

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSE.

Found in Mrs. Stevens' Bible.

This is not evening twilight, 'tis the
dawning,
Fairer and plainer grow the hills afar.
I am not folding up my hands from labor,
Freshly I lift them, while the paling
star
Melts into light.

O, vaster, grander grows the world
before me,
The shadows vanish with the rising
ray.
I am not aged, I am just beginning
Through God's great universe to make
my way
With soul alert on pressing toward a day
Unhemmed by night.

A TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS.

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON

We are too close to this great life
now to see it in the true perspective
which time will give—even if eyes
were not filled with tears and our
hearts heavy with the sense of our
immeasurable loss.

There was in Lillian M. N. Stevens
a nice balancing of characteristics
not often found in the same individual
which gave her a symmetrical
character of unusual power and poise.
There was a remarkable blending of
strength and sweetness, of persistence
and gentleness, of dignity and
humility, of absolute justice and
great kindness.

True to her New England training
she was a conservative, but she was,
if I may use the term, a progressive
conservative and while holding on to
the best in the old, she gladly wel-
comed the best in the new.

She understood human nature and
knew how to deal with it. How her
friendship enriched our lives! She
was a friend of friends—thoughtful,
tender, sympathetic, loyal and true.
She was a lover of children and a
champion of the oppressed.

Her statesmanlike ability to grasp
a difficult situation, her prophetic
vision, her indomitable will—made
her a leader who was able, even in
times of storm and stress, to guide
our organization safely and to give
courage and confidence to her fol-
lowers.

No woman ever had a more diffi-
cult and delicate task than she,
when she was called to follow Fran-
ces E. Willard as President of the
National W. C. T. U. Under her
wise leadership the organization has
gone steadily on, triumphed over
difficulties which seemed insurmount-
able and increased in membership,
influence and power.

She gave herself to our great
cause with a heroic devotion which
kept back nothing. Every power of
body and mind was consecrated to
the work. Like Paul she counted her
life not dear unto herself, but poured
it out freely for humanity's sake.

Her unconquerable spirit and her
triumphant faith were shown in that
dark hour on the eve of the election
in Maine—when the defeat of the
state prohibition law seemed immin-



MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS

ent—by flinging out a challenge to
the world in her historic Proclama-
tion for National and World wide
prohibition.

To this clarion call are rallying
the temperance, religious and patri-
otic forces of the country, and we of
the W. C. T. U. are under sacred
obligation to work as never before
for the triumph of this cause to
which she gave her splendid life.

MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS' DEATHBED STATEMENT.

On Sunday, March 29, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens dictated the following statement, which she signed to be forwarded to the State and County W. C. T. U. officers of Maine:

"The movement for National constitutional prohibition is meeting with greater favor than I dared to hope on that memorable evening, Sept. 10, 1911, when on behalf of the World's and National W. C. T. U. I made proclamation, and I dare to hope almost everything for the temperance cause.

"I know we are to win. In whatever world I am, my activities will be devoted to this end, the destruction of the liquor traffic will glorify God in Heaven, and on the earth will hasten the establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Yesterday she dictated the following to the County presidents:

"My dear Comrades—I hope your convention will adopt the resolution commending and upholding Gov. Haines for his attitude on National and State-wide prohibition. I hope all the County conventions will adopt such a resolution. I have sent, or will send a letter to your County convention covering this and other points."

"If we have lost
The fondest hand that ever crossed
Our own, and so hath passed
For us Time's light, we will not cast
Life's warp away, but quickly take the
thread
That fell from out the quiet hands, and
tread
The loom, or spin
Beside the distaff where Love's hand
hath been."

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT W. C. T. U. HEADQUARTERS, EVANSTON.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the hour the service was being held in Portland, Maine, white ribbon friends gathered for a simple memorial service at National W. C. T. U. Headquarters. Our flag drooped at half mast as did those before the City Hall and the Woman's Club.

Softly the words of one of Mrs. Stevens' favorite hymns,
"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall."

Were sung by her girls, the faithful workers at National Headquarters.

"Our beloved leader has passed into the other land, and for her will be the joy of an Easter in Heaven," said Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, National W. C. T. U. treasurer.

"Even in our grief we rejoice for her to whom has come the joy ineffable of meeting her Master and the sainted friends who are in glory.

"In attempting to speak of Lillian M. N. Stevens as a Christian, there immediately came to my mind the words spoken by her at the Denver Convention following her election. I can bring you no message which more clearly sounds the keynote of her work: 'All that I have, all that I command, is yours, and the deepest regret of my heart is that I have not more to give, that I have not more ability, but I assure you the depth of my consecration covers all that I have and am. I will bear the torch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, since you have chosen me to do it, the torch which never burned so brightly as now; the torch which never flamed out over the world as it does now. Yet I remember, and you know, that it is the torch the people follow, whoever the leader may be—it is the torch. And I will try, God helping me, to do my part to keep the torch burning brightly. I will try to lift it so high that the individual will be lost sight of, and you will see only the torch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.'

"Extremely reserved in referring to the intimate things of her spiritual life Mrs. Stevens' words, 'I will try, God helping me,' were an index of her character. At every Convention she accepted her responsibilities as leader with this solemn vow to claim Divine help for her task—at every Convention she sought to direct the thoughts of the white ribbon army to the Divine leader. She carried the torch high,

for the hand of the Omnipotent was underneath. She never failed us, for she had learned the source of Divine wisdom and power and it made her strong and wise and loving for the whole world. Among the last words written to me by her own hand were these: 'Do not be over anxious about me. I hope soon to feel better.' Her last thought and message were for the great cause she served and the white ribbon comrades whom she left to carry it on to victory. I would that it might be said of all of us that we are as faithful in holding aloft the torch of righteousness as was Lillian M. N. Stevens.

MY MOTHER.

GERTRUDE STEVENS LEAVITT

The first remembrance I have of being out in the evening at a public place, attaches itself to a temperance meeting in a school house near our home. My mother held me by the hand, while she gravely took part in the proceedings. I asked her if I might sign the pledge, and when she found that I knew what I was to promise, she gladly gave her consent.

My next public meeting was at a little mission chapel down town. When we came out I asked about a woman who had stood upon her feet to pray, and I will remember that my mother said: "When my little girl is older, I hope she will not be afraid to rise, or kneel to pray in public as well as at home."

Shortly after this, a Band of Hope, as the Loyal Temperance Legion was called in those days, was organized, and my mother helped in its work, and with great care, taught me selections to speak in the weekly meetings. My first sewing was done upon a piece of regalia which we children wore.

What more natural than that later we should go to Old Orchard to hear Miss Willard speak, and that my mother should assist in the organization of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, herself becoming its first treasurer?

Some years ago while visiting a friend of my mother in New York, my hostess told me the following story: She said that although she knew that my mother could cook with great quickness and skill, she had never seen her sew, and when a guest in our home she one day asked her if she knew how to use a needle. My friend said, "Your mother quietly smiled, and turning, took from a drawer, the baby clothes which you yourself had worn and which, stitch by stitch, had been made entirely by her own hands. I stood awed and amazed; for I could not see like that."

In looking back it seems to me that there was always company at our home. I do not mean the kind one usually entertains. True, we have been privileged to have as guests some of the nation's best beloved temperance women,

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MAY 1914.

This is a memorial number of the White Ribbon Bulletin. A memorial to our great leader who has claimed the promise "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give the crown of life." Let every member of our North Dakota W. C. T. U. do something as a memorial to the life and triumphant death of Lillian M. N. Stevens. Win a new member; get a petition for National Prohibition Amendment signed and sent to Washington; help the great cause of temperance in your own community. Surely there is something for each of us to do that will honor the memory of the great woman of this generation.

"A whiter soul, a fairer mind
A life with purer cause or aim,
A gentler eye, a voice more kind,
We may not seek in earth to find.
The love that lingers o'er her name
Is more than fame."

If some good thing you have sent does not appear in this issue, it is for lack of space. The Bulletin is too small for the work we are to accomplish this year. Please continue to send good articles, clipped or original—we will have use for them.—Ed.

INCREASE OUR WHITE RIBBON RANKS

LET 1914 BE A GREAT MEMBERSHIP HARVEST-TIME.

Dear Beloved Comrades:—Nearly every day letters from strangers come to my desk expressive of interest in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Recently among these have been a large number from women who would like to belong and asking the method of joining. Never before has the work of our organization received such wide and favorable recognition and I verily believe we can make this year a great membership harvest-time.

Earnestly and affectionately do I appeal to each state W. C. T. U. to adopt some method for special effort in the line of membership gains. Some may try the "Each One Win One" plan so well known in many of the states. Others may introduce a newer and more unique method. If each individual white ribbon worker feel in duty bound to secure a new member and proceed to do it, a tremendous impetus would be given our cause, and our campaign for National Constitutional Prohibition would certainly receive most potent help.

With everything else we are doing, let us not neglect to secure new members. Let us sacredly strive to make this year of our Lord a great membership harvest-time for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS.

MRS. STEVENS' LAST WORDS WRITTEN FOR THE PUBLIC.

Prepared March 20, and given later to Miss Anna A. Gordon to be read at the hearings at Washington.

The movement for National Constitutional Prohibition is meeting with greater favor than I dared to hope on that memorable evening, September 10, 1911, when on behalf of the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance Union, I made the Proclamation—and I dared to hope almost everything for the temperance cause. I know we are to win. In whatever world I am my activities will be devoted to this end. The destruction of the liquor traffic will glorify God in heaven and on earth, and will hasten the establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

BELOVED COMRADES:

Our hearts are bowed with sorrow under our great loss. We little thought when we published the message from our strong intrepid leader, Lillian M. N. Stevens, in the April White Ribbon Bulletin, that before it could reach your eyes she would have left us for her heavenly home.

She met death with the same courage and triumphant faith with which she had met life with all its vicissitudes. As she was crossing the border, with characteristic forgetfulness of self and tender thoughtfulness of others, she sent to us all who are her co-workers her love and goodbye and this message of comfort and cheer:

"I know we are to win. In whatever world I am my activities will be devoted to this end. The destruction of the liquor traffic will glorify God in heaven and on earth; will hasten the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

When the message came that she had gone, I did what I knew you would wish me to do—wired the love and sympathy of North Dakota white ribboners to Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt and Miss Gordon, and asked that violets, which she loved and which expressed the fragrance of her great life, be placed near her. Miss Gordon wrote me this was done and that on Easter Sunday morning she placed for us an Easter lily near the sacred mound under the wide spreading pine tree at Stroudwater cemetery.

It was Mrs. Stevens' expressed wish that no money be used for lavish floral offerings, but that on account of the financial needs of the campaign it might be used to bring nearer the day of National Constitutional Prohibition. Miss Gordon spent only a trifling amount for our tribute of love and the rest we place reverently in the campaign fund for National Constitutional Prohibition. The tribute we can pay to her memory which would be most acceptable to her is to give to our great cause the devotion and self sacrifice which it was her joy to give. In her message which reached you after she had left us, and which is reprinted in this number of the White Ribbon Bulletin, she lovingly appeals to us to increase our white ribbon ranks, and closes with these words:

"With everything else we are doing, let us not neglect to secure new members. Let us sacredly strive to make this year of our Lord a great membership harvest-time for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

I feel that there is a sacred obligation laid upon us to carry out her last request. If we can report at the Atlanta Convention a twenty-five per cent increase in membership and a victory for woman's suffrage, it will be a fitting tribute to the memory of our great leader, and will cheer and comfort the sad heart of Miss Gordon who bravely takes up the burden of the work. We have great reason to be thankful that one so capable, trained, efficient and well beloved holds the helm in this hour of trial. Let us uphold her with our love, sympathy and prayers.

We have a new helper at Headquarters, Miss Lura A. Williams of Cando, who is commencing her work as this letter is being written.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Heidel, reports that she has up to date received dues for only 838 members. This is only about one-third of the number we must have to make the twenty-five per cent gain in membership and there are but four months left of the W. C. T. U. year. Will you not, dear white ribboner, inquire if the dues from your union have been collected and paid to the state treasurer? If not, will you find out why not? So much depends upon the

faithfulness and efficiency of the local treasurer, but if for any reason she is not able to attend to the duties of her office, appoint an assistant or a committee to assist her. Remember that in order to make our twenty-five per cent gain, we must collect dues from all the old members and in addition secure a number of new members equal to one-fourth of the number reported last year. In the State Minutes—treasurer's report, pages 46-50—you will find the number of members for which you paid dues last year.

The interest and enthusiasm in the suffrage campaign is increasing and there is need for still greater work before the vote is taken. We are depending upon you workers in the local union to reach every voter in your community and create an overwhelming sentiment for suffrage. Are you faithfully carrying out the plans adopted at State Convention?

We will have five suffrage speakers in the field in May. We hope you will do some big advertising for these speakers. We have large advertising bill posters for sale, in purple, white and green, with blank space for special announcement. These are striking, will attract attention and can be used many times. A very useful book for debates, speakers and workers is "Woman's Suffrage—History, Arguments and Results," which we sell for 35 cents, postpaid.

I hope to attend conventions of the Fourth, Eleventh and Fifteenth Districts in May. The other district conventions will be in full swing in June.

I am trusting every one of you to work with us for victory.

With love and sympathy, I am,

Faithfully yours,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.

Jamestown, N. D., April 27, 1914.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts of treasury March 15 to April 15, 1914:	
Bay Centre Union, dues.....	\$ 60
Towner, dues.....	8 30
Fairview U., mem., dues.....	4 80
Stanley, dues, memorial.....	7 60
Hamilton, dues.....	7 00
Churchs Ferry, dues, mem.....	6 90
Page, mem.....	2 00
Preston Union, mem.....	2 00
Valley City Scan., dues.....	2 10
New Rockford, dues.....	19 60
Drayton, State, dues, pledges.....	34 65
Cooperstown, L. T. L. dues.....	1 00
Leal, pledges, dues.....	8 70
Mayville, dues.....	7 00
Bethel U., dues, pledges.....	17 80
Northwood, dues.....	7 00
Wyndmere, dues, pledges.....	16 30
Maxbass, dues.....	4 90
Hofflund, dues.....	3 50
Lansford, dues.....	4 20
Fargo, dues, Enf. League.....	9 50
Heaton, dues.....	1 40
Valley City Scan., dues.....	7 00
Ellendale, mem.....	2 00
Mrs. Holbert, LaM., sub. Bul.....	50
Roth, pledges.....	4 30
Mrs. Wilkinson, Mandan, Willard dues.....	1 00
Forest River, dues, mem.....	10 40

The following unions have contributed to the Suffrage Campaign fund:

Fairview \$5, Drayton \$15, Grafton \$10, Amenia \$10, Bottineau \$10, Bowen \$10, Mayville \$10, Wyndmere \$12, Towner \$25, Fargo \$45.21, Valley City Scan., \$10, Roth \$10, Grand Forks Scan., \$15, Forest River \$5.

MRS. F. W. HEIDEL, Treas.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

DEAR COMRADES: In reply to the question as to what kind of work Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers is doing, let me say that she addresses the schools, wherever possible, holds a mothers' meeting in the afternoon and at night gives a public address illustrated with stereopticon, on the general work of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Bowers is finishing an itinerary in 16th district where, under the careful supervision of Mrs. A. D. Baughman, District Cor. Sec., she has accomplished a great deal for the cause and has organized unions as follows: Manvel—President, Mrs. Janet Middleton; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Ida Wright; Treas. Miss Bella Kettleason. Mapes—Pres., Mrs. F. C. Dunn; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. W. E. Hoynes; Treas., Miss Mildred Wheeler. Mrs. Bowers goes next to 14th district, then to 9th and 10th districts.

Early in April Miss Kirk was called to Portland, Ore., by the death of her brother-in-law, but expects to return about the middle of May, beginning work in 17th district. She has been engaged by 1st district for the month of June. Miss Kirk has organized a union at Lansford with the following officers: President, Mrs. Claude Graves; Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Will Banks; Treas., Mrs. W. L. Bennett.

Mrs. F. H. Wilder has visited her own district of late, but, in May, goes to 12th district to assist in the campaign. Mrs. Wilder will be available for dates elsewhere later in the summer.

Miss Alice E. Palmer, while on a missionary tour for her church, took advantage of the opportunity to speak for suffrage at Hope, Amenia and other points. She recently spoke on "Physical Education" before the public school teachers of Sargent county.

Plans for district conventions are under way. Mrs. Lulu L. Shepard of Utah, who comes early in June; speaks at conventions in the eastern part of the state, also at several of the larger towns and at Chautauqua assemblies.

Mrs. Harriett D. Hall of Illinois begins a two months itinerary on Sunday, May 3, entering the state at Fairmount and continuing westward through 14th district and thence along the line of the N. P. R. R. to Beach. Returning, Mrs. Hall will work north and south of Mandan, in territory unfamiliar with our work. Any union wishing to secure the help of any of these workers, should notify us early.

Mrs. Anderson will speak at annual conventions in Eleventh and Fifteenth districts.

The president of 18th district, Mrs. S. J. Patterson, having removed to Chicago, has tendered her resignation, and the vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Poland, will continue the work.

Grafton Union recently held a contest which resulted in a gain of 32 new members, doubling the former membership.

This is the birthday of our State President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who is loved and honored the state over and far beyond its borders. In thinking of her and all she has been to the state, gratitude fills our hearts that to us has been given one so faithful and so thoroughly competent to lead thru stress and storm. In this suffrage campaign she is giving herself unparingly to the work, and, in the words of another, "I marvel at her tirelessness." Surely we will co-operate with her in the carrying out of every plan that on Nov. 3d, victory may be assured and that we all may have had a part in bringing it about.

Yours loyally,

BARBARA H. WILEY.

Drayton, N. D., April 27, '14.

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MY MOTHER.

and in later years Lady Henry Somerset from over the sea, but the kind of company I mean was such as found a welcome in few other places.

There was Blind Krissie, whose sweet face, lovely voice and pretty manners, endeared her to us. She, poor child, was the daughter of drunkards, and her only moments of security and peace came to her when my mother brought her out to visit us.

There was little Jim, a foreign, impish lad, who remained some time with us before going to the institution where he learned so much and from which his spirit went at last to God. During his stay in our house he had occasional outbursts of temper and nerve-wearing, wild, exciting escapades, but my mother, by a gentle look or word, could always bring him back to good behavior.

Then there was Judith—a poor, much abused young thing, who was with us several weeks. She had been shamefully beaten by drunken relatives and had never known what a clean bed or decent living meant. The night my mother brought her home, she saw that she had a bath and supper, and then taking her to a clean bed, said, "Good night, Judith." Judith evidently felt that something ought to be done. She had heard in a mission school that people pray, and, dropping on her knees, she offered her petition: "I thank Thee, God, for bringing me to such a good place," and then, with a strong, realizing sense of the power of human agency, she jumped to her feet, threw her arms about my mother's neck and exclaimed: "I thank you, too."

Other children, almost too many to be counted, had found a shelter for a shorter or a longer time at the hospitable old house. All were kindly treated and sent on better equipped than before, for the struggle of life.

At the time the Armenian refugees came to America, many homes in Maine were, under the directions of my mother, places of refuge for these poor men and women. More than one family was "set up in housekeeping" for themselves.

The last child to come into my mother's heart was my son, Ralph Ames Leavitt. Ames being my mother's maiden name. Her love for him has always greatly touched us, and Ralph's devotion to "Mamsie" and her principles, has been a joy to his father and me. He is a student at Hebron Academy, the largest preparatory school in Maine, and when recently he returned to his studies, after a vacation, and came to say goodby, with loving cheer my mother sent him on his way. I think she knew, what he did not fully understand, that it was, in truth, "goodby," but she bravely bore the ordeal.

She rejoiced in his growing manliness, and in her vision, Ralph was no longer a boy but a future voter for civic righteousness, for had he not already, in boyish fashion, stood by his principle, and written with earnest purpose an excellent composition on "National Constitutional Prohibition in 1920."

My mother fondly loved animals and her horse, Madge, who traveled 50,000 miles for temperance, was a pet and comfort. Among the last requests to me was that the pine tree over Madge's grave should never be cut down. The American Humane Education Society and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals awarded to her a silver medal with the following inscription on the back: "Awarded for Humane Service to Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

She was always considerate of others; I never saw her angry; I never knew her to be unjust. She never failed to say "thank you," no matter how trivial the service, and she always remembered to say "please."

From my earliest childhood I have feared that something would "happen to Mama" as I used to say as a child. Somehow this past winter the fear grew greater. She seemed so much less strong that I was worried, but with matchless courage she insisted that she would soon be as well as ever, and that I go about my usual round of duties and pleasures.

When I felt at last that my fears were not groundless my heart stood still; but I clung desperately to hope. Her bravery and patience upheld us all, and made it seem impossible that what we dreaded was so near.

During the last few days of her earthly life, she and I had many blessed

hours together, and talked of friends and duties and the life that is not only here but hereafter. She told me many things she wanted done, and I shall try not to forget one thing.

It made her happy to have Miss Anna A. Gordon with her. Her dares', truest friend she thought her, and loved her with tender love, which will endure throughout all eternity. Their devotion to each other is as rare as it is beautiful and what it meant to both, no one but they themselves should try to tell.

As the end drew near my mother said: "My full day's work is done," and I responded, "And well done, too." And so it was. In everything she ever undertook, in duties great or small, she gave herself unstintingly; and such work as hers will bring results of which we cannot even dream. I think Edwin Markham's tribute to Lincoln best expresses what I would say about my mother:

"The color of the ground was in him, the red earth;
The tang and odor of the primal things—
The rectitude and patience of the rocks;
The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn;
The courage of the bird that dares the sea;
The justice of the rain that loves all leaves;
The pity of the snow that hides all scars;
The loving kindness of the wayside well;
The tolerance and equity of light
That gives as freely to the shrieking weed
As to the great oak flaring in the wind,
To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn
That shoulders out the sky."

FIELD NOTES.

BOWEN—Bowen Union mourns the death of two members, Mrs. Emma Jane Myers and the beloved husband of Mrs. McCrory. The union passed appropriate resolutions and sent them to Bulletin—lack of space prevents our giving them in full.—[Ed.]

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our midst,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers there,
The soul is safe in heaven.
MRS. L. A. DODGE,
MRS. P. G. BUTTLES,
MRS. O. W. NOYES.

TOWNER—While we are not making spectacular achievements, we are still holding our own and meeting regularly once a month, with good attendance and interesting meetings. On March 23d occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Kinney, who had been our faithful president the past year. Instead of sending flowers the Union decided to send their contribution to the Frances Willard Memorial fund as a memorial of her work among us. The Union Resolved: That we, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Towner express our appreciation of the life and labors of our sister in behalf of humanity and temperance in our community. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the sorrowing husband and children. May our dear Lord bless, comfort and help them in their sore bereavement. Large of heart and untiring in her work for others; it was of such as she our Lord said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
MRS. VIOLA FOUTS.

MEDAL CONTESTS.

The medal contest work is, unquestionably, the most popular and effective educational movement ever inaugurated by the W. C. T. U. There is no better way to enlist the interest of young people and win them over to the temperance and suffrage cause than by the contest route. They secure interested audiences of people who need instruction and who would not attend a temperance lecture. The medal contest develops oratorical ability, and when carefully planned and well advertised furnishes an educational entertainment of high order and help to financial independence.

It would be well in every community where the W. C. T. U. is not doing

active work in this department for some prohibitionist to inaugurate a series of contests. Church temperance committee, Sunday school, public school, any organization or individual can help in this educational work; all the requisite is to observe the rules of the department.

I wish every union in North Dakota might have one contest before the close of the year. I know you could if you only believed in yourself. I will cheerfully answer all questions pertaining to the work. Send to the address below for illustrated catalogue containing cuts and prices of medals, plans of work, etc.

Yours for contests,
EMMA LOCKWOOD,
Valley City, N. D.

AN OPEN LETTER TO TEACHERS.

A teacher in the public schools has a wonderful opportunity to mould the character of the children and young people. Teachers believe in temperance and teach it scientifically, not simply because it is the law but because they want to help the child and are desirous of having their influence felt for good.

Teachers who have taken up Medal Contest work say that they have found it very beneficial. It strengthens the memory, overcomes timidity, improves the public appearance, gives poise and grace to the bearing, and as one must thoroughly understand a subject before he can properly declaim it, his reasoning powers are brought into play and the whole mentality is strengthened. But, aside from all this, in the selections prepared for this particular purpose, he is gradually growing to hate the saloon and its evil influences.

We receive many testimonials from teachers who have given this work a trial. We quote the following from a state superintendent of education:

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The W. C. T. U. ladies at Cooperstown served lunch at a recent "Market Day" held there, and incidentally did some good work for the suffrage cause. The ladies not only made a nice sum of money but demonstrated their ability to serve a splendid meal, and take an intelligent interest in the leading questions of the day at the same time.

At a recent evening meeting the Loyal Temperance Legion at Cando presented a very interesting program to a large audience. One of the novel features of the program was a voiceless argument for Votes for Women. This was given by two girls who carried a sort of scroll, on the various sheets of which were printed in big black letters brief and pointed statements, the whole trend of which was intended to convince the readers that women should be given the right of suffrage.

The W. C. T. U. ladies in Hankinson have taken up a course of study to prepare themselves for voting. These ladies intend to vote intelligently when the time comes, and to train the coming generation for intelligent voting.

Franklin county (Ohio) saloon keepers will be asked to pay \$1,000 monthly into a fund that will be used by a state liquor dealers' organization to fight woman suffrage as well as State wide prohibition, according to the Columbus Dispatch.

The Townier W. C. T. U. recently gave an oyster supper to raise funds for the suffrage campaign. The ladies cleared \$45.00.

The suffrage organization of Hope has been visiting farmers' clubs in that vicinity and have aroused much enthusiasm for suffrage. About twenty go in a covered rig. Addresses are given by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shippy.

WOMAN'S SPHERE.

"Keep to our sphere;" that we will, brothers, surely,

In earnest, not in play.

Largely and womanly, sweetly and purely,

-And who shall bar our way?

"Keep to your sphere;" still sounds the voice insistent—

A scornful challenge hurled.

Nay, know ye not, ye mockers, blind, resistant,

Our sphere is all the world?

—Benham.

PROPHECY AND PREPARATION.

In The Beautiful Life of Frances Willard, there is a little story that I love.

It is taken from one of her lectures:

"Longer ago than I shall tell, my father returned home one night to the far-off Wisconsin home where I was reared.

Sitting by my mother's chair, with a child's attentive ear, I listened to their words. He told us of the news that day had brought, about Neal Dow and the great fight for prohibition down in Maine, and then he said, 'I wonder if poor, rum-cursed Wisconsin will ever get a law like that?'

And mother rocked a while in silence, and then she said gently, 'Yes, Josiah, there'll be such a law all over the land some day, when women vote.'

My father had never heard her say so much before. He was a great conservative, so he looked tremendously astonished and replied in his keen sarcastic voice, 'And pray how will you arrange it so that women will vote?'

Mother's chair went to and fro a little faster for a minute and then, looking not into his face but into the flickering flames of the grate, she slowly answered, 'Well, I say to you, as the apostle Paul said to his jailor, 'You have put us in prison, we being Romans, and you must come and take us out.'"

This was a seed thought in a girl's brain and heart, that bore fruit in after years.

ANNA KIRK.

WHY NORTH DAKOTA WOMEN WANT THE BALLOT

Because they are home makers. Those who have charge of the homes and the children should be given the power to protect them.

Because they are law abiding citizens. Those who obey the laws should have a voice in choosing the law makers.

Because they are tax payers. Those who pay taxes to support the government should be represented in the government. Our fathers fought for the principle that taxation without representation is tyranny.

Because the number of women who have asked for the ballot is larger than the number of men who have ever asked for anything in the history of our country.

Because women are by nature and training house keepers, and municipal government is nothing more nor less than municipal housekeeping and needs trained helpers.

Because women are held responsible for the sanitary conditions of the house, wholesomeness of the food, health and morals of the children, and they cannot control these things today unless they have a voice in the government of the city and state.

Because casting a ballot is the most dignified and womanly way of influencing legislation.

Because interest in affairs of state makes a woman a more companionable wife and wiser mother.

Because "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." Women are governed without their consent.

Because the women of North Dakota worked shoulder to shoulder with their husbands and fathers in the pioneer days to develop this great state, and it is only fair they should share in its highest privileges. Give the women a just share.

Because women are vitally interested in the laws which protect their homes and their children they ask for a voice in the election of men whose duty it is to enforce these laws.

Because the laws of this and many other states discriminate against women in that a mother is not an equal guardian with the father over her own children. The women of Massachusetts worked fifty-five years to secure this privilege. The women of Colorado and California, with the ballot, secured it within a year.

Because woman's ballot will insure the retention of the prohibitory clause in the constitution of this state. The German American Alliance, which stands for resubmission and the non-enforcement of the prohibition law, is the only organization in this state fighting woman's suffrage.

Votes for North Dakota Women, sing it loud and clear.

Sing it till the sleeping ones shall waken up and hear.

Half a score of Suffrage states are sending up the cheer:

While we are marching to victory.

CHORUS

Hurrah! hurrah! we'll bring the jubilee!

Hurrah! hurrah! we women shall be free!

So we sing the chorus,

While with vision clear we see,

Votes for North Dakota Women.

North Dakota Womanhood, sure will win the fray

And we'll be enfranchised all on next election day.

North Dakota's splendid men are helping all the way.

While we are marching to victory.—Chorus.

When we've won the victory we will still together stand;

For our homes and children dear we will lend a hand.

'Till ours is the fairest State in all our glorious land—

That's why we must win the victory.—Chorus.

WILL SUFFRAGE INCREASE DIVORCE?

Full suffrage was granted to the women of Wyoming in 1890. During the 20 years from 1870 to 1890, divorce in the United States at large increased about three times as fast as the population. In the group of western states, omitting Wyoming, it increased nearly four times as fast as the population. In Wyoming it increased only about half as fast as the population. "An ounce of experiment is worth a ton of theory."

Rev. Francis Miner Moody, Secretary of the California commission working to secure a uniform divorce law throughout the United States, published in the Woman Voter of February, 1913, an article showing by actual statistics that every state which has had equal suffrage for a considerable number of years has declined markedly in its divorce rate as compared with the rest of the country. He points out that in Colorado the drop was so great as to be "astounding."

Just before Colorado granted equal suffrage, in 1891 and 1892, its average number of divorces per year was 937. For the three years immediately following the bestowal of equal suffrage—1894, 1895 and 1896—the average number of divorces per year was only 517.

A father sometimes turns his son out of doors for voting the wrong ticket, but among American men this is rare. Where such a case does arise, it is to be met by educating the domestic despot, not by disenfranchising all the members of the family but one. A couple who are sensible and good-tempered will not quarrel if they are once in a while unable to think alike about politics. A couple who are not sensible and good-tempered are sure to quarrel anyway—if not about politics, then about something else.

VOTING WOMEN AND TEMPERANCE

GEO. CREEL IN CENTURY MAGAZINE

With regard to the liquor traffic there can be no question that the voting woman is bitterly opposed to the saloon. Kansas, of course, has had state-wide prohibition for years; and Illinois, Oregon and Arizona, where the woman vote is scarcely a year old, cannot be fairly counted either one way or the other. All the other seven woman suffrage states, however, have local option laws that are drying up the liquor like some huge blotter. Wyoming is ninety per cent "dry." Colorado has fifty "dry" counties out of sixty-two. Only eighteen of Utah's twenty-eight counties are "wet," and sixteen of these are mining camps. Idaho, ninety per cent "dry," passed a search and seizer bill also a law compelling an oath from patrons of drug stores; and California's list of "dry" towns has grown from 200 odd to over 600 since suffrage.

WOMEN UNDER NORTH DAK. LAW.

Every local and district superintendent of Franchise should send five cents to the Woman's Journal for a copy of the February 17, 1912, number, which contains The Legal Status of Women in North Dakota. Address The Woman's Journal, 585 Baylston St., Boston, Mass.

ANNA KIRK,

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FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

How the department of Fairs and Open Air Meetings can help in the Suffrage Campaign: By every union pledging themselves to hold an Open Air Meeting this summer and securing the best speaker possible for the occasion. Then have an abundance of literature on suffrage to distribute. Have Votes for Women pennants, buttons, stamps and pads, napkins, pencils, flags and post cards for sale, and turn the proceeds into the state treasury for suffrage. Have plenty of copies of the Woman's Journal to give away and also take subscriptions for the same. No woman who is interested in suffrage can afford to do without the Woman's Journal. Let us plan an auto trip reaching every town in our district. Have the autos decorated with suffrage colors and "Votes for Women" pennants. Have several good speakers and plenty of literature to give away. Also have all kinds of suffrage paraphernalia for sale. Every woman should wear a suffrage button and let people know where you stand on the question. At the Minnesota state fair last fall I saw a prominent suffrage woman carrying an umbrella decorated with "Votes for Women." The department of Fairs and Open Air Meetings can give Suffrage Teas, serve light refreshments, charge 15c. Have each one tell why she is for or against suffrage. Then have the best speaker you can get on suffrage.

Every superintendent of Fairs and Open Air Meetings should sell suffrage buttons, solicit donations from any one interested and send the money to the state treasurer, specifying it is for suffrage. Let every union hold a Suffrage Parade before November 3. Plan now for Open Air Meetings and write me what we can depend on your union doing. God created man in his own image, in his own image created he him; male and female created he them, and he gave them (not him) dominion over the earth.

Yours for votes for women,
IDA SPARKS CLARKE,
State Supt.

Fairmount, N. D., April 2, 1914.

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