sec. and Press Supt.

Thompson Union:—A number of people have moved away from our town during the past few years, consequently we occasionally lose a member, but are very thankful that we have been able to gain enough new members to keep our number good, and our union never was in a more flourishing condition than it is at the present time. We gained two new members during membership week, which increased our number to twenty-one. On Feb. 14th we gave a reception for our husbands and the teachers of our school. Our president's home was very prettily decorated for the occasion. Games and a dainty lunch served as entertainment for the evening. On March 9th we gave a silver medal contest. Seven ladies entered the contest. Mrs. Gaulke won the medal. The other six contestants went to Reynolds the following week and gave the same pieces there. We were very much pleased to see Mrs. Pasco, a lady nearly seventy years old, get the medal that evening.

Dear Bulletin:—We want you to know of our "Cradle Roll" work and speak of a Cradle Roll Contest recently held. Twelve little people entered the contest, ranking in order a dear little tot of three to several of five and six years, and they gave a most pleasing program, which was varied with musical numbers by other friends, little and big. The medal was awarded to Mabel Lynch but each contestant was the recipient of a neat monogram pin, and our faithful superintendent, Mrs. W. Barclay, was congratulated upon the complete success of her plans for a delightful and profitable evening. Mrs. Barclay has an enrollment of 25 now and is enthusiastic over future plans and possibilities. We commend this department of work where unions find it difficult to interest mothers. Try winning them through the children. Sincerely, Minto W. C. T. U.

Dwight, N. D., April 3, 1906.—We have had during the winter two medal contests well worked up and well patronized. The first was between four young women and one young man. The latter won the medal. The second was between eight boys and girls. A girl won the medal. This series was crowned by a Matron's Contest on the last Friday in March. Six married women recited and did credit to their sex and the age in which they live. Mrs. James Beattie fairly won the prize and was crowned Saturday in abundance. Mi Ahsarakanda, rendered help in local union. In worth delivered upon Prohibition and girls assisted with songs, and the prize winners in the two former contests repeated their recitations to the delight of the audience. Mrs. Lulu L. Mink, State Supt. of Medal Contests, is the local superintendent. On the Sabbath following the Institute Mrs. Hayworth and Mrs. Meacham assisted in organizing an L. T. L. of about twenty-five members. Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Sundell will be general secretary and assistant.

Be Glad.

If God has opened the bright gates of life,
 And one you love has entered that sweet land—
 Be glad.
 Remember that no shadow clouds the day
 For those who in His courts all joyous stand.
 And though you miss that dear one more and more
 As days creep by all sunless, nights are still,
 Be glad.
 Remember but how bright that face must be
 Among the happy throngs that do His will.
 And though your loved one dear and dearer grows,
 As human love is tenderer for tears,
 Be glad.
 Remember, life is such a little while—
 And then how blessed God's eternal years.
 —Rachel C. Bohannan.

Alcohol as a Medicine.

The only intoxicating drinks known to the ancients were wines and beers. That these were used for medical as well as beverage purposes is evident from sacred and secular history. About the 10th century of the christian era an Arabian discovered the art of distillation by which the active principle of fermented liquors could be drawn off and separated. The spirit thus produced was called alcohol. Medical knowledge at that time was very limited. There was no accurate way of determining the real nature of the new substance nor its action upon the human system. It could be judged only by its seeming effects; as these were pleasing it was supposed that a great medical discovery had been made.

The alchemist had been seeking a panacea, and the subtle new spirit was eagerly proclaimed as the long looked for cure-all. Physicians introduced it to their patients and were lavish in praise of its curative powers. The following is from Theophrastus, a prominent German doctor of the 16th century, as an example of the medical opinion of that day: "It strengthens age, it strengthens youth, it helps digestion, it cures pleurisy, it expelleth gravel, it dissolveth the stone, it keepeth the head from whirling, the teeth from chattering and the throat from rattling, the stomach from wabbling and the heart from swelling; it keepeth the hands from shivering, the sinews from shrinking, the veins from crumpling, the bones from aching and the marrow from soaking."

Being a medicine which very rapidly creates a craving for itself, as time advanced, people began prescribing it for themselves, and its use, both as a medicine and a beverage, became almost general.

If the medical profession is responsible for the wide-spread belief that alcohol is good for mankind, it should not be forgotten that to members of the same profession we are indebted for the correction of this error. All down through the centuries there have been physicians who doubted and opposed its claims. It remained for the medical science of the latter half of the 19th century to clearly demonstrate the wisdom of these doubts. The scientific study of the effects of alcohol upon the human body began about fifty years ago. The first American investigator was Dr. Nathan S. Davis, of Chicago. In 1854 he delivered a lecture on the effects of alcoholic drinks on the human system and the duties of medical men in relation to it. In 1855 Prof. R. D. Mussey, of Vermont, read an able paper before the medical profession upon the effects of alcohol in health and disease, in which he said, "so long as alcohol retains its place among the sick, so long will there be drunkards."

In 1871 a declaration was drawn up and signed by 260 of the leading medical men of England that they would not prescribe the use of alcohol as a medicine without a sense of grave responsibility. In the same year American medical associations passed a resolution that alcohol should be classed with other powerful poisons and not be prescribed as medicine without conscientious caution. When the W. C. T. U. was first organized there was no thought of antagonizing the use of alcohol as a medicine. The early efforts of these women were rescue work through the Gospel temperance meetings, visiting jails and poor houses. Coming thus in contact with inebriates of these places they heard many a sad tale of ruined and blighted lives and lost souls, through the appetite for strong drink engendered by the use of alcohol as a medicine.

The first active work touching the medical use of alcohol was in 1876—a memorial from the National W. C. T. U. to the medical congress which met at Washington, D. C. From that time much has been done by women of the W. C. T. U. in the form of petitions and pledge cards to physicians, binding them to use alcohol with the same sense of grave responsibility as they do other poisons. It is lamentable that more unions are not interested in educating their communities against the use of alcohol as a medicine. One of the greatest difficulties in the enforcement of the prohibitory laws is the allowance made for the sale of intoxicating liquor for medicinal purposes. In our own state we cannot put too great a stress on this department of our work.

Mrs. DELLA LANGRAVE, Hankinson, N. D.

The cigaret evil is a menace to the city, for the boy is hurt immeasurably who uses tobacco in this way.—Berlin (N. H.) News.

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My dear Co-Workers:

Your superintendent wishes she had some power by which she could induce the seniors to take the course of study preparatory for graduation this fall. Will not some of you do it? If we have five graduates in the state we can organize into a state organization, and surely can do better work thereby.

Miss Lily Anderson of Grand Forks will soon be ready to take up our work and will assist any legion or union desiring her assistance.

If the county L. T. L. superintendents will look up places for her to speak, and organize if possible, and do all in their power to get a good audience, there is no doubt good work can be done. Where there is no county supt. if the county president will add this much more to her already numerous duties, I am sure she will find it will be as paying work as she can do; because we all know that there is no work that pays like work among children and young people.

I hope each white ribboner read Miss Wintringer's "Plea for the Junior Legion" in the Union Signal, March 29, and will not let the summer pass without making a successful attempt to organize a legion.

Lovingly yours,
ELLA C. BOISE.

Pointers From the Press.

"The cigaret is the royal road to the penitentiary."—Magistrate Crane, New York.

Cigaret smoking is not periodic—it is continuous—a slow, insidious, sure poison.—Corry (Pa.) Leader.

The idea that tobacco gives increased power to endure either physical or mental hardships is one of the greatest delusions of the age.—Thomas G. Roberts, M. D.

It's the young men who will reap the whirlwind of this curse, for it is very seldom that we find an old man given to the habit.—Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal.

It seems like a great farce to arrest men for poisoning fish and to let men who poison the bodies and souls of boys go on without molestation or interference.—Judge C. B. Staples, Stroudsburg, Pa.

The evils of cigaret smoking can hardly be exaggerated, and all legitimate efforts to lessen or wipe out the practice should be encouraged by all who care for the future well-being of our boys.—North Adams (Mass.) Herald.

For economy's sake alone, the employer would be justified in forbidding the use of cigars in working hours; and to make sure of getting the time and kind of service he is paying for, he would be wise to employ such persons only as do not use cigars at all.—Mobile (Ala.) Register.

After one year of Sunday closing in Kansas City, Chief Hayes testifies that Sunday arrests for the year under the closing order have been reduced 80 per cent and that Sunday crimes have been decreased 75 per cent. That pretty nearly reveals the part that saloons play in the disorders and the crimes of a great city. In commenting on these figures the Kansas City Star says: "After a year's experience, does it seem possible that the people will ever again consent to a disregard of the Sunday closing law?"

Germany's Huge Drink Bill.

Consul Britain supplies from Kehl the figures concerning the amount of liquor consumed in Germany during the five years 1901-1904, inclusive. According to published statistics each inhabitant consumed yearly 6½ quarts of wine, 129½ quarts of beer and 9 quarts of brandy. The per capita cost was \$11.20 including children and women. The average for male citizen over 15 years would be \$37.36. For a population of 60,000,000 persons the liquor expenditure figures out at \$672,588,000.

Consul General Guenther, writing from Frankfort, supplements this report by contrasting these figures with other German expenses. For public schools the empire spent, in 1904, the sum of \$99,722,000; for working people's insurance, \$104,244,000, and for the army and navy, \$203,847,000. All these great public enterprises cost the German nation less than two-thirds of their alcoholic drink bill.

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