



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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**CLOSING THE DOORS.**

(By Irene P. McKeenan.)

I have closed the door on Doubt;  
I will go by what light I can find,  
And hold up my hands, and reach  
them out

To the glimmer of God in the dark,  
and call:

"I am thine, though I grope and  
stumble and fall.  
I serve and thy service is kind."

I have closed the door on Fear;  
He has lived with me far too long.  
If he were to break forth and reappear,  
I should lift my eyes and look  
at the sky,  
And sing aloud, and run lightly by.  
He will never follow a song.

I have closed the door on Gloom;  
His house has too narrow a view.  
I must seek for my soul a wider room  
With windows to open and let in  
the sun,  
And radiant lamps when the day  
is done,  
And the breeze of the world blowing  
through.

—Century Magazine.

**Penal and Reformatory, 1909-1910.**

Madam President and Fellow Work-  
ers: Once more I submit a report,  
meager indeed as compared with our  
needs, but the best I have been able  
to attain.

I have received twenty-four reports  
from local unions.

Many have no jail near them. Many  
having a jail or lockup have nobody  
in it. For this we thank God; and we  
rejoice in that prohibition has edu-  
cated the people up to this point.

Many unions report no one sent to  
Bismarck. For this, too, we thank  
God.

For the six unions that send in full  
reports and show the need thereof, we  
deplore their sad duties, but thank  
God and take courage for such devoted  
women in our ranks.

Fargo leads, as usual. They report  
conversions and new lives begun. The  
devotion of Mrs. Mary Kelley has its  
reward here on earth. Oh that the  
Spirit would touch the hearts of a few  
more workers when the need is so  
great.

Every union that reports work tells  
of the literature given. There is a  
total of 400,000 pages reported. This  
is as it should be. In every jail I enter  
the prisoners ask for more reading  
matter. They will read anything. I  
wish we could give them more leaf-  
lets. I wish I had a fund to keep my  
own bag supplied as I visit.

But I hope to live a little while  
longer, and while I live I will help  
this work grow. I have used all the  
paper and envelopes allowed me by  
the state for my work, and as much  
more of my own. I have used the five  
dollar grant wholly for postage this  
year. I have also used \$15 of my own  
for the same purpose.

Other years I have collected a small  
fund among the merchants and law-  
yers in Towner for this purpose. But  
this year I have been too busy, and I  
have only collected 50c. I have re-  
signed my school teaching now, and I  
expect to have leisure for my local  
work. Nobody envies this work, so I

expect to hold my position as local  
worker, and do more as long as the  
Lord allows.

But the state worker! I have tried  
to visit other jails, as I had oppor-  
tunity, and when I could not do that,  
I have asked others to do it, and re-  
port. When that failed me, I have  
enquired of officers and other citizens  
as to conditions.

In this way I have become acquaint-  
ed with conditions in all of our larger  
North Dakota towns. But I have fail-  
ed to reach or hear of the county seat  
prisons, outside the circle of large  
towns.

I am glad to record the light, air and  
cleanliness good in all the county  
jails I have been able to visit, except  
Rugby, in Pierce county, where they  
are promised a new jail, and they need  
it. Some of the city jails are in  
good shape, some are not.

Do you ever look into them? They  
are used for drunk and disorderly  
men mostly, and they are poor sub-  
jects, but good treatment helps them  
to rise again.

No matron is reported, but I have  
found sheriffs' wives acting nobly in  
this respect. Let me mention Devils  
Lake in Ramsey county, where Mrs.  
Balford goes straight to the district  
judge when she has the welfare of an  
Indian girl at heart.

No separate place for juveniles any-  
where, except Fargo's attempt. God  
help the boys!

If you folks had seen two Bulgarian  
boys cornered in a cell and badgered  
by blind piggers, as I did once when  
a sheriff's wife sent for me, you would  
be ready to help. Said boys are both  
doing well in Mandan now.

As for women, one thing that hin-  
ders the assistance of police matrons  
is the fact that there are so few wo-  
men prisoners. Let us thank God for  
that. Even in the state penitentiary  
there were no women prisoners when  
a woman was sent from Ramsey  
county, and no matron. The warden  
delayed things till a matron could be  
secured.

Now let me plead for letters to  
prisoners—your brothers and mine.

My correspondence this year has in-  
cluded weekly letters to an average of  
ten prisoners. I could have found  
work for fifty if I had had time to  
work then, or could have found some  
man or woman who would.

As for the usefulness of these let-  
ters, it is priceless. Some cases:  
Three men have been so heartened by  
them that now they are out and they  
are doing well and will try.

Two Italian boys working in a  
railroad camp got into the peniten-  
tiary. No Italian here remembered  
them; mother in Italy, wouldn't tel-  
ler. I asked Miss Jane Addams of  
Hull House, Chicago. She found a  
woman to write Italian letters.

Blind pigger in county jail helped  
me to help them read English. First  
reader when they left for Bismarck.  
They wrote in English to me; awful  
to read at first; now good. They want  
to work on a farm in winter. I asked  
judges and sheriffs to ask farmer  
voters for work. None heard of. But  
I found Italian cafe keeper who prom-  
ised to write in English to them and  
find them work when they come out  
in October this year.

God be thanked for so few prison-  
ers in our state. What we have  
mostly come from other states and

counties where they drink. But they  
are somebody's sons. For God's sake,  
let us have more workers. Yours with  
a full heart.

J. McNaughton Stevens.

**Fairs and Open Air Meetings.**

Number open air meetings held	10
Number copies of the law on gambling	500
Number copies of anti-cigarette law	560
New members gained	18
Placing of a fountain	\$200.00
Number pages of literature dis- tributed	31,642
Total amount of money raised	\$633.80

W. C. T. U. speakers have been  
placed in churches, spoken at ward  
meetings and in schools. Have held  
one mass meeting and three picnics.  
Dear Sisters, will you not have at  
least one open air meeting during the  
year in each union? Please let me  
hear from each superintendent.

Yours for service,  
Ida Sparks Clarke.

**Social Meetings and Red Letter Days.**

We have good reasons to believe  
that this year the unions are awak-  
ening to the usefulness of this depart-  
ment, and we are also truly grateful  
that so many responded with their  
reports so promptly and so well. We  
also note with pleasure the increase  
of local superintendents, of which there  
are now fourteen.

Forty-four unions have reported this  
year as compared with eighteen unions  
reporting last year, and their work as  
a whole is exceedingly encouraging in  
spite of the failure of crops which has  
meant so much, especially to the  
weaker unions. We appreciate the  
efforts that are being made and are  
glad that so many had courage to re-  
port whatever they have attempted to  
do.

The forty-four unions reporting have  
held 120 social meetings, have observed  
eighty-seven red letter days, and thirty  
unions have observed the Frances  
Willard Memorial Day. Forty-eight  
active and twenty-two honorary mem-  
bers have been gained at these meet-  
ings.

Two hundred and eleven dollars and  
eighteen cents have been raised and it  
is worthy of notice that thirty-eight of  
the forty-four unions have contributed  
to the Frances Willard Memorial day.  
Seven of these have given an average  
of \$4.21, Minot giving \$5.00, Jamestown  
and Amelia \$4.25 each, Tower City  
and Drayton \$4.00 each, and Ellendale  
\$3.00.

Pages of literature distributed, 2,263.  
The unions deserving of special men-  
tion in this department are: Minot,  
for largest amount of money raised,  
\$47.58; Lisbon comes a close second  
with \$42.07, and comes first because of  
its eighteen social meetings and four-  
teen red letter days, having observed  
all on the calendar; Minot, for dis-  
tributing 1,000 pages of literature.

Your superintendent has sent out  
2,402 pages of literature and 134 re-  
port blanks. The expenditure for  
postage and literature, \$32.20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Laura Nelson Plummer,  
Superintendent.

**A Word From the Cor. Sec.**

Dear Comrades: When you so gen-  
erously voted to pay my expenses to  
the National Convention at Baltimore,  
I could not then find words to ex-  
press my appreciation of your great  
kindness—neither can I now. But I  
hope to live my thanks in some way,  
and to make the trip count, if possible,  
for the good of the state. If all is  
well, we expect to leave St. Paul Tues-  
day evening, Nov. 8. It looks now as  
though the delegation will consist of  
Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Minnie B. Tib-  
betts, Mrs. M. A. Garry, Mrs. L. M.  
Delameter, Miss S. Elizabeth Taylor  
and myself. We know you will be  
with us in thought and prayer.

Those who attended the state con-  
vention will remember the beautiful  
cards and calendars on sale there.  
These attractive goods are published  
by Mrs. L. F. Pease of Buffalo, and  
sold to us in quantities, at wholesale  
prices. When the convention was over  
I took the unsold ones home. They  
consist of message, birthday, Thanks-  
giving and Christmas cards, which re-  
tail at the usual price of 2 for 5c, or  
25c a dozen. The wall texts and mot-  
tos are 15c each and the calendars  
25c each. There are also calendar  
pads which sell at 5c each. All profits  
on these goods go into the state treas-  
ury. Send orders to me at any time.  
They will be filled in my absence. Evi-  
dently three persons forgot their pur-  
chases in the convention church.

These may be had on request, with a  
description of the goods. When we  
did a little more figuring we found  
that Reeder had the advantage of a  
fraction over Fairmount in percent of  
increase in active membership. So the  
banner goes to Reeder.

Hesper won the L. T. L. banner,  
having the largest paid membership,  
fifty, in the state.

When we parted from our Manito-  
ba guests, they told us that what im-  
pressed them most in our convention  
was the unanimity of spirit which  
prevailed. May it ever be so, for  
"union is strength." With love and  
gratitude,  
Barbara H. Wylie,  
Drayton, N. D., Oct. 25, 1910.

Hon. C. P. Plunkett, Commander  
U. S. Navy, writes from New York  
as follows:

"I hope you will express to the W.  
C. T. U. of N. Dak., our gratitude  
and appreciation of their thought-  
fulness and interest in the officers as  
well as the men."

Referring, of course, to the com-  
fort-bags prepared for the U. S. S.  
North Dakota. Mrs. Thacher, Na-  
tional Superintendent, made the  
presentation Oct. 26th. It was a  
happy time and Mrs. Thacher will  
write it up for the Union Signal.  
She told them of dear Mrs. Cham-  
berlin and of her looking from  
Heaven on the scene. A number of  
appreciative letters have already  
been received from the sailor boys,  
in reply to the letters enclosed in the  
bags. "Blessed are ye that sow be-  
side all waters." B. H. W.

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## National W. C. T. U. Convention, Baltimore, Md., November 12-17, 1910.

Perhaps nothing shows the progress of the W. C. T. U. and its proper recognition more than the cordial attitude of the press toward our organization. We quote from an editorial of a leading Grand Forks daily, published during our state convention:

"The city is fortunate in having been honored with the state meeting of the W. C. T. U. The membership, drawn from the homes and firesides whence comes all that makes a people great and a nation strong. In their keeping is placed the sacred care of the young and upon their shoulders has been placed the burden of accountable motherhood. They have not forsaken these in the larger field of elevating mankind and making him better while living and more exalted in death."

Langdon Courier-Democrat: It may open the eyes of some who oppose the idea that women are at a disadvantage in the conduct of the affairs of county educational matters to state that statistics show that at the present time in sixteen out of forty-six counties of the state of North Dakota today the affairs of the office of the superintendent of schools are in a most satisfactory manner being conducted by women. Notable among these are the counties of Barnes, Grand Forks, Cass and Pembina.

"The most valuable asset of any state or nation is its people. The wisest financing is that which saves the people from drunkenness, poverty, impurity and crime—all the natural products of the liquor traffic. Surely state or nation can make no mistake even from a monetary standpoint in disassociating itself from the business."

A local item in the Stanfield, Oregon paper tells of Mrs. Dunning, recently from America, N. D., closing a "near beer joint." We lose our workers, but the work in other places is helped. We greatly rejoice in the activities of our N. D. temperance women in their new homes.

The W. C. T. U. convention at Grand Forks in less than five minutes pledged \$100 for the publication of a new book on the prohibition law, written and prepared by Judge C. A. Pollock of Fargo. It is being published by the state enforcement league, and will be a great help in the enforcement of our prohibition law. It contains the law and gives clearly the steps to be taken for its enforcement. The book will also be a short history of prohibition in our state.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

#### DEAR COMRADES:—

Having met so many of you face to face, clasped hands with you and listened to your words of good cheer and appreciation, I feel renewed in spirit and able to take up the work of the year with fresh courage and a much better understanding of my duties than I had before our annual convention.

This is to be superintendent's number and I wish to extend to those who so faithfully keep our department work going, a word of special greeting. I firmly believe with each one of you that YOUR department is really the most important one of all—and why not? In the perfect wheel every spoke must be perfect and each one in its place, is of the utmost importance to the others and to the wheel as a whole, and thus in our work, each department is necessary to the others and to the work as a whole, if we are to do our best. May God's blessing rest upon each one of you and lead you all the way.

I would like in this article to emphasize the work of each department but space forbids and I wish to urge the Unions to push every line of work that in any way touches the lives of the children and young people. May no Union come up to the 1911 convention and not be able to report some form of Loyal Temperance Legion work done and some effort put forth to reach our young

women and young men. In God's word we are not condemned so much for the wrong we have done as for good we have left undone. Will there not be severe condemnation for those of us who pledged to do all in our power to destroy the liquor traffic yet neglect the training of our children. Miss Effie Holbrook, Pleasant Lake, our new L. T. L. secretary, is ready to help in any way possible in this work.

We have stringent anti-cigarette and tobacco laws; are they enforced in your community? The Unions must look after this matter. It can hardly be expected that officials who are steeped in tobacco themselves will be very zealous in enforcing this law. May the campaign of agitation and education against the use of tobacco in any form by old or young never cease until the fumes of the last cigar have been swept away.

There is no better way of reaching the children and young people than through the Scientific Temperance Instruction department and especially the essay contest work. This work has never been pushed in our state as it should be. May we not make a special effort this year and have a large number of essays from both high school and grades. This is the best time to bring it before the schools. Wherever possible have it introduced as a part of the regular school work, then every child is required to write on the subject and in order to do so must read our literature which should be liberally provided by the Union.

The Temperance Educational Quarterly, edited by Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, has received the unqualified support of leading educators and should be placed in every public library and the college and school libraries of the state and be supplied to teachers.

A new course of study for the grades has been prepared with "One Hundred Questions and Answers on the Nature and Effects of Narcotics," this should be placed in the hands of our teachers.

The departments of Purity and Moral Education are of vital importance to our children. In outlining the year's work do not fail to provide for the Mother's Meetings where these and similar subjects may be thoroughly discussed.

The Sunday school presents an open door that we should never fail to enter. Splendid programs are prepared by the National Superintendent for the quarterly lessons and also for World's Temperance Sunday. Send to Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, Riverside, Calif., and send early that you may have your supplies in ample time.

The medal contest work serves the double purpose of educating the child and the general public also; I hope this may prove a banner year in contest work.

The year should bring forward many of our young women and men into active work for temperance. Our new Y. P. B. secretary, Mrs. Santelmann, of Hunter, and her associate, Miss Hesketh, of Rolla, stand ready to answer any call for help along this line.

Mrs. Bessie Laythe Scovell, of Minnesota, who is well known to North Dakota White Ribboners, will give one month, Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, to the work in our state, visiting our colleges and normals and as many towns as possible in that time. Mrs. Scovell is an earnest, enthusiastic worker and if our members rally to her support this ought to be a great month for our organization.

Miss Janet Adam of Tower City, is to do field work for us this fall. Miss Adam is not a public speaker, but will meet with Unions, do house to house visiting, solicit for Union Signal, distribute literature, etc. She should, and I am sure will, receive the loyal support of all White

Ribboners wherever she works. Do not fail to remember that our campaign for suffrage, so ably led by Mrs. Hannah Patten, is never to end until the women of North Dakota possess the ballot. This is a good time for suffrage debates, rallies and contests.

May the year prove one of blessed service to each one of us, and may we so live and do that at its close we may be conscious of the Master's "Well done good and faithful servant." Sincerely,  
NECLA BUCK.

### WOMAN'S WORK FOR PEACE.

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston addressed the tenth biennial of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs today on "National Dangers and National Defense." This is the first time the peace movement has had a place on the convention program, and a large assembly listened with interest to an earnest presentation by the woman best qualified to speak on the subject. In her address, Mrs. Mead said:

"America has still about 6,000,000 illiterates, and we pay our average school teacher less than an average street sweeper. Yet with ignorance, recklessness, waste, preventable disease, accident and crimes attacking our fair land on every hand, we are spending our chief thought on possible enemies over seas, and are spending over two-thirds of our Federal revenue on past war and preparation for future war. We have only thirty-two cents left of every dollar to spend on national necessities and constructive work. Imagine yourselves spending two-thirds of your family income on stone walls and moats, burglar alarms and bull dogs, and having only one-third left for the housing, feeding, clothing and education of your family!

"The women of this country are responsible equally with men for its defence. The great army of underpaid school teachers who save this republic from the rule of an illiterate mob; the mothers and nurses who are preserving the health of children, fighting dirt and poverty and vice—these are a thousand times as great a defence of this dear land of ours as all its navy. The women fight against real enemies, that fill our cemeteries with graves; the Dreadnoughts face no enemies that yet exist, and they soon will go their way to the junk heap.

"What our country does, depends largely upon that half of it which Professor Munsterberg says is leading in all the interests of culture. Will the women of this country, more privileged than any other women in the world, rise to their great opportunity, study the dangers that threaten us and use their powerful influence to stifle va.n ambition and the inversion of the logic of defence and danger? Never before were women so privileged to take a part in shaping the world's history."

### NOT WISE TO DRINK.

"I am a teetotaler, and have been all my life, I do not use intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and whenever opportunity offers for the giving of advice, I advise others to abstain. I would not say that it is a sin to take an occasional drink, but I am willing to endorse the opinion expressed by Solomon, more than twenty centuries ago, and say with him, that 'wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' I hold that it is not wise to drink, even in moderation. First, because drinking is an expensive habit. It is not wise to spend on a thing that is useless, money which would yield a return in benefits if expended in some other way. The least that can be said of money spent for liquor is that it is wasted, and no one can afford to waste money, no matter how much of it he may have."—W. J. Bryan.

### Children's Rights.

The subject of "Children's Rights," which is of such vital interest to us, as mothers, is a very broad one and might be considered along many different lines.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has said, "The training of a child should begin one hundred years before he is born." Every child has the right to be well born, and the child born without the heritage of culture, refinement, health and good morals, is, in a measure, defrauded of its birthright.

However, much may be done by training. And some are optimistic enough to assert that everything may be accomplished by proper training. The warden of the Connecticut state prison, said to be a wonderfully good and wise man, and a student of human nature, says, "If a child is properly trained and educated to the age of 10, no matter what its inheritance, it never becomes a criminal." He did not mean that children sent to fine schools and given efficient teachers and great advantages, never became criminals. He meant that children guided in their thoughts and ideas by wise teachers and parents, would have right ideas, right feelings, and right desires.

For a great many years we have been striving to give our children every advantage possible in our schools and churches. We are familiar with our children's rights along this line. There is one phase of children's rights, however, that has long been somewhat neglected. By the public, at least, if not by the individual. But people are coming more and more to realize that the playtime of life is one of the most important epochs in the life of the child. It is on the playground that habits are acquired which form the characteristics of the men and women into whom they develop. I think it is Jacob Riis who says, "The boy is father of the man without a job." A child, turned into the streets to play, forms habits of idleness which may make him, in later life, "the man without a job."

Today nearly all large cities in the United States have public play grounds, under proper supervision, where any child may go and enjoy clean and healthful sports. Here the little Italian with the dirty paws, has just as much right in the sports and games as the little white-waist boy from the districts of fashion. These play grounds open about May 1 and remain open all summer. Many of these contain hundreds of dollars worth of apparatus for the enjoyment and physical development of the city's children. And these are under the direction of high minded and capable men and women. In times past the land was considered too valuable to waste in building up citizens. The money was rather spent in jailing them after they were ruined. We spent large sums for courts and jails, and nothing to provide attractive paths to virtue and usefulness. In a country as rich as ours, with land as plenty as is ours, it is a reflection on our intelligence and a discredit to our foresight, to have our children playing in herds on busy streets, or loafing in disreputable places.

They are cramped in close quarters, when they should not be, and often headed toward unfortunate ends in life, by the surroundings forced upon them.

What better monument can a wealthy man leave behind him than a playground that will bring color to the cheeks of sickly children, supply pleasure to lives with little cheer, and keep many a boy from wasting his energies in vice.

The problem of the playground in our small towns is not such a difficult one, as far as space is concerned. It is, nevertheless, just as important. Let our children's playtime have the same careful supervision that we give their hours of work and study. Let us wake up to the fact that it is the playground of today, with its little citizens, which is making or marring the citizens of tomorrow.

Life is so difficult that every help counts. Let us not carry our children over the difficult places in life's road, but rather build bridges to help them

safely across. The example of the old man in the following poem, from the Union Signal, is worthy of emulation:

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fears for him.

But he turned when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here.

Your journey will end with the ending day,

You never again will pass this way.  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide.

Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me, today,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm that has been as naught to me,

To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.

Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Mrs. Louis Betts'hen.

### Report of the Department of Health and Heredity.

Emerado, N. D., Sept. 29, 1910—Reports have been received from twenty-three unions.

Fourteen meetings have been held and quantities of literature distributed but the amount is not reported, except the Fargo union, which has distributed 100 pages.

Valley City had Mrs. Edith Smith Davis of Milwaukee speak before the normal school.

Hope held two meetings and took up the systematic study of the use of alcohol as a medicine.

Independent held a meeting, subject, Strength, Physical, Mental and Moral.

Bottineau had health articles published in their local paper. Bottineau ought to have a superintendent.

So far as reported, Northwood is the banner union. They held their public meetings on tuberculosis and had a very large attendance, then the president of the Northwood union, Mrs. Mazie Stevens, assisted in a public meeting at Larimore on tuberculosis, Sunday.

Northwood and Larimore report having sanitary drinking fountains in the public schools. There are many other towns where sanitary drinking fountains have been installed but they have not reported to me.

My statistical report is as follows:

Leaflets, manuals, reports and programs distributed, 106; paid for literature 75c, postage 70c, total expense, \$1.45. Appropriation left over from last year \$5, leaving a balance of \$3.55.

Recommendation: As our state legislature will meet this coming winter, it is our earnest desire that a bill for medical inspection in the public schools meets with your hearty support.

Prevention is better than cure. We hear a great deal about the conservation of our natural resources, but the conservation of health should come first. Health is wealth and the health of the people of this nation is its greatest asset.

Abolish the common drinking cup. Insist upon your children using their own cup, towel and soap at school. Teach them to put nothing into their mouths except what they eat or drink. Pens and pencils should not be put into the mouth, neither should the thumb be wet when turning over the leaves of books or magazines. We should not put pins or needles into our mouths, not hatpins nor hairpins nor clothespins, and never, never put money into the mouth. It is so handy to do these things, but oh, so unsafe. Let it not be said of us, "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

Isabella A. Morey.

### Field Notes.

St. John—On July 11, 1910, a meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of organizing a W. C. T. U. After a short temperance program Mr. W. L. Kunkel and Mrs. Sarah Gallinger talked over some temperance facts and the great need of a W. C. T. U. in St. John, which resulted in gaining eight active members and five honoraries all paid members.

We are still gaining new members. We have held four regular parlor meetings with good attendance. We held one silver medal contest in the hall on Aug. 30, with seven young ladies and one man contestant. The contest was fairly well attended and the returns netted about \$15.

Great praise is due to our medal superintendent, Mrs. Anna Wheaton, for the able way in which she prepared the contestants and for the beautiful flag drill of twenty-five little girls singing two temperance songs, which alone were well worth the price of admission. Father Fervow offered prayer and gave a short address in honor of the W. C. T. U. The beautiful medal was won by Miss Wrena Plant, of St. John, after which the contestants, speakers, judges and friends all enjoyed ice cream. We returned to our homes happy in the good work being done in St. John. Yours for total abstinence.

Mrs. Sarah Gallinger.

The Fargo W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. W. F. Warner Friday afternoon with a large number of members present. The principal feature of the afternoon was the report from the state convention recently held at Grand Forks, given in a very interesting manner by Mrs. Mattie Monson. It was of unusual interest to this union because it is the banner union of the state, having 120 active members and nineteen honoraries. It was also ably aided with physical culture meetings, and has received the state banner for the second year. They also raised the second largest amount of money of any in the state, and second in the amount of literature distributed, which was 36,000 pages. Miss Margaret Rupert of the Eighth grade, Hawthorne school, received the first prize for the essay on the Expense and Harm of Alcohol.

Edgeley—An affair that will long be remembered by those present was the banquet and program given at the home of Hon. and Mrs. C. H. Shiels by the W. C. T. U. Tuesday evening. The banquet was the result of a contest for membership, teams having been selected and the losers had to furnish the spread. The program of the evening started with a duet by Mrs. A. C. Brotkorb and Mrs. J. A. White, this was followed by a recitation by Miss Hazel DuVall. Mrs. Emmett McKenna rendered a solo. Mrs. J. A. White was toastmistress, and in her introductory remarks toasted the host and hostess, being very happy in her talk. Mrs. M. W. Miracle was the first on the list of banquet speakers, and responded to the toast of "Our Honorary Members," which was very interesting and amusing. This was followed by a toast from Prof. McKenna on "The Influence of Woman in Schools." Mr. McKenna handled the subject in an able manner and cited many facts which showed that the influence of woman not only in the educational line, but in others, was becoming more noticeable for good all the time. Mr. Shiels was then called upon to respond to the toast, "The Influence of Women in Municipal Affairs." He explained how much good woman could do in the affairs of city and village, and cited the good work being done by the civic improvement league at La Moure.

Mrs. L. Green responded to "The New Woman," and her remarks brought out the fact that the new woman, or the woman of today, is catching on to the way business should be conducted. Mrs. Lester Washburn was called on to respond to the toast, "Our Husbands." The subject was brought out forcibly how much good the husbands of the members of the W. C. T. U. could do if they would co-operate in the work done by their wives.

The affair was a big success, and the time flew all too quickly.

### Report of Young People's Branch.

To the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

The year just closed has been one of great opportunities, and one of great disappointment, though not absolute defeat. As you know, at the last National Convention a change was made in the constitution regarding the young people's work. The Senior L. T. L. and Y. W. C. T. U. Were united, retaining the best features of both. Instead of having the young men as honoraries, young people of both sexes, between the ages of 14 and 25, can become members of the new organization, known as the Young People's Branch, with equal privileges, except that the young men cannot be delegates to conventions. You will realize that the period of change is always one of unsettlement and everyone cannot see the advantage of such a change at once, so that may account for uncertainty in, or lack of reports. Your secretary being unable to visit the unions and explain the work may also account for lack of interest.

However, we are glad to report a little increase in membership and hope that it will prove but the beginning of better things. We have two district secretaries reported, Miss Georgia Kelly for Cass-Trall counties and Mrs. Jessie Spickerman for First District.

Eight Young People's Branches are reported: Cooperstown, Valley City, Hope, Pembina, Fairmont, Forman and Hesper; two, Pembina and Hope, failed to give number of members, and while Rolla Y wrote, asking for information, they failed to report whether a change was made to Y. P. B. or not.

Abzaraka reports ten young women belong to the W. C. T. U. and Strum also states that the young women attend the Union with their mothers; Hoffland, too, has young women in the W. C. T. U. Fargo young people belong to the L. T. L., but the number above 14 years of age is not reported.

Literature has been sent to those requesting it and information given as far as possible. Summary:

Societies reporting ..... 10  
Number of members ..... 166  
Letters in Bulletin ..... 5  
Letters written individuals ..... 35  
Packages literature sent out ..... 6  
Money sent to Kara Smart fund ..... \$2.90

"We must pray God to give us faith in something—something that we can live for, and would die for. Then we shall be ready and able to do something in our generation." Kingsley. Young people, may not we make this branch worth while?

Not as we would have it, but as it is, this report is respectfully submitted.  
Mary M. Grover.

### Treasurer's Report, Oct. 11, 1910.

Minto, pledges	\$14.45
Cooperstown, dues	7.00
Oakes, dues	2.80
Underwood, dues	7.70
Harrison, Willard dues	1.00
Ellendale, dues	2.80
Crary, dues	2.80
Portal, dues	.70
Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Wylie, for Mrs. J. M. Wylie, memorial member	10.00
State convention, for Mrs. A. L. Woods, life member	10.00
State convention, for Mrs. Fred Barrington, life member	10.00
Collections at state convention	59.28
Diamond medal contest at convention	68.45
Englevalle, s'ate pledge	2.00
Turtle Lake, donation	13.25
West Fairview, state pledge	5.00
West Fairview, state pledge	5.00
Grand Forks-Nelson Co., pledge	5.00
Anamocse, Willard members	3.00
State convention, for Pollock books	15.00
State convention, s'ate minutes	.50
Mrs. B. H. Wylie, pledge	5.00
Mrs. Robert B. Reed, pledge	5.00
Oakes, dues	.70
Douglas L. T. L. dues	1.50
For Pollock books	4.00

Mrs. F. W. Heidel,  
State Treasurer,  
Valley City, N. D.

**Report of Supt. of Flower Mission Work.**

The Flower Mission report for 1910 is of sufficient merit to arouse a sense of pride in all the workers of this department. The report for 1909 was such a surprise to many of us that we may have been expecting far too much for this year. A general earnest flower mission spirit is growing throughout this state and many requests for literature and suggestions along this line of work make one conscious of an interest in the work heretofore unknown. New unions are taking up the work and it is becoming general throughout the state. There is a great need for the work everywhere and every union should make the flower mission work an active department for it not only brings a blessing to others but helps the workers to grow in usefulness and spreads abroad the Christ spirit that is lacking in so many places. Let us be faithful in the small duties so that in time we may be promoted to greater usefulness.

A great deal of credit is due Minto this year, not only for being first to report, but also for the greatest amount of work accomplished. Cogs-well is a very close second, having done work along one more line than Minto, but falling short in the amount accomplished. Tower City obtained more pledges than any other union. Park River, as usual, deserves special mention, also Lisbon, Fargo Scandinavian and Tower City. The daughter of our sister, Mrs. Goben, at Sherwood, has been faithful in her work of love and sent in a report that should make some of our largest unions blush.

The detailed report for 1910 is as follows:

Floral gifts	2,168
Text cards	938
June 9th	13
Pages of literature distributed	3,687
Pledges	33
Poor people helped	189
Preserves and jellies	463
Visits to sick, poor, and afflicted	818
Drives and Outings	103
Garments distributed	1,483
Visits to Public Institutions	73
Services held	13
Money spent	\$ 59.06
Delicacies distributed	590

Personally, I have written three letters for publication in the Bulletin and eighteen personal letters in regard to the work. I have sent out 1,081 pages of literature, 69 text cards, and 16 record cards. I have spent \$4.60 for literature.

The knowledge and significance of the work of this department is coming before our people more and more and we can but be faithful and pray earnestly for God to use us in this blessed cause.

Miriam H. Linn, Superintendent.

**Franchise Department.**

Rev. Mecca Marie Varney, National Superintendent of Franchise, says that the Franchise Department is second only to the Evangelistic Department. Our experience has taught us that prayer is first. The Evangelistic Department is first; but experience has 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 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 world.

Here then is our plan: To arouse our own white ribbons; 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 pleas ably 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 work for the election of the best men for office.

Educating along suffrage lines thru means of the state press has been my chief aim and work thruout the year. Editors as a rule are found to be favorable to this movement and gladly accept articles sent for publication. Honorable mention: Five newspapers in Fargo, three in Grand Forks, two in Park River and many scattering thruout the state. Some county editors are opposed to the movement, but with more of this kind of education they will perhaps change their views.

Suffrage articles have also been printed in the principal Swedish paper in Minneapolis, also in the Scandinavian Woman's Magazine of Minneapolis.

Unions and districts giving special stress to this department at county or district convention reported: First District—Pembina county, Cass county, Walsh county. Sixth District—Ransom county, Barnes county, Sargent county.

The Grand Forks Scandinavian Union deserves special mention for having Hon. B. G. Skulason speak on woman suffrage at a special event of the Sons and Daughters of Norway.

Bottineau reports 100 women and 156 men voting at school election; Valley City, 184 women and 195 men; Harlem, two-thirds of women voting; Churchs Ferry, 5 women and 26 men; another superintendent reports 30 women and 42 men; another superintendent reports "no women voting and just enough men to re-elect themselves—perhaps 3." (I have seen this condition at home at times.) Valley City seems to hold the record for this year. But no one has broken Larimore's record of 1909, when 172 women and 169 men voted—3 more women than men.

I have grasped opportunities and presented this subject to audiences at Arvilla, McCanna, Kempton, Northwood, Drayton, Minto, Churchs Ferry, Chautauqua and Park River. This includes three district conventions and a prohibition rally. Made one complete copy of address for the Sixth District convention held at Underwood Sept. 14 and 15, and finishing up the year's work with a message to the White Ribbons here assembled in state convention.

Have distributed 1,375 pages of literature, 1,050 of these being Franchise circular letters in Scandinavian. Other literature, 325 pages.

Appropriations from state.....\$14.50  
Expenditures—  
1,000 circular letters...\$ 4.50  
Postage, other literature 8.10

Balance on hand.....\$ 1.90  
Respectfully submitted,  
Hannah H. Patten, Supt.

**Anti-Narcotic Report.**

Twenty-nine unions have sent reports and nearly all mention some work which has been done during the past year.

Thirteen have local superintendents. Ten addresses have been given, and twenty-two meetings have been held in the interest of this department.

Ten observed Anti-Cigarette Sunday, mostly by well arranged programs. Nine hundred and twelve pledges have been taken against the use of cigarettes, and 780 against the use of tobacco.

Five report an increase in the use of tobacco by boys, and six state the reverse.

Six report enforcement of the anti-cigarette law, eight that it is not complied with, while three claim a partial observance.

Fargo still leads in organized work among the boys, and Valley City reports a large number of pledges secured.

Seventy-six letters have been written by superintendent and 5,760 pages of literature distributed in different ways.

The need of more faithful work and workers is everywhere apparent to cope with this body and soul-destroying evil.

Mary M. Carey, Superintendent.

**THE CHURCH FOR PROHIBITION**

A St. Louis daily says, "The preachers of the Methodist church, South, will take an active part in the coming campaign for state-wide prohibition in Missouri." Of course! The Christian church stands for righteousness, and who dare claim that the liquor traffic begets or fosters righteousness? "He that is not for me is against me." If the church does not stand for the foundation principles of the religion taught by the Great Originator of Christ-living and teaching how can it be the church of Christ?

Nothing shows the advance in prohibition sentiment more definitely than the determined attitude the church is taking against the liquor traffic.

In the states where environment has made prohibition seem impossible the church is pushing local option campaigns as a beginning in temperance legislation. Not as an endorsement of local option, but to make an object lesson of it to the faint-hearted ones who have listened to the refrain so long sung by the saloon siren: "You can't restrict the liquor traffic. Prohibition does not prohibit. There's more liquor consumed in prohibition territory than under high license," etc. ad nauseum. Yet the liquor corporations give millions of dollars to defeat prohibition legislation. If they believe it to be such a failure why do they fight it so savagely?

The church of Florida has seen local option tested in three fourths of the counties of the state. Not a consistent member would move its annulment, except to substitute prohibition for the entire state, and thus relieve the counties that are not able to slay the liquor demon alone.

Christians may differ in their opinions about the methods of destroying the liquor anarchy, but the legislature of Florida has prescribed the method to be acted upon in the State by submitting to the voters a Prohibitory Amendment to be voted upon in November. The path is marked out, therefore, for those who are opposed to the liquor power. It may not be the path most approved by all, but it is a safe path. We know that it is safe by the testimony of the great and prosperous states where it has been tested for years, and it is a mighty step forward. Christians cannot and will not stand in the way of progress of any righteous reform merely because they prefer some other path to reach the same goal. IRENE G. ADAMS.

Lake Helen, Fla.

The Outlook, August, 1908, published an article on causes of the present progress in temperance reform, by Dr. Samuel J. Barrows, who, in ripeness of years, of observation and of practical experience in social uplift, is perhaps as well qualified to testify as the author of the article under discussion. Dr. Barrows gave as "one reason for the steady, silent growth of temperance sentiment" the fact that systematic and semi scientific teaching, enforced by moral and religious precept and example, organized and stimulated in the schools throughout the country by the W. C. T. U. together with its Loyal Legion and Band of Hope, has been going on for thirty-four years, and the result of this education has been telling in the boys and girls who have since grown to manhood and womanhood. . . . A new generation has grown up and has found that alcoholic drinks are not necessary for health or not necessary for health or happiness.

A gentleman who was organizing a company of young people to do evangelistic work in the slums politely refused to accept some of them. When questioned as to such action he said: "Those whom I have declined to take have no confidence in the undertaking. They say the odds are against us. We can't take the fearful with us when on such serious business." Fear derived from a lack of confidence in an undertaking is always weakening. The advance guard must be confident of success. Goals are reached by those who believe in reaching them.—Ida Q. Moulton.

There was a decrease of 342,875 barrels of beer in Ohio last year, according to the U. S. Brewers Association, and yet "Prohibition does not prohibit." This means a saving of more than \$1,000,000 to the people of the state.

At the Pennsylvania state S. S. convention John Wanamaker suggested that no person should become officer or teacher in any Sunday school without first signing a temperance pledge.

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