



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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COMRADES

I want to meet the day
With gladness and a smile;
I want to keep the way
With hopefulness the while;
I want to see the task
With clearness and delight,
All this I come to ask.
And sleep and peace at night.

I want to be content,
And yet unsatisfied;
To do all the things I meant
To do, or know I tried.
I want to see in dusk
And sunset's flaming fire
A beacon—not a husk
Of day's unfulfilled desire.

Whom may go my way
I want to walk with me;
To hope with if I may,
To pray with if I need be.
Whom may teach to learn
Of Him whereof I need.
Whom may learn, to preach
Perhaps a better creed.

Whom is weak, to bring
My strength where e'er he lies;
Whom is strong, to cling
To him that I may rise.
Whom may grieve, to brave
With him the quivering lip,
Whom may smile, to crave
A joyous fellowship.

Will you not walk with me
Upon the way a while?
I crave your sympathy,
I offer you a smile.
The way be steep and long,
I ask to grasp your hand,
I offer you a song,
Will you not understand?

—J. W. FOLEY.

FROM MRS. MUIR.

Dear Home Folks:—

Even in this favored land of sunshine and colors, I have sadly missed our W. C. T. U. comradeship, for owing to the unsettled conditions of our sojourn here, we have missed receiving our home papers and magazines, so I have not even seen a "White Ribbon Bulletin," or a "Union Signal" since we came and have only seen two White Ribbons besides my own, so last Sunday morning at the First Congregational church in Los Angeles, when tourists were cordially invited to attend a reception tendered by the W. C. T. U. Federation in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A., Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, I was very glad and immediately determined to accept the invitation. Mrs. Catherine Wheat, president of the Federation presided and took part in the program with perfect grace and great ability, fully justifying to my mind, the comment of one woman, who said: "I never did see anyone who could do so many things so well." for her greetings from the Federation of twenty-five unions in Los Angeles was fully equal in its line to the brilliant part she sang in the long to be remembered vocal duet of greeting and the greeting from the churches by her brother the Rev. C. C. Pierce was a forceful and well-timed review of what the W. C. T. U. has done for Southern California in general and for Los Angeles in particular, giving it a large share of the credit for the election of the "reform mayor," which seems to have greatly pleased all good people

here, though he was unavoidably prevented from giving us the welcome from the city we had been led to expect, but it was intimated that he was helping the Y. M. C. A. boys start their campaign for a thousand new members in ten days, we were obliged to excuse him ungrudgingly. But Mrs. Marion H. Dunham, Iowa's beloved state president, made us all laugh when she related her experience in conventions in her state trying to get sight of a real live mayor. Her address was very good and delivered with the old time energy and eloquence, though with her as with many of us, the "Almond Tree Flourisheth." Then we had beautiful music from the "Girl's Glee Club of Southern California," and after that roll call of the state, and it was most encouraging to hear the good words from so many states, but so far as I could see there was only one from Vermont or North Dakota.

One woman said she was born in St. Louis and raised in Illinois but had, until, recently called herself a native of Illinois, but is becoming very proud of old Missouri. We had a greeting from the president of the California Congress of Mothers, Mrs. Chalmers Smith and when we had sung "Blessed Be the Tie," and "All Rung the World the White Ribbon is Twined," I think we all agreed with Mrs. Dunham's conclusion that the greatest blessing of all this coming and going is the "unification of patriotism" and I felt as I came away, almost as good as though I had been at a North Dakota state convention.

Yours cordially and hopefully,

L. L. MUIR.

Los Angeles, California.

P. S.—Two things that impressed me at the reception yesterday that I forgot to mention was the number of men in the audience that almost filled the large hall and the fact that as near as I could understand there was no one present who now lives in the state in which he or she was born.

L. L. M.

Los Angeles, Feb. 17, 1910.

SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETER DAY.

Minnewaukan, N. D., March 4, 1910.
Dear White Ribbons:—

I believe the Department of Social Meetings and Red Leter Days is not so well understood perhaps as some of others, but I hope that year by year we may understand its work and scope a little better, and also that we may see its important function in relation to all the other departments. As I read the reports from the local unions in the Bulletin, I am greatly pleased to see how many of them are getting interest aroused, and sympathy stirred, by having a little social gathering now and then with a temperance program, devoted to one special subject or many, as the need is felt. The program is often on one topic, such as Scientific Temperance Instruction or Mothers' Meeting and Purity or Sabbath Observance, or Anti-Narcotics, or some other problem that strikes near home. Generally outsiders are invited to these meetings (and many have been won in this way who would not even think of going to hear a temperance lecture in a church.)

Sometimes a reception is given to the public school teachers—thus en-

listing their interest—or a special evening is held for the High School students, or "The Boys" or even the honoraries, as the case may be. Very light refreshments are served; probably the program is followed by a few games, etc.

You see this department need not be felt as an extra burden, because you take it up in conjunction with your other department work. The more successfully you carry on the other departments, the more you are of necessity bound to use this department as a means to the end in view. The chief requirement of each union is that it REPORT, REPORT REPORT. Report the number of meetings held, report amount of money collected, report pages of literature distributed, and report how members gained who have paid their dues. What a grand report we would have if every union reported this fall in time for the state convention. Why? Because we know the work is being done, we read of it in our correspondence, we see it in the Bulletin, we know of it through the other departments, and when we look for our Special Report?—please let us surprise ourselves and our state superintendent and send in a COMPLETE report. It might also surprise the National Superintendent. Who knows? I really believe it would.

I should like to have as many Red Leter Days observed as the unions find opportunity for. It makes a variety in the programs and as we study our "Temperance Heroes" are we not inspired to attempt higher and nobler things for our righteous cause? We also receive an education which may be of value in our later national life.

Leaflets will be sent to each union and will you not, each president or local superintendent or secretary, will you not please keep a little note book and jot down each social event as it occurs.

That would insure a good report from each union, and would mean as much to me in this work. Then I should like to ask each sister who knows of an exceptionally successful meeting held, to please write and tell me about it, so I can "pass it on." It may suggest a special feature in the program, some new or even old, entertaining idea for amusements, or refreshments; anything that would be for the good of the cause.

If we all do what we can, I am sure God will help us in this, our work of Social Meetings and Red Leter Days, to His glory and victory ever wrong.

Yours in service,
LAURA PLUMMER, Supt.

PLAN OF WORK.

For the Christian Citizenship Department of the North Dakota W. C. T. U., 1910.

1. Send to Helen D. Hartford, Newberg, Oregon, for literature.
2. Hold meeting of the union, study the department literature and select that which best meets your needs.
3. Appoint a superintendent, provide her with means to purchase quantities of literature selected and see that every voter in your territory has an opportunity to reach the printed word on this great question of the Christian voter's duty.
4. Use the press; secure a column in your local paper if possible, if not ask for the publication of articles,

items, etc., on this subject from time to time.

5. Hold Christian Citizenship Rallies, if possible secure a Sunday evening service, select the best speakers, secure the best music.

6. Urge all ministers to preach sermons on the subject, supplying them with good literature.

7. Present the subject in the Sunday schools, prayer meetings, missionary meetings and club meetings.

8. Arrange debates on subjects that pertain to Christian Citizenship, supplying the speakers with literature.

9. Hold medal contests requesting the contestants to use Christian Citizenship selections.

10. Let your efforts for a sane Fourth of July include a stirring address on Christian Citizenship.

11. Observe a day of prayer before the primaries in June and also before the elections in November.

North Dakota needs a great awakening on the question of law enforcement and the necessity of electing men of honest purpose and strong character to administer the affairs of our state.

During these months when primaries and elections are the chief topic of interest, is our opportunity to agitate and educate along these lines. Let us be instant in season and out of season, "fervent in prayer," never "weary in well doing."

NECIA E. BUCK.

IN MEMORIAM.

Earth was poorer and Heaven richer when, on Sabbath morning, March 13, Mrs. Margaret Boyd, sister of Rev. Jas. Anderson, of Valley City, was called to her reward.

To know her was to love her and hearts were touched, in all directions, as the sad news reached them. A rarely beautiful spirit was Mrs. Boyd—tried and refined in the furnace of affliction. All her immediate family—husband, son and daughter—had preceded her to the Better Land, yet her Christian faith was triumphant and the days of her loneliness were filled full of loving ministries to others.

She was an ideal friend and the writer considers it one of the greatest privileges of her life to have enjoyed the intimacy of friendship.

Her memory that is as gentle as a summer breeze—words fail to express the beauty and strength of her character.

The thoughts of White-Ribbons all over the state turn towards the personage at Valley City, where, in recent years, Mrs. Boyd had made her home, and tender sympathies are extended to Rev. and Mrs. Anderson to the other relatives. May the blessed hope of Easter-tide bring them peace and comfort and may they "Trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be."

Another comrade, beloved, promoted to higher service about the same time was Mrs. Wm. Thom of Grandin, one of the pioneers of Cass county and a tried and true member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

As here and there our ranks are broken, let us press closer together in this holy warfare, believing that these translated ones are looking down upon us, cheering us on to victory.

B. H. W.

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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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NEW UNIONS 1909-10

Valley City Scan, Mrs. Peter Davidson.
McVillie, Pres., Mrs. E. C. Olsgard.
Edmore, Pres., Mrs. A. E. Toomey.
Calvin, Pres., Miss Maggie Sillers.
Starkweather, Pres., Mrs. R. L. Colvin.

The Supt. of anti-narcotics has written two letters on her subject to the Bulletin. We publish but one for lack of space but the important point is this that May 8th in anti-cigarette day. Have a program ready and do what you can to teach the boys of the harmful waste of health and money caused by the deadly cigarette.

A booklet from Judge W. J. Pollard of St. Louis, tells of his probation plan for saving drunkards. He states that 95 per cent. of the men who take the pledge and are paroled by him are saved. Truly a great work for a great man.

The prohibition year book is out and it is brimming over with news from the field. We wish every member would read it and gain the enthusiasm which victory is sure to give.

Ex-Governor Hanly of Indiana is a man of broad views and wide experience. He writes concerning the temperance movement in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois: "We have closed enough saloons in three states to extend a solid line along a street thirty-five miles long. We have sent home to breweries enough saloon counters to line a str et one hundred miles long. We have returned \$50,000,000 annually from this traffic into legitimate channels of trade—enough to give 50,000 families \$1,000 a year, enough to maintain 250,000 people. This money has gone into raiment and food, and into the building of American homes, where wifehood an childhood could assemble with no cloud in the domestic sky."

Word comes from Mrs. L. B. Chamberlin that the comfort bags are all splendid but she needs a little more money to pay for the supplies. Perhaps there are some unions who will help us this way though they have missed the pleasure of making the bags. A few more of those motherly letters are also needed. Write one and send it now to Mrs. L. B. Chamberlin, Lisbon.

Mrs. Ella Jackson, formerly of Grandin, and state superintendent of physical education, now of Hendrum, Minnesota, in a personal letter refers to the fact that Hendrum has a Loyal Temperance Legion of fifty members. North Dakota is often called upon to regret the departure from the state of many of our best workers; with the regret let us mingle our rejoicing that so many of them go right on working for our great cause and brag about such good results.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades: Arrangements have been completed for our speakers for the summer; Mrs. Atkins of Tennessee will begin work June 23rd, attending conventions and filling other dates in First district; Grand Eggs and Nelson, Pembina, Waples, Barnes, Griggs and Stutsman, Cass, Steele and Traill counties closing her work by an address at Chautauqua on Rally Day, July 5th. Those who heard Mrs. Atkins before the National Convention at Omaha can vouch for her ability as a speaker and will be delighted to know that she is to visit our state and we trust that by the co-operation of county and local workers, we may be able to arrange her dates so that none of her time, while in the state, will be lost.

Mrs. Hall of Illinois will begin work June 1st in Ninth district; organizing and holding conventions in Seventh, Sixth, Fourth, Third and Second districts; Richland, Sarsent and Dickey and Ransom and La Moure counties, closing her convention work in time to reach Chautauqua for institute work, June 30th to July 9th.

This is Mrs. Hall's third visit to the state, she is a worker tried and true and we hope for great things from her work this year.

You will be glad to learn that our L. T. L. secretary and state organizer, Miss Esther Thomas, is again able to be in the field and is working in Walsh county under the direction of Mrs. W. F. Honey. From Walsh she goes to Pembina; then west through First and Second districts. With an assistant she will conduct an L. T. L. at Chautauqua June 25th to July 13th.

Miss Jessie McKenzie, our missionary to the Indians, has also been sick but the last reports received were encouraging and we trust that she is now fully recovered.

Miss Anna McDonald of Leipzig, a young woman who wishes to devote her life to temperance work has written Mrs. Wylie asking for advice as to how to prepare herself for active W. C. T. U. work. She seems to come to us as an answer to our prayer that young people of our own state might rise up to take the place of those who have left us either for other fields of earthly activity or for the Great Beyond. Are there not others who will follow this young woman's example?

Results from the W. C. T. U. Gift Day have been obtained from only two unions, Devils Lake and Drayton. Both these unions were quite successful. Devil's Lake raised over forty dollars and Drayton, thirty. We trust that those unions who were not able to observe the date given will fall in line later.

The new union at Devils Lake is doing splendid work, notwithstanding the fact that the president, Mrs. Hopkins and vice-president, Mrs. Haig, have been sick nearly all winter. They have held two successful contests, report an increase of membership, eight Union Signals taken by members and several copies taken by others. Recently they have been doing some active work along the line of Christian citizenship aiding in the campaign of a candidate for mayor who stands for law enforcement.

The Northwood union also deserves special mention for excellent work reported. A membership contest closed with a banquet given by the losing side. A strong L. T. L. is to help in the carrying out of their many activities.

We would call attention to the letter in this issue from our L. T. L. secretary. May we not hope for a great increase in our L. T. L. membership. No union is doing its best that is not doing some kind of L. T. L. work. Fargo's L. T. L. organized last fall with a membership of thirteen, now numbers forty-eight. Miss Thomas has recently organized an L. T. L. at Edinburg with a membership of forty.

The most discouraging feature of our work at present is the fact that each month's report shows a decrease in the number of subscribers to the Union Signal and Crusader Monthly. Will you not make this a matter of personal responsibility and each subscriber obtain at least one new subscription. A little effort on our part would easily double the subscription list.

A plan of work and sample literature is being sent out by Mrs. Carrie

Madison, superintendent of the Christian Citizenship department, to all unions. We urge that every union will take up this work at once and make the most of our opportunity to educate and agitate along the line of the voter's responsibility. The treasurer reports that dues are being sent in without the list of members to whom the Bulletin is to be sent. If the members are to receive their paper their names must be sent to the treasurer and the list should be carefully revised each year, striking out the names of those who have ceased to belong and marking the names of all new members as such.

Death has again entered the home of our beloved president and taken from them their sister, Mrs. Boyd, who passed from this life to the fuller life beyond Sabbath morning, March 13th. I am sure that the hearts of all White Ribboners go out to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson in this hour of bereavement.

We are going down the valley one by one,

When the labors of the weary days are done;

One by one the cares of earth forever past,

We shall stand upon the river bank at last.

We are going down the valley one by one,

Human comrade you or I will there have none;

But a tender hand will guide us lest we fall,

Christ is going down the valley with us all.

Sincerely yours,

NECTIA E. BUCK.

Starkweather, March 28, 1910.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 17, 1910.

State convention pledges	\$40.00
Cando, life member, Mrs. James Mahood	10.00
Cando, state dues and pledges	75.50
Amenia, memorial	2.25
Amenia, life member, Mrs. G. L. Dunning	10.00
Calvin, state dues	16.80
Tower City, memorial	4.00
Absaraka, state dues	16.80
Park River, memorial	2.00
Bay Center, memorial	2.00
Hankinson, state dues and memorial	19.50
Lisbon, memorial	4.00
M. E. church, Bowesmont	2.00
Wimbledon, memorial and state minutes	2.45
Hope, memorial and state minutes	6.80
Jamestown, memorial and pledges	12.35
Fairmount, state dues	2.10
Northwood, state dues and memorial	24.60
Drayton, memorial	2.00
Churches Ferry, state pledge and memorial	4.00
Sarles, state dues	6.30
Grand Forks, state dues and memorial	30.00
Mayville, state dues and pledges	19.75
Fargo, Mrs. Armor's lecturers	2.00
Fargo, memorial	2.60
Ellendale, state dues	7.70
Starkweather, memorial	2.00
Esmond, state dues	.70
Portal, state dues	2.10
Cogswell, state dues and memorial	8.30
Preston, memorial	2.00
Wyndmere, state dues and pledges	18.40
Bulletin subscription	.25
Leal, state dues and memorial	3.10
Lisbon, state dues and state pledges	24.00
Pembina, state dues and memorial	26.30
Forman, state dues and pledges	5.70
Douglas, state minutes	.90
Northwood, state pledges and memorial	17.00
Washburn, state dues	1.40
Amenia, N. D., March 25.	

Dear Sisters:— Our National Treasurer requests me to ask the local treasurers to send in the money received on Gift Day at once. They are very anxious to know the results of Gift Day as soon as possible, so they may know what the prospect is for a Literature building. So far I have heard from only six unions. Will not the others please send me their remittance by return mail?

MRS. ROBERT B. REED, Treas.

ANTI-NARCOTICS.

Bottleau, N. D., March 7, 1910.
Dear Sisters of the Unions of North Dakota:—

I have recently been advised by our national superintendent that May 8th, has been designated as anti-cigarette Sunday, and I hope every union will try to have this day observed in every Sunday school in your town and immediate vicinity. Programs can be ordered from Mrs. Stella Irvine, Riverside, Cal. I think the cost is 20 cents.

It is suggested by Mrs. Ingalls that mass meetings for children be held the Saturday previous, and that the schools be visited the following Monday. Pastors should be asked to preach on the cigarette evil on Sunday.

Pledge cards, posters, stickers and literature can be obtained from Mrs. E. B. Ingalls, 5250 Westminister Place, St. Louis, Mo.

Send 15 cents for her program for anti-cigarette meeting for local union, with literature for each part, also 15 cents for program for Young People's meeting with literature for each part.

Palmer-Goodwin company have published a booklet, written by B. McCall Barber, entitled "What's the Harm?" A word to our boys on smoking, that I wish might be in the hands of every boy in our land, and especially in North Dakota. The price depends upon the number ordered, but will be as cheap as possible. It is thought about \$1.50 for 100 copies. The address of the publishers is 25 N. Seventh street, Philadelphia, Pa. I wish every union might be able to order at least one hundred copies of this helpful booklet and distribute among the boys of your town.

The use of tobacco has increased at an alarming rate, and the question "What Shall the Harvest Be?" is a hard one to answer, but it behooves us to be up and doing at every opportunity, and in view of this I ask you once again not to forget or neglect the one offered on anti-cigarette Sunday, but "with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together," let us see what can be accomplished.

Yours for service,
MARY M. CAREY.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

1. Our new Physical Education Law—Its relation to Temperance work.
2. The Responsibility of the Individual Voter for Existing Political Conditions.
3. Our Duty Towards the Young People. What Are We Doing for Them?
4. The Equal Suffrage Movement. Conditions that Retard its Progress in Our State.
5. The Federal Tax Receipt—Its Effect on Prohibition in North Dakota.

NOTICE.

Will every union kindly report to me by postal card the amount of money raised on Tag Day? The names and amounts will be published in the White Ribbon Bulletin later.

If any union could not observe March 19, another day may be chosen and tags will be furnished up to June 1st. The Lord has plenty of money for our work, but He will not throw it into our laps. He expects us to go after it.

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.

Sir Frederick Treves, physician to King Edward, declares that "alcohol is an insidious poison, and should be subject to the same strict limitations as opium, morphia or strychnine and that its supposed stimulating effects are delusive."

OFFICE HOURS:— Graduate University of Pennsylvania.
Morning, 9 to 12.
Afternoon, 1:30 to 5:30.



Phones: Office 123L Res. 123K

Morris Bldg. FARGO, N. DAK.

FIELD NOTES.

Ojata, N. D., Feb. 28, 1910.

Emerado held a meeting in the interest of the Florence Crittenden Home. The ladies sewed all the afternoon and at five o'clock refreshments were served and a silver collection taken. There was a large attendance as ladies who did not belong to the society were specially invited; school girls being asked to do the inviting to save the time of the busy women. The result was that we sent a box of fine garments—valued at \$40.00 and a check for \$12.20.

ISABELLA A. MOREY.

Sherwood, N. D.—The first gold medal contest of Ward county was held in the Sherwood L. O. O. F. hall, March 12th. A very large and appreciative audience greeted the three young ladies and two young girls of the class. A silver medal class of six young girls also recited. The gold medal was won by a young lady from Canada, Miss Cora Purvis. The silver medal was awarded to Rose Ebjorson of Eden Valley township. Both classes received much praise for their efforts. ALICE MAY GOEHEEN, Contest Supt.

Hope.—Hope union has held meetings twice a month during the winter with a fairly good attendance, considering the large number of societies, lodges, etc., our little town supports. We made and filled ten "comfort bags" each containing a "motherly letter." On February 17th, our union assisted by the Y, held a Francis E. Willard memorial service at the home of Mrs. Cole, our vice-president, which was largely attended. A very interesting program of readings, music, etc., and an address by Rev. Hitchcock was rendered and was followed by a social season and a very nice lunch. A silver collection was taken, five dollars of which was sent for the memorial fund. Press Supt.

Leal.—Our W. C. T. U. held a Willard Memorial meeting at the home of our president, Mrs. E. C. Widdfield, Feb. 17th. A few friends, whom we wish to interest in our cause and the honorary members were invited to join us. Our pastor, Rev. E. Duden was present, and gave us a talk, dwelling particularly on the concentrated effort of the W. C. T. U. as a mighty force for the temperance cause. A free will offering of \$6.40 was collected at the supper table. Our "dues paying social" was held in the hall in January. A suitable program rendered and a very social time enjoyed by all, during which refreshments were served.

We also aim to hold service in the church, in the absence of the pastor. One service of this kind was conducted by our evangelistic superintendent, Mrs. A. James last fall when the M. E. conference was in session, and we believe that more of these meetings would prove to be a tower of strength to our union.

MRS. MARY E. WILLIAMS, Press Supt.

Grand Forks.—Grand Forks union, with the beginning of the new year, took on a new lease of life and started out with zest to accomplish more work than in the past. The fact of the state convention being held here next fall is energizing us all and many embryonic plans are being laid for good work. Our union has gained seven new members since January 1. A very successful social was held in January, with a fine string program and about a \$5.00 collection. A food sale February 5 resulted in \$8.00 to help our depleted treasury. Feb. 18 a Willard memorial service was held at the home of one of the members, consisting of music, eloquent addresses and readings and our \$2 will go to help swell the organization fund. A large box of household necessities and \$10 in cash was sent to the Florence Crittenden home in January. Petitions have been sent to congress praying for the passage of some of the bills that will mean safer and better living for our people. We are planning for another social in March and hope to alternate these with a food sale monthly through the year.

Rolla.—W. J. Arnold, the colored singer and temperance speaker of

Anoka, Minn., spoke at the Presbyterian church of Rolla Sunday forenoon, at the opera house of St. John in the afternoon, and at the Methodist church in the evening. There were good audiences on each occasion, and the meetings were productive of clearer ideas and a more patriotic temperance sentiment. Mr. Arnold is well informed on the subject in all its phases, is a fluent speaker and an excellent singer. In other words, he is both instructive and entertaining. But he does more than that. He exposes the gigantic evil of the liquor traffic and creates sentiment against it. And he does this by the humorous presentation of plain facts in a logical manner. He shows up some of the ridiculous pretensions of the liquor interests, and these pretensions are so glaring that the audience is convulsed with laughter. For it must be borne in mind, and constantly reiterated, that there is no justifiable defense for legalizing saloons from the view-point of good citizenship, science or morals. How much more reprehensible is it then to tolerate this vile traffic when conducted in defiance of the constitution and laws of the state.

Northwood.—During the past month Northwood W. C. T. U. has engaged in a membership contest led by Mrs. Nellie Nelson and Mrs. Thos. Pendergast.

This contest resulted in a gain of fifty members. Under the conditions of the contest the losing side should serve a banquet to all the members. The program to be furnished by the winning side.

Last Wednesday evening a three course banquet was served at the Congregational church by Mrs. Thos. Pendergast, assisted by thirteen other members (the losing side). Covers were laid for seventy. Pink and white carnations decorated two long tables set in the form of a cross. Dainty hand painted place cards added to the beauty of the tables. Mrs. Nellie Nelson acted as chairman and gave an address of welcome, in the Norwegian language to the new members in which she outlined the work of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Olj Norheim responded in the same language, with grace and feeling and all enjoyed to listen to her musical and well modulated voice even though to some the words were uttered in a foreign language. Miss Maud Stevens rendered a beautiful piano solo. Miss Karine Evenson welcomed the new members in a few well chosen words, speaking in a language all could understand. Miss Joyce Hart gracefully responding. A. S. Ellingson gave an excellent talk on "Temperance from a Business Standpoint." Rev. E. H. Johnson gave an address on "Pledge Signing." Always an interesting speaker, on this occasion he was at his best. Prof. W. H. Clerk, of the city schools, spoke of "Temperance from an Educational Point of View," in which he took up the psychology of child life. His talk was gratefully enjoyed. Mrs. J. E. Stevens, our beloved president, told of the work accomplished and gave some interesting reminiscences of her work during the last twenty years.

Mrs. N. Eddie, our worthy treasurer, told of the work done in Northwood. The evening's entertainment was greatly enjoyed by all, old and new, active and honorary members. All felt just a little more hopeful and enthusiastic, and the spirit of mutual helpfulness makes our work for "God Home and Native Land" easy and pleasant. May God bless our W. C. T. U. and make it a power for good in our community. Sunday evening the large Lutheran church was taxed to its utmost to hold the crowd that had gathered to listen to the Frances Willard memorial service given by the W. C. T. U. Mrs. W. E. Jensen gave a delightful talk on the life of Frances Willard. Mrs. P. Clausen read an excellent paper. The address of the evening on "Women's Suffrage" was given by Mrs. Patten, of Larimore, and was greatly enjoyed. The musical numbers were a pleasant feature of the services.

ANNIE R. KLEVEN.

A Thought for Today.

There are two things to which we never grow accustomed—the ravages of time and the injustice of our fellow-men.—Tallyrand.

FROM L. T. L. SECRETARY

Dear White Ribbon Sisters and L. T. L. Workers:—

"The fight is on, Oh, Christian Soldier, And face to face in stern array, With armor gleaming and colors streaming."

"The right and wrong engage today! The fight is on, but be not weary, Be strong and in His might hold fast!"

"If God be for us, His banner o'er us, We'll sing the victor's song at last!"

Yes the fight is on, and I would say with the writer of this beautiful battle hymn, "But be not weary, Be strong and in His might hold fast." While I have not been able to be in the field of active work since the holidays, I have had some time to read and think. And never have the writers words: "Face to face in stern array, The right and wrong engage today!" been more true of conditions than at the present time.

"The fight is on," and it will not cease with the abbing away of this generation. The fight will be on as long as there is a right and a wrong to engage. Therefore, dear sisters, while we are doing battle against the enemy, as your loyal Temperance Legion secretary, allow me to say: Let a part of that glorious battle be to instill into the hearts and minds of the boys and girls the spirit of love for God and Home and Native Land, for they are the coming people and must take up the fight when we pass into the great Beyond.

With this end in view and knowing that no organization is better fitted to carry on this great work among the boys and girls than our Loyal Temperance Legion, I would ask you to help me try to make 1910 the most prosperous year the North Dakota L. T. L. has ever known. I am going to ask every union in the state to do L. T. L. work of some kind.

First, however, let every union who has our L. T. L. be kind enough to report to me at once. Also, those who have not an L. T. L. but have some one who would be willing to superintend the work, and would like one organized, please let me know.

If you have not a Legion and for some reason cannot have an organization, there are various ways in which you can do L. T. L. work.

Appoint an L. T. L. superintendent. Whether you have a superintendent of the Union Signal and Crusader Monthly or not, I believe you will find it well to let some bright boy or girl canvass the town for Crusader Monthly subscriptions.

Children love to help and people will often give a subscription to a child where they would not to an older person.

And after this splendid paper has once found its way into the household, parents will not fail to recognize its superior value, and it rarely fails to interest the boys and girls.

Teachers and this paper a great help and unions will find it a wise investment to subscribe for the teacher or teachers of their community. Twenty-five cents pays for a year's subscription.

According to the last report from Crusader Monthly subscriptions in convention at Omaha, your secretary National headquarters, we have 275 pledged 100 new subscriptions. Will you not help to redeem this pledge by asking that your subscriptions be credited to your state secretary when they are sent in.

Our National L. T. L. secretary, Miss Margaret Wintringer, asks for 50,000 subscriptions for the Crusader Monthly for 1910 and I feel that even though we add 100 subscribers to our present number, we are still not doing our best. Let us respond to the call of our National secretary by aiming to raise our subscription list to 1,000 for 1910. I firmly believe that by a little extra exertion we can realize that aim.

Every union can send to Mrs. H. B. Wisner, Berea, Ohio, for the L. T. L. Symphony post cards. Let the children sell them. This will help to swell the Anna A. Gordon Missionary Fund. The purpose of this fund is to extend the L. T. L. work in Japan. The Crusader Monthly gives delightful accounts of the work among our little Japanese friends.

Let us remember the motto: "Lift-

ing others as we climb, and help to spread the blessed temperance gospel among our little friends across the waters."

While at Omaha last fall, I pledged \$5.00 to this fund for our state, and again I would call upon you to help me.

This money can be raised by giving entertainments, oyster suppers, etc. When it is difficult to find anyone to train the children for an entertainment, it is not so hard to get up an oyster supper. Let the superintendent appoint committees of boys and girls to attend to the various phases of the work.

I have seen this plan demonstrated in my home town, and it was wonderful to note the enthusiasm with which they went to work, and the efficient service rendered under the direction of the superintendent. The proceeds of the supper was divided, a part being retained for supplies, part going to the state and a part sent to the Anna A. Gordon Missionary Fund.

Let the boys and girls distribute literature, thus aiding the literature superintendent.

Last year the Legions throughout the nation distributed 3,500,000 pages of temperance literature. Shall we not let our boys and girls help?

During the past year our country's Legioners have carried on 26 departments of the W. C. T. U., but space will not allow me to mention all these. Before I close, however, I must not forget to mention the Flower Mission work. Let our boys and girls share our joy of giving.

I shall be very glad to hear from L. T. L. workers or anyone interested and shall try to answer as promptly as I possibly can.

Let us never cease to work and watch and pray and the reward will be ours.

"If God be with us, His banner o'er us, We'll sing the victor's song at last."

Yours for service,
ESTHER THOMAS,
L. T. L. State Sec.

FROM SUPT. FRANCHISE.

Larimore, N. D., Feb. 21, 1910.

Dear Sister White Ribboners:—

By this time you should all have the "Plan of Work" and Instructions for district and local work in our campaign for equal suffrage. Let us cooperate and have an educational awakening in every community along the lines of universal suffrage. Some good work has already been reported, especially with debates.

Our experience has taught us that PRAYER IS FIRST, THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT IS FIRST; but experience has also taught us that our prayers will be answered, our ambitions for humanity will be largely realized when we have a mighty weapon to wield for our cause—the right of suffrage, the ballot.

Is it not with deep humiliation that you bow your head, and realize your own helplessness? Ballotless you stand before a great evil which is protected by that weapon—the ballot.

What then? Realize with profound thankfulness that you belong to the most powerful, the best organized, the most fully equipped woman's organization in the whole wide world.

Here then is our plan: To arouse our own white ribboners; to communicate this new spirit; to inform every woman in our ranks; to place a strong suffrage speaker on every state convention program; to present our pleasably in every district and county convention; to tell the story to our friends and neighbors and acquaintances; to men and to women; to appeal to woman's pride; to reveal her actual legal position; to touch her heart with patriotism; to picture everywhere the sin and oppression of childhood and womanhood. Ours then, is to be the educational campaign; now is the time to begin to work for the primaries. Arouse an interest in school elections in June—now!

Ashamed to be a suffragist today! No. Today we are proud to be suffragists. Today we are placing the franchise department in the very foreground. Today we bravely tell all supposed enemies our position, and find after all that many are real friends. Let us think and think and plan and pray. We are certain of victory through God's power.

(MRS.) HANNAH H. PATTEN,
Supt. Franchise.

THE BIOLOGICAL ARGUMENT FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

We are all familiar with the various arguments on both sides of the woman's suffrage question as dealt with from the standpoint of modern life. The matter of woman's special duties, her powers, and her disabilities, has been fully discussed. It is the purpose of this paper to avoid the beaten path of argument and to invite attention to some of the scientific truths that bear upon the problem of woman's proper sphere.

A study of the lower forms of life shows us that if, from the standpoint of evolution, either sex is to be regarded as the primary one, it is the female. In other words, the male is, comparatively speaking, an afterthought of Nature. In the lower forms of life, Nature replenishes the species by division, as in the ameba, or by simple budding, as in many plants. In the simpler forms that have developed the sex distinction, as in the earthworm or in most plants, both sexes appear in the same individual, and thus all individuals are practically alike. Gradually Nature specializes until each individual is male or female, as in the higher varieties of life.

It is not true, as is generally supposed, that in nature the male is always dominant. In many of the lower genera the female is much the larger and stronger; as in the case of the mantis spider, where the male usually ends his honeymoon by being eaten by his spouse, or as in another case in the insect world where the female carries two husbands about with her in pockets which Nature has provided for the purpose. The male is the larger and finer in most of the higher forms of life merely because of feminine selection. The female of each species chooses the handsomest suit-or, or else favors the one that shows the greatest prowess; heredity then transmits the superior qualities thus selected to the male descendants. Hence the gaudy feathers of the male bird, and the bulk and symmetry of the male animal. In so far as the male is superior, he is, as an eminent biologist says, merely the creation of the artistic instinct in the female—a fact somewhat damaging to masculine vanity.

With the human species we find the development of a system of things which is not at all to the credit of man. In the very earliest savage hordes of which we have any record, the woman, though physically somewhat weaker, was the equal and generally the leader of man. It was she who cared for the offspring, dominated the wishes of the irresponsible male, and controlled the action of the horde. Often she was the warrior, and enforced her will by physical strength. Early traditions of Amazon warriors tell of the widespread existence of this stage. But as the era of intelligence dawned, it occurred to the henpecked husband of those primitive ages to use his greater physical prowess against his partner. There was a rebellion against petticoat government, man reduced woman to the level of property, and the race entered upon the centuries—long subjection and degradation of woman from which it is at present just emerging. For the intellect of man, unfortunately developed much faster than his moral sense, and he therefore used his awakened intelligence to serve his basest passions.

Concerning this feature of history, Herbert Spencer says:

"In the history of humanity as written, the saddest part concerns the treatment of woman; and had we before us its unwritten history, we should find this part still sadder. I say the saddest part, because, though there have been many things more conspicuously dreadful—cannibalism, the torturing of prisoners, the sacrificing of victims to ghosts and gods—these have been but occasional, whereas the brutal treatment of woman has been universal and constant.

Dr. L. F. Ward in commenting on these words objects to the use of the word brutal as applied to man's treatment of woman, on the ground that it is an unmerited insult to the brutes. For, as he says, there is no male brute that so mistreats the female of his race as has man all the

way down the centuries. To illustrate, the wedding ceremony of a certain Asiatic tribe concludes with this address to the husband: "If you are not satisfied with her, sell her, kill her, or eat her; you are absolute master of her," advice which is doubtless followed. A traveler once asked a Kaffir why he made his wife work like an ox. "She has been bought," the native answered indignantly, "and therefore must labor." All ancient literatures reflect the masculine contempt for women, and devise fictions and legends to prove the superiority of man. Thus the Semitic legend, later transcribed by the Jews, taught that woman was merely a detached and overgrown rib of man; from which Pope Innocent VIII, manlike, drew the conclusion that since the rib was crooked, woman's spiritual nature is therefore distorted, and she is not to be trusted. The sacred writings of the Hindus commanded the woman to revere her husband, even though unfaithful, as a god; and husbands address their wives as servants or slaves, while the wives call their husbands master or lord. The women of practically all savage tribes which have entered the period of masculine rule are mere articles of merchandise, valued as drudges to perform menial work for the lords of creation, and to minister to his basest wishes. They are "underfed, overworked, unduly exposed, and mercilessly abused." It is true that later, in the age of conquests, a limited class of women was treated better in the harems of the kings and lords, yet only in very exceptional instances were they treated as rational beings, or given freedom to develop their mental and spiritual powers.

From the standpoint of the development of life we see that this subjection of woman to man is not something which exists in the nature of things, but is rather a sort of disease, which humanity as it advances must inevitably outgrow. The uplift of woman in Western civilization became noticeable during the age of chivalry, in the few centuries preceding the discovery of America. At that time was developed what we call love—that is, romantic love—as delineated in the novel. This was an ennobling passion in which the mere animal instinct blends with elements of the higher spiritual nature and awakens courage, reverence, and worthy ambition. The passion of romantic love is practically unknown to peoples on a lower stage of civilization. With them love is merely a combination of animal feeling, and pride in a useful piece of property. With the development of romantic love woman gradually passed from the status of merchandise toward that of a partner and co-worker with man. But the evolution is not yet complete. The whole body of discriminating laws, customs, and ideas by which man bound woman in her servile position yielded very slowly. In even the most enlightened countries many laws may still be cited which discriminate against woman, among which the suffrage laws are the most conspicuous examples. By reason of the various discriminations against woman she is in general shut out from wide interests, and is comparatively helpless in the world of competition into which modern economic pressure of prices and standards of living is forcing her.

An example to the point is that women who have entered many Eastern industries can command only about half the wage that men formerly commanded for doing precisely the same work. The exploitation and helplessness of women in industry is the main cause of her falling into the terrible under-world of prostitution and white slavery. Only as she gains in a wider outlook on life, and succeeds in grasping such influence as the ballot may bring, will she be able to lift herself. For mankind in the mass respect only those who have power.

In the higher walks of life, too, woman has not entirely emerged from her past status. As in the lower classes she still approximates the overworked and abused drudge of the past, so in the higher classes she still retains something of her character as an inmate of the ancient harem, where she was merely a petted plaything for her lord's leisure hours. In the past, man played the game of war, and for his prize collected the most beautiful

women obtainable, on whom to beautifully lavish much of his ill-gotten wealth. Today man plays the game of business with much the same unrelenting intensity. With his spoils he decks some woman with jewels, gorgeous clothes, lavish surroundings and entertainments, and the game is to see who can make the biggest show. Hence arises the great world of fashion which sets such a pace that many of us, even remote from the great centers, mortgage our happiness and our health to keep up. It is the primitive man exulting in the prizes he has wrested from his fellows, and decking out his female as he decked himself in the past, to show his prowess to the world. Of course the women who see the pace in high society, so-called, do not object to their useless careers, they do not ask for the suffrage, or expect to use their minds for the serious tasks of life. Fortunately their influence is not universal, for with their cigarettes, their wines, their scandals and divorces, their wicked wastefulness flaunted in the eyes of half-starved toilers, they are a degenerate class. The trail of the world of fashion is the trail of a serpent.

Mankind is slowly rising out of the domain of the sensual and into the realm of the intellectual. The animal is giving place to the spiritual. In the sphere of thought and knowledge there is no sex. Paul rose into prophecy of what is to be as mind grows, when he said: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." And it is Mind—Science—Truth—that is to rule in this world of ours; in halls of State, in the directorate of the business association, in factory, farm, and home. In this control women will share as much as men, because woman is a spiritual and mental being as much as man, and needs, as he does, the exercise of the mind in the broadest fields of knowledge for the development of the spiritual.

The higher ideals of marriage demand the participation of woman in civic affairs. Marriage as it exists today has a somewhat lowly origin in a revolt against the monopoly of women under polygamy. There were not enough women to go around under enforced the compromise, "One apiece," but woman was still property. Romantic love, as we have noticed, raised woman a step higher. But romantic love is transitory and fickle; there is evolving a higher stage of the marriage relation in which the development of man and woman blend, so that the twin are not only one flesh but one mind and heart. In this union, as the race fully rises into it, the difficult problem of the social control of sex will be solved. But under the old ideal of the restricted sphere for woman, this higher union was in general impossible. While of course each must specialize somewhat in the routine of daily work, yet in the broad outlook which civic duties intelligently entered upon will bring, the union of mind and heart may be brought about. Only as woman is trained definitely toward citizenship, and social duties in a broader sense, will this be possible to any great degree.

To the sentimental mind there is a glamour about chivalry, kingship, and other forms of dependence by the weak upon the strong. A real study of history soon undeceives us. The poet wrote the truth in the words, "As soon as you lean on another's arm, the die of your doom is cast." A people that wholly trusts its thinking to priests, its control to kings, its labor to captains of industry, or its women to men, awakens in later generations to a bitter repentance. The royal butcher of Russia, is a good example of what unfettered power eventually leads to. And so with the subjection of woman; chivalrous man has demanded the right to protect the weaker sex. The facts, past and present, of his dominion do not accord well with his words. Romantic chivalry might be well enough if unhypercritical, but for practical purposes in protecting a weaker class, there is nothing like putting influence and intelligence within their reach.

Government is merely national housekeeping. A modern nation is in reality a vast co-operative household. Man with his predatory and competitive instincts has managed this greater

housekeeping abominably. A thorough study of modern social and governmental conditions gives one the same feeling that the neat housekeeper has when she pries into the corners and cupboards of a house where the men-folks have been "bathing." As Mr. Dooley says, what the nation needs at the present time is voters who know more about housekeeping.

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