

# WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## Our Needs for the Year.

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."  
 "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting Arms."  
 "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

We need Thy presence, Lord,  
 Throughout the coming year!  
 Our woes and wants are real;  
 Be Thou more real and near.  
 The future's front looks cloudy,  
 The path is all untried;  
 But we will follow fearless  
 Where Jesus is the guide.

We need Thy power, Lord,  
 To crush the power of sin;  
 For, like a mighty water-flood,  
 The enemy pours in.  
 No other arm can hold us,  
 No other arm can bear  
 The burden of our weakness,  
 The burden of our care.

We need thy patience, Lord—  
 Patience for every day  
 To work our work appointed,  
 To wait and watch, and pray.  
 Lord, perfect Thy sweet patience  
 In our impatient hearts,  
 Till every fretful murmur  
 With every fear departs.

We need Thy peace, Lord Jesus—  
 The peace that Thou didn't win  
 When, on the cross of anguish,  
 Thy blood was shed for sin;  
 The peace that flows from pardon,  
 And brings the wounded balm;  
 That turns the wildest tempest  
 Into the deepest calm.

Thus may Thy presence cheer us,  
 And may Thy power control,  
 Till patience shall possess us  
 And peace fill all our soul.  
 —Selected.

## The Brewer's Letter.

(Submitted by Rev. D. H. Colquette.)

(The following letter is self-explanatory. It fell into hands for which it was not intended.—Editor.)

"St. Joseph, Mo., July 27, 1908.  
 H. Lewis, Esq., Editor News,  
 Gravette, Ark.

Dear Sir: Your name was forwarded to me with several names of newspaper men by our association at Milwaukee, through Mr. Rush, of St. Louis. This is strictly confidential, and to know a good thing when you see it means dollars in your pockets, and prosperity in your family at least. We are working for the coin, and the time to make hay is when the sun shines.

Now to the point, The National Brewers' association of the United States, at their last meeting, held in Milwaukee, \$500,000 were appropriated for aggressive work south of the Mason-Dixon line. What we have most to fear is the south, and steps must be taken at once to check the forbidden legislation in Old Dixie. I mail to your address, under separate cover, a neat little pamphlet, issued in the interest of our organization, and I desire to arrange with the friendly press of Arkansas for the publication of our literature from time to time as original editorials and we will pay

nicely for this kind of matter. Our association is to keep in the background supply the press with what we desire printed, and you run it editorially, at terms agreed on. We will get out various kinds, suitable for the various localities and people. Your locality has great numbers of illiterate people, both white and colored, and much personal work is necessary. We have men to suit all classes and conditions. Our Mr. Pat Doyle, one of our organizers, can come to your little town and occupy the pulpit, preach an eloquent sermon for any denomination that will count for most. If in the Methodist he can call the old back-sliders to the altar; if in the Baptist he can rip them up the back on predestination; if in the Campbellite church, will preach on Philip and the Eunuch, and talk nothing but water; or any other denomination can be substituted.

Should we fix up a deal, Mr. Doyle would come, have an understanding with you and arrangements to preach, and you can introduce him as your brother-in-law from Minnesota. This would look good to the old cranks, and he would preach a discourse that all the old sisters in town would want him to go home with them and partake of their hospitality. He can deceive the very elect. He has the wool pulled over the eyes of Governor Hoch of Kansas, and preaches in the largest church in Topeka; after getting in the good graces, he can talk for high license and it counts for much more than a dozen whisky speakers, as they can't draw the class most desired to reach. The programme is very elaborate and would require personal interview to give you the outline.

Let us hear from you at once, care Personal Liberty League, St. Louis, Mo. Your name is on our books, you are in debt, need money. We have it, and will assist you in case you put your time and paper to our service. You will notice in the back of the little book, the names of those who have gone wrong, we could put more names in, but will wait until another edition. The man who robbed your jewelry store was a reformer once, but as he is now running a saloon not many miles from you, and is trying to do the right thing, his name is withheld.

Pe um and let me hear from you, and should any one suspect, deny everything, as that is our motto.

Yours for good government,  
 E. L. Flaherty,  
 St. Louis, Mo.  
 Care Personal Liberty League.

Use plain envelope to keep down suspicion.

Doyle and myself are in Hiawatha today. Doyle is going to preach, ha, ha. Does the foregoing explain why so many secular newspapers are against prohibition?

Do you suppose any of the above mentioned \$500,000 was paid to the Arkansas legislature to defeat submission?—Exchange.

## Letter from Flower Mission Superintendent.

Kenmare, N. D., Dec. 14, 1909.

To the Flower Mission Workers.  
 My Dear Sisters: To those who have helped so faithfully during the past year in this department it will be gratifying to know that our national superintendent sent a very

hearty letter of appreciation in response to the annual report we sent. She wishes to thank every white ribboner who did even a little to swell this report. Our annual report this year was a credit to the small unions of the state. It was a noticeable fact that many of the unions from whom we had a right to expect the most failed to send in a report. My urgent plea is for the larger and older unions to bestir themselves and take steps along this line of work. Of course this does not mean all for there are some splendid exceptions. By this time you have secured the report from our state convention and I hope you will turn to the report of this department for your encouragement and to some it may serve as an incentive to greater activity. To me it seems as though a union that does not take up this work is losing a great privilege.

Most of us, just at present, are rushed with plans for Christmas and when this reaches you we will have entered upon a New Year; may we not all with one purpose take up the work of this department with more zest than ever before. We did well the past year but I trust there is not one but what sees before her, new opportunities for work. We can go on to larger fields of usefulness and when 1910 draws to a close we will have reason to be thankful for the way we have been led to be a blessing to others.

May the New Year be full of choicest blessings for each white ribboner and for our work.

Yours in His service,  
 Mrs. L. P. Linn,  
 Supt. of Flower Mission Work.

## Letter from Supt. of Purity and Mothers' Meetings.

Valley City, Dec. 6, 1909.  
 Dear Mothers and Sisters: To many of you this article will contain nothing new, but some truths will bear repeating many times.

As Isaiah says, "line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," and we may add sometimes a good deal.

Your former superintendent of the department of Purity and Mothers' meetings has supplied your unions with much good literature. Please read and study it carefully at your meetings and in your homes. It is written by those who know of what they speak. Do not put it aside for a more convenient season.

Many of these leaflets will open your eyes to new fields and new duties. May not some minor details wait, or be put aside in the house while you acquaint yourself with the going and needs of the world around you? Read, ponder and pass on to your neighbor that shun may do likewise. Then will you not resolve that with God's help you will do what you can to save your own and your neighbor's children from the pitfalls of Satan so skillfully laid in every hamlet, town and city of our fair land. O, how like, though hidden, many of these unseen evils are reaching out their giant arms even in our rural districts for our boys and girls. Yours and mine may not be so safe as we dream they are. What can mothers do to stop such iniquities?

Rather, what will not mother love be willing to do to protect her offspring?

Why not then have organized mother-love in every union and every locality where it is possible to get the mother's together to consider these weighty matters. These meetings are not of modern date. Maternal associations were in existence at a very early period of our history in Massachusetts and spread over New England with great favor and most excellent results. The aim with our Puritan foremothers was largely the conversion of their children. They discussed together the best ways and means of leading them to accept Christ as their Savior and to grow up useful, respected and earnest christian citizens. The meetings were permeated with prayer for the success of their efforts. And the history of these same families proves how God honors true faith and his own promises. For we are told that the majority of the children of these mothers became highly respected and useful christian men and women. Can we desire less for our children? Can any life be truly a success that is not christian? To this end shall we not begin, at an early age, to train our little ones in the principles of total abstinence and purity and in the fear of the Lord? Our national superintendent urges all unions to take up this work called White Ribbon Recruits. She also considers the curfew a great blessing and asks that the hours be 8 o'clock in winter and 9 in summer. We find that generally the unions will have to ask for the change to 8 in winter. Certainly the curfew ordinance, where strictly enforced, is a great help in shielding our boys and girls from the evils that shun the light.

Oh that we as mothers, might have an arrest of thought along all lines pertaining to the highest welfare of our sons and daughters for time and eternity. The time is so short that they are with us in the home. Let us ponder this fact. Soon the public school will claim them, then the college or the workshop or perhaps a home of their own. Have we been careful to make the right impressions on their plastic minds? Have we carefully sown only good seed in the virgin soil and watered it with our tears and prayers? Mothers take time to read and study good literature on child training. Write to our national superintendent, Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, 305 East Church street, Elmira, N. Y. She can supply you with the latest and best published of our day. For there is one book above all others that we as mothers should study for our own profit as well as for our children's. This is the Bible. We have in this book Divine wisdom to guide us. We here learn that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and also of knowledge. Let us study and practice precepts in our homes and in our schools, if we would be a blessed people whose God is the Lord. Will not each union hold at least four mothers' meetings during the year and invite all women to attend, giving a special invitation to the young women; and faithfully report all work done in the same to me.

Mrs. L. M. Wylie,  
 Valley City, N. D.

## Roll of Honor.

Kansas.	Kentucky.
Oklahoma.	Georgia.
North Dakota.	Alabama.
North Carolina.	Mississippi.
Tennessee.	Arkansas.

—Exchange.

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

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters: The old year, with all its opportunities, achievements, victories, failures, mistakes and defeats, is drawing to a close and soon there will open before us a new page, clean and white, on which we shall write the records of 1910. As we enter the New Year we cannot tell what it may bring to us of joy or sorrow or opportunity or difficulty. This only do we know that we may safely follow where He leads. May the New Year bring to you and all God's richest blessings and may it prove a year of renewed consecrations and faithful service in the Master's cause.

The meeting of the executive at Larimore Dec. 27, was a very busy one, seven members were in attendance, the meeting was held in the hospitable home of Mrs. Hannah Patten, our superintendent of franchise, at the close of the morning session a most delicious dinner was served. We appreciate the dinner the more when we learned that it had been cooked by Mr. Patten (tell this to your husbands) while Mrs. Patten attended the executive.

The Grand Forks Union presented an invitation for the next annual convention of the state W. C. T. U., this invitation being accepted and an effort is being made to secure the national president and vice president as speakers for the convention. Plans were formulated for Chautauqua, among them the organization of a Chautauqua loyal temperance legion under the leadership of our state L. T. L. secretary. We believe great good might be accomplished—and an impetus given the L. T. L. work throughout the state if this could be successfully carried out.

Miss Thomas presented a report of her work since the national convention. It is very encouraging and the summary given below but faintly presents the full import of her report.

Unions organized, 4; reorganized, 1; Loyal temperance Legions organized, 3; membership of new L. T. L.'s, 99; number of new active W. C. T. U. members, 98; honorary, 39; Union Signal subscriptions taken, 12; Crusader Monthly subscriptions, 10; literature distributed, 1,120 pages; towns visited, 17; scicolis visited, 7; jails visited, 2; collections, \$62.25. A committee was appointed to consider the publication of North Dakota Joy Bells, a quarterly paper for the Loyal Temperance Legion.

A report of Miss McKenzie's work among the Indians was given and a letter from the Indian union at Armstrong was read and the following report submitted. I believe this report will prove of interest to all and will give it in full.

"The W. C. T. U. of Armstrong met at Mrs. Ella R. Ripley's house on Nov. 27, 1901. A few members were absent Mrs. John Butcher, the president, opened the meeting by giving a good talk on temperance. Mrs. Rev. C. L. Hall and Miss Pollet both came down and joined our society at Armstrong. Mrs. Hall gave us some good points on temperance, telling us to be firm and stick to what we have undertaken.

Mrs. Yellow Corn, the treasurer, gave a good talk and offered a prayer asking the Lord to help us in our work. Mrs. Ripley gave a talk to the women. There were collected amounting to \$25.00. It was decided to have a meeting at Mrs. John Butcher's about the end of December. Lunch was served and meeting adjourned. Ella R. Ripley. We are indeed glad to get this very good report of the meeting of our Indian sisters and I am sure the prayer of all white ribboners will be that God may bless this union and all of the work done for the Indians in our state.

Plans have been received from the superintendent of the new department of circulation of national official papers. The watchword of the department for this year is "Hold and Gain." Hold every subscriber we now have and gain at least 25 per cent.

We ought to be loyal to our national papers. We can make this gain if we try. Will every superintendent of Union Signal and literature send in their name and address to Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Evanston, Ill., that you may learn her plans, premium lists, honor

We are glad to acknowledge the promptness of our correspondents. This, the fifth time, we have gotten out the January number "just before Christmas." This is the fifth time we have found our W. C. T. U. correspondents on time in spite of the extra busy Christmas season. We shall never again wonder what we shall do for our January number.

Did you write those motherly letters for the comfort bags? We hope that there will be enough letters to go round. We found a reluctance on the part of our members to write the letters. It is not too late to write them now. The superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors undertook a great task when she agreed to take charge of 930 comfort bags and send them to their final destination. We trust cash Union has done its duty in making the task lighter.

The "pay check" is one of the saloon's best trade makers. Out of 3,600 checks paid out in wages by one manufacturer in Joliet, Ill., on a recent pay day, all but one was returned with the endorsement of some saloon. The single one had been endorsed by a man running both a saloon and a grocery store. Nineteenths of the mill pay checks of Joliet come back to the banks endorsed by saloon keepers, declares one of that city's leading bankers.

We publish on our first page a letter which explains itself. We wonder if it does not explain the strange editorials which we too often read in our own state press. Since the law forbidding liquor advertising in the papers of the state became effective editorials are published in regard to the effect of prohibition claiming that sales of intoxicants have increased and the evil of drink is made more. We who have been on the firing line all these years, both before and since the enactment of the prohibition law, know how false these statements are. It is immeasurably easier to enforce the prohibition law than it is to enforce any license law ever enacted.

The Shaw Publishing Company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., have sent us their newest temperance publication, "Stories of Hell's Commerce, or the Liquor Traffic in its True Light." It is compiled and edited by Elton R. Shaw. The introduction is by President Samuel Dickie of Albion College. The stories and other articles of the book are written by such noted writers as John G. Woolley, John P. St. John, Eli Perkins, Chas. M. Sheldon, D. L. Moody, Chauncey Depew, R. A. Torrey, Sam Jones, Henry Ward Beecher, John B. Gough, Theo. L. Cuyler, Ada Melville Shaw, T. Dewitt Talmage, L. A. Banks, Gen. Fred Grant, Geo. Sheridan, Frank Beard, Rudyard Kipling, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Wendell Phillips and many others. The book will be found very useful to anyone who wishes to obtain in compact form the best temperance facts and illustrations. The book is in two bindings at \$1.50 and \$2.00 respectively. Write the publishers for their book temperance calendars and post cards.

The North Dakota W. C. T. U. are to be congratulated that our new senator appointed by Governor Burke is "on our side." Senator Thompson is an honorary member of the Cando Union. Cando Union is always coming to the front; Banner for most Union Signals taken; Banner for most contests held; banner for most new members and now they have a real live United States senator. We congratulate them and are honored to claim so active a Union in our state galaxy of unions.

They have even taken to writing poetry up there and will do doubt be taking the banner for that. We quote from the "New Senator" a poem by an honorary member of Plaza Union: Cando bows to greet thy council,  
Comes to grace thy senate hall;  
Thompson comes succeeding Johnson,  
Comes to voice and bless us all.  
Towner county, high and noble,  
Than whose patriots none's more true,  
Lends one of her grandest, bravest,  
Of her wisest men to you.  
With a strong faith in thy future,  
In the glad millennial age,  
He will write an "onward, upward"  
On thy log books every page.

roll regulations, etc., and get to work at once. In order to save expense and needless work will everyone please remember when sending in Union Signal subscriptions to send directly to the Union Signal office and ask that they be credited to Miss Halcrow. Mr. Arnold will be at work in the state again immediately after the holidays. He is doing good work and I trust that white ribboners will give him all the assistance possible. Mr. Arnold makes his own dates and comes for collection and entertainment but a word of endorsement or commendation is often of great help to him in going into new towns. After the holidays Miss Thomas will begin work in Walsh county working from there west to Fourth and Sixth districts.

Again wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours in the work,  
Necla E. Buck.  
Starkweather, Dec. 28, 1901.

## Letter from Mrs. Anderson.

Dear Comrades: Since I last addressed you through the columns of The White Ribbon Bulletin, the state and national conventions have come and gone with their records of past achievements, which were also inspiring prophesies of future victories. I have not had an opportunity of thanking those who were not at the convention at Valley City for the great honor so generously conferred upon me there.

Personally I realize that I am not in the slightest degree worthy of this, but I understand how, as your leader for so many years, I represent in your thoughts the cause we love, and that in honoring me you are seeking to magnify the great work to which we are all dedicated. May God bless you and reward your devotion and loyalty, by making your organization more and more a power for righteousness in North Dakota.

I think the Valley City convention will long be remembered for its delightful spirit of comradeship, harmony, helpfulness and good cheer, and that was born of the assurance that over all God was guiding and directing its deliberations.

The work of the year is well launched and is being pushed forward by our faithful corps of officers. Our acting president, Mrs. Buck, is proving herself equal to the demands of the office, and with the assistance of Mrs. Wylie, whose long experience gives her an intimate knowledge of the details of the work, is planning large things for the year. Mrs. Connor has gotten out the state report in a most creditable manner. Mrs. Reed has proven her ability as a treasurer and in her hands the finances will be well looked after. All of these officers are carrying heavy burdens of responsibility and I bespeak for them the loyal support of every white ribboner in the state.

I have been asked several times if I am really resting. Of course, there was no opportunity to rest until after the burden of the work of national recording secretary was over. After the Omaha convention, I spent three and a half weeks at Evanston getting out the national report. The national headquarters is a veritable bee hive of industry. Mrs. Stevens and Miss Gordon are the most tireless workers I have ever seen. Mrs. Parks did the work of two women last year, as in addition to her work as corresponding secretary, she took charge of the literature published by the National W. C. T. U., a work which Mrs. S. M. D. Fry looks after this year. Mrs. Hutchinson looks well to the finances of the organization. The duties of each office have been increased by the growth of the work, and the changes and new plans necessitated by the centralization of the national literature at headquarters and the merging of the senior L. T. L. and Y. into the young people's branch.

I arrived home on the morning of Thanksgiving day. I stopped between trains at Minneapolis and spent the day in the charming home of Mrs. B. Laythe Scovell, where I had a delightful visit with her and Mary A. Whedon, who is well remembered and well beloved by white ribboners who were in the state when she was editor of Western Womanhood, which for several years was an official organ.

Mrs. Scovell is taking a rest from the responsibilities of state president and the arduous field work to which she has given many years. Both she and Miss Wheadon were in good health and spirits and enquired after many North Dakota friends.

I have just arrived at the point where I begin to feel the lifting of the responsibilities of the state work. While I am not idle, I am not driving myself with whip and spur as I have done for several years, and I fancy I am already feeling the beneficial effect of the new regime. While the work and workers are almost constantly in my thought and prayers, I have no anxiety, knowing the work is in safe hands.

Inquiries have come to me from some who have paid subscriptions to Thomas McNeill for a temperance paper which he promised to commence publishing last spring or summer. I know nothing of the young man except that he called on me and presented his plans and I told him I thought there was a field in North Dakota for a good, live weekly temperance newspaper. I had no idea that he was collecting subscriptions for this paper, and he did not receive my endorsement as I understand was reported.

It seems necessary to repeat often the warning that it is safe to pay money to or arrange meetings for these reform workers only who have the endorsement of our national or state organization.

We were very happy in the splendid representation North Dakota had at the Omaha convention. They made a fine showing on Jubilee Night and Mrs. Euck made a good impression with her maiden speech.

A national worker remarked to me, "What beautiful faces you North Dakota women have." I replied I am pleased to hear you say that for that is the way all North Dakota white ribboners look to me and I am glad to know it is not my imagination.

With a prayer that this New Year may be the best in the history of our work, and that at this blessed Christmas tide our hearts may rejoice together in the unspeakable gift of God's love,—Christ Jesus, I am,

Yours faithfully,  
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.  
Valley City, N. D., Dec. 16, 1909.

### World's Convention Trip.

Glasgow, Scotland, June 4-11, 1910. The attention of white ribboners all over our country is turning especially at this time, to the great world's W. C. T. U. convention to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, June 4-11, 1910. The United States is entitled to about 230 delegates, and present indications are that the delegation will be more than full. Following the convention, tours have been arranged through Scotland, England, The Hague, to Paris, Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine, Switzerland, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and through Italy. The lowest prices possible have been secured both on the steamships and for the trips. Competent conductors will have the various parties in charge, and everything will be looked after in the most efficient fashion.

There is no time like the year 1910 for a European trip, the Passion Play, which is given during each tenth year, comes this year. It is also authoritatively stated that this year is the last of comparatively low prices, as many contracts with steamship companies and hotels expire with 1910 and will only be renewed at much higher prices, and that of course, means greater expense for travelers. The great interest manifested in our trip shows that these considerations have weight with many people, and they are wise who take advantage of the tours offered by the W. C. T. U. this year.

Circulars giving the various trips in detail, with prices ranging from \$245 to \$500 are now being sent out, and will be freely sent to any one and to all who ask for them. Send the names of your friends who might be interested in such a trip and they will receive the little book.

Address Minnie B. Horning, 628 Liberty street, Evanston, Ill., Chairman of Transportation, National W. C. T. U.

### FIELD NOTES.

Amenia, N. D., Dec. 17.—We held a parents' and teachers' meeting Nov. 5 and had with us our county superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Mattie M. Davis of Fargo. The meeting was a very interesting and profitable one. The first week in December, a Christmas sale and supper was held. More than enough money was raised to pay all our state and county pledges and dues, so we are able to start in the New Year free from debt.—Press Superintendent.

Larimore: The W. C. T. U. ladies held a gold and silver medal contest in the city hall Tuesday evening for the benefit of the drinking fountain system to be installed in our public schools. A very fine programme was rendered, the musical part being given by the young people. Mrs. L. H. Patton, the winner of the gold medal, gave an original temperance oration on Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Anna Warren of Mayville was the winner of the silver medal.—In Grand Forks Herald, Dec. 12.

Fargo: Fargo union has held regular meetings at the homes of its members since convention. One evening a meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boise. The Hon. Emerson H. Smith gave a valuable resume of the progress of prohibition. We hope to have this paper published in the White Ribbon Bulletin. Music and refreshments made a full and pleasant evening. The comfort bags are finished and shipped to Mrs. Chamberlain at Lisbon. Home cooking and candy sales have netted the union \$65. Merchants and friends generously donated material and money for the comfort bags. In the near future the union hopes to hold a reception for the teachers of the city. A number of new names has been added to the membership.

Gwinner: On Nov. 2 the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Gwinner held a Mother's meeting in the Congregational church of that town. Mrs. Richard Johnson gave a reading from the American Motherhood which was followed by discussion. The question was asked: "What were the duties of an ideal mother?" Mrs. A. C. McCrory told of the work of the organization and what constituted a successful leader of a local union. The next meeting will be Dec. 6, when Miss Minnie Hanson will give an address on "Scientific Temperance Instruction."

Forman-Cogswell: Nov. 13 Mrs. Allie Bell, Cogswell, county superintendent of Mother's meetings, gave a joint meeting of Forman and Cogswell. Mrs. Soule gave a reading. Mrs. Taylor read a paper, Confidential Relationship Between Mother and Daughter, followed by discussion of the above subject. It takes a Mother's meeting to draw them out and the more they hear about them the more interested the mothers become. All hail the Mother's meeting. Never mind if it is some one's theory, sift it if you like, but much good can be received from theories. At the two meetings, Forman and Gwinner, 20 union Signals, 25 leaflets, 1 copy of annual leaflet, 21imples of Fifty Years, were disposed of. Four subscriptions to American Motherhood were secured.—Mrs. McCrory.

Gwinner: The Parent's meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon was well attended. After a hymn with Miss Hurley as organist, reading of Matthew 18:1-11 and Romans 13:8-14, and prayer by Rev. Erickson, Dr. Alexander gave a most beneficial paper and talk upon Obedience, showing the difference between true government and ossism by parents in the home, and its effect upon the character of the child. Rev. Erickson's talk upon The Seed of the Gospel in the Home reminded us that not only the Bible but the reading and living of it should be in the homes; that children naturally believe and love God and we should help them in the growth and expression of their faith. "Medical Temperance from the Scriptural Standpoint," read by Mrs. O. E. Johnson, showed water to be the natural cleanser and drink in both disease and health and the great plainness of the Bible contrast between fresh and fermented

wines. Another song and then a splendid paper by Mrs. Jennie Zimmerman, president of the Cogswell Union, on Obedience in Children Should Be for the Training of Their Judgment for Future Life. A reading by Miss L. C. Joinson entitled, Mercy and Justice to Animals, gave telling reasons why this helps train child character. Friendly discussion and criticism followed each and we wished for an earlier beginning for the subjects of Madames McCrory and Erickson had to be omitted. The next meeting will be held Dec. 7. An invitation to meet with the Cogswell union on the 13th inst was accepted. Four new members were voted in. After singing God Be With You, adjournment came for lunch. Out of town guests were: Madames A. C. McCrory, county president; Russell McCrory, of Eowen; Jennie Zimmerman, J. W. Prentice and H. A. Soule of Cogswell.

### Letter from Supt. of Penal and Reformatory Work.

Thanksgiving Week Near Bantry, N. D.

"What came of that nice boy in your classes in '93?"

"Serving a sentence in goal?" "What for?" "A fight in a gambling den; defending a woman's name."

Another boy from the same class has severed a federal sentence of 100 days for free and easy language sent through the mails.

A third boy is an outlaw, having run away from consequences. So is a fourth boy.

O yes, we know where these two are, and their friends hear from them occasionally. The rest? Yes, there were sixty-nine in the class of whom thirty-seven were boys. Two lie in drunkards' graves.

Eight per cent of wasted citizenship; heartbreaks to loving friends; and costly to the community.

The reason? Did they come from poor homes? No, not one, so far as the world can judge. And others in the same families are of a good average.

But a' four ran around a little country town all the hours after school, shared in all the life of the street, the store, the livery barn, the pool room, unchecked. And nobody cared enough to provide these boys with healthful diversion of a good kind for their spare hours.

No, they were not bad boys originally; but evil, unchecked, gradually overcame the good.

Now, oh my sister white ribboners! let me plead and pray with you, that you devote more and more of your energies to preventive work.

Don't expect too much of the school-teacher, who may consider himself hired to teach readin', ritin', and 'rithmetic and that; his duty and responsibility end at 4 o'clock. But uphold his hands, and he may do more. So, between you, our boys may fill their spare hours with things worth while.

As for the 8 per cent that passes through goal and penitentiary, they are your boys and mine, only overtaken in a fault.

What kind of place is the goal? You don't know? Well as I walk past the city goal in several of our towns, it is a common thing for a woman to say to me, "It is vile" and occasional newspaper reports bear out the statement. Clean, originally, but not kept clean, for those who come and go, and too often in a vile condition. But I am sure clean conditions would help our boys to a sober, sane, manhood. Will you look and then ask the authorities for better things?

Is there a matron there? The presence of a woman will be a wonderful help. "Can't afford it." Oh yes we can, much better than we can afford to lose one boy out of each family, and a' of them out of some families.

And when they come out, where shall they go? and what shall they do?

Does anybody meet them? The state gives a man \$5.00 and a suit of clothes and turn him loose.

There lies in my conscience a very heavy load of being too busy with other things, to keep track of a young man, sent up from our county, though not having any settled home there, whose good time shortened his sentence, but on getting out, he only hung around a big hotel where the conditions were none too good, and then disappeared. I only heard of it afterwards. But I

ought to have known of his release. No wonder he was discouraged, and flouted the county officer, who saw him, spoke to him and reported to me. Now he is probably wallowing once more in the mire, from which he had been pulled out.

Let me tell you all, sister white ribboners, that we have, at present, an excellent chaplain at the penitentiary in Bismarck who succeeds in making friends with the men, and he will gladly help you and them.

Rev. W. Newcomb, the chaplain, is acting in line with the National Society for the Friendless, and that the state branch endeavors to hold a prison Sunday in different towns, when plans for prisoners form the chief topic and good men organize a local branch, which upholds the hands of local officers and helps them to be humane, and mindful of the manhood of those, whom they must arrest and punish. Real reformatory work this is.

Mr. Newcomb writes me that he hopes to bring a national speaker to Minot and Towner in January, 1910.

The plans include a Union meeting of the churches on Sunday, several meetings through the week, visits of local goals, conferences with judges and officials, a thorough canvass of the records of prisoners, and a thorough rousing of sentiment among the business men and women as to the economic value of such life saving.

Judge Goss has been trying the value of the parole and suspended sentence. Let me plead with the Unions in Ward, Montraille and Williams counties to look into conditions and uphold his hands.

Many towns in the east center of the state tell me they have no jails and no need of them. But our new conditions in these western counties attract the lawless; and we need our motto, "Not willing that any should perish."

J. McNAUGHTON STEVENS.

### My Sisters.

I would like through The Bulletin to acknowledge the kind message and loving greetings sent from the state convention. Time or distance has not changed the warm place in my heart for you all. We have found many true earnest W. C. T. U. women in California. Would like to tell you something of our work last spring during the municipal campaign. We went down in a glorious defeat, but we will rise again. The county is dry. San Diego county holds the state Union Signal banner.

Two weeks ago I spent half a day with Mrs. J. O. Smith at Pasadena, and the hours were all too short for all we wanted to say of the past in our old home—North Dakota.

Mother, Mrs. Metzgar, Jennie and myself join in love, and wish a merry Christmas and happy New Years for all the North Dakota W. C. T. U.

Faithfully and lovingly  
Mattie Meacham,  
836 Twenty-fifth St., San Diego, Cal.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dec. 17, 1909.	
State concention pledges.....	\$24.00
Valley City, state dues and pledges .....	44.30
Flaxton, state dues.....	1.40
Devils Lake, state dues.....	14.00
McVilley, state dues.....	10.50
Valley City state minutes.....	2.70
Starkweather, personal pledge, organizing fund .....	5.00
Advertising in state minutes....	5.00
Grand Forks, state dues.....	28.00
Leal, state minutes .....	.30
Bulletin subscription .....	.25
Amenia, state minutes .....	2.10
Amenia, state pledges and minutes .....	18.45

Dear Comrades: I wish you all a Happy New Year. The past month has been a busy one and I have not heard from many unions. Devils Lake and McVilley, two of the new unions, have sent dues. I hope to hear from many more, both new and old, soon. Please do not wait till near the close of the year to send in dues and pledges. Send them now, and order some of the state minutes. They are 15 cents a copy. Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Treas.  
Amenia, N. D., Dec. 17, 1909.

## Letter from Supt. of Franchise.

Dear Sisters and Co-Workers: As you are all aware that this department is one of the most important in our state work from now on till the day that we shall be crowned with the duties of full citizenship, I must urge the co-operation of every white ribboner of our state to hasten the day that our women will be enfranchised.

The suffrage question has become a very vital one throughout the whole northwest. Every legislature has had the question before it. In some states action has been favorable in some unfavorable. Let us take the trouble to think and read concerning this subject and let us confer together and pass the word along from one to another until every woman in this fair state knows the status of woman suffrage in this country and in foreign countries and is prepared to talk understandingly upon the subject. It is worthy of most serious consideration and the voters must see that we so regard it. Let us as women unite with all the wit, grace, earnestness and energy which we can command in making such an appeal to the men of our state as will convince them of the justice and expediency of sharing with us the duties and the crown of full citizenship.

There is no doubt in my mind that the county needs the vote of women. I am thoroughly in favor of any movement which will give women an opportunity to do a little civic house-keeping, for there is much to be done that women can do much better than men. "In spite of a general opinion that the contrary women are beginning to live, and they are living on the right line of purity, simplicity, and truth." While woman's authority has been felt in all the various avenues of our lives, it has been an authority with out responsibility—and that is demoralizing to any nation. Influence without responsibility is a corrupt factor in legislation, and no nation can rest securely with this fault in its structure.

In bringing the mother's vote into our political life we secure the assistance of a progressive force full of encouragement for the future of our state. The mother will consider far more than the father the morality of the man in office who will make and enforce the laws under which her children will live, and she will use her influence and her vote to secure the best sort of office-holder for the municipal good. This was clearly demonstrated by the story of Judge Lindsay's reelection to the juvenile court in Denver last fall. It was to have been expected that women, both as voters and workers, would be strong for this man whom the enemy had marked for defeat. The women showed that they were just as capable of scratching their ballots as the men.

It is reason why the women of today are asking for equal rights and opportunities for their sex, are so many to be given at this time, but first, I would say, if the ballot is worth anything to a man, it is worth just as much to a woman, and for the same reasons. "If by the ballot man can best protect his interests, so can woman." It will assuredly prove the best weapon of protection, and in that alone lies our power to execute our will and our wish. I want the ballot because my whole nature rises in indignant protest against the unjust discrimination which debars our intelligent American women from any participation in the administration of its government, and leaves them defenseless before the law, while it welcomes to the place of power the scum of every nation except China and allows it to dictate a system that lets the vices loose, to prey upon all that we most love and prize, and I say with Rev. Anna Shaw, that noble champion of our cause, that "any nation that ties the hands of its motherhood and then licenses saloons to rob her of her dearest and best, ought to be ashamed to unfurl the flag of liberty."

The laws are made for posterity, and surely no one will refuse to acknowledge that the mothers of our race know what the children need. The vote for all is demanded more for the sake of the children who are our future citizens, than for the exercise of any franchise. It is the cry of the loftiest principle in humanity, the spirit of

justice, fairness, generosity, and unselfishness. It is an appeal for the future citizen upon whom we place our hope and faith that we ask for the establishment of equal suffrage in America.

Are you willing that American women shall be possessed of fewer political rights than the women of other lands? They may vote in all elections in Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Tasmania and Norway and will do so, ere long, in England. Why not in the United States? Its ultimate success can scarcely be doubted. Universal suffrage—individual representation—forms the basis of our government; the conditions under which women have been so long excluded are passing away, and their enfranchisement, therefore, is only a matter of time. She must be a slave or an equal.

When we appeal to our legislators for equal suffrage we hear the cry, "Women don't want to vote; they don't exercise the right of school suffrage." Knowing that this is the objection so continually made are we not aware that before we can obtain the right to vote against licensed evils, we must use the limited right of school suffrage? At the June school election this year the women of my little city demonstrated the fact they could vote and vote understandingly. There were 172 votes cast by the women against 169 votes cast by the men. The school director elected won the office on the women's votes. Had not the women voted this man would have lost by a small number on the men's votes. What does this signify? Stop and think! Cleaner politics. Clean methods, and good men in office. Our women of our fair state of North Dakota, arise to action! The more I study this great question of franchise of American women, the more heathenish and barbarous it seems to me to be deprived of it; the more I shall speak, write and labor for it. Let every voter in this land who has an enlightened conscience and one spark of true patriotism, do his or her duty by voice and vote for the enfranchisement of our American women.

In the beginning of this government women had equal rights with men in the use of the ballot. That the women did vote prior to the insertion of the word "male" in the constitutions of the colonies and state, is recorded in their early transactions. Then only freeholders voted and men and women had the same rights as such. One instance will be sufficient to illustrate: "Lady Deborah Moody of Gravesend, Lond Island, New York, by her one ballot elected all the officials of her township." I am not sure that she should not have a monument to her memory because of her generosity.

All freeholders voted at the time of the election of the first president, Washington was elected by the votes of the free holders (men and women). As late as the election of Adams and Jefferson, the free holders (men and women), voted in New Jersey and in Rhode Island. It was not until 1835 that the word "male" was inserted in the constitution of Massachusetts, 1869, in those of North and South Carolina, and not until 1874 that Pennsylvania placed it in hers. Just why it was taken from the women, or given up by them, we find no record. We are asking that it be restored to the entire womanhood of the nation. The disfranchisement of our women is an insult they keenly feel and a shameful wrong that ought to be done away with; all hail the day! Who will help to hasten that day?

I urge on all Unions to immediately appoint a local superintendent for this department if they already do not have one, and send the name of this superintendent to me without delay. All county superintendents of franchise please report names also. It is necessary if we are to carry on our franchise campaign in our state this year. I have a badge ready for each superintendent whose names are reported to me, with plan of work for each.

Yours for success in this important department,

Mrs. Hannah H. Patten,  
State Supt. of Franchise,  
Larimore, N. D.

15,000 saloons have been put out of commission during the past year. "The saloons must go" was the cry for many years, and now the saloon is going.

## Letter from National Treasurer.

Evanson, Ill., Dec. 14, 1909.

To the Local Unions of North Dakota: White ribboners will recall that at the National convention of 1908 notice was given for a proposed amendment to the National constitution making the amount required to be sent to the National treasurer for dues for each member 15 cents instead of 10 cents. While many seemed to favor this plan of increasing the income of the National treasury, others opposed the plan, and at the ante executive committee meeting at Omaha a committee was appointed to consider the best methods to adopt. The committee recommended that instead of increasing the dues 5 cents per member, that every local union hold a Frances E. Willard Memorial service on or near Feb. 17, and send the entire collection to the Willard Memorial fund, and that each state should be responsible for sending an amount equal at least to \$2 from every local union in the state.

Many individual subscriptions of \$2 were made to this fund at the National convention. To meet the growing demands, the National organization will need at least \$2 from every local union if it answers the urgent appeals and the many requests that come to the corresponding secretary as superintendent of organization. Friends of the cause would gladly give for the extension of the work if solicited. Other organizations ask largely and receive large sums for the perpetuation of their work; why should not the W. C. T. U.?

Every locality should have a Frances E. Willard commemorative meeting, and the influence upon the union and the locality will be most beneficial, aside from the financial help given to the National W. C. T. U. for the extension and perpetuation of the organization to which Miss Willard gave her great and beautiful life.

The first of January a programme for local meetings will appear in The Union Signal. Some states will formulate special programmes for their unions and some unions will, of course, modify the suggestive programmes to fit conditions in their communities.

Personal remittances, as well as those from local unions, will be acknowledged through the columns of The Union Signal and credit be given to the state to which the one sending the money belongs.

Very truly yours,  
Elizabeth P. Hutchinson,  
National Treasurer.

"The liquor maker wants "compensation." "What brewer has restored the home wrecked by his destructive business? When did the distiller ever make good to orphans and widows the loss of home, of husband, of father, of hope," says the Kentucky Patriot.

A general circular issued by Supt. M. J. Finney of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. states that any employee of the road who in the future has his pay check cashed in a saloon will be discharged. "This is another body blow at the saloons," comments the Free Methodist.

The saloon men in their conventions all over the United States are professing to work hard to eliminate the worst features of the saloon, in fact to make it respectable—we can only wish them to look what they really are—a snare, a device to ruin lives, to break up homes, to destroy the souls of those who patronize them.

At the Seventh Annual convention of the Southern Brewers, recently held at New Orleans, President Lawrence Fabacher noted the extensive defeats of the liquor trade during the past year, and concluded regretfully: "When we assembled here last, we recognized the strength of the Prohibition party, but underestimated their possible strength."

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