

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Letter from Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors.

DEAR SISTER: I wish to thank the White Ribboners of the state through the columns of the Bulletin for the generous pledges given at state convention of "comfort bags" for the battleship North Dakota. I am sure that when the unions not represented there have rallied to the call, our number will be complete.

I wish to correct the impression given through my neglect to describe clearly relative to literature, pledge cards, etc. Fifteen cents for same is not intended for each bag, but for the whole number each union contributes under ten. I will gladly return any surplus or will apply on freight to the ship, which will save expense to the state. Do not forget the motherly letter.

Yours for Success,
MRS. L. B. CHAMBERLIN.

"How to Win."

[At the State Convention the county presidents told in a sentence "How to Win." The following are a few we were able to catch.—Ed.]

"Go forward in the same good way, but better if you can."—Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman, Valley City.

"Trust in God, keep sweet, and keep everlastingly at it."—Mrs. E. C. Widdifield, Leal.

"Sow our country knee deep with literature."—Mrs. Mazie Stevens, Northwood.

"Prayer, love, faith, faithfulness, peace, patience, perseverance and push."—Mrs. N. W. Porter.

"Stand with the few until the night is past, The day will dawn on the truth at last."—Miss Georgia Chambers, Churches Ferry.

"By all the members being earnestly at work instead of leaving the work to a few."—Mrs. F. A. Loitwood, Hillsboro.

"Be enthusiastic and optimistic; no one will enlist in a dying cause."—Mrs. Elva Jackman, Grandin.

"We have gained 26 new members by holding social meetings at the houses of the different members. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."—Mrs. J. A. Hill, Ahsaraka.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—Mrs. Mary M. Grover, Lisbon.

"Tell the mothers of the work; urge the needs constantly, and tell them of the boys and girls being saved."—Mrs. Flora C. Hill, Hepler.

"Never miss an opportunity to say a good word for your work."—Mrs. E. M. Tyson, Hankinson.

"Make the work of your union worth while, and it will be popular and ladies will want to belong."—Mrs. Walter R. Reed, Amenia.

Pen Pictures from the State Convention.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN: Three scenes in Valley City in the Convention of 1909, will always dignify our Twentieth anniversary to me.

Scene I That beautiful picture of "Our own Elizabeth" sitting on the platform under the Ribbon motto of "The Nation Going Dry," was a striking sight to one of the backwoods White Ribboners, who misses so much that goes on at

the hub of our wheel of influence. And the beautiful setting of flowers, in a beautiful church, made a scene of harmonious peace that sheds a blessing on the year's work.

Scene II was the group of fine faced women, mostly gray, but in the flower of their years, in doing such unselfish work, who wished to give their president so many years' service the rest she needs so much, and yet they wished to honor her and the work by keeping her name in the forefront. I have never seen so fine an example of St. Paul's "In honor preferring one another" anywhere before, and possibly never again, and, mirabile dictu, all the general officers were in their places. Does any other body in the state make such a showing? So much for consecrated service!

Scene III was the earnest attention of the aforesaid general officers when Mary Harris ARMOR, filled with the spirit, gave such a compelling rendering of love, joy and peace that passeth all understanding. "I have been there, and still would go. 'Twas like a little Heaven below."

But there was a fourth scene, that was more wonderful still. It was on the platform Saturday evening when MEX, tired and true, who had grown gray in the service of their fellows, vied with each other in paying tribute to the worth and deeds accomplished of our honorable president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Truly times change and we change with them. In my youth the women who sought a seat in college classes in the British Isles had to fight as hard for recognition as the suffragettes do now, and men shouted "back to your spinning wheel, and keep your foot on the cradle."

Now congress admits the statue of Frances Willard to a niche in high halls where the great state of Illinois desires to honor her adopted daughter, spent in her service, and North Dakota places the picture of her great legislative worker at the top of the state, where men stand, hat in hand, to do her honor. So let us all rejoice says one of the humblest of the Handmaidens.

Bantry, N. Dak., Oct. 14, 1909.

A PARABLE

By Julia Ward Howe

"I sent a child of mine today;
I hope you used him well."
Now, Lord, no visitor of yours
Has waited at my bell.

"The children of the millionaire
Run up and down the street,
I glory in their well-combed hair,
Their dress and trim complete.

"But yours would in a chariot come
With thoroughbreds so gay,
And little merry maids and men
To cheer him on his way."

"Stood, then, no child before your door?"
The Lord persistent said:
"Only a ragged beggar boy,
With rough and frowsy head.

The dirt was crusted on his skin,
His muddy feet were bare;
The cook gave victuals from within;
I cursed his coming there."

What sorrow, silvered with a smile,
Glides o'er the face divine?
What tenderest whisper thrills rebuke!
"The beggar boy was mine."

Treasurer's Report.

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending September 9, 1909.

Balance received from former Treasurer	\$ 500.00	\$1,225.61
Received for creation of Van de Bogart fund	3,100.80	
Received from dues, pledges, etc.	30.50	
Received from interest on funds on deposit	12.18	3,649.48
Transfer of Home fund balances		
Total	\$1,869.99	
Amount expended for payment of orders	2,067.91	
Transfer of Home fund balances	12.18	
Total	\$2,080.09	

Funds on deposit and drawing interest—			
Mattie Van de Bogart Lit. fund	\$500.00		
Florence Crittenton mission fund	517.00		
Headquarters fund	399.50	1,326.50	
Cash in bank		562.50	1,890.00
Total			\$4,985.09

FUNDS.	Begin'g of Year		Re-ceipts.	Dis-burse-ments.	End of Year.	
	Balance	Deficit			Balance	Deficit.
State fund		\$81.21	\$1,453.18	\$1,188.68	\$56.29	
Organizing	\$705.45		503.45	937.74	361.89	
White Ribbon Bulletin		12.93	82.35	401.92	14.02	\$72.45
Chautauqua		110.90	65.90	63.45	121.43	
Legislative		2.00	112.60	141.00		
Memorial		5.00	64.50	67.33		2.83
L. T. L.			45.50	25.00	20.50	
Headquarters	206.00		33.30	31.50		
Anna Gordon			2.00	2.50		
F. W. Hospital			2.50	2.50		
Enf'rement League			13.00	15.00	516.00	
President's stenographer			516.00	517.00		
M. V. Lit. Fd.	500.00				517.00	
Home Building		11.18		11.18		
Florence Crittenton Mission			15.25	15.25		
Home fund						
Total	1,724.53	498.92	3,572.48	3,017.75	1,021.62	73.28

Right to Be a Mother.

The club women of Minneapolis have a lively organ called the "Courant." In an editorial it tells women what they may turn their hands to when all other avenues of employment are closed to them. "If you can't practice medicine," runs the editorial, "if you can't be a druggist, if you can't be a registered nurse, if you can't be an undertaker, if you can't be a lawyer, if you can't succeed as a teacher, if you can't be a house-keeper, if you can't be a cook"—if you fail in all these things, why, you can be married and become a mother. You don't have to have a certificate for that, and no individual will officially inquire into your fitness. We, the people, believe in liberty and we insist on your liberty to bring children into the world in bondage to disease or defective mentality; to defective training or inadequate care; to moral obliquity or economic dependence; to sorrow and shame and life-long misery. This is a free country."

No Need for Either.

For the argument, grant that "blind tigers" are worse than saloons. But why should we have "blind tigers"? They are illegal, the same as arson, horse stealing and many other crimes. If we elect officers that are true to their oaths "blind tigers" cannot exist.—Nobleville Ledger.

Treasurer's Report.

From Sept. 18, to Oct. 18, 1909.

Grafton, state pledges	8 00
Amenia, state dues	13 30
Valley City, state dues	70
Medina, state dues	2 10
Haynes, state dues	2 10
Biabe, state pledge	5 00
Valley City Scandinavian, state dues	14 00
Bulletin subscription	1 00
Hunter, state dues	4 90
Fargo Scandinavian, life member, Prof. A. A. Aaker	10 00
Fargo Scandinavian, life member, Mrs. J. M. Johnson	10 00
State Convention, life member, Mrs. F. W. Heidel	10 00
State Convention, life member, Mrs. B. H. Wylie	10 00
State Convention, life member, Mrs. R. M. Pollock	10 00
State Convention, life member, Mrs. Mary Bennett	10 00
Cooperstown, life member, Mrs. W. H. Butler	10 00
Elbowoods, Bulletin	50
Fargo Scandinavian, state dues	7 00
West Fairview, state pledge	5 00
Collections during State Convention	102 68
Jamestown, State Minutes	1 35
Norwich, state dues	5 30
Advertising in State Minutes	32 50
Amenia, life member, Mr. H. F. Chaffee	10 00
Edgeley, state dues	4 20
Colgate, state dues	70
Bay Centre, state dues	10
Englevale, state pledge	1 40
Churches Ferry, state dues	1 40
Cando, life member, Mrs. Chas. McVey	10 00
Lisbon, state dues	14 00
Mrs. Armor, organizing fund	43 51
Ahsaraka, state pledge	5 00
Lisbon, Ransom LaMoure county, life member, Mrs. Mary M. Grover	10 00

MRS. ROBERT B. REED,
State Treasurer.

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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.

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"As we meet and pass from day to day
Our many friends along life's way;
May every such brief contact be
A joyful, helpful ministry
The union of the soul and seed.
Each giving to the other's need,
Each helping on the other's best
And blessing each, as well as blest."

National Convention Notes.

North Dakota W. C. T. U. lost the Union Signal banner which she has held for the last three years. As a partial compensation, the beautiful new banner, given for the best work done in physical culture, was awarded to North Dakota. We have the best physical culture law of any state in the union.

We regret that the "Farmer," an agricultural paper largely read in North Dakota, should give prominence in a recent issue to an article almost wholly false, written over the signature of J. B. Carl. The article reads and has the same import as the various articles written and paid for at advertising rates, by the liquor bureau of publication. The article we refer to was in the home department of the paper and was edited by a woman. Our readers who correspond with the "Farmer" will, we trust, call attention to the article and refute its statements in regard to conditions in their own locality at least.

We trust every Union in the state is doing full work on the "comfort bags" for the good ship "North Dakota." To make 930 bags and fill them is work, but it is pleasant work and we are assured that the bags will be appreciated by the boys who must spend some lonely and home-sick hours in our country's service on the high seas. Let the work be done promptly and be ready when the ship is put in commission.

Miss Maud Bell Rice, of Valley City, the new superintendent of medal contest work, has every qualification for the work. Born in the West, educated in Chicago and Washington, D. C., in law and dramatic art, Miss Rice brings to the work ability and enthusiasm. We expect next month to bring to W. C. T. U. members of North Dakota her plans and ideas of the work of medal contests. Address her at Valley City; plan a contest right away.

Ere this issue reaches you the great annual home gathering of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be history. We do not say ONLY history, for we firmly believe that the work they do at Omaha is as lasting as time itself. The influence of thousands of consecrated women, meeting in a common cause, will be felt the world around.

We would like to have every superintendent and county president claim space in our state paper. The editor can only report the work as it is told to her. We can furnish space for three or four superintendents each month. Who will claim it for December?

What Prohibition Costs the Farmer.

It appears that the liquor dealers' associations are trying to persuade the farmers of the county against prohibition by warning them that the market for corn will be ruined if the breweries and distilleries are closed.

The value of the corn crop last fall, according to Secretary Wilson's estimate, was \$1,350,000,000, while the value of the corn used by the distillers and the breweries during the year is estimated to have been \$20,000,000 to \$21,000,000.

The internal revenue bureau, therefore, confirms the estimate of the department of agriculture that only an infinitesimal percentage of the corn crop is used for whisky or beer and even if all the distilleries and all the breweries were closed the farmers would never suspect it so far as their market for corn is concerned.—Wm. E. Curtis, in Washington Correspondence to Chicago Record-Herald.

Letter From Mrs. Buck.

DEAR COMRADES: Our 1909 annual Harvest Home gathering is a thing of the past, but I am sure that its influence will prove far reaching and that it will prove an inspiration, not only to those who were privileged to be present, but to the White Ribboners all over the state. We are entering a new year under unusual conditions. It is imperative that our beloved president should have a rest; she has served us long and well and I am sure that it is the prayer of every heart that this year's rest may so restore her health and strength that she may serve us many future years. May we not one and all help to answer our own prayers by working with new zeal, new consecration for the upbuilding of our organization in North Dakota? I believe that in no better way can we help in the renewing of her strength and the proving of our devotion. Let us see to it that when Mrs. Anderson again takes up the work she may find that it has not only held its own, but made real progress. It is with confidence that every White Ribboner will feel a responsibility in this matter and a firm belief in the promise that we may do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us, that I have dared to assume even a part of the responsibility. May God add His blessing upon our efforts.

Miss Esther Thomas, Fargo, employed as State Organizer, will begin work in first district upon her return from the convention at Omaha. After two weeks in this district she will give two weeks to second district, then visit in this order the sixth, third and fourth. Any union desiring her services should write at once to the president of their district. Miss Thomas is also State L. T. L. secretary. She will lecture in either English or Norwegian, will organize W's, Y's or L. T. L's, does house to house visiting, distributing literature and taking subscriptions for the National paper. Miss Thomas has been working in Cass County since the state convention and has organized two L. T. L's in Fargo. The officers of the American Legion are: Hugh Hall, president; Geo. McNamara, vice-president; Grace Brown, secretary; Esther Brown, librarian and organist, and Gertrude Boise, treasurer.

The officers of the State organization are: May Lemon, president; Grace Buell, vice-president; Judith Larson, secretary; Walter Fosburg, treasurer; Olive Burrisson, librarian, and Judith Staherim, organist.

With our L. T. L. secretary in the field all the year, we ought to push this work as never before. The crying need is for leaders. We must have paid L. T. L. leaders, and I believe it will pay any union to make every sacrifice in order to do this. If we neglect the children we are losing our greatest opportunity of service to "God and Home and Native Land."

Miss Pearl Kirk, medal contest trainer and associate Y secretary, has been called from the state for two months. We trust that she will be able to devote a part of the year to the work.

Miss Ellen Stone is working for the W. C. T. U. through the new department of Temperance and Missions and may be obtained by our state for a few engagements after the convention in Omaha. Miss Stone's experience on the mission field, her capture by brigands and her ransom by the people of her native land, make a thrilling story. Any union or church society desiring to obtain her services should write Mrs. Wylie at once.

In response to many requests from our honorary members for a special badge adapted to the use of men, the National W. C. T. U. has brought out a neat button badge, the design of which is a white bow under the letters W. C. T. U. in gold on a background of dark blue enamel. The buttons are finished in two styles—button and pin back. This button is not likely to supercede the "little bow of white ribbon" which is still the official badge. Ribbon soils easily, however, and for coats and travel the little buttons may prove useful to active members as well. They may be obtained of the National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill., at the following prices, 25 cents each or \$2.75 per dozen, or \$20 per hundred.

When this paper reaches you, the great Harvest Home gathering at Omaha will be in full swing. What mighty influences will reach therefrom, what an inspiration to us all; pray that this meeting may be led by God's spirit, that in all things His will may be done. His name glorified. There promises to be a unusually large delegation from North Dakota, and we should, therefore, re-

ceive a greater share than usual of the inspiration for our year's work.

The day following the convention, Oct. 28, a whole day purity conference is to be held. The morning will be given to discussion by department superintendents, rescue workers and leaders in mothers meetings, etc.

The evening session will be open to the general public and the address given by Dr. Carolyn E. Geisel. We trust our delegates may arrange to stay for this meeting that we may receive for ourselves its benefits.

I hope to realize the dream of years and attend the National Convention. I wish to thank those who by their splendid efforts in our membership contest made this possible, and I will endeavor to bring back all I can carry of the good things in store for us.

Yours, lovingly,
NECIA E. BUCK.

How to Advertise and Prepare for a Public Lecture.

When a letter comes from the lecture bureau asking us if we will take a certain speaker, our first duty is to acknowledge the receipt of this letter. Failure to answer letters is a great hindrance to all departments of our work. What do we think of any one who fails to speak when spoken to? Shall we think any differently when one fails to answer a letter? Our state president could tell of extra burdens in the lecture bureau because of unanswered letters, of eight and even ten attempts to hear from some placers. If unions could only realize what extra work this means, in the way of postage and patience, they would observe the rule of common courtesy and answer. If the union does not meet within a few days of the receipt of this letter, we should call a special meeting to consider the matter.

There are times, no doubt, when it may not be wise to employ any speaker, but in the majority of cases the decision should be in the affirmative and the request of the state granted. Arrangements having been made for the entertainment of the speaker, the name of the hostess should be sent at once to her or to the superintendent of lecture bureau. Then talk up the lecture. We can talk up anything or anybody or we can talk it down and kill it forever. Words are wonderful things, and sometimes we scarcely realize their force.

Then advertise! advertise! advertise! through the public press, the poster, the pulpit. Tell the truth about the coming lecturer in as striking a way as possible.

Dodgers distributed through the town on the morning of the day on which the lecture takes place are inexpensive and very effective—lest they forget. The sale of tickets furnishes a good advertising medium.

The train on which the speaker arrives should be met by some one who will cordially greet the stranger and pilot her to the hospitable home of the hostess.

None but those who have tried it understand the strain incident to public speaking, and the effects of meeting all sorts of people and being entertained at all sorts of places. We must remember the Bible injunction, "Be not forgotten to entertain strangers," knowing particularly that in the W. C. T. U. work it is true that "some have thereby entertained angels unawares."

Arriving at the home, tired from speaking and traveling, the lecturer should be shown to her room and not expected to appear until meal time. Then she should be quietly entertained and not talked to death. Let her come and go and be blissfully ignorant of the little petty differences that may exist in the union or in the community.

If music is desired, see that arrangements are completed and the organist there on time. Of course the building will be properly lighted, heated and ventilated, the last condition worthy of more attention than is commonly given to it. The president, or some one in her place, introduces the speaker and sits with her on the platform.

At the conclusion of the lecture appreciation is properly expressed. If a collection is to be taken, the collectors have been duly appointed and are in their places. Attractive young ladies may assist greatly on such occasions.

Members of the union should remain after the lecture to meet the speaker and introduce her to others, trying to secure as many new members as possible for the union. TYNER.

There are now 48 county seats in Nebraska under prohibition.

CASSETLON REPORTER

CASSETLON, N. D.

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



Letter from Mrs. Grover.

MY DEAR YOUNG WOMEN: The Executive Committee have seen fit to again appoint me as your Y secretary. Having been out of the active work so long makes me feel as if I were a new beginner, but with your co-operation we hope to accomplish something this year.

As you perhaps know, Miss Best has re-entered school in Minneapolis, so could not keep the work another year.

We were somewhat disappointed at our state convention that the Y conference was crowded off the program, and having received no reply to the question "Will you send a delegate?" No distinctively Y conference was arranged, but I want to quote from Miss Mosher's letter what I had intended saying to you. "I have always tried to keep before our young women the fact that they are a W. C. T. U. of young women if banded together into a Y, and that the literature and help of the mother society are for them, and the plans almost identical." Now all through the year keep this in mind. Read the Union Signal, the White Ribbon Bulletin and the State Minutes, as well as the Y Year Book. Sociability is all right, and we ought to provide good clean social times for the young people, but I do not believe that the Y is ever going to be a success that does nothing but have "social evenings." Keep our work before the young people. W. C. T. U. work is interesting and instructive, and I believe that we can hold our young people longer if we have a definite plan and program, than if we merely come together to have a good time. Do not misunderstand me. We should have the socials, parties and amusements, but do not make that the main feature.

You will see the last year's report in the Minutes and may wonder about some things, but please try to keep this in mind all through the year and profit by it. First, I can make no report unless it is sent to me from the different Y's. Second, no member is counted when it comes to the awarding of banners unless dues have been paid to the state treasurer. That accounts for the seeming discrepancy between my report and the awarding of the prize banner. Valley City Y reported to me, and a fine report they had. Good work done and a large increase in membership, but they failed to send dues for all new members, so Rolla Y, which sent me no report at all, but which sent their dues to the state treasurer, secured the banner.

Would you believe that only 44 Y's paid dues last year? That sounds discouraging doesn't it? But we have some things that are encouraging to tell you. We have a Y organizer who is also organizer for Richland county—Miss Pearl Kirk, of Wahpeton. Miss Thomas, L. T. L. secretary, will also organize and help in Y work whenever she can. First district and Cass County also have Y secretaries. Where there are no Y's the young women are joining the W's. Fifty-seven were reported to me, but the unions failed to tell the treasurer that these were young women, so the Y was not credited. I hope that the local treasurer will see that this is done this year.

Now, my dear girls, will you not write me about your work? I would like to have something from the local Y's in each Bulletin.

This is the time of year when our work should be active. Collect your dues and send them to the state treasurer, Mrs. Robert B. Reed. Amenite, right away. Don't wait till convention time, and then wonder why you didn't receive the banner.

God is wonderfully leading the temperance hosts all over the land. The time was when this was not a popular cause, but that time is past. I am sure we all want a part in the final victory. Begin now and do something, if ever so little, to bring it to pass.

Mrs. Preston Anderson in her annual address said something like this: "If you feel sometimes tempted to be discouraged in your local work, look out over the wider battlefield, or look back and see what has been accomplished in

the last twenty years and you will join us in anthems of praise."

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills whence cometh my help."

Yours, loyally,
Lisbon, N. Dak. MARY M. GROVER.

Department Work.

The difficulties of such a subject become very apparent when I mention the fact, that the complete plan of work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union embraces some forty departments. To treat them separately in a brief talk is impossible, to completely summarize, even some of the more important ones, and "difficulties are God's rewards," and that when we are sent upon them, we should esteem it a sign of His faith in us and our ability, as a compliment from Him.

In casting about for a line of thought relative to this word "departments," several words all beginning with "d" occurred to me, namely, duty, difficulties, devotion, diligence and discretion.

These might safely be the watchwords of every department superintendent. First, duty, because it is first in the scheme of life and occupies it largely. It is the only sure guide to peace, for no human soul ever knew real peace unless it knew its duty also and did it. Second, difficulties, the department superintendent and the workers everywhere should welcome them because they are the tests of their ability. The thing that is easy and pleasant to do brings us no reward from His hands and but little credit from our fellow men, but to accomplish the hard and unpleasant task, which calls for all our strength and patience, that is real gain. Third, devotion, the keystone of this little arch of words, because no duty ever was or ever will be accomplished without it. What is devotion? I prefer it in the evangelistic sense here. To typify, I bring you the beautiful words of Hannah Moore, "The secret here, devotion's temple is, there the saint lights the flame of pure sacrifice, which burns unseen, but not unaccepted." And again, "Once I sought a time and place for solitude and prayer, but now wherever I think of Thee I find a closer there." That is the whole secret of all failure in Christian work. Christians do not pray enough. Religion has become nothing more than a phraseology of the churches, mystifying more than it elucidates, and largely a conglomeration of words to the average mind. Next and fourth, comes diligence, a most important word, for all the expectations of life depend upon it. The mechanic who would perfect his work must first gather tools, sharpen them and use them. The teacher who would be a real instructor does not gather great stores of knowledge, but rather studies the process of thought, and the exercise of mind called forth by this metaphysical puzzle brings him knowledge. Fifth, and last, comes discretion. We are wont to say that some certain souls are "most discreet," "never make a mistake," etc., but herein is the first mistake, for discretion consists not so much in never making a mistake, but rather in never repeating it. The man or woman who never made a mistake, never won a success.

Finally we have departments, because the task grows lighter as many share the toil, so never mind where you work, let your care be for the work itself. A Christian's spirituality will depend as much upon his work, as his work upon his spirituality.

Now of these five watchwords to which I have called your attention, I have made an arch, because of that figure I have sought to show you that no one word is more important than another, each and every one of them has its place in the arch; by the same figure I wish you also to understand that no single department of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is more important than another. All have their place in the complete plan. Therefore do not imagine department superintendents that certain dreaded efforts may wait until a "more convenient season," that yours is but a small part of the work and therefore it will not matter much if you slight it.

You are the fine gauges which direct the wheels of the larger wheels. You are the "leaven of the bread." Are you going to let it remain sodden and inert, bringing no nourishment to the work whose "bread of life" it is? Did not the Master say "feed my sheep"? And again, look at the high central keystone of the arch of words and see again the word "Devotion," and remember He said: "Seek and ye shall find me, knock and it shall open unto you, ask and it shall be given unto you." Labore est avarus. "To labor is to pray." Mrs. A. C. COATES, Lisbon, N. D.

FIELD NOTES.

Englevald, N. D.—Our last meeting was held at Mrs. Ivy Howells; it was a purity meeting. We took in one new member—Mrs. I. B. Miller. Mrs. Olen Hanson of West Fairview Union, and Mrs. N. W. Porter, president of Englevald W. C. T. U. went to the state convention held in Valley City, September 23 to 25 as delegates from their unions.

Fargo Union is deep in the work of making "Comfort Bags" and raising money to pay for them. The debt incurred by keeping a rest room and club room for women has been paid and the union breathes easier, for our union did not find a debt as stimulating as some have claimed it to be. A Loyal Legion is in full swing, meets every Sunday afternoon. Steps have been taken for a medal contest. Mrs. Armour's lecture was stimulating. It certainly was encouraging to see a crowded house and feel the enthusiasm which an impassioned speaker, like Mrs. Armour, cannot fail to produce.

Bantry, N. D., Oct. 14, '09—"Twas ever thus! Down from the mount of transfiguration to the valley, where disease and death are claiming their victims, and straightway into the fight must the disciples hurry. No sooner had the delegates of the Mary Young union of Tower doffed their best bonnets, than they were called on to plan a campaign of defense. The druggists who had surrendered under fire last March, had come into the Ninth Judicial District and were asking Judge Burr for permits under the new law. "Ah, then and there was hurrying to and fro." No citizen of Tower doubts the good faith of said applicants nor their sincerity in offering edibles, but many doubt, very seriously, the power of any druggist to live according to law in handling a permit in Tower.

The pressure is too great, and a man's closest friends are his most persistent foes. The pledge offered, namely of selling nothing except under doctor's prescription, is not credited by anybody but the applicant. But the constitutionality of the new law was seriously doubted, and the prospect of falling back on the old law means, "watch and pray," means, eternal vigilance is the never-dying price of liberty. It was depressing to see doctor after doctor take the stand, and plead for alcohol. We never seem to get a man in the North-west who seems to know of the great hospitals in London and Chicago, which for 35 years have treated all cases without alcohol and which have a better percentage to their credit than the neighboring hospitals which have been slowly eliminating the number of cases in which they use it. And the vaults of the clerk of the court show a perfect epidemic of cramps and cold for which alcohol is the prevailing remedy. But it was amazing how few of the people who signed such affidavits, were men whose names were known to me, and they could not have been known to the druggist either, for he had seldom completed the affidavit by telling, over his own signature, that the applicant for liquor was well known to him. We had no idea so many strangers called at one local drug store. And the judge heard a new argument about bootlegging. Permits were necessary to satisfy the demands of those who would otherwise patronize bootleggers, and make these unscrupulous gentry as plentiful as blackberries in Wisconsin. Our officers, who are certainly trying to do their duty, are so tired of hitting the bootlegger that they would rather see the respectable permit. And reputable citizens will have to call on the bootlegger for whiskey for the typhoid patient and the little five-year old, whose system probably inherits alcoholic craving. Alas! alas! that we should not learn better methods of stimulating the skin, or that we cannot persuade our doctors to teach us how to keep well. As for the lumbar pneumonia of which we heard so often, from which habitual drinkers suffer, we have lived long enough in Tower, to have seen several drunkards who could not let the accursed thing alone, be glad when they could not get it in sickness. They died in peace and happiness, and went sober to the great judgment bar, and willingly too. These are facts that won't don't. What would ye, my masters? Ye, that vote? Put away these enamoring cups, and live with us in the sunshine, with pure water for the never-failing draught.—J. McNaughton Stevens, Press Cor.

Let thy mind's sweetness have its operation upon thy body, clothes and habitation.—Herbert.

How to Conduct Prize Essay Contests.

COLLEGE CONTESTS.

In a contest for the college prize, a local contest should first be held wherever it is possible to obtain a local prize, and the prize essay should be entered with the winning essay of the other colleges of the state for a state prize. The state prize essay should then be forwarded to the national superintendent. If there be no state contest, the winning essay of each college should be sent to the national superintendent.

Subject—The relation of individual total abstinence to the prosperity of the nation.

Markings—Essays shall be graded on clearness of thought, accuracy of statement and originality of presentation.

Number of Words—The maximum number of words shall be 3,000 and the minimum 2,000.

Prize—The prize will be known as the "Susan J. Steele" prize, and will be \$100 in gold.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS.

In a contest for the high school prize, a local contest should first be held, followed by a county contest and a state contest. The winning state essay shall be forwarded to the national superintendent. Prizes should be awarded for local, county and state contests.

Subject—The value of total abstinence to a life.

Markings—Essays shall be graded three-fourths on subject matter, and one-fourth on style and grammatical excellence.

Number of Words—The maximum number of words shall be 1,500 and a minimum of 1,000.

Prize—The prize shall be known as the "National" prize and will be \$50 in gold.

GRADE SCHOOL CONTESTS.

Each local superintendent should first obtain permission of the principal of the school to hold such a contest. Then the teacher of the grade in which the essays are to be written should be asked to outline the subject for the children and to require each child to write an essay on one of the chosen subjects. When the essays are handed in, let the teacher select the ten best essays. These should be used in a local contest and a prize awarded the best. In city schools a second contest may be held between the different schools of the city, and the best essays chosen for competition between the different schools of the county or district. The prize county essay should be used in competition between different counties for the state prize.

Subject—What is the harm in a glass of (beer,) (wine) or (cider)?

Markings—Essays shall be graded one-half on subject matter, one-fourth on style and grammatical excellence, and one-fourth on appearance of paper, which shall include penmanship and spelling.

Number of Words—The maximum number of words shall be 1,000 and the minimum 500.

Prize—The prize shall be called the "Mary C. Upham" prize, and shall be \$30 in gold.

A Woman's Answer.

A prize of \$50 was offered for the best answer to the question: "What constitutes success?" It was won by a woman, and this was her answer:

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

A Strong Argument.

The following card ad in a blotter, signed by a dozen grocery firms of Delaware, Ohio, has been scattered by the thousands, and has proved very effective in a campaign which, writes Dr. C. W. Barnes, "is moving splendidly."

"Any one who drinks three glasses of whisky a day for one year and pays ten cents a drink for it, can have in exchange at any of the firms whose names appear on this card, 3 barrels flour, 20 bushels potatoes, 200 pounds granulated sugar, 1 barrel crackers, 1 pound pepper, 2 pounds tea, 50 pounds salt, 20 pounds rice, 50 pounds butter, 10 pounds cheese, 25 pounds coffee, 10 pounds candy and 3 dozen cans tomatoes."

Echoes from National Convention at Omaha.

"We clearly behold the breaking of the morning light of national prohibition."

This was the most sweeping prediction of Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, at the opening session of the thirty-sixth annual convention at the Auditorium.

In leading up to it she reviewed prohibition victories in Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee; saw a vision of whiskey-less Kentucky, foretold the closing of Nebraska's breweries and saloons, predicted the passage of constitutional prohibition in Alabama on November 29 and rejoiced over the action of the Florida legislature in deciding to submit constitutional prohibition to a vote.

Over 1,000 women were present when the convention opened, and as more are coming on every train, the attendance is expected to amount to several thousand by night. They are from Alaska to Florida and Maine to California.

When no response was made to the names from Alabama in the calling of the roll, the president explained that the Alabama women had to stay home to work in the campaign for the passage of a constitutional prohibition amendment next month.

The presidents of our nine prohibition states each told how it helped her state.

Mrs. T. E. Patterson, Alabama—The statutory law which prohibits the sale of liquor in my state has been effective to a certain degree. In most sections the law is being enforced, and in those sections a marked degree of prosperity has been noticed. Our jails are empty. In the city I am not one of 30,000 population, there is not one inhabitant in the city jail.

Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, Kansas—In all but two counties the prohibition law is being enforced with the same perseverance as any other law. As a result of prohibition our state has never experienced a period of prosperity such as is apparent now.

Mrs. E. D. Collins, Tennessee—The greatest fight in the history of Tennessee will be under way before many days have passed in the prohibition situation. Prohibition seems to take hold in the smaller towns and cities, but the liquor element is endeavoring to float the big cities. Our greatest trouble seems to be with the border towns of Louisiana.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Maine—Maine was the first state in the union to go dry, and prohibition has been very effective for over half a century, and we expect the same conditions to continue for hundreds of years to come.

Mrs. Harriet B. Kelis, Mississippi—On January 1, 1909, only six counties out of eighty-three were lacking in the enforcement of the prohibition law. Business conditions have improved wonderfully, and even the saloon men themselves realize the better conditions.

Mrs. Cora D. Hammett, Oklahoma—Perhaps no phase of the prohibition situation is so agitating the minds of the people of Oklahoma just now like that of enforcing the law, and I believe we have every reason to feel encouraged. Where the law has been enforced the result is always increased prosperity.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, North Dakota—The majority of our children have never seen the open door of a saloon. We have had prohibition for twenty years. Conditions are better all over the state. Men who ran saloons before the prohibition law went into effect say they realize what prohibition has done for the state of North Dakota.

Mrs. Mary H. Armor, Georgia—The statutory law prohibiting the sale of liquor in Georgia is being enforced splendidly. We are having little or no trouble with the liquor element and on November 2 next, when we introduce a bill providing a constitutional law forbidding the sale of liquor we will have won completely.

Mrs. Atkins, representing North Carolina—The prohibition law is most effective in North Carolina. We have had it now for two years, and no law is better enforced than the prohibition law. Land values have increased wonderfully and other signs of prosperity are the result of prohibition.

On Welcome Night, Governor Shallenberger, in welcoming the delegates, gave his reason for signing the 8 o'clock law. "Knowing that my term of office would be short, compared to the term of life yet allotted me, I determined I wasn't going to do anything, in order to hold office a little longer, that would make me ashamed of myself the rest of my life

"They say that before election I talked home rule. Well, the 8 o'clock law is a home rule law, because it gives notice to the world that the home rules after 8 o'clock."

"The mother should be the one to tell her children about the meaning of life. They should not leave it to the teacher," says Mrs. Rose Woodallen Chapman, of Brooklyn, superintendent of the purity department of the W. C. T. U., who will speak on "The Moral Problem of the Children" at an extra all day session for mothers and teachers Thursday in the council chamber of the city hall.

An attack on the comic supplement of the Sunday papers was made by Mrs. Minnie Baker Horning, of Illinois, superintendent of the press department of the W. C. T. U., at Friday afternoon's session of the convention. She said the Boston Herald has discontinued the comic sheet and that the Chicago Tribune did so for a time, but resumed it again because thousands of people wrote complaining letters when they missed it, while the thousands who appreciated its absence neglected to write their thanks. She urged that the convention appeal to pastors, missionary societies and educators to take up the fight against the comic.

Mrs. Martha Allen of New York, superintendent of the medical department, announced that Alabama and Kansas had prohibited the sale of liquor for medicinal purposes. She said a wealthy man had promised to spend thousands of dollars in distributing literature in a fight against drug drinks.

Thirty-nine railroads prohibit the use of liquor by their employees.

Forty first-class magazines have excluded liquor ads.

The churches are working more actively for prohibition than they ever did.

The Seattle exposition prohibited the sale of liquor on the grounds.

Congress passed the Knox bill, providing that shipments of liquor to prohibition states must be labeled with the name, and that no liquor may be sent C. O. D. to those states.

President Taft turns down his glass at banquets and no liquor was served at his inaugural ball.

Mrs. Stevens recommended that the convention appeal to the president to stop liquor selling in the canal zone and require total abstinence of canal employees.

She recommended that congress be asked to prohibit the use of the mails for the purpose of advertising liquor.

She urged efforts toward anti-white slave legislation and anti-polygamy legislation.

What the Brewers Really Think of Prohibition.

The Kansas Issue gives the following startling inside glimpse of brewery opinion: "One of Kansas temperance workers recently, while traveling on the train, engaged his seat-mate in conversation, which after a few minutes naturally drifted to the question of the prohibitory law. His companion proved to be an agent of the Schlitz Brewing Company and in the course of the conversation said: 'Anybody who says prohibition does not prohibit is either a liar or a fool. I am now on my way to Wisconsin. I also work in North Dakota, and I can sell more beer in Wisconsin in four days than I can sell in North Dakota in four months. Our company is not telling this, but we are doing all we can to disgust the people with prohibition, so that if the question ever comes to the people they can vote out prohibition.'

The true prohibitionist is not thrown off the track by the sophistry and deception of the liquor fellow."

A Costly Tax-Gather.

"The 1,880 liquor sellers of Baltimore, Maryland, take out of the people's pockets of that municipality yearly not less than \$17,653,000," declared Professor J. K. Taylor in a recent address which appeared in the Battle Cry, Baltimore, Md. Continuing, Professor Taylor points out: "The Baltimore saloon absorbs in two years more than the capital of all the banks of Baltimore, amounting to \$30,000,000, takes in three months more than the total value of all school property (\$4,377,000), and in one year's time, three times the total amount of real and personal property taxes, and returns to the State and city of Baltimore an aggregate of less than \$1 in \$17 which it filches from the pockets of its victims.

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Influence vs. Power.
REV. ANNA H. SHAW.

The women understand that at the very heart of all the corruption, of all the evil of our nation, is the saloon, about which is thrown the protection of law and over which floats the American flag today. These women, empty-handed, these women with only the power to pray, are appealing to Congress and appealing to legislative bodies, and year after year the appeal is made. Thirty-four years the women of this country have been crying aloud to the nation to have their homes redeemed from the curse of the saloon. How much time is consumed by women before election? Just look at the amount of work and time and energy and strength given by the women of Georgia (or any other state) to get the men aroused to such a position that they were willing to vote to protect the homes of that state. And is work of the Georgia women finished? Every year in every election they will be compelled to watch to see that the kind of men are nominated and elected to office who shall enforce the law that they have. It will be a continual watching, in season and out of season, taking day and night of energy and the life of the women—the most wasteful way, the most extravagant way, in which to use up the vitality and energy of the women of the state. How much simpler it would be if the women of Georgia (and Pennsylvania) instead of spending all their time in trying to boost up the men, could go to the ballot box and vote like men—exactly as the women in the parliament of Finland have been able, not only to influence the Finnish parliament, but to cast their votes in the interests of the prohibition measures which the women of Finland everywhere desired to have passed.

Now, remember: The distiller is armed with the ballot; the brewer is armed with the ballot; the saloon keeper is armed with the ballot; the drunkard—the male drunkard—is armed with the ballot. The home-maker, the child rearer, is powerless against such a foe, without the ballot which determines political conditions in this country; and it is the crime of our day!

"Every mother owes it to her children and neighbor's children, to join the W. C. T. U. and help the good work of agitation and education."

State prohibition is predicted by the friends of the temperance cause within the next five years in Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.

"The liquor iniquity is hit again," exclaims the Epworth Herald. "It is announced by Harper's Weekly and Harper's Monthly that after present contracts have expired no more whiskey advertisements will appear in their pages. Now let brewer and distiller raise the old, familiar shout about unfair discrimination."

The honorary vice presidents of the Twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism, at the Imperial Institute, London, include three archbishops, seven members of parliament, more than a score of earls, lords and titled ladies. The announced list contains the names of Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer; Hon. John Burns, famous labor leader; Lady Henry Somerset, and nearly 140 others.

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