



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Tomorrow's Bridge.

There's a stream of trouble across my path,
It is black and deep and wide,
Bitter the hour the future hath
When I cross its swelling tide.
But I smile and sing and say:—
"I will hope and trust alway;
"I'll hear the sorrow that comes tomorrow,
But I'll borrow none today."

Tomorrow's bridge is a crazy thing;
I dare not cross it now,
I can see its timbers sway and swing,
And its arches reel and bow.
O heart, you must hope alway;
You must sing and trust and say:—
"I'll hear the sorrow that comes tomorrow,
But I'll borrow none today."

Fairs and Open Air Meetings.

In the beginning the department name was State and County Fairs. There was a W. C. T. U. exhibit at the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. Mrs. C. A. Moody was our first National Superintendent in 1881, and in 1882 was succeeded by Mrs. Mary Leavitt; upon Mrs. Leavitt's resignation, Mrs. Josephine Nichols of Indiana was appointed superintendent and served 14 years. At the Paris exposition, Mrs. Nichols had charge of a fine exhibit of our work, which helped to spread our principles among the many nations represented at the exposition. Mrs. Nichols was afterward given charge of many other large national and international gatherings.

Mrs. Guild of Missouri was our next national superintendent, and in 1900, at her request, the name was changed to "Fairs and Open Air Meetings." Mrs. Guild resigned in 1906 and Mrs. Julia D. Phelps of Los Angeles is now national superintendent.

Twenty-two states now have superintendents and in many others much work is done. Through the open air meetings we are endeavoring to reach a class of people who seldom can be reached in any other way, as they do not attend temperance meetings whether held indoors or in the open air. Now county fairs are included in the various kinds of open air meetings. Through our headquarters on fair grounds and at Chataqua we are brought in close touch with the uninterested classes.

Our opportunities at county fairs are many. Let us first secure a tent or building on the grounds, and up over the entrance, let us have W. C. T. U. Then put a cheerful tactful woman in charge. Here we have an opportunity to serve dinner, lunch or ice cream. Keep a day nursery. Let us have plenty of ice water on the grounds which should be free to every one. Here we have a chance for the judicious distribution of literature suitable for children as well as adults, which will educate and enlighten many who are wholly indifferent and know nothing of what the W. C. T. U. are doing. In this way temperance literature may be placed in almost every house in the county; men will be interested in Christian Citizenship Leaflets. The Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin for the women, and the Crusader for the young people. The leaflet, "What the National W. C. T. U. Has Accomplished," is especially valuable. Enclose the leaflets in envelopes stamped, compliments of the W. C. T. U.

Department work should be explained and the importance of systematic effort along department lines emphasized. Tell of the work done along legislative lines and the public will not need to ask what the W. C. T. U. are doing.

During the month of January most of the county fair boards meet. They are puzzled as to what can be done to at-

tract the people during the fair season this year. Let every woman who is interested in these matters (every woman who has children who attend fairs) be at once on the alert. Interview the members of the fair board as to their intentions in the way of introducing new features this season. Use every influence to have any low and degrading spectacles left out. Above all, study to be able to make suggestions of fresh attractions, that will not only be harmless, but will draw, and your opinion in regard to what should be left out, will be more highly regarded. Some county fairs have taken on new life after they have almost failed by introducing oratorical contests, not only between the young people, but among old people who had not any advantages by way of elocutionary training, but who often produced marvelous effects by their natural abilities. With physical culture to the fore and boys and girls becoming athletes the fine exhibitions in this line might be endless in variety and do wonders in arousing an ambition for better physical development in human as well as in the brute species. Whatever the W. C. T. U. has done in the past to help raise the standard of morality for the people it has never had a finer opportunity to do a grand work in any way than it has now in "Fairs and Open Air Meetings."

Study carefully the needs of your locality and distribute literature accordingly. If you know your physicians prescribe alcohol distribute leaflets on medical temperance. If your druggists are trying to get permits, secure copies of the law, distribute and see that the women understand what they are signing. The men who sign permits must be taxpayers, and not loafers, who own no property. In some localities anti-narcotic literature and anti-gambling leaflets should be used, you each one know what is most needed in your own town. If you do not have a county fair in your vicinity, you can have an open air meeting, or an L. T. U. picnic. Have the Band of Mercy and the School Savings Bank children with their bank books in their hands singing Mrs. Oberholzer's marching song. Have essays on temperance and offer a prize for the best. Hold a medal contest in the evening and charge admission. Always have good music and good cheer. If there is to be an Old Settlers' or G. A. R. picnic in your county, secure a place on the program for a W. C. T. U. speaker. In this way we can interest people who would not go to hear a temperance lecture. Fraternal societies welcome our speakers and if a request is made in time a place on the program may be secured for a W. C. T. U. address and thus a new people be given opportunity to hear perhaps, for the first time of the work of the W. C. T. U. and new members both active and honorary be obtained.

Counties often conduct meetings at camp meetings. In one state the Y's hold a summer encampment of their own, where they study temperance principles and methods of work. Interest ministers and teachers to work with and stand by you. Let us try to get first-class agriculturists and women on our fair boards. Publish articles on the subject. Hold a newspaper and send out freely. At every county fair let us try and have a children's day; exercises by them should be a special feature. Contests in oratory by either the older or younger classes thereby encouraging their natural abilities. Have a woman's day, lectures and lessons on cooking, care of children, etc. Have fancy and useful articles, potted

plants, etc., for sale. Our opportunities at the county fair are many. Never forget to ask for new members; take subscriptions for the Union Signal, White Ribbon Bulletin and the Crusader Monthly; no good worker can get along without these papers.

The greater part of Our Saviour's work was performed in the open air. Can we not follow his example and his command, go ye? Yes, go ye to the people, attend their fairs and do not lose an opportunity to greet them as friends and point out the danger of strong drink. Ask them to help protect the home. Ask the men to become honorary members. We need their influence in the legislature, their votes and their dues to help carry on our work. The aim of our work is to redeem the world from the curse of the liquor traffic, the enemy of the home the state and the nation. To carry the gospel of temperance and purity to the people. We seek to reach and interest men, women and children who are not in our organization and to arouse and educate our own members through open air work by means of the spoken word or the printed page and the deed of Kindness. Our special aim is to secure new members for the W. C. T. U., the Y's and the L. T. U.

Now we want reports of all the work done at "Fairs and Open Air Meetings." Reports serve three great purposes. First, they awaken interest in our members and inspire and encourage them to take up new lines of work. Second, they are a source of information to the general public. Third, they record work for the history of our organization. Please do not forget to report all work done to your state superintendent. Prayer is the rock on which we stand, then let us pray and plan and then go forth and do in the name of him who said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

As we must now arouse to action. Do you hear the Master's call? Old and young enlist to conquer. Stand or kneel with a song. It is now no time for cowards. But for valiant women true. Soon the fight will soon be finished And a crown is waiting you. Are you weary? Jesus knows it. Yes, He knows the way is long. But His strength and life He gives you. Stand or kneel with a song. When your head is tired and aching, And you long for quiet rest, Hear the Saviour gently whisper, Lay your head upon my breast. So we struggle on dear sisters, Jesus trod this way before; When this weary life is over, None will trouble us any more. All our cares and all our burdens We will lay at His dear feet. Courage just a little longer sisters, We shall walk the golden street.

YEARLY REPORT OF FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

Number of open air meetings held..	5
Number of unions sending in reports	17
Number of rest rooms held at fairs	11
Amount of literature distributed (pages)	10,600
Temperance programs given	6
Whole amount of money raised	\$250.00
New members gained	3
I have written fifty personal letters and one for W. R. B., postals, 15; sent out 125 circular letters and distributed 1,000 pages of literature.	
Expenditures for circular letters	\$3.00
Postage	2.25
Postals15
Literature	1.20
Total	\$7.10

Yours for service,
IDA SPARKS CLARKE,
State Supt. Fairs.

Treasurer's Report.

Mayville, N. D., Dec. 17, '07.

Dear Sisters: According to promise I give you our financial standing up to December 1st. Wishing you a all a happy and prosperous New Year,

I am sincerely yours,
LIZZIE SCHLOSSER.
State Treasurer.

Legislative	\$102.90
Memorial	2.00
Pres. Stenographer	42.63
Organizing	116.29
Headquarters	266.00
L. T. L.	6.00
Home building	494.18
State minutes, ads., etc.	17.85
Bulletin deficit	\$258.12
Chaut. deficit	40.08
Home Gen'l deficit	207.93
State fund deficit	167.73
Northwood state dues	\$ 3.50
Mrs. Emma J. R. Miller, Home inmates	71.00
Leal, state deficit	10.00
Sanborn, state dues	7.70
Fargo, state deficit	10.00
Mrs. E. J. R. Miller, Home inmates	
Liabon, state dues	50.00
Lansford, state dues	70
Underwood, state dues	70
Bottineau, state dues	1.40
Miss Hollister, pres. stenog.	2.00
Rock Lake, state dues	70
Enderlin, Union Signal	1.00
Cando, Home, \$10; pres. stenog. \$1	11.00
Langdon, state, \$4; Home, \$4	8.00
Mrs. E. P. Anderson, state deficit, \$6; state, \$5; Home, \$5; memorial member, \$10; headquarters, \$5	31.00
Dazy, state dues	4.90
Bay Centre, headquarters	5.00
Wahpeton, state dues	2.10
Inkster, state dues	1.40
Fargo, state, \$20; L. T. L., \$2; Chautauqua, \$5; legislative, \$2; memorial, \$2; organizing, \$15; Enforcement League, \$5	51.00
Preston, pres. stenog	3.00
Fairmount, state	5.00
Ray, state dues	1.40
Liabon, state, \$10; state dues, 70	10.70
Dwight, state dues	3.50
Mrs. E. J. R. Miller, Home inmates, etc.,	169.17
Drayton, state dues, \$35.70; state, \$15	50.70
Rolla, Home	10.00
Dwight, state, \$5; Home, \$5; state dues, 70	10.70
Emerado, state dues	8.40
Hope, state dues	2.10
Bethel, state dues, \$2.80; state, \$2. Home, \$5; L. T. L., \$1; Chautauqua, \$1; memorial, \$2; minutes, 45	14.25

We have preached the saloon, and we have preached well. We have prayed against the saloon, and have prayed with fervor. We have written against the saloon, and there has been logic in our sentences. We have wept in the presence of the desecrations of the saloon, and our tears have been sincere. But the day is coming when we will do more—a day when our sermons and prayers, and arguments and agitations, and heartaches and tears will crystallize into ballots, and when, by the iron hand of prohibitive law, this redclipped monster shall be throttled and choked and hurled back into the hell from which he came.—Bishop Joseph F. Berry.

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STATE MOTTO: I am but one, but I am one; I can not do everything, but I can do some thing; 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 November 1st and January 1st.

So many gods.
So many paths that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.
—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

"The practice of moderate drinking remains the ultimate source of intemperance."

We have not a correct list of all the unions. If you have not already done so, send in a correct list of members.

A Happy New Year to all White Ribbons. We feel like echoing the prayer of Tiny Tim: "God bless us, every one."

No one appreciates promptness more than the editor and our correspondents have been very prompt this month, as a consequence the paper is ready for the printer on time.

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In an interesting list of temperance dates compiled by some painstaking soul we find the following: "1838, Feb. 19—Eighty men discharged from Sweeny New Colliery for being Total Abstiners." How the world has turned over since then!

Occasionally some one wants her copy of the Bulletin sent to Canada. The best way will be to take the paper and send it from the home office. Paper will be delivered in Canada from the United States without a one cent stamp. If postage is sent directly to the editor, she will see that the paper is mailed.

That was a great gathering with a wide and far-reaching aim that convened in Battle Creek and deliberated over how to make this world a better and purer place to live in. We wish all our readers had access to the speeches and printed reports as given in "Light," the organ of the National Purity Federation.

Truly no organization ever had better reason for encouragement. In no one year has the cause of temperance ever made such progress as the year just past. It would take a much larger paper than the one we edit to tell all the triumphs we have had. We have but to take courage and press on to greater victories in 1908. Right is on our side and we are bound to win.

The article on first page on Fairs and Open Air Meetings may not be thought timely by all our readers. North Dakota January weather is not suggestive of fairs and out door fetes; but as the merchant buys his furs in the summer time and his lawns and laces in good weather, so we must consider our summer work while the snow is with us if we are to be prepared for effective work.

We hope our unions all read carefully the word and report from Mrs. Best in the December Bulletin regarding our home in Fargo. The W. C. T. U. are still responsible and will be until Mr. Crittenden takes possession. The family at the home numbers nineteen and they are needing many necessities. Material for clothing for the little ones, groceries and fuel. W. C. T. U. women are generous and only need to know the circumstances and they are eager to give aid.

The great "German manifesto" against alcohol embodies these facts, which need no comment: "Alcohol has been shown to be the cause of one-tenth of the deaths among the adult population. Thirteen hundred deaths occur annually in Germany alone in consequence of intoxication, and sixteen hundred victims of alcohol commit suicide every year in this country, while about 30,000 are added annually to the list of those suffering from delirium tremens and other nervous disorders. This awful amount of misery at the same time entails an enormous financial burden on our people. The direct cost of the alcohol beverages consumed every year in Germany amounts to 3,500,000,000 marks (nearly \$1,000,000,000) or about 55 marks per capita of the entire population. This amount exceeds the combined annual cost of our army and navy three fold. And to this must be added the equally enormous indirect cost caused by the above-mentioned natural consequences of the drink habit."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: Ohio, last year, made the largest gain in membership that has ever been made by a state in a single year, eight thousand. Their plans are so successful that they are worth studying. First, they keep a large number of women in the field all the time, whom they call field workers. These are not necessarily public speakers, but women who go from house to house, talking with the home keepers face to face, gathering them together and organizing and instructing them in the work. Second, a new crusade was inaugurated; every woman who secured one new member was called a new crusader and had the honor of wearing a blue badge at the state convention. Third, every union was asked to hold a membership contest. One union by this method increased its membership to five hundred and elected its own delegate to the national convention.

The week ending February 17, Frances E. Willards heavenly birthday, is membership week. We ask every union in the state to, if possible, arrange for a membership contest at this time. If more time is desired, two or four weeks may be taken for the contest. Two captains should be selected who shall choose sides until all the members are chosen. Each captain may make her own plans for the campaign, but there are a few regulations that must be observed. In determining the winning side only those new members who have signed the pledge and paid one dollar dues, can be counted. W. C. T. U. literature should be left in every home visited. We will select literature especially for this purpose and have it done up in twenty-five and fifty cent packages. Send to Mrs. B. H. Wylie, Drayton for this at least a week before the contest begins. Send to the Union Signal, Evanston, Ill., for sample copies of that paper, and to Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Fargo, for sample copies of The White Ribbon Bulletin. It would be well to have the contest close February 17, with a reception to the new members and a program appropriate to the day. Suggestions for program for memorial meeting will be given in the Union Signal. Do not forget the collection for the Willard Memorial Fund to extend the work of organization. This is the only financial help the National asks of the local union and every union ought to feel it a privilege to respond. Not more than thirty-four unions contributed to this fund last year. Let us do better this year.

If thought best, the winning side may have charge of the program at the reception while the losing side furnishes the refreshments. We want a report of every contest sent to The White Ribbon Bulletin, giving the name of the captains, the president of the union—if she is not a captain—number of new members gained by each side and an account of the reception. If the president and captain will have their pictures taken in a group to save space in the paper, we will be glad to publish it also.

Valley City has the honor of being the largest union in the state which is due to membership contest held last year in which Mrs. L. P. Linn and Miss E. D. Sautley were captains. Miss Santley and Mrs. Yates, each secured over twenty members and were thus entitled to have their fare paid to the state convention.

One more request we make of every union for the new year. That is, that arrangements be commenced at once for the prize essay contests in the public schools on the subject of "The Value of Total Abstinence to a Life." The rules are the same as last year. Write Mrs. I. A. Burley, Pembina, Superintendent Scientific Temperance Instruction for information and help.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Florence B. Connor, Minot, is ready to fill orders for the state report, fifteen cents a copy. All officers and superintendents of local unions should be supplied with these. Through a mistake, probably on the part of the printer, the names of two superintendents do not appear in the roster in the state report. These are Mrs. L. P. Linn, Drayton, Superintendent of Flower Mission and Mrs. Kate Ransier, Cando, Superintendent of Social Meetings and Red Letter Days.

Col. C. J. Holt reorganized the unions at Ardoek and Forest River with the following officers: Ardoek—Mrs. Laura Stealcup, president; Mrs. Anna Farmer, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Martha Rupert, treasurer. Forest River—Mrs. Augusta Bates, president; Mrs. Annie

Johnson, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Addie Miller, treasurer.

Miss Bertha Bowers organized a promising union at Jamestown with Mrs. F. H. Taylor, president; Mrs. J. E. Hommi, secretary and Mrs. Will Hayes, treasurer.

A splendid report comes to me of the Grand Forks union, which is forging rapidly ahead this year. The indications are that they have designs on the state banner.

Wishing you all a happy New Year of joyous service in our great cause, I am

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.
Valley City, N. D., Dec. 28, 1907.

The Annual Report

If you will go to the busy headquarters in your city and ask the field secretary of the Salvation Army for his annual report, you will be astonished at the work its members are doing in this country. You will find that nearly twelve million people attended services in their halls last year, which of course, does not include the other millions they reached in the street—millions that no other denomination can get at.

You will find that last year they furnished over twelve million meals to hungry men, and supplied four million beds to homeless wanderers who had no place to sleep.

You will find that they visited and assisted 100,000 families who were in distress.

You will find that they distributed 600 tons of coal and 122,000 pounds of ice. You will find that these poke bonneted slum angels gathered in 13,000 homeless children, poor little wretches of humanity, wandering aimlessly in the jungles of our cities, and placed them in the snug, warm rescue homes the Army manages to maintain with the nickels and dimes its workers pick up by passing the tambourine.

If you have not been in the habit of giving the girls in blue something when they approach you, I hope you will never let the tambourine go by again.

The price of a good cigar, which you in your fattened prosperity can well afford to give, will surely be put to good use. It will buy food or a bed for some poor unfortunate who, in all likelihood, will be much in need of the mercy of God and the charity of man.

And the Army does still more things than I have named. It is doing a grand settlement work in the slums of the large cities.

A body of women in plain gingham dresses and aprons will rent a room in the worst tenement house they can find, clean it up, put in simple furniture, and then begin to "neighbor" among the pitiful people about them.

They nurse the sick, teach the well better ways of living, conduct sewing and cooking classes, plan fresh air excursions for sickly little ones, take care of neglected children whose mothers are away at work, and shroud the dead.

A wedding is a most solemn event in the lives of those whom it joins together, whether or not they fully appreciate the fact. It should also be a solemn event for those who witness it, especially for the friends of the bride and groom. For it is the declaration and procedure whereby two human beings are united that they may walk through this world side by side, in toil and pain and sorrow, as well as in hope and trust and joy, mutually helpful and gladdening.

That weddings may have their festal side, their sparkling accompaniments, it is not denied. Many customs attaching to them are quaint and beautiful, whose gaiety does not smirch or lessen the high dignity of the event.

But there is a practice, altogether too frequent on the part of some wedding guests, of treating the bride and groom to an assault of buffoon practical joking. The irritating showers of rice wedged down the victims' necks, the blaring their way to the railroad station with a hideous din, the pelting their baggage with coarse mottoes and such like "pleasanties"—all these performances should be sternly put down. Not merely from the lofty standpoint of the church's service, but from that of ordinary courtesy and civility, they are abominable. That they proceed so often from thoughtlessness cannot condone their vulgarity. They do cause annoyance and pain; they blur and confuse a scene which should abide in memory as sweet and gracious and tender,—the passing out in sunshine from a loving past to a loving future. It is infamous to so pollute, as is not rarely done, a bride's recollections of her bridal day—N. D. Sheaf.

FIELD NOTES.

Thompson—After noticing in the White Ribbon Bulletin a request that each union send something for publication, I decided that all readers of our paper should hear from the Thompson union. Perhaps we have been dead to the outside world for some time, but I think that the people of Thompson and vicinity fully realize that we are alive. Conference Sunday we had charge of the services in the M. E. church. Our World's Temperance Sunday we asked our pastor (Mr. Burns) to preach a temperance sermon which he very willingly consented to do. He announced it at different gatherings for two weeks beforehand, consequently nearly every seat in the church was filled. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. met at the home of one of the members and went in a body to the church, all wearing the white ribbon. December 4th we held our annual social meeting in the town hall. Games, a program consisting of recitations, short addresses and music, and refreshments served as entertainment for the evening. A large crowd was in attendance. In fact so large that some of the members had to hustle home and get more eatables. We asked the ladies to join our organization and four decided to do so. As one of the ladies would be unable to attend our next regular meeting a special meeting was called and the new members taken into the union. We are sorry that we had to lose some of our members this fall by removals to different places; but we hope what has been our loss will be some other union's gain.—Mrs. B. S. Andrus.

Cando, W. C. T. U.—Directly after the state convention great preparations were made for the coming of Miss Bowers, but the train was late, and seemingly all of our preparations were for naught. A meeting on scientific temperance was held in October and the \$5.00 prize again offered for the best essay on "Total Abstinence". Six copies of the Crusader Monthly and the Union Signal and four members to the school. One of the best meetings ever held here was on "World's Temperance, Sunday" recently. It was a union meeting of the churches under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Over 500 persons were present and an excellent program was rendered and an offering of \$18.54 given. Our usual annual reception in honor of the teachers and honorary members was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Britten; over 60 were in attendance and a delightful evening spent. A box of fresh meat valued at \$12.00 (plus) was sent to the Home. We have gained eight new members since convention.—Edna Salmons.

Drayton, N. D.—Dear Bulletin:—On Nov. 22nd the Drayton W. C. T. U. held a reception at the home of Mrs. G. A. McCrea, in honor of the teachers of the city schools, the Board of Education and the honorary members of the union. A very pleasant time was enjoyed so specially after which a program consisting of choice music and addresses was rendered. Supt. Louis P. Linn showed the necessity for co-operation on the part of teachers and parents if our schools are to reach the high standard of excellence for which we are working. Prof. Linn emphasized the necessity for teaching temperance and self-control in the school. Rev. Erickson of the Presbyterian church followed with an able address on the relation existing between the home and the school. Rev. Dr. Davis, of the M. E. church, eloquently set forth the relation which the church sustains to the school. Towards the close of the evening's entertainment, frappe was served by four young ladies. Drayton is proud of her honorary members having won the banner at the last state convention for the largest number, dividing this honor with Valley City.

Harlem, N. D.—My Dear Sisters:—The Harlem W. C. T. U., the few in numbers is composed of active members which they proved to the community on Thanksgiving day when they served a public dinner to about seventy-five people at the home of their president (who is also Co-pres.) Mrs. Anna McCrary. The dinner was a typical New England Thanksgiving dinner with all the accessories, and as the price decided upon was only 25c, it could hardly be considered a huge success financially. However, we White Ribboners felt that our efforts were not in vain, but in fact were well worth while, for a splendidly good social time was enjoyed by all present, a large amount of literature was distributed, and we hope much good accomp-

lished on account of it. Several of the members and friends remained until supper time which proved to be an interesting as well as a jolly good time. First each guest at supper was requested to tell what they were most thankful for, then, at the instigation of Miss Ethel McCrary, daughter of our president, each person was expected to respond to a toast, some of which were very entertaining and instructive. Mrs. McCrary in a few brief sentences gave a splendid history of the progress of Prohibition in North Dakota. Mrs. Marcellus told what she knew about Roosevelt. And so it went. Altogether it was certainly a day well spent.

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Fargo, N. D., December 17, 1907—Dear Y's.—I hope you will all have a "Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year." Let us double our efforts along temperance lines, and work with a new vigor.

I have a letter from our new National Secretary, Miss Mosher, and she asks for a gain of five hundred members in each state. This would certainly be a big gain for North Dakota, but it is not impossible. If we would undertake something of this kind, it would draw us closer together and do us all a lot of good. It would be a revival in North Dakota.

The new year books will be here early in January, we hope, and as usual, I will mail each union a copy.

I wish each "Y" would send me a line on a post card for the next issue of the Bulletin. Let us have the "Y" column full of "Y" news for the first month in Nineteen hundred and eight. I wish to share a part of our National Secretary's letter with you. She says:

"The great National convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is over and I come to you as the new Secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union in place of Mrs. Seberry, who felt compelled to resign, and while I know you will miss her wise plans and helpful letters, I feel that you will give me the same loyal support you have always given to her.

The work of a National or state Secretary of the Young Woman's branch is not an easy one, owing to the many changes in the lives of young women and the large number of organizations to claim their interests, but what ought to be done, can be done and I believe the difficulty of holding the girls together can be largely overcome if some one a little mature is elected as president; perhaps some married woman in the community, or at least some one not likely to "move away." No society so thoroughly establishes young women in temperance principals as the Y. W. C. T. U., hence the need of its existence. The greater the difficulties overcome, the greater the joy of victory. So let us make "a long pull, a strong pull, and all pull together" this year.

Yours lovingly,
EMIR BEST.

Westfield, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1908—Dear Comrades,—As newly elected Secretary of the Young Woman's branch, I wish to send you a word of greeting through the state paper. The I have held this position but a few weeks, the more I study how we may build up our work, the larger becomes my vision and the more enticingly beautiful becomes the work of the Young Woman's Branch. You will find that your power in the temperance cause will come through a deep conviction of the rightness of the cause and thorough knowledge of the working machinery of the organization of which you are a member. Will you not seek that power this year by a careful study of the Union Signal, your own state paper, the Y Year Book, which will be ready in about one month, and the department literature furnished by state and national Superintendents of the Y. C. T. U. Your state secretary will from time to time, give you practical suggestions about work in your union, but may I not urge the following:—1. Let every Y observe our noontide prayer and ask other Christians to do the same. 2. Take up a few of the departments of our work and be very careful to keep accurate record in a blank book of the work done in each. 3. Pay your dues promptly, early in the year and when these are sent on to the treasurer, see to it that they are designated "Y" dues. 4. Have interesting meetings. You will find in the Year Books helpful hints in arranging programs. 5. Do some big thing for your town, to bring your work before the public, such as erecting drinking fountains, putting Miss Willard's picture in schools, libraries, soldiers homes, and other institutions. Will you not, each one who reads this column, begin at once to look about you for the many bright young people who would be

a help to our work and who need the all around character development which is sure to come from the espousal of a righteous cause and invite them to join the Y.

This is the beginning of a new year in our work and the time for good resolutions, and I want to ask each member of the Y to resolve that this year she will let the temperance work wait upon social life, church work, and every other duty, but will remember that ours is an interdenominational Christian Organization and that we are fighting the greatest enemy of the church, and so give to the Y, faithful service. I realize that you are a busy young woman and these are busy times, so let us drop all the unimportant things which cumber our lives, and attempt great things this year. I stand ready to help you in any way I can. Write to me when you have perplexing problems. If you have interesting original papers or poems, send them to me and we may be able to use them in our page in the Signal. Be sure to send to me news items about your work, that your good ideas may be passed on to others. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you each day the joy that comes from service.

RHENA E. G. MOSHER.

L. T. L. CORNER.

Sherbrooke, N. D., Dec. 17, 1907—My Dear Legions—Although it has seemed impossible for me to get an article to the Bulletin before the 18th of the month, I could not help feeling a little conscience smitten when I read the criticism of the editor, in the December number. Our assistant state Secretary, Mrs. Estelle, has kindly consented to write something for our column this month. She can and will give you good advice, because she knows all about legion work.

I feel that I must let you know some of the encouraging things in our work, as it may help some one as it did me when I received a letter from Dale and from Minot.

Dale has a junior L. T. L. with eight pledged members and a senior with fifty enrolled for study. Many others belong to the latter and the members conduct the lessons and they have debates which prove very interesting. They have a fair subscription list for the Crusader Monthly. Mrs. Elma P. Coffield is the stirring superintendent. What Dale has done, others can.

Mr. George Elms of Minot, whom a great many will remember, was a faithful worker at Grand Forks, has a good plan, which is to have five or more classes in the different parts of the city and then have a union meeting once a month. We can see great possibilities for legion work in Minot, and shall be glad to hear from them again.

I notice our state president has "set our stakes" for five hundred subscriptions for the Crusader Monthly this year, and asks us all to help her reach it.

We can do it if we work. I hope you all have read Miss Wintringer's report of the conference held at Nashville, which was in the Union Signal. If you have, I am sure you are convinced that the legion work is not going backward, neither is the Correspondence Training School. I hope more unions will take up this work this year. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours lovingly, ELLA C. BOISE.

Lisbon, N. D.—Dear Legioners—Our State Secretary has called upon me to write the Bulletin letter this month. I think that a few gleanings from Our National Convention at Nashville, will show us something of the work done in the past year in our department and will perhaps enthruse us to greater action during the present year. The following is taken from Miss Wintringer's report:

"Over 2,000 new members have been gained; 37 states were represented in the National treasurer's report by the payment of \$1,014 in L. T. L. dues, the number of graduates from the L. T. L. course of study during the year was 838; and twelve states now have state L. T. L. organizations, the new ones enrolled being South Dakota, West Virginia and Nebraska. The Correspondence Training School has proved a valuable aid to the work in training leaders; 200 students were enrolled during the year, representing forty-two states, Canada and Australia. The Anna A. Gordon fund, designed for the support of an L. T. L. missionary in Japan, has reached \$429 (amount actually in hand), though the sum raised is about \$500. The L. T. L. post cards sold for the benefit of this fund have been very popular, 23,000 of

the 50,000 issue being already disposed of. Nine state L. T. L. conventions have been held this year, these being wonderful seasons of uplift and inspiration—prophecies of the greater victories to be gained through the rising generation of young people consecrated to our cause.

L. T. L. representatives from 15 different states were introduced. How sorry we are not to have had a representative from our state. May we not make it our chief endeavor during this year to secure graduates (at least one from every Legion,) and thus secure a State organization for us? I am sure that if each L. T. L. could just partially realize the great good and the strength that would come to our work through State organizations, each and every Legion would try and take up this line of our work. I would also urge upon all Legions to pay their state dues (10 cents per pledged member) to our State Treasurer just as soon as possible. Please do not leave this to the end of the year, but send them in at once.

Hoping to meet in State convention of our own L. T. L. before another year shall have come and gone, I am yours for the advancement of our work.

MRS. ESTELLE TAYLOR,
Asst. L. T. L. Sec'y.

Forman; N. D., Dec. 17, 1907.—Dear Bulletin—I would like to tell you of the National Purity Congress which I attended at Battle Creek, Michigan. There were over 300 delegates from 24 states of the Union and six other countries in Greece, Wales, England, Mexico, Panama and Canada and we were most hospitably entertained. The splendid program so fully carried out, the deep Christian earnestness of the speakers and splendidly optimistic outlook for the cause of purity of soul and body, and for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom was almost surprising, but are not all things possible for God and his collaborators?

Mrs. Rose Wood Allen Chapman, W. C. T. U. National Superintendent of Purity, conducted Mother's meeting one morning at the Purity Congress.

In the W. C. T. U. Conferences held there between other sessions the "Light" was cordially endorsed for use in our work in Mother's meetings and elsewhere. I have about 1500 pages of leaflets on hand that belong to the Unions that will use them. Let us go in the name of Him who loved the "little ones" of His Kingdom. Y. Yours lovingly,

MRS. BLANCHE MARCELUS.

Purity In Literature And Art.

From the speech of Mrs. Mac Arthur, delivered at the Purity Congress.

"When I come, was conquering the world with her short sword and her insatiable desire for conquest, and the sword and force was recognized as the thing which seemed to be able to conquer the world. Still the sage of public conditions and problems enunciated this for us, which we have taken ever since: 'The pen is mightier than the sword.' What do we mean by that? Do we mean actually the pen is mightier than the sword? If we do, why are we letting the pens alone without using them? Why are the pens so free to reach the people with whatever they may write? Today we come down to conditions in which many people suppose that the great ruling force of this time is money, or political position, either one; that they are the levers which, in the hands of any one person, act upon the people. And we have Mr. Dooley, that wise sage of Chicago, who studies beneath these things, laying down this for us today: He says, 'You may have the money; you may have the political position; if you let me have the press.' And he points out things that the press have done which no one was able to even affect the least bit, until some one comes out with the pen, and the output of the press comes to the people and they are moved and swayed as they have never been moved and swayed by anything else. Take for instance that one instance of that poor, inartistic novel, 'The Jungle.' It reached the people; it did things that nobody before had been able to do—just the one novel, and not a good novel either, not a very readable one; but it caught the people's ear.

Now if we accept the fact that the output of the press is the thing that moves the people—and I believe most of you are with me in that—I want to ask you to consider with me what output of the press reaches the people—not you, but the people, the mass outside. Go to your libraries and ask them; ask the young girls; go in and look at people reading; look at them reading in the de-

pots, in the trains. I went into the Congressional Library in Washington last Decoration day. Many of them were there in the periodical room reading magazines. They were old men; they were young men; they were young ladies—all classes there. Every single person that was reading a magazine in that room was reading a story; there wasn't anybody reading anything else but a story that day. The output of the press which most influences the people is the one that goes most to the people, and they like best. To prove to you that it is actually fiction that people are reading today, if you don't believe that, go and look in any of the libraries any place. Newell Dwight Hillis has said that this generation has laid down its text books and has taken up its novels. And we are trying to influence that generation, and absolutely letting those novels alone almost entirely. Anybody on earth may write a novel, any publisher who thinks that a novel can be sold may publish it; and we are multiplying ways to get it to our young people; we are establishing libraries all over the country; they are flooding our world by the millions; they are estimated by the publishers by the tons—they can't be counted—tons of novels; tons of stories, and they are not publishing them for their health; they are publishing them because somebody wants to read them. Now when I speak to an audience of this kind I almost invariably have some one, perhaps many, come to me and say, 'I don't read novels; I don't care anything about them; I don't know anything about them; I don't want to know anything about them; I am not interested in novels. I want to tell you tonight that the novel today is like the saloon; won't let you alone, even if you let it alone. It is coming in, and it is destroying the very foundations of our national life. (Applause.) Now, can we reform a people; can we influence a people; can we do anything with a generation, a novel-reading generation, and take no account of the novels? I want to give you a few figures to show you the novel production of one year. I am obliged for the books to go back to 1901. I am not willing to give you any that I don't consider absolutely authentic. This I believe is authentic, published in the 'Review of Reviews' for 1901: In that year the novel publication—of books, understand, only was 3,000,000 in this country. The novel circulation probably being 6,000,000.

That was just the books; no serial stories, no magazine or newspaper stories, or anything of that kind; just the books; and they have increased rapidly ever since. I have very much more modern statistics of the fiction magazines. In a late number of 'The Critic,' for the purposes of advertising it was given. The statistics of thirty-nine of the leading magazines in this country—and they were not the heavy magazines, such magazines as 'Popular Science' or 'The Forum'; they were all magazines more or less given up to fiction. Of those thirty-nine, there are 10,000,000 issued every month, 123,000,000 every year; allowing five or six readers, you get over 600,000,000 reading those magazines. If you have never had your attention called to this because you have been so busy with other problems, ask you to take those magazines and inspect the stories, and tell me whether there is any ground of any one standing before a congress of this kind and calling your attention to the causes which make this terrible story we have been listening to for the last few days? The man who published these figures I am giving you about the magazines said that these figures would appear insignificant but what would develop in the next five years. That was only the beginning of this magazine story.

Now I have spoken of 'The Jungle' as an instance of the immediate result from the publication of a novel. To show you how a generation or a whole people may be influenced, I will quote Maurice Egan, who says that Tennyson drew a whole generation towards purity when he depicted 'The Chastity of King Arthur.' The whole generation can be swayed towards or from purity by what they can be induced to read. That is absolutely sure."

One thousand school boys of Springfield, Ill., marched to the Capitol to express their appreciation of the action of the House in passing the anti-cigarette bill. The young citizens gathered on the Capitol lawn, and marched through the Senate chamber to the house galleries. This victory is the climax of ten years' work on the part of the National Anti-Cigarette League.