



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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If I Had Known.

If I had only known in the morning How wearily all the day The words unkind Would trouble my mind I said when you went away. Had been more careful, darling, Nor given you needless pain. But we vex "our own" With look and tone We might never take again. The bitter tone, We have careful thoughts for the stranger And smiles for the coming guest; But off for our own The lips with curves impatient. Ah! brow with that look of scorn. 'Twas a cruel fate Were the night too late To undo the work of the morn. —Margaret E. Sangster.

Chautauqua W. C. T. U. Institute.

The W. C. T. U. Institute was held as usual during the Chautauqua Assembly at Devils Lake, July 3-12. Institute was conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, State President, assisted by Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks of Arkansas. July 3rd a few of the White Ribboners gathered and a partial organization was effected.

July 4th the subject considered was, "An Ideal Fourth." In opening the discussion Mrs. Parks said that the signers of the Declaration of Independence had said that the day should be celebrated by all future generations with firing of common fireworks and general rejoicing. Mrs. Parks said this had been kept to the letter but not in spirit; our Fourth of July celebrations had ceased to be expressions of patriotism. We make a noise for the sake of the noise, and the casualties of the day would do credit to an ordinary battle. The Fourth should be a day for the development of true patriotism and for considering the problems which face us as a nation. Others spoke of various experiments in having a sane Fourth.

July 5th Topic, "Scientific Temperance Instruction, Past, Present, Future plans for the Department." Mrs. Parks spoke of the past achievements of the department in securing scientific temperance instruction in all public schools and schools controlled by the National government, of the work still being done in maintaining what we have gained, and introducing the best text books. One important line of work by the department is, the gathering of all scientific data concerning the effect of alcohol. Mrs. Anderson urged the work in offering prizes in the public schools for essays on "The Value of Total Abstinence," thus cooperating in the work planned by the National W. C. T. U.

July 6th was Temperance Rally Day. The question discussed at the institute was "What attitude should the temperance people take toward the proposed Initiative and Referendum amendment to the State Constitution?" An effort had been made to secure the attendance of representatives of all temperance organizations in the state. Several were present and many others interested in the question. Gov. Burke, Mr. Ueland (author of the bill), Mr. Anker, Pres. of the Association for Direct Legislation; Pres. Robertson of Wesley College, John G. Woolley, the speaker of the day, and many others. The discussion developed that, while without exception temperance people would have supported the initiative and referendum for statutory law, all who represented temperance organizations, led by Ex-temperance Commissioner Murray, were strongly opposed to the bill, because it applied also

to the Constitution. Mrs. Anderson charged that the clause applying to the Constitution had been added to the committee by well known resubmissionists in order to secure resubmission. Mr. Ueland frankly acknowledged that this was the case; that the resubmissionists had refused to allow it to pass without this addition, and rather than lose the bill its advocate had consented to the change. Mr. Ueland himself is a consistent temperance man, but he believed that the temperance sentiment was so strong in this state there was nothing to fear from resubmission. Pres. Robertson replied that there was nothing to fear if the people of North Dakota could fight it out for themselves, but the moment the question was opened the liquor interests of the whole country would pour money into the state, while the temperance people would have to draw solely from the resources of the state. If unsuccessful at first the question would be brought up again and again until the temperance forces were exhausted.

Gov. Burke made a strong speech against the constitutional provision of the bill on general principles. He said that as the various departments of our government were planned to act as checks upon one another, so the constitution served for a check upon the people. There were some things which could not be changed in a moment of passion. If the constitution could be brought into question by eight per cent of the voters and changed by a majority vote, what was the use of having a constitution? In the afternoon John G. Woolley gave a fine address to a large audience. He laid the responsibility of the liquor traffic upon the individual voter and called upon him to kill it so far as his personal influence and vote were concerned.

In the evening a diamond medal contest was held. When one sees the interest these contests arouse, one must feel that there is no other equally efficient method of preaching the gospel of temperance. The auditorium, which accommodates 4,000 people, was packed with an audience which gave the closest attention and sat through the entire program and then waited patiently for the decision of the judges. Miss McLarty of Bethel won the prize which was presented to her by Gov. Burke.

Sunday morning July 7th at 10 o'clock a Temperance Prayer Meeting was held in the Round-Table Tent. On Monday the Institute Topic was: "How the Tenth Legislative Assembly Strengthened the Prohibition Law."

Mrs. Anderson gave a clear and comprehensive survey of the new measures which were enacted by the last legislature, each one adding a strand to the strong cable of the prohibition law with which our state proposes to strangle the outlaw liquor traffic, the realization of which is brought perceptibly nearer by the increasing public favor and the reinforcement of such legislation as this. Tuesday July 9th. Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks lead the discussion on the subject "Senator Smoot. Who is responsible?" The question was ably discussed and facts brought out proved the Republican party responsible for the seating of Keen Smoot as United States Senator. The alarming increase of Mormonism was discussed and the continuation of the crusade against it was urged upon our organization which has waged war against it for many years. A Mormon settlement has been established in our own state.

Wednesday July Tenth. "Temperance

Literature and Periodicals-Their Value and How to Put Them into Circulation." Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Anderson and others brought out many valuable suggestions as to methods of using and circulating our splendid publications and literature. Many inspiring examples of results in so doing were given. Thursday the 11th "The Child Labor Problem" was ably discussed by Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Anderson and others, revealing many appalling facts as to the cruelties to which thousands of America's children are subjected by the greed of the labor system of today, and looking toward the forestalling of this evil in our own state before it fastens its conditions upon us. This discussion enlightened many who were present as to the horrors of this system and the wisdom of legislating upon it before it becomes a serious reality with us. A bill to prohibit child labor was introduced in our last legislature but failed to pass undoubtedly because there was not sentiment and effort enough enlisted for its passage. It is our purpose to persevere in the effort to secure such legislation. Friday July 12th, "Are Women Worthy of Citizenship" was the institute topic, Mrs. Parks leading the discussion. Rev. Riddell, Rev. Saunders and others participating, the consensus of opinion being that woman is well worthy of a place in the ranks of citizenship in any commonwealth.

Under the able conduct of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Parks this institute has been one of the most interesting and helpful ever held at our state Chautauqua. The subjects discussed were those of deepest concern to the people of our state. And they were handled in the manner and comprehensiveness of statesmanship. Gov. Burke and other prominent men of the state addressed the institute which with the presence of "the most noted temperance orator of this country," John G. Woolley, marks it as an institute of special power and movement.

Baldwin cottage kept open-house during the entire Chautauqua session under the competent care of Mrs. Mattie Meacham, our former vice president, whose mother, Mrs. Staples, was also with her. Many prominent people of the state registered in the visitors book of Baldwin Cottage, our attractive Chautauqua headquarters for the temperance people of the state, and which is each year becoming better known and extending its area of influence upon the Chautauqua visitors.

A Word From the Corresponding Secretary.

Dear County and District Presidents:—Now that most of the county and district conventions have been held, will you please see that the names and addresses of officers and superintendents are sent to me at once? Only one county—Richland—has done this. You will readily see how this will facilitate matters by getting this work out of the way before the rush of the convention comes on. We are all aware that mistakes creep into the directory from year to year, but has it ever occurred to you who is responsible for these mistakes? The corresponding secretary is willing to bear her share of blame but the greater part of it rests with the county and district presidents. Each president is held responsible for her county or district, and if these are not properly reported, the result will be mistakes in the directory. Again, nearly all local

unions have held an election of officers since the last directory appeared.

Will you please obtain the names of all such officers and send them to me as soon as possible that the printed report of the next state convention may not be delayed because of the directory? In a short time the new annual report blanks will be sent to each local union. In this the state officers have complied with the oft-expressed wish of local officers for only one report a year.

Will you not show your appreciation of this consideration and prove the change to be a wise one, by filling in these blanks promptly and returning the same to the proper person not later than September 1st? It is true this request applies more particularly to the officers of local unions, yet county and district presidents may help greatly in bringing this about.

A word to the wise will be sufficient that all things may be done "decently and in order."

Yours for progress,

B. H. WYLLIE.

Drayton, July 16th, 1907.

The Old Gospel Anew.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is not a new church, and it is not teaching a new religion. It is teaching what the world most needs, the old, old gospel anew. The truths which are uttered today must be uttered in a new language. The church must cease turning to the past while the world is asking today's questions and needing today's answers. The gospel anew will not express itself in great institutions, forms and dogmas. It will have less of the "I am a worm of the dust" theology and more of the "I fit a great human soul" teaching. It will not make it a dreary way to the city of light but it will extol the beauty of holiness. It will tell that there is nothing so profitable as honesty, nothing so expedient as justice, and nothing so powerful as love. It will teach the important truth that religion is to have wide open eyes to the things which need to be done here and now.

The gospel anew simply sends the world back to the simple things of life and calls us back to the old paths. I do not urge men back to the old theology, but back to the old simple everyday living. The W. C. T. U. is teaching the old doctrine in the language of our time. We are not working on the "survival of the fittest" plan, but are striving to learn how to make the unfit fit to survive. We are teaching the people what they ought to know to become the children of God. Do our methods not suit you? Does our way of doing things offend the culture of your souls? The gospel anew demands of every man and woman that they shall do something, and not merely suffer something to be done. Whether we will or not, we cannot escape taking some part in this work. We all help to make the code of the community. We believe that there is but one safe way, total abstinence, for no teetotaler ever died a drunkard. We hold that if it is wrong for an individual to place the bottle to the lips of another man, it is also wrong for the city, the state or the nation to do so, therefore, we hold to the total prohibition. Let us ask ourselves if our example is safe.

REV. ANNA SHAW.

"The dear God hears and pities all; He knoweth all our wants; And what we blindly ask of him His love withholdeth or grants."

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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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## 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, Miss Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville. Of this seventy cents, twenty-five cents goes into 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.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

### CONVENTION CALL.

The Eighteenth Annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota will be held September 20th to 23rd in Fargo, the convention city and metropolis of the state.

The Fargo unions are enthusiastically preparing for our entertainment and we ask every Union in the state to co-operate with us in making this the largest and best convention in our history.

The guests of honor will be Mrs. Katharine Lente Stevenson of Boston, president of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U., and World's Superintendent of the Department of Christian Citizenship, one of the most gifted women in our ranks; Rev. Bertha J. Bowers of Missouri, a brilliant young orator and an ordained minister of the Congregational church, and Miss Louise Hollister, a national organizer, who has made hosts of friends on a former visit to North Dakota. With this array of talent, supplemented by our own bright and brainy women, the program will be a feast of good things.

Every union (W. and Y) is entitled to the following representation: The president or her alternate, one delegate at large, and one delegate for every thirty paid members; the members of the state executive committee, which includes trustees, vice presidents, general secretaries of the Young Women's and L. T. L. branches, superintendents of departments and editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, are members of the convention; the state organizers, evangelists, county or district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, directors, matron and financial agent of the W. C. T. U. Home, chairmen of standing committees and auditor are also members of the convention. The L. T. L. is entitled to one delegate for every five dollars of L. T. L. dues paid into the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent.

The W. C. T. U. year closes September 1st and the blanket report, which is now in the hands of the corresponding secretary of every union, should be filled out and returned to the state corresponding secretary and the state superintendents before that time. Devote one meeting of the union to the blanket report. Have the questions under each department read whether you have a superintendent of that department or not, and if any member has done work in any of these lines, report it. This is the only way to get a full and accurate report of the work done.

The treasurer's books will be open until September 6th. Do not expect to be entitled to representation or receive credit at this convention for dues paid after that time. A great responsibility rest upon the local treasurer. It is upon her faithfulness in collecting and forwarding dues that increased membership depends, and often losses are reported when there would be gains, if the local treasurer did her duty. Upon the honor roll which will be displayed at the convention, will appear the name of every union making a net gain of ten in membership and the names of counties and districts making a gain of twenty-five per cent. The usual prize banners will be awarded to the W and Y making the largest per cent gain in membership and to the W or Y making the largest gain in membership and reporting the same to the state L. T. L. secretary.

Any county or district having a paid membership of five hundred will have the privilege of electing a delegate to the national convention at Nashville, Tenn. Delegates are not to be entertained according to our custom, for lodging and breakfast. The names of delegates should be sent before September 1st to Mrs. W. H. Comrie, chairman of entertainment committee, 1016 Third Avenue S., Fargo.

A very important meeting of the executive committee will be held September 19th. It is the duty of every county and district president and state superintendent to attend this meeting.

The usual reduced rates will be secured on the certificate plan. As Fargo is a railroad center, we do not anticipate that delegates will come in automobiles in sufficient numbers to prevent the securing of the reduction, which was the case last year at Park River. At any rate, we advise all delegates to use the antiquated method of railway travel to the convention and not to forget to secure a certificate for every ticket purchased.

We ask every union to observe Friday September 13th as a day of prayer for divine guidance and blessing in the deliberations of this convention.

## CHAUTAQUA.

The Institute and Temperance Rally Day will be fully reported in another column. Never was Chautauqua more beautiful and restful than this year and the interest was never greater.

Mrs. Meacham had charge of Baldwin Cottage and the presence of her venerable mother, Mrs. Staples, gave new charm and dignity to the place. Our vice president, Mrs. Tousey, and our Y secretary, Mrs. Brown, were with us for a short time and assisted in the delightful reception given there.

Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks gave great satisfaction in the Institute work, and we shall be pleased to have her with us again.

John G. Woolley was at his best and gave a most inspiring address. He and his wife, who had preceded him to Winnepig, were on their way to Honolulu. He will spend some time there in temperance work but they don't expect to reside there as has been reported by the press.

To Mrs. Necia Buck, president of the First District, belongs great credit for the very successful diamond medal contest. An audience of four thousand people gave closest attention to the contest. When Gov. Burke, who was one of the judges, was introduced to award the medal the great audience gave him a most enthusiastic ovation. His address on the Fourth of July was a masterly plea for enforcement of law and made many friends for the people's Governor.

The discussion of the Initiative and Referendum developed the fact that all the representatives of the temperance organizations present, the Enforcement League and the W. C. T. U., were opposed to the application of the Initiative and Referendum to the constitution and therefore were a unit in this opposition to the Ueland amendment which is now pending. Gov. Burke's position was the same as that of the representatives of the temperance organizations, but curiously enough there was scarcely a word said that reported the proceedings of this meeting correctly. It was brought out in the discussion and corroborated by Mr. Ueland, author of the measure, that the resubmissionists were responsible for the amendment, which brings the constitution under the provisions of the bill and opens the way for resubmission.

## THE UNION SIGNAL.

A letter from our National President, Mrs. Stevens, urges that every Union come up to the "one in four" plan. Surely it is not unreasonable to ask that every Union secure one Union Signal subscriber for every four members. North Dakota has the beautiful flag banner for the largest number of Union Signal subscribers in proportion to the membership among states of over one thousand members. We want to have the honor of bringing this banner home for the third time and we can if every Union will begin an active canvass for subscriptions. Nothing will increase the interest and enthusiasm of your members more than the reading of this paper. Every Union in North Dakota ought to be on the Union Signal Honor Roll.

## SPEAKERS.

Miss Lovina Collington, who comes to us with good recommendations from Iowa, begins work in the northwestern part of the state August first.

Miss Louise Hollister of Ill. and Miss Bertha Bowers of Mo., two popular National Organizers, will commence work September first, Miss Hollister working in the northeastern part of the state, and Miss Bowers in the southeastern.

Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Evans have done most faithful work for us this summer but not one of them has been able to make their salary and expenses and in consequence the state is out one hundred and fifty dollars. Now we do not believe the fault is with speakers or with the people. North Dakota audiences are generous.

Let me urge that there be more promptness in answering letters, and more promptness in accepting speakers. County and district presidents should notify their Union of the dates speakers will be there at least three weeks ahead. Plenty of advertising matter should be sent down by freight. When the matter is advertised in the press, through the pulpits, on the streets, at the Union meetings and then talk up the speaker and the meeting. It takes work to get out an audience but I believe it can be done in any town in the state. It is not fair to a speaker, the state or to our great cause, to get out an audience when

you might have hundreds to hear the message.

Yours for faithful advertising and big enthusiastic meetings.

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
Valley City, N. D.  
July 29, 1907.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION 1907,

Nashville, Tenn., November 8-13

The State Convention will be held at Fargo, Sept. 20-23. Mrs. Katharine L. Stevenson, President of Massachusetts W. C. T. U.; Rev. Bertha J. Bowers, of Missouri; and Miss Louise Hollister, of Illinois, will be with us. Begin now to plan to attend this meeting and catch some of its inspiration.

We regret that lack of space prevents our publishing the many excellent resolutions passed by the different county conventions. Resolutions thanking the ministers and citizens for encouragement and hospitality. Resolutions in favor of enforcement of laws. Resolutions against Sabbath desecration, barn-burning, Mormon encroachment. Resolutions in favor of equal suffrage, in favor of using more literature, in favor of more effective work along the lines of scientific temperance instruction.

We are sure all our unions would be better able to work for stronger anti-cigarette legislation and sentiment if they read "The Crusader Monthly." This little paper is brim full of information and is a strong helper to those who have the interests of the youth of our land at heart. We feel that the unions can do no better work than to read The Crusader Monthly and see that each teacher has a copy to aid her in giving Scientific Temperance Instruction.

The Boy Magazine, which is the official organ of the National Anti-Cigarette League, is published at Room 1119, Woman's Temple, Chicago. Price 50c per annum. This low subscription rate brings it within the reach of every home. Send for sample copy. 5c each.

"Our law and times would not tolerate for a single moment the cigarette evil, if the desolation which it works could be fully realized. The vigorous agitation of the matter will quicken the public conscience, which, when aroused, is always right." Hon. Edmund W. Burke, Ex-Circuit Court Judge, Chicago.

No better club is in existence than ours. It leads us to matters civic, scientific and legal. A broad field surely.

Letter from Katharine V. King.

Prado, Riverside Co., Cal., July 6, 1907.  
Dear Bulletin—I enclose the amount of my annual subscription for though my formal connection with N. D. W. C. T. U. ceased when I enrolled myself under California's banner at Corona, the bonds of loving remembrance are not so easily broken.

The Corona U. has a drinking water fountain that on the 4th was kept supplied with ice all day, no small item where it costs 1 cent a pound. Nevertheless there were 25 arrests made before noon that day, the city fathers having decided on open saloons. Many of our most beautiful cities are entirely without them however.

Southern Cal. W. C. T. U. has a fine "Home" in Los Angeles, with fruit trees around it, the whole valued at \$20,000. One thing in connection with this I thought N. D. might copy. Fruit jars are distributed among the members which are filled in canning time and sent down by freight. The distances in N. D. are greater but I believe it could be done to advantage in some places.

I found one good white ribbon sister, a Mrs. Blaisdell from near Wahpeton, who I believe has been here 13 years, yet still feels that anyone from North Dakota is "almost related." That is the way with all of us exiles.

Lovingly,  
KATHARINE V. KING.

Cando, N. D., July 22, 1907. Maza W. C. T. U. has had two sermons preached on "Christian Citizenship." What union will be next to report in Bulletin to state superintendent.

Nothing worth while is easy. Prizes were made for denial. Nothing is quite worth the having if it is not won by a trial. —EX.

## Report of Press Superintendent of 1st District.

When word reached me that I was a delegate, by virtue of office, to the convention at Cando my thoughts at once reverted back to the time when another convention was held at the same place and I had the pleasure of attending. Remembering what an enjoyable occasion it was, what pleasant kindly people I met and what a clean and attractive little town Cando is, I said to myself, I will go. I didn't forget, however, that my anticipated pleasure carried with it a responsibility. This is true of all genuine happiness. So I sent postal cards to each of the unions comprising the District, requesting an immediate reply with report of Press Work done by each during the official year just closing. The unions reported as follows:

Cando—Notices of meetings placed in the two papers every two weeks, two and a half columns write-up of contests and convention and parts of Mrs. Anderson's address, and at election time at least eighteen lines in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Egeland has notices of meetings in the paper and kept up a column part of the year.

Bethel has advertised its meetings and the convention in the local papers.

Rolla reports that the editors of both its papers have agreed to print the Prohibition laws of the state in sections each week, besides clippings and advertising.

Preston union reports a notice in the Cray paper at present announcing contest to be held June 14th, and adds: "Our Press Supt. moved away last fall, but it is almost time to elect new officers and we'll select an able woman as press superintendent of Preston union."

And this is what I ask this First District to do at this convention. You want not only an able woman but one who will give her time to the work. The year with me is so divided up among different interests, so broken into by trips from home, that I find after four years of unsuccessful trial I will not devote the time to this department that it merits, for I still contend that no line of reform work is more important, more deserving of time and talent than the one of Press work; through no other channel are the results of our work so far reaching or so widely disseminated.

Not only the good but the evil as well is shown broadcast o'er the land through this same mighty medium and as I think I have before stated to the District in convention, my best hope is that the chief thought of the press worker should be the elimination and suppression, as far as possible, of the bad in literature. Mere notices of meetings and reports of contests and conventions in the local papers, all right and proper as far as they go, will not crowd out of the great weeklies and dailies the sickening details of some horrible crime or lessen the number of doubtful advertisements—those alluring snares for young and inexperienced feet. These pay for the space they occupy, they know the value of advertising. I believe it pays not only to advertise but to advertise in the papers the people read, the big papers—the people read the big papers—the city weeklies for instance. I believe a column each week in the Chicago Inter Ocean or Record-Herald edited by our brightest, brainiest W. C. T. U. leaders would do more for temperance and good morals than is wrought through the entire publication of the Union Signal and the cost would surely be less even at advertising rates. These great city papers go everywhere and are read by all classes of people while the Union Signal and church papers are as a rule found in the homes of the christian temperance people, just where they are the least needed. But this is merely a hint or a suggestion and it may be that the First District with its limited treasury is not yet prepared to make so long a stride in advance of its ordinary pace.

But I do think each superintendent of press work should have in mind: First, What can I write—for the pen is the power behind the press—that will take the place in some degree of that which I know is poisonous to the minds and morals of the youth of our land, can I say a word that will tend towards the suppression of the open publication of every horrible happening in the land, blood-curdling, nerve-racking, soul-sickening as they are; surely food unfit for young and immature minds to feed upon? Second, What papers in the district or adjacent territory have the widest circulation or are read by the greatest number of intelligent people, and tho it

means a small expenditure of money, give such papers your carefully prepared items?—let me emphasize this word items—something short but pointed. Brevity is not only the soul of wit but it is the soul and body of wisdom also, especially in the case of the W. C. T. U. press worker. Where one person will read a long abstract article no matter how sound of logic or graceful in style and composition, a hundred will read and re-read a bright breezy bit of news from any source and on any subject.

This creature—the Press—is a greedy man but of delicate and fastidious taste, and like the great elephant at the circus that picks out from the hay about him the bits of candy thrown him by the children, so this monster—the printing press—searches out the dainty, spicy morsel of news from the heap of contributions on hand and sends it forth to the reading world, while the prosy, lengthy digest on the same subject may, hap, find a resting place in the editorial waste basket.

Let us bear in mind then, that the pen rather than the press is most often responsible for the fate of the matter designed for publication. Their interests are or should be mutual, as one is dependent on the other for its operation and usefulness, and like the great problem of labor and capital, the most satisfactory results obtain when they work together in harmony.

"The pen and the press; blest alliance; combined  
To soften the heart and enlighten the mind;  
For that to the treasures of knowledge gives birth,  
And this sends them forth to the ends of the earth."

FRANCIS M. DIXON,  
Press Supt. 1st Dis. W. C. T. U.

## Twelve Reasons for Attending State Convention.

(Adapted from the Penn. White Ribboner.)

1. To show your interest in the Master's work.
2. To "keep brightly burning upon our altars the sacred fire which was kindled in the crusades."
3. To come in contact with those from all over the state and hear the good addresses.
4. To look into the faces of the women you have read and heard about who are guiding our "Ship of State."
5. To get away from your own environment and see other people do things.
6. To see how to arrange for state convention when it comes your turn.
7. To show the liquor power where you stand and the weak and indifferent where they ought to be.
8. To learn more of the department work, and how your union can "do it too."
9. Because it is your convention and you ought to be there.
10. To show how large a state gathering North Dakota has. It will be one less if you are not in your place.
11. Because you will enjoy Fargo.
12. Because you will return with an enthusiasm not possible without our convention. The characteristic enthusiasm is not forced. It is the natural result of things accomplished and still greater things yet to be done. The spiritual uplift is without estimate. In the above are the reasons every union should be represented at Fargo in September.

The Hankinson W. C. T. U. mourn the loss of an earnest and faithful member, in the death of Mrs. L. M. Richert, who after several weeks of suffering, fell asleep in Jesus June 27, '07. She is gone where suffering and sickness are unknown, but her good deeds live after her, and Eternity alone will reveal the good that her beautiful, unselfish life has accomplished. Mrs. E. M. Tyson.

Miss Sara Shirman, who has been working in the interest of the W. C. T. U. Home in Fargo, reports having solicited the following:

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Ayr	.....	3.25
Leeds	.....	1.75
Fargo	.....	15.25
Fargo	.....	17.10
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In cash and pledges \$86.70 was received above expenses.

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## Convention and Institute of Barnes-Griggs Counties.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention and Seventh Annual Institute of Barnes-Griggs County W. C. T. U., met in the M. E. church in Valley City, June 25th and 26th, Mrs. L. M. Brown presiding. Delegates were present from Cooperstown, Sanborn and Leal. Delegates and visitors numbered 33. During the morning session of the first day, Miss Soutley of Valley City read an excellent paper on "The Best Method for Securing New Members." This paper was so helpful it was voted to send a copy to each union in the two counties to be read.

At the afternoon session Mrs. S. M. Flewell of Leal read a paper of great importance to our members on "Our Periodicals, Our Obligations and The New Plan." Also I. A. Kampen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Griggs County gave a talk on "The Value of Scientific Temperance Instruction." Mr. Kampen quoted the law in regard to the subject read and gave some excellent advice to teachers and others.

An hour was given to Y dept. 18 Y's being present. The county president gave a very interesting address in which she mentioned the awful effect of tobacco among the Cubans. Miss Florence James of Leal gave a fine paper on Senator Reed Smoot, "Who Is Responsible." The state president, Mrs. Anderson, gave some facts covering the presence of Mormons in the state.

The evening session was opened by several welcome addresses, these being responded to by Mrs. Brown.

Mr. M. H. Kiff of Tower City gave a short address on "The Artman Decision." Mr. Kiff is a veteran in the temperance cause, and said prospects were never more encouraging than at present.

Wednesday afternoon the reports of local unions were read and officers elected: President, Mrs. L. M. Brown, Cooperstown; Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Tucker, Sanborn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Cowen, Cooperstown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fred Heidel, Valley City; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Widdefield, Leal.

The memorial service was held at this time and closed with nontide prayer by Mrs. Anderson. Wednesday p. m. session was opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. S. Getchel. Mrs. White was called upon and addressed the ladies briefly. Rev. Baldwin gave an address how to celebrate the Fourth of July. Mrs. Anderson discussed the Initiative and Referendum. She feared that the proposed law made it too easy to change the constitution and that it would precipitate a fight on resubmission. Jas. N. Page discussed the subject: "How Has Recent Legislation Affected the Prohibition Law?" He stated he was heartily in favor of the spirit and intent of the law as a protecting influence against machine politics. As to the feature which gave such easy method of amending the constitution, there is danger, but he had great faith in the people to vote right.

Wednesday evening a gold medal contest was held, Miss Grace Curry of Hope, won the medal. Recitation: "Shadows." Much credit is due the ladies for their untiring efforts in this great work. Perseverance is the path to success in the temperance cause.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

## Richland County Convention.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of Richland County W. C. T. U. was held in the Congregational church, in Hankinson, June 18-19. Four of the six unions in the county were represented and the meetings, tho not as large as desired, were full of interest and enthusiasm.

Reports of officers and superintendents show progress in most lines of work taken up. Only a few superintendents failing to make reports. The convention voted to add one more department to its work, that of Purity and Mothers' Meetings, making seventeen departments adopted in the county. Several excellent papers were read and discussed. Mrs. Richards was with us during the entire convention and her help was greatly appreciated. On the evening of the eighteenth she addressed a good audience in the church and gave a short talk on Wednesday evening after the Matrons' gold medal contest. Mrs. Richards went west from here to fill appointments at Oakes and Cogswell, returning to Hankinson and Cooperstown on Sunday evening June 23rd in the Opera House. We will be glad to have Mrs. Richards come to us again.

## Pembina County Convention.

The Eighteenth Annual W. C. T. U. Convention for Pembina county met at Pembina on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Reports from local unions being in order, the one from St. Thomas was read by Mrs. Taylor. A verbal report from Drayton was given by Mrs. Wylie who stated that they had an active membership of 54 and 11 honorary members. The union aimed to meet once a month, and had done something along all lines of the work. Their L. T. L. has a membership of 36. The Valhalla report was given by Mrs. McConnachie. This report was roundly applauded, and it showed that that city is living up to her privileges.

A verbal report from Hamilton was given by Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Henne-man read the Pembina report.

At Mrs. Wylie's suggestion the paper on "Union Signal and Temperance Literature" by Miss Mae Halcrow of Bowe-mont was read and discussed. Miss Halcrow dwelt on the fact that more efficient work might be done if the following three great needs become filled: More members; more money; more knowledge of the work.

Mrs. Sherarts, as treasurer, rendered her report which showed \$33 in the treasury.

Reports from superintendents being in order, Miss Kneeshaw, superintendent of Flower Missions, gave a short but inspiring address. Just here a pretty little incident occurred, Mrs. Florence Richards, national organizer for the W. C. T. U., entered the hall, and led by the president the audience delightedly arose and greeted her with the Chautauqua salute. Mrs. Richards graciously responded, and the affairs of the convention proceeded with increased interest.

Mrs. Atkinson then read her very excellent paper on "Child Labor," which was followed by a discussion of the subject.

At this point Mrs. Richards was introduced and spoke most eloquently and learnedly on the subject.

The evening session of the convention was most profitable and enjoyable. It was opened by a beautiful devotional service conducted by Mrs. Wylie. The musical numbers were good, and the prize essay read by the author, Miss Gladys Harris, was exceptionally well written.

Mrs. Karr, on behalf of the citizens of Pembina, welcomed the delegates and visitors to the city, and Mrs. Wylie of Drayton, responded.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Richards of Ohio. As the audience listened to her account of the work accomplished by the W. C. T. U., and the hope and prospects for the future, it voiced its sympathy again and again in ringing applause. After Mrs. Richards had pronounced the benediction the large audience dispersed, each one feeling refreshed and glad and with their faith in the cause wonderfully strengthened for renewed service.

## Eighth Annual Convention of Steele County.

The Eighth Annual Convention of Steele county convened at Sherbrooke June 20th and 21st, President Ella C. Boice in the chair and Secretary Mrs. Ella M. Shippy. Altho Sherbrooke is a small inland town, the attendance was fair thru the day, and very good each evening, and the delegates and visitors royally entertained by the good people of the village, and the convention proved to be one of the best ever held in our county. The State President, Mrs. E. P. Anderson, was present most of the time and gave much valuable instruction.

As court was held in the village at the same time, there were many visitors, and Judge Pollock gave a very interesting talk after Mrs. Anderson's address the first evening.

The papers were exceptionally good, especially those by the pastors of the several churches of Hope and Rev. Hayes of Aneta. The convention closed with a gold medal contest with six contestants, five young ladies and one gentleman. Miss Hettie Amsdel of Hope was the successful contestant. This convention has been an inspiration to the local unions and helped to convince others that the temperance work is gaining ground in Steele Co., as it is thruout the world.

MRS. FANNIE PALFREY,  
Press Supt.



The Cooperstown Y conducted a public service in the Baptist church on the evening of May 30th, which was of much credit to them. It consisted in the reading of a story entitled "The Saving of Daddy," which was interspersed with music, consisting of solos, duettes and choruses, making a very pleasant and profitable exercise which was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. The service being a union of the churches.

At the Barnes-Griggs County Convention held in Valley City June 25-26. There were fifteen Y's in attendance. They gave fine assistance on the convention program. Miss Florence James of Leal, read an excellent paper, and the Y's of Valley City gave an entertaining program for the Y hour of the convention, consisting of piano and vocal music, two readings, followed by an interesting report of the Valley City Y. It has taken up Flower Mission work, the Press and Social department. The flower committee have a number of flower beds under their care and expect to do a good deal in this line. Two Y workers will cooperate with the W. C. T. U. in conducting the L. T. L. work. They have had one social and are planning for another. They have prepared programs, meeting twice a month, beginning at 7:30 and closing at 8:30 p. m. The first two meetings they had parliamentary drills. A good report for a Y organized in March last of busy students.

Encouraging word has come from the Pembina Y. They are planning for good work and dues all collected and sent in to the state treasurer—a most important part of the work of every Y. They contemplate a membership contest.

Casselton Y more than doubled their membership by a membership contest. They have adopted the flower mission work. They also gave an open meeting in the M. E. church with a large attendance in April, and in May they entertained the Cass county convention and did it splendidly, a report of which we hope to see published in the Bulletin. They also have very handsomely printed letterhead stationery, bearing the title: "Y. W. C. T. U., Casselton, N. D."

With warm greeting and Godspeed to all of our Y's,  
Faithfully,  
L. M. BROWN.  
Cooperstown, July 19, '07.

## Flower Mission.

Dear Flower Workers:—June and July have passed, but August is before you. How many Unions have held Flower Mission meetings? We have several new unions in the state. Will they not take up this department of the work? Convention time is not far off, so there does not remain much time left in this year. Get active if you are not doing any work in this department and those who are active, may you increase your labors. Do not forget to attach the text card to your offerings, also Flower Mission leaflet which can be had by sending to Miss Leila Sewall, 330 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

With great hopes for increased work in this department.

Lovingly,  
HAZEL KNEESHAW,  
State Supt.  
Pembina, July 16, '07.

## First District Convention.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the First District, was held in Cando, N. D., June 19-20-21. There was a large attendance and much interest was shown. Over forty delegates and out-of-town visitors were present. Twelve unions were represented, including Rolla Y and Rolla L. T. L. Three new unions were organized during the year, Egeland, Kolette and Rock Lake. Reports from District officers and from the various

unions were most encouraging and show that much good work has been done. The greatest advances being along the line of L. T. L. and contest work. Number of contests held up to this time were nineteen; including three grand gold and two diamond. Amount of money raised during the year \$850. This district ranks second in state in membership and second in amount of money sent to state treasurer, and leads in Union Signal subscription list. Papers were read on "The Union Signal" and "Sabbath Desecration." Attorney C. C. Converse spoke on "The Dangers of the Initiative and Referendum" and Rev. C. D. Gambrell and Rev. D. W. Browne on "How Shall We Observe the Fourth of July." Mrs. Darling Hall of Illinois was present during the entire convention and was a continual inspiration and delighted all who had the privilege of hearing her.

Too much cannot be said in praise of work done by Mr. Richard Evans, state president of Massachusetts L. T. L., who was present the first day of the convention. He made the young peoples' hour one of much interest and profit, and under his inspiring influence, Cando L. T. L. was reorganized and under the leadership of two of the most efficient and enthusiastic women, Mrs. A. H. Lean and Mrs. W. E. Peck, now goes forth to battle for Truth and Right under most favorable conditions.

Mrs. Hall's address on Wednesday evening on "Woman Suffrage and Its Bearings On the Temperance Question," won much applause. A diamond medal contest was held Thursday evening, the winner being Miss Clara Hesketh of Rolla; receipt of contest, \$82.25. The local and district prize for the best essay on "The Value of Total Abstinence," was won by Miss Lizzie Browne of Cando. One life member was made, Mrs. Agnes Hunt of Rolla, oldest member in the district. Resolutions were adopted calling for renewed efforts along the lines of Woman Suffrage, Mother's Meetings, Medal Contests and L. T. L. work. The old officers were re-elected.

CARIE E. MADISON,  
Cando, N. D., June 29, 1907.

## Letter From Mrs. Best.

Dear Sister Workers:—I think perhaps an extract from a letter received from one of our girls today will answer your question: "Is it, After All, Worth While?" better than anything else I can say to you. She says: "The Home was ever a pleasant place for me and I will always have a good word both for the Home and the ladies of the board and I hope some day with the help of God to be able to give a little toward it myself. It has been a Godsend to fallen and unfortunate girls and will be to many in the future. I thank the ladies one and all for the good care and home I had in my trouble and I wish you the best of success in the future."

The following is from the Matron's report:

Received at the W. C. T. U. Home from March 15th to April 15th, 1907:  
Cong. Woman's Union ..... \$ 2.00  
1 box clothing, unknown .....  
Bisbee, 1 box clothing .....  
100 lbs. flour, Bisbee ..... 2.45  
Sherwood, clothing, etc. .... 1.85  
Tower City, clothing and bedding 35.00  
G. H. Woodhull, cash ..... 1.00  
Page, clothing, groceries ..... 18.50  
Page, cash ..... 2.00  
Grand Forks, bag of clothes ..... 7.70  
Leeds, box clothing ..... 20.00  
Niagra, box clothing ..... 5.00  
Maza, 1/2 case eggs ..... 2.25  
Cande, 1/2 case eggs, 20 lbs butter 7.25  
Hamilton, clothing ..... 10.00  
Sherwood, clothing ..... 3.00  
Leeds, M. E. church, cash ..... 1.75  
Mrs. Woodruff, hymnals ..... 7.00  
Fargo Union, furniture, provisions, clothing ..... 8.10

Mr. Ward has also presented us with two nice lawn vases which the board gratefully acknowledges.

Mrs. Tonsley did remarkably well in the short time she was out for the Home. Miss Sara Schirman is now in the field, and we hope, is doing well. If she comes your way, I know you will entertain her and help her to gather in the funds for our building repairs.

Yours respectfully,  
ABBIE W. H. BEST,  
Chr. Home Com.

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