



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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The Spirit of Memorial Day.
It was a woman's tender thought,
Her slender hands the first wreath
wrought;
And she a grateful nation taught
To garland thus the dead.

And what is its meaning, this thought
true and tender,
Which blossomed in garlands to
wreath o'er the brave?
This tribute of praise, this guerdon of
honor,
Is not to the clay that lies cold in the
grave.

But to the patriot spirits, to self consecration
And will to maintain firm conviction
of right;
To high manly courage in victor and
vanquished,
That dared all and gave all in liberty's
fight.

This noble spirit in men of the
Sixties,
It lives and inspires the true men of
to-day.

Tis thus to the living and not the
departed.
We gather and garland the blossoms
of May.

Let not the oppressor bring wreaths to
the soldier,
His greed is rebuked by Memorial
Day.)

Nor yet let the selfish and sordid do
honor
To heroes whose sacrifice mocks such
day.

Ah, men of to-day! say ye "peace dwell-
eth with us?"
There's many a battlefield yet to be won:
To save, to protect the weak from
oppressor—
The long strife for freedom is only
begin.

For true men and brave men the nation
is calling;
For men like the heroes we honor in
song:
For men who will dare all and give all
and do all
In full consecration to right against
wrong.

Then bring with thy garlands a soul of
high purpose,
A love for thy fellows, a scorn for the
knave;
Catch the true inspiration from those
whom we honor,
And in freedom's just cause be ye
noble, be brave!
—EDWARD PAYSON BALDWIN.

State Medal Contest Work.
Dwight, N. D., April 12th, 1907.
Dear Friends:—Very often I wish that
I might visit each union and personally
urge upon you the importance of the
work of our Medal Contest Department.
Some of you are doing excellent work,
but we must not be satisfied until all are
doing their best. Last year at this time
thirty medal contests had been given.
Thus far this year only fourteen contests
have been reported to me. We all realize
that we have had an unusually severe
winter and the work of our department
has suffered along with other lines of
work. You will see elsewhere that The
Fairview Union of Englevale has been
doing effective work in spite of the cold
weather and difficult roads.
Four contests are being planned in

Richland County—three to be given in
connection with institutes during April,
and one to be held at Hankinson in
which holders of silver medals in the
county will compete for the gold medal.
Before we realize it the year will be
gone and our state convention will be
upon us. Do not make it necessary for
us to go to the convention with a poorer
report that we had last year.
I am afraid it will be difficult to have
a Diamond Medal Contest at our next
convention unless you at once begin do-
ing contest work. You know that in or-
der to secure contestants for the Dia-
mond Medal, they must first have won
the silver, then the gold and finally the
grand gold medals. We have only a few
holders of grand gold medals left in the
state.

Letters come to me quite frequently
enquiring about the medal contest books.
Numbers 5 and 7 are especially adapted
to L. T. L. boys and girls. Number 5
has been revised and contains excellent
selections on Mercy, Peace and Arbitra-
tion, Sabbath Observance, Total Absti-
nence and Prohibition, as well as some
selections especially adapted to the L. T. L.
Number 7 is made up entirely of se-
lections for the L. T. L. department, so
that with these two books you are well
equipped with recitations for boys and
girls all the way from 5 or 6 to 14 or 15
years of age. Number 11 is a new book
and contains selections to be used in a
series of medal contests on the depart-
ment of Peace and Arbitration. A few
of our unions have purchased complete
sets, from 1 to 11, of the W. C. T. U.
contest books and also the three books
of the Demorest series. This is a very
good plan, much more satisfactory than
to choose all your selections from one or
two books. Then you have material on
hand for an indefinite number of con-
tests.

I intend to very soon again mail to
each union one of our Medal Contest
Circulars with other literature. Please
read these carefully for they give much
needed information concerning the work.
Then please have a Medal Contest Su-
perintendent appointed in each of your
unions so that you may at once begin
working up contests. There is probably
no better way to arouse interest in the
work of the W. C. T. U. and at the same
time enrich the treasury than by giving
a thoroughly prepared contest. The
work of drilling will of course take time
and strength as well as patience and per-
sistence, but I am sure the results will
more than repay you for the efforts put
forth.

May I remind you that the state con-
vention recommended to the unions to
send to the state contest department \$1
out of the proceeds of each medal con-
test?
Let us pray and work that by means
of these medal contests we may engage
the convictions and talents of our young
people in the temperance reform, and
may also help to create a public sentiment
in favor of total abstinence and prohibi-
tion.
Cordially Yours,
LULU LENHAM MACK.

W. C. T. U. State Headquarters
It is hoped that every union will se-
cure one or two patrons during the sum-
mer. Any person may become a patron
by paying \$5.00 per year—\$1.00 to be
kept in the local treasury and \$4.00 to be
sent to Mrs. Schlosser to swell the
fund for state headquarters, which, we
hope, can be opened up this fall. See
that the matter of State Headquarters
and the securing of patrons is brought
up at your county convention.

Englevale Medal Contests.
BY MR. A. W. PORTER, SUPT.

Realizing something of the magnitude
and evil of the Drink Traffic and heartily
favoring the reform measures of the
W. C. T. U., the members of the Fair-
view Union have been trying to do some-
thing to combat and overcome the ben-
eficial influence of the drink habit.
Believing that the education of the
young people is the shortest road to suc-
cess, they have adopted the medal con-
test as the most effective means to that
end. Ever since their organization they
have had contests from time to time.
We have found by experience that peo-
ple will come out to a contest who will
not come to any other kind of a temper-
ance meeting.

The present Contest Superintendent
has held the office nearly two years. In
that time he has held five Silver, three
L. T. L., one Matron's and three Gold
contests—twelve in all.
While we do not use the contests as a
money-making scheme, still they have
always somewhat more than paid ex-
penses, and they have served to adver-
tise our union and its work. Our White
Ribboners may well take a justifiable
pride in their reputation as hustlers.
But I wish to tell especially of a series
of three double contests which we have
recently held:

On Feb. 22nd last, we held a contest
with a class of young men competing for
the Silver Medal, and a class of little
girls competing for the L. T. L. Medal.
This took so well that we were asked to
give another in the township north of us.
On March 8th with a class of young
men trying for the Silver Medal and a
class of little girls contesting for the
L. T. L. Medal, we went to a country school
house and held a very successful contest.
On March 29th we had another double
contest—this time a class for the Gold
Medal and a class for the Silver Medal.

try eight miles from Englevale and have
to contend with bad roads and long dis-
tances, many people coming from seven
to ten miles and more to our contests.
Hoping this account will add a little
inspiration to the W. C. T. U. work and
the contest work in particular, I remain,
Sincerely Yours, From Contest to Con-
quest,

A. W. PORTER,
Supt. of Medal Contests.
Work of Contest Department
at Absaraka.

The Absaraka W. C. T. U. contest de-
partment, under the superintendency of
Mrs. E. B. Matters, held six contests in
the year 1906. The first on March 30th,
the last on July 2nd. Three were given



MRS. E. B. MATTERS.

at Absaraka, one was repeated at Wheat-
land, another at both Ayr and Erie. The
one in charge of the work tried to keep
the contest rules to the letter. No less
than six spoke at any contest and the
number was seven and eight at every
contest but one.

There were nine in the Junior class;
the contest was repeated, only eight
speaking at each entertainment.
In arranging for Senior class No. 3—
eight agreed to participate—with one in
reserve. One dropped out so the ninth
was given an opportunity to fill the va-
cancy. After each contest 50 cents was
sent to the state superintendent, Mrs. L.
L. Mack. The local superintendent was
much encouraged by receiving frequent
letters from Mrs. Mack regarding the
work.

A point was made to give every com-
petitor a souvenir. Willard buttons,
the Willard bookmark, "Brilliant From
Frances E. Willard," the silver "M. C."
pins, were given—besides, every member
of the Junior class, the children and the
young people who helped with the music
were the recipients of a year's subscrip-
tion to the "Crusader Monthly," or the
"Union Signal" for three months, to
those who were already subscribers of the
"Crusader." Over eighty dollars were
taken in at these contests.

At a meeting of the union a member
questioned the method of using gestures
in oratorical work, saying they were out
of date. We decided to refer it to Miss
Schirman who was to come to train the



A. W. PORTER.

This contest was indeed a success. The
contestants for the Gold Medal were ev-
ery one matched and showed much talent
and thorough preparation, for which we
and thorough preparation, for which we
feel very grateful; knowing that left in
hands of the oncoming generation the
prohibition of the drink curse is sure.
That you may understand and appre-
ciate what the Fairview Union is doing I
wish to say that we are out in the coun-

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W. C. T. U. 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 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.

As our readers will see this is Medal Contest number of our state paper. The "Contest" has crowded out many good articles which we are saving for next issue.—Ed.

And now the judges are deciding that the whole license system is illegal. Judge Artman, of Lebanon, Ind., before a large and sympathetic audience, declared the license of liquor should be abolished. He said that no legislature can rightfully bargain away the public health or the public morals by granting a license to sell that which renders men unfit for duties of citizenship. Truly the liquor traffic has lighted upon troublous times.

The severe winter has interfered with this year's contests in the First district but they have plans formed for some strenuous work and are seeing visions of a Grand Diamond contest.

Our readers will be pleased to see the face of Absaraka's successful medal contest superintendent. In another column Mrs. Matters has told us something of her plan of work.

Cass County will give a Grand Gold Medal Contest in connection with their convention some time in May.

Englevale (Fairview) union has shown wisdom and foresight in appointing an honorary member for Medal Contest Superintendent.

We are fortunate to have a "Medal Contest Num" this month, and trust we may show appreciation for the space given us by securing, through our contest, many new members for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and thus adding to the subscription list of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

We are glad to introduce to you Mr. A. W. Porter, Englevale's Contest Supt., and one of his successful contestants, Mr. Harry Hanson, winner of a gold medal.

We regret not having more pictures of our contest workers. Some pictures that have been promised have failed to reach us. Some of us are very modest, and others did not have suitable pictures to send.

Ellendale Union recently gave a very successful double contest and generously contributed a dollar to the State Contest Department. Englevale union also sent the same amount to the department.

Since the first of October Mrs. Woodruff has held 32 Sunday afternoon services at the W. C. T. U. Home. Thirty women have had the benefit of her loving spiritual teachings. And five have professed conversion. She has given sixteen bibles and fifty singing books to the Home.

Work of Contest Department

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class for the next contest. She told us that gestures should be used sparingly, to rest more on facial expressions and the tones of the voice. At the contest the judges were instructed so they might mark properly and that it was not necessary for the declaimer to wave his hands or stamp his feet to score ten on gesture.

We have noted the fact that people "make motions" when they have no other method of communication.

The superintendent never could have been so successful had it not been for the loyal support of the union members who did everything asked of them. To their parents also, is much credit due.

There has been much hard work and self-denial connected with the superintending, but success in any thing of worth is won only in this way.

The only rift in the lute has been that all did not overcome the sordid desire for the medal alone, overlooking the fact that the self-development acquired by the speaker is of far greater worth than any material thing.

Our contest motto is "In Honor Preferring One Another." May we ever live up to it for this is in line with that great commandment, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." Let us never forget the fact that our's is a Christian organization and in every test case thank God for it, for we thereby have an opportunity to show the world that we are Christians of the practical and genuine sort.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades—Our W. C. T. U. Day at Chautauque, July 6, will be a grand rally of temperance forces of the state. We have been so fortunate as to secure the services of John G. Woolley for an address in the afternoon. Temperance people from all parts of the state will want to hear him, and we believe that the temperance forces of the state will want to see him. Please advertise it as widely as possible; give it a prominent place in your local press items. Representatives from the different temperance organizations will discuss the question—"What attitude should the temperance people take toward the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution?"

Arrangements may be made for a Diamond Medal Contest that day. Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks, one of the contributing editors of the Union Signal, will be with us and assist throughout the entire Institute, July 3-12.

We hope many White Ribboners will plan to take their summer outing at Chautauque. A more charming place for rest and recreation would be difficult to find.

The Institute program will be full of help, inspiration and instruction for our workers, and every union would be greatly benefited if it could be represented there.

Last year the National W. C. T. U. made a net gain of 13,000 members, this year we are aiming to make a gain of 20,000 members, and a plea comes from our National Treasurer, Mrs. Harriet W. Brand, for North Dakota to do her part. If every union will make a gain of five members our share will be used without being burdensome to anyone. Turn to the treasurer's report in the state minutes and see how many members you paid dues for last year, then "set your stakes" to gain and send in dues for at least five more members this year. Our membership is not keeping up with the increase of population in this state. It is time we were up and doing.

No part of the state minutes is more interesting to my mind than the treasurer's report. Let me give you a few items I gleaned from a ten-minutes' study of it: Cass County stands at the head, paying dues for 315 members last year; First District is second with 140 members; Grand Forks-Nelson is third with 137 members; Barnes-Griggs is fourth with 136 members; Pembina is fifth with 127 members; and Ransom-LaMoure is sixth with 93 members.

Fargo union is first in the state, paying dues for 63 members; Fargo Scandinavian second with 55 members; Cooperstown third with 53 members; Park River fourth with 50 members; Grand Forks fifth with 44 members; Valley City sixth with 40 members; Lisbon seventh with 37 members; Drayton eighth with 35 members; and Cando ninth with 33 members. Valley City with a membership contest has more than doubled its membership and will stand first in this year's State Report, unless some unions get to work.

Tower, Minn. is the largest in the state, with Hunter second and Rolla and Sherbrooke closely following. These are only a few of the interesting facts brought out in a small part of the State Report.

I recommend that every union have a drill on the State Report, after it has been carefully studied by the members. Mrs. Jackson Sibbigh, Y Secretary and State Organizer of Wisconsin, will speak this week at Garrison, Washburn and Underwood and Sunday May 5th at Bismarck.

Mrs. Florence D. Richards begins work May 16th and Mr. Evans, L. T. L. Organizer, June 1st.

A few county conventions will be held in May but most of them are scheduled for June.

Since the appointment of Temperance Commissioner Murray, the local officials in many parts of the state have been unusually active in the enforcement of the prohibition law. A great deal of liquor has been taken possession of by the officials from depots and other places under the new law providing for the seizure and confiscation of liquor shipped into the state in violation of law. Law enforcement seems to be in the air. Let us thank God and take courage and make renewed efforts to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes in this goodly heritage which is ours only so long as we are able to possess and defend it.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D.,
April 29, 1907.

FIELD NOTES.

Richland County. The first Institute in Richland County for 1907 convened at Hankinson on April 2nd, conducted by the county president, Mrs. Whitcomb. The program sent out by the state was carried out as nearly as possible, and proved to be interesting and instructive. The county executive meeting was held here the same day. Arrangements for the convention were therefore made and help of visitors in our institute. On April 11-20 institutes will be held with the unions at Wyndmere and Dwight, and later with the other unions in the county. There is much disappointment expressed all over the county because of our not being able to secure a speaker during the year though we have some hopes now of having Mrs. Richards for the county convention. Mrs. E. M. Tysos, Correspondent.

Memorial Service in Dwight.—Though belated this service in honor of Miss Willard and Mrs. Stevens was carefully arranged and very enjoyable. A choir sang several songs including, The Crusade Hymn, Some Glad Day, and Mother I'll Be There. A male quartette sang Thy Light is Come; Redeemed; and God Bless My Boy. The peculiarity about this male quartette was that Mrs. Mack took the place of one of the men who was sick. Miss Myrtle Jonson and Mrs. A. Bjornson rendered organ solos. Miss Rustad read a paper upon The Influence that Made Miss Willard. Miss Hannah Carlson read a paper upon The Debt of the W. C. T. U. to Miss Willard. A paper written by Mrs. Sundell upon The Life of Mrs. Stevens was read by Mrs. Mack. A paper was read by one of the honoraries upon Miss Willard's Ideal of Womanhood. A collection was taken for the Home in Fargo. Mr. J. Larson was chairman of the meeting. —Reporter.

Park River, N. D., April 13, 1907.—We have not missed a meeting this winter with the exception of one just before Christmas, which is not a bad record for so stormy a winter. The social and mothers meetings have not fared so well—the walking has been too bad most of the time to attempt anything of the kind. Twice an effort was made to have a Donation Social for the benefit of the Home but on both occasions a storm intervened and the donations were not as numerous as they might otherwise have been. Willard Memorial day was observed by a most excellent Sunday evening service and was well attended. A home social was held in honor of Mrs. Stevens' birthday and an appropriate musicale and literary program given. Some forty people enjoyed the evening. Though we regret to say that the hoped-for Union Signal Show was not forthcoming. Not long since we gave a supper which was representing five different nations were presided over by waiters in national costume who dispensed dainties peculiar to their especial country and people went to market, buying to suit themselves and ate at the small tables about the hall. Considerable amusement was created. Everything was fresh and dainty and the affair was quite a success.

The Total Abstainer Today Occupies Vantage Ground in the Business World.

We have every reason to thank God and take courage for the progress our cause is making through Local Option contests and by the election of temperance civic boards, but in the business world has come such an awakening of regard to the pernicious influence of strong drink as gives rise to almost equal rejoicing. The vision of the seer Isaiah is being fulfilled when he prophesied in regard to the opening of blind eyes. For many decades the eyes of the business world seemed blind to the fact that even the moderate drinker was not, nor could he be, the equal in mental acumen of the man who "touched or tasted not." Today there is not a more interesting theme for the student of temperance issues than the attitude of the far-seeing, astute business institutions toward the use of alcohol as a beverage, even in moderate quantities. From an exchange we call the following: Men desiring to occupy certain positions of trust in the United States must be bound by regular "bonding companies," one of whose main questions is, "Do you drink any intoxicating liquors?" If this question is answered in the affirmative the company promptly refuses to bond the applicant. It is said that over two million of the best positions in the United States are closed to all but absolute abstainers.



MRS. L. M. BROWN, Sec'y.

Mrs. Brown's Letter.

My Dear Y Girls: It is good to be at home again, but it would be better if these spring zephyrs of the North had more of the warmth of Cuba's balmy breezes in them. But the advent of two or three new Ys to our ranks adds a note of cheer which overcomes the chilliness of the April atmosphere. We give you a hearty welcome and believe you are here for service true in this cause which calls for the world's best; many of whom have already answered it.

I hope the remainder of our year will be full of effective work, now that the icy grip of winter is loosened. Rest assured that both Miss Best and I will gladly lend what aid we can.

Casselton Y reports a membership contest as their first work. The contest work is a fine department for the Ys. I hope every Y will hold a medal contest as soon as possible. This number of the Bulletin will give abundant information and inspiration about it. Let us hear from you and what you are doing, girls. Write to either Miss Best or me. Lovingly Yours, L. M. Brown.

Note of Casselton Y.

Dear Miss Best: We are very thankful to you for the hand book you so kindly sent us. We have organized our Y. Did so on Monday eve, have 16 members, and have over half of the dues collected now; so we are moving along. Mrs. Preston Anderson had a good house ad delivered an able talk. Officers are: Miss E. Bartlett, President; Miss Maud Young, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. McCracken, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Griffith, Treas.; Jane Beattie; Presbyterian church, Marguerite Pinkham; Catholic church, Miss Ketchum.

Call to Cass County Convention.
The newly organized Casselton Y. will entertain the Cass County convention at Casselton, May 16th and 17th.

We hope our faithful and much loved president, Mrs. Meacham, will be able to preside.

Mrs. Richards, one of the most talented and interesting of the national speakers, will lecture and assist in institute work the second day. There will also be a "Grand Gold Medal Oratorical Contest" on the last evening, at which Miss Jennie Champine of Fargo, will sing. A scarf drill will be given under the direction of the State Assistant Y. Secretary.

Reports and local work the first day. Let each union send its delegation with its best thoughts and report, and each delegate come with expectation of making this the best convention ever. Yours in bonds of fellowship,
ABIE W. H. BEST,
Vice President, Cass County.

Live in the sunshine:
(God meant it for you,
Live as the robins,
And sing the day through.
MARGARET E. SANSTER.

Treasurer's Report.

Mayville, N. D., April 7th, 1907.
Dear Sisters—My report is very short this month; I do not think it necessary to repeat our needs as so little has been coming in of late that it has not been sufficient to supply them.
I am sure that when the weather brightens and warms up we will all feel more like working than we have this past month.
Hopefully Yours,
LIZZIE SCHLOSSER.

Ojata State Minutes	8	30
Thompson Sen. L. T. L. State	5	00
Thompson Memorial \$2.00		
Japan Fund \$1.00	3	00
Thompson F. E. Willard Hospital	2	50
Lisbon Memorial	2	00
Amenia Memorial	2	00
Cleveland State Dues \$		
Minutes 8.15	85	
Dwight State Dues	70	
Wahpeton Home	5	00
Hunter Memorial	2	83
Niagara State Dues \$2.80		
Minutes 8.54	3	34
Fairmount State Dues	2	10
Tower City State Dues \$1.40		
Minutes 8.78	2	18
Des Lacs Home \$5.00	10	00
State \$5.00	1	00
Dawson State Dues	1	00
Mrs. Emma J. R. Miller Cash	38	47
Fargo State Dues \$2.80	38	50
Niagara State Dues \$2.80		
Memorial \$2.00	1	80
Cooperstown Home, Mrs Hartman, personal	5	00
Dwight Chautauqua	1	00
Des Lacs State Dues	70	
Casselton "Y"	9	10
Harlem State \$5.00, Home \$3.00, State Dues \$2.10	10	10
Drayton, Mrs Wylie, personal	2	00
pledge, State	10	00
First District, Home \$5, State \$5.	5	00
Amenia Headquarters	38	50
Fargo Scan, State Dues	2	00
Fargo Scan, Memorial	70	
Enderlin State Dues	5	00
Cooperstown Home	5	00
Dwight State Dues \$ 70,	4	70
Home \$4.00	5	00
Fairmount Home \$3, State \$2	5	00
Amenia Home	5	00

Flower Mission Workers.

A ROSE TO THE LIVING.
"A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead;
In filling love's infinite store,
A rose to the living is more,
If graciously given before
The hungering spirit has fled—
A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."
—NIXON WATER.

Pembina, N. D., April 3d, 1907.
Dear Flower Mission Workers—The spring is here, the great planting time in our work. Bring out your seeds and see how many of you can have little gardens not always able to send flowers: take the sick and aged for drives; cheer the sick and aged with your presence; write a letter to the shut-ins. Too often we leave our kindly deed until too late. The sentiment of the following little poem so truly pictures this. Take courage with the spring, go ahead dear comrades and work for God, home and native land.
Lovingly,
H. KNEESHAW,
State Supt. F. M.

THE FLOWERS.

'Twas in her heart to do a kindly deed—
To take some flowers to a suffering one:
But illness came, and many other things,
And so the kindly act remained undone.
And then, one day, a line of carriages,
And snow white hearse were halting at your gate,
Shocked and dismayed, with raining tears she wailed—
That now all kindnesses would be too late.
She told of all the things that people say—
Of flowers given to the sightless dead:
"And oh, I meant them while she was alive,
And by their beauty could be comforted."
"Weep not," I said, "God knows you meant to give,
And she, with crown of life upon her brow,
In fairer gardens where the angels dwell
Beyond the stars, I think she knows it now."
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Each year was our banner year. We held in all 26 contests—a Diamond, two Grand Golds, four Golds, the remainder silver. Cando held three musical contests, a silver series, repeating one of their local contests at two country points, where considerable interest was manifested in our work. This union also entertained two District Contests. This record surely proves that her name is no misnomer—she CAN DO.

Rolls repeated a contest at Hansboro, Dunseith and St. John. The young people were enthusiastic over the trips and are preparing to go again. With but one exception the other unions either held one or more contests or entertained a District Contest.

The District held a Gold series at Perth, Cando and Churchs Ferry. The Grand Gold Contest held at our convention at Rolla was repeated at Bisbee the following evening, and a week later a Diamond Contest was held at Cando, (the gross proceeds of these three contests being \$176.) One Gold Contest at the Chautauqua completed our work and our reward came when we won at the state convention the Diamond Medal and the contest banner.

In this work we have learned many things that may prove helpful to others. Only the hearty co-operation of contest leaders, general officers and the local unions can make success possible.

If the higher grade contest is aimed at it pays to keep everlastingly at it.

The contest leader, either local or county, should be a lover of young people and one who has not forgotten how it feels to be young herself. She should cultivate a wide acquaintance with the young people in her territory. Whenever or wherever a class meets for contest work show them every courtesy and see that they have the best time possible. Have a distinct understanding in regard to railroad fare, entertainment, etc., and then abide by it even if it means financial loss. No one appreciates a "square deal" more than the young people. While contests should, and usually do prove a help financially, this is not the most important side of the work. To win and to hold the young people and to create public sentiment are the points to be emphasized.

Lastly, never open a contest without first having just a word of prayer with the class. It is the right thing to do, it helps them to realize the seriousness of their task, and thus incites them to do their best—not for the medal but for "His Name's Sake," and helps in the general good feeling toward the victorious one by the other members of the class.

Yours for contest work,
NECIA E. BUCK.

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How Conduct Medal Contests.

By MRS. ADELIA E. CARMEN,

National Supt. of Medal Contest Work.

First. Appoint a local superintendent (anyone who is interested is eligible). She should be energetic and tactful. One who has been used to working with children and young people are usually successful, but anyone can cultivate these qualifications. Send name to the State Superintendent, who will forward the necessary instructions and rules governing these contests.

Second. The local unions should vote to hold a contest. Contestants should be secured by your superintendent. These can be procured by a visit to the public schools or Sunday schools or among your personal friends, or a social may be held by your local organizations, to which the children and young people may be invited and the contest work explained and classes formed. Anyone who is willing to conform to the rules is eligible. The contestants should be as nearly equal in age and ability as possible.

Third. Send to the State superintendent for books, medals, judges' blanks, with rules and instructions. There are eleven members of "The National Educator" (the W. C. T. U. contest books, and three numbers of "From Contest to Conquest") (The Demorest contest books). These are the official books, and selections must be taken from these different numbers. Help the contestants to select their recitations if they so desire. The superintendent may drill the class, or each contestant may select some one to drill them, or the local union may secure the services of a reader. Every effort should be made to reach a high standard of excellence. A musical contest may be held in connection with the oratorical, thereby furnishing music, and thus adding interest to the program. The Temperance Songster, compiled especially for the contest department may be secured from the National superintendent. Price, in cloth, 35 cents; paper cover, 30 cents.

Fourth. Secure a place for holding the contest—a church or hall, advertise freely, and put your tickets on sale immediately; also put your medal on exhibition in some public window, if thought advisable. Admission should be charged, not less than 15 cents for a silver contest and 25 cents for a gold contest. In some localities, where the education is needed,

it may be advisable to simply take up a collection at the close.

Fifth. Pay particular attention to the selection of the three judges, and if possible secure others than our prominent temperance workers and those not personally interested in the contestants. The judges should sit in different parts of the hall, and should read carefully the rules governing the contest so they may be able to mark intelligently, and should not make their individual markings public after the contest is held and the result announced.

Sixth. Before the speaking let your president or superintendent briefly explain to the audience the object of the contest and the rules and conditions which govern it.

Seventh. It is advisable to recognize the work of each contestant by presenting to those who fail to win the medal a Willard bookmark, framed pin, or M. C. pin, or some other inexpensive souvenir, which can be ordered of the State superintendent.

Eighth. Promptly fill out the certificate which is sent with each medal, and return to the State superintendent. This is absolutely essential before the winner can enter a State or National contest, and but fair to the contestant.

If a series of contests are to be held the superintendent may fill the place of the winner, and give the same program in a different locality, thus giving all the class a chance to win a medal. Yet new selections are desirable.

The six winners of the silver medals will then be qualified to enter a contest for a gold medal, and so on to the diamond medal.

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Note: The Temperance Songster referred to above, as well as contest books, blanks, medals, etc., may be secured from the State Medal Contest Superintendent.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS

Having Won Medals Since the Park River Convention, 1906.

Matron's Silver:—Mrs. Mary Hanson, Engleware.

L. T. L.—Miss Gladys Froats, Grand Forks; Miss Carrie Porter, Engleware; Miss Sadie Whitney, Engleware; Miss Ethel Touseley, Fargo; Miss Mabel Colwell, Ellendale.

Oratorical:—Miss Ida F. Tibbetts, Ellendale; Miss Etta Wallace, Starkweather; Miss Gertrude Kulberg, Hankinson; Mr. Eugene Porter, Mr. Earl Hanson and Mr. Ernest Durbin, Engleware; Miss Ijella St. Ore, Ellendale.

Oratorical Gold:—Mr. Hollis Porter, Engleware.

A FEW OF OUR MEDAL WINNERS.



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1. Miss Tina McLarty, Cando—Diamond Medal, Park River State Convention.
2. Tom W. Chambers, Churchs Ferry—Grand Gold Medal First District.
3. Miss Effie Epton, Cando—Diamond Medal June 1906.
4. Miss Millicent A. Dickerson, Tower City—Grand Gold Medal.
5. Harry Hanson, Engleware—Gold Medal Winner.

FIELD NOTES.

Tower City, Apl. 13:—It is a long time since the Tower City Union has sent a communication to The Bulletin but we are still alive and actively engaged in the good work. Through the long severe winter we have, with very few exceptions, met every two weeks, and spring finds us in a flourishing condition. We held a Francis E. Willard memorial meeting Sunday evening, Feb. 17, in the M. E. church, and had the hearty co-operation of both local pastors. A notable feature of the program was a beautiful appreciation of the life of Miss Willard by Rev. J. W. Boyer, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The thank offering received at this meeting amounted to about \$4.50. On Friday, March 22, at our regular meeting, we observed the anniversary of Neal Dow's birthday, a splendid program being carried out. At this time we also served a ten cent supper, the receipts of which were \$3.25. During the first week in April we were very busy tying comforters and making other useful articles for our "Home box." We enjoyed the work so much and on Friday of the same week had a large box filled ready to ship. Our last regular meeting was a red letter day for us. We took in five new members and after the business meeting and program we served a supper complimentary to the new members. For various reasons several others who were going to unite with us were not present but we expect them to be with us at our next meeting. Yours for loyal service, AGNES O. ROBERTS, Press Superintendent.

Towner, N. Dak. April 18, 1907.—Yes, we held a Willard memorial service, yours truly leading the Christian Endeavor service and the Bible Class along Willard temperance lines, and the Rev. John R. McLean, old friend of Miss Willard, leading the evening service with a beautiful tribute to the "unatched." But the chills of cold weather had been so heavy that we decided to make no collections for the fund. We celebrated March 1, our national president's birthday, with a reception for the teachers and school officers and friends. We had a program of Scientific Temperance teaching and music, followed by dainty refreshments, in the home of Dr. Martin, who is of our way of thinking. This is refreshing after a long service of medical men who believe in liquor as a medicine and its frequent use. "Perfectly sober men themselves but their attitude hindered. Union Signal Banquet? Not yet. We are rejoicing over the growth of our Prison work. One poor girl went back to her hometown for a "ner" had been brothers and sisters to her." But we womenfolk feel how great is the need of the presence of a woman around our county goals, in addition to the very humane ways of our sheriff. Baths and Bibles too! And now we are preparing for a double silver medal contest for May 3d. Boys and girls will all speak for Mercy and Peace. Our Bantry friends are all going to Alberta. 3 prominent members, including our County Vice President. Your busy friend, I. McNAUGHTON STEVENS.

Grand Forks. I am sure you are all rejoicing over the action of "Our Governor" as we call Gov. Burke, for as everyone says the W. C. T. U. helped materially to elect him. This union sent out 300 letters. Our president, Mrs. Fordney, and her husband worked faithfully to distribute the letters from their little store: every man who would take a letter was handed one. Then there is one thing I would like to call the attention of the W. C. T. U. of this state to, and that is the great headway the Mormon settlement in the western part is making. One lady who has lived among them tells that they are intermarrying with the young people of the Evangelical churches and sending their literature over all that part of the state constantly, also are buying land and getting so rich that the people are afraid to oppose them now that they are getting the offices and getting into power. They call themselves "Latter Day Saints," but when the petition against Reed Smoot was presented to them not one would sign it. A prominent man among them is reported to have three wives, which he reports there are three homes which he visits. Is it not true the women wake up on this Mormon Question in this state and do as much for public opinion on this vital question as they have done for the temperance cause? Could we not at least begin sending anti-Mormon literature from all the unions and thus follow their own line of battle? "Let us then be up and doing." Sincerely, Mrs. R. B. McADAM, Sec.