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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Along the Way.

There are so many helpful things to do
 Along life's way
 (Helps to the helper, if we know)
 From day to day?
 So many troubled hearts to soothe,
 So many pathways rough to smooth,
 So many comforting words to say
 To hearts that falter along the way.

Here is a lamp of hope gone out
 Along the way,
 Some one stumbled and fell, no doubt—
 But, brother, stay!
 Out of thy store of oil refill:
 Kindle the courage that smolders still;
 Think what Jesus would do to-day
 For one who has fallen beside the way.

How many lifted hands still plead
 Along life's way!
 The old, sad story of human need
 Reads on for aye.
 But let us follow the Savior's plan—
 Love unstinted to every man!
 Content if, at most, the world should say
 "He helped his brother along the way."
 —James Buckham.

The Evils of Child Labor.

In an eastern city two workers against child labor spoke in part as follows. The first speaker said in part:

"Child labor, as we see it today, presents itself as an economic, moral and social problem. The question therefore arises, is child labor an economic necessity? In the early days of our republic the husband and father provided the necessities for the family and the burden of support rested on his shoulders.

"The implements of production were crude, but notwithstanding that fact, he managed to provide his family with the necessities. Children were only employed to assist in the household duties and at times assisted the father.

"What is the moral side of this question?

"I ask you who are solicitous of the care of the child. You who are careful that your child shall be brought up surrounded by the best possible conditions in an atmosphere that is pure and an environment that is wholesome.

"Would you want to place that child of your heart at the age of eight, ten or twelve years, in a factory or mill, surrounded as he or she must be, by adults who are not careful of their conversation or the subjects they discuss?"

"I tell you the factories and the mills are fertile soil for breeding of vice and crime. Young boys and girls who are forced into the mills and factories at an early age and are dwarfed in body and mind, being denied the opportunity of the most limited education, cannot be expected to make the best citizens.

"Child labor is a great moral issue. The moral responsibility rests heavily upon us. The future welfare of the race depends upon your conduct. You must decide whether this great national crime of child labor is to undermine this generation of children and leave them moral degenerates and physical and mental weaklings.

"Child labor as a social question is a national crime and strikes at the very vitals of the national life.

"Child labor increased 33½ per cent in the ten years between 1890 and 1900, and what the increase in the past eight years is, we are at this time unable to say, as the government has failed to provide the information. Two million children under sixteen years of age are employed in industry in this country.

"We realize the necessity of a uniform law for the restriction of child labor, and we also realize the necessity of a public sentiment to secure the rigid enforcement of the law. No law will enforce itself. It requires a watchful,

public to secure a rigid enforcement of the law.

"The Anti-Child Labor League proposes to take its stand between the child and the ignorant parent and unscrupulous employer, and create a public sentiment so strong that it will be unpopular for the parent and unprofitable for the employer to exploit the children, and dangerous for the public official who fails to perform his duty and enforce the laws against child labor."

The second speaker, among other things said:

"It is highly proper that a discussion of this nature should take place in a house dedicated to the service and glory of God, in order to call your attention to this one great fact at least, that ever since the modernizing of industry by the introduction of machinery and the resultant displacement of adult labor by child labor to a great extent, the great labor movement of this country has been a steady and consistent opponent of child labor, not only from an economic point of view, but primarily because the real thinking men of our movement realized fully the grave danger to our future development.

"Let me ask, is your city entirely free from this great evil? Aye, is it not to be found within the limits of this congregation? Have you never seen children of tender years working in your department stores and places of similar character in open defiance of the law? Have you never seen the little messenger boys, out all hours of the night, perchance carrying messages to and from places that we cannot mention in mixed society, lest the mere mention bring the blush of shame to our countenance?"

"Has it ever occurred to the mothers of this congregation that the very nursing bottle of your tender infants, which you give so much attention, and are careful to see that no infection is possible, was made, in a great measure, by children of tender years, who, in many instances, work from ten to fourteen hours per night, for the paltry sum of sixty cents per night, seven nights per week?"

"Has it ever occurred to the women of this congregation where and how the silk and other dress goods, that look so well after being made up, come from, or to what extent the very life blood of children goes to make up this very fine material?"

"When placing coal in your furnaces or stoves, does it occur to you that many of the pieces are stained with blood from the fingers of the poor little 'breaker boy,' who had to stand at an altitude of seventy-five feet or more in zero weather picking out the particles of slate, so that your coal would make a warmer fire to keep your children warm during severe weather?"

"If we have not given these conditions proper consideration, and tried in some way to better the conditions of these little ones, who are unable to help themselves, and are often victims of circumstances, then I say to you the example of the Divine Child in this particular direction has not been of very much use to us, and it is time we had an accounting with ourselves and decide once and for all time to come whether we favor child labor or not.

"I imagine I can see in the minds of the greater number of people present the question, Haven't we laws that prohibit the employment of children and that protect them against this slavery? And I answer, Yes; so have we also laws that prohibit the traffic in liquors on the Sabbath, but it does not necessarily fol-

low that no liquor is being sold and the law not violated, just because the law forbids the sale of liquors.

"Then you ask, how can we assist the children when the law is unable to save them from their mercenary parents and the dividend-grasping corporations, and I answer by saying that the Anti-Child Labor League proposes a method that is swift and sure, and regardless of the attempts to misrepresent our work, we propose to pursue its policy to its logical conclusion, which is, to continue to inform the people of all walks in life of the great crimes that are being perpetrated against the children of our country, and to educate a discerning public how to use its purchasing power, to the end that it will be unprofitable for any corporation to employ children of tender years in preparing its product that will be offered to the purchasing public."

Letter from Superintendent of Flower Mission.

My dear workers in the Flower Mission Department:—I feel that I almost need an introduction to many of you, but I trust that a deep interest in this beautiful work will make us lasting friends. Few, so far, have written asking about literature or plans for the week and as I am very anxious that we should exceed all our preceding efforts I am going to ask you to send for a list of the literature prepared for this year's work, so that we may fall into line with the rest of our sisters throughout the states. Especially do I urge the use of the report cards that we may keep a careful record in black and white of the work accomplished, and it will serve as an incentive if referred to from time to time. It will also be very helpful to have when final reports are to be made out. Please do not fail to use these cards, no matter how small your opportunities for service.

Again, I would urge the arranging of a definite plan of work for the coming months. Look over your field and see along with those you do definite work and be careful that none who you might help are neglected. This done, try to open up one or more new avenues where there has been nothing done before. You will find it interesting, after careful thought and planning, to see how much you can do. When you have this plan for the year mapped out, will you not kindly send me a copy that I may become more acquainted with you and the work you are taking up, and thus be of more help to you? I am very anxious to hear of the work in this department from every union and will appreciate your writing me as to what you are doing and wish to do.

Just now we are at a time of the year when the work of our department ought to shine out wherever it has been taken up, for it is a long time before the joys of Spring will be in our hearts, so may we not, now, bring the hope and brightness of Heaven into lives and homes that have had less than has fallen to our share. Let us all do our best and make this year mean more to others than the past has ever meant.

Your sister in His service,
 MRS. MIRIAM H. LINN,
 Supt. Flower Mission Dept.
 Drayton, N. D.

Promoted.

Mrs. N. E. Osborn passed away on January 24, 1908. Mrs. Osborn was a faithful, conscientious member and officer of the Hankinson W. C. T. U. and her promotion has left a vacancy in the ranks that will be hard to fill.

Treasurer's Report.

Dear Sisters:—I am not prepared to give a full financial report at this time. Am very glad Unions are responding so well. Yours in the work,

LIZZIE SCHLOSSER, Treas.

Lathrop, state dues 5.00, Home 5.00	\$10 00
Amenia, home	5 00
Sanborn, pres. sten, 1.00, Union	3 00
Signal, 2.00	1 40
Lisbon, state dues	75
York, state minutes	7 70
Fairmount, state dues	21 00
Pemba, state dues	16.80,
Cooperstown, state dues	5.00
pres. sten, 5.00	21 80
Minnewaukan, state dues	10 50
Fargo Scand., Home 20.00, state	10.00, state dues 14.00, memor-
ial 2.00, L. T. L. 2.00, Chau	taqua 2.30, state minutes 1.80.
Tyner, state dues	4 90
Thompson, state dues	70
Harlem, state minutes	20
Pemba, state dues 70, Home 5.00	5 70
Mrs. Best, Home inmates	50 00
Wyndmere, state dues	7 70
Bay Centre, state dues	9 10
Dwight, state minutes 1.20, state	dues 2.10
Hunter, state 10.00, state dues \$13	23 00
Tyner, Home 15.00, state 5.00,	legislative 1.00, L. T. L. 1.00,
Chautauqua 1.00	23 00
Preston, Home	5 00
R.B.Griffith, "ad" in state minutes	10 00
Grand Forks, state dues	3 50
Rolla, pres. sten. 3.00, state dues	2.80
Stirum, state 5.00, Home 3.00,	organizing 1.00, legislative 1.00
and memorial 2.00	12 00
Mrs. Best, Home inmates	29 00
Grand Forks, Home	5 00
Mrs. Best, Home inmates	50 00
Cooperstown, Home	10 00
Mrs. Best, Home inmates	65 00
Sherbrooke Y. Home 5.00, state	10.00, pres. stenog. 5.00
Niagara, state dues 4.40, Home	5.00
Oberon, state minutes	45
Bethel, Home box	10 00
Driscoll, state dues	3 50
Valley City, state dues	6 30
Bottineau, state dues	1 40
Mayville, memorial	2 00
Walhalla, state dues	70

Letter from Press Superintendent.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 19th, 1908.—To the Press Superintendents: My Dear Co-Workers.—You have been working ever since last fall and have doubtless accomplished a great deal. Your State Superintendent is new to this work and feels the need of your heartiest co-operation. We have little more than half a year left us and that North Dakota may make a good showing in the national reports we will have to exert ourselves doubly.

Of course you all save the clippings which you have inserted in the various newspapers. Won't you please send me copies of these clippings?

I hope it may be possible for each press superintendent to arrange for one meeting of her union to be devoted to the press work.

Our department is a most important one. Let us in no way neglect it, and let us all work together so that North Dakota may be one of the best states in the national press department report.

Yours in the work,
 MRS. F. H. WILDER.

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

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W. C. T. U. Dues.

The dues are one dollar a year of which ten cents should be sent to the county treasurer, and seventy cents to the state treasurer, Miss Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville. Of this seventy cents, twenty-five cents 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.

At the election just held in England, three women were elected municipal councillors, for the first time in history. "A woman gave the ground on which the first free school in America is located; women held the first meeting to protest against the infamous stamp act; a woman gave America her flag and her battle hymn."

Women's Franchise, published in London, is authority for the statement that the last general election returns in New Zealand show that the women of that country realize their duties as citizens quite as much, if not more than men do. The number of qualified men who failed to vote exceeded the number of qualified women who failed to do so by 4,139.

The plea for support for our W. C. T. U. Home has not been in vain, but there is still need. A family of thirty-six cannot but need constant and many supplies. Fuel for such a large house is a big item. Two letters in regard to little Glen have been received and it is hoped that he may soon have a home and the mother love her so much needs.

From the state press we note—and with great rejoicing, that membership contests are "on." We know you are too busy to write us about them. But when you have counted your "gains," let one of the most important things, be a report to the Bulletin. We all need the encouragement. We hope to have so many pictures of captains, that the April number will be a picture gallery of the "True and Tried."

At the last session of our legislature, the Child labor law introduced by Senator Hanna, failed to pass. It becomes the work of Christian men and women of our state to inform themselves and others of the extent and appalling conditions of the children, or rather babes of toil, in some parts of this our country. We must see that another law forbidding child labor is passed and remove for all time the possibility of the child labor problem in this grandest of free states, our own North Dakota. We print else where a part of an article from the Albany Citizen.

A paper sent by Mrs. L. M. Brown from Jackson, Florida, gives a large amount of space to a temperance rally by W. C. T. U. ladies of that place and adjoining towns. Poster invitations had been sent out, special music prepared and bountiful lunch served. It was of interest to note that the State Federation of clubs together with the W. C. T. U. had adopted resolutions to the effect that they withhold all support from Florida's State Fair unless liquor was ruled off the Fair grounds and within a radius of five and one-half blocks; also that indecent exhibitions must be kept off the range. Truly, our southern sisters know how to use their "influence."

Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson, the distinguished woman suffrage, leader, who is traveling in this country, said in a public address a few days ago: "I went into a glass factory in Pittsburgh the other day, and saw children working in that dreadful place. In Pennsylvania you have very small children for 14 years of age. The manager wanted me to take a souvenir. He offered me a pitcher I said, 'I do not want to remember your place.' Then I saw a little broken crucifix. I said, 'I will take this, if I may.' He gave that crucifix. It bears the figure of One who loved children. I say you that thousands upon thousands of children are being crucified in America today and that these crimes would not be, if women had the ballot."

A campaign of education on the saloon question is to be pushed throughout the United States—not this time by the W. C. T. U. or by any Law and Order leagues, but by the liquor dealers and their allies. The nature of the instruction will also differ from that familiar through the campaigns of the total crusaders. The movement was given impetus last night at a meeting of the Manufacturers' and Dealers' club of Illinois, made up of business men connected in some way with the liquor trade. The object of the campaign is to create a sentiment against the local option laws and districts that are becoming so numerous. It is opposed to "cranks, hypocrites, and the fanatical prohibition element." The movement is not wholly in the interests of the manufacturers. Con- sider also is felt for the welfare of the "starving women and children of employ- ees" thrown out of work because of the activity of the prohibitionists.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: This year your presi- dent has "set her stakes" for one hun- dred new life members for the state W. C. T. U. This will put one thousand dollars into the organizing fund. If every union would secure one life mem- ber the work would be one life mem- ber confessed, however much as I blush to say it, that there are always some unions that fail to respond, some are asking every faithful, dependable union to secure two life members and thus make up for any failure on the part of delinquent unions. It is not necessary that a life member be a member of a local union. There are many who would local it a privilege to honor the memory of loved ones whom they have lost, by making them memorial members. At the close of an evening address at Leal recently I presented the subject and an- nounced that I had taken as my "stan- dard" that evening three life members. They responded with twelve! Leal paid dues last year for seventeen members and the town has a population of about one hun- dred people. If every union would do as well in proportion to the population, we would have several thousand life members and an organizing fund which would enable us to sweep the state and make temperance sentiment so strong in every part that there would soon be little or no difficulty in the enforcement of the prohibition law anywhere within our borders.

DRUGGISTS' PERMITS.

In many towns an effort is made to prevent druggists who have abused the privilege from again securing permits, and often the temperance people will be very glad to have assistance in this work.

Rev. Joseph F. Ogden of Wheatland has been very successful in this work during the three years he has been in the state. He came to this state from England where he was actively engaged in temperance work. He is ready to answer calls for work between Sundays to help arrange and organize opposition to druggists' permits, and to speak on temperance and prohibition. (I take pleasure in recommending him.) His terms are very reasonable. Unions de- siring his help will communicate direct- ly with him.

ESSAY CONTESTS.

The rules for essay contests were pub- lished in the February number of the White Ribbon Bulletin. I hope every local union has commenced this work in the schools. Don't wait until it is too late in the year. The State as well as the National offers two prizes—the first for the high school and one for the grades. It is well for the local and county unions to follow this plan. I know of no better way to secure an in- telligent and abiding interest in total abstinence among the children and young people, as well as among their parents, than to push the essay contest work.

At the National convention, backed only by the loyalty of the unions of the state, I promised that this year every union would pay the two dollars to the Willard Memorial Organization fund, which is the only financial help asked by the national of the local unions. I was humiliated by the fact that last year only \$67 was paid in, when if every union had responded there would have been at least \$200. It is not too late to have a Willard Memorial meeting and take a collection for this fund.

A number of unions have sent for literature and are arranging for membership contests. We hope every union in the state will keep up this work and report success to the White Ribbon Bulletin. If only two members are in- terested let them choose sides, send for literature and begin the canvass for members.

ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE CONVENTION.

From the Third District I hear good reports of the work of Mrs. Anna R. Simmons, National organizer. Mrs. Simmons will be with us through March.

Our mid yearly executive meeting will be held at Valley City, March 25. The members of the executive committee will be entertained for this meeting and

during the convention following. This is an important meeting and every member should attend if possible.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.
Valley City, N. D., Feb. 27, 1908.

Home Donations.

Fargo, Feb. 20, 1908.
The following donations have been sent in to the W. C. T. U. Home since October 1907:
Dawson, turkey and cranberries \$ 1 45
West Fairview, box 2 90
Enderlin, box 3 80
Absaraka, Mrs. Meacham, baby buggy 2 50
Tyner, baby comforts 3 00
Ellendale, box and carpet 13 00
Cando, box meat 5 20
Park River, box 5 45
Grafton, box 70
By mail, unknown 11 90
Grandin, box 20 00
Thompson, bbl 2 10
Fargo, Congregational ladies... 55 15
do Thanksgiving, cash..... 44 42
do " " provisions 9 10
do M. E. church " " 5 50
do M. E. Ladies' Aid, baby goods 26 40
Fargo, Scandinavian, provisions
Total..... \$142.67

From Another Legioner.

Dale, N. D., Feb. 20, 1908.
Dear Editor:—The Dale Legion is gradually growing in membership and considerable interest is manifested in our meetings.

Some of our late pledge signers are sacrificing their bad habits for pure manhood. Others are considering the pledge. We have seventeen senior pledge signers.

Sunday we shall observe as Memorial Sunday. I am anxious that the Legion shall learn something of our leaders and expect to give from time to time some information respecting those who have been and those who are our leaders.

We are also considering contest work. I should be glad to receive a blanket report so as to know more fully what we are expected to report.

Our senior class is composed mostly of persons who have reached the age of maturity and we are competent to take up difficult branches of work. Should any superintendent have work which they would like us to do, I should be glad to hear from them.

Yours for success,
ELMA P. COFFIELD.

Youthful Criminals.

Two-thirds of the convicts in America's greatest prison (the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City) are men without trade or profession. Look into any state penitentiary, and you will ordinarily find that at least one-third of the convicts there confined are young men, ranging in age from 18 to 25 years, and that nearly all of these came into prison absolutely without the knowledge of any useful and gainful occupation. Comparatively few of the younger class of felons are illiterate. In my own experience, writes Thomas Speed Mosby, Missouri state pardon attorney, in Success Magazine, I have never met one who could not read and write, and very many (by far the greater number, I should say) are possessed of no small degree of intelligence. But, however stupid or however precocious, they are found to be, scarcely without exception, young men who have not applied themselves to useful, honest work. This is true of both the poor and the well-to-do. Why are they there? The answer is given by Gustave Marx, one of the Chicago "car-barn" bandits, who recently died upon the gallows: "It wasn't drink that caused my downfall," he said; "not 'cigarettes, nor bad companions, either. It was just idleness. Idleness led me first to cigarettes, then to drink, then to bad companions—then to the gallows. And I blame my folks. If they had made me remain at work, work would have kept me too busy to have planned robbery and murder." This is the story that fits them all. First, idleness, then cigar- ettes and drink, to blunt the moral sense and destroy the will; then living beyond one's means; then indulging in riotous excesses that spell debauchery and make for ruin. And may they not rightly blame their "folks," as did Gus- tave Marx?

The liquor traffic has wrought more harm than the three great historic scourges—war, famine and pestilence, combined.—Gladstone.

NORTH DAKOTA
W C Y T U
 Through Christ We Conquer

Till Easter Came.

[By one of the Y's.]

A chilling wind, a touch of frost
 And all my pretty flowers lay dead;
 Then dear old winter softly spread
 A snowy blanket o'er their bed.

I missed the dainty butterflies,
 The lark which always made me dream
 Of water rippling on the rocks
 And falling in the sunlight's gleam.

But one glad day the March wind brought
 A breath of violets and spring
 Then came the happy sweet voiced birds,
 Our Easter joy and praise to sing.

MAUD H. MOE.

From Our Secretary.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 19, 1908.

Dear Y's: It seems as if I have had a great deal of encouraging news this month and I am anxious to share it with you.

I have just learned of a new Y at Mohall. It was started by Mrs. J. P. Neist, who used to be president of the Northwood Y. She was then Miss Clara Kato, and did some marvelous things. Although there were only three members of the Northwood union for a long time, they sent in a report equal to any in the state.

I have sent out the Year Books and hope you will all read them from cover to cover. The programs for the year are especially good, and page 42, "One Hundred Things a Y Can Do," is also helpful.

I have spoken to one or two of the unions about our Missionary Fund. There is a terrible need of money for our work in Japan. Mrs. Clara Parrish Wright, the custodian of this fund, says someone must raise \$10 a month for the Japanese Y Secretary and Miss Mosher says, "It would seem an easy and beautiful thing for the Y's of the United States to raise this." There ought to be something sent besides this, to help pay for an interpreter for our Missionary there. Miss Mosher also says, "If we could raise \$1,000 for missionary work this year, it would be one of the greatest things ever accomplished by the Branch." How much can North Dakota do? If each union could send two dollars, it would be over twenty-five dollars. Two dollars from each union is not much, but twenty-five dollars would help a great deal, and I am sure would surprise Miss Mosher. I hope to hear from every union upon this subject within a week. I gather the following facts from letters received this month:

The Larimore union has a quartette and were to give a program February 12. They have gained several new members. Four honorary.

The Casselton union has stationery for their own letterhead. It looks very neat, and brings with it an air of business and life. The new officers are: Miss Sadie Stanton, president; Miss Ketchum, vice president; Margaret Pinkham, treasurer; Jane Beattie, recording secretary and Elizabeth Bartlett, corresponding secretary. They were planning to send a box to a poor family in the country.

The item about the Wheatland Y was received today on a post card as follows: Wheatland, Feb. 19—Dear Miss Best: Had a grand success with our social—made about \$4. Had home-made candy and valentines and valentine postals to sell, which brought about \$5.00. Am very busy will try and write a letter later. Yours in haste, Olive Elwell.

Thanking you all for your promptness, in answering letters and hoping you may enjoy reading these things as much as I did, I remain, Yours sincerely,
 EMIL BEST.

Larimore, February 18—Dear Miss Best: In spite of the fact that this is a very busy winter here for all of us, none of the Y's have lost interest or enthusiasm in our meetings and plans. We miss our treasurer who is spending the winter in the sunny southland—but the day she left we gained a new member to work in her place. We now number ten active members and five honorary members. We organized in October with seven names on the roll. We have the face, "The Lark at Nonotuck Hall,"

about ready to present at an evening entertainment at which time our Y quartette will make its first appearance. The proceeds from this entertainment will go towards adding some more good books to our public library. We are but few, but we are trying to live up to our state motto: Sincerely yours, Bertha R. Palmer.

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Letter from Superintendent of Medical Temperance.

Lisbon, N. D., February 12, 1908.—Dear County Superintendents and Local Unions: I will send to each county superintendent or president very soon a package of medical temperance leaflets containing enough for two meetings for each local union. Will the superintendent see that each union receives promptly its share? I have ordered from Mrs. Martha M. Allen the following:

150 programs for medical temperance meetings of W. C. T. U.
150 percentages of alcohol in patent medicine, proprietary foods and malt liquors.

150 "Why Headache Remedies are Dangerous," by Harvey W. Wylie, M. D., chief chemist to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington.

150 "Alcohol Not a Food," by Dr. W. S. Hall, of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. On the reverse side are "European Opinions of Alcohol as Food."

150 "Colds, Their Cause, Prevention and Cure," by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

100 "Does the Drug Habit Lead to Health or Disease," by Mrs. Martha M. Allen, World's and Nat'l Supt. Med. Tem.

I have also ordered a few posters for public places—"Consumptives Beware of Alcohol." Any one wishing one of these posters can get one by sending seven cents to me with a request for one. I have also ordered "My Temperance Dolly," "The Sick Baby" and "A Lark at Nonotuck Hall." The last three for the superintendent of L. T. L.

On the back of the "Program for a Medical Temperance Meeting" will be found the names of several leaflets with their prices. For two years I have offered the book "Alcohol A Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine," for the small price of 45 cents. The usual price is \$1.25. I obtained it for 86 cents by taking a number of them. I then paid 41 cents on each book and offered them to the unions at 45 cents each. A number of unions responded, but not as many as should have done so. It certainly was bargain day when a book like this could be bought for 45 cents. This year the best I can do is to offer it for 86 cents as I have expended my money in another way and this price can only be had by taking a number. However, there is not a union that can afford to be without it even at \$1.25. Neither is any library complete without it. No union has done its duty till one of these books has been placed in the school library. Every president of every union in the state should read it, in fact every member of each union would do well to read it.

We had a union temperance meeting Sunday night, Feb. 9th, at which was given "Prohibition Victories and Their Effects." A map was used showing the territory under prohibition, also the portion which is not under prohibition. It was one of the best if not the best meeting we have had this year. The victories are coming so fast it is really hard to keep pace with them and Mrs. Green in her paper found the greatest difficulty in making time for only part of the large fund of the most valuable kind of information, and the audience listened with rapt attention. The advance along many lines has almost surprised even the most sanguine. I say almost because I know that our workers everywhere who stayed by the work through all kinds of trials knew that some day victory would come. Of that they were sure, but no doubt some expected to wait longer and some believed that the day was too distant for them to see.

I have digressed somewhat, but will close, asking that each union will hold at least one medical temperance meeting during the year—two would be better. I wish each union would get one of Mrs. Allen's books and place one in your school library, and as there is no more important line of work than medical temperance each union ought to secure a fund, even if a small one, and send for some special leaflets such as "Consumptives Beware of Alcohol," "A Sick Baby," "My Temperance Dolly," and "A Lark at Nonotuck Hall." All the expense so far has been paid by the state. The local unions have done practically nothing so far as raising aid money for this department. I trust this year will see some improvement along this line.

Yours sincerely,
NELLIE E. MOTT,
Supt. Medical Temperance.

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Sherbrooke, N. D., Feb. 18, 1908.—My Dear Legioners: Our national secretary and also the editor of the Crusader Monthly have asked that any item of interest which our Legions are doing, be sent to the editor for publication. If you have a short story writer in your midst, or one who can write an L. T. L. song, enlist that one for our work. Our World's L. T. L. Secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, recently wrote thanking me for what I had done to increase the subscription list of The Crusader Monthly this year. I feel that I have done so little that I must pass the word of praise along to those who have helped to increase our subscription list to 267 more than last year. At that rate I am sure we shall reach the 500 mark which our state president set for us at the national convention. I have a few sample copies which I will gladly send to anyone wishing to get up a club. Please notice the prize offers for 1908 in this issue, especially the one to be given by the National Superintendent of Fairs and Open Air Meetings. Begin now to lay your plans for an L. T. L. Fourth of July Temperance Rally. Yours for success, Ella C. Boise.

L. T. L. PRIZE OFFERS FOR 1908.

The National L. T. L. Flag will be awarded to the state organizing the largest number of Union Legions; only due paying Legions to be counted in this contest.

The Crusader Monthly—Six sets of books, handsomely bound selected from L. T. L. Post-Graduate Courses (value not to exceed \$25.00) will be given to the state making the largest gain in subscription. The Crusader Monthly from October 25, 1907 to October 1st, 1908, provided the state has at the latter date 1000 or more subscriptions.

Medal Contest—Mrs. Adelia E. Carman, 1963 Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Ill., Superintendent. A prize to the State L. T. L. General Secretary reporting the greatest number of medal contests held by the Loyal Temperance Legions of her state. (Through the generosity of the National Superintendents of these departments of W. C. T. U. work, special prize offers are made to the Royal Temperance Legion as follows.)

Work Among Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. Ella Hoover Thatcher, Florence, N. J., Superintendent. Prizes will be given to the Senior and Junior legions, respectively, making the most comfort pages, according to directions, which will be forwarded by the national superintendent of this department, upon application.

Press—Mrs. Minnie Barker Horning, Evanston, Ill., superintendent. To the state which shall secure the publication in city, town or county papers of the greatest number of columns of temperance matter, one set of Post-Graduate Reading Course Books to the value of \$2.00, to be selected by the winning state.

Flower Mission—Miss Lella M. Sewall, 330 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass., superintendent. A prize of Two Dollars to the State Legion which distributes the largest number of bouquets October 1, 1907 to October 1, 1908.

Mercy—Mrs. Mary F. Lovell, Wyncote, Pa., superintendent. A prize of \$5.00 to the state, county and local L. T. L. superintendent of the Mercy department who shall send the best report of number of signers to the Mercy pledge, pages of literature distributed and Bands of Mercy organized and active at the time of reporting.

Social Meetings and Red Letter Days—Mrs. Mary D. Tomlinson, Plainfield, N. J., superintendent. A handsome L. T. L. Badge will be awarded to the state whose Legions hold the largest number of social meetings, and observe the most red letter days in proportion to the number of Legions in the state.

Fairs and Open Air Meetings—Mrs. Julia D. Phelps, 724 Coronado St., Los Angeles, Cal., superintendent. A flag will be awarded the state in which the largest percentage of Loyal Temperance Legions hold a Fourth of July Temperance Rally.

The South Dakota Supreme Court at Pierre on November 20 handed down a decision declaring that prohibition is in force in any community in the State except in such municipality or township sections as have voted directly for license.

FIELD NOTES.

From the Grand Forks Herald we glean the following: The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Naismith on North Fifth street. There was a large attendance. The membership contest, instituted some ago, will close Feb. 28. It was discussed with considerable enthusiasm and several new members were reported. Some useful articles were presented for the state W. C. T. U. home and more are solicited at once as the ladies are planning to send the box on Monday. The reports of committees were read and showed gratifying growth in all departments of the work. The next meeting will be the Frances Willard memorial meeting and will be held on Feb. 28 in the public library. Rev. J. H. Batten will give an address.

"Madam Willard's Life" was the subject of the mother's meeting of the W. C. T. U. Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McTeeth. This was a very instructive subject, as Madam Willard was in truth a "great mother," as her great daughter, Frances Willard, testifies. She was very careful of their early impressions and believed in filling a child's mind with so much good there would be no room for evil. She lived for her children and knew all their hopes and plans. Her religion meant something to her and was taught by example as well as precept. She believed in children learning to work, and taught them to be trusted; was also careful not to rob them of their individuality. This meeting was interspersed with Madam Willard's favorite hymns, also two songs were enjoyed by all. The members are asked to send clothing or bedding for the Fargo home to Mrs. D. Fordney, president, on North Fourth street. Several of the prominent ministers of the city will address the W. C. T. U. in the near future.

Lisbon, N. D., Feb. 15, 1908. The Lisbon W. C. T. U. held its usual monthly Union Temperance meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening February 9. Mrs. Mary Grover had charge of the meeting and with the use of a large map, showed the rapid growth of prohibition territory in the United States. Only a short time ago only three states were to be found in the list. Now three more are added and several of the Southern states are almost entirely covered by prohibition laws in one form or another; and many of the Northern states have also large portions of them under prohibition so that at least 40 per cent of the people of this Union are living under prohibition. This is an astonishing fact to any one who has not studied this phase of the reform. The music for the evening was furnished by a male quartet and the whole meeting pronounced a success.—M. E. T.

Amenia, N. D., Feb. 15, 1908. Amenia Union is still in existence, though you have not heard from us in some time. Last December we held a Christmas sale and supper and realized \$79.25. Fifty dollars of this money is set aside to pay for heating and lighting the church this winter. We have packed a missionary box for a needy clergyman in the northwestern part of the state. We have sent \$5.00 to the Home, in addition to our pledge of \$5.00. On World's Temperance Sunday, our pastor, Rev. McConnehey, preached a very helpful and strong temperance sermon. We have taken up the prize essay contest work in our schools this winter, and the pupils are showing a good deal of interest. At our meetings lately we have been reading about "How John and I Brought Up the Child," by Elizabeth Grinnell. We think it will prove an interesting and helpful book.

Portal—Editor White Ribbon Bulletin: In response to your request for news, I am asked to write a short report of Portal Union. We are alive and doing good work. Our meetings are held monthly and are well attended. The membership is nineteen active members, nine honorary. The union this winter organized an L. T. L. which has held several meetings and is now conducting a membership contest, the Union furnishing the supplies for the children's meetings and two of our young public school teachers being the leaders. The Union is planning to hold a social meeting soon, and invite our teachers to attend. A medal contest is also planned. Portal, N. D., is a clean town now, and thanks to a right public sentiment; but just across the line Portal, Can., has two licensed saloons in connection with their hotels, which are our only hotel accom-

modations for both towns. These saloons have the usual evil effects upon the whole community. Yours sincerely, Lura A. Johnson.

The Frances E. Willard memorial service, held by the Scandinavian W. C. T. U. in Aaker's hall, was the largest one in the history of this association in Fargo. The hall was crowded with people who were entertained by a splendid program. Music was furnished by the Aaker Business college orchestra and Professor Langlie rendered a splendid violin solo. Miss Romsdahl delighted the audience with a vocal solo. The addresses of the evening were made by Rev. O. E. McCracken and Prof. H. H. Aaker.

The Fargo W. C. T. U. held a very interesting memorial meeting at the home of Judge and Mrs. B. F. Spalding on the evening of February 14th. The beautiful and spacious parlors were well filled with W. C. T. U. women and their husbands to listen to the address given by Rev. H. G. Leonard on "The Woman of This Nation Delights to Honor." Mr. Leonard was personally acquainted with, and a great admirer of "our own" Frances E. Willard, and paid many worthy tributes to her memory. These social evening meetings are growing to be very popular in the Fargo W. C. T. U. We held at least one such meeting every quarter, with some prominent speaker to give an address. Honoraries and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments are served and all vote these meetings a success both socially and educationally.

An Appeal for Japan.

With the permission of the national secretary, I desire to draw the attention of the L. T. L. workers of this country to our opportunity in Japan.

After considerable study of the subject I am convinced that there is no country in the world which needs just the things that the L. T. L. can give them more than Japan. Contrary to popular opinion, Japan is still very low in the moral scale, and because of its great pride, ambition and energy, and military prowess, is a peculiar menace to the world. Two convincing evidences of this lie, first in its treatment of its women, and second in its shameful dealing with its new colony Korea, despite public assurance to the contrary. Business honor is very lax, and true religious and moral principles are greatly lacking.

The greatest gateway to reform in Japan is through education, because the people are so eager to adopt western educational ideas. By means of the L. T. L. we can reach more of Japan's youth than any other method, not even Christian church missionary schools. Miss Kara Smart has told us how readily she could interest native Japanese women in the work, and stated enthusiastically that we could easily hope to have a million legioners in time.

I ask every state secretary and worker to here and now make a note which will not be overlooked, to induce every legion within the circle of their influence to contribute and contribute to urge them until they do contribute.

Hopefully yours,
J. GEORGE FREDERICK,
Custodian.

The Philadelphia (Pa.) Board of Education has distributed printed notices among all tobacco dealers in the city calling their attention to the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any form to persons under the age of 16 years. This warning was necessitated by cases of cigaret buying and smoking among the school children. Miss Clarissa A. Moffit, president of the Pittsburgh Teachers' Association, stated before the Board of Directors that she has found cigaret smoking acute in boys as young as eight, nine and ten years old. Superintendent John Morrow of the Allegheny schools says that in almost every case where truancy and infractions of school discipline arise, they are traceable to the cigaret.

Forty-five "teetotal" provosts are reported as elected to the head of municipalities in Scotland during the past fortnight. All of these provosts are said to be strongly in favor of advanced temperance legislation.

The liquor men of Washington county, Pennsylvania, are being strenuously fought by the Observer of Washington City, Pa., which is publishing startling investigations of saloon results in that community.