



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Two Schools.

I put my heart to school,
In the world where men grew wise.
"Go out," I said, "and learn the rule:
Come back when you win the prize."
My heart came back again.
"And where is the prize?" I cried.
"The rule was false, and the prize was
pain,
And the teacher's name was Pride."
I put my heart to school
In the woods where wild birds sing.
In the fields where flowers spring,
Where brooks run cold and clear,
And the blue of heaven bends near.
"Go out," I said, "you are only a fool,
But perhaps they can teach you here."
And why do you stay so long,
My heart, and where do you roam?
The answer came with a laugh and song,
"I find this school is home."
—HENRY VAN DYKE.

A Plea for Prohibition.

A man by the name of Judas, who lived many years ago, felt the necessity of obtaining more revenues, and to get it he made a bargain to betray his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. The price was small, but large enough to satisfy the man. I do not know what to say about the town that will sell itself to the liquor traffic for five or six hundred dollars. If that amount should be equally divided among the voters it seems to me that as a business arrangement it would not be even on a par with that Judas made with the enemies of Christ. It is too bad that dollars look so large in the eyes of some voters. The liquor dealers never call the attention of voters to the direct and indirect cost of the traffic to the tax payers. More than half the crime is the result of the traffic in opium, and the tax payers have to foot the bill. We do not see the sense in permitting a business to exist that keeps our courts busy, because the business is willing to pay a part of the cost. Saloons are the pest of our country towns. When a drunken man is found in the court for intoxication, how often it happens that his poor heart-broken wife has to pay the fine out of her hard earnings. God pity a town that is so hard-up for money that it is willing to let a certain number of men injure its inhabitants in return for a money consideration. Better for a town to go without electric lights and water privileges, than to have them at the expense of the morals and happiness of the people. At this moment the 250,000 saloons of America are carrying on their devil's work. To day 105 have lost their lives through the curse of strong drink.

It is one of the favorite arguments of those who oppose prohibition, that we propose to make men moral by law. The absurdity of the statement is so apparent, that one would hardly need to spend time to argue it. That prohibition does not prohibit, is another stock in trade of the saloor-keeper, who with a smooth tongue will tell of all the cases of drunkenness that have occurred in a temperance town under no license. Tell all about the pig that never saw the light of day and still thrives better than any thing else in town, and declares that it is worse than the open saloon. But we will venture to say that the instances of the liquor sold in the course of a year in this or any other temperance town will not exceed illegal sales in a license town of same kind and size. The temperance law is only a few years old, while legislation against

cheating and frauds is as old as the government itself. Altho the prohibition law may not have accomplished all that it friends hope, that it has been a great preventive of temperance, few will deny. We can see the difference between our own little town and those that are near by where high license prevails. Merchants and business men engaged in lawful pursuits enjoy cash sales, which the saloon gets in towns where they have high licenses, and best of all, children of our state are growing up to understand that the saloon is an outlaw, and that the sale of intoxicants as a beverage is an offence to the good order of the state.

A gentleman being asked why he voted prohibition, answered, "Because I am a Christian." The churchman whether he be lay man or minister, who passes through this world without putting forth some effort to better the temporal conditions of the community, and gloats continually over the thought of the heaven he is going to enjoy after awhile is going to be terribly disappointed I fear. What should be the position assumed by every Christian man and woman of the community, when a civic crisis is upon us? We answer there can be but one position that is in keeping with his profession, and that is to invite the sworn enemy of his community with the most formidable weapon that has ever been put into the hands of man, the American ballot.

The man who prays "Thy kingdom come" on Sunday, and votes for a man who preys on the moral welfare of the community, and stands for the perpetuation of the devil's kingdom on earth, the following week, is an insult on the very name of a Christian, and need not be surprised that the world looks upon him as a hypocrite.

The Christian citizen is the protector of the moral interest of the community and whenever he so far forgets his sacred trust as to betray who are either personally moral degenerates or who foster moral degeneracy on the part of others; he is no better than the man he votes to place in office. What shall it be to this blessed land of the free, if this pestilence and debauchery be permitted to go on? May you ask yourself, what have I done? What am I doing to stem this fearful tide of drunkenness and woe? And in earnest petition before the throne of grace, may you be led to pray, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? And whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."
—FRANCES M. DURKEE.

Treasurer's Report.

Dear Sisters:—Perhaps the best proof I can give you this month of our needs is to give you the report I gave at the mid-year ex-committee meeting. Our Home building has a deficit when we must have \$500 to finish up our payment on the foundation and the running expenses have also overrun our fund at that purpose; if every union would at this time do some collecting, make some special effort, I am confident these needs could be supplied. Trusting you will feel this is a most matter.

I am sincerely yours,
LIZZIE SCHLOSSER, Treas.

Mayville, N. D. March 16, 1907.

Page memorial	\$ 2 00
Grandin state dues	8 40
Cooperstown state dues \$140,	3 40
memorial \$2.10	
Hope state \$2, Legis. \$2, state	5 40
dues \$1.40	
West Fairview Home	12 50

West Fairview, box clothing	12 50
Hankinson state minutes \$1.93,	2 50
state dues .70	
Crary state dues \$10.50, memorial	12 50
\$2	
Crary state minutes 60c Legis. \$3	6 60
Grandin state dues	7 60
Oberon state dues	08
Fairmont state minutes	50
Cogswell state dues	12 60
Lisbon state minutes	15
Bisbee state dues	1 40
West Fairview memorial	2 03
Cando box to Home	10 90
Edgeley state \$5, memorial \$2	7 00
Drayton state dues \$37.10, mem-	39 10
orial \$2	
Cando Home \$15, L. T. L. \$3,	19 00
Chau. \$1	
Cando Legis. \$2, memorial \$2	7 00
Cando state minutes	2 40
Minnewaukan state dues	2 80
Park River memorial	2 00
Pembina state minutes	30
Emma J. R. Miller inmates	40 00
Forman Home	6 25
Cooperstown Y state dues \$8.40,	10 40
memorial \$2	
Mayville state \$5, memorial \$2	7 00
1 40	
Wahpeton state dues	10 00
Antler state \$5, Home \$5	50 00
Emma J. R. Miller inmates	21 20
Pembina state dues \$11.20, plate	7 00
\$10.00	
Pembina Home \$5, memorial \$2	2 10
Dwight state dues	2 00
Richland Co. Home	7 00
Hope Home \$5, memorial \$2	19 00
Fargo state \$10, L. T. L. \$2, Chau.	10 00
\$2, Legis. \$5	
Fargo memorial \$2, Enforcement	10 00
\$5, state minutes \$3	
Forman state minutes	45
Hankinson Home \$5, Legis. \$5,	11 00
Chau. \$1	
Hankinson L. T. L. \$1, state dues	1 70
70c	
Lathrop Grafton memorial	2 00
Ellendale Home \$6.70, state dues	13 00
\$6.30	
Bethel state dues	3 50
Rolla state dues	11 20
Grand Forks Co. state \$15, Home	25 30
\$10, state minutes 30c	
Tower City memorial	2 00
Minto memorial	2 00
Lathrop Home	1 00
Emma Miller Laundry at Home	3 45
Mrs. Stevens Northwood Home	5 00
Valley City Home \$1, state dues	27 60
\$26.60	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MID-YEAR EX-COMMITTEE MEETING.

Headquarters	\$114 00
L. T. L.	47 78
Legislative	15 31
Chautauqua	76 85
Home General	260 67
Organizing	
Home bldg. fund deficit	42 62
Bulletin fund deficit	271 43
State general fund	65 16
	\$314 05 \$648 77
	314 05
Amount of all money on hand	\$334 72

Physical Education.

Dear White Ribboners:—Our National Supt., Mrs. Leiter, offers a banner to the state having the largest total of supts., special meetings, and county conventions and W. C. T. U. Institutes which have included this topic on the program. Let us all get to work and win the banner at the next National Convention. Will not each county pres-

ident see that a supt. is appointed in this department, if they have not one already, and let every county and local superintendent see that each union holds at least one meeting on this subject. I would suggest you make this an open parlor meeting on one of your social days, as many women not interested in temperance are interested in their physical education, when once they understand what it really means. Mrs. Leiter thus sums up the object of this department: "It is aiming to go build up the people physically that there will be no demand for sedatives. In other words we are attempting to so build up the bodies of the rising generation that every fibre of the body will be fortified against this demand for sedatives."

What greater work than this can we be engaged in?
I will be glad to help any of you in any way I can in preparing for these meetings and will gladly send literature on the subject to anyone wishing it.
Lovingly yours,
ELVA R. JACKMAN,
State Supt. Phys. Ed.

Anniversary Peace Day.

"On May 18, 1893, one hundred delegates of the twenty-six nations that had representatives at St. Petersburg, met in a palace at The Hague to consider the Czar's rescript issued in August, 1898. The mightiest monarch in Christendom, appalled that the increased cost of armaments was bringing about the very reverse of what he had intended, had urged the nations to discuss gradual proportionate disarmament. For three months the Conference worked steadily on its problem."

The result of this work is the permanent International Court and its fine Temple of Peace which is about to be erected at The Hague in Holland. The Peace department of the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in co-operation with other Peace organizations asks that the anniversary of that first Conference of Nations, May 18, (or a date near to it) be observed by schools in all localities where practicable, for the promulgation of arbitration principles. Suggestive programs and samples of literature can be obtained for ten cents, of the department superintendent, at Wintrop Center, Me. Hannah J. Bailey, Supt.

Suggestive Rules for the Prize Essay Contest.

1. Subject—"The Value of Total Abstinence." Essays to be confined to the eighth and ninth grades and first year of high school, and drawn from a class of not less than five contestants.
2. Essays to be graded as follows: One-half on subject matter, one-fourth on style and grammatical excellence, one-fourth on appearance of paper, including spelling and penmanship.
3. Essays to have maximum of 1,500 words and a minimum of 1,000 words. Long quotations to be avoided.
4. Essays to be assigned, in pupil's own hand writing and on school paper with one-half inch margin to left.
5. Essays to be placed in the hands of a committee of three to judge of their merit.
6. If there is no county competition, local prize essays may compete for state prize. All essays taking state prizes may compete for the National prize of \$50.00.

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

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Why do we look forever
Seeking for flaws to find?
Surely we know 'tis better
Just to be kind.

Let us to faults and foibles
Pretend that our eyes are blind,
And train the hearts in our bosoms
Just to be kind.
—Susie M. Best.

The state officers of the W. C. T. U. request that all subscriptions to Union Signal, whether new or renewals, will be sent to Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont, N. D.

A Few Army Statistics.
Desertions 1867-1874, 20.5 per cent.
Sale of liquor in the army prohibited, 1877.
Desertions 1878-1881, 8.4 per cent.
Canteen established, 1889.
Trials by court martial in 1900, 1,645.
Canteen abolished, 1901.
Trials by court martial in 1906, 504.

"To do less, that I may do more. Less of the things that do not count, that I may do more of the things that count. Less worrying, for example, and more praise. Less planning, and more performing. Less envying, and more counting of my mercies. Less digging in time, and more building for eternity."

We think we are right in stating that in no organization does the annual dues go farther and accomplish more than in our own state W. C. T. U. Each member pays an annual fee of one dollar: 20c for state work, 10c for county, 20c for state work, 15c for national work 1c of which is sent to the Worlds W. C. T. U., 10c for organization, and 25c pays for the White Ribbon Bulletin.

It is interesting to notice the change of front in many of our city papers in regard to law enforcement. The erstwhile startling headline, "Liquor Dealers Defy the Authorities," now reads "Piggers on the Run."

There is a call for the "White Ribbon Bulletin" of July, 1906. The editor has no copy except the file. We will be grateful to any of our readers who will supply us with a copy. We would also be glad for a copy of Jan., 1907.

The State Home Board Meeting faced many difficult problems at their recent meeting in Fargo. If the Unions throughout the state could visit the Home and see the great work that is being done, we feel sure that they would each and all make a united effort to free the work from its pressing difficulty—lack of funds. The new foundation and the imperative need of repairs to interior and exterior of the building call for ready money. Un-authorized by the State officers or the Home board we, through the editorial column of the White Ribbon Bulletin, ask each W. C. T. U. woman in the state to send in at once the money the Lord has given her for this purpose. To rescue the perishing is the Lord's work. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Not many women in this state that cannot afford to give back into the treasury something to help an erring sister regain the upward path to life and hope.

We are a World's Republic of women who recognize no sectarianism in religion, no sectionalism in politics, no sex in citizenship. "There are bands of ribbon white round the world," and you and I, bound by their pure, white clasp, thank God and take courage to wage our peaceful war "for God and Home and every land."—Frances E. Willard.

"The deposits in Kansas City banks have increased from 30 per cent to 40 per cent in seven months since the joints were closed there."

Early in the year the general officers of the State W. C. T. U. decided to emphasize the work of Scientific Temperance Instruction. And to this end it was recommended that each union offer a prize of three dollars to the pupil in the public schools writing the best essay on the subject of "The Value of Total Abstinence," and that each county offer a prize of five dollars for the best essay in the county, and that these county prize winners compete for a prize given by the state of eight dollars. The state prize winner will have the privilege of reading his essay at the state convention.

Our many readers will regret that Katherine V. King, our Superintendent of Penal and Reformatory work, removes from this state to California, and we lose a worker, "true and tried."

Topics for County Convention Programs.

1. Recent Legislation Affecting the Prohibition Law.
2. Danger of the Initiative and Referendum, as passed by the tenth legislative assembly.
3. Senator Reed Smoot. Who is Responsible?
4. How Shall We Celebrate the Fourth of July?
5. Scientific Temperance Instruction. Prize Essays. Crusader Monthly.
6. The Union Signal. Our Obligation. The New Plan.
7. The Best Method of Securing and Holding New Members.
8. The Advantages of State Headquarters.
9. The Child Labor Problem.
10. The White Ribbon Bulletin—How to Increase Its Efficiency.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:

My last letter was written two weeks before the adjournment of the legislature. Many things are done and undone the closing days of the session. The Senate killed the anti cigarette bill by amending it until there was almost nothing left of the original bill. If the good people of North Dakota want to save the young manhood of the state from the deadly cigarette, they will have to speak loud enough to be heard by the law makers. For years there has been a most stubborn and persistent fight against this measure. The Tobacco Trust has had, in other years, its representative at our legislature. Notwithstanding all this, when the people express themselves in this, as they have done in some other things, the legislature will do their bidding. In the meantime let us see that the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or tobacco in any form to minors under seventeen years of age, is better enforced. Call the attention of all tobacco dealers to this law. The agitation necessary to enforce this law, will educate the people to the necessity of having a law to prohibit the sale of cigarettes altogether.

After both houses had refused to pass an amendment to the initiative and referendum bill making it apply to the constitution, in the closing hours, the resubmissionists managed to have it so amended and passed. Many letters and telegrams were sent to the Governor asking him to veto the bill. It was not generally understood that this bill being an amendment to the constitution was in the form of a concurrent resolution, and did not require the Governor's signature. It must pass another legislature and receive the approval of the voters of the polls before it is operative. The letters and telegrams sent to the Governor show the sentiment of the people in regard to it. There is a feeling among the people generally, with perhaps the exception of the resubmissionists, that the present provision for amending the constitution is ample and sufficient, that the constitution should not be subject to amendment at the instigation of eight per cent of the people. The value of the constitution lies in its stability—do away with that and you might as well do away with the constitution entirely and have nothing but a new law. There is also a well grounded feeling among the temperance people of the state that the tacking on of an amendment at the last moment was a clever ruse of the resubmissionists, and that their only object is to secure an amendment to that clause of the constitution which prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. Many that favor the initiative and referendum as applied to legislative enactments only, will vote against this measure. I believe that this action of the legislature in its closing hours will defeat the measure when it comes to the people, if it does not defeat it in the next legislature.

More temperance legislation was secured from this legislature than from any previous one in the history of our state. The following bills passed both houses and have been signed by the Governor: Enforcement Commissioner; providing for seizure and confiscation of intoxicating liquors shipped into the state for unlawful purposes; prohibiting the soliciting of orders for intoxicating liquors; defining intoxicating liquors, and holding that all alcoholic drinks which may be used as a beverage and become a substitute for ordinary intoxicating drinks, shall be considered intoxicating, no question of per cent being involved providing the beverage retains the alcoholic principle or its intoxicating qualities as a distinctive force in the compound; compelling holders of federal licenses to register and publish the same; used for the sale of intoxicating liquor; providing that a search warrant shall be issued upon the affidavit of any person that intoxicating liquors are being kept on the premises in unusual quantities or for the purpose of barter and sale.

The action of Governor Burke in prosecuting a vigorous campaign for the enforcement of the prohibition law in the Capital City has stirred the whole state and as a result there seems to be a general movement for the better enforcement of the law. We rejoice that at last North Dakota has a Governor, who, like it is the duty of the chief executive of a state to enforce the laws without fear or favor. This, with the recent legislative

victories, give us great cause for thanksgiving. It would be fitting for every union to hold a praise service and give to God the glory for the victories He is giving the temperance cause in our state and throughout the country. Every reader of the Union Signal of March 18th, must have thrilled with the wonderful outlook for the temperance reform. The light coming from so many quarters is a blessed harbinger of the new day that is breaking.

I have recently had the pleasure of organizing two promising Y's. The first at Valley City with a membership of twenty, composed principally of Normal and High School students. Miss Eva Martin, daughter of the president of the W. C. T. U., and Miss Helen Stowell is corresponding secretary. The second at Casselton with about the same membership. Miss Elizabeth Bartlett, a graduate of Oberlin, president, and Miss Maud Young, former member of Tower City Y, corresponding secretary. This Y is planning to entertain the Cass County Convention in May.

At the mid-yearly executive meeting, which is reported elsewhere, it was decided to ask all unions that did not observe March 20th, Neal Dow's birthday, by the distribution of literature, to observe May 1st, sending literature to asylums, hospitals, sanitariums, rest, reading and club rooms, depots, Salvation Army Headquarters, schools, churches, Sunday Schools and homes.

Our Union Signal and Temperance Literature Superintendent, Miss Halcrow, writes me that Union Signal and Crusader Monthly subscriptions are not coming in rapidly enough to make the record we desire. She would be glad if every union would appoint an active, energetic woman to look after this. The next Honor Roll appears in the Union Signal April 25. Every union entitled to this honor, should get their report in at once.

We trust that every union in the state will hold a local Institute in April and that reports will be sent to the White Ribbon Bulletin.

It is recommended that the essay contest in the schools be confined to the seventh and eighth grades, that the essays be unsigned, and contain not over 800 or less than 500 words. The winners of the prizes offered by the local unions will compete for the prize offered by the county union; the winners of the county prizes will compete for the state prize of ten dollars. The National W. C. T. U. and The World's W. C. T. U. each offer a prize of fifty dollars in gold. The winner of the state prize may compete for the National prize and the winner of the National prize may compete for the World's prize. Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D., March 27, 1907.

To Raise Money for the Home.

The foundation of the Home was completed late last fall, but only half enough money has been raised to pay for it. Most of the rooms will have to be replastered. There is urgent need for money at once.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors it was suggested that every union be asked to hold a contest for the purpose of raising money for the Home. Appoint captains and choose sides. The membership contest—the side collecting the largest amount of money will furnish a program at social evening while the losing side will furnish the refreshments. The length of the contest should not exceed one or two weeks.

Try this and report results to the White Ribbon Bulletin—as well as to the state treasurer.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Jails Not Needed.

A peculiar problem is being discussed in the Province of Prince Edward Island. The suggestion has been made that one jail centrally situated is ample to meet all the needs.

The plan heretofore has been a jail to each county, but oftentimes it has happened that all of them have been empty, and it never happens that any of them are full. The Charlottetown guards point out that the percentage of population, that is the criminal, is the smallest in Prince Edward Island of any Province in Canada, and therefore there is no need for a prison in each county.

This is a striking tribute to the benefits of the prohibitory law. If barroom accommodation is increased prison accommodation must also be increased. Where barroom accommodation is reduced prisons become less necessary. In Prince Edward Island there are no barrooms, and therefore no prisoners for the jails.

Thompson, N. D., Jan. 18, 1907.
Dear Legioners: Your Secretary, Mrs. Boise, has asked me to write and tell something about our Thompson L. T. L.
It gives me great pleasure to introduce our first L. T. L. graduates of North Dakota: 1. Miss Glenna Peterson, 2. Miss Alice Galegher; 3. Miss Ella Morrow; 4. Miss Mary Galegher. These girls have passed good examinations on Alcohol and the Nation, Alcohol and the Pocketbook, Alcohol and the Mind and Alcohol and the Body, and have received their Diplomas.

We are a Senior L. T. L. as you will see by our banner in the picture, and were organized by Mr. Floyd Starr, two years ago last October.

The State L. T. L. Banner was awarded to us at the Park River Convention for being the only Legion in the State paying five dollars (\$5.00) to State L. T. L. work.

But, by the way, we have never received the banner.

This year we have pledged \$5.00 to state work; \$2.00 to the Willard Memorial fund; \$2.50 to the Willard hospital and \$1.00 to the Japan, or rather the Anna A. Gordon fund.

Our graduates are going to take post-graduate work, and win seals to add to their diplomas.

The other members have started on the new manual No. 1, Alcohol and Man. By convention time we hope to have some more ready for graduation.

We have thirty members, each member pays 35 cents dues and receives The



Crusader Monthly, without further cost. I am indebted to Mr. George Honey of Park River, for this good suggestion. We might tell of other things we do but lest you might think us "blowing our horn" very loud we will refrain. We wish to extend greetings to our State Secretary and each Legioner, asking them to "stand fast and be strong, 'For Truth and Right in the King's Name.'" Lovingly,
Lillie B. Smith,
Superintendent.

L. T. L. CORNER.

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

My Dear Legioners: I hope you have been improving the long winter evenings preparing for graduation. The new manuals contain an Encyclopedia of Temperance. The latest scientific truths concerning the effects of alcohol and tobacco are not only given but what interests the boy still more—the attitude of the athletic world against these two evils is shown.

I will try to tell you more about these four manuals another time but would be pleased to have you secure them and investigate them for yourselves.

The new Year Book has reached your secretary and we shall be glad to mail one to anyone who will apply. The new literature is also here for distribution.

We have had many calls for leaflets and have tried to fill each order promptly; but the mail has been unavoidably irregular this winter so some requests as well as leaflets may have gone astray. If you have asked and have not received please ask again.

There's a beautiful L. T. L. Easter post card containing the L. T. L. Symphony, by J. George Frederick, with a border in colors of daisies, (the National L. T. L. Flower), are being sold for the benefit of the Anna A. Gordon Japanese Fund. They make pretty Easter remembrances and are only 15 cents per dozen. We must do something in North Dakota to help swell that fund.

I wonder if I dare say anything more about the L. T. L. Correspondence School?

How I do wish the unions would take up this work and prepare leaders for the children and young people.

Mrs. Belle C. Rowley, Elkhart, Ind., will be glad to give you all the desired information if you will write her.

Do not forget the Crusader Monthly if your time of subscription is nearly out, renew it at once and do not drop out of line.

I wonder how many legions are paying dues this year? It is not much, but gives us a better standing if we pay, than not to. Please let me hear from you. Yours in loving comradeship,
Ella C. Boise.

L. T. L.'s in Public Institutions. Every county has an institution where the homeless and unfortunate children are kept. Besides these there are also homes and orphanages maintained by different societies and churches. Many of the children in these institutions were swept of home and parents because of the liquor traffic, and no doubt, in many of these little bodies the inherited appetite for strong drink lies dormant, only waiting for the first temptation to present itself, when it will break into all its fury and wreck one more human life. Who will be responsible? First, the person from whom the appetite was inherit-

ed; second, the individual himself, and third, those who might have educated the child in regard to the evils of strong drink and shown him the dangers of taking even the first glass.

These children do not have the influences of a christian home and of loving parents to guard them in the day of temptation, but they go out into the world to fight life's battles alone and unprepared and they fall an easy prey to the evils about them.

Here then is an opportunity for the "organized mother love" of the W. C. T. U. to do its work. Every institution for children in this state should have its Loyal Temperance Legion. It is asking too much of the regular teachers and matrons of these homes, who are already over-burdened, to take up this new line of work, but the local union nearest the institution should provide a leader and furnish the necessary supplies. If this is impossible then the county W. C. T. U. should maintain the legion although it may be necessary to pay a leader for her services.

The Relation of Mothers to the L. T. L.

How many times we have heard White Ribboners say, "our hope lies in the children." No truer words were ever spoken and yet I believe the L. T. L. receives less attention, less thought than almost any of the many departments of W. C. T. U. work. Now and then a woman comes to the front who is willing to lead the children, but often, after a short struggle, drops out of the ranks, giving as a reason for so doing, "lack of co-operation."

Let me say that no other excuse can be found. Nothing so discourages the heart of our children's work as lack of sympathy. Leaders who under favorable circumstances might develop wonderful ability and prove themselves worthy of commendation, in a short time lose all enthusiasm because grown-up people are not inclined to turn the helping hand in their direction. I think the children oft times lose interest for the selfsame reason.

Imagine a Sabbath school without any adult members and no grown-up visitors ever entering its doors. Do you believe it could be carried forward to a successful issue? Do not develop and the growth depend largely? More effort and energy are required to lead a small band of little tots than need be expended with a well-ordered school of fifty provided the parents and friends help to make things interesting. One way to do this is to place your name upon the roll, either as an honorary or an active member, proving to the children by so doing that temperance is so near and dear to your heart that you are willing now and then to forego an adult meeting that you may have the pleasure of taking some part in the meetings of the L. T. L. East Washington White Ribboner.

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Letter From Miss Best.

Hunter, N. D., March 17, 1907.—My Dear "Ys": It is nearing summer, and before we know it the summer vacation will be upon us. We ought to begin to think now of collecting our dues and getting them to our county treasurers. We will be having conventions in the counties, and I wish a good many besides the delegates might attend the conventions. They are such a help and inspiration to each one.

I want to quote a part of Mrs. Seberry's letter to me, and I think it should speak for itself. She says:

"We need money to aid the work begun in Japan by Miss Smart, and sadly needing help just now, if all her hard work is not to be lost. We also need to help her. She is in a wretched condition still, the doctors write me that it will take months of rest to cure her nervous condition and she is in very bad shape otherwise, all owing to that dreadful canal accident which occurred directly after her entrance to Japan four years ago. So I trust you will still urge your Ys to contribute money for the fund, tho at present, the only one who is holding on to the work in Japan is dear little Mrs. Gauntlett, formerly Miss Smart's helper. She is brave in doing this and we must help her out."

I do wish the N. D. Ys would give generously to this cause. We are glad to hear from Cooperstown, too.

Casselton is talking of forming a Y. I wish some of the other Ys would write them and welcome them into our fellowship. Very lovingly,
Emir Best.

Cooperstown, N. D., March 1, 1907.—My Dear Miss Best: We feel now that they are really a "Y" for we have sent our dues to the state treasurer, and want to join hands with every other "Y" in our good state. We have been holding our meetings the first and last Wednesdays in every month, and have missed very few meetings all winter. We furnished each office with a "Y" Year Book and have followed the programs therein as closely as possible, sending for 1907 Year Books as soon as they were ready. Held a Willard Memorial meeting and sent \$2 to the Memorial fund. We use the "Songs of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union" by Anna Gordon, and find that the beautiful songs add much to our meetings. At present we have twelve (12) active members and four (4) honoraries, but hope to gain new members right along. Our officers are: President, Lillian Blackwell; Vice President, Dell Wilson; Secretary, Hazel Hartman; Treasurer, Grace Warner.

DUES.

The dues are one dollar a year of which ten cents should be sent to the county treasurer, and seventy cents to the state treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville. Of this seventy cents, twenty-five cents pays for the White Ribbon Bulletin and goes into that fund, ten cents goes into the organizing fund, and ten cents is sent to the national treasurer as national dues, the remaining twenty-five cents goes into the general fund for general expenses of the state.

The dues should be sent to the state treasurer between September 1st and January 1st.

Effect of Party's Progress Seen in Astonishing Legislative Activity:—"It is no exaggeration to say that the influence of these Prohibition party victories and the direct effect of the Prohibition party's persistent agitation for three decades is now seen in the unprecedented attention which is being accorded the reform in every legislature in the United States. Legislative correspondence shows that an aggregate of over 300 bills relating to the liquor traffic have been introduced in thirty-five different state legislatures since January 1st, and the prohibition issue is becoming a dominant one in forty commonwealths."

Mid-Yearly Executive Meeting.

The mid-yearly executive meeting was held at Fargo, March 13th and 14th, with a fair attendance. Mrs. Anderson, president. After devotional exercises, various business matters were disposed of. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this state executive committee that we do not encourage any trading with the W. C. T. U. name or motto, or any commercial use whatsoever of the organization of the W. C. T. U., and that our minutes be not sent with the directory, in response to such requests, except for legitimate purposes.

A letter was read from the National Superintendent of Literature, urging the observance of March 20th as Literature Day. Motion prevailed that all unions that did not observe March 20th as Neal Dow Day be asked to observe May 1st as Literature Day, by the general distribution of literature.

It was decided to engage Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks as Institute Worker at the Chautauqua this year.

Plans were laid for the State Convention to be held at Fargo next fall.

The May number of the White Ribbon Bulletin is to be devoted to the Medal Contest work.

A committee was appointed to schedule County Convention dates for Mrs. Florence D. Richards of Ohio, who has been employed for May 15th-June 30th.

A motion prevailed that a standing notice be kept in the Bulletin asking that all subscriptions to Union Signal be sent to Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont.

Counties and districts were requested to bring the matter of prize essays on "The Value of Total Abstinence" before teachers' associations.

The resignation of Miss Ferguson as recording secretary was read and accepted.

It was decided that the filling of this office be left with the general officers.

Reports of treasurer, editor of White Ribbon Bulletin and superintendent of lecture bureau were made and accepted.

A suggestive program for County Conventions was adopted.

On Wednesday evening the committee had the pleasure of attending a reception at the club-rooms, given by the Fargo unions in honor of their new members. Music, an address by Mrs. Anderson and dainty refreshments made a delightful and joyous affair.

B. H. Wylie, Cor. Sec.

Report of W. C. T. U. Home.

Goods received at the home since Jan. 15, 1907:

West Fairview Box	\$ 12.20
Park River Package	2.80
Amenia Box	10.20
Oakes Box	12.70
Havana Box	8.75
Forman, two boxes	12.30
Hunter, suitcases filled	8.15
Ellendale, (not valued)	
Grafton Box	6.75
Cando Box	9.35
Mrs. Woodruff, Fargo, N. D., Bibles—sixteen	5.00

In my last letter to you, dear sisters, I reminded you, for your encouragement, that funds you were then gathering were not for debts but for "present expenses and future needs." I cannot say that now, for what has been received since that time is not sufficient to meet the bills. The first payment on the basement contract is made; the repairs on the furnace paid for; the plumbing bill is now due and the money for the final payment on the basement should be coming in fast to be ready when this work is completed, probably in May. The plastering will have to be nearly all new, make your in-gathering for that too.

At the state executive meeting it was suggested that each union give a medal contest and send the proceeds to the Home.

Your boxes are a great help and puts the local workers, the matron and the girls in closer touch with you than anything that could be done. I never see a box opened that I do not thank God for the good women of our state whose hearts are touched—Christ-like—with a feeling for the infirmities of those who would otherwise be homeless outcasts. How blessed to have saved one such.

Yours for service,
Abbie W. H. Best.

FIELD NOTES.

The Mayville Union held a Willard Memorial service Feb. 17 in the M. E. Church. Reverend Hubbell of the Congregational Church and the pastor of the M. E. Church gave very interesting addresses; also presented the need of asking the members of the Legislature of our district to vote and work for bills that we were interested in. A good congregation was present.

Mayville Union held an Institute on the afternoon of March 16. Several interesting papers were read, one in particular on Tithing, by our Supt. of Pro. and Sys. Giving. A general discussion was held on the duties of our officers; also on how we should celebrate the Fourth of July. The meeting closed with a question box. We all felt that a profitable afternoon had been spent.

Wahpeton Union held a Willard Social on the eve of Feb. 18th. The program consisted of music, recitations and a selection from Union Signal regarding the home going of our leader nine years ago, and of the section which her own State of Illinois made as the one to be honored by the placing of her Statue in Statuary Hall in Washington. Refreshments and collection helped to make it an enjoyable one. Yours for the work, Mrs. F. M. McKean, Wahpeton, N. D.

Grand Forks.—The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Fred Barrington Friday afternoon. The program was in commemoration of Neal Dow's birthday. There was a good attendance. After the devotionals led by Mrs. Currie a reading from the life and sayings of Neal Dow was given by Mrs. DeKemer. A reading by Mrs. Hewitson, "What Prohibition Has Done for North Dakota," followed with a solo by Mrs. DeKemer. A recitation by Miss Elgie Barrington, "Keep Your Eye on the Track," was followed by "Advancement of Prohibition in the Nation," by Mrs. Coffin. Solo by Mrs. DeKemer. There was a helpful discussion over several bills passed in the late legislature which will be a great help to prohibition.

Valley City, N. D., March 11, 1907.—Dear Mrs. Pollock: It is some time since you have heard from me, but we are steadily going forward I am glad to say. We had a membership contest and gained 120 new members. Last Wednesday evening a reception was given at the M. E. Church and was enjoyed by all present. Now I feel impelled to write a few words more. Reed Smoot is in the U. S. Senate in spite of the petition signed by one million women. O, the injustice of this world. On account of the injustice as I understand it the Bible reads, "When Christ comes will he find faith on the earth?" Also, "O woman, great is thy faith be it done unto thee as thou wilt." If it were not for hope the heart would break for our daughters. Senator T. C. Platt denies having two too many women. He admits one too many. God gave him one and he admits one too many. All hail to Senator Dubois who has taken the field as an anti-Mormon agitator. Man cannot advance and leave woman behind and, dear brothers and sisters, give this your attention. Press Supt., Valley City Union.

To the White Ribbon Bulletin: Wonder if the comrades of the White Ribbon army would be pleased to hear from this neck of the woods. Sarah Dickey Co. In spite of the blockades and blizzards we seem to be quite healthy down here, for which we are very grateful. Harlem Union observed the Heavenly birthday of Miss Willard with an appropriate program. Forman Union, although small, has a good backer and they do their own reporting. No fear of its dying as long as Mrs. Marcellus is there. We were glad to note in the January Bulletin of the good work being done at Ellendale. Cogswell will have to hustle or Ellendale will beat them in numbers, and if Oakes would only forge ahead we might come up to our annual convention in June with an increase in membership. We noticed also that the W. C. T. U. at Merrickton was credited to Fourth District when it belongs to Sargent, Dickey Co. It would give us a little better look that's all. The Cogswell Union presented Mrs. McWilliams with a chafing dish before leaving for Minot. One of the members said: "A chafing dish does not pay Mrs. McWilliams for the work she has done in this community, but we wished to show in some way that we appreciated the help she has been during the ten years she has been among us." She is one that always stands firm as a rock for all that is good and pure. The M. E. Church of which Mrs. McWilliams had been the faithful organist since com-

ing here, presented her with a plate rack of burnt wood. These were pleasing surprises but they brought tears to her eyes when she said: "How kind, how good you all are." Mrs. Allie Bell was appointed to take her place as corresponding secretary. At Christmas time our flower mission superintendent, Mrs. Lucy Soule, sent out box cards tied with white ribbon, throughout the county. Scribblers.

Page, N. D., March 9, 1907. At our last meeting of the W. C. T. U. Feb. 23, we had a debate by members. 1-Resolved, that use of Patent Medicines is more harmful than the use of cigarettes. A very profitable and interesting meeting was the result. The negative won by unanimous vote of the judges. We also held a Willard Memorial meeting and sent \$2.00 to the Willard Memorial Organizing Fund. Yours Truly, Recording Secretary.

Mooreton, Feb. 13, 1907.—Have just written to Mrs. Schlosser, sending her the names of the new members and also the dues. Since we organized last fall four of our original six members have removed to other parts of the state, among them our president whom we miss very much indeed. We hold our meetings once a month and have taken up the Course of Study for Local Unions. Our Sunday school has twenty-five members and is now self supporting. We have preaching after Sunday school. Mr. Mack comes over from Dwight, when the weather permits, and speaks to us. We have not been able to do as much as we wished to do, but hope we may improve the coming year. Yet we can't promise much, for only two of our members are residents of Mooreton, the others are transients and will only be with us a part of the year.

Grandin, N. D., March 11.—Our Union found that on account of the crop failure the past two years, we could not do much that called for money, so we studied to see what could be done without taxing the people. We had a strong, rain-proof box made and put in prominent position, on the main street. "Free Reading" was painted in large letters on the cover. A committee was appointed to solicit literature. Nearly everyone was willing to let us have their old magazines. We aim to keep the box full of interesting reading matter, and during the summer months it was necessary to fill it nearly every day. We think we are accomplishing as much or more good, by providing good reading, especially for the homeless men and boys, as we could in any other way. A week ago the Union gave a party for all the young people of the town and vicinity, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. Fisher. About sixty young people were present. Amusements, a short program and a bountiful lunch were provided by the Union. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent together. We are planning a Medal Contest soon. As it is to be a boys' contest we hope it will create much interest in the community.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

Plan of work for State Superintendents:—Let every County Superintendent adopt the Tithing System for herself and endeavor to have in each of her Unions a superintendent who practices tithing. Our Aim—A Tithing League in every Protestant Congregation in our State, and one in every Local Union. A definite temperance fund in every local Church, one half for W. C. T. U. work and one half for other temperance work. At least once a year to devote one meeting in each Local Union to "Systematic Giving" and take pledges of those willing to become members of a Tithing Band. Arrange to present the subject to all Missionary and Aid Societies, lovingly urging them to form Tithing Bands. Before the close of the year have the subject presented to every Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Y. W. C. T. U. and all children's organizations. See that every Pastor is requested, if possible, by a member of his own congregation, to present a sermon on Proportionate Giving with a view to organizing a "Tithing League" in his Church. See that every church-going man is furnished with tithing literature. Report all work done. Use much literature, persuasion and prayer. Believe God will give us victory. God will fulfill his promise. Mal. 3:10. Alice May Goheen, State Supt., Sherida.