



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Thank God for the man who is cheerful
In spite of life's troubles. I say;
Who sings of a bright tomorrow,
Because of the clouds of today.
His life is a beautiful sermon,
And this is the lesson to me—
Meet trials with smiles and they vanish;
Face cares with a song and they flee.

President's Address

Given by Mrs. L. M. Brown, president
Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman Counties.

"On His Upward Way Man Has Not
Forgotten His Weaker Brother."

Amid the splendid material progress of this twentieth century, there is evidence of an equally splendid moral development among men. The spirit of love expressed in the term brotherhood has widened and deepened into a semblance of the Infinite Spirit which over-enchadows and embraces humanity, and which had its perfect human embodiment in Jesus—the Christ of Christianity.

The multiplied agencies of the present day for the betterment of human conditions are the best evidences that man has paused in his material progress to give an uplift to his unfortunate brother, whose even the imprisoned soul of Helen Keller has felt and has voiced in these opening words.

The world has never seen such a splendid stage setting for human activity as it faces to-day. Our greatest philosopher and student of life said fifty years ago: "We live in a new and exceptional age. America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of Divine Providence in behalf of the human race." Had Mr. Emerson lived until the year 1909 and sought to express his thought, he could not frame a better statement.

The world is assuming the Samaritan role toward the "weaker brother" and is putting its strong arm beneath him and caring for him. And we begin to see the dawning of "a glad new time," as the poet sings:

"O, sometimes gleams upon our sight
Through present wrong the eternal
right,

"And step by step since time began,
"We see the steady gain of man."

In nothing, more than in the great temperance movement, can we see the fulfillment of these prophetic words.

It is a noble conflict indeed "This strife of Truth with error," and "The Truth is marching on." "Look backward, how much has been won. Look 'round, how much is yet to win. The watchers of the night are done, the watch hers of the day begin."

The thousands that are coming to swell the temperance ranks are proof of the "dawning day." This was, when many good women refused to be connected with the movement, and the average man seemed to hold the same attitude to the temperance cause that the average layman did to the church, who, as some one said, seemed to say, "Take my wife and let her be, consecrated Lord to thee." That day is rapidly passing by. Men in vast numbers are finding in this temperance question, a direct call to their manhood. We seem to be entering upon the golden age where men and women shall together subjugate the forces of evil and claim the rightful heritage of enlightened manhood and womanhood for the world.

Certainly the great temperance tidal wave is bringing that day nearer with unerring certainty. The saloon is doomed to go down before its resistless

power. The statements of liquor men themselves give proof of the terror with which they view its approach. On May 11, '09 in convention at Minneapolis the general secretary of the Bartenders and Hotel and Restaurant Employers' International Association, said: "Originally the prohibition agitators were regarded with little or no concern. That has changed within the past six years to such an extent that their campaign for "dry legislation" has actually become the greatest movement this country has ever witnessed. * * * "It seems but a few short years since the opposition could only boast of two dry states, Maine and Kansas, aggregating a total of something like 115,120 square miles of territory. Today they can boast of 407,692 square miles under state prohibition, and 1,836,895 square miles under local option laws, while there remains to us, that depend upon the traffic for a livelihood, exactly 1,303,249 square miles undisturbed by restrictive legislation. That means more than two-thirds of the United States where the saloon and cafes where intoxicating beverages were formerly sold have gone out of business and those who were employed swallowed up in that fearfully and ever increasing national problem, the army of the unemployed. I would be guilty of reckless assertion and unfaithful to my trust were I to hold out to you surcease from these troubles in the very near future. The opposition to licensed cafes and saloons, which affects every man in the International union, has, according to the best authorities, but started seriously to impose restrictive legislation; they have just begun, and if what has been accomplished is any criterion to go by, when they get started there is no telling where they will finally stop."

I will not quote further from this report of which there is considerably more in the same vein. It is interesting to note that these are the solemn convictions of the liquor men themselves, expressed to each other in their inner council. The last word of the general officer to the delegates sounds like a wail of despair; he says: "Don't forget the opposition when you leave this convention hall. When you go to your homes go there to fight prohibition and to fight on the square. Above all things be square. Don't let the opposition say we are not above board * * * I's to be a hard fight and if we must lose, let us make a clean record as we go down."

Their solicitude for a "square deal" is worthy of a better cause. It is not impossible that this may be a genuine desire; if so, it but proves the existence of the germ of right in the most benighted and erring human hearts which strives to assert itself even amid an environment of evil. There is honor (even) among thieves."

This purblind class of men are greatly concerned about the "problem" of the "army of the unemployed." When this satanic business is wrested from them, they will learn that the world refuses to employ men to wreck homes and ruin character simply because they have chosen that as their occupation. Shall they be "employed" to bring misery and disgrace to thousands of families that their families may live in luxury? A traffic which entails a loss of two billions annually upon a nation must stand condemned in the public mind. And we have only to follow the subject in the press of today to learn that it is being condemned all over our land and throughout the world. The weight of opposition grows increasingly strong against it. Prohibitionists "are enjoying much good

company" these days; and prohibition is being dispassionately discussed as a social and moral question, with its natural relation to business and politics. The attainment of universal prohibition of the beverage-traffic in intoxicating liquors will mark a long step in the upward climb of the human race. Do you say this is impossible? The abolition of slavery was declared an impossibility. The uttered "will" of man is the potent power by which the marvelous progress of the world has been wrought. True, the task is a gigantic one, but the power to accomplish it is gigantic and resistless. It is the power which has brought nine great commonwealths into the prohibition ranks, and many large and prosperous cities, 250 of them, of which Lincoln, Neb., is the latest recruit. One of the newspapers of that city (Rep.), says among other things, favoring the action taken by the city: "The fact is, the drinking of intoxicating liquors is an unnecessary evil, and its days are numbered." * * * We are ready to do anything we can to bring about the day when the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors shall have no place in state or nation * * * We favor making this a prohibition state, and the time to begin is now."

At least fifteen states are working toward prohibition, viz: Arkansas, Nebraska, Utah, Vermont, New Hampshire, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina and Texas. Of these prohibition measures are pending in 5, viz: Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, South Carolina and Utah. Ohio and Indiana have passed local option laws, and ten of them are considering local option bills. Under the township option act of 1907 1600 saloons were swept from Illinois last spring. Idaho has passed a county option law, and Arizona has made its law effective by taking out the two-thirds majority requirement. Many of the states are awakening to the fact that they can accomplish much with the laws they already have. Railroads and fraternal societies are strong advocates and promoters of total abstinence.

Nearly all the railways of America require total abstinence from their employees. This includes more than 1,500,000 men under such regulations. Of the fraternal orders of the United States, fifty-six out of the sixty four leading ones, with an aggregate of over 3,000,000 members, now refuse to admit saloonkeepers and bartenders to their ranks. Such discrimination would have been thought to be impracticable twenty years ago.

The new prohibition movement among college men adds another strong influence to the cause. The national oratorical contest of the International Prohibition Association took place at Columbus, with thousands in attendance. The cause has thus been presented to 50,000 college men and women during the year. Its membership is 3,000, with 129 local organizations.

A new epoch in the temperance movement is marked by joint-public debates, for and against the principle of prohibition; the most recent and notable of which are the Dickey-Rose debates, held respectively in Milwaukee and Chicago. The first on Mar. 26; the second on April 30 (this year). The question debated was: "Resolved, That prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages is right." Milwaukee's mayor championed the liquor interest while the president of Albion College, Mich., represented the Prohibition Party. There were 10,000 applica-

tions from various parts of the union for tickets of admission of which but 4,000 could be accommodated in the Hippodrome where it took place. Milwaukee was stirred by this event more than by any other similar one in her entire history. The audience was composed chiefly of business men, representing the most prominent business and commercial interests of the city. Strange as it may seem, each "concrete argument" of the distinguished prohibition advocate, was received by this body of men with cheers. Mayor Rose is reported to have said at the close of the debate, "well, I did the very best I could with a bad proposition."

The magnificent Chicago Auditorium was the scene of the second of these debates, in which a remarkable audience of 5,000 people listened to the arguments of these acknowledged orators. The time and place for the last one in this series of debates has not yet been named.

It is well known that many influential newspapers have closed their business columns to the liquor traffic, while most of the high grade magazines and periodicals of lesser weight are giving the question much prominence, conducting a searching discussion of the claims for and against alcohol; its effects upon the individual, its influence upon society, upon social development and upon the state, by able and scientific writers. The prominence thus given to it by the high class literature of today, insures it a permanent place in the public mind. Noted scientists of various countries have rendered invaluable service to the cause of prohibition, through exhaustive experiments proving alcohol to be a dangerous drug, to be classed and used as a poison only. Our government has conducted a thorough investigation as to the composition of whiskey through its chemist, Dr. Wiley, which resulted in requiring the labels to discriminate between the "pure" and the "blended" varieties.

Public demonstrations of the people in behalf of prohibition are not an uncommon occurrence, so greatly has sentiment increased in its favor. Perhaps the most notable of these was the great parade at Washington, D. C., through the capitol while congress was in session when an important temperance measure was being heard (that of prohibiting the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia) and in Chicago last year in which thousands participated.

Many of our higher institutions of learning are adopting the teacher's training course in scientific temperance instruction, notably the universities of Colorado and Wisconsin. University of Denver; Leland Stanford Jr., University; Westminster College, Denver; Teacher's Summer School of Colorado, also the great Summer School of the South, in which twenty states are represented and 2,500 teachers in attendance.

Every state and territory in the Union has felt the influence of this pioneer body of women patriots, through the enactment of Scientific Temperance Instruction laws. The task was herculean, but it was accomplished by the combined labors of the noble men and women of America in the interests of a glorious future for our country.

We can only rejoice that the principles for which this organization has labored so persistently for the past 35 years are becoming so popular.

Our state surely congratulates herself that a greater number of her people than ever before are standing four-square for

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State Convention, Valley City, Sept. 23-26.

The National W. C. T. U. Convention will be held at Omaha, Neb., Oct. 22-27.

Independence Day, July 4, birthday of Mrs. Mary Hunt. Do not give this day over entirely into the hands of those who think that senseless noise and bustle fittingly celebrates our national birthday. Plan for a truly patriotic celebration and remember there is no more fitting time than this to commemorate the life work of Mary H. Hunt, who sought, through scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, to constantly imbue the minds of the rising generation with principles that shall result in giving our nation a sober citizenship. It was Gladstone who said, "Give us a sober people and the revenue will take care of itself." Have a temperance picnic or celebration July 4. Begin now to plan for it.

Judge Burke of the Fifth district recently refused to grant citizenship to an applicant on the ground that the drunkenness of the applicant rendered him an unfit subject. The refusal was based probably not upon a single instance of intemperance, but upon an habitual tendency that indicated the fitness of the applicant. The tendency of the fitness is more and more to place a ban upon the intemperate use of intoxicants, and more than that, a ban upon the use of liquor at all. In business, the stern necessities of competition, of activity, of economy demands the employment of the temperate man, to the dismissal of the occasional or habitual tippler; in the great middle class of people who constitute the bone and brawn of the national life, social and other forms of drinking are under the ban. And it is certainly true that the applicant for citizenship who is addicted to the intemperate use of liquor would not cast much credit upon the country in which he desires citizenship.—Bismarck Tribune.

New York, June 2.—That 3,284 men, women and children have been lynched in this country in the last quarter of a century was the assertion of Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett at the national negro conference in this city. Asking why this was permitted by a Christian nation Mrs. Barnett quoted John Temple Graves as saying that the mob stands as the most potential bulwark between the women of the South and such a carnival of crime as would precipitate the annihilation of the negro race. All know that this is true, Mrs. Barnett said.

"The lynching record," she added, "discloses the hypocrisy of the lynchers."

Describing the riots at Springfield, Ill., Mrs. Barnett said it was all because a white woman said that a negro man had criminally assaulted her. Later, the woman published a retraction, but the lynched victims were dead.

Mrs. Barnett, who has spent several

years in the investigation of lynching through the South and West, brought a proposal to the conference that it maintain a permanent bureau for investigation, with attendant publicity, of all lynchings. Publicity, she said, was an effective safeguard.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

DEAR COMRADES:—The time is flying so swiftly that we can scarcely realize that in less than three months we shall celebrate our annual Harvest Home. What results we shall be able to show for the year's work will depend largely on the faithfulness of the local unions in looking after details and reporting the work done. There may not seem to be much glory in this kind of work, but it is the work that gives inspiration and new courage to every state officer and superintendent.

If we make the gain in membership we hope to this year, every union must show an increase. Look carefully after the dues of old members as well as new. On pages 38 to 44 of the State Report, you will find what dues your union paid last year; compare it with the amount paid this year. If there is not an increase get to work at once, and remember that the dues for members old and new must be in the hands of the state treasurer on or before September 9th.

We are very proud of the fact that we have been able to hold the Union Signal banner three years in succession. It will be a great honor if we can bring it home the fourth year.

I hope there will be some one appointed in every union to look after subscriptions to the Union Signal and Crusader Monthly. Is there not one woman in each union who will see what she can do in this line? Plans should be made now to send the paper to every teacher in the public schools. The helps for scientific temperance teaching are invaluable. These subscriptions should be sent in August that the teachers may secure the Crusader Monthly at the beginning of the school year. Don't forget to send these and the subscriptions to the Union Signal, through Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont.

Our organizers have been working faithfully, but rains and storms have interfered with many meetings this month. Mrs. Hall reports new unions at McClusky and Douglass. Mrs. McDonald, at Flaxton and Lignite; Mrs. Waterman, at Ludden and Havana. Mrs. Richards has attended the conventions of Richland, Ransom, Walsh and Cass counties. Miss Esther Thomas, our Scandinavian organizer, is now working in Grand Forks county, and, Mrs. Stevens writes, is doing just the kind of work that is needed.

I had the pleasure of attending the convention of Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman, held at Jamestown. The ladies of the Jamestown union are delightful hostesses—and the convention was a real inspiration.

There seems to be some misapprehension as to the provisions of the McCrea law which goes into effect July 1st. I wish every union would devote at least one meeting to the study of this law in order that you may thoroughly understand what recourse you have when druggists violate the law. The changes made in the law will make it much easier to take away the permit from druggists who are selling illegally. This question with many others of interest will be discussed at our Institute at Chautauqua July 6-15. We wish every union in the state might be represented there.

We are expecting the state convention at Valley City Sept. 23-26 to be the largest we have held in years. Mrs. Mary Harris Armor will give two addresses. Mrs. Armor's services are in great demand, and we

have worked two years to bring her to this convention. Read what the press says about her, and begin now to plan to have a full delegation from your union attend. The following is taken from a two column article in the Philadelphia North American of March 25, 1908, describing Mrs. Armor's last meeting in Philadelphia:

"At a mass meeting which filled the Academy of Music last night from pit to dome, and overflowed out into Broad street, Mary Harris Armor, the Joan of Arc of the temperance movement through out the South, bade farewell to Philadelphia, and in parting raised a storm of sentiment for local option the equal of which has never been witnessed in Pennsylvania. Pleading, praying and singing the evangel of the new crusade awakened the multitude to a pitch of enthusiasm, which not once, but often brought the entire house to its feet.

By and by the word was passed that Mrs. Armor had promised to leave the meeting inside and come out to speak to the crowd on the street; with this announcement the crowd became denser and the people packed close to the steps. Broad street resounded with cheers in her honor, and a sea of upturned faces greeted her. Broad street presented a scene during her address rarely, if ever, witnessed in this city. Theater goers on their way home, cab drivers, parties in automobiles, people of all descriptions stopped for a moment out of curiosity, and ended by surrendering to the spell of the speaker's enthusiasm and reason."

Yours for a great Convention,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Valley City, N. D., June 29-'09.

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higher morals and sobriety, as some of the new laws enacted in the last legislature give good proof, and of which we are to learn more, in their various bearings, later in this convention.

On the honor-roll of state executives, champions of enforcement of law and civic righteousness, stand the names of Folk, Hughes, Hanley, Smith, Glenn and others, to which North Dakota adds the name, Burke, who has done what he could for the all law enforcement and of our prohibition law, we believe, and who holds the respect and confidence of law-abiding people. Is it too much to believe that we are beginning to see the fulfillment of the prophetic declaration made by Miss Willard when the "arrest of thought" upon this great question came to her? She says: "In this simple change of personal attitude, from passive to aggressive, lies the only force that can free this land from the drink habit and the liquor traffic."



Hunter, N. D., June 24th.

Dear Friends: I am out in the state, meeting so many of the good mothers and fine girls. Last week I attended the convention at Ardock (Walsh Co). Mrs. Richards was there, and we had a fine convention. Mrs. Richards is just splendid, and I wish you could all manage to meet her and hear her. I am having a fine treat, for we are attending some of the same conventions.

We hope to have several new Y's in the state. At Park River there are enough girls who signed the pledge when Mrs. Richards was there to make a fine Y, and I think they will be organized by the time you read this.

There will be Y's at Lisbon, Hope and Page before long, we hope, and our work is moving along splendidly.

I must tell you something of the conventions. At Ardock we had one number which was quite novel. The ladies from Minto gave a "Model Mother's Meeting," which was most enjoyable, and instructive.

Here at Hunter we had a Y hour Wednesday afternoon, which was filled full of interest. During the meeting we had two babies christened, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Tourtelotte officiating. Mrs. Richards tied the white ribbon on each baby, and I put a "Y" pin on each after the meeting. We have two new young members. The children belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

Mrs. Jackman, the state superintendent of physical education, has offered a banner to the union in the state which distributes the most literature on that subject before state convention. I want a Y union to get it. It is an easy way to earn a pretty banner, and the subject is worth working for.

Let us increase our efforts this summer, and go to state convention with flying colors. I hope the Y's are working on the Comfort Bags. It is such fun to do it.

Praying for success and encouragement and strength to meet our disappointments and discouragements,
Yours Sincerely, EMIR BEST.

Report of Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman County Conventions.

The Twenty-First County Convention, and tenth Tri-County Institute of Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman counties met in the Methodist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak. June 10th and 11th, 1909.

Convention opened by a few well chosen words by the president, Mrs. L. M. Brown. Devotions led by Mrs. Phillips of Jamestown, after which time was devoted to the appointment of committees and report of Executive Committee. Mr. Widdifield, of Beal, read a paper "Why Women Should Be Elected Members of Our School Boards," in which he clearly showed that women were a necessary asset to the school board, since the mother has the child's interest at heart, and consequently she will look into the details of the school, which would be otherwise neglected. Miss Elizabeth Green being absent, her essay on "Temperance Essay Contests in the Public Schools," was read by Miss Stowell of Valley City. She showed how these contests educated public sentiment and urged it upon every school to enter upon this plan. She argued that people were against prohibition because of ignorance. The first session closed with nontide prayer, by Mrs. Elmer Osborne.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions led by Mrs. Boice of Jamestown. F. G. Krelau of Jamestown discussed "Enforcement of Law in Regard to Amusements." He spoke especially of Sunday baseball. He stated that under the laws of North Dakota any public sport on Sunday was prohibited, and that any one person could stop it by going to the proper officials and seeing that they did their duty. "Cigarettes" was ably discussed by Mrs. G. E. Miller of Jamestown. According to statistics two decades ago boys acquired the habit of cigarette smoking between

the ages of twenty and twenty-five while now the age is from five to fifteen. The number of boys addicted to cigarette smoking is increasing to an alarming extent, and it is time we knew what poisons are used in the manufacture of this most harmful of all uses of tobacco. The president's annual address was one long to be remembered. It appears in full in another column of this issue. Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Devotions led by Rev. G. W. Simon of Jamestown. The welcome from the city by Mayor Blewett; the schools, by president of the school board; the local union by Mrs. Taylor, left no question in the minds of the delegates and guests of the hearty welcome with which we were received. Mrs. Pickett voiced the convention in her response. Mrs. H. P. Hall, of Aurora, Ill., gave the address of the evening, in which she cited the progress of the nation during the last twenty years, and showed how differently the temperance cause was looked upon to what it was then. She spoke of the long-faced Christian was being replaced by the sociable, happy Christian. She favored athletics of all sort in connection with church work. We are coming to a realization that man is a three-fold being, spiritual mental and physical. We must develop the three in order to have a perfect being. She spoke especially of the good work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. It was an unexpected pleasure to have with us our state president, Mrs. Preston Anderson. She gave us a short talk on our advancement during the last year. She said we were having saloons at the rapid rate of forty a day since Jan. 1, a gain of ten a day over last year. At this rate and the rapidity with which the temperance cause is gaining ground we will soon be a dragnation. The Jamestown ladies tendered a reception to the visiting guests which was most enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After devotions led by Mrs. Elmer Osborne of Dazey, the remainder of the session was devoted to reading of minutes and reports of officers, superintendents, local unions and committees. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year with the exception of the president. Mrs. Zimmerman of Valley City, was elected to succeed Mrs. Tucker. For her faithful and untiring service in the work, the convention moved to make Mrs. Frank Taylor of Jamestown a life member of the W. C. T. U. The pledge for county work amounted to \$34 but there are several unions that will report later. Mrs. Preston Anderson explained the McCrea and McArthur bills. Mrs. Anderson favored the passage of the McCrea bill, as it made it necessary for a druggist to have a hearing before the district judge rather than the county judge in order to secure a permit. She urged it upon the temperance people to attend these hearings, and if they knew of any reason why said party should not be permitted to receive a permit, to speak. The McCrea bill further provides that upon complaint and just proof of three reputable citizens the permit shall be withdrawn. Nontide prayer by Mrs. Bennett of Jamestown.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions led by Mrs. E. C. Widdifield of Leal. Every honor was attended our departed sisters and friends at the memorial service conducted by Mrs. Houser of Valley City.

Mrs. Roy Freeman of Dazey gave a paper "The Physical Education Law," in which she stated that North Dakota was the only state that had a law providing for the training of child mind.

Mormonism was ably taken up by Mrs. Holton, of Cooperstown? Mrs. Holton told the origin of mormonism, discussed their belief, habits and customs. She said the mormons had increased by the thousands. The mormon belief is becoming unpopular among the younger generations, and we trust it will soon be abandoned. Encouraging reports have been received from the missionaries. Mrs. C. G. Boice, of Fargo, gave an interesting explanation of L. T. L. work. She made it clear that the duty of each W. C. T. U. worker was to support the L. T. L. as the advancement of the temperance cause lay in the hope of the children being educated along temperance lines. She said if we would only enter upon our work with the children with the vim and enthusiasm that Satan works with them, what great work would be accomplished. J. U. Hemmi, Jamestown, spoke on "Recent Legislation in Which the W. C. T. U. is Especially Interested, and Recent Changes in the Prohibition Law." Mr.

Hemmi referred to the old law as not mentioning the sale of liquor for sacramental, medicinal scientific or mechanical purposes, but the new law does under the following restrictions: 1st, person selling must be a registered pharmacist; 2nd, must be engaged in the drug business. The same requirements are required to secure permits under the new law, with the exception that they need no signers and must go before the district judge instead of the county judge. This is considered a gain as the district judge, not being a neighbor of the applicant, is not apt to be as lenient as the county judge who lives in the same vicinity. The decision of the district judge shall be final. Complaints for cancelling permits must come before the district judge, and they require only three signers instead of ten as under the old law. The amount is reduced from one pint to one-half pint to an individual in twenty-four hours, under doctor's prescription, and must state disease for which it is used, which prescription must be on file two years by druggist and cannot be refilled. Invitations were extended from Cooperstown and Dazey for the tri-county convention for next year. The invitation was accepted from Dazey. Resolutions read and adopted: Adjournment.

The Jamestown Business Men gave the visiting delegates and guests an auto ride over the city, which the visitors much enjoyed.

FRIDAY EVENING.

A proper ending to a most successful convention was the silver medal contest of Friday evening. It was a difficult task for the judges to decide where to bestow the honors, but after carefully counting the marks they found that Miss Anna Wanner, of Jamestown, had rightfully won. To show their appreciation of the work done by the contestants the Jamestown union presented each with a pretty silver pin. During the entire convention we were favored by beautiful music by the Valley City ladies and the Jamestown ladies and gentlemen.

Convention closed with prayer by Rev. Phillips of Jamestown, and each left for their respective homes, feeling much encouraged and benefited by having attended the convention.

Letter From Purity Superintendent.

NO. 2. I hope every local purity superintendent will see to it that her union has the benefit of this program at a purity meeting. As many local workers are hampered for lack of funds, I would urge them to ask for the privilege of taking a collection for the work of this department at every purity meeting. If they should only get thirty cents, it would enable them to buy 100 new leaflets for distribution.

Let us "throw out the life line" of right knowledge now. Parents, teachers, because you knew not or did not your duty in the past, many are sinking today. What of the future? "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eye—moreover, by them is the servant warned."

Don't forget to send to me for the Sunday School Purity Leaflets, mentioned in the last Bulletin.

BLANCHE L. MARCELLUS,
State Superintendent Purity.

PROGRAM.

FOR A W. C. T. U. PURITY MEETING.

Hymn: "Blest are the pure in Heart." (Tune, Denis.)
Scripture Reading: Ps. 19: 7-14.

Prayer.
Reading: "Report of the Purity Department," page 1, first three paragraphs; page 8, "Have you the Vision," to middle of page 13 (closing with "this great undertaking").

Reading: "A Problem in Hygiene," page 4, last paragraph; bottom of page 10; page 12, to middle of page 13.

Reading: "The Boy Problem," pages 4-14.

Discussion: "What Can We Do?" led by local purity superintendent. (See leaflet "Practical Suggestions for Local Purity Workers.")

Mizpah Benediction.
Send 20c to Mrs. Rose Wood Allen Chapman, 63 East 18th street, Brooklyn, N. Y., for material for above program.

Letter From Flower Mission.

Dear Floral Mission Workers:—It is some time since you have heard from me through these columns, but I have been glad to hear of the work that has been going on in different parts of the state.

I hope that many more unions will see to it that a superintendent of this department is appointed and that the work is well begun during these summer months.

Now that the fruit canning time is drawing near I hope our Flower Missioners will reserve a shelf that may be known as the Flower Mission Shelf. We will not feel it a burden if we add a little occasionally, and it will mean much to others in the coming winter. Let us prepare for great usefulness in the coming month. This is the time to think and plan for flowers for the winter months, and if you know of a poor sufferer, or one who is unfortunate in your community, it is your opportunity to carry them some outdoor beauties. Keep your eyes on the state convention, for then it is that we want to sweep past all our previous records. Be sure to do your part and our report will be all that we could ask. Be faithful in the use of the record cards, and also in spreading our literature broadcast.

Those wishing to write me between now and August 15th will kindly address their letters to Norwich, N. Dak.

Ever yours in His Service,
Mrs. LOUIS P. LINN.

Richland County Convention.

Richland County W. C. T. U. held its fourteenth annual convention at Fairmount June 23, 1909. A goodly number of delegates attended and were royally entertained by the ladies of the local union at Fairmount. The convention was held in the Methodist church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. The president, Mrs. E. M. Tyson, of Hankinson, presided at each session.

The business of the county W. C. T. U. was satisfactorily disposed of, and many very helpful and instructive papers were read. Those of special merit were: "Rescue Work," dealing with the white slave trade, by Mrs. Beisel of Wyndmere; "Temperance Work in the Sunday School," by Mrs. House of Wyndmere; and the memorial service led by Mrs. Clark of Fairmount.

The consecration service of the first session, led by Mrs. Newby, Fairmount, was especially good.

On Wednesday evening, a gold medal contest was held, the medal being presented to Miss Viola Larson of Fairmount.

On Thursday afternoon the convention listened with deepest interest and pleasure to the address of the day given by Mrs. Florence Richards, national lecturer for the W. C. T. U. Her splendid speech was a great outpouring of encouragement and exhortation to the women of the land, and was greatly appreciated by all present.

One new union at Lidgerwood was reported for the ensuing year planned. Following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Delia Ellsworth, Fairmount; vice president, Mrs. H. A. Springer, Wyndmere; corresponding secretary, Miss Taylor, Fairmount; recording secretary, Mrs. Jay E. Crawford, Lidgerwood; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Sundell, Dwight.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. JAY E. CRAWFORD,
Lidgerwood, N. D.

All pleasures wear out except one, and that is the joy of doing good.—George Dawson.

A liquor dealers' journal says: "The W. C. T. U. contests are systematically training votes and snapping public sentiment against us. They are making great headway. We should organize to fight against them."

Behold Kentucky, the traditional cradle of all good whiskey? In less than two years the liquor traffic has been practically obliterated, and yet this state has \$100,000,000 invested in distilleries. Only four counties are wholly wet at this writing and the Jailer's State Association has petitioned the legislature for regular salaries, because, under prohibition conditions, the empty jails do not bring them fees enough to live on.—Carrington A. Phelps, in Broadway Magazine.

From 1887 to 1906 there were 945,825 divorces in the U. S., i. e., nearly one marriage in twelve was annulled. In more than 60,000 cases drunkenness is given as the sole cause. "Desertion" is named as the cause in 38.9 per cent of all cases; "cruelty" and "adultery" each have about the same per cent as desertion given as a cause, but who does not know that intoxication is not only the chief but often the sole cause of desertion, impurity and cruelty.

FIELD NOTES.

Taylor, N. Dak., June 9.—In the interest of the local W. C. T. U. of Taylor, Mrs. Harriet D. Hall, of Aurora, Ill., national organizer and lecturer, gave a very interesting and forcible lecture here Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

Plans were made to hold a convention in the south-west district in August. Mrs. Pearl Hutchinson, of the local union, was appointed president of the district.

At the last meeting in May of the W. C. T. U. of Taylor, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. Pearl Hutchinson, president; Miss Thea Torgerson, corresponding secretary.

Rolla: "Y" Social.—The girls of the Y. W. C. T. U. entertained their members Monday evening at the home of Helen Packard. Quite a number were present, notwithstanding the rain. Misses Harris and Hesketh being on the entertainment committee, it goes without saying that everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening. Between eleven and twelve ice cream, cake and cocoa were served, and after singing a few songs the party dispersed. The "Y" girls have not had their meetings this winter, because circumstances have prevented, but they will continue to have them now. The "Y" not only is a helpful society for the young people, but also affords social enjoyments.

Arthur, N. D.: Mrs. Florence Richards, of Ohio, held services at the M. E. church of Arthur on Sunday forenoon, June 13, to a large and attentive congregation. Mrs. Richards' reputation as one of the leading women orators of the country had preceded her, nor was her audience disappointed. Her text was from the work of Nehemiah, and for an hour and a half she spoke thrillingly for God and home and native land. She made several telling points during her discourse, one in particular regarding blind pigs. She would rather a blind pig or a blind tiger would get after her boy than one that could see! and she emphasized the fact that we have blind pigs only when we have blind officers, and where we have blind officers we have blind voters. After the services seven ladies, without any solicitation, signified their intention to join the W. C. T. U. The offering was \$3.38.

Mrs. J. A. BURGM,
Press Supt. Hunter W. C. T. U.

Dale, N. D., 5-31-'09.

Mrs. Hall has been with us and gone. But her work remains, and we are rejoicing over our new union at Ashley. While in conference with her here, she completed our district organization by appointment. The officers named by her are: vice-president, Mrs. L. E. Neaton, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Amelia Hedke; treasurer, Mrs. Larvik.

Although 9th district is not noted for its many unions, we are growing in strength and members, and pride ourselves at present in having one county, Emmons, in which the prohibition law is in force. Thanks to our officials. Our judge, finding out that a small bond would not hold offenders, has set the bonds at fifteen hundred. Our county was well cleaned up during the last court, and we understand several have concluded that a leave of absence from Emmons county was desirable. We hope to report the same from all our counties in the future. EMMA P. COFFIELD.

Grandin: Our union meets the first Thursday of every month. We have 14 members and 6 honoraries.

Every third meeting is a mother's meeting. We have a program of topics prepared for the year, and leaders appointed to conduct their part of each meeting.

We have a flower mission department, and send flowers or post cards to the sick. We also have a junior "Y" society of about twenty members, which meets once a month. This society takes twelve copies of the "Temperance Banner." Our union takes one copy of American Motherhood and one copy of the Union Signal.

We have held several parlor meetings. Last January we held a reception for the husbands and honoraries. After dinner was served we entertained our guests with a debate on "woman's suffrage," three men acting as judges. Their decision was in favor of the negative. This was considered such a success that we were invited to repeat it at the regu-

lar meeting of the literary club, which was done. This resulted in a reversal of the decision. Our society has also done some "social purity" work, having been successful in placing an unfortunate woman in the public minded institution at Grafton where she may receive proper care and training. Special votes of thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nelson and the board of county commissioners for their untiring efforts in ridding this community of an undesirable character. Much credit is also due Deputy Sheriff Bingham for his tact and consideration. We are striving to gain five new members, so as to be represented in the "Jubilee Meeting" at the county convention. We think our greatest success of the year has been our "silver gray" contest, held last winter. There were seven contestants, ranging in age from thirty to sixty, and an old people's chorus; also several solos. Mrs. Elva Jackman was the successful contestant, winning a matron's silver medal. The proceeds of this entertainment netted us twenty-five dollars.

We have held an ice cream social, which netted about twelve dollars. We look forward with interest to the county convention, which many of us expect to enjoy. Sincerely yours in the work,
MRS. D. FISHER.

From Stirum W. C. T. U.: Have not written to Bulletin in some time, but we are busy down here just the same, and considering storms, want of horses and the many drawbacks to a good union which country places present, are doing as much as possible. Have held three medal contests recently. Those receiving medals were Bessie Rose, Anna Campbell and Mrs. Winnifred Rolston. The two last belonged to a class of seven "school marmas," and the recitations were an honor to the profession. Our regular meeting days are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. It is very hard to keep strictly to these, however, and so if the weather and work permit we have meetings every Saturday to make up for some we were obliged to skip.

Our women are mostly hard workers. For instance a mother and daughter recently did the milking of 14 cows, rode 14 miles to take part in a W. C. T. U. convention, and got back home in time to do the evening milking and other farm chores. How many of our city sisters, I wonder, would make such sacrifices for the cause. On our World's Temperance Sunday this year to vary the program we had a sacred concert which included temperance pieces. This winter the young boys to the number of 24 were organized into a band. Many of them knew nothing whatever of music, and it has been a perfect marvel to us how fast they learned. I do not claim this to be a wholly W. C. T. U. affair, but I know it was originated by W. C. T. U. mothers, talked of and prayed over, and most of the members have W. C. T. U. mothers, and we were anxious to benefit them as well as keep them out of harm's way. No wonder this winter has been too cold for them to come twice a week to their regular practice. They now have pretty brown suits trimmed with white and are giving band concerts in the towns in the immediate vicinity. We have had appropriate sermons preached on "Peace Sunday," and on several other departments of work. So far, we have observed all the R. L. days, having special programs. Delegates attended the recent Sargent-Dickey county convention at Oakes. This is only a part of what we are doing, but enough has been given to show that we enter at least some of the "open doors." God grant we may ever be watchful, and "do with our might what our hands find to do."

Our union has made two of the most faithful life members, Mrs. John Rose, Mrs. C. G. Black.

The Fifteenth Anniversary Convention of the North Dakota Second District W. C. T. U. met at Esmond, June 9th and 10th. The eight unions of the district were represented by sixteen delegates and a number of visitors, who were heartily welcomed in behalf of the people of Esmond by Rev. Chenoweth and Mr. A. J. Styles. Mrs. Hall of Carrington gave an interesting report of the National W. C. T. U. Hon. Torgerson, Benson County Attorney, gave the address of the evening on "Christian Citizenship," which was listened to with pleasure and profit by all.

Thursday morning was devoted to the district work. At 11 a. m. a memorial service was held conducted by Mrs. J. E. Allison. In the afternoon an inter-

esting paper on this social problem given by Mrs. S. F. Beer. Miss Whitcomb read a letter from the State Y Secretary, Miss Emir Best, followed by discussion and a vote taken to make Y work a special feature for the coming year. A pleasant hour was spent with the L. T. L's, led by Mrs. Huick. Interesting addresses followed by discussion on the new Temperance and Anti-Cigarette laws were instructive.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. A. Garey, Leeds; Vice President, Mrs. F. C. Hill, Hesper; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Delameter, Knox; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Spaulding, Leeds; Treasurer, Miss N. E. Whitcomb, Oberon. The following district superintendents were appointed: Y Secretary, Miss Effie Holbrook, Pleasant Lake; L. T. L. Supt., Mrs. Huick, Esmond; Franchise and Purity, Rev. Sabina Tompkins, Oberon; Medal Contest, Mrs. Garry, Leeds; Evangelistic, Mrs. F. C. Hill, Hesper; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Laura Rantz, New Rockford; Indian Work, Miss Lucia Thomas, Oberon; Literature, Mrs. A. M. Roger, New Rockford.

The convention gladly accepted a "Plan of Work" formulated by the committee. A large audience appreciated the medal contest Thursday evening by a class of seven, all of whom did so well it was decided to give each a gold medal contest pin, except to the winner, Miss Helen Baldwin, who received the gold medal.

An invitation was received and accepted to hold the next convention at Carrington. The convention closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the singers, Miss Holbrook, Mesdames Mack, Baldwin and Craig, and to all who assisted in making our Fifteenth Anniversary one to be long remembered with pleasure.

Mrs. Garry reports reorganization of the union at Pleasant Lake with Mrs. Laura Burrows, president; Miss Effie Holbrook, secretary.

L. M. DELAMETER, Reporter.

The International Sunday School Temperance committee has just issued an up to date double pledge card against the liquor and cigarette habits, and announce that during the year temperance Sundays will be held, when work specially devoted to the reform against the paper pipe will be leading topics.

"The Real White Slave is the wife of the poor drunkard," declared Judge McKenzie Cleland before the Evanston Men's Club, in a recent address. "The blackest page in American history will be the page telling of our treatment of the drunkard, that unfortunate who is not a criminal, but whom we make one by locking him up. The criminal courts are at least one thousand years behind the times. With the same progress in other lines, Mr. Armour would still be peddling meat from a wheelbarrow."

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