



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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To Sin by Silence.

"Ton sin by silence, when we should protest. Makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest; Had no voice been raised against injustice, Ignorance and lust. The inquisition yet would serve the law. And guiltness decide our least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again To right the wrongs of man."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Letter From National Superintendent of Physical Education

Dear Comrades:—A map of the country, which is at hand, represents to me one phase in the betterment of this great people. On this map, North Dakota stands today, leading star in the world of giving to this nation a balanced, comprehensive education. For this, we are indebted to your state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, whose conscientious purpose and ability enlisted the forces necessary to carry the measure in the recent session of your legislature.

It means work of capable, persistent order, to secure a majority vote of your Senators and Representatives. How much the results of this significant legislation will mean to the future of your commonwealth, in health that wins, and better and more efficient brain and nerve power, so essential in good citizenship, as well as statesmanship, time will prove.

At present writing, North Dakota is the only state which has written upon its statute books unqualified decree that the body of the child must be developed and trained. This much has existed for some time, it is true; but, additional provisions have now been established, which, if carried out faithfully, will result in much better enforcement of this body phase of education.

Since the enactment of your law in the "nines" it has been my desire that these amendments be secured. When word finally reached me in my travel, that such had been accomplished, my heart was filled with gratitude, not only for the sake of North Dakota, but also for the sake of influence such a step will have upon other states in the matter.

At this juncture, an intelligent co-operation upon the part of the people will materially help in the enforcement of this law. It will stay up the hands of the educators having this work in charge. As just appreciation of the faithful and timely work of your State President, I earnestly suggest that each local Union immediately hold a special meeting in the interest of this Department. Include reading of the text of the law, as part of the program, that its provisions may be fully understood. Your State Department Superintendent, Mrs. Jackman, has already a plan under way which will furnish each Union with the needed program material. This will tell what bearing this body education has in the solution of the temperance problem. It will help each W. C. T. U. member to be on the alert next fall, with interest, when this becomes a part of the school instruction.

We do not expect the best results immediately; nor even in the first year. As time passes, plans will be accomplished for making this instruction efficiently available for every child in the public schools.

I congratulate you on having a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. W. L. Stockwell, who appreciates this phase of education, and whose able

efforts for North Dakota schools will not fail here.

It is not only a question of introducing this training in the schools; but it also involves the problem of securing needed specialties, and fitting the regular teacher for this requirement.

A leading writer has said: "All time and money spent in promoting the best possible physical conditions, pay larger interest than any other investment!"

Experience has already proved that any teacher who is at all successful in her school room service, will soon see that no other effort gives so great uplift in study and self government, as daily systematic body discipline. It makes routine work of school life easier, more enjoyable and more successful.

It will be fitting for each county at its next session, or by action of its officers immediately, to pass resolutions appreciating the assistance of State Superintendent Stockwell, and the action of the legislature; also, the personal work of Hon. Geo. H. Law, who introduced the measure in the House; and Senator Frank S. Talcott, of Buffalo, whose heroic efforts placed and held this Physical Education Bill upon the calendar for the final and trying day of the session when so many other worthy measures must go down under adjournment.

To secure the greatest success in this phase of education, until it is thoroughly established in the curriculum, active sentiment will be needed everywhere. Just here is first opportunity for definite action on the part of the W. C. T. U. I hope that Unions will send for a supply of "Open Letters to Mothers and Teachers," placing one of each in the hands of every mother and teacher. This will promote co-operation between the home and the school. The best will be accomplished if these two letters can go hand in hand. The price of these leaflets are ten cents per dozen; or 25 cents per hundred, which is less than the printer's bill for the same. One town in the east used twenty five hundred of these letters. For literature, send to the National Superintendent. Address is given below.

Physical education bills are pending in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Yours for noble and efficient manhood and womanhood.

MRS. FRANCIS WAITE LEITER,
National Superintendent Physical Education, Mansfield, Ohio.

Department of Evangelistic Work.

Miss E. W. Greenwood, World and National Superintendent, 24 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season. For the work of an evangelist—fulfill thy ministry."

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

This department is the Vestal Virgin among all departments. Its mission in Local, County, District, State, National and World's W. C. T. U. is to keep brightly burning upon our altars the sacred fire which was kindled in the crusade. Our organization was born under a mighty outpouring of the Divine Spirit; its foundation stones were laid at the foot of the Cross. The tendency of all great organizations has been to lose the secret of power. True greatness is true goodness, and true goodness is only secured by lives whose secret springs are in God. Our W. C. T. U. with its multiplication of machinery, and outlook upon life in

so many directions, can only be permanent, and increasingly a power, as true spirituality in our leaders and in each union shall keep pace with the increase of activity. The first duty of the Evangelistic Department is to keep this truth uppermost. To make the work and workers more spiritual and permeate every department with the Evangelistic Spirit is our aim.

The Evangelistic work which is not daily anointed with power from on high is gauged by God's standard, a failure. We must go forth from the vision of his face. Soul, as well as body, must be fed with the living bread.

PREPARATION FOR THE UNION.

The Evangelistic Department should seek to quicken spiritual life in the Union. Where possible every local Union should hold a Devotional Meeting for the reinforcement of its members in spiritual strength and temperance enthusiasm. The strongest Unions we have known were those in which such a service was held each week, entirely separate from the regular business meeting.

BIBLE READINGS

Let each local superintendent aim to have, sometime during the year, a series of Bible Expositions under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., either weekly, or consecutively for a week, for the uplifting of the workers, and reaching those not yet interested.

THE NOON-TIDE PRAYER.

We especially emphasize the importance of our daily practice of Noon tide prayer. This is the golden chain which binds us as workers to each other and to God. Let us strengthen the tie, and daily meet "around one common Mercy Seat."

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ALMSHOUSE.

The department of "Work in Alms-houses," having been merged into the evangelistic, let our local superintendents plan frequent visits to these institutions—establish libraries and frequent Sabbath services; co-operate with the state boards of corrections and charities, and by every means, better the condition of the unfortunate and outcast, by carrying light into their darkness, and Christ's peace to their hearts.

Many of these institutions are in remote country places and no work is done in them unless by the W. C. T. U. Fre-

quent Sunday services, distribution of magazines and other good reading, of flowers, picture cards, wall rolls, carpet rags and quilt pieces; above all, the personal visit, with its word of cheer and prayer, will carry sunshine to darkened hearts and merit the Master's "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."

THE PERSONAL APPEAL.

Dear Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, will you, in every Local, County, District, State and National W. C. T. U. join in a grand rally for a world and national revival of evangelistic work and spiritual impulse. Let us each commence in our own locality. Let the local superintendent revive the series of Gospel temperance meetings, by which in Crusade days, as now, hundreds were reformed and redeemed. Plan special series of such meetings in churches, halls, depots, camp grounds and outdoor services, through all of which the local unions must reach the masses. Mothers meetings and cottage meetings are also most helpful. Penetrate into jails, penitentiaries, forts, ships, factories and ships. Wherever a soul needs you,

Peace Department.—Call for Hague Celebration.

The state, county and local superintendents of our Department of Peace and International Arbitration did such good work last year that we feel sanguine of good reports of effort on our beautiful lines of work this year.

Many schools were induced to prepare and carry out programs commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the first Congress of Nations which was held at the Hague in Holland in 1899, beginning on the 18th of May. We hope that still more public schools will commemorate the tenth anniversary this year on May 18th, or a day near that date, by carrying out original and appropriate programs or by the use of those that we have published and can furnish at cost, (one cent each), at our office at Winthrop Center, Me.

The Hague Conference of 1899 meant much to the world. It was a forerunner of other conferences of nations and of the great International Court of Arbitration since organized to settle justly and fairly any differences that may arise between nations without their resorting to the cruel and often unjust arbitrament of modern warfare.

Superintendents and Unions will please take note of the approaching Hague Day anniversary and do all they can to promote an interest in its celebration, especially by schools, in order that the principles of the gospel of peace may be promulgated and our children may learn the better and more reasonable way of settling difficulties than by military force.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
Supt. Peace Dept.,
Winthrop Center, Me., Mar. 26, 1909.

The Dickie Rose debate attracted an immense audience of the wealth and culture of Milwaukee. The big brewers, their families and employees were doubtless liberally represented. Let it be noted that such an audience listened for hours to a serious consideration of the wisdom and justice of totally outlawing the saloon. Our cause marches on.

"Every dollar received in revenue from the liquor traffic costs the government \$21."—Carroll D. Wright, U. S. Labor Commissioner.

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PLEDGE—I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

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At the Post of Duty.

I am glad to think
I am not bound to make the wrong go right;
But only to discover, and to do,
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.

An excellent song for boys is "The Temperance Army Boys," by Arthur Gillespie, published by The Martin Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Liquor periodicals and Government statisticians agree that during the first ninety days of 1909 there was a shrinkage of nearly \$25,000,000 worth in the quantity of liquor manufactured.—Ex.

The announcement of the Child Labor Conference in Chicago January 21, 22 and 23 bore the picture of a boy in a coal mine three miles from day-light. And yet we preach that children must grow up in the sun-light!

If some bright women should get as excited over the environment which the nation is throwing around their children and their neighbor's children as they are, just now, over the tariff on gloves and hosiery, the cause of civilization and the W. C. T. U. would enjoy a boom.—Northwestern Patriot.

We would call attention to our advertisers, especially our purchasing agencies. We are acquainted with their patrons and will give you the verdict of one young lady, "This suit fits me and suits better than if I had tried to buy it myself."

National W. C. T. U. Convention, Omaha, Neb., October 22-27-1909; North Dakota State Convention, Valley City, September 23-26-1909. The Cass county convention will be held at Hunter the last of June. Mrs. Best, county president, is already laying plans for a rousing meeting. All the Union have been doing active work and realize that time is short before the annual convention.

Oklahoma voted, at the recent election, to abolish the dispensary system, and Governor Haskell has now declared it at an end. It is said that the action leaves the citizens of the state without any lawful way of purchasing liquor for even medicinal purposes, which makes it impossible to work off on the druggist the old excuse of "a misery in the bones."

"Abraham Lincoln, Reformer," is the title of a most interesting compilation of quotations from the lips and pen of the First American, edited by W. G. Calderwood, secretary of the National Prohibition Committee. As the title indicates, the excerpts contained in the brochure are from those passages which have to do with the stirring questions of political and civic reform and especially those which refer to the drink traffic.—Northwestern Patriot, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

DEAR COMRADES:—The Valley City Unions have already appointed their convention committees, and are beginning their work looking toward the entertainment of the State Convention, September 23-26, with an earnestness that bodes well for the success of that meeting. A con-

ference to discuss convention arrangements was held in my home last Monday. Beside the representatives of the W. and Y. we were honored by the presence of our State Treasurer, Mrs. Robt. B. Reed. It may not be too late to remind the treasurers of the local unions that Mrs. Reed will literally carry out the law—and the treasurer's books will close two weeks before the State Convention. Dues or pledges received after that date will be credited on next year's report. There will be no supplementary report, and unions paying dues after that date will not be entitled to representation in the State Convention.
Many unions have not yet ordered State Reports. Officers and superintendents of local unions can not do good work without their help. Please see that they are supplied at once.

In my hurried report of the legislative work in the March number of the White Ribbon Bulletin I omitted to mention the passage of a law prohibiting the advertising of intoxicating liquors by newspapers in the state.

I mentioned the purity bills introduced by Senator Besesen, some of the most important of which became laws. Among these is a law making it a felony to receive the proceeds or earnings of any woman engaged in prostitution. Another makes the detention of a woman in a house of ill fame a felony. The offense of inveigling into a house of prostitution or elsewhere for immoral purposes is made punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one or more than five years, or by imprisonment in the county jail, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both fine and imprisonment.

When we read the appalling reports of the white slave traffic in this country, we begin to realize how important it is that such laws should be upon our statute books.

The legislature changed the punishment in the age of consent law, making rape in the first degree punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one or more than twenty years; and rape in the second degree punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one or more than fifteen years.

The suffrage bill which gave women the right to vote on all matters pertaining to prohibition—passed the house. This would come under Section 122 of the Constitution which reads as follows: "The legislative assembly shall be empowered to make further extensions of suffrage hereafter, at its discretion, to all citizens of mature age and sound mind, not convicted of crime, without regard to sex; but no law extending or restricting the right of suffrage shall be in force until adopted by a majority of the electors of the state voting at a general election." This was adopted by the constitutional convention as a sort of compromise with the equal suffrage advocates, but it is so worded that it effectually blocks all legislation under it. No other law or amendment to the constitution requires the vote of a "majority of the voters voting at a general election." Other amendments require simply the vote of a majority voting on the question. The difference is very vital. A great many voters who vote for president, congressmen, governor, etc., are not sufficiently interested to vote for or against a constitutional amendment. So far as I know, no constitutional amendment has ever received the vote of a "majority of the voters voting at a general election," and probably none ever will. Section 122 of the constitution is a monumental blunder and in the interests of simple justice ought to be repealed.

A bill to amend Section 121 of the constitution by striking out the

word male, was introduced by Mr. Skulason by request, and met violent death in the house committee on elections and privileges. This would not come under the obnoxious Section 122 of the constitution, and if it passed two sessions of the legislature, we believe it would stand a fair chance of being ratified by the voters. It should be introduced in the next legislative assembly, and we believe if work is done for it beforehand it will pass. It was entitled to more courtesy than it received at the hands of the committee on elections and privileges.

Now is the time to begin plans for a temperance Fourth of July celebration. We will have three fine speakers in the State at that time, and the first applying can secure them for orations on that day. We are glad to note the general movement for a more sane and sensible celebration of our general holiday. The State W. C. T. U. has worked for years along this line, and we hope in every community the local W. C. T. U. will lead in this good work.

Nothing can more effectively meet the needs of a local union than the local institute. It is earnestly hoped that every union arranging for a speaker will also arrange for such an institute, at least for an afternoon. The speakers who are coming to us are experienced institute workers, and well able to give the unions just the help needed.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D., April 28, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. EMMA FAIRCHILD VAIL

[STATE MOTTO:—"I am but one, but I am one. I cannot 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."] Exponent of the motto of her State She was but one, but one who lived to do. Who dared to stand for those things truly great.

And daring, worked with loyal heart and true.

In her me the loved companion, tender wife, In church the soul imbued with Christ-like zeal.

In temperance work, a consecrated life, A leader in this cause for human weal!

All this was she, and yet no modest flower, Hid in its crannied niche with humbler men.

Than this brave woman with her gentle power, Doing, and giving her all, unheard, unseen.

Across Dakota's northern soil there swept A mighty horde to fight the red capped foe; By day they fought, by night their vigils kept.

Till step by step they laid the demon low.

Amidst this ribboned Army in the van We see her in the glorious charge for right; And never since the world its wars began Did victory crown a fairer, truer fight.

March on, brave army, ever on, nor rest, Nor let the trusty sword rust in its girth, Till North Dakota's wind-swept, pulsing air Shall bear the pledge of Prohibition's birth.

And on the graves of those who've fought and died Let justice lay a flower, the white Immortelle.

And trace upon the marker's marble side, "These soldiers wear a crown beyond death's portal."

One of these soldiers, strong and tried was she, Each roll-call of the faithful found her there;

She sought that statehood's honor might be free From naught of shame upon its record fair.

Her hands were filled with deeds of service rendered, Each day, each hour, to all who need but ask;

So ready were they with the service tendered— Behold the work is done! It was no task.

Dearheart, so filled with tender love and care, It spent itself in ministering unto others; The secret of her helpful life—the prayer, She asked not for herself's sake but for another's.

Within her soul's depths burned the light divine, And spread its hallowing influence near and far;

Beyond the grave love's eyes still see it shine, It points the way like an immortal star.

Bright star, be thou our beacon light, our guide, Direct our steps to that eternal gate Which opens the star beyond the Great Divide Where angels such as she for us await.

—BELLE-DOROTHY HELM BOREMAN.



Letter from Y Secretary.

Fargo, North Dak., April 20, 1909.
 Dear Y's:—I have a number of interesting offers to mention, of which I am sure you will be glad to take advantage.
 Miss Mosher sends word that a beautiful "Y" button has been prepared for Y members, especially honoraries. It has been gotten up as cheaply as possible and really is a charming little button. On a gilt background are the letters "Y. W. C. T. U." and a bow of white ribbon. The price of these buttons is five cents each for any number less than twenty-five, and three cents each for any number over twenty-five.
 Mrs. L. F. Pease publishes one hundred different varieties of post cards, and offers them to us for \$1.25 per 100 post-paid, or \$1.00 per 1000 (500 may be bought at 1000 rates). They retail at 2 for 5c, thus clearing \$15.00 per 1000 or \$1.25 per hundred. The money raised in this way is to go into the Kara Stuart Root Missionary Fund. The cards are very attractive and those who have tried this offer find it easy to sell the cards. I wish we might use 1000 in North Dakota. Write to Mrs. L. F. Pease, 257 Laurel St., Buffalo, N. Y., for samples.
 Miss Strout has sent us an exhibit from Japan. It is very interesting, some of the things being made by the Japanese Y's. There is a set of temperance essays written by Japanese girls read at



a Y meeting, and many quaint things. If any of the Y's want to use this exhibit at any of their meetings they can have it for the cost of sending it, about 40 or 50c. Surely this is a great offer and every Y in the state ought to have it for one meeting. Write me and let me know when you want it.

The last thing is rather commonplace compared with the interesting ones which have gone before, but it is none the less important. It is the matter of dues. It is time to collect them now. Don't wait till fall, but get it off your hands early so you can enjoy the summer and spend your time getting new members and making your meetings more interesting.

I want to thank the W's who saw my letter in the last Bulletin and wrote telling me how many young women and men were members of their union. These members should be reported as Y's when you send your dues in to the state and county treasurer. I hope this fall that will be done. I think it will nearly double our membership.

With best wishes for a successful and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
 EMIR BEST.

Letter from Superintendent of Work Among Soldiers and Sailors.

Dear Unions:—Having received some inquiries as to how the pin balls are made for "Comfort Bags" will say for the benefit of all that they must be made of mottobard, round in shape and of the size given in directions; two pieces covered, then sewed together to allow of pins being placed in between.

My heart was made to rejoice upon receiving my first consignment of bags from Grand Forks. Will you kindly notify me when sent, thus making it possible to save expense of drayage which means much to the state.

I am going to ask each union to read at a meeting the article in the Aug. 1st,

1907, Union Signal, by the National Supt. of Soldiers and Sailors Department. Imagine what it will mean for a busy woman to inspect nine hundred bags and make the changes, if any. However, I only hope I may have that number to send. Yours for success,
 Mrs. L. B. CHAMBERLIN.

The Way the Physician's Prescription Plan Works.

Morgantown, W. Va., April 15.—The anti saloon people of this county, who have been wondering for some time past why so many drunken men were seen on the streets of this place since the county was voted "dry" over a year ago, have been given a rude shock by District Attorney Boyd, who declares that the physicians and the druggists of Morgantown have been reaping the golden harvest that formerly went to the liquor men.

According to an announcement made yesterday in court by District Attorney Boyd, one prominent physician of Morgantown has written 10,000 prescriptions for liquor during the past year. Mr. Boyd announced his intention of making wholesale prosecutions against the physicians. So far it is a question of what can be done with the druggists, but the attorney will make an effort to include them in the prosecutions.

Counting Sundays, the number of whiskey prescriptions written by this one physician reach 27 a day. The customary price that is paid for these prescriptions is \$1 each, so that the physician made \$10,000 a year, while the druggist probably made half of that amount.

Similar conditions are said to exist all through the "dry" district in West Virginia and Ohio.

Letter from Mrs. Garry, President Second District.

Leeds, N. D.—Dear Editor:—Pearing I will be too late for your next issue I will write a few lines today, though in the turmoil of moving.

Mr. Garry and I arrived at Leeds on March fourth after an absence of over two months, which time was spent at Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, Northfield, Minneapolis and Cottonwood, Minnesota. While appreciating the kindness and generosity of many friends, we sing with more spirit than ever, "Home sweet home, there's no place like home" in sunny prohibition North Dakota.

Cleveland is a great city. Three years ago at census taking its population was just equal to all North Dakota. At the last census they were still just the same. The system of cities is truly marvelous, keeping wonderful order and safety in material things. But neither the strenuous efforts put forth by the city authorities, the voluntary work of humane societies and all the organizations for the suppression of evil, with the combined and mighty force of the Christian churches, are able to satisfactorily pervade and influence the moral and spiritual life.

It was our privilege to attend many "rallies" for the uplift of society and to arouse the people to the necessity and possibility of better laws. As I listened to appeals after appeal, evidence after argument both in Ohio and Minnesota, I was reminded of the words of the late C. Davis, "I would to God that Minnesota (I would add Ohio) had been as fortunate as Dakota in the beginning of her organic life. In Dakota the foundation was laid wisely and well; the constitution of North Dakota was framed by master hands!"

At Cottonwood we listened to ex-Congressman Eddy give an eloquent address, filled with the legal right and common sense of prohibition, convincing the most sceptical. His lecture was given there just before the city election and no doubt scored many "dry votes." His lectures in other places were equally beneficial.

At Northfield we heard the secretary of the Anti Saloon League make an earnest appeal not only to the reason but to the generosity of the people to help them bring in a law already ours. It is not my object to give a lengthy account of my visit but to send greetings and congratulations that we have a prohibitory law and a hope that it may ever be defended and well enforced.

Am glad to add the Second District has never been so active as at the present time. We expect to hold our annual convention at Esmond in June, probably the 2d, 3d and 4th.

My address is now Leeds and hope it will be more convenient for the work of the district.
 April 14, 1909.

M. A. GARRY.

FIELD NOTES.

Medal Contest Echoes from First District.—Crary Union has already held 17 contests, and is preparing to hold several more. A series of Matron's Gold Contests are to be held by the district in May, and a double grand Gold Contest is contemplated for district conventions. Other Unions are getting busy and we don't feel like losing the State banner this year.—N. E. B.

Amenia, April 17th.—We had a meeting with the teachers on March 20th, and a number of excellent papers were read. We had two subjects, "Physical Education" and "Mrs. Edith Smith Davis." We are disappointed to learn that Mrs. Davis is not to be in the state this summer. At our last meeting we made Comfort Bags, and enjoyed the work very much.—Press Superintendent.

Dwight.—The W. C. T. U. gold medal contest which was held at the Congregational church April 9th was a decided success. The church was tastefully decorated in white and gold and plants added to the beauty. The selections by the contestants were well rendered, and the large audience highly appreciated the efforts put forth to win the honor which after due consideration by the judges was bestowed upon John L. singer and Mr. Sundell, with a few well chosen remarks, presented him with the gold medal. Vocal and instrumental music was furnished thruout by the musical union. A song by Ella and Mabel Olson completed the program.

Grafton, N. Dak., Mar. 25, '09.—Dear Editor:—You have not heard from Grafton union in some time, but we are by no means dead. We hold our regular meetings the third Tuesday of every month. We observed Miss Willard Memorial Day by a silver medal contest, which was well patronized and enjoyed by all. On March 16th we held a mothers' meeting at the home of Mrs. Omie, supt. of Mothers' Meetings, at which there about 60 present. We had a fine program after which we served light refreshments. All had a good time and we hope some good seed was sown. We will hold to our motto, "We are only one (union) but we are one, and will try to help a little." Fraternally,
 Mrs. MACONNELL.

The Fargo W. C. T. U. has been holding its regular meetings with programs of more than ordinary interest. On Friday April 16th at the home of Lieut. Gov. R. S. Lewis an evening meeting was held. Miss Carpenter rendered two violin solos of especial merit. Miss Lottin Wall followed with two beautiful vocal solos. Supt. W. E. Hoover gave an address on the subject "Equal Advantages in Education." Mr. Hoover advocated vocational education and considered that vocational education would help to elevate the social life of communities, thereby lessening crime and sickness brought about by ignorance. Mr. Hoover spoke of local conditions. He traced the class of 1908 through their entire school course. 92 per cent of all the pupils entering schools of Fargo eventually earned their living by force of their hands. After a lively discussion of the subject of the evening, refreshments were served. There were about thirty-five present.—Secretary.

Church's Ferry, N. D., 4 13-'09.
 Editor Bulletin:—A letter from our Union to the Bulletin never having been written, I have decided to let the White Ribbons know that the "Baby Union" is still alive and has reached its teens, having fourteen members. It was with grave doubts as to the advisability of such a move that this Union was formed, public sentiment being against the cause. However, the sisters realized that in union there is strength, and so pledged their undying devotion to the destruction of King Alcohol. We have held several public meetings and are gradually opening the eyes of citizens to the fact that the W. C. T. U. is no Carrie Nation affair, as was the former supposition. We are planning to hold a contest in the near future to reimburse our treasury, and with a little capital we hope to do broader work in the various departments. Lincoln plead our cause when he said: "Let us make it as un-fashionable to withhold our name from the temperance cause, as for husbands to wear their wives' bonnets to church, and instances will be just as rare in one case as the other."

We ask the prayers of all the Unions that we faint not, but press on to the day when Queen Temperance shall in truth be crowned victorious monarch

or' all, for the sword hangs by a single hair above the head of King Alcohol, and the Queen shall reign with a mighty hand, for right makes right.

MISS GEORGIA CHAMBERS, Pres.

Larimore Pioneer W. C. T. U. column, Hannah Patten, editor. The Union met with Mrs Pifer last Wednesday, April 7th. Although the weather was not favorable, the meeting was well attended and proved to be one of the most enjoyable ones for some time. The temperance song drill conducted by Mrs. McIntosh, the state legislation discussion, and the report of the local Medal Contest Superintendent were the interesting features of the program. Mrs. Stevens of Northwood, president of the W. C. T. U., has appointed Mrs. Blanche E. Morris of the Larimore Union, District Superintendent of the Medical Contest Department. Preparations will soon be made for the first Grand Gold Medal Contest for our district. Six Gold Medal Winners can compete for a Grand Gold Medal. Last Friday night in the city hall at Fargo the silver and gold medal classes contested before an interested audience from that community. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. W. P. Wilson accompanied the girls and all report a most enjoyable time. The Larimore party was hospitably entertained at lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Temple. All the girls are looking forward to another trip into the country. Miss Martha Billings was the winner of the silver medal, Miss Gladys Cooper carried off the honors in the gold medal class. The girls in the Silver Medal class were each presented with "M. C." pins of a beautifully wrought design of blue enamel and gold, as a mark of appreciation for their faithfulness to the class. The musical part of the program at Fargo was given by Miss Maud Slawson, soprano, and Mrs. H. K. Tobiasson, alto, and was a treat to the audience. Miss Slawson has a beautiful and well-trained voice. Our Gold Medal contest announced for April 24th will be given as advertised, in connection with the first of the boys L. T. L. silver contest.

Treasurer's Report.

Statement of receipts from March 17th to April 17th, 1909.

Plaza, Willard dues	\$ 1.00
Haynes, state dues	3.50
Rolla, memorial and state minutes	2.15
Carrington, memorial	2.00
Minnewaukan, state dues	.70
Grafton, state dues	11.90
Drayton, state dues	39.90
Reeder, memorial	2.00
White Earth, state minutes	.15
Hettinger, state dues	4.90
Dwight, memorial	2.00
Fairmount, state dues	.70
Minto, state minutes	3.75
Walhalla, state minutes	.25
Goodrich, life member, Miss Ida Dyth	10.00
Amenia, state dues	2.80
Palermo, state dues	9.50
Pembina state dues and pledges	36.40
Medina, state dues, memorial and state minutes	3.55
Portal, state dues and memorial	3.40
Valley City, state dues	2.10
Minto, pledges and state minutes	13.30
Fargo, state dues	9.10
Tyner, state dues and pledges	25.60
Bay Centre, state dues	2.80
Fargo Scandinavian, state dues and pledges	70.00
Washburn, state dues and L. T. L.	7.20
Grandin, state dues	8.40
Mayville, state minutes	.60
Pembina, state dues and state minutes	2.40
Minnewaukan, state dues	.70
Fargo, state dues and state minutes	29.50
Valley City, state minutes	81.50
Berlin, state fund	5.60
Hettinger, state dues	4.20

Dear Sisters:—More than half our year is gone, and only about one third of the members have paid their state dues. If though I would call your attention to this matter so you might send in your dues and pledges now. Do you not want copies of the state minutes? I have a large supply on hand, ready to send out as fast as the orders come for them. They are 15 cents per copy.

Mrs. ROBERT B. REED,
 Treasurer.

Governor Schallenberger of Nebraska has signed the daylight saloon bill. The measure forbids the sale of liquor between 7 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Progress of Prohibition.

The editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin is an inveterate clipper of temperance news. She files it away thinking to use the best of it in the next Bulletin. It is most interesting to note how soon the "news" is stale. The temperance sentiment as mirrored in the press of the country grows by leaps and bounds. We predict that ere long the president's message to Congress will take some note of it. The Literary Digest has the following to say in regard to Prohibition's Advance in 1908:

"It is remarkable that with all his passion for reform, says one reviewer of his administration, Mr. Roosevelt gave no word of encouragement to the one reform that made greater progress and affected many homes more vitally than any other during his term—the abolition of the saloon. The new President is said to be a total abstainer, and many are wondering if he will lend his influence to this moral, economic and political movement that is sweeping state after state.

"Since the publication of the article on the status of prohibition in The Union Signal of January 23, 1908, three great states, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee, with a total population of 5,940,000, have enacted state wide prohibition laws. The voters of Texas and Arkansas expressed their desire for prohibition in the primaries of last fall. The question is still pending in the Arkansas legislature. The Texas senate defeated a prohibition submission bill, but the temperance forces are not in the least discouraged. The coming of prohibition is merely a matter of time. The same is true in West Virginia, where, as in Texas, a submission bill passed the lower house and had a majority in the senate, but failed of the required two-thirds.

"Prohibition measures of one form or another are pending in legislatures of six states—Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, South Carolina, Utah. Ten legislatures are considering local option bills—Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

"Ohio and Indiana have passed county option measures during the year, and saloons have been voted out in both these states with alarming rapidity and unanimity. The spring of 1908 saw 1,600 saloons swept from Illinois under the township option act of 1907. Thus the states of the old "Northwest Territory" are redeeming themselves little by little. Idaho has just passed a county option law, and Arizona has made its law effective by eliminating the obnoxious two-thirds majority requirement.

"Arizona and New Mexico will make a strong fight for prohibition statehood. At least fifteen other states hope for prohibition in the near future—Arkansas Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

"One feature of the struggle that is quite as hopeful as the legislative activity is the evident awakening of the people to the possibility of dealing some blows at the traffic with the laws they already have. Michigan has discovered the value of its county option law. Pennsylvania is making use of the judicial decision in refusing licenses. California towns and counties pass prohibition ordinances. Similar possibilities in law enforcement might be named in almost every state. These are temporary expedients, to be sure, but they are tremendously significant; they mean that THE SALOON IS GOING, and the brewery and the distillery likewise."

First District.

Starkweather, N. D., April 14, 1909.—Dear White Ribboners of the First District W. C. T. U.:—The 15th Annual Convention of the First District Woman's Christian Temperance Union will convene at Crary June 8th at 4:45 p. m. closing June 10th at 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Almena McDonald, vice president of the Illinois State W. C. T. U., has been secured as speaker.

A double contest, Matrons' and Young People's Grand Gold, will be held the evening of June 8th. Other interesting features have been provided for the program and Crary is preparing to entertain the convention royally; however, the success of the convention depends largely on the loyalty of the local unions in following the district plans, in prompt payment of dues and pledges, and in sending a full delegation to convention.

Two unions have already more than

doubled their membership. We feel sure every union can do the same. We urge each one to start a membership contest now and let us come up to convention with a membership of 400; we can if we will.

A series of Matrons' Gold Medal contests is to be held by the district in May. Will not each local union follow this plan and hold a series, either Matrons', Young People's, Musical or L. T. L.

Will each union see that all high school and grade essay contests are closed up, papers examined and prize essays sent to Mrs. Mabel Nelson, Cando, not later than May 15th.

We urge that each union hold a W. C. T. U. prayer meeting and ask God's blessing on our work and on our convention. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh in vain."

Yours for a good convention,
NECIA BUCK, President.
EDNA F. SALMONS, Cor. Sec.

Work Among Foreign Speaking People.

Fargo, N. Dak., April 19, 1909.—Dear Sisters:—On account of the great number of foreigners in our state I wish to urge upon you the importance of work in this department. You have seen by our president's letter last month that we hope to have some Scandinavian organizers in the field soon, and I trust the unions will arrange meetings for them and help them in house to house visitation. We hope through these workers to enlist more foreign speaking women in our work. So far we have very few compared to the population; only two active Scandinavian unions in the state at the present time. These women will organize unions where that is possible and also urge women to unite with our English speaking sisters where there are not many enough to have a union of their own.

I have some literature which can be had by paying the postage. I hope you will order and use it freely. Please state what language you prefer, I have Norwegian, Swedish, German, Russian and Bohemian, or better still write our national superintendent, Mrs. B. Wilson, 4734 Hazel Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., for a catalogue, then you can select what you wish and send to her for it.

Hoping for more work than ever before in this department, I am

Yours for service,
MRS. JULIA D. NESON, Supt.

Franchise Petitions.

The time for securing signatures to the National Suffrage Petition has been extended to July, and all Unions that have not had an opportunity to make a thorough and complete canvass are urged to renew their efforts. With the coming of longer days and warm weather many difficulties are removed, and the way is open to secure the twenty thousand signatures we ought to have as a fair expression of the sentiment in our state.

The proposed tariff legislation, increasing the cost of women's clothing is arousing the women to the need of the ballot as a protective measure. The time was never more favorable to get suffrage literature. Every Union is advised to furnish its canvassers with literature to be distributed as they go from house to house. Make the labor that is involved count for all that is possible. Most local papers are willing to give space for a reasonable amount of suffrage news. Let us make the most use of all avenues by which we may reach the public. Agitate and educate until the victory is won.

The state superintendent of franchise or the National Suffrage Association will furnish petition blanks upon application.

K. F. WHITCOMB,
W. C. T. U. State Superintendent of Franchise, Hankinson, N. D.

Compensation.

A woman who signs herself "A pauper from the liquor traffic" writes to the Detroit Journal a vigorous protest against the doctrine that discarded liquor-sellers ought to be compensated by the public. Her argument was based mainly on her own experience, and she puts it in the following forcible form.

"Twelve years ago I married a mechanic in a town in Sanillac county. He was bright and intelligent and capable of earning \$6.00 per year. He got into the habit of going to the bar-rooms, first for company and then for drinks, until I

had to take in washing to support myself and children.

"After years of poverty and misery, two years ago he died of delirium tremens. He never was a bad man, but was lured to his doom, and I at middle age am left a pauper with two children to raise. There are a dozen men in this office that will soon follow him to their graves. Only for liquor we would have been the happiest couple in the country. About the time I got married a chum of mine married a bartender. He afterwards got a saloon of his own, and eight years ago he purchased a building that he turned into a hotel for \$1,500. It cost \$500 to make the changes. This building for liquor purposes, he says, is worth \$10,000. He has also bought a farm, has a race horse, two bull dogs and an auto. His wife has four silk dresses and a sealskin sacque. In ten years he got \$3,000 of my husband's earnings.

"Now, if local option is carried in the office, he wants compensation. He no doubt wants about \$8,000 on one hotel and a pension of about \$1,000 per year for not having a business to make maniacs, drunkards, suicides, tramps, orphan children, destitute wives and starving widows.

"The first thing we know hangmen will be wanting compensation for lost business in states where capital punishment has been abolished. I will send the price of my next day's washing to help purchase a coat of arms for the fellow who introduced the bill with the compensation clause in it. A Representative or a Senator who would vote for such a measure could not get the votes of three honest men in our state."

Sober Workmen.

"Last November eighteen hundred German Socialists declared that the only hope of German labor is in sober workmen. Two hundred and fifty-six thousand German workmen have signed the total abstinence pledge. German judges have lifted up a voice of warning against beer drinking. German doctors are protesting against it as conducive to race suicide. German lawyers have formed a total abstinence society to combat the evil, and German university students have done the same. German educators insist that beer is injuring the work of the students. The German government forbids its use by railroad employes.

Yes, look at Germany, take a good look at Germany! Whichever way you look at Germany you will be inspired to go on with our total abstinence, prohibition propaganda. But remember to quote the above to the next one who in defense of beer tells you to 'Look at Germany!'—Margaret B. Platt.

The Board of Liquor Commissioners of Honolulu has passed an order prohibiting card playing in the Honolulu saloons.

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