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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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"Since it has been my lot to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends."

OUR LEAFLETS AND BOOKS.

Our national president, Mrs. Stevens, has said, "All reforms are unpopular until the people are educated concerning the righteous principles and fundamental truths they involve."

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is recognized as the greatest public sentiment creator of the age, ever sounding forth through its speakers and the printed page that "prevention is better than cure," always able to give a scientific, economic and moral reason for its faith in the principles of total abstinence and prohibition. The national superintendents of departments are sagacious and experienced, their heads are full of bright plans and ideas, varied and up-to-date, which they long to see carried out. They know the needs of the local union; many of them are much in the field.

The White Ribboners throughout the land are to be congratulated that they can now obtain at one central place—the National W. C. T. U. Literature building, Evanston, Ill.—all the best leaflets published by the national superintendents, also choice books and articles written by some of the most prominent men and women, not only of our own land but of other countries as well. Send for bulletin of publication. Officers of local unions, literature superintendents, those making up local and institute programmes, will do well to order largely from the lists of department leaflets given in Bulletin. Hold union, parlor and public meetings with good programmes. Bring new leaflets to notice of unions from time to time; speak of them and read selections. Read some leaflets entire. At a parlor or public meeting have samples of posters, leaflets. Talk about them and give them away. Make things lively by your own earnestness. The liquor people are flooding the country with false statements about the cities, counties and states where liquor has been voted out. Counteract these statements by such leaflets as "Six Months of Prohibition in Lincoln, Nebraska," by Mayor Love; "Prohibition in North Dakota," by Judge Pollock; "Is Prohibition in Maine a Success," by Mrs. L. M. Stevens. If you live in a Catholic community use Father Cassidy's leaflet, "The Saloon an Unmitigated Curse." Arrange to have two posters, "Temperance Truths," put up in all school rooms. These posters consist of quotations from eminent men. In addition to the above, Mrs. Fry, national superintendent of literature, suggests that local unions send for the following leaflets, viz.: National Annual Leaflet, The Annual Address of National President, that they may have the present outlook; Helps for Local Unions, Story of Crusade, Achievements of the National W. C. T. U., that they may be inspired by what has been done; Temperance Songster, Why I am a White Ribboner, Busy Women and the W. C. T. U., Why We Wear the White Ribbon, Hand Picking, Sow Beside all Waters, Why a Church Member Should Belong, and

a list of other leaflets too numerous to mention here. A bright literature superintendent in Ohio suggests putting leaflets in barber shops.

Mrs. M. A. Allen, national superintendent of medical temperance, suggests that both state and county or district superintendents have exhibits at their conventions, have the department posters and in addition to this have the department leaflets pinned on a piece of muslin about one yard square. Superintendents should also provide themselves with the new edition, Alcohol a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine," for personal study and to lend to others who might be helped by it. Also have a copy of it placed in every medical college in the state. It will prove useful leaven for prohibition sentiment. Unions sometimes secure permission from the public library authorities to have a shelf all their own in the institution. This they fill with temperance books and leaflets and spread the good news far and wide that temperance and prohibition material is now available. The library as an educator is unexcelled, and in these days many who are preparing sermons, lectures, debates, papers, etc., seek the wisdom it furnishes. Then, too, habits of these institutions of learning often look around among the many treasures, and who knows what the result might be should they through curiosity or from some other motive, read some good temperance book or paper. From Our National President's Recommendations, I clip the following, viz:

"Endeavor to secure in all states the circulation among the teachers' institutes of desirable temperance books and leaflets. In West Virginia a large number of copies of Sir Victor Horsley's 'Alcohol and the Human Body' have been distributed with gratifying results. This is one of the most valuable temperance publications of the day, and should be in every public library, and in the hands of every educator. I urgently recommend that more attention be given by the W. C. T. U. to the supplying of temperance books in the public libraries, the exponents of temperance see to it, that books favorably to license and moderation are furnished to the students of the temperance movement, let us not be remiss in our duty."

In addition to the books mentioned, Mother National recommends the following, viz: A Break in Schedule Time, A Fight Against Odds, A Singular Life, Temperance Educational Quarterly, Alcohol and Health, The Gaelic Hygiene series, books written by C. M. Sheldon, Frances E. Willard, Anna Gordon, A Brief History of the W. C. T. U., and numerous other books listed in Bulletin and Union Signal. Last but by no means least, I urge the daily reading of the Bible, the book which stands alone in human literature in its elevated conception of manhood and womanhood, in character and conduct. The Bible is the most thought suggesting book in the world. It was from its sacred pages that those brave women of the crusade days received their "marching orders." The 146th Psalm is now familiar to White Ribbon women in all lands as the Magna Charta of their organization.

Someone has said that "If you get all of your ideas from leaflets and books you become like a phonograph." This may be true in a measure, but

get what knowledge you can from the printed page, then do a little independent, purposeful thinking. In addition to reading and thinking express your own ideas and inspire others. "To use books rightly," wrote John Ruskin, "we go to them for help; we appeal to them when our own knowledge and power of thought fail, that we may be led into wider sight and purer conception than our own, and receive from them the united sentence of the judges and councils of all times against our solitary and unstable opinion.

Each day in every month and year
Read thou from some good book a gem of thought
And keep those thoughts and hold them dear.

Till of the jewels bright a crown is wrought."

Does it occur to any of you to question, "Will this pay?" Listen. An irate officer of the united societies said recently to one of our national organizers: "The fool law on the statute books of the state of Illinois and the false teaching that alcohol is a poison instead of a food, was the cause of 1,600 saloons being put out of business on election day two years ago."

A prominent Pennsylvania man said to one of our women, "God bless the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It makes us think on the question of moral reformation in spite of ourselves."

Numberless instances of the patient, persistent seed-thought sowing, yielding a bountiful harvest, could be cited, but time will not permit. Paul may plant and Apollis water, but it is God that giveth the increase. What a privilege to be permitted to be "laborers together with God." We pray that He will continue to bless the work and workers everywhere, and that the knowledge disseminated through the literature that shall go out from our beautiful new building at national headquarters shall not only enable the rising generation to go forth into life thoroughly equipped to withstand temptations and fight its battles, but hasten the day when "the golden rule of Christ shall bring the golden age of man."

E. C. Widdifield,
(Read before the Twelfth District W. C. T. U. Convention at Valley City.)

PURITY AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS

Valley City, June 5, 1911.—Dear Sister: Will you not urge your unions to send for a copy of Rose Wood Allen Chapman's book, "The Moral Problem of the Children," price 20c? Address her 615 W. 162d St., New York City, N. Y. This is a book every mother should read. But to rouse an interest in it, it might be well for each union to secure a copy and have it read in the meetings. Our nation has many serious problems to solve in the future, and surely none of graver moment than the above. It is one requiring the united efforts of parents and teachers, and the help of church and state to solve rightly. Both religion and law are needed to solve it in a righteous manner. The home, the church and the state are all deeply interested in its proper solution. We hold up our hands in horror at the heathen sacrificing their children to idols, but are we not permitting our own to be sacrificed by the thousands, by our apathy and ignorance? We are so occupied

with business or household cares, or social duties, that our children's highest interests are overlooked. But is not their moral welfare far beyond gold and silver, or raiment for the body, or our social standing in society? Oh, parent, rouse yourself to a keener realization of your great responsibilities! Agitate! Agitate! Study conditions in your homes and public schools. Organize parents' clubs. Read and study the helps and literature on this subject. Much of it can be secured from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Literature building, Evanston, Ill. For special leaflets for mothers' meetings, write to Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, Church St., Elmira, N. Y.

Please report all work done to me early in September, and greatly oblige, Yours for the home,

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Leeds, dues	\$ 8.40
Devils Lake, dues	14.30
Reeder, dues	.70
Wahpeton, memorial fund	2.00
Lisbon, dues and state pledges	2.50
Towner, copy of minutes	.10
Forest River, dues, memorial and minutes	9.45
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Sanborn, pledge, dues, memorial	11.90
Bisbee, dues	2.50
Minnewaukan, dues	4.90
Cando, Y. P. B., dues and memorial	13.20
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St. Thomas, dues	11.90
Fifteenth district pledge	30.00
Wimbledon, dues, mem., pledge	14.00
Valley City, Willard Union, dues	3.50
Bowman, dues	3.50
Cogswell, memorial and dues	3.40
Fargo, Scan. Union, dues and pledges	45.80
University, Y. P. B., dues	5.60
Ellendale, dues	14.70
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Leal, dues	.70
Larimore, for work in Maine	5.00
Cavalier, dues	3.25
Twelfth district, for work in Maine	15.00
Mrs. Wanner, Jamestown, minutes	.15
Mrs. Fred Carr, life memorial for son	10.00
Miss Jessie McKenzie, minutes	.15

Mrs. F. W. Heidel, Treas.

BOOZE AND BUSINESS.

We have thought sometimes that the temperance question ought almost to settle itself. No employer of men will engage a drunkard or a tippler if he can avoid it. He who persists in lapping up firewater cannot accept a managerial position; no one dares trust him with responsibilities. A man who drinks to excess cannot be successful as a business man or an employer of labor. Therefore, the drinking person is fairly well eliminated from the ranks of employer and employed. This brings us to the inevitable conclusion that useful manhood is nearly impossible for those who indulge in liquors. When the subject is viewed by all men in this light there will be no place for the liquor business in the world, except as a medicine. Distilleries will occupy the same position as carbolic acid factories.—Titusville Herald.

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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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On which the arm of progress leans,
Man's noblest mission to advance,
His woe assuage, his woe enhance,
His rights enforce, his wrongs redress—
Mightiest of mighty is the press.

The national headquarters for literature on W. C. T. U. and all temperance questions have requested that The Bulletin publish from time to time their lists of literature for the month we publish the excellent article on this subject by our own Mrs. Widdifield of Leal. Let us all send to national headquarters at Evanston, Ill., for The Bulletin containing lists of W. C. T. U. literature.

It is a matter of regret for state and local unions as well as for the national W. C. T. U. that Mrs. Mary Woodallen Chapman has been obliged to resign from the national superintendency of the Purity Department. All letters in this department should now be sent to national headquarters at Evanston, Ill.

Every Union in the state should have one or more delegates in attendance at the state convention. If plans are made carefully and soon it will be quite possible to do this.

Be sure to remember the struggle of Maine in her prohibition campaign when you pray, and pray often too.

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Seventeenth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union met at Devils Lake June 6, 7 and 8. This convention excels all previous conventions in number of unions represented, in number of delegates present, in interest shown, and best of all, in number of young people participating.

The keynote of the convention was, The Faith That Removes Mountains. Mrs. Sena Hartzell Wallace was the convention speaker and was greatly admired and appreciated. A Young People's Gold Oratorical and Gold Musical contest was given. Roy Jacobson of Churchs Ferry was the winner of the oratorical prize and Esther McFarland of Cando of the musical.

Three unions were represented for the first time, Calvin sending Miss Sillers and Mrs. Porter; Sables, Mrs. Naismith; Cando U. P. B. sending Roy Dunbar, Ernest Pile, Estella Dunbar and Gladys Barnes.

Excellent papers were given on Winning the Children, by Misses Georgia Chambers, Tena McLarty and Estella Dunbar. Great interest was shown in the department study.

Addresses were given on the following subjects: Recent State Legislation, Hon. Frank Hyland; North Dakota Enforcement League, Rev. E. L. Brooks. The following resolutions were adopted:

We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of the brave stand taken in regard to the temperance work by John Burke, governor of our state. Also for his veto of the druggist bill, passed by both houses of our state legislature at its last session.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Burke. Inasmuch as alcohol is detrimental in any form or under any conditions, we are opposed to the use of such for medicinal purposes. Therefore, be it resolved, that we labor for the education of the people against the false use of alcohol as a medicine.

Believing that woman's suffrage can be gained by earnest resolve and a live interest on the part of the women of this state, we urge this organization to do all in its power to procure for women the right and privilege of the ballot.

Committee—
Mrs. Mary R. McLeod,
Miss Mamie Sorenson,
Miss Georgia Chambers.

The woman who thinks she is making herself unwomanly by voting is a silly creature.—Cardinal Moran, of Australia.

No one can give any reason against woman suffrage, except arguments of conservative timidity.—Rev. Charles F. Dole.

FROM MRS. BUCK.

DEAR COMRADES:—

So full have been the days—so rapidly have they passed by that it seems impossible to realize that in less than three months we will again gather, God willing, in our annual convention. How does your union stand? Have you paid all dues and pledges? Have you canvassed for new members? Does your Union Signal subscription list equal, at least, a fourth of your membership? Are you able to give a full report of all work done? These details are most important to the success, not only of your local work, but of the annual state meeting as well. Have you neglected some things in the past month? Then let us be very diligent and faithful in the days left to us.

Our organizers have been faithfully at work covering every section of our vast state. Mrs. Hall finishes her field work at Braddock July 2nd, and will reach Chautauqua July 4th ready for institute work July 5th. A new union was organized at Beach with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Elsie Rogers; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Mary Lund; Cor. Sec., Miss Christine Anderson; Treas., Mrs. Pearl Lovell.

Miss Chambers began work June 10th at Towner. She addressed the Womans Presbytery Society then in session and recited "Patsy" at their reception in the evening. Sunday she visited the jail and addressed the Sunday school; on Monday organized a Y. P. B. of eleven members. She also organized an L. T. L. of six members, among the Boy Scouts and an L. T. L. of eight members for girls. Mrs. Stevens writes "we enjoyed Miss Chambers very much and she was successful beyond our hopes." She continues her work in Third district until Chautauqua opens. Officers of the Y. P. B. are: Pres., Miss Leah Bennett; Sec., Miss Cora Beam, Treas., Miss Myrtle Beam. Boy's L. T. L., Pres., Mrs. Stevens; Sec. Alfred Hunake; Treas., Charley Ballig. Girl's L. T. L., Pres., Miss Cora Beam; Sec., Miss Jean McDonald; Treas., Miss June Rosen-crands.

Reports from district conventions are very encouraging. The First District convention held at Devils Lake, June 6, 7, 8, was pronounced the best we have ever held in point of representation as well as interest and enthusiasm and the same report comes from other district meetings. We feel sure that the inspiration gained in these meetings will do much to strengthen and uphold our work everywhere.

Some response has been made to the call for help for Maine. What is done must be done quickly and I trust that every union will feel it a privilege to lend a helping hand in this great struggle that means so much to us all, not only lend financial aid but let our hearts go out in sympathy to our comrades and our prayers daily ascend for the defeat of the enemy.

Faithfully yours,
NECIA E. BUCK.

TENTH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The first annual meeting of the 10th dist. W. C. T. U. was held at Hettinger June 8 and 9, with a good attendance and much interest manifest.

A number of excellent papers were read and discussed. Fine music was furnished by local talent. A question box brought out many helpful suggestions. The guest of honor was Mrs. Almena Parker McDonald, of Chicago, who gave an address which was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. McDonald was an inspiration to the women in this their first convention.

The following officers were elected; President—Mrs. Laura F. Greenup, Hettinger.
Vice President—Mrs. A. E. Breckenridge, Reeder.
Cor. Sec.—Mrs. R. M. Fair, Hettinger.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Frundie, Reeder.
Treas.—Mrs. H. B. Walch, Reeder.
Auditor—Mrs. Davis, Reeder.

Say not the days are evil; who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce;
O shame!
Stand up, speak out and bravely, in God's name.
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long;
Faint not; fight on; tomorrow comes the song.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

DEAR COMRADES:—

Judging from reports which are coming in from the various districts, we have had a series of unusually good conventions.

The programs have vied with each other in point of excellence and the interest taken has been most encouraging. Space fails us to speak separately of each district but we hope many will report to the Bulletin.

The work done by Mrs. Sena Hartzell Wallace has been highly satisfactory. As a suffrage worker, Mrs. Wallace is unexcelled. Her arguments are logical and convincing and a great impetus has been given to this department of work.

Mrs. Wallace has addressed nine district conventions, according to schedule, has made some eighteen other addresses, reorganized the union at Hamilton, in 18th district and finishes her work by conducting an Institute for one week at our beautiful new Chautauqua at Valley City.

Mrs. Almena Parker McDonald has been doing real pioneer work in a part of the state where the towns are new and populations small and scattered. She was present at the first annual convention of the 10th district, held at Hettinger, and was a great help and inspiration to the workers.

Mrs. McDonald has organized five unions, with officers as follows:
Marmarth—Mrs. Otto E. Krenz, Mrs. O. F. Gray, Mrs. C. N. Nath.

Rhame—Mrs. O. Paulson, Mrs. H. N. Lynn, Mrs. J. H. Hanson.

Gasogney—Mrs. E. N. Doore, Mrs. A. Springer, Mrs. Mabel Perkins.

Bucyrus—Mrs. Nita Turnear, Mrs. M. M. Donohover, Mrs. J. A. Ry.

Shields—Mrs. H. E. Fleming, Mrs. C. A. Quale, Mrs. J. L. Turntland.

This union at Shields is the only one in 8th dist. Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hall have thus entered every organized district in the state.

We are all delighted to have Miss Georgie Chambers in the field. We know she will make the work attractive wherever she goes. Already Miss Chambers has organized a Junior and Senior L. T. L. and a Y. P. B. at Towner, and a local union and L. T. L. at Mohall. The officers of the Mohall union are—Mrs. Lillian Allen, Mrs. Sadie Brightbill, Mrs. Minnie Greek.

Joy and sorrow come to all and our white-ribboners have their share. Into the homes of two of these—State Supts. of Flowers Mission and Sober Meetings, joy has come because of the advent of two beautiful white-ribbon recruits, while into the home of our State Supt. of Sabbath Observance has come sorrow because the husband has been called away. Our congratulations are extended to the former while our sympathy goes out to the latter in full measure. A short tribute follows:

Even as I write, a message announces the Home-going of Miss Mary Garnett, of St. Thomas, one of our most faithful white-ribboners and for several years president of Pembina County W. C. T. U. Miss Barnett was an unusually beautiful character and her going will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends.

It is hoped that many white-ribboners may avail themselves of the advantages offered by our two Chautauqua Assemblies.

Hoping to meet many of you at the North Chautauqua Cottage,
Yours affectionately,
BARBARA H. WYLIE.

JOTHAM WOOLSEY.

Jotham Woolsey, husband of our Mrs. S. M. Woolsey, was a native of New York state but later removed with his parents to Indiana.

In 1892 he was married to Miss Sabrina M. Henshaw, who, with four sons and one daughter, survives him, the youngest daughter having preceded him to the Better Land.

Mr. Woolsey was a consistent member of the M. E. church. The first article to which he affixed his signature was a temperance pledge which he faithfully kept and was a staunch advocate of prohibition. His long illness was borne with Christian fortitude. On May 17th, at the age of 75, he heard the call to higher service. At his own request, they draped him with the American flag. "Thou art with Christ— and Christ, with me—
In Christ united still are we."

THE OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY IN OUR STATE.

(Paper given by Miss Mamie Sorenson at convention of the First district.)

The doors of opportunity are open in the state of North Dakota and that is the reason for the vital necessity of opportune action and immediate effort to accomplish before the doors are closed.

Now perhaps as never before is the psychological moment for action. Let us as temperance workers in this great cause, grasp our opportunity in order that mankind and posterity may be blessed.

Our state is new and growing; progressing rapidly in numbers, in wealth, and in its rank, financially, socially and commercially among the other states of the union. It is unlimited in its resources, with its thousands of fertile acres, its vast coal beds and its extensive grazing lands.

Hundreds of new towns have sprung up within the last few years and migration continues to pour into the western counties from every nation and from the eastern and middle west states. They are coming to make homes, to build schools and churches, and to make this a better place to live in than the one they left.

These people, farmers, professional men, business men and day laborers, see vast opportunities before them.

There is much to be done and much to be gained. They march onward bravely, fearlessly and with a steady purpose. Nothing daunted they will in time reach their goal. Let us, White Ribboners, keep pace with them, knowing that we are making a fight for God and humanity, we shall not nor cannot be disheartened and discouraged.

Never before have we had the opportunity of reaching so large a mass of children through the schools, never before have we had men in the high places who are enforcing our prohibition law, as now; never before has the temperance question been the vital, alarming question that it is in our nation today; never before has our state been on the verge of granting civil equality to women as it was in our last legislature. What does this signify?

This: That the doors of education, of woman's suffrage, of legislation, of civic improvement and of the church are open to us and are ready to respond as never before.

Continue to have every child in our public schools taught the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco. Keep this problem before the children, this is the time to lay our foundations.

Some one has said, "Let me write the nation's songs and I care not who writes its laws"; but I say, let me educate the nation's children and I care not who makes its laws.

Continue to influence the electors and politicians in this state to work and vote for men who will protect its citizens and enforce its laws and legislate for the welfare of the state.

In a few years more the women of this fine state will be casting their ballots to settle questions of importance and with our suffrage may we always stand for the good, the true and the beautiful in every walk of life.

Prohibition in North Dakota has stood the test of time. True it has failed dismally at times, but despite these failures it rises out of its past stronger than before.

What is there for us to do? Let us see. First: Be loyal to your union, stand by your leader, oppose all that does not uphold purity and righteousness, and keep up an eternal warfare against the liquor traffic and its exponents.

As workers in this great cause let us be loyal to our God, to our fellow men; true to our beliefs, firm in our convictions, and this grand state in the near future will stand proudly among the first ranks of those who are foremost in the temperance work, in the work for the uplift of fallen men and women, in the work of social betterment and right living.

Dr. Wiley, pure food commissioner at Washington, D. C., declares for prohibition. Among other things he says: "I shall be glad to see the universal prohibition. It would be a great benefit to humanity if all the saloons and breweries were closed up."

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

The development which has taken place in the work of this department during the past is marked. It is quite in excess of the work reported in any previous year. We cannot afford to let the awakened interest in the work die away, but must this year intensify it, if we would have a sentiment that shall demand that men do business and vote as they pray, in the fear of God; that they go to the polls or the legislative halls as they go to the sacrament, in the fear of God. We hear much of America's needs. Greater than every other need is that of righteousness that exalteth a nation. The public conscience is only individual conscience in bulk. The christian citizenship department is persistently and intelligently bringing the public, especially the christian public, to see and to feel that it is responsible, man by man, and woman by woman, for the evils now protected by law, or tolerated with or without law. It shows that a ballot should crystallize christian principles; and that these principles not only may, but should be made operative in public affairs. Let us understand that christian citizenship is not politics—it calls for no new party, it is confined to no one party, but is a force to be injected into all parties. Christianity is not politics, nor is citizenship. It belongs to no one party, but to all. Let us not forget this nor fail to try to impress this idea upon the minds of others. "The drink curse is the greatest obstacle in the spread of the gospel," our missionaries say. Place upon the conscience of home christians, particularly mission workers, the responsibility of this christian nation, pouring this soul-destroyer into all heathendom. Gambling, the law says, is playing any game, whatsoever, for any sum of money or other property value. Every state outlaws it, but human craving to get something for nothing is so strong that law is too frequently disregarded. Christian citizenship workers are therefore asked to specialize this. Let us do it faithfully. The vice is as depraving as it is universal. Publish state laws on anti-gambling and put copies everywhere. We must see that laws regarding guessing contests are not evaded. And let us not rest in this essential crusade till parlor gambling takes flight with the rest of the black brood. The new voter—somebody is going to reach him. Why not we? Before a party halter is around his neck he is amenable to reason. See that he has telling argument and truly christian influence towards a ballot upon which he may pray God's approval. Blasphemy, the non-enforcement of laws relating to purity and prohibition, political corruption, civic bribery and the low street fair. These and more come into our work and is what you and I are called upon to do through the department of Christian Citizenship. And how? Try to interest christian men and women in the work by talking to them at opportune times. Secure one meeting of your local union to be devoted to its interests and use the programme prepared by the national superintendent, Mrs. Helen D. Harford, Newburg, Oregon. Get the pastors to have one prayer meeting in the year to center about this subject. Hold public meetings and secure a speaker who can present this subject in an attractive manner, leaving nothing undone that would make the meeting a success. The success of a public meeting depends upon the work you put into it. Secure if possible the Epworth league, Christian Endeavor society, or Young People's union to devote one regular meeting to this subject. Get the responsive Bible reading on civic righteousness, Christian Citizenship Pledges and other material of Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, Riverside, Cal., into the Sunday schools, then millions of the youth of the churches will know better than their elders have known, the meaning of that term. And let us follow the trend of the times and enter more largely into the movement for a sane Fourth of July. Last year eight unions reported having done so. We feel encouraged to believe that unions are beginning to understand the wonderful possibilities of this work. Last year N. D. won the prize for the greatest increase in amount of work done, and upon the unions depend our feelings as well or better this year and we feel sure they will respond. I hope each

superintendent, local and district, will try some or all of the suggestions given and be sure to report. Some unions have already held meetings, Mrs. Julia Nelson of Fargo having reported a most successful one. We hope that every district and union will appoint a superintendent of this work, which every community needs.

Carrie E. Madison,
State Superintendent.

SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The seventeenth annual convention of Benson, Eddy, Wells and Foster counties was held at Oberon on June 8, 9 and 10. Eight local unions were represented, reports of which showed better knowledge, increase of membership and more work done than ever before.

The leading exercises of the convention were an instructive and inspiring lecture by Mrs. S. H. Wallace on Thursday evening. On Friday morning a delegation of six Indians from Fort Totten reservation, near Oberon, were introduced. Mr. Frank Blackshields voiced fraternal greetings and all sang in their own language, closing with Jesus Lover of My Soul, to which the convention responded with great effect by singing this grand old hymn in the English language.

The state Banner L. T. L. of Hesper was represented by eight members who rendered a fine programme. Hesper L. T. L. reported sixty-three active and eight honorary members.

The rainy weather prevented our White Ribbon recruits being present as we had expected. Mrs. Garnaa of Oberon presented her little daughter on whose arm the white ribbon was tied, while we remembered many other little ones adding their names to the record started last year with the name of Little Frances Willard Spaulding of Leeds.

A successful Gold Medal contest was held on Friday night although a copious shower of rain fell a good audience greeted the class of six. Miss Sarah Falk of Heaton won the medal. All did excellently. An impressive memorial service was held on Saturday morning, tender tributes were given by those acquainted with the promoted ones. A letter was read from Mrs. A. J. Garver, wife of the first publisher of The Leeds News, telling of the sudden death of their only son in April. Mrs. Garver's home is now at Clarksonton, Washington. This elicited many expressions of sympathy as Mr. and Mrs. Garver are remembered by many as active temperance workers in our state in the early days.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. M. A. Garry, Leeds. Vice President, Benson County—Rev. Mrs. M. A. Tompkins, Oberon. Vice President, Eddy County—Mrs. Priest, New Rockford. Vice President, Wells County—Mrs. C. Barber, Heaton. Vice President, Foster County—Mrs. E. Burton, Carrington. Secretary—Mrs. F. M. Wise, Leeds. Treasurer—Miss N. E. Whitcomb, Oberon. M. A. G.

SOBER BY LAW.

It is true that the printing of laws in books does not change the character of men, but it is equally true that the enforcement of good laws makes it difficult for bad men to commit the wrong which, without restraint, they would freely indulge in. Therefore, although men are not made sober by law, drunkenness is discouraged and lessened, crime is diminished, and better conduct on the part of many citizens is ensured by the enactment of laws that limit or prohibit liquor-selling. The same idea is forcibly expressed in an article in The Starbuck (Minn.) Times, which says:

A pure-food law may not compel a man to eat healthful food, but it prevents men selling him, under false labels, what is unhealthful. A law against cigarettes does not take away a boy's appetite for them, but it prevents men selling them to him and so protects boys from temptation. It protects others from the formation of the appetite. A law against saloons may not make drinking men temperate, but it creates an environment favorable to temperance.

HOW TO SAVE THE BOYS.

Vote Out the Saloon.

A banker in Allegan county, Mich., voted to license the saloons, and they were brought back into the county. Ex-Senator Humphrey was in a hotel in Allegan, and looking about he saw the banker walking back and forth in front of the hotel barroom and looking in when anyone opened the door. The senator went out and spoke to the banker.

The banker said: "Senator, I am uneasy about my boy. Do you think he may be in the saloon? Did you see anything of him?"

"Yes, I saw him in the back room of the saloon playing cards and drinking," said Senator Humphrey.

The father seemed speechless for a moment, and then from a heart full of distress cried out: "O, God! how shall I save my boy from ruin?"

"You have a grave problem to solve." "I would give half I am worth to destroy every saloon in the country," said the banker.

"Ah! It seems cruel to remind you of it now, but you should have come to that conclusion when we wanted you to join us in the fight to keep them out of the county. Now they have your boy, and I do not know what you can do. May God help you."

Why should the father expect his boy to fall in with what he introduced?

Let each citizen, where the saloon is seeking entrance, remember now, before it is too late, that its coming means ruin to somebody's boy, and let each father say to himself, "It may be my boy."—John F. Hill, D. D.

FIELD NOTES.

Fargo Scandinavian Union.

Early last fall we started out with a membership contest, in which we gained fifty new members, so we are now 130 strong. This allows us about fourteen delegates to send to the district convention which will take place the last of June at Tower City.

We have also held a suffrage meeting in April, at which a debate was given by four young men of Aaker's Business college on the suffrage question. We have given away to the sick one hundred and four bouquets of flowers, besides money, groceries, clothes, etc.

We had two silver medal contests in May, one for young ladies and one for children.

We pray that God will bless us with the same increase in the coming year, and make us still more willing to do His work with eagerness, while we yet have the opportunity.

Mrs. I. H. Ulsaker, Pres. S. Supt.

A COMPLIMENT.

It is a fine compliment to the ministry that the saloon element expects every preacher to be a prohibitionist. The saloon man looks for nothing else under normal conditions. Therefore the saloon man, the brewer, saloon keeper, saloon agent or saloon patron, is quite as much surprised as he is pleased when some preacher lifts his voice in defence of the saloon. You have noticed how eagerly the words of the saloon champion preacher are seized upon by the liquor interests, and how these words are given prominence in liquor traffic literature, and hilariously repeated in saloons and in all the gatherings of the roughs and toughs. It is the privilege, if not the right of a preacher to be against prohibition. Such a preacher can encourage himself in the fact that he is not alone. And further, he is entitled to all the comfort he can get out of the knowledge that the brewers, distillers, saloon keepers, bartenders, and all the rabble and riffraff will stand with him to a man in his opposition to prohibition.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

WHO SAYS SO?

Who says prohibition is a failure? The saloon keeper, the brewer, the distiller? Yes, they say it always and ever. Who else? The gambler and boot-legger, the dive keeper, the whiskey druggist, the blind-tiger men, the editor who accepts their well-paid ads. They are doing their level best to make it a failure. Who wants to belong to such a crowd?

IF WOMEN VOTE INSTEAD OF MEN—THE OTHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

There are many ancient arguments against woman suffrage that would have equal weight against man's right to the ballot. Let us suppose for the present that women instead of men are governing, and holding the family pocket book.

It is the morning of election day. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are seated at the breakfast table. He is a merchant. She says: "I guess I will walk down town with you and cast my vote so as to get back home with baby in time for his nap."

"Very well," replied he. "I can wheel the cab for you as far as the store, but I would much prefer to go with you to the polls and vote too."

"Why George, are you getting so weak-minded as to want to vote? I shall really have to dress you up in petticoats. I would not have any one know that you felt that way for the world. Men would be entirely out of their proper sphere if they were to vote. You would neglect your business and be wanting to hold office next."

"Well, and why should not men hold office as well as women, I should like to know?"

"Because they would neglect their families, the gates and doors would soon be hanging on one hinge, their business would be neglected, and soon the cellar and pantry would be empty, and the children would die of starvation."

"I do not believe that would be the case, and I do not believe that the Creator meant that men and women should be unequal, for the Bible says, 'Male and female created He them,' and said, 'They shall have dominion over all the earth.' Mind, God did not say she shall have dominion, or he shall have dominion, or he shall, but they shall."

"Well, the women have always done the voting, and the men have all they can do to earn the living, so don't bother your gear old head about it any more. Come, Mamma will represent her baby boy and papa at the polls."

"I should like to know how you represent me at the polls? I believe in high license; you believe in prohibition. You go and vote prohibition. I stand back and look on."

"O George! you are nothing but a man. You can't vote, and so of course, you cannot understand politics. Here we are at the store. I am going to have your favorite pudding for dinner. By, by, don't worry about what you can't help."

Mrs. Brown joins Mrs. Jones, who is also wheeling her baby in a cab. They talked over the leading issues of the day, and when they reached the polls, one lady stands guard over the two children while the other votes.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee there is also an argument this morning. He feels rebellious because he cannot register his opinion at the ballot box. "It is not fair," said he. "Men have brains and opinions of their own as well as women, and they should have an equal chance to protect their interests by voting."

"Why, honey, don't you know that men can do more by their influence at home and abroad than they could possibly do by voting?"

"No, I don't know any such thing. You women run things to suit yourselves, and if we men venture to give you a little advice, and try to persuade you to please us you say, 'You are nothing but men; you can't understand politics.'"

"But if we let the men vote the bad men would vote, and that would never do."

"Is it any worse for bad men to vote than it is for bad women to vote?"

"Oh, that's different, altogether different. We are talking about passing a law allowing you men to vote at school meetings; that will be nice. Here are fifty cents, Frank; I want you to bring home a dozen oranges and a can of peaches, and if there is any money left you may have it, but don't lose or spend it foolishly. Good by."

And Mr. Maggie Lee walked sulkily down town, wishing that he had as much right as a yellow dog, for dogs

are not obliged to obey laws or to pay taxes which they cannot help to decide upon.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Grant are also having a set-to this morning on the suffrage question. He says it is an abominable shame for the women to tyrannize over the men in this way. She says:

"Men would grow weak and feminine if they were allowed to vote, and the polls would not be a fit place for women, if men went there."

"Wile, may I have two dollars to get a hat?"

"For mercy sakes! You must think I am made of money. It has not been more than a year since you had a new hat. I gave you a quarter last week, what did you do with it?"

"Why, I got three postage stamps." "You write altogether too many letters; twice a year is often enough for you to write home. What did you do with the rest of it?"

"I put ten cents in the basket at church Sunday."

"What did you do with the other nine cents?"

"Why, I have it yet." "Well, hand it over; you will lose it or fool it away."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are walking down town, he to the office, she to the polls. She says, "I wish you were going with me. I think men ought to vote as well as women."

"Well, I don't care anything about voting, I have my hands full trying to make a living."

Just then he reached his office and a group of women joined his wife.

"What do you think, Mrs. Smith," exclaimed a black-eyed woman from the country. "Last night a man in Knoxville spoke on 'Man's Suffrage.' My husband and one of his neighbors were down there and heard about it, and stayed to hear the speech, and let their chores go until they got home, away in the middle of the night and now they are crazy to vote. You can just see how it would work; they would be ranting around the country half the time, and their crops would not amount to anything."

"Election day does not come very often," replied Mrs. Smith, "and I think it would do the men good to get away from their work once in a while. Men need a rest and change as well as we women."

"My husband don't want to vote," said another. "He says he has his hands full to earn a living, and when he has any spare time he likes to whittle, and so I buy him strips of lumber to amuse him."

Just then a young man with a small head and big eye-glass, and limbs not bigger than the cigar he carries between his teeth, joined the women. They asked him if he would like to vote.

"Oh, no," said he, "I don't think the ladies would represent us if we voted, and I could not possibly find the time, I am so busy with keeping my wardrobe replenished and minor matters."

The women went to the polls, and the election was just as unfair and one-sided as it is now.

Now, let us take a peep into the future, say about ten years from now, and imagine it is election morning. We see the ladies and gentlemen going to the polls. Husband and wife go arm in arm. They are companions, comrades, friends in the truest sense. They feel a mutual interest in the affairs of the world. Neither one is an underling; neither one is domineering over the other.

There is something in the breast of every thinking man and woman that rebels at tyranny, and taxation without representation is tyranny, and caused our forefathers to heave overboard a quantity of tea once on a time.

Now gentlemen, we ask you to leave overboard your time-worn prejudices, and allow us to go to the polls with you and register our opinions there. Woman needs something besides the narrow round of home duties to make her truly happy. We want to be just what God made us to be—help-meets in the home and in the nation.—Mrs. Eva Flickes.

I know of many prejudices against woman suffrage, but of nothing which deserves to be called a reason.—Prof. Borden P. Browne.

ESSAY CONTEST STATE U.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters: In our June number of The Bulletin Mrs. Wylie told you something of the prize essay contest work done at our state university this year, and I have been asked to tell you something more.

On the 6th of June the second contest was held under the auspices of the Y. P. B. of the university, organized by Mrs. Scovell, in the auditorium of the teachers' college. Twenty-seven students, of the model high school submitted essays. Professor Schmidt presided and Mr. Norton, musical director of the university, had charge of the music. Quite a large audience of professors and students gathered to hear the three essays read which had the highest markings. The first prize of \$5 was awarded to Miss Alice B. Eckman, and the second prize of \$3 to Henry Sehrst and Master Samuel De Reamer received honorary mention.

These essays were of a very high order. Professor Schmidt said that the twenty-seven essays were of such fine thought and composition as to make it a very close contest.

Much credit is due Mrs. Hull of the university for her untiring efforts in this contest work and it was she who made the prizes possible for this contest.

The Sixteenth district W. C. T. U. and the local branch of Grand Forks have decided to make these contests permanent so that each year the students will have an opportunity to compete. What a golden opportunity for temperance work.

I know every White Ribboner will feel grateful to President McVey for placing it in the curriculum.

There is another thing I wish to speak of: President McVey has offered a section in the library of the university for temperance books. This offer has been made for one year and Mrs. Hull tells me that if we do not place enough books there to show our appreciation and good faith, the space will be filled with other books as it is a prominent place in the library and cannot be left empty. Will not each Union send one or more books to be placed on these shelves or do as the Thompson Union did at their last meeting, vote \$5 to this work? This is surely a great opportunity to educate the young men and young women of our state in temperance truth, and if neglected at this time may never be ours again.

Hoping for a liberal and immediate response, I am yours truly,
Lillie B. Smith.

JAMESTOWN—CONVENTION CITY.

From the Union of Jamestown, N. Dak. To the W. C. T. U. members of the state. Greetings. We would like you to know that we are busy planning for the state convention that is to meet here this fall. At the regular meeting of Friday we elected the following ladies as chairmen of the committees named. They will choose helpers as they may need:
Entertainment—Mrs. Fred Wanner, president of union.
Finance—Mrs. W. E. Boise.
Reception—Mrs. S. L. Corwin.
Music—Mrs. Wm. Cavanagh.
Decoration—Mrs. W. B. Denault.
Badges—Mrs. Y. U. Hemmi.
Ushers—Mrs. Chas. Scott.
Mail and Badges—Mrs. T. J. Hutton.
We have a beautiful little city, of which we are justly proud; a fine opera-house in which we hope to hold a union meeting Sunday evening.

We want to give you a hearty welcome and make you comfortable and glad that you came to our city. And to you we are looking to awake fresh zeal in temperance work in the women of Jamestown. It may interest you to know that we recently held a glee social in one of the pretty parks. About thirty members sat down to the first table and others came later and we are gratified with the amount paid in for dues at that time. Our union has suffered this past year by the removal from town of several of our best workers, but with the sentiment of our state motto we can say:

While we are but one, we are one; while we cannot do everything we can do something, and what we ought to do, by the grace of God, we are hoping to do, and we expect everyone who comes to the convention to come with that motto in mind. Sincerely,
Mrs. Henry Pittey, Bus. Secy.

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