

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Leave It With Him.

Yes leave it to Him;
The lilies all do
And they grow—
They grow in the rain
And they grow in the dew—
Yes, they grow;
They grow in the darkness, all hid in the
night—
They grow in the sunshine revealed by the
light—
Still they grow.

They ask not your planting.
They heed not your care,
As they grow—
Dropped down in the valley,
The field, anywhere—
There they grow;
They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure
white—
They grow clothed in glory by Heaven's
own light—
Sweetly grow.

The grasses are clothed
And the ravens are fed
From His store;
But you who are loved,
And guarded, and led,
How much more
Will He clothe you, feed you, and give you
His care!
Then leave it with Him. He has everywhere
Ample store.
—Selected.

no time about it." That is first-rate ad-
vice.

Then—but not till then—comes the
second rule. Having fun is wholesome
and necessary. All young people have
fun coming to them in natural and rea-
sonable ways. The fun that is coming to
them, that belongs to them, is good for
them. But what about the young man
that puts fun in front of fitness and
faith, instead of in the second place?
What about the girl who puts pleasure
first and lets duty come in at odd times
or not at all? They always get found
out; and they never get the real abiding
joys of life. A boy came home the other
day after answering the "want" adver-
tisement, and said to his older brother:
"Say, Joe, he never asked me a question
about reading or writing, or if I had a
reference, or anything like that. He
just took hold of my hand, and lifted it
up and looked at my finger, and said,
'That'll do—I don't want you.' That
employer was a man of experience. He
knew what "fun" the cigarette habit
was, and how little duty counted with a
boy given over to it. So a yellow-stained
finger was enough—he asked no further

questions. In this case, the boy was
bright enough to understand the situa-
tion. He told his brother, "I don't lose
any more jobs that way, Joe—you just
watch!" and from that time forth, he
dropped cigarettes like the poison which
they are.

A young girl said lately, when asked
to take part in some necessary and use-
ful work: "Well I'm quite willing to do
some work, if there is no responsibility
about it. But I will not take any re-
sponsibility. I hate it." She was a
dodger of the presidents third rule. Yet
it really didn't matter whether she in-
sisted on being irresponsible or not; in
the nature of things she couldn't be.
"Responsible" in its etymological mean-
ing is "able to answer for," or "answer-
able." We have to answer for every-
thing we do, in the end, whether
we want to or not. Nobody, since the
world began, has ever got away from
answering for what he or she
does. Work means responsibility, idlen-
ess means responsibility, living at
all means responsibility, and to
face responsibility is the only sens-
ible way to behave. Accepted and

lived up to, every responsibility is a
friend, a helper, a strengthener of the
soul.

Perhaps the fourth rule is what some
discouraged young souls need most. "I
leave the profession tomorrow," declared
a young lawyer to an older man. "I
have made another mistake in the trial
of this last case that shows me again
that I am not fit to be a lawyer. To-
morrow I am going to take down my
sign and go into business." "I wouldn't,
John," replied his listener. "One has to
make a certain number of mistakes in
any profession. You've made some in
law—and got over them. You'll never
make those mistakes again. You're
really just so much farther along in the
the law. Now if you went into business
tomorrow, you would have all your mis-
takes there ahead of you still, whereas,
as you are, they are more than half of
them behind you." It was good counsel,
and the young man took heart and per-
severed, and is successful today. We
make many mistakes in living before we
learn how to live. Guard as we may,
by obedience to God and doing the best
we know how, we will still stumble into
ugly blunders now and then.
But we can learn from them,
and rise above them, every
time.

Faith, fitness, joy, responsi-
bility, perseverance—these
are strong stones of char-
acter building. They are
possible to every boy and
girl, man and woman, in
America. If we write out
these four rules and put
them in our Bibles, we will
find that they fit in with
every chapter we read.
They are not easy rules—
but then, the Christian is a
soldier, not a loafer. Let us
try to keep them, and see
how brave a campaign we
can make.

The President's Rules.

Jacob Riis, speaking to
the girls in a Philadelphia
school last April, gave them
four maxims by which, he
said, President Roosevelt
guided his life. They were
short and to the point:—

First.—Fit yourself for the
work God has for you to do
in this world, and lose no
time about it.

Second.—Have all the fun
there is coming to you.

Third.—Go ahead, do
something, and be willing to
take responsibility.

Fourth.—Learn by your
mistakes.

Mr. Riis repeated these
rules to the girls because
they are just as applicable
to them as to boys. They
are broad and universal
rules. Mr. Roosevelt is pre-
sident now, but when he be-
gan with these rules, he was
not president. As a young
man, he had no idea he
would be president, for he was so
delicate that he had to go and live on a
western ranch, in the wilderness, to keep
alive at all. These rules belong in a
wilderness as well as in the White House,
and apply to a girl on a farm, or a boy
in a mill.

The first one is the big fundamen-
tal one. First things come first. Some
young people cripple themselves by hesi-
tating over fundamental things. They
question: "Is there a God?" "Is life
worth living?" and so on. They are
mentally sick and weak; and sickness
and weakness accomplish nothing. The
young soul that is strong and healthy
says to itself, instead: "There is a Power
that made me, and made me for some
purpose beyond myself," and forthwith
sets out to find work, to be fit for it,
and to do it. Until that foundation of
faith and purpose is laid, life cannot be
worth living. The sooner a boy or a girl
builds foundations, too, the better. It
is better to be a Christian at nine years
old than at twelve, and at twelve than
at fifteen. It is better to form good
habits at ten than at twenty. To be fit
for good work, a boy needs the strongest
body, the quickest and cleanest mind,
and the most highly developed and self-
controlled will-power he can get. "Lose



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FARGO,
Where State W. C. T. U. Convention Meets September 20-25.

Eighteenth Annual Convention.

The Eighteenth Annual meeting of the
Woman's Christian Temperance Union of
North Dakota will be held Septem-
ber 20th to 23d in Fargo, the conven-
tion city and metropolis of the state.

The Fargo union are enthusiastically
preparing for the entertainment of the
convention and hope to have representa-
tives from every union in the state. Our
hostesses expect the largest and best
meeting in our history.

The guests of honor will be Mrs. Kath-
arine Lente Stevenson of Boston, presi-
dent of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U.,
and World's Superintendent of the De-
partment 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.
The musical features of the session

will be in charge of Mrs. Langley, Mrs.
Dilworth and Miss Romdahl of this city,
and state musical director of the organi-
zation Mrs. George McWilliams of Minot,
and it is expected that with this talent
it will be something very fine. There
will be solos, quartets, duets and
choruses.

The program has not yet been made
out, but it is known that the following
will be observed: Friday night, Sept.
20, there will be a public reception held
when addresses of welcome will be made
by local speakers and responses by
visitors. Saturday night, Sept. 21, will
be devoted to a public demonstration of
the work that is undertaken by the
society, and in this the young people
will have an important part on the pro-
gram. Sunday night, Sept. 22, Mrs.
Katharine Lente Stevenson of Boston,
Mass., will deliver the principal address
and she is a most fluent speaker. Some
fine music will be rendered on this
evening. On Monday night the oratori-
cal contest for a diamond medal will
take place.

open to quench your occasional thirst,
it becomes a community matter. These
bar-rooms kept open to serve you, serve
other purposes. There are men unfortu-
nately, whose thirst, unlike yours, is
perpetual; men who pass not an occa-
sional coin, but a week's wages over the bar;
who spend in the saloon money that
ought to buy shoes for the baby and a
shawl for the wife, and who take home
Saturday night no groceries, but thick
lips, a swelled head, and a black eye.
The boys tempted by the ever present
saloon, make up their minds that they
would like to try it. And so the pro-
cession moves on. Is not this too high a
price to pay for what some call a per-
sonal right? It most certainly is.—The
American Issue.

Was It You?

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, "His sweet to live."
Somebody said, "I'm glad to give";
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right;
Was it you?
—SUCCESS.

Your Right to Take a Drink.

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STATE OFFICERS: 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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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, Bowesmont, N. D.

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 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.

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream, don't shirk,
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work;

The worries will vanish, the work will be done;
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

NATIONAL CONVENTION 1907,
Nashville, Tenn., November 8-13

The State Convention will be held at Fargo, Sept. 20-22.

Are you coming to the state convention? Be sure of one thing—the convention needs you and you need it.

Our President is taking a well earned vacation in Yellowstone Park. How we of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. hope that the vacation will give just the needed rest and change. Our thoughts and best wishes follow her.

Cannot some of the white ribbon sisters find a home for seven months old Glen? Just the dearest, happiest baby, appealing to you for love and a home. Glen belongs to W. C. T. U. Home in Fargo and the Home board are very anxious to place him in a good christian home.

Mrs. W. H. Best of Fargo will have charge of the Memorial Hour at the state convention. Will the unions please send her the names of all promoted comrades so that she may have time for preparation.

The W. C. T. U. of North Dakota have had no reason to regret the part taken in the election of Gov. Burke. His recent letter to states attorneys and sheriffs gives evidence that he is still "making good."

Two earnest members of the Home Board of the woman's W. C. T. U. Home in Fargo, aided and supported by the Fargo union, kept for six days a W. C. T. U. refreshment booth at the Interstate Fair. While the venture was not the financial success that had been hoped for, we are glad that the large sign "W. C. T. U. Home Benefit" and the presence of our devoted women brought before the crowds as never before the fact that we have a woman's home and are doing real work to raise the fallen. It is our earnest hope that every delegate to state convention this fall will visit the "Home" and find out its needs and acquaint herself more fully with its workings.

In the state of Minnesota the question as to a mayor's obligation to enforce state laws has been definitely settled by a supreme court decision. The decision holds that any mayor is under obligation to see that the state laws are enforced. If he fails, the attorney general may sue for civil damages, and may also bring proceedings to have the mayor ousted from office.

A unique prohibition bill-board campaign was launched in Chicago by the Young People's Christian Temperance Union, Tuesday night, July 2, in their fifty-third consecutive monthly rally, which was held in the Ravenswood United Presbyterian Church. Three large boards, each 8 by 12 feet in size, artistically designed with telling cartoons and pointed testimony against drink have already been erected at three strategic corners, one each on the north, west and south sides. The Chicago ally press have devoted unprecedented space to the new movement, reproducing pictures of the boards and editorially discussing the possibilities of the plan. New boards will be erected as fast as funds for the purpose are forthcoming.

Alcohol the Worst Thing in Whisky.—Julius Hortvet, Minnesota's State chemist, has just completed an examination of a miscellaneous collection of liquors which have been sent in for analysis on the ground that they contained many adulterations more harmful than the alcohol itself. In his report, Mr. Hortvet declares that alcohol is without doubt the worst poison in whisky, whether "pure" or "blended."

If we should sweep temperance out of the country, there would be hardly poverty enough left to give healthy exercise to our charitable impulses.—Phillips Brooks.

Letter from Mrs. Wylie.

Dear Comrades:—You will be glad to know that our dear, busy state president has managed to leave her work long enough to accompany her husband on a trip to Yellowstone Park.

But you will regret, as I do, that this space, so ably filled by her, has been turned over to me. At best I can do little else than "wriggle round" in her place, but having received this notice only yesterday and considering the fact that Mrs. Anderson said it nearly all last month, this letter will be necessarily brief.

Our State Convention at Fargo Sept. 20-23 is so near that we must all be getting ready for it. The convention proper will open Friday morning, Sept. 20, at 9:30, but the executive committee will meet in the church parlors Thursday morning, Sept. 19th, at 9 o'clock. It is highly important that each member of the committee be present at these ante-convention sessions.

The Soo and Great Northern R. R.'s have granted us a fare and three-fifths on the certificate plan and we expect the Northern Pacific to do the same. This is not as much as we asked for but is enough to make it worth our while to secure certificates from all agents from whom we purchase tickets.

We hope you are electing delegates and sending names to Mrs. W. H. Comrie, chairman of entertainment committee, 1016 Third Ave. S., Fargo. Very important measures will come up for consideration and every local union should be represented. The Convention will be held in the First Baptist Church and promises to be a great gathering in every sense of the word.

The convention speakers whom we have been fortunate enough to secure are Mrs. Katharine Lent Stevenson, Miss Bertha J. Bowers and Miss Louise E. Hollister—cannot be surpassed and, in connection with this, the fact that the convention is to be held in Fargo, insures its success. The Fargo union will spare no effort to furnish us the best entertainment possible.

On Friday evening an informal reception will be given, that all may get acquainted at the beginning. Saturday evening will be Young People's night, when Miss Bowers and Miss Hollister will speak and the L. T. L.'s of Fargo will be an interesting part.

On Sunday afternoon our president's annual address will be given and Mrs. Stevenson will speak in the evening. A Diamond Medal Contest will be held Monday evening. The Memorial service will be in charge of Mrs. Mattie Meacham, of Apsaraka. Please send names of promoted comrades to her before convention.

I hope you are cheering the heart of our faithful treasurer by meeting all obligations as quickly as possible, otherwise the inevitable deficit will stare us in the face.

The report blanks have been in your hands for some time and reports are coming in slowly. Tower City W sent the first report this year. The request is made that they be in by Sept. 1st, but please do not stop at that but continue to send until Sept. 15th if necessary.

We would be glad to have the full names of officers for directory. A few county directories have been received but several are yet to be heard from. It is so easy to let these things slip but the next state report cannot be prepared until the directory is complete. Let us get these things off our mind by attending to them at once.

We bespeak for our trio of September speakers—Miss Hollister, Miss Bowers and Mrs. Silbaugh—the hearty sympathy and support which they deserve.

Let us come up to our state gathering feeling we have done our best for this blessed cause.

Hoping to meet many of you at Fargo, Yours in loving service,
BARBARA H. WYLIE.
Drayton, N. D., Aug. 27, 1907.

Horace Mann once took a lively interest in some charitable work in Boston and urged its claims upon some of his friends by arguing that they would be well repaid for their efforts if they succeeded in saving one boy. One of his friends less enthusiastic than he, asked if it were not an extravagant statement that they would be well repaid if they succeeded in saving one boy. His answer was, "Not if it was my boy." How many fathers of this town would be willing to trade the small income from the saloons for the ruin of their boy? Yet bear in mind that THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC CANNOT RUN WITHOUT THE BOYS OF THE TOWN.—American Issue.

The Treasurer's Report.

Mrs F M Dixon, Home building	\$ 5 00
Tower City	10 00
Lathrop, state dues	2 10
Cooperstown, state minutes	10
Emma J R Miller, Home, from inmates	50 00
Park River, state \$10, Chautauqua \$2	12 00
Lovell, state dues	4 20
Niagara, state dues	70
Mrs Miller, laundry \$0 15, clothes \$1 35	8 00
Minnewaukan, Home	5 00
Mrs Touseley, Home building	85 30
Valley City, Chautauqua \$5.00, state dues \$2.80	7 80
Cando, life member	10 00
Tower City, Chautauqua \$2, L T \$2, state dues \$3.50	7 50
Fargo Scand., Chautauqua	2 00
Barnes-Griggs Co., Home \$10.00, state \$10.00	20 00
Sherwood, state dues	2 10
R M Pollock, headquarters	4 00
Rolla, Home	10 00
Stirum, state \$2, Home \$1, memorial \$2	5 00
Bethel, Home, general \$7, building \$7, dues 70	14 70
Mrs M E Roberts, headquarters	5 00
Mayville, dues	5 00
Grand Forks, L T L Senior, dues	2 25
Fairview, state \$2, Home \$5	7 00
Lisbon, Chautauqua \$2, dues \$2.10	4 10
Mrs Touseley, Home building	125 00
Larimore, state dues	6 30
Apsaraka, Home	6 50
Drayton, Home building	10 00
Hankinson, state \$5, memorial \$2	7 00
Hunter, Chautauqua	2 00
Leal, state dues \$4.90, state \$2, Chautauqua \$2	8 90
Preston, Chautauqua \$1, state \$3, Home \$5, Home bldg. \$5, state dues \$5.60	19 60
Edgeley, state dues	8 40
Mrs. Touseley, Home building	70 00
Lansford, state dues	4 20
Valva, Home, general	5 00
Mrs Schirrmann, Home building	20 00
"	"
Mrs. Miller	15 25
Mrs. Morey, headquarters	5 00
Minot, state dues	2 10
Lakota, " "	10 50
Mrs. Marks, state	2 00
Mrs. Naomi Ryall, Willard, dues	1 00
Mrs. Meacham, W. R. Bulletin, 25, Chautauqua \$2	2 25
Ellendale, state dues	9 10
Miss Schirrmann, Home building	20 00
Leal, legis. \$2, organ \$1, L. T. L. \$1, chautauqua \$2	6 00
Bisbee, state dues	70
Minto, state \$5, Home \$3, legis. \$2, state dues \$2.10	12 10
Wash Co., state \$15, home bldg. \$10, home gen. \$5, state dues \$1.60	31 60
Mrs. Caffield, state dues	70
T. C. Peterson, Minot, home bldg.	5 00
Congressman Marshall, headqtrs.	5 00
Senator McCumber,	5 00
Mrs. N. G. Larimore,	5 00
Minot, state \$10, state min. \$1.43	11 43
Fourth District, state	10 00
Grandin, state \$2, home \$2, chau. \$1 50	5 00
Sara Schirrmann, Home building	30 00
Oberon, state dues	7 00
Minot, " "	2 80
Dwight, " "	1 40
Portal, " "	9 10
R. B. Griffith, state minutes adv.	10 00
Sara Schirrmann, Home building	40 00
Fairview, state	3 00
Tower City, state	6 00
Sara Schirrmann, Home building	34 25

Yours, hoping to come up to convention free of debt.
LIZZIE SCHLOSSER.

Scientific Temp. Instruction.

Dear Sisters: Will each local supt. of Scientific Temperance try to arrange with teachers next year to have pupils take part in the Prize Essay Contest. Copies of Mrs. Davis' circular letter were distributed at Chautauqua and will also be on the literature table at the state convention in Fargo. In these letters she tells about the Rules of Contests, etc. Please do not fail to secure our National Supt.'s letter as it contains valuable hints to the worker.

The indorsed text books have just been adopted by our school board. I hope you all can have these indorsed books. They are invaluable to both teacher and pupils, and will hasten temperance instruction to a marked degree. Dear workers, please send reports promptly that I may not fail in having mine done on time.

Lovingly yours,
Mrs. J. E. McCARTNEY,
State Supt.
Page, N. D., August 21, 1907.



L. T. L. CORNER.

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

My Dear Legioners:—The end of another year is almost here and a great deal of good work has been done through the state. The work of the mother union shows also the excellent work done by Richard L. Evans of Mass., one of our national L. T. L. workers. Other organizers have done work along this line. Mr. Evans could have done much more, had his meeting been better advertised; but we must profit by our mistakes. Your secretary has had one ambition for the past three years which has not yet been attained. That is to get the state organized. In order to do this we must have graduates, and enough of them to at least hold the offices. We know of only four, and they are at Thompson. If some other senior legion near there would produce some graduates, they could organize into a district legion. This is what Mr. Evans and the state secretary of Nebraska have been doing and they have held very successful conventions during the past two months. It seems that this would be the best way to start the work in this state. We considered it a good suggestion when Mr. Evans proposed it, so now pass it on and sincerely hope you may work up to it. We have a list of the subscribers to The Crusader Monthly and notice many subscriptions expire this month and next. Can they all not be renewed at once so as not to cause a lapse and make extra work at the head office? Two reports have reached us which are good ones. We hope to receive them right along next month nearly time for convention, so we must know just where we stand, and be ready to work harder than ever next year. Now that the long winter evenings are coming, I wish that we could start a good sized class in the L. T. L. Correspondence Training School, so that in the future when organizers come to our state, that would no longer be the principal obstacle, no leader.

Wishing you all success in our work, I remain, Yours truly, MRS. ELLA C. BOISE.

Walsh County Convention.

The seventeenth annual convention of Walsh County was held at Grafton, August 1st, in the Presbyterian church. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Titus of Minto, the convention was ably presided over by Mrs. Alice Phelps of Grafton. Our state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wylie, was present and did much to make the convention a success. Walsh county held no convention last year, and this year the president being absent and the vice-president unable to act, a meeting of the executive board was called by the secretary and arrangements made for a single day's session. Faint hearts feared that with a shortage in the treasury which prohibited enjoying a speaker, and with neither president nor vice-president present, a convention was out of the question, but better counsel prevailed and the resulting convention proved an inspiration to every member present. Nineteen voting members were present from the three unions in Walsh county, for we regret to report the loss of the union at Ardoch and Forest River and the Preston union at Grafton. We hope to get a good speaker into these places and revive our forces before the year is out. Grafton Lathrop union was roused from a state of "innocuous desuetude" by Mr. Hopper in January and set so firmly on her feet that she entertained delightfully the county convention in August, and even got up the evening program without outside assistance. We strongly advise all unions to take the speakers the state provides and be thankful. It always pays to have them as we know by experience.

It was decided to add the medal contest to the thirteen departments of work taken up by the county and to combine the Flower Mission and Mercy departments. The treasurer reported \$44.23 in the treasury; \$15.00 was pledged to the state, \$10.00 to the Home foundation and \$5.00 to the home. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. F. Honey, Park River, Mrs. Titus, resigned; Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Phelps, Grafton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annie Catherwood, Park River; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Evans, Minto and Treasurer, Mrs. Dora J. Carpenter, Ardoch.

The Hunter Y gave a basket sociable a short time ago, realizing over \$18.

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Cooperstown, N. D., Aug. 13, 1907.—My Dear Y's: It is most important that we count every member this fall. You know our state officers have set the mark of 500 new members for the state this year, and this they believe is not a hard task to accomplish if each union will but do its own share. This applies just as much to the Y's as to the W's. If each union will secure but five new members this can be done, and many can do more than this.

This matter is vitally connected with the payment of dues. Let me call your attention to the paragraph on the editorial page of the Bulletin headed "Dues." This gives the exact distribution of the dues and shows that each member is entitled to the White Ribbon through which we keep in touch with each other. It is most important that each Y should have our little paper to keep her informed on the progress of our cause in the state, without which she cannot be an intelligent worker. I fear that many of our Y's do not quite understand this point concerning the payment of dues, i. e., unless 70 cents for each member is sent to our state treasurer, she is not counted as a member in the state report. It is paid up members that our organization has to stand upon.

Then another point that is equally important to observe is that a duplicate list of these names must be sent to the treasurer to forward to the editor of the Bulletin as a mailing list; otherwise she would be unable to send out the paper to these members.

Y reports seldom show more than a very few copies of the Bulletin taken and never as many as there are members reported. A report that has just reached me says, "50 members" and "number of Bulletins taken 2." This means one of two things—either there are but two paid-up members, or that the list of names has not been sent to the editor of the Bulletin and the members are being defrauded of their paper. Girls, let me urge you for the sake of our cause that you see to righting this matter at once. And may I ask the W's to help in calling the attention of the Y's to this matter. I fear that too many of our girls never see our Y column. Either forty-eight persons of the above Y are without legal membership or the editor of the Bulletin has not been given their names, either one of which is a serious mistake.

Wheatland Y reports encouraging progress. They hold meetings every two weeks. They have adopted as departments of work, Press, Social Meetings and Red Letter Days, Medal Contest, Physical Education and Flower Mission, with superintendents appointed for each. They have given a Literary and Ice Cream Social, the proceeds of which were \$25, which is a good start for a Y but six months old.

Request has come from Wymdrene for literature and information for organizing a Y. And it is hoped that soon we may welcome Wymdrene Y.

Faithfully yours for Y's,
L. M. BROWN.

The American Woman Behind The Times.

We American women have become so accustomed to exaggerated appreciation from our parents, brothers, lovers, and sometimes, from our husbands and sons, that it must cause an unpleasant shock to hear anyone declare in cold blood that we are behind the times in anything. Still it has become my painful duty to prove that in some very important matters we are, many of us, far behind our sisters across the seas.

It has often been declared by the world's wise men that no great reform can be accomplished until men and women who are willing to die for it propose that cause. Now the equal suffragists of Great Britain, without regard to rank, wealth, station or previous condition of servitude, have shown their eagerness to endure all sorts of ridicule, abuse and misunderstanding at home and abroad, and numbers have deliberately chosen imprisonment that meant many hardships and deprivations, aside from the close confinement and coarse, poorly cooked food, to further their beloved cause, when the payment of a small fine would have saved them from all this and the plank bed, and all the harsh, unlovely conditions that constitute prison life.

One woman said the lack of a chair to sit on was her sorest trial, and speaking to a visitor in regard to the dinners, teas, etc., their friends were preparing for them when they should be released, said, "If I can have an American rocking chair to sit in I shall be content." Where in the ranks of the aristocracy of wealth, that regards itself as fully equal to or even superior to the aristocracy of gentle birth and breeding, and I fancy that a great many of our "great plain people" hold the same idea, would you find such self denying devotion to the general welfare of their inferiors in wealth and social position or even for their nearest neighbors?

It is true I think, as Miss Jane Campbell said at the Chicago National Suffrage convention, that women gravitate naturally to reform. The Englishman says, "It is a fine day, let us go out and kill something;" the woman says, "It is a fine day, let us go out and reform something."

It is, I believe, a well established fact that we are given to imitating these cousins of ours over across the water. Then let us copy the best, like these patriotic women who have this past winter and spring been giving such whole souled devotion of time, strength and money to the end that all women, equally with all men, may have a voice in making the laws that shall govern them and determine the conditions under which they and their children must live; and never the vices and follies they are striving to free themselves of, as the drinking among women and the fashionable gambling, and the wine serving habits, and instead of trying to engraft their ideas of caste on our republican society until even they, recognizing the ridiculous farce, declare themselves more democratic than we are, and not without some reason. Instead of the "Jersey Lily" let us emulate the little woman who dined with royalty one day this winter, though she does her own house work and made the high necked dress she wore, with her own hands.—Mrs. John Burns.

If we are disposed to deny the charge that this tendency to imitation implies degeneracy, the reports of divorces, drinking and gambling among the idle women in our so called uppertown make us hang our heads for shame, for many who are the descendants of those who made good in former generations, the boast that to be an American is greater than to be a king.

The French women are waking up and have already a promising parliamentary group led by the new official, the labor minister, but there is great strength among the women themselves, and many prominent women of social rank and distinction are laboring to secure equal pay for equal work. They have five women practicing at the bar and a woman, Madam Currie, is lecturer at the Sorbonne. French Feminists are certainly a long way in advance of the code the great Napoleon gave to the empire, namely, that a woman was as much the chattel of her father or husband as is his apple tree of a gardener.

One of the most prominent and influential of Russians said recently that when men were granted full suffrage women would have the same privileges, for it is everywhere recognized that wo-

men have toiled as unceasingly as men to free Russia, and have suffered as much more. Italy's prime minister is pledged to the woman movement though he said lately he supposed the need of education was greatest—but many of the cultured and distinguished women there are working persistently to raise the legal and social status of their less fortunate sisters. Mrs. Catt gave stirring reports of her lecture trip through Austria, Hungary, Bohemia, Roumania, and Serbia, in the Woman's Journal, that were a revelation to many of its readers of the leaven of equality working among the women of the cultivated classes in those South countries. Germany is well organized for work along these lines and many of its foremost men and women are devoting much time and money to this great cause, while Holland is still more advanced in that direction.

Everyone knows how well perfect political equality of men and women has worked in Australia and New Zealand and that it was brought about by the persistent and consistent labors of their progressive women. Many of the most talented and effective workers came to England to help their sisters in the late strenuous campaign for parliamentary suffrage. Many also came from Finland where women were enfranchised at their last election that were ever given the ballot before in one year.

The Baroness Gripenburg has a most fascinating account of that election day in the May 4th issue of the Woman's Journal when nineteen women were elected to the Diet. The women had been busy in all kinds of educational work before the election March 14th. In the evening the Finnish Party Women's Organization held a large and crowded meeting at Helsingfors, their capital, to celebrate their great victory, from which meeting they sent a telegram to the Woman's Journal to express their feelings of gratitude toward the members, just think, sisters, our Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe and the rest. Stanton, Julia Ward Howe and the rest.

The following days, March 15th and 16th, were the regular election days, beautiful days with a warm sun shining on the deep white snow and the trees in the park were covered with rime and the houses were decorated with flags. Every hut, even, in Finland has its simple bathroom and every member of the family takes a bath on Saturday—and so many people looking on the election day as a kind of Sabbath and so took a bath the night before. It had been announced that ladies would go where mothers had little ones and take care of them while the mother voted. Thus a larger number voted than men. The Baroness continues, "Every voting place was a schoolhouse and I had to stand an hour and a half before my turn came, but I do not think any of the women felt the time too long, it gave us such a wonderful feeling to think why we were standing there."

Oh it is all such a grand story I can hardly tear myself away from those wonderful Finnish women who have worked so long and so hard for national existence and labored, the educated ones, so patiently to educate their less fortunate sisters, how richly they deserve to lead the world, as they do today, as 25,000 strong they stand ready to do every duty gladly. And we thrill with pride and then blush for shame to remember that they received their inspiration from our own grand leaders and have ourselves only these four little states to match their nation.

There is an organization for women suffrage in Natal, Africa, and no one can discourage those brave Boer women by telling them that the women cannot bear arms in defense of their country.

Should we not hide our heads as leaders of democratic ideas for the world in view of all these other women have accomplished? For every evidence points to the fact that if our own women as a whole or even a large majority should ask for the ballot they would get it. Even poor old China has a woman's daily paper.

There is talk of our foreign women not wanting to vote but Jane Addams says that in the campaign for municipal suffrage for women in Chicago she found in certain groups of foreign women more understanding of the idea and more desire for the right to vote than among the American women. Dr. Howard Taylor in welcoming the Woman's Suffrage Convention to Chicago said there were three great epochs in our history when by every principle of logic and justice our women should have been given an equal voice with the men in our nation's councils, the revolutionary

epoch, the pioneer days and in the reconstruction period after the civil war and that another great struggle is due soon if this great nation is not to be given up as a preserve for crazy billionaires. God grant that when that time comes we, the women of this great progressive nation, may rise to our great and precious opportunities.

FIELD NOTES.

Report of soliciting for Fargo Woman's Home.

First half month (as reported).....	\$ 97 20	Pledg- ed. \$20 50
Second half month.....	139 10	20 50
Total.....	\$236 30	\$41 00

Month's total expenses, (including salary).....	\$ 56 80
Total with pledged money.....	179 50
Average per week.....	220 50
	55.12 1/2

	Taken	Pledg- ed
Jamestown.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00
Brinsmade.....	18 25	3 00
Minnewaukan.....	19 75	
Oberon.....	18 10	2 00
New Rockford.....	25 30	1 00
Carrington.....	10 00	
Kensal.....	3 25	
Courtenay.....	6 75	
Leal.....	32 70	13 50

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Dear Bulletin:—Ransom-La Moure counties have not been represented in your columns for some time, not, however, because of dissolution, for we are very much alive. We have one new union at Verona, which was organized in May with seven members. Mrs. Addie L. Wilson, president; Miss Floy St. John, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Belle Welch, treasurer. This union starts out under very favorable conditions, the president having been a White Ribboner in Minnesota for many years. Edgely, under direction of their new president, Mrs. J. Duval, has made a gain of fifteen members through membership contests, so we are rejoicing because of a substantial increase in numbers. Our unions were all given a new impetus by the work of Mrs. Richards in May, who gave fine lectures and most encouraging personal work. We are looking forward to the "gathering of the clans" in Fargo in September and the consequent feast of good things.

Amenia, August 13th, 1907.—At our annual meeting the following officers were re-elected: Mrs. W. R. Reed, president; Mrs. McLennan, vice-pres.; Mrs. L. E. Vaughn, corresponding and recording secretary; Mrs. R. B. Reed, treasurer. We have served ice cream a number of Saturdays, both afternoon and evening, and have raised about \$50.00 in this way. We have just sent in seven subscriptions to the Union Signal, which will give us a place in the 50 per cent list in the August honor roll. Miss Halcrow writes me that this is the second largest list she has received. We have lost several members during the year; two have moved away, one Mrs. E. W. Chaffee has gone to her Heavenly home. One of our former members has returned to Amenia, so we have been able to add one new name to our list of members. A committee have planned the meetings for six months, and programs have been typewritten and tied with white ribbon. It is a convenient way to keep track of the meetings and leaders. A Christmas Sale, to be held the first week in December, is now being planned.—Supt. Press Dept.

Hunter, N. D.:—We are still in working order as a union and bent on getting our full proportion of new members this year. We gave a play—Y's and W's together—that was noted a great success and brought \$10 into our treasuries. Mrs. Florence D. Richards came to us Decoration Day, and as it was very rainy and muddy that day, we had her speak at the G. A. R. meeting in the hall, and she gave us a splendid and inspiring patriotic address that reached every heart with a helpful message, and the collection was in the neighborhood \$8.00. We hoped then that it would be possible for her to come to us again before she left the state, for every one was so delighted with her, we should have been sure of a large audience. Miss Dickinson was here in May under the auspices of the Y's and helped greatly in arousing interest in organizing our L. T. L., or reorganizing it, which has since been accomplished, the Y's rendering substantial aid, with a membership of thirty-nine, and prospects of more to follow. We hold our meetings every other Fri-

day afternoon, and have both a temperance and mother's program combined at each meeting. Our Y is quite active and we are feeling rather prosperous and progressive these beautiful summer days and have added a few names to our membership roll.

Engleval, N. D., July 29, 1907.—Dear White Ribbon Sisters: The Fairview union held an open air meeting recently. Many of the honoraries as well as the active members, were present. A very interesting program consisting of singing, recitations and readings was rendered by the members.—Press Supt.

Thompson N. D.:—The members of the Thompson Senior L. T. L. have had a rare treat. Mr. Evans has been here and given us a very helpful and interesting talk which all thoroughly enjoyed. He gave us many excellent suggestions and we gained great profit along every kind of our work. He told us of contributing members who pay something to help along the work but are not active members. We are very pleased to say that Mr. Evans is a contributing member of the Thompson Senior L. T. L. Mr. Evans is sincere and earnest in all his work and we feel that our organization will make great progress because of his visit, for we were all greatly enthused and found that there was a great deal more to do than we had realized. After Mr. Evans' talk, lemonade and cake were served and a social hour was enjoyed. Several members, including Mr. Evans, entertained us with vocal and instrumental solos, and at a late hour the meeting adjourned. One new member was received, making our membership twenty-seven. During our social hour, Mr. Starr, who organized our L. T. L. three years ago with nine members, was remembered and greetings were sent to him thru Mr. Evans. On Sunday evening the M. E. church in Engleval decorated for Mr. Evans' lecture. On one side was the picture of that beautiful woman, Francis E. Willard, above which was draped a large American flag. On the opposite was the Thompson Senior L. T. L. banner. Flowers and flags completed the decorations. The service was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The Rev. Newlove read the scripture lesson and offered prayer. A duet, "He Will Not Slumber," was then sung by two of our members, and our superintendent, Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, introduced the speaker. He gave a very fine address on "Christian Citizenship." He spoke of the forming of character being better than the reforming, and that thru the teaching of the L. T. L. Christian citizens might be developed. He told us of the large work the L. T. L. was doing in the large cities of our country, especially among the street waifs and even in the reform schools. The L. T. L. members sang "The Prohibition Chimes." A good offering was received. The service closed by singing, "Work, For the Night Is Coming." Monday morning Mr. Evans left for Mayville. Several of the members were at the depot to say good-bye, and as the train pulled out, they gave the state L. T. L. yell:

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