

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

VOL. 13. NO. 7.

FARGO, N. D., AUGUST, 1909.

Monthly—25 Cts. a Year.

The Need of the Hour.

By EDWARD MARKHAM.

Great is our heritage of hope, and great the obligation of our civic fate. Fling forth the triple colored flag to dare the bright untraveled highways of the air. Blow the undaunted bugle and yet let not the boast betray us to forget. For there are high adventures for this hour. Tournaments to test the sinews of our power. For we must parry—as the years increase—the hazards of success, the risks of peace! What need we, then, to guard and keep us whole? What do we need to prostrate? We need the fine audacities of honest deed; The homely, old integrities of soul; The swift temerities that take the part of contest right—the wisdom of the heart. Brave hopes that Mammon can never detain. Nor sully with his gainless clutch for gain. We need the Cromwell fire to make us feel the public honor or noble public trust. To be things as sacred and august As some white altar where the angels kneel. We need the faith to go a path untrod. The power to be alone and vote with God.

Value of Mothers' Meetings.

Every community has its mothers—mothers with anxious, burdened, questioning hearts. What more blessed mission than to plan meetings where the best thoughts and the highest ideals are imparted, where all can unite in one earnest helpful ambition to make the home what it was intended to be—a miniature heaven upon earth making every day helpful as we pass along.

Since every community has its mothers, every community ought to have its mothers' meetings which are especially devoted to topics suited to the growth and development of child life. The mother not only gives the child life, but she continues to vitalize that life, and the true mother is a teacher as well. Upon her depends the formation of a strong Christian character. God has given us immortal souls to train for Him and this is a most serious responsibility.

If mothers become fully alive to their own needs, and inspired with higher and purer thoughts and inspirations, the influence will be felt in the home and its life made more or inspired as Christ like. Hearts will be cultivated as well as heads, and the pure living and high thinking where inculcated will be expressed in our national life as well.

So much depends upon the mother: as the father is the "houseband," binding all together, so the mother is the home center, not merely ministering to the physical wants of the family, but the center of high and pure thoughts and influences which distinguish the true home from the mere abiding place.

Through mothers' meetings we may preach the gospel of purity and health, study closely the connection of these with temperance, and of heredity with all three. We learn that in our homes bad ventilation, bad cooking, bad dressing open the doors of temptation through diseased nerves and impaired digestion and realize more fully the sanctity of the body as the temple of the Holy Ghost—and impress this thought on our children as the strongest incentive to obeying the command, "Keep thyself pure."

The mothers' meeting is doing no small share of the great work along the child development path. "In the hands of the mothers of today lies the destiny of the nation of tomorrow."

No single woman struggling along by herself with whatever aid she may have at hand, can do as well in this or any other line of study as a number of women banded together for the common good. Therefore the mothers' meeting has come to be a factor of no small value in the determination of the child's future.

The mothers' meeting does not mean a meeting of women to gossip concerning the disobedient, wilful children of other people or to criticize the educational methods of other parents. It means a meeting of women for the study of principles which they may apply to their individual problems in their own homes. Therefore it will take up the study of heredity and pre-natal influence, and in these studies will begin to catch a glimpse of the truth that the work of the mothers' meeting is not limited to the education of present mothers, but to the education of future fathers and mothers.

Not until the mother comprehends the fact that she is a power in the nation will she come to appreciate the dignity of her motherhood, and set herself seriously to the task of fitting herself for the profession. Then her membership in a mothers' association will become a religious duty. The thought that mothers' meetings may be of value to the nation is, as a rule, farthest from the mind of the ordinary individual. The nation is something grand and glorious; it has the power and prowess; it can contract big debts, build battleships, declare war and appropriate millions of dollars for that purpose. What connection can there be between the great and glorious nation and a little company of women met together to discuss the comparative merits of infants' food or moral training of children? It is true the nation is a magnificent thing, but it is made up of concrete individuals. The health of the nation is but the sum of the health of its individual men and women; the morals of the nation but the aggregate of individual morals. The men and women who in the future will constitute the nation are today the very babies whose interests the mothers' associations are discussing. Upon the results of these discussions will depend to a great extent the national welfare; for the way the babies are fed, clothed, trained and developed will determine the trend of national life.

The workers or the invalids, the sober, honest, industrious, or the sexual perverts, the drunkards or the criminals of the future are today babies in the arms of their mothers—babies, plastic, impressionable, to be trained and moulded, to a very great extent as these mothers shall have power or skill. The duty of the mothers' meeting is, first, to educate women as to the dignity of motherhood. Motherhood is a profession, and though women can worry along in it and meet with tolerable success, they can do better work if trained for it. The material they are working on is too costly to be spoiled while they are learning. We shudder as we read of the oculist who, when complimented on his surgical skill said: "Yes, but I spoiled a peck of eyes as valuable as whole children. How many of these have been spoiled body and soul, while the mothers were experimenting on them trying to gain the skill to bring their children up properly? Can we then declare that mothers need no special training? The mothers' meeting aims to put the sacred work of motherhood on the high plane where it belongs, and to bring to its aid every resource of modern science, art, literature and ethics. It will provide itself with a course of study and of home reading. It will take up the study of heredity and pre-natal influences to educate not merely the woman who hold the future citizen, but the child who hold the future citizen as a possibility in themselves. But this broader education must be preceded by a brush-

ing away of the cobwebs of prejudice which are blinding the eyes.

We must be able to see life in all its relations as sacred, a subject to be discussed with reverence and without embarrassment. Mothers will learn that sons and daughters must be taught to reverence in themselves God's greatest gift of creative power, to hold it sacred in thought and deed, a trust for all time and future generations.

Whatever will influence mothers to live wise, unselfish, devoted lives is appropriate for a mothers' meeting. Whatever is pure and lovely and of good report and that will entice any weary or heavy laden mother to an hour's rest is good. Whatever will stir some mother's heart that is already breaking—stir it with a new hope that something can be done against impurity and vice, and she be one of the doers, can be brought in. Nothing is too good to set before such a company as can be gathered, where the mothers of the community are invited to a meeting full of sunshine, bright with hope, helpful with God's message of love.

Friendships are formed in mothers' meetings which strengthen the mother love and make one feel it is good to be a mother.

And now just a word of worldly wisdom: Be sure and go home in plenty of time to get supper. Half the criticism and unkind judgment that has been hurled upon women's meetings by the men has been because they have often gone home to a cheerless fireside and a sleepless table, to find the spirit of the home was attending a meeting. A man may and should have a little more sympathy for and a little more willingness to be made uncomfortable because of a mothers' club than a card club, but clubs are clubs, and men are men. Therefore, be sure and get home in plenty of time to prepare a delectable meal and you will find your husband in far more receptive mood to hear about your meeting than he would otherwise be.

May we unite the moral forces of all true women in the study of life as it is, and their power to make it what it should be, that women all over the world may be joined in a purpose true—"Life answering life across the vast profound."

MRS. RICHARD MCFADDEN,
Tyner, N. Dak.

Rescue Work.

Requested to publish in White Ribbon Bulletin.

The subject "Rescue Work" appeals to us because our sympathy goes out for those in need of help.

We have been startled this year by the articles on this subject as given by our W. C. T. U. literature. The white slave traffic of today is a very important topic. However, many people on first reading accounts of it think them exaggerated and cast them aside feeling no cause of alarm. But the very fact of the organized forces against this evil should arouse us from any indifference. And while the duty of the organization is not to convince the public that the white slave traffic is wrong, it is its duty to convince the public that the traffic exists. The public conscience is morally sound. It must be convinced of conditions and supplied with accurate and conservative information.

In Chicago alone there are more than 30,000 women leading lives of shame. Statistics show that their average life is five years. Therefore 6,000 persons must be recruited every year. How many vol-

untarily go into this life? About 20 per cent. It follows, therefore, that 80 per cent are entrapped and sold. Sixty per cent of the 80 per cent are American girls.

The white slave traffic is a system complete and well organized with persons acting as agents not only in all parts of America, but in foreign countries as well. The price paid these agents for a young innocent girl averages about \$15. The price paid the syndicate \$200. The system desires secrecy, as their success depends upon it.

The Chicago Vigilance Association was organized in February, 1907, and has been doing effective work since that time. It is significant that of the four committees appointed by the association only one is devoted directly to rescue work, while three work in the interest of education, legislation and law-enforcement. The only way to put a stop to this terrible traffic in girls is to begin at the source. Practically all effective work must be of a preventive nature, and therein lies the reason for giving such unspeakable facts as these publicity.

In keeping young girls from taking the first downward step, every parent must cooperate by common sense instruction and careful supervision of the daughter in the home. Dr. Hall says that "our standards are not high enough, that it is time that we had a single standard of purity for both sexes. See to it that the innocent questions of early childhood girls reach the threshold of womanhood let their mothers tell them some of these things that they may be warned against danger."

Judge Mack, of the Chicago juvenile court, said: "Too long we have lied to the little ones and thereby helped to bring about the destruction of so many of them. I am not one of those who believe that salvation lies in education alone. Most men know the evil of drink but the girls in great numbers do not know their dangers. The young boys in great numbers do not know their's. Tell both boys and girls the facts." The societies for social hygiene in large cities do much good by talks to young men and others, giving the knowledge of the conditions that confront them.

Organizations of various kinds in all the large cities are very diligent and persistent. In June, 1908, a treaty between the leading countries of Europe and our own country went into effect, the purpose of the treaty being the suppression of the white slave traffic. This work is largely preventive, guarding railway stations, ports of embarkation, etc.

In a rescue home in St. Louis a record was kept for eight years of the outcome of the girls under its influence. It was found that two-thirds of them became good useful women, living at least good moral lives and many of them religious lives. How we should respond to the calls from rescue homes!

As mothers we should open our eyes and ears and lay aside indulgence, and do all we can to keep our boys and girls from pitfalls while under our own care. The awful and dangerous habit of being on the streets at night has led many a girl astray. I was most awakened to this danger while in conversation with a good mother who said: "I would tie a girl of mine to the bedpost before she should be on the streets at night." Another said to me, "I see no occasion as yet for keeping my child in."

Another indulgence is allowing the girls and boys to congregate at railway

(Cont. on page 2, 4th column.)

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

Official Organ North Dakota W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson,
EDITOR IN CHIEF.
Mrs. E. M. Pollock,
MANAGING EDITOR.

Subscription price, per annum 35c
Extra copies, 2 cents each.

OBJECT—To promote the advancement of the W. C. T. U. work of North Dakota in all its departments, and to do all in our power to bring the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

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

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.

All manuscript for publication must be in my hands by the 15th of each month. Send all communications, subscriptions and money, to
MRS. E. M. POLLOCK,
FARGO, N. DAK.

Entered in the postoffice at Fargo, N. D., as second class matter.

AUGUST, 1909.

STATE OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson
Valley City.
Vice President—Mrs. Nacia Buck, Stark-
weather.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Barbara
Wylie, Drayton.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Florence Con-
nor, 323 Lincoln ave., Minot.
Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Reed, Amenia.

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Secretary Young Women's Branch—Miss
Edna Best, 131 Third ave. S., Fargo.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Mary Grover,
Lisbon.
General Secretary Loyal Temperance Leg-
ion—Mrs. Ella C. Boise, Fargo.
Assistant Secretary L. T. L.—Mrs. Estelle
Taylor, Lisbon.
Superintendent of Medal Contests—Mrs.
Lizzie Schlosser, Mayville.
State Organizer—Mrs. Ida Sparks Clarke,
Fairmount.
Work Among Foreigners—Mrs. Julia Nel-
son, Fargo.
Work Among Indians—Mrs. C. L. Hall,
Elbowoods.
Hereditry and Hygiene—Mrs. I. A. Morey,
Ojata.
Medical Temperance—Mrs. Nellie Mott,
Lisbon.
Sunday School Work—Mrs. Edna F. Salmons,
Cando.
Union Signal and Temperance Literature—
Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowesmont.
Physical Education—Mrs. Elva Jackman,
Grandin.
Anti-Narcotics—Miss Mary Carey, Bottin-
gards.
Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs.
Mabel Nelson, Cando.
Moral Education—Mrs. Blanche Marcellus,
Forman.
Evangelistic Work and Unfermented Wine,
Mrs. M. J. Whitford, Cavalier.
Sabbath Observance—Mrs. S. M. Woolsey,
Hankinson.
Social Meetings and Red Letter Days—Mrs.
Miss Laura Plummer, Minnewaukan.
Flower Mission—Mrs. Louis P. Linn, Dray-
ton.
State, County and Local Fairs—Mrs. Ida
Sparks Clarke, Cando.
Legislation and Enforcement—Mrs. Eliza-
beth Preston Anderson, Valley City.
Franchise—Mrs. K. F. Whitcomb, Hankin-
son.
Christian Citizenship—Mrs. Carrie E. Mad-
ison, Cando.
Historian—Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Fargo.
Statistician—Mrs. Florence Connor, 323 Lin-
coln ave., Minot.
Proportionate Giving—Mrs. Alice May Go-
heen, Sherwood.
Press Work—Mrs. F. H. Wilder, Fargo.
Penal and Reformatory Work—Jean Mc-
Naughton Stevens, Towner.
Superintendent Rescue Work—Mrs. A. L.
Woods, Grand Forks.
Work Among Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. L.
B. Chamberlin, Lisbon.

THE UNION SIGNAL

For every body. All the Prohibition, Temperance and Reform News every week. Price \$1.00 per year. Sample free. Address The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill.

THE CRUSADER MONTHLY

For Home, Loyal Temperance Legion, Public School and Sunday School. For the child and everyone who teaches a child. Scientific Temperance Instruction helps every month. Price 25 cents a year. Address, The Crusader Monthly, Evanston, Ill.

"A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION."

Put this book in every library. Especially helpful to temperance workers. Price, cloth 50 cents; paper 25 cents. Address,

THE UNION SIGNAL,
Evanston, Ill.

New Unions, 1908-9.

Mohall—Mrs. N. Iverson, pres.; Miss Anna Best, cor. sec.
Hettinger—Miss Mary E. Bonzie, pres.; Mrs. Grace Connors, cor. sec.
Reeder—Mrs. A. E. Breckenridge, pres.; Miss Mae Uhlwilling, cor. sec.
Bowman—Mrs. N. B. Hazeltine, pres.; Miss Estella Friemund, cor. sec.
Mound—Mrs. Yada M. Davis, pres.; Miss Mabel Pearl, cor. sec.
Haynes—Mrs. J. L. Hanna, pres.; Mrs. Floy L. Hugg, cor. sec.
Belfield—Mrs. John Dyer, pres.
Mandan—Mrs. E. Collis, pres.
Balfour—Mrs. N. B. Anderson, pres.; Miss Mae Moor, cor. sec.
Gwinner—Mrs. S. E. Lee, pres.
Verona—Mrs. Edna Clemons, pres.; Mrs. Maude Welch, cor. sec.
Kulm—Mrs. Grace Groh, pres.; Mrs. Hanna Collings, cor. sec.
Ashley—Mrs. Gertrude Fullerton, pres. Mrs. Amelia Hedke, cor. sec.
Lidgerwood—Mrs. C. N. Wood, pres.; Mrs. W. D. Movius, cor. sec.
Lignite—Mrs. Eric Myhre, pres.; Mrs. Scott Eynon, cor. sec.
Douglas—Mrs. Edna B. Marks, pres. Mrs. Belle Bates, cor. sec.
Flaxton—Mrs. R. B. Town, pres.; Mrs. Chas. Hoyt, cor. sec.
Aneta—Mrs. Hugh Wright, pres.; Miss Cora Olson, cor. sec.

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

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

We think the paper on first page of this issue good material for a mothers' meeting.

"We had rather see the grass grow yellow under the feet of our children than green over their graves."

The Editor has a number of excellent papers that were read at different county and district conventions. They will be published as space permits. We are glad to have the choice of so many good things. Don't fail to send in reports of special "doings" in your local Union.

We would lay a special emphasis on that part of state treasurer's report which refers to number of members whose dues are unpaid. Less than a month before books close. Pay the dollar today and ask the dear Lord to multiply its power for doing good tenfold.

Life insurance companies are adopting stronger regulations for the examination of moderate drinkers. One of the largest companies now declares that no saloon-keeper or brewer is rich enough to get a policy with him, while even those who drink with moderation are considered poor risks. What is true of this company is becoming true of all others. Some require an agreement that if death results from drink their policy becomes void.—Exchange.

"I am more in favor of woman suffrage than ever before," declared Alfred Blaisdell, Secretary of State of North Dakota, who has just returned to the states after an extended tour of the British Isles. Mr. Blaisdell in discussing the suffragette movement in England admitted that his views had been greatly influenced by the scenes in London within the past few weeks. He was in London when some of the greatest demonstrations for woman suffrage took place.

"It is surprising that so many men should associate themselves with the women in the movement," said Mr. Blaisdell, and to his mind this was the most significant feature of the present agitation for universal suffrage in England.

He ventured the opinion that the movement would spread to this country before many more years and in support of his views called attention to the fact that English women are more domestic than our own and with a suffragette movement in domestic England why not a similar and more momentous struggle of the same kind in America where women already are accorded more freedom of thought and action than in any other part of the world.

CONVENTION CALL.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, will be held in the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, Valley City, September 23-26.

Article Six of the constitution defines the membership of the state convention as follows: "The annual meeting shall be composed of the executive committee, organizers, evangelists, county corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, auditor and presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union, and one for every 30 members, also one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 L. T. L. paid into the state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent."

Article Three of the constitution defines the executive committee: "The trustees with the vice-presidents (county and district presidents) or their alternates, duly appointed by the executive committee of their respective counties or districts, the general secretaries of the Young Woman's and L. T. L. branches, the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, and the superintendents of departments shall constitute an executive committee."

We are rounding out the twentieth year of our history as a state organization, a history for which we should be devoutly thankful. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts we have put forth and crowned the years with His goodness. Let us make thanksgiving and praise to Him, the keynote of this convention. Let us show our gratitude in practical ways. First, by a large increase in the membership. This means that every union should make a small increase over last year. Get your new members at once and collect dues, collect dues, collect dues, for remember no woman is counted who has not paid \$1.00 into the local treasury, and for whom the local treasurer has not sent 70 cents to the state treasurer, Mrs. R. B. Reed, Amenia, before September 9th, when the books close.

Second, by making this the largest convention in our history. Plan to have your union as fully represented as possible. Elect delegates and send their names to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. F. W. Heidel, Valley City, before September 9th. County and district presidents, state superintendents and all members of the executive committee are expected to be present and to send their names to Mrs. Heidel if they desire entertainment.

Third, bring to this convention your best thought for the work and your most earnest prayers for Divine guidance. Observe Friday, September 17th, as a day of prayer for God's blessing in the convention and His guidance in all its deliberations.

We expect to have with us the famous southern orator, Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, president of Georgia W. C. T. U., who is known as the Joan of Arc of the temperance movement throughout the south.

Our bright young Scandinavian organizer, Miss Esther Thomas, and our W. C. T. U. missionary among the Indians, Miss Jessie McKenzie, will be with us and report their work. We shall also have as speakers some of the best talent of our own state. Details of the program will be given in the September number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

We want to make this a banner convention. Look up your banners and send them to the chairman of the decoration committee, Mrs. W. O. Keen, Valley City.

We expect to have unusually fine music this year. Our state musical director, Mrs. Walter Reed, and the local musical director, Mrs. S. A. Zimmerman, will have charge of this part of the program.

A special badge of purple ribbon will be given to all members of the Win One Crusade who attend the convention.

If you are not already a member, it is not too late to join. The only qualification necessary is to win one new member and see that her dues are paid to local and state treasurers.

The state executive committee will meet Wednesday, September 22d, at 10 a. m., in the Methodist Church. It is very important that every member be in attendance. All delegates will be entertained as is our custom for lodging, breakfast and supper.

Valley City is centrally located, is easily reached from all directions and has unusual railroad facilities.

Valley City is beautiful for situation, charmingly located in the Sheyenne river valley. It is the home of the State Normal School, and has a reputation as an educational and musical center. The hospitable people of my home city are preparing to give the convention a royal welcome.

Let us all work together to make this Twentieth Missionary Convention a notable one.

Yours for service,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Chautauqua, N. Dak., July 27, '09.

Rescue Work. (Continued from 1st page.)

stations. Here innocent girls often fall into associations where strangers are taken as companions and a light flippant character may soon become an ideal. In small towns especially girls should not loaf in stores or other public places. So many things as parents we treat lightly that should be viewed seriously as to results.

I believe that girls should be taught to find satisfaction at home much of the time even when home cares do not make it necessary. Surely pure recreation and association is needful and helpful, but to my mind a child that must have these almost every afternoon and evening is in danger. If she cannot content herself with the home comforts, such as music, books, fancy work, home company, etc., at least half her spare time, she needs training and restriction.

While we are seeking to help our own children what are we doing to help the friendless?

Is there a neglected, friendless girl in your town whom you might save? And what about the poor, neglected boy?

As W. C. T. U. workers let us not ask is this person worthy of my service and help? (God forbid.) For who of us are worthy of God's great mercy to us? Let us seek to know more of conditions and means of preventive measures among the young and God will bless us and use us to His glory.

MRS. F. J. BEISEL.

Letter From Superintendent Soldiers and Sailors.

Dear Unions:—Will you kindly inform me how many "Comfort Bags" you will supply that I may know before convention? Formerly I asked to have them finished and sent before that time, however, as I have received less than one hundred to date, and fully realizing the many difficulties in completing them, will extend the time providing I may know by card how many each Union will supply. Do not enclose the oilcloth envelope—that is not meant for the bags. Be sure to write the motherly letter for each one. I am prepared to supply everything for contents that you wish me to, only let me know as soon as possible. Enclose stamp and I will send itemized list and price of what you state you wish me to supply. I hope every Union in the state is busy making them, and will carefully calculate dimensions stated in printed directions.

Yours for service,

MRS. L. B. CHAMBERLIN.

License Produces Blind Pigs.

"I believe there are at least 2,500 places in Chicago where liquor is sold without a license and that there are more blind pigs in Chicago today than there are in Kansas and Maine combined," are the words of the secretary of the Chicago Law and Order League, March 13, 1909.



Cass Co. Convention Report.

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of Cass County W. C. T. U. met at Hunter, June 22 and 23, and was of more than usual interest. The hospitality extended was most cordial and the spirit of good cheer permeated each of the well attended sessions. Mrs. Richards, a great favorite with the Hunter people, was welcomed the first day and gave much help and many inspiring ideas along all lines. The reports of the local Unions were all good in that they told of definite work being done. One Union reported 300 essays written on the subject, "What Harm in a Glass of Beer?" The prize essay on the subject was read. Another Union reported the faithfulness of their president who had not missed a meeting of the Union in eleven years.

Medal contests had received considerable attention and most Unions reported several contests. The gold medal contest held the first evening of the convention was very much appreciated and the young people spoke with conviction and feeling.

Our Y members helped greatly both by their presence and the excellent music they so beautifully gave us throughout the program. Miss Fern Crothers, of Fargo, sang several beautiful solos. Mrs. W. Reed, of Armenia, led the choruses and added several solos which all appreciated.

The Misses Simmons and others of the local Union gave us freely sweet music. "How we can make more use of the power of the press in temperance reform," was a subject for open parliament, and suggestions given: Ask the editor for space and keep him supplied with clippings and temperance news, publish reports of meetings and programs, encourage every member to clip all good short articles and keep editor always supplied with copy.

Following are the officers for 1909: President, Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best, Fargo; vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Simmons, Hunter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. H. Aaker, Fargo; recording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Mattern, Absaroka; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Hawk, Buffalo.

Treasurer's Report.

Edgeley, state dues and pledges.	\$15.40
Maza, state minutes.	.70
Tower City, state minutes.	.90
Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman, life member, Mrs. F. H. Taylor.	10.00
Dale, state dues and pledges.	3.83
Cooperstown, state dues and pledges.	32.10
Churches Ferry, state dues.	.70
Wimbledon, state pledge.	5.00
Cogswell, state dues.	11.20
Lisbon, state dues.	7.00
Hesper, state dues.	2.10
Rolla, state dues.	1.40
Ludden, state dues.	4.90
Havana, state dues.	4.20
Bottineau, state dues.	11.90
Fargo, state dues.	4.90
Walsh county, state pledge.	20.00
Cairmont, state dues.	3.50
Hesper, state dues.	2.10
Taylor, state dues and pledges.	2.00
Walhalla, memorial.	2.00
Sanborn, life member, Mrs. Anna Miller.	10.00
Harlem, state dues and memorial.	4.10
Ellendale, life member, Mrs. Minnie Tibbetts.	10.00
Wyndmere, state dues and memorial.	10.50
Valley City, state minutes.	.15
Advertising in state minutes.	19.00
Forman, state dues.	2.10
Rolla, Y state dues.	2.80
Rolla, state dues.	.70
Oberon, state dues.	9.80
Lisbon, life member, Mrs. Nina Porter.	10.00
Lansford, state dues.	.70
Balfour, state dues.	1.40
Ellendale, state dues.	5.00
Doyon, Willard member.	1.00
Starkweather, Willard member.	1.00
Tolna, Willard members.	3.00

DEAR SISTERS:—There are still a good many Unions who have not paid dues for this year. Will you please attend to matter in your own Union at once, and see that all dues and pledges are sent in soon? The treasurer's books must close September 9th, two weeks before the state convention. On July 1st only 1,509 members had paid dues for this year. Last year the treasurer's book showed 2,358 paid members. Can we not do as well this year?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. ROBERT E. REED, Treas.
Amenia, July 17th, 1909.

FIELD NOTES.

Cooperstown, N. Dak.—A mass meeting in the interest of a sane Fourth and the temperance cause was held in the Cooperstown opera house on the evening of July 4th. The pastors of the churches of Cooperstown assisted in the program, including the Lutheran church. The address was ably given by Mrs. Harriet D. Hall, of Aurora, Ill., national lecturer and organizer of the W. C. T. U. The stage was beautifully decorated with large and small flags and potted plants. The audience was presented with small souvenir flags, which were waved when singing the patriotic songs. The meeting was presided over in a pleasing manner by Mrs. W. H. Butler, president of the local union.

Dwight, N. Dak.—A double medal contest was held Friday evening, June 25th, in the Congregational church. The contest was a success in every respect. The church was tastefully decorated in white and blossoming plants. Eleven contestants competed for the two medals, which, after due consideration by the judges, were awarded to Miss Alvina Ness and Miss Emma Losinger. The program was interspersed with music by the Wahpeton Male Chorus and violin solos by Mr. Bointen, both being highly appreciated by a large audience. While the judges were deciding we were favored with an excellent reading by Miss Kirk. This was the most successful contest ever held in our town and everybody went home feeling that it was an evening well spent.—Marie C. Olson, Press Superintendent.

Report of Cando W. C. T. U.

Following is the report of Cando W. C. T. U. for the year ending June 1st:

- No. of active members, 120.
- No. of increase, 65.
- No. of honorary members, 28.
- No. of increase, 14.
- Total membership, 148.
- No. of regular meetings held, 20.
- No. of copies Union Signal taken, 60.
- No. of copies Crusader Monthly, 10.
- The White Ribbon is generally worn.
- Members are fined 5 cents for appearing without one at a meeting.

One petition circulated secured 110 signatures.

- No. of pieces of literature distributed, 5,000.
- Total amount of money raised, \$425.

The following department work has been done:

Evangelistic work—It is our custom to hold our Evangelistic meeting at the beginning of the W. C. T. U. year. Our meetings are always opened with prayer and scripture reading. We expect to hold our meetings in the churches during the summer, when we hope to do more Evangelistic work.

Sunday School work—World's Temperance Sunday was observed by union meeting of the churches, and \$3 worth of literature has been ordered for distribution on Anti-Cigarette Day, June 27. Sixty-eight dollars has been expended in literature, 60 copies Union Signal, 10 copies Crusader Monthly. We have no L. T. L.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Prizes of for essays in high school and \$3 in grades were offered. Eight essays were handed in, five from Eighth grade, three from High school. School observed what they called Medal Day. Essay prizes were presented by Mrs. Carl Nelson, who is State District Superintendent of this work. The Club ladies are accustomed to offering a prize for highest scholarship. This year the superintendent of the school suggested that the W. C. T. U. offer second prize, which we did. The prize we gave was a W. C. T. U. medal.

Medal Contest Work—One of our contestants took part in G. D. contest at Chauquaqua and was fortunate enough to bring home the medal. We sent three speakers to the state contest, paying one-third of their fare. We hope to take up the contest work again this year.

Franchise and Christian Citizenship—A petition was circulated for the granting of universal suffrage to women and 110 signatures secured. The petition was also inserted in local paper. Many of our members voted on subject of new high school building. One sermon preached on "Christian Citizenship."

Flower Mission Work—We have done much work in this department. Expended \$28. We consider this one of the best methods of reaching outsiders and drawing nearer to our members. Silver pieces were given to two of our members who were leaving us.

Press Work—Notices of meetings are

published in two weekly papers. Special write-ups have also been given our work. One of our editors lately became an honorary. We feel that we have their cooperation.

Anti-Narcotics—As already stated, we have sent literature for Anti-Cigarette Day; also sent for 25 copies of the cigarette law for posting in public places.

Rescue Work—Sent \$12 to the F. C. Home for crib, and bedding to the value of \$6. Our social meetings have been quite popular. We gave our usual reception to the teachers at the beginning of the school year. Twice we entertained in honor of members who were leaving us. Gave banquet in honor of new members. At this banquet a good program was given on W. C. T. U. work. More than 150 guests were present.

Some of Our Special Successes—Our program was awarded first prize by the state, which was two copies of history of our work. One copy we donated to the school library and the other we kept in our union. We were represented at state convention by delegate who secured 20 new members, entitling her to free transportation. This check received from the state was donated to the union for Crusader Monthly for the school and scholarship prize. We have lately completed 24 comfort bags for the battleship North Dakota. We sent for 1500 post cards, which we sold as a means of adding to our treasury, though we find the best method is soliciting for our work. Two of our members collected \$119.50 in less than one afternoon's time. Twenty-three dollars of this was sent for state pledges, \$10 for life membership, \$25 for Union Signal fund, \$50 for enforcement fund, \$5 for district pledge, balance in general fund. Two of our members, one an active and one an honorary, have had the honors of a life membership conferred upon them during the year. Held two weeks membership contest, resulting in gain of 60 A., 14 H. We observed Frances Willard's memorial by giving the program entitled "Glimpses of Fifty Countries." The week following this program all who were assisted in any way were invited to a sleigh ride to the country, where they were treated to popcorn, home-made candy and orangeade. Some of the visions we are seeing now are a rest room during the races, fitting out the gymnasium in new high school and providing individual drinking cups; public fountain for man and beast, raising enough in our Union Signal fund to send for 120 papers by August 1st, also, a new year book by August 1st.

We are truly thankful that the Lord has so wonderfully blessed our efforts. We always feel that a report from our union is incomplete except it contains a tribute to our charter members. Whatever the reason does, or is, we owe to their faithfulness. They have stood by the work through times of good and of evil report, and our work is only the fruits of their steadfastness, they have so well fulfilled Paul's command to the Ephesians: "Wherefore take unto you the full armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand." To such as they not only our union, but many a union, owe their being.

Dept. of Christian Citizenship.

QUESTIONS FOR YEARLY REPORT.

1. Name of Superintendent. Address.
2. No. of C. C. meetings. Rallies. Lectures. Sermons. Parlor meetings. Total?
3. No. Open air meetings where this subject was presented?
4. No. contests held?
5. No. S. S. addressed?
6. No. Educational Institutions addressed?
7. No. articles sent to the press?
8. No. pages literature distributed? Value of the same?
9. What efforts have been made towards law enforcement?
10. What assistance given in campaigns against evil?
11. Did your Union aid in celebrating Fourth of July?
12. Will Unions please send in reports not later than Sept. 10th? Last year some of the best reports came to hand after state convention and so could not be included in my report. Through mistake the report for this state was not included in National report, but I hope with the help of all Unions to send a good one this year. Will county and district presidents receiving copies of National report and C. C. literature please send out same to their Unions?

CARRIE E. MADISON,
State Superintendent.

FARGO, N. Dak., July 18, 1909.
DEAR GIRLS:—I have a letter from the new Y at Hope, and know you will all be glad to hear from them. The Y was organized June 20. Miss Frances E. Taplin was made president, and Mrs. Shipley was chosen by the young people as advisory member from the W.

In her letter Miss Taplin says: "We had our first meeting Wednesday evening and it was very successful. We followed the second July program in the Year Book, and Mrs. Palmy met with us. Our next meeting is to be July 20. We have fourteen members and a prospect of at least five more."

I am sure we are all glad to know of this new Y and will be glad to greet them at convention in the fall.

Hoping that the Y may have a successful summer and come to convention with good reports, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
EMIL BEST.

LISBON, N. DAK., July 13, 1909.

MY DEAR GIRLS:—Miss Best has asked me to write you a letter, and I am glad to have that privilege.

We were fortunate in having Miss Best with us at our convention, and, while we have no Y's in our district, we are attempting Y branches in the various Unions, which will keep our young women in touch with the work and encourage the older women, who sometimes wonder what will become of the work when they are obliged to lay it down.

We had an excellent convention, much of our time being taken up with the discussion of the various reform measures in which we are interested and their enforcement.

One of our new laws must especially appeal to the Y's, and it seems to me the young people may be very helpful in enforcing it, i. e., The Cigaret and Tobacco Law. It is very comprehensive and far reaching and an excellent law if properly enforced, but we can make it worse than useless if we so desire. Shall not we, as young people, do our best to have this law enforced?

Another excellent law which is disregarded in many localities is our Sunday law. Can we not do something more toward a proper observance of the Lord's Day? Talk it up. Circulate literature. Do your best to make our Sabbath a day of rest and worship, and not a day for business and pleasure seeking.

This is the season when so much can be done in the Flower Mission department. Fruits and jellies can be prepared for the winter season, and flowers in abundance can be sent to every one. And don't forget the scripture texts. They mean more than anything else after all.

We are bearing our annual convention and I hope you will cheer Miss Best by sending in good reports and sending them promptly. She doesn't want to guess at results. You may think you have done too little to report, but it does the Y secretary good to know that you are enough alive to answer a letter or return the report blank. Unless you have been the secretary of some organization you will not appreciate that fact, but try it this year and see how glad your secretary will be.

I am sending with this letter a paper on "Department Work," read at our convention, which I hope you will read carefully. It will be helpful.

Join the "Win One Crusade," send in your reports promptly, and we will go up to Valley City with a better report than ever before.

Yours, in our Master's service,
MARY M. GROVER.

Who is the Criminal?
Arrest the drinker? No: the man who sells it? He has a license. Then the man who gave the license? No: the legislator who made the law that compels the judge, county courts, city or state officers to grant licenses? No: the voter who sent the man to the legislature? Yes; he is the guilty man.—Southern Journal.

From Mrs. Wylie.

DEAR COMRADES:—Before this reaches you each Union will have received a package of report cards. The general officers decided to make a departure from the blanket reports this time and to try the postal card system for all reports except that of the corresponding secretary. Upon receipt of this package please see that each local superintendent is furnished with the card for her department. The blanks upon this card are to be filled out, a 1-cent stamp added and the card mailed by September 1st to the state superintendent, whose address is printed upon it.

Will all county and district presidents please notice that a directory blank has been sent them, by means of which we wish to secure the names of all county or district officers and superintendents as well as names of local unions within said county or district. These blanks, properly filled, should be sent to me not later than September 1st.

To our state convention, which meets in Valley City, September 23-26, all superintendents should bring posters with striking features of work done during the year. Printers keep a white cardboard 22x28 inches well adapted for this work and it is hoped the posters may be of uniform size as far as possible. Superintendents are also requested to bring reports, typewritten, and ready for printing in annual report.

A few minutes will be allowed each superintendent to call attention to her report and poster. As you are all aware, the state offers to pay the railroad fare to national convention of the county or district president making the largest gain, which gain must be 100 or more new active members.

All counties or districts making net gains of 50 or more new members will have a share in the program on jubilee night.

Any woman who secures 20 new members during the year is entitled to her railroad fare to state convention.

Will those who hold prize temperance essays please see that they are sent to Mrs. Mabel Nelson, Cando, not later than August 15th?

A prize of \$10 is offered for the best essay written by high school pupil and \$8 for the best essay in grades. Both essays will be read at state convention.

For the best printed program from local union a prize will again be awarded, also the usual prize banners for gains in W. and Y., L. T. L. and honorary membership.

W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE.

Our Institute work at Chautauqua this month was most interesting and helpful. The attendance was good and considerable impetus given to our work. We were fortunate in having our own state president, Mrs. Anderson, with us, assisted by Mrs. Almema Parker McDonald, of Chicago, in the work each day at the Round Tent.

Mrs. McDonald is an experienced Institute worker and thoroughly acquainted with our work.

Much literature was distributed and several new members gained.

On Temperance Rally Day, July 8th, our work was before the people all day. In the morning Mrs. Anderson spoke very clearly and concisely on "Changes in the Prohibition Law made by the last Legislature." In the afternoon Mrs. McDonald spoke in the Auditorium on "The March of the Temperance Reform Across the Continent." Following this very interesting address a reception was held at Baldwin Cottage, which was largely attended. Light refreshments were served and many lingered to inquire further into our work.

In the evening, to a large audience, Mrs. Florence D. Richards, of Ohio, gave a splendid address, which was received with much enthusiasm. Next morning, just before leaving the grounds, Mrs. Richards gave a stirring talk on "Equal Suffrage," which was most convincing.

Miss Esther Thomas, our efficient Scandinavian organizer, was with us for a week and helped greatly in the discussions. Miss Thomas is a charming young woman and is meeting with much success in her work. Since leaving Chautauqua she has organized a Union at Aneta with 40 members. For names of officers see other columns.

At the Cottage this year were Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McDonald and the corresponding secretary. Those who came and lingered with us for a few days were Mrs. Robt. B. Reed, Mrs. Necia Buck and Miss Thomas. Miss Topping, of the Fargo Home made us a pleasant visit. Many White Ribboners called and the time passed all too quickly.

A general officers' meeting was held July 13th and plans, completed for state convention.

Mrs. Robt. B. Reed, our treasurer, very generously donated to the Cottage a "Blue Flame" Oil Stove, which was greatly appreciated by the inmates.

We are indebted to the Chautauqua Association for kind courtesy extended and to the press who so fully reported our work.

Yours in loving service,
BARBARA H. WYLIE,
Drayton, July 24th, 1909.

Letter from State Supt. Physical Education.

GRANDIN, N. DAK., July 12, 1909.
DEAR WHITE RIBBONERS:—We are having a banner made to be presented at State Convention to the Union distributing the most literature on physical education, provided the Union holds at least one meeting on the subject. We are particularly anxious that Open Letters to Mothers and also Open Letters to Teachers be in the hands of every mother and teacher. Let us all try for the banner. It is not beyond the reach of any Union to distribute more literature than the best did last year. These leaflets can be had from Mrs. F. M. Leiter, Mansfield, Ohio, by paying postage.

Very sincerely,
MRS. ELVA JACKMAN,
State Supt. Phys. Ed.

Pembina County Convention.

The twentieth annual convention of Pembina county was held at Crystal, N. D., June 29-30. The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. J. Kneeshaw, on June 29th, at 11 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church. Nearly all of the local unions were represented. The president addressed the convention on the work of the past year, after which she called for reports from the local unions. Good work has been done in each union. Mrs. Ross, of Crystal, very heartily welcomed the Pembina county convention to Crystal. Mrs. J. G. Webster, of Walhalla, responded. The absence of Mrs. Preston Anderson was deeply regretted.

Several very instructive and interesting papers were read and the young ladies of Crystal very kindly contributed some very excellent music and singing to our program.

On the evening of the 29th a gold medal contest was held, Miss Helene Delisle, of Walhalla, being the successful contestant. Mrs. L. J. Burley gave a most interesting address in a very pleasing manner on "Why the W. C. T. U. encourages medal contests."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. J. Kneeshaw; Pembina; Vice-President, Miss Mary Garnett; St. Thomas; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. McFadden; Tyner; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. J. Basken; Pembina; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Webster, Walhalla.

Superintendents of departments: Medical contests, Mrs. I. A. Burley, Pembina; L. T. L., Miss Lois Mayo, Walhalla; Sabbath observance, Mrs. Whitford, Cavalier; Franchise, Mrs. P. McMillan, Hamilton; Scientific Instruction, Mrs. Taylor, St. Thomas; Printing, Mrs. Mudge, Crystal.

A number of very good resolutions were passed and pledges made. The convention sang "Blest be the Tie That Binds" and the Rev. E. L. Mudge pronounced the benediction, after which the convention adjourned.

MRS. I. J. BASKEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

Superintendent of Franchise.

Blanks for franchise reports have been sent to all Unions, mostly through county officers, and with them literature was sent as far as it would go. Again Unions are strongly urged to make a thorough final canvass for signatures to the franchise petitions.

Blanks have been sent to all Unions listed in our state minutes and to others where there seemed a possibility of securing signatures. A full report of the returns from all Unions will be given in the next issue of the Bulletin. All literature should be promptly and carefully distributed.

K. F. WHITCOMB.

While not an original Prohibitionist, I have come in contact with so much distress caused by whisky consumption since I have been governor, that I have changed to the conviction that Prohibition enforced everywhere would be a Godsend.—Gov. B. B. Comer, of Alabama.

America, the Land of Waste.

Our annual drink bill of two billions is the biggest and most shameful item in the record of waste, but there are other ways in which we are the most reckless people on the planet. The fire loss of the United States for each of the last five years would have paid for the Panama canal. In the last seventy-five years the big fires of the world, those which caused losses of ten million dollars or over have numbered nineteen; of these the United States and Canada contributed fourteen, with a total loss of seven hundred millions. Now we are beginning to rival the world's losses from floods. All these are forms of preventable waste. Prohibition for the drink business, better building for the fire hazard and forest preservation and planting for the flood menace, would reduce all these terrific totals sufficiently to make the country a very paradise of material prosperity.—The Epworth Herald.

A Missouri town council, by a vote of five to three, has defeated a resolution demanding the enforcement of existing liquor and Sunday closing laws. One is moved to ask in consequence why the law is on the statute books if not to be enforced. These debates by public officers on the question of whether or not a law shall be enforced are merely debates as to whether or not these officials shall perform their sworn duty. It is a simple question of honor.—Women's National Daily.

A correspondent of the Associated Prohibition Press writes in this flashlight one of the results of "personal liberty" by the liquor traffic's method:

"A man who was making \$25 per week eight years ago was recently asked to help move some household goods. He was paid 75 cents for his work, which he spent as follows: Fifty cents for whisky, ten cents for liver and 15 cents for coal. The saloon has made this man a complete 'bum.' His earnings have been reduced from \$100 per month to nothing. His family takes in washing. One daughter has a very poor chance in life; one of his boys has been arrested several times; and a recent funeral bill has been paid in 50 cents a week instalments. The fuel man, undertaker, butcher, grocer, dry goods merchant, and every member of his family have suffered by the work of the saloon. This family has lived in fifty houses in Sedalia if they have lived in one in the last eight years. The strangest thing to it is that many of these landlords would fight for the saloon because it makes 'prosperity.' We will some time learn that it is poor business to lessen the earning capacity of our citizens and make them worthless 'bums' for a small percentage of the profit."

MAIL ORDERS
Requiring taste and careful selection should be sent to
THE MABEE PURCHASING AGENCY,
704 Lumber Exchange,
MINNEAPOLIS, - - - MINN.
Prompt service. No commission charged. Satisfaction guaranteed.

ROBT M. POLLOCK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Morris Block, Fargo, N. D.
WILLIAM J. CLAPP,
Attorney at Law.

Rooms 5 and 6, First National Bank Building
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.
OFFICE HOURS:— Graduate University
Morning, 9 to 12, of Pennsylvania.
Afternoon, 1:30 to 5:30.

DR. H. RINDLAUB
DENTIST
Phones: Morris Blk
Office 123L. FARGO,
Res. 123K. N. DAK.
J. H. Rindlaub, M. D. Elizabeth Rindlaub, M. D.
M. P. Rindlaub, Jr., M. C.

DRS. RINDLAUB
—SPECIALISTS—
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.
FARGO, N. D.
de Lendrecie block, Opposite N. P. Depot

DR. J. E. CAVANAGH,
Magnepractic Physician.
Specialist in Chronic Diseases.
All Diseases treated by a muscle and nerve adjustment of the spinal column and without the use of drug or knife.
The X-Ray is used in assisting the Magnepractic diagnosis of the spine.
Descriptive Literature mailed upon application. Address

DR. J. E. CAVANAGH,
Fargo Sanitarium, - Fargo, N. D.
1329 Third Ave. South. Phone 630L.
Real Estate Bought and Sold. First Mortgage Loans Negotiated.

Frank Lynch,
Dealer in All Kinds of **Farm Machinery**
Wagons, and Carriages, Deering Harvesting Machines, John Deere Plows. Agent for Advance Thresher Co.
CASSELLTON NORTH DAK.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
W. C. T. U. Supplies
Miss Ruby I. Gilbert,
131 Wabash Ave. Chicago, Ill.

CASSELLTON REPORTER
CASSELLTON, N. D.
Neat Job Work for W. C. T. U. on Short Notice at Moderate Rates and First Class Up-to-Date Style

DRINKING FOUNTAINS
FOR MAN AND BEAST
Manufactured for
THE J. L. MOTT IRON WORKS,
118-120 Fifth Ave., New York.



Catalogue mailed on request and Special Prices given to all Charitable and Temperance Societies