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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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CLOSING THE DOORS.

I have closed the doors 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 hope 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 never will 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.

WOMAN'S BALLOT AS A FACTOR IN RAISING THE MORAL STANDARD.

In Genesis we learn that after God had created Adam he said "It is not good for man to be alone" and so He created Eve, and He said, "Let THEM have dominion over the whole earth." You will notice that Eve was not created to help him dig the soil, and prune the trees, and pick the fruit, but to be a comrade, a companion, a co-ruler with him. Then came the fall, and Eve as HER share of the penalty, lost her place by Adam's side, and thru all the centuries man claimed his full prerogative to have dominion, not over the whole earth but over woman as well. Her place thru all the darkened ages was one of cringing servility before her lord and master—MAN.

But Christ came to restore all that was lost in Adam, and consequently to place woman on the throne again, where God meant that she should be when He said "Let them have dominion over the whole earth." But man had ruled for so long that his superiority over woman had become a fixed idea. An idea which he has yielded up slowly, so very slowly that after 1900 years we still find some who cling to this world old prejudice. Of course to a great extent, in times past, this may have been a correct conception, since the subjection, in which women were held, rendered development impossible. It has only been in the last century that women have come into their own. Even seventy years ago girls received no education as compared with boys. A woman's work was to care for the home, prepare food and make garments, and no education was considered necessary for this. Today from almost every High School in our land, there are

more girls being graduated than boys. The same thing is true of all our co-educational colleges and universities. And altho women protest that they are very busy, public librarians everywhere tell us that it is the women of the present time who are doing the reading. The daily paper now makes its way into the majority of homes, and it is a busy day indeed in which the housewife does not find time to scan its pages. It is within the memory of many of us, when the only occupa-



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SPEAKER AT LISBON, SEPT. 25 29

tion open to girls was domestic service. In the school room the stern old schoolmaster then held sway. Now he has vanished, and our bright young college graduates reign supreme in his place. They have also entered innumerable other fields of usefulness, which were once closed to them. In viewing the field of woman's achievement it would seem that she had more than won her God-given right to take her place by her husband's side, as comrade, counsellor and co-worker with him in controlling the affairs of State and Nation. And he needs her, needs her desperately, he has needed her thru all the weary, darkened, sinful centuries. The ideal home is never attained where one mind controls all its affairs. There must be an equality, a comradeship between husband and wife; difficulties and questions which arise must be settled by a council of two and not by the arbitrary rule of either. The State and Nation are but the "home writ large." How then, may its affairs be properly managed where only one from the home is represented. The boat propelled by one oar reaches nowhere.

The objection is frequently raised however, that women do not want a part in the affairs of the nation. That they will not use the ballot if

it is given to them. The unanswerable refutation to this objection is, that nowhere has this proved to be the case, where the ballot has been given, but everywhere they have used it as freely as men use it. In New Zealand at many of the elections there are more women than men who vote. In Colorado 72 per cent of the women vote, in Wyoming 90 per cent. Our own elections, where women vote on school questions, show how freely they use the ballot. In a nearby precinct last fall there were more women than men who voted. An emergency always calls out the women.

Others there are who claim that women will vote the same as their husbands, and merely double the vote, but this also has never proved to be the case. In Colorado not even the working women vote the same as their husbands. Women vote for a man of character rather than their party. They almost invariably split their tickets and vote for the best men morally; and it naturally follows that the cleanest men are put into the field by all parties in order to get the women's vote. Another objection which good men raise is that politics are too corrupt, the polling places too vile, that mingling with men thru the chicanery, trickery and coarseness of political life will cheapen women, but these good men in their honest and ardent chivalry have failed to carry the argument to its logical conclusion. These objections if followed up furnish one of the strongest reasons why women should share in the affairs of political life. If politics have become so corrupt, where may we look for the remedy? Is it not time that woman's refining influence was felt in the affairs of our nation. Who so capable of housecleaning as a woman? Let her force be united with that of our splendid, good men who are now fighting so valiantly alone, and the accumulations of corruption may yet be cleaned away before the handwriting on the wall shall spell decay for our nation. The boat with one oar has floundered into the morass; with two oars let us push and shove and swing it out again into the clean water. But then some one will say women have an indirect influence in politics. They can persuade the men to vote right. If they are able to instruct the men why not express their own opinion at the polls directly, instead of by proxy? Miles Standish found the plan of working thru a proxy something of a failure. And then supposing a man has a wife, a mother, an aunt, a couple of sisters and a couple of daughters each holding positive preferences for different candidates, how may he express himself at the ballot box to represent each? It is also something of a consideration that some men are so stubborn that they cannot be turned from a purpose; and if they can be very readily turned our work may be undone by the

next person who approaches them with a plausible theory.

Every vicious interest in the country would rather cope with woman's indirect influence than her direct ballot.

During its territorial days the state of Washington had woman suffrage. When it became a state, in 1889, woman suffrage was lost and all over the state the liquor men rang bells, built bonfires and in other hilarious ways celebrated their victory. The time has come when America's splendidly intelligent women should be recognized as having an identity of their own and be given their legitimate right to express themselves by the shorter route to good legislation—the direct ballot.

But it has been urged that immoral women will rush to the polls in greater numbers than good women and so make matters worse. In suffrage states this is not the case however. These women do not want to reveal their identity by giving their names and addresses. Then in any city these women are only a small proportion of the population. In Denver, a city noted for its immorality, only three precincts out of 120 belong to this class, and immoral men who outnumber immoral women many times over are given the right of suffrage. Dr. Joseph Cook says that woman's vote would be to vice in the cities what the lightning is to the oak. In Seattle Mayor Gill was elected by the vicious element of the city. Under his rule the city became so corrupt that eastern capitalists instructed their agents to invest no more money in the city. After nearly a year of his rule the state of Washington gave its women the right of suffrage. In January the women were qualified to vote. Mayor Gill's recall was asked for, and in February he was put out of office, after a struggle which was eagerly followed by the entire U. S. and it was the women's ballot that won the day. It is a matter of conjecture if the majority of men realize that in 27 of our states (N. D. included) the people who have no right to express an opinion are: Women and lunatics, women and idiots, women and imbeciles, women and Indians. Aren't the associations flattering? Oh you dear, good, splendid, (but in this one thing mistaken) men, when you step to the ballot box in 1914 won't you take us out of this class? We are mortified to death to be in it. The constitution of the United States says: This shall be a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Today the wives, mothers and daughters, in the larger part of our nation, are not even recognized as people. But worse by far than this hurt to our feelings is the fact that there are hundreds of thousands of unmarried women in the United States who own property

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FROM MISS HALCROW.

Dear White Ribbon Workers:

The summer days are passing very rapidly and I will not have the opportunity of speaking to you again through these columns before our state convention. WHAT ABOUT THOSE SUBSCRIPTIONS? We planned for great things at the beginning of the year and I wonder how many of our plans have materialized. Are you urging the "Win One" plan in your local union? I want to report a large number of names in this circle at our state convention. It means that every local superintendent of circulation must work just a little harder and I know you will gladly do your best.

I do wish so much that every Union Signal subscriber would win one new subscriber, send her address and subscription to me and I will see to it that your name is enrolled in the "Win One Circle." These names are published in The Union Signal every week. The securing of a new subscriber in this way does not interfere in gaining the regular credits. We should have many more Campaign Edition subscribers, please attend to this.

Do not forget the many teachers' names that were taken from The Young Crusader list in June. Every name should go back in August so that the teacher will have the September issue. The Young Crusader is most helpful to the teacher, not only for the Scientific Temperance pages, but for the many other features that can be used in the school room. Will you not work up these teachers' subscriptions—nine month's subscription for twenty cents. I trust that every local union will this year report large quantities of literature distributed. Have you used any of the 20 excellent posters which can be obtained at our Literature building, Evanston? These may be tacked up in a public building, in the Sunday School room, in rural districts in the school room or on picnic grounds. Poster parades are also very popular, and whenever it is possible to give publicity to our work by placing a printed sentence or a telling fact of any kind concerning it, we are reaching scores of people that would in no other way learn these truths.

Let us make the best of the few weeks that remain of this year, we can yet accomplish much. Please let me hear from every local superintendent before state convention.

Yours for the very best report ever given,

MAE HALCROW.
Bowsmont, N. D., July 28, 1913.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

DEAR COMRADES:

The first of the "Each One Win One" Campaign cards returned to me with the name of a new member was from Lisbon, our State Convention hostess union. A number have been received from this wide awake union.

We very much desire that all cards shall be returned by the last of August. The success of this campaign depends upon every white ribboner spending a little time to secure one new member. It is not asking much of anyone, but the results will mean much to our work if each one is faithful. A package of these cards was sent to every local president. If you have not received one speak to your president. If more are needed apply to me.

It is necessary that the dues of the new member be paid before the card is returned, because it is a law of our national and state organizations that no member can be counted whose dues for the year are unpaid. You see the great necessity that the dues for every member be paid every year, and you doubtless see also why the office of local treasurer is one of the most important.

We are ambitious that the prohibition state of North Dakota shall be one of the strongest in proportion to its population in the National W. C. T. U. This means we must not only gain new members but hold the old. We have gained many new members every year, but for several years our losses by removal and failure in the collection of dues have balanced the gains, and last year were a little more than the gains. The national treasurer's report shows that we lost seventy members last year. You see, beloved comrades, that we can not make progress at this rate. Will you examine the treasurer's report in the State Minutes and see what dues your union paid last year, and please make an effort to have all members, old and new, pay dues that the sum total may be in excess of last year.

Good work has been done at our Chautauquas, which will be reported elsewhere. Mrs. Edna Salmons had charge at North Chautauquas, Mrs. F. W. Heidel at Valley City and Rev. Nelle M. Omsand at Mouse River Loop. At the Mandan and Minot Chautauquas Rev. Mecca Marie Varney and her son gave their suffrage debates. Mrs. Varney presents most impressive arguments for woman's ballot from a W. C. T. U. standpoint. Between Chautauquas the debates were given at Jamestown, New Rockford and Carrington.

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance finished her two weeks' itinerary in the state by giving a most stirring and convincing suffrage address to the W. C. T. U. and Woman's Club of Jamestown. She went direct from here to Alaska and is having remarkable success in that hard field.

The Votes for Women automobile party was in Jamestown last week. held a street meeting on one of the principal corners and strong arguments for giving women the ballot were presented by Mrs. E. M. Darrow, Mrs. C. F. Amidon and Miss Jeanette Rankin. Literature was distributed and signatures secured to a petition for a suffrage amendment to the National Constitution. These petitions are to be presented to Congress July 31st. Many voters are reached by these street meetings who would not attend a meeting in a church or hall of any kind. The papers estimated that two hundred listened to them here. Judge Hemmi of this place and your state president spoke endorsing the movement.

A letter came to me from Mrs. Flora Naylor, president of the Larimore W. C. T. U., describing the Fourth of July suffrage parade at that place. The parade was an outgrowth of the indignation of the women on account of the false report widely circulated last winter that a petition against the suffrage bill had been sent to the legislature by the women of Larimore, and those who took part are leaders in the W. C. T. U. and in social circles.

At the head of the procession was a

great yellow banner. Eight ladies mounted on fine horses followed this banner. After them came thirty ladies on foot carrying two fifteen foot banners with black letters ten inches high reading "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," and "Taxation without representation is tyranny." After them, eight automobiles decorated with yellow, carrying ladies. These were followed by a number of fine floats. A beautiful float decorated with the national colors carried the Goddess of Liberty in chains, supported by Faith and Hope. The white horse was driven by Uncle Sam. After this came the state float trimmed in yellow. At its base in letters a foot high were the words "Equality at the Ballot Box." Forty eight small girls carrying flags represented the states. The ten suffrage states were at the top of the pyramid. They wore crowns giving the name of the state and yellow sashes on which were the words "We Vote." The states having part suffrage wore sashes of yellow and black, those having no suffrage wore black sashes with words in white letters "No Vote."

One of the cleverest floats was a small one carrying a Norwegian woman in a striking peasant costume, who bore a banner with this legend, "I lost my vote when I came to America." A comic float of local interest represented Aunt Suffrage and Anti-Richter. The last referred to a local editor who opposes suffrage. The beautiful "Civic League," "Pure Food" and "City Beautiful" floats carried the suffrage colors. Mrs. Naylor carried a banner in yellow and black with the words "Catching up with China." Two men carried a banner seven by nine feet which was an exact reproduction of the Saturday Evening Post cartoon representing a delegation of brewers and distillers calling on Mrs. Anti. This was made by Mrs. Naylor's son Merle. The parade was educational as well as spectacular and made many friends for the cause. I have given details because I believe there are many places where such a parade can be successfully carried out.

We have the cigarette and snuff laws published in leaflet form. Every tobacco dealer should be supplied with copies. Send postage to Mrs. Wylie for the number you desire. It would also be well to have these laws published in your local papers that everyone may understand what they are.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.
Jamestown, N. D., July 28, 1913.

VALLEY CITY CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE.

The W. C. T. U. Institute at the Valley City Chautauquas, July 7 to 12, was very satisfactory and a success; for surely a good program, carried out exactly as published, good speakers, a good audience, and a good place to hold it, can be counted elements of success, and all these things obtained.

Miss Edna Rowan was present and spoke two mornings and was given 45 minutes in the large audience tent, one afternoon. She captivated her hearers with one of the best addresses from that platform.

Miss Mary G. Deem and Miss Candis Nelson, both from the Normal School, gave addresses on the day equal suffrage was the topic. Both are deeply interested and well informed on this subject and will be very influential in the campaign.

Our President was present one day, giving a very interesting and helpful address, on recent legislation. Rev. Watkins, of the Enforcement League, gave us a morning of one of his busy days and talked on general enforcement of law.

Mrs. L. M. Wylie read an extended paper, the last day, on "Necessity and Possibilities in the Teaching of Purity in Our Schools."

Our headquarters tent was almost in the center of the grounds, from which much literature was distributed.

Altogether we hope the week was profitably spent and that many gained something by the presence of the organized W. C. T. U. work on the grounds.

MRS. F. W. HEIDEL.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

DEAR COMRADES:

Our State Convention in Lisbon, Sept. 25-29, promises to be the most interesting in many years. Apart from the importance which attaches to the regular work, we have a special objective before us in the suffrage campaign, which will be formally opened at this time. Make your plans early to attend and catch the inspiration of the occasion.

As formerly announced, a banquet will be held at Hotel Bradford on Thursday evening, Sept. 25, when welcome addresses will be given by prominent citizens and music furnished by a local orchestra. The chief feature of the Friday evening's program will be the annual address of our president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who, we rejoice to say, will be able to assume her usual duties at this convention.

On Saturday evening a suffrage demonstration will be held under the direction of our State Superintendent in this department, Miss Candis Nelson, of Valley City.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, we are to have with us Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard, of Salt Lake City, President of Utah W. C. T. U., who will give the convention sermon and deliver an address in the evening. Mrs. Shepard is much in demand and we consider ourselves very fortunate in having secured so able a speaker. Press notices follow.

At this convention we will have some unusual features. State Superintendents are expected to tell "How my department can help in the Suffrage Campaign." They are also expected to have a written report, ready for publication in the minutes. "Moving Pictures of the Superintendents" will be conducted by having each state superintendent introduce the district and local superintendents who are present.

In the "March of the Presidents," district presidents will be followed by the presidents of their local unions, whom they will introduce.

It is hoped that Rev. F. L. Watkins, of the Enforcement League, Gov. L. B. Hanna and other celebrities may be present.

The election of officers, also of delegates to the World's and National conventions, will take place Monday morning, the convention closing Monday afternoon.

Before this reaches you, annual report blanks and cards will have been received. Please give these your prompt attention. District secretaries are also requested to send in lists of officers and superintendents for publication in the directory.

A few district conventions are yet to be held. Fourteenth district meets at Ellendale, Aug. 20-22, with Miss Alice R. Palmer as speaker, while Miss Nelle M. Osmon speaks at Fourth district convention at Portal Aug. 28. Fifth district is contemplating a convention at Williston, with plans not quite complete.

We hope July 21st, the birthday of Miss Anna A. Gordon, was generally observed as L. T. L. picnic day and that many new subscriptions were secured for the Young Crusader. If you were unable to meet on that day—the fine, prepared program may be used at any time. I have copies on hand, also an abundance of suffrage literature which will be sent free, upon application.

Yours for progress,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Drayton, July 28, '13.

PRESS NOTICES.

Mrs. Shepard has gained the title, "silver-tongued orator of the Rocky Mountains," on account of her exceptional power as a platform orator.—Seattle Daily Times.

Mrs. Shepard is making an enviable reputation as a temperance orator. She was introduced as a citizen of Utah, having exercised the right of franchise. The opponent of woman's suffrage would have seen little evidence of the coarsening effect of the ballot in the hands of

women in the person of the dainty little woman who arose to address the audience.—Portland Evening Journal.

People are glad to pay \$1.50 to \$2.00 to witness a play that is in no way superior to the entertainment Mrs. Shepard provides. She has the poetry of logic, the charm of reason and the fascinations of fact, combined with an irony and humor that is irresistible.—American Falls Press.

Mrs. Shepard uses no notes and takes her audience into her confidence in a manner that captivates her hearers from the start.—Salt Lake Daily Tribune.

The chief address at the meeting of the Federation was given by Mrs. Shepard, who spoke on her favorite subject, "The Home." There was a stir of pleased expectancy as the address began which changed to a profound silence as the distinguished speaker literally poured out her heart in an intense supplication for womanly aid and sympathy for the unfortunate in every class of society.—Boise Evening Capital News.

CONVENTION REPORT FROM 3D DISTRICT.

The Annual Convention, Third District Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, held at Barton, June 13, 14 and 15, was very successful in many ways, although none of the district officers were present, and not all local unions were represented.

Convention opened with Mrs. Rosenkrans acting chairman.

Among the good things were sermons by pastors of Barton churches, temperance lectures, and an exceptionally able address by Hon. A. G. Burr of Rugby. Some very interesting papers along reforms were read; also reports from local unions.

Symposium: Best plans for local unions raising money and increasing membership, etc., were very helpful to new unions.

Many very instructive discussions along lines of Equal Suffrage, Law Enforcement, Sabbath Observance and various other topics were seemingly enjoyed by all present.

Discussion on Sabbath Observance brought forth suggestions of Biblical games and other quiet games for children, something especially interesting, extra good stories by parents for Sabbath day only, thereby making the day one to be eagerly looked for by the young. Unnecessary farm work and operating of threshing machines also discussed.

Passing pledge added several new members to Barton local union.

Local unions of Bottineau county are making arrangements for large tent on grounds during county fair, for the purpose of distributing literature and also as a rest room.

An effort will be made to double the number of local unions in this district during the coming year; also suggested that all local unions in district hold picnics or adopt some plan for raising funds for district work.

Our entertainers were so hospitable, the spiritual influence of the gathering so marked and the evident intention of delegates and Barton local workers to renew their efforts for progress so pronounced, that we could not but feel the blessing of God rested upon the sessions.

Mrs. Viola Fouts, president, being unable to act the coming year, Mrs. Cora B. Miller, of Roth, was elected district president, all other officers being retained for the ensuing year.

"Take courage, temperance workers,
You shall not suffer wreck,
While up to God the people's prayers
Are rising from your deck.
Wait cheerily, temperance workers,
For day light and for land;
The breath of God is in your soul,
Your rudder is in His hand."

No boy living would commence the use of cigarettes if he knew what a useless, soulless, worthless thing they would make of him.—Burbank.

CONVENTION REPORT FROM 1ST DISTRICT.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of First District N. D., was held in the Methodist church, Cando, June 4, 5 and 6. Nine of the eleven unions comprising the district were represented. Reports from these showed an increase in interest and work over last year. Preston won the banner for the greatest gain in membership. \$1120.00 was raised for temperance work during the year and over 40,000 pages of literature distributed. Some field work was done during the year by Miss Julia Nelson of Fargo, Miss Pearl Kirk of Wahpeton, and Miss Georgie Chambers of Church's Ferry. A most interesting and instructive program was rendered, Mrs. Necia Buck, dist. pres., presiding. All district officers were present. Notable addresses were given by Mrs. Buck on "The Growth of Temperance" and by Judge Buttz on "The Juvenile Court." Excellent original papers on various subjects were read. "Woman Suffrage" being given a prominent place. A question box, and a talk on our State and National organs were interesting numbers. The addresses given by Miss Edna Rowan, National Secretary of the Young People's Branch, were most eloquent and convincing. Fine music was furnished by the male quartette and choir of the M. E. church and other local talent. It was voted that the district issue a Year Book for the unions. Two life members were made—Mrs. Annie Hesketh of Rolla, and Mrs. E. G. Owen of Maza. The old officers were re-elected.

Bisbee will entertain the convention of 1914.

CARRIE E. MADISON,

Cando, N. D.

CONVENTION REPORT FROM 2D DISTRICT.

The Second District Convention in Minnewaukan, June 23 to 25, was most successful and profitable. The veteran president, Mrs. M. A. Gary, presided. 28 delegates represented the eight unions of Benson, Eddy, Wells and Foster counties. Reports all showed prosperity. All bills were paid and left a balance in the treasury. Brief addresses were made by Rev. C. A. Macnamara of Fargo, Attorney T. H. Burke, Miss Effie Hoadley and Rev. N. E. Koehler of Minnewaukan. Dr. Lindstrom Stickerberger of Oberon, gave a historical sketch of the Woman's Christian Temperance work, telling of its influence upon the home, civic and national life, from the time of the Crusade in Ohio in 1873, until the present. A "Welcome" song composed for the occasion by Miss A. E. L. Trelean was sung by Mrs. N. T. Teigan. Other solos were sung by Misses Esther Larson, Beatrice McDonald, Mrs. E. L. Richmond and Mr. T. Tolleson. Instrumental solos by Misses Blanche Harrison, Iris Peterson and Harry Schultz.

The vocal musical contest was won by the Oberon male quartet. Abram Baldwin, of Oberon, gave a report of the recent Peace Congress held in St. Louis, Mo., to which he was appointed a delegate by Gov. Hanna. Mrs. R. B. McCluskey, of Carrington, gave two fine readings. Mrs. D. J. Drummond, of Eamond, gave a Bible reading. Miss Rowan addressed the Children's meeting. Mesdames J. and H. Montague sang a duet. Mrs. H. C. Barber, of Heaton, led a praise service and the mothers' meeting. Mrs. E. M. Roach of New Rockford, read an interesting paper. Equal Suffrage was presented by Rev. M. A. Tompkins, of Oberon, who also conducted the Memorial service in an impressive and able manner. Rev. Geo. Atkinson, of Eamond, gave an address on "That Boy." Attorney T. Sinners told of the "Power of Woman." The president told of her trip to the National convention. Mrs. A. J. Styles, of Eamond, offered a prize of Ten Dollars for the best essay on Narcotics, to be presented at the next convention, by any high school pupil in the district. The kind offer was thankfully accepted. All of the officers were re-elected by acclamation. The next convention will be held in Eamond.

Miss Edna Rowan, of Kansas, gave an address that was forceful and convincing and as full of facts as an egg is full of meat. Mrs. E. E. SAUNDERS.

CONVENTION REPORT FROM 9TH DISTRICT.

The Third Annual Convention of the Ninth District W. C. T. U., convened at Dale, Emmons county, N. D., June 14 and 15, 1913. Meeting called to order by the president, Elms Coffield.

Mrs. Carolyn Timm read a fine paper on "What is the W. C. T. U. Doing to Stop the Drink Traffic." She told of some of the noble work our organization is doing in every one of the forty departments of work. "The Need and Possibility of the Purify Work in Our Public Schools," was the subject of a fine paper written and read by Mrs. E. G. Pearson, of Kintyre. "Saved by Grace," was then sung. "White Slavery," was the subject matter of an excellent paper written and read by Mrs. Kate Savage, of Braddock. It was a vivid description of this terrible crime for which the liquor traffic is responsible. A few moments were then taken up in discussion of the papers read, after which Miss Palmer pointed out very concisely some of the grave mistakes made by parents in the home life. She also made some excellent remarks on equal suffrage, which were highly appreciated.

Reports from the different unions were called for, Dale, Wishek and Kintyre responding.

The evening session was opened by singing "America." A Gold Medal Contest was given in which five contestants took part. The subjects were well chosen and well rendered. No. 4, Mrs. Kate Savage of Braddock, received the medal. This was followed by music and then in a pleasing way Rev. Palmer presented the medal to Mrs. Savage. A plea for new members for Dale Union was made and while the membership cards were being passed Mrs. Wilson sang and played "All Round the World." The audience joining in the chorus.

The Sunday morning session opened by singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." Devotionals led by President Coffield, followed by music. Evangelistic services were led by Mrs. Coffield and remarks on the Evangelistic Work of the W. C. T. U. were made by Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Bales, Rev. Zunkel, Mrs. Wilson and Rev. Palmer. Mrs. Wilson sang a beautiful solo, "Because He First Loved Me." A very impressive sermon was preached by Rev. Palmer on "The Great Transgression." Singing by the congregation. Mrs. Wilson conducted a short S. S. service on the life of Joseph, in which she pointed out to the children the obedience and love of Joseph to his father and the way in which he resisted temptations. The service was very much enjoyed by all and especially the children. The meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

At the afternoon session an address was delivered by Mrs. Hattie M. Wilson. Her subject was "Does it Pay." In her address she showed how, in dealing with every form of the liquor traffic, both at home and abroad, it was a losing proposition and that sin, shame and degradation followed in its line. She also gave a beautiful recitation in connection with it, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," which was much enjoyed and appreciated.

At the evening session a paper was read by Mrs. Kate Savage on "The Effects of Tobacco on the Mental and Moral Development of the Child," which was highly appreciated. Mrs. Lea, of Pollock, rendered a beautiful solo, "A Saloonless Nation in 1920." So greatly did this appeal to those who are so deeply interested in the doing away of the liquor traffic that they could hardly keep from shouting. This was followed by a lecture, "The Reason Why," by Rev. Ruth Palmer, and was listened to with great attention, and, like all her remarks, were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Chase, of Dale, was presented with a life membership by the convention and ten new members to the Dale Union were also procured. After singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again," the good byes were said and the third convention of the ninth district, which was in every respect a success, adjourned to meet in 1914. The total amount of the offerings received was \$35.61.

WOMAN'S BALLOT AS A FACTOR
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and on this they must pay taxes, but they have no voice as to the amount of the tax, or of what shall be done with the money. This then is another case of taxation without representation. You will remember that that was the cause of the Revolutionary War. The colonists said taxation without representation is tyranny, and for eight long years they fought for their rights and won. Taxation without representation is tyranny precisely the same when it applies to a woman's property as when it applies to a man's. The ballot belongs to a woman with property as a matter of justice. And here we might pause to ask, why are there so many of these splendid unmarried women?

The natural place for a woman is in a home of her own—a loved wife surrounded by her children. Why then are there so many battling with the world alone? It would seem as tho the answer lay in the fact that so many of America's young men have blighted the perfect flower of their manhood, with the searing, withering cigaret, drink and immorality. Our fresh, clear-eyed, clear-brained girls find no pleasure in such companionship and alone are going forward to lives of usefulness, contributing of their means to religion to make the world a brighter place, and developing themselves into noble women, while the men they should have married, dwindle in mind and body, and in ever increasing thousands join the army of the Great Unwashed.

These women have been robbed of God's choicest blessings. Oh! give them the ballot, that they may throw the needful safeguards around America's boyhood, and spare to future womanhood the loss which has been theirs.

One-half of the adult population of the United States are women. These women must obey the laws, but they have no voice in making them. Woman's mission has been to try to mitigate the effects of evil, but they have no voice in removing causes.

On our statute books there are many laws most unjust to women. In 33 of our states the father has sole guardianship over the children. It took Massachusetts 55 years to get a law passed making parents equal guardians of their children. In Colorado this law was passed at the first legislature after women were enfranchised.

I wonder if we are all aware what a menace Mormonism has become in our western states. We are told that in nine of these states the mormons now hold the balance of power. You will notice that it is these states which have woman suffrage. The mormons have astutely enfranchised their women and are making their daring boast that they will yet control the United States. It is already said that this evil, like the liquor evil, is left untouched during a political campaign because of the enormous mormon vote. Women must have the ballot to counteract this Gigantic Mormon Menace.

As another of the big reasons why women should have the ballot—every mother should help elect the officers under whose rule her sons and daughters are to grow up. At the present time a woman may be a college graduate, she may be as capable as a Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who is the efficient superintendent of all the schools in Chicago; she may be a woman of culture and refinement; then she may be the mother of a growing family of sons and daughters, and the dream of her life be that they shall grow into splendid men and women, but the demoralizing conditions with which they are surrounded threaten to nullify all her years of training and counsel. She would like to elect clean, capable men to office in her town, who would alter conditions and make it possible that her dreams for her family be realized, but on election day some ignorant foreigner, who would sell his vote for a cigar, who possibly can read and write a little, but who never does

either, whose vocabulary reeks with profanity; this man of low ideals may brush this intelligent, refined mother aside and express his preference at the ballot box for the men who shall rule her sons and daughters.

Oh! Justice, speed the day when woman shall be given the privilege to help raise the moral standard, in our own, our native land.

MRS. J. J. MANNING,
Bathgate, N. D.

FIELD NOTES.

HEATON, June 30, 1913.—The Heaton union had the pleasure of hearing Miss Edna Rowan, of Kansas, in the Congregational church here Friday evening June 27. An offering was taken for the state work. Meedames H. C. Garber, district vice president, and E. E. Saunders, the local secretary, attended the District Convention at Minnewaukan.—Mrs. E. E. Saunders.

14TH DISTRICT.—Once more we note briefly the doings of our unions. Ellendale reports the return home of Mrs. Tibbets, whose heart, home and pocketbook are consecrated to our cause. Mrs. Miller, district secretary, is summering in Colorado. Will return in time for the district convention which will be held this year also, "after all," probably in Ellendale late in August. Fairmount, the home of Elizabeth Taylor, "a born leader" who is glad she enlisted in the cause, has Mrs. Bronson as acting president, which means they're busy. Hankinson has Mrs. Tyson back home and is busy helping keep things in order in that railroad town. Cogswell was a progressive set of girls who wanted a silver medal contest but got scattered just as there was a chance to train, so must wait a while. Lidgerwood has had a clearing out of blind pigs and the papers credit the W. C. T. U. folks as the cause. Hurrah for White Ribboners anywhere who dare compel officials to do their duty! A brave little woman in a certain town "paralyzed" the boozers therabouts by compelling the arrest of her own husband, which caused more or less of a clean-up in that town. Forman has regular meetings, elected Mrs. O. B. Johnson president this year and had a program at the Old Settlers Day of Sargent county June 19th. They fitted up the Methodist church for Reel Rooms and meetings where plenty of literature and posters were displayed. Rev. Alice R. Palmer addressed a good crowd there in the afternoon on Equal Suffrage, and Miss Pearl Kirk gave a recital in the evening. While the union did not gain so much money as the merry-go-round folks, yet if orderliness and absence of intoxicants helped make the occasion better, they feel the efforts were not in vain. The temperance column in the local paper has not missed a week this year. Bowen the home union of our progressive district president, held a Silver Medal Contest for a "last day," May 26, and another is to be held soon (at this writing). Miss Pearl Kirk gave one of her fine recitals there June 20th. They had a picnic at one of the large groves and at another home had a "parcel shower" for a member who is in poor health. They also assisted with the program at Forman Old Settlers Day. They now have 24 members. Pretty good for a country union. Rev. Alice Palmer is working very successfully in various localities, both in this district and westward. Miss Pearl Kirk, our own talented young State Medal Contest Trainer and elocutionist, is at her home in Wyndmere for a vacation after seven busy months at contest work. While up at Stanley she was entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. Alger, president of the union there, who was once the president of Forman union—one of the many instances of what our White Ribboners do who move. Now let's roll up big reports for our conventions and "Be not weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," i. e. get discouraged. June 23, very late, but I just couldn't get this done sooner.—Press Supt.

12TH DIST. CONVENTION.

The 12th district held their annual convention this year at Dazey, June 16 and 17. Thought not as well attended as last year, on account of the Valley City schools still being in session, it was a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

We missed our capable president, Mrs. Lulu Zimmerman, but her place was very ably filled by Mrs. F. M. Wanner of Jamestown. The guest of honor was Miss Edna Rowan, who proved a host, giving a strong address the first evening along general temperance lines, and the second day a wonderful talk on suffrage and one on L. T. L. work. To see and hear Miss Rowan is to love and admire her, and she has undoubtedly done a great work in the state. Too much cannot be said of her work at Dazey.

Supt. Watkins, of the Enforcement League, gave us a fine talk the second day—giving us useful information in regard to the new laws bearing on our work. As the different unions in the district gave their reports it was noticeable that those unions in which a number of Union Signals and Young Crusaders are taken, are doing the great things.

Officers for the following year are, President, Mrs. F. M. Wanner, Jamestown; Vice President, Mrs. Westley, Cooperstown; Cor. Sec'y, Miss Zabel, Valley City; Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. Boise, Jamestown; Treas., Mrs. E. C. Widdifield, Leal.

Mrs. Fred Carr of Valley City made herself and husband life members.

Mrs. Alex. Karr of Valley City read a most excellent paper on "Our Responsibility for the Training of the Young People of Our Community." It was voted to have this paper published in the Bulletin.

Mrs. W. E. Boise, Sec'y.

EXPERT'S OPINION OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane is a distinguished expert on municipal house-keeping. City governments call her in as an adviser, and gladly pay her one hundred dollars a day to look over their various departments and point out where they could introduce improvements. They get their money's worth, too. Mrs. Crane was lately asked by an editor to give in five hundred words her reasons for believing women ought to vote. She wrote as follows:

I believe in Equal Suffrage because men and women are co-partners in the great business of living. The separate "spheres" of men and women have become rather hard to differentiate, since men have annexed each and every occupation of woman as fast as they could make money out of it; and women, chiefly because of this fact, have entered so largely into business life.

If there is a "woman's sphere" why have not men kept out of it? If "woman's sphere" were this moment restored, all the bakeries, restaurants, laundries, soap factories, canneries, milk routes, and cotton and woolen mills would have to be handed over to her. But because this work has been taken out of the home, and been "made into business" women who still need to do this work have had to go out of the home to where the work is. And because it isn't going to be handed back, an increasing number of women will go into business life.

But further: The work which once was "woman's work" and is now "man's business," lacks the old controlling motive. When a woman made bread in her own home she did it to make bread. When a man makes bread in a bakery, he does it to make money. So, alum in the bread, shoddy in the cloth, coal tars in the preserves, formaldehyde in the milk, are possibilities which often become actualities; and when the materials of "woman's sphere," transmuted by "business," are returned to her, there isn't much, at present, that she can do about it.

Now, there ought to be laws and inspectors to require that when a man undertakes the womanly occupation of

bread making, he shall turn out a product "like mother used to make." If he insists on "unsexing" himself by becoming a "spinster," a dairy maid, a cook, or a washlady, his spinning, washing and catering for people's homes should have the homely virtues of wholesomeness, cleanliness and genuineness.

To protect her own sphere, which man has so calmly appropriated, woman must have the ballot. Man does not and cannot represent her. Naturally, he thinks more about "business," for that is his business; and in all law-making and law-enforcing there is a tendency toward a sort of free masonry between "business interests."

But the average woman's "business" is the care of the home and the rearing of the family; and when she has the ballot, the poorest or most uneducated home maker and mother will have sense enough to see how laws and ordinances are going to affect her business. And men, thus reminded of woman's existence on election day, are going to catch her point of view, more or less.

"Woman's sphere" doesn't expand and flourish where "business" and partizan politics have the upper hand, saying, as it were, "what have we to do with women and children?"

This is just one of the near-at-hand reasons why women need a vote: To attend to the things which traditionally belong to that sphere to which some men so industriously point her, while deftly lifting out of it everything they want.

And I am perfectly willing that men should annex these domestic occupations, if they will only play fair; give, as well as take.

Men are going to stay in woman's sphere; very well, let them. And women are going to have the ballot, to provide the home-motif in these man-capitalized domestic occupations. Also for many other reasons, not to be told in five hundred words.

Mrs. Crane's work is unique among that of American women, and has given her exceptional opportunity to judge what is good and bad for cities. She has no hesitation in expressing the opinion that woman suffrage would be good for them.—Woman's Journal.

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