

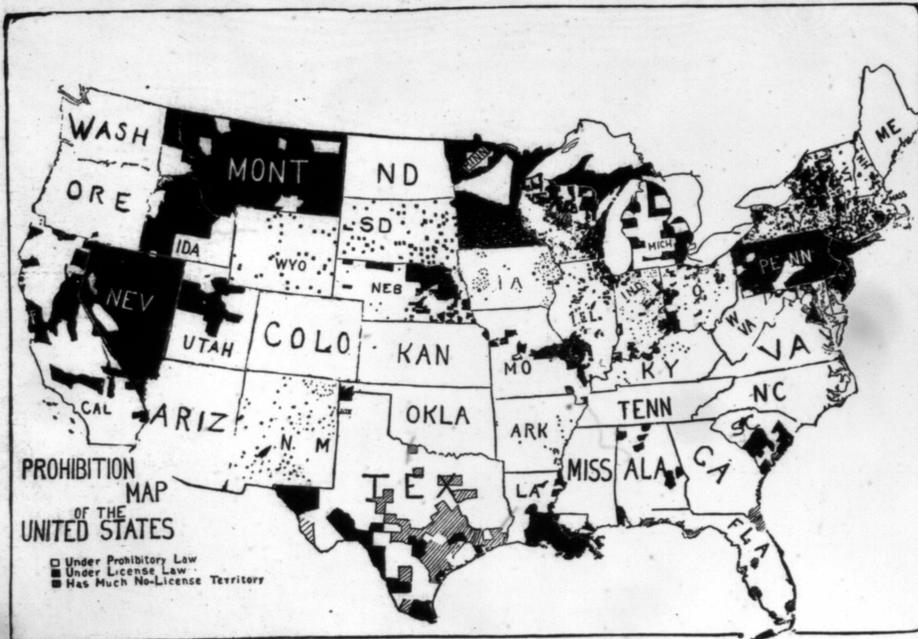
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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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THE CO-OPERATION OF NATION

With States Necessary to the Abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

HON. MORRIS SHEPPARD,
United States Senator from Texas.

I regard as almost blasphemous the attempt to invoke the sacred principles of states' rights and local self-government for the protection of the liquor traffic. There ought to be no such thing in county, state or nation as a right to authorize a wrong. Those who urge the doctrine of states' rights against national prohibition say in effect that they are entirely willing that the liquor traffic should flourish in this nation as long as a single state desires it. The liquor interests in this country would go wild with joy if every prohibitionist would take that view. It would mean their perpetuation. It would mean that from their strongholds in one state or a few states they would continue to pour a tide of corruption over all the land. I do not underrate the value of state, county and precinct prohibition. These are infinitely better than no prohibition at all. But the liquor traffic spreads from a few centers all over the country; its ramifications are everywhere. It is a national as well as a local evil, and its power is so tireless and so terrible that the nation will never be safe so long as it flourishes in even one or a

MAKING OVER THE MAP.

A glance at the prohibition map of the United States gives jubilation or despondency according to the viewpoint of the observer. It shows, as nothing else can, the fate of the

few states. It is certainly to be regretted that the doctrine of states' rights should be invoked in behalf of the liquor traffic, which is universally recognized as the most conscienceless violator of states' rights the country has ever known. The liquor traffic persistently fought interstate liquor legislation by Congress on the ground that the state had no right to interfere with the liquor traffic in the nation; now it fights the National Prohibition Amendment on the ground that the nation has no right to interfere with it in the states.

If the constitutional views of those who urge the states' rights principle in this controversy had prevailed in the past, the states that voted against or failed to ratify the Federal income tax or the direct election of Senators would still be exempt from the levy of the tax within their borders, or would still be electing Senators by the legislatures and not by the people. They seem to be seriously alarmed lest the United States Army might be ordered out to suppress a blind tiger or a "bootlegger" in the event the prohi-

biton amendment should be adopted. The mere statement of such a proposition is its own refutation.

These gentlemen are afraid that if the states get together in a sufficient number, as they have a right to do, and summon their creature, the Federal Government, to join them and co-operate with them in the contest against the liquor traffic that it will mean the death of state governments, the disappearance of state identity. They seem to be afraid that if the states do right in this instance, the shock will be so great that they will immediately agree to disband their respective political organizations and all commit suicide together. Nobody will seriously credit such a contention.

We want the battle to continue in family, precinct, county, state and nation. No unit of government or of society is too small, no unit is too large, to have a place in the ranks now gathering for this conflict under the banners of Almighty God. The liquor traffic is so firmly entrenched in some sections of the country that national action will be necessary to exterminate it. We

are not simply citizens of states, we are Americans above all things else. We cannot successfully combat national evil by confronting them only in our immediate territory.

We believe that we are entitled to have this tremendous question submitted to the American people acting through the American states. All that we ask is the American privilege and the American right of presenting our cause in the proper form of American constitutional opinion.

DEE-LIGHTED.

West Virginia's prohibitory law went into effect July 1, 1914. After one month's trial the Wheeling Advance said: "West Virginia is dee-lighted." "Wheeling," it goes on, "the largest city of the state, voted almost four to one against prohibition. It now registers a sentiment of about four to one for prohibition. At the workhouse, where the city employed as high as fifteen guards and employes, one superintendent and one guard are left. Even on the estimates for next year the finance police committee intimates that almost \$6,000 may be saved. At the city lockup it has been found unnecessary to employ the lockup keepers. In all, on committee estimates for next year, prohibition will save the citizens \$10,000 in the police force and prison." All this, be it remembered, after just thirty days of the dry regime!

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STATE MOTTO—I am but one, but I am one; I can not do everything, but I can do something, what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

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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A STATEMENT.

Before election I called attention to the evident fact that the North Dakota Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, with little if any local organization in the state, had more money to spend in buying newspaper space, etc., than the State W. C. T. U. or Votes for Women League, each of which had many local organizations working to raise funds. I stated that our treasurer's books, which were audited by business men, Mr. Harry Taylor of Valley City and Mr. W. H. Boise of Jamestown, were open for examination at our Headquarters and asked if the Organization Opposed to Woman Suffrage could say the same.

Mrs. N. C. Young, president of that organization, stated in reply that she had appointed Hon. Chas. A. Pollock, Mr. M. H. White and Mr. S. S. Lyon to answer as to her accounts.

Thinking this answer might be in good faith I wrote each of these judges and sent a copy of the letter to the Fargo Forum, asking only for names of contributors and amounts contributed. After waiting six weeks no reply has been received from Mrs. Young nor from the judges she appointed. It is very evident that she does not wish the public to know the source from which funds were received. I have learned upon good authority that these gentlemen were appointed by Mrs. Young without their knowledge or consent, and that the books of the North Dakota Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage have not been turned over to them.

This method of procedure seems to be characteristic of this organization. It will be remembered when the organization was formed that prominent women of the state were appointed to office without their knowledge or consent, and one who was appointed Vice President, Mrs. Senator Plain of Milton, publicly stated that she was not an anti-suffragist but a suffragist and should work for the ballot for women.

It will also be remembered that Judge Ben Lindsay was quoted as opposed to woman suffrage and that when his attention was called to this, he sent a telegram which was published in the Forum, Courier News and Grand Forks Herald, stating that he had been misrepresented, was heartily in favor of woman suffrage and would like to be here to help in the campaign.

Comment is unnecessary.
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.

HOW SUPPLY THE REVENUE?

In the event of nation-wide abolition of the liquor traffic, how is it proposed to raise revenue to take the place of that now collected from the whiskey and beer and wine interests? Liquor advocates assert that they are unable to get an answer to this question. The truth is it is continually being answered by individual prohibitionists, to say nothing of standing answers furnished by prohibition states. Letters sent out by the Union Signal, official organ of the National W. C. T. U., asking for an expression of opinion on this subject, brought many replies from men prominent in the temperance movement. If the liquorites really want to be shown, let them read these and other articles in the anti-liquor journals. Of course they have read what Senator Sheppard said at the hearing before the Judiciary Committee last spring. We quote a few sentences: "There are legitimate sources of revenue yet untouched. There are few direct taxes on luxuries. The income tax has little more than scratched the surface of enormous wealth. There is no federal inheritance tax. Non-alcoholic beverages are untaxed. The national domain, with measureless mineral resources, water powers, forests and the like could be managed so as to produce a yearly usufruct of fifty or one hundred millions."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

DEAR COMRADES:—

As I have just sent out a New Year's letter containing plans for work for the coming year to every union, I will make this a brief letter giving a report of the mid-year executive meeting—which was held today at our State W. C. T. U. Headquarters here at Jamestown. There were present at the meeting, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Salmons, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Wanner, Mrs. Bolton and myself.

There was general rejoicing and thanksgiving over the victories that have been won since last we met; the new prohibition and suffrage states and the fact that in the United States House of Representatives, Dec. 22nd, National Constitutional Prohibition received a majority of the votes cast. It requires, as you know, a two-thirds vote to pass an amendment to the federal constitution, but it is a prophecy of speedy victory that the first time this question ever came up in our National Congress it should receive the splendid endorsement of a majority vote. Let us put renewed enthusiasm into the work for National Constitutional Prohibition. Follow out the plans given in the Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin and do not forget to observe January 14th as a day of prayer for the success of this great cause.

The executive committee were saddened over the sudden death of Mrs. E. C. Widdifield of Leal, our state superintendent of the department of Evangelistic Work and a life member of the state W. C. T. U. Mrs. Widdifield has been a leader in our work for years and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was a devout Christian and remarkably gentle and beautiful in her life and character. It was voted to send a letter of sympathy to her husband, Mr. J. W. Widdifield, in his great bereavement. Mr. Widdifield is Superintendent of the Temperance Department in the State Sunday School Association and in thorough accord with all our work, always wearing the white ribbon.

Mrs. Geo. Medley of Leal, wife of the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Widdifield, was appointed Superintendent of the Department of Evangelistic Work to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Widdifield's death.

Mrs. Wylie gave an interesting report of the work accomplished since state convention especially mentioning the fine organizing work done by Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers and the good work being done by the Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U. at the state University.

Mrs. Salmons gave the treasurer's report which showed that the funds are low and that there is great need for unions to collect dues and send them to the state treasurer, with pledges for state and legislative work, as soon as possible.

Mrs. A. C. Coates of Lisbon, organizer for the Thirteenth District, who did most acceptable work in the suffrage campaign, was appointed state organizer.

It was voted that we make this a Membership Campaign year and that the goal for 1915 be 1,000 new members. Every union is asked to have a membership contest following the plans given in my letter just sent to the unions.

In addition to the regular prizes given at the next state convention, a red ribbon will be awarded every union making a gain of 100 per cent in membership and a blue ribbon to every union making a gain of 50 per cent.

The executive committee voted to make the following recommendations:

That every union hold an all day Institute during the year.

That unions continue to create

suffrage sentiment by working thru the local press and arrange for suffrage declamatory and essay contests through the public schools.

That wherever our University Y. P. B. Secretary, Miss Ethel E. Halcrow, goes in her University extension work, the unions arrange a parlor or public meeting for her to address the young people.

It was voted that for the present, the State Headquarters at Jamestown be continued.

The bills we are to work for this winter in the Legislature were considered. It is exceedingly important that the regular suffrage amendment which passed the last legislature and will come before this, be passed. The Legislature will be in session when you read this letter. If you have not interviewed the senators and representatives from your district, please write them at once asking them to vote for this measure. Letters and telegrams are most effective. Please do your part promptly. Be prepared to respond to further requests for help in legislative work upon short notice.

Plans for the next State Convention were discussed. It was decided to hold a grand gold suffrage contest at this convention. Gold suffrage contests will be held at the District Conventions, the winners to compete at the state convention. Any one holding a silver medal may compete at the gold suffrage contest.

It is hoped that every union will hold a Frances E. Willard Memorial meeting, February 17th and send from the collection two dollars to the Willard Memorial Fund. If every union will do this, North Dakota will pay \$300 to this fund. Last year we paid only \$104.86. Let us make a better record this year.

With love and a prayer that the New Year may be the most successful in our history and may bring to each one of you true happiness and the joy of service, I am

Yours for the coming of His Kingdom,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 29, 1914.

MUST HAVE THE BOYS OR QUIT BUSINESS.

The average citizen is justly horrified and indignant when he learns of methods employed by saloonkeepers, backed by the ranks of those unfortunates who are marching down the path of degeneracy to our poorhouses, prisons and insane asylums. The saloons must get one boy in every five in order to make the profits of the liquor traffic worth while, and to enable the trade to point with pride to the per capita "increase in drinking." And yet, is not the saloon man's business as legitimate before the law as the grocer man's? The man or woman who votes license can not consistently denounce the drink-seller for his alertness in securing new customers.

"PUBLIC OPINION."

Speaking of the order recently issued by the mayor of Bangor, Me., to the effect that the illegal sale of liquor must cease and that the police must enforce the law, an exchange remarks, "It may be doubted if the efforts of Bangor's mayor to make his town dry will be entirely successful, since it is evident that public opinion will not support him." Public opinion is registered and made practical only at the ballot box. When less than one-half of the people thus express their opinion, it can not truly be called "public" opinion. Give the women of Bangor the ballot and then see!

The territory in Michigan which became "dry" November 30 by decision of the U. S. Supreme Court upholding the Indian treaty of 1855, covers an area larger than three New England states.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

Dear Comrades:

As the year nears its close I am thinking of you all and wishing you happiness and peace. We have learned the lesson suggested by Van Dyke—"We cannot have happiness until we forget to seek for it. We cannot find peace until we enter the path of self-sacrificing usefulness." In spite of disturbing conditions, let us begin the new year hopefully, our faith firm in Him who has said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Let us measure up to what is expected of us and make this a notable year in the history of our organization. But let us cultivate a cheerful enthusiasm in our work, for nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm and no victories are won without it.

During the last month Mrs. Bowers organized a union at Mercer with Mrs. Minnie Freeberg; Pres., Mrs. Ella Hjelle, Sec. and Miss Adeline Washburn, Treas. At Driscoll she also organized, with Mrs. Mary Lovas, Pres.; Mrs. J. H. Barrette, Sec. and Mrs. R. Ernsland, Treas. A partial organization was effected at Underwood, with Mrs. Jennie Dawes, Pres. and Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Vice Pres.

So much interest was created thru the visit of Mrs. Bowers to Wing, that an L. T. L. was organized with Mrs. H. E. Bowen, Supt. and the organization of a S. S. was also contemplated.

Encouraging word comes from our Y. P. B. at the State University. The membership has recently been increased 50 per cent, the result of the work of two membership committees. Mr. Edgar Gustafson, a member of the Y. P. B., has been elected a delegate to represent the University in the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association of America, which meets in convention at Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 29-31. This is predicted to be the greatest student gathering of its kind ever held and we are happy to have so able a representative as Mr. Gustafson, who will give, upon his return, a report of the convention, before the student body.

With much regret we hear of the severe accident sustained by our Supt. of Health and Heredity, Mrs. I. A. Morey, of Emerado, by which she has, for several weeks, been confined to her home, but we are thankful she is now improving.

Sorrow has filled our hearts because of the passing of some of our best loved workers, yet we rejoice with them, that the day of their coronation has come. Mrs. Widdifield, of Leal, a gentlewoman of rare Christian graces, and of whom mention is made elsewhere, has been promoted to higher service.

On Dec. 16th, after long months of suffering, borne with remarkable patience and fortitude, Mrs. B. J. Wallace, a devoted member of the Drayton union, and a woman of wonderful strength and sweetness of character, went triumphantly Home, to realize "How beautiful it is to be with God."

Tomorrow our executive committee holds its mid-year meeting at Jamestown and of its important deliberations you are informed elsewhere.

Yours, in blessed service,
BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Drayton, N. D., Dec. 28th, '14.

BETTER FOR THE BOY.

No small factor in the prohibition victories of this year has been the dry vote of drinking men. The explanation of the seeming paradox is not far to seek. One Oregon man gives it concisely thus: "I drink myself, and four years ago I would have voted wet and done everything in reason to carry it, because I believed everything would have gone to the dogs under dry conditions. But now I've got a boy at home and the question whether it costs me a little more or a little less cuts no ice with me. I know it will be better for the boy and that settles it."

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT.

BY MRS. F. W. HEIDEL.

Dear White Ribboners of North Dakota:

First of all I want to thank every one of you for giving me the privilege of enjoying the trip to Atlanta and of being one of your representatives at the great National convention there.

It is next to impossible to give you any conception of the good things we heard and the good times we had. Beginning with Thursday evening, we spent most of our time in the great Baptist Tabernacle where all sessions were held, until the close of convention the next Wednesday evening. There were three sessions a day all full to the brim.

Thursday evening we were welcomed as thoroughly and as heartily as we were at our own state conventions. Eight persons welcomed us for the following organizations: State, City, Churches, Federated Clubs, Georgia schools, Anti-Saloon League, Georgia Woman's Suffrage association and the Georgia W. C. T. U. The governor unexpectedly got back from a trip he had to make and he joined in with his hearty words.

To these there were four responses, two of which were given by women we know here—Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Shepard. The others by the presidents of West Virginia and Missouri—Mrs. Yost and Mrs. Burger.

Judge Hart for the State said, "I am conscious I am addressing the most potent moral force of organized womanhood in the world. If the world had been imbued with the principles you teach there would be no war."

Rev. DuBois for the churches, said that the bow of white ribbon has taken the place and means the same as the band of samite worn across the breast in olden time—being a symbol of queenly virtue in woman and regal courage in man.

Friday afternoon was devoted to a beautiful memorial service for our promoted leader, Lillian M. N. Stevens and others who had been called during the year. The scripture lesson was read from Mrs. Stevens' Bible. Mrs. Leavitt, her daughter, spoke quite at length, honoring her mother with many beautiful tributes. A picture of Mrs. Stevens was given each delegate.

It would take pages and pages to speak of the program as it progressed. I'll have to just hit a few of the high places and beg more of you to get the Union Signal, where all the best part of every address is printed.

The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer are the articles in which the truth of the magnitude of the work of the W. C. T. U. is recorded. Be sure to read them in full. In these you will find what state is doing the best work in different lines, which ones win the prizes offered, what each state is putting the emphasis on during the year, which one carries out the plans from National most thoroughly, etc.

Last year Pennsylvania led with the number of endorsements of National Prohibition resolution sent in (1296), Texas led with the number of people represented by their endorsements (2,233,310). There was a gain in U. S. of 30,878 members. Penn. led with a gain of 7057. Penn. has the largest paid up membership of any state, 37,339.

The treasurer said that she was convinced that finance was the bony structure upon which all organization work is built. It is easy to make plans but to carry out such plans successfully we must have a treasury prepared to give the necessary backing.

Saturday evening the presidents of campaign states, either for Prohibition or Suffrage, each had a two-minute speech. The word "defeat" was not known among them—they had "delayed victories." (Let me whisper something to you. Among the state and national officers none stand out better than our own Mrs. Anderson, in readiness of speech, coolness of manner and

judgment, and keenness of insight. We are proud of her).

There were 705 voting delegates present. The election went off quickly and smoothly. No one but Miss Gordon could so well fill the chair of the president. Her knowledge of the work and workers makes her eminently fit. When Mrs. Anderson was re-elected Recording Secretary we sent her a bouquet of yellow and white chrysanthemums, tied with yellow ribbon.

In the report of the Union Signal we found that North Dakota takes 337 copies and 37 campaign editions. Not enough for the number of members we have.

For recognition night the states are grouped according to gain in membership. First group 1000 to 7000; second, 500 to 1000; third, 100 to 500; fourth, less than 100. We were in the third group. I think it would be a good thing to put our emphasis this year on gain of membership. Another campaign is coming. Let's begin now.

One night every delegate wore something she had purchased in Atlanta made of cotton. They met in the basement and marched up by delegations. Your delegates wore big aprons and caps all alike.

The music of the convention was not the least to add to our enthusiasm. It played a great part. A chorus of 100 Negro young men and women sang some of their old melodies such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Steal Away to Jesus." Rev. Sam Jones' granddaughter was a soloist whom the convention could hardly let go. She sang those evangelistic hymns straight from her heart into ours.

It was a great time and I know I've told you so little. I hope I have interested you enough so that you will read the report in the "Signal." Those who have it could take it to the meeting or pass it on. Again I thank you for one of the best treats of my life. I hope each one can do sometime.

Sincerely,
MRS. F. W. HEIDEL.

FIELD NOTES.

ENGLEAVE. Dear White Ribboners: We are coming on in our membership, now numbering ten and three honorary. One death took up Home our beloved Mrs. Isaac Miller, but through our lost one we gained seven new members. "To die is gain." All are memorial mentions in Mrs. Miller's honor. We are specializing along the lines of Franchise and Medal Contest work, with Mrs. Mollie Hopewell as Supt. of Franchise and her daughter May as Supt. of Contest Work. We have already held four meetings, all parlor meetings. The first meeting after gaining our new members was a Jubilee meeting. After election a report of our victories from all over the nation was read. May the Lord lead and strengthen us all.—Mrs. N. W. PORTER, President.

MAPLETON, N. D., Dec. 15, 1914.—To the White Ribbon Bulletin: The vote on equal suffrage in Mapleton village was 19 for and 17 against. The addresses of Mesdames Pollock, Best, Darrow and Weible and Messrs. Watkins and Arnold were largely responsible for the result. Now for a more effective enforcement of prohibitory and other laws of our state. The undersigned respectfully requests the members of the W. C. T. U. and others to use their influence with the coming legislature to enact a law making the offices of Attorney General, States Attorney, Sheriff, Constable, Mayor and Policemen "non-political," the same as the Judiciary and school officers are now, and giving said officers stewart jurisdiction. The writer will also appreciate any reliable data regarding the history of the development of church, Sunday school, temperance and other work that has to do with the moral development of North Dakota previous to and since statehood. The same for publication each week in the Saturday Fargo Forum. Yours for effective prohibition, E. E. SAUNDERS.

SIDELIGHTS OF CONVENTION.

The mingled feelings of a delegate attending a convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are much akin to those of a veteran attending a reunion of the Grand Army. However, the war waged by the White Ribbon host is one of peace, having for their Commander-in-Chief the Prince of Peace, ever acknowledging His guidance.

The forty-first annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the beautiful city of Atlanta, Nov. 12-18. North Dakota delegation consisting of our president, Mrs. Anderson; Mrs. F. W. Heidel, delegate-at-large; Mrs. Baughman, pres. 16th dist.; Mrs. Fred Carr of Valley City. (The delegation was joined in Atlanta by Mrs. Frank Gardner of Fargo), and Mrs. Salmons, treasurer, joined the Minnesota delegation at Minneapolis on the evening of the 9th. Upon arrival in Chicago the Minnesota car was attached to the White Ribbon special consisting of some 13 cars.

There were only two men passengers aboard—husbands of delegates—their lot was not an envied one, among so many noisily women. For on the train were Oregon, Washington and Montana celebrating Prohibition and Suffrage victories, and Minnesota claiming a temperance legislature. North Dakota had to bow in present defeat of suffrage which some were pleased to describe as only a delayed victory. Nevertheless we could boast of North Dakota as a state for which her daughters were proud to stand, a state where for 25 years the blessings of prohibition have been enjoyed.

Illinois was fond of singing, "Mary had a little vote, a little vote, and everywhere that vote went in, John Barleycorn went out."

Colorado singing praises for their prohibition victory. Four states in all, where universal suffrage prevails voted the saloon out of business last November, namely, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Arizona. With such a showing National Constitutional Prohibition seems very near.

Cincinnati was reached Tuesday evening and leaving the special from 8 to 9:30, the delegates were entertained at a banquet in the Hotel Grand. At this point Ohio joined forces. With a campaign on for Woman Suffrage the liquor interests forced the prohibition issue, throwing them into a double campaign. The Prohibition issue lost thru the vote of Cincinnati. "Old Mexico" the White Ribboners called her. The Y. P. B. delegates sang—

"I can't vote,
Neither can ma;
Ohio went wet,
Blame it on pa."
Mrs. EDNA SALMONS.

THE KINGDOM OF LOVE.

Gone are the days of sorrow, pain and fears,
Gone are the doubts that have haunted all our years,
Gone are the cares from our consciousness away;
The Saviour in His loving kindness
Leadeth the way.

CHORUS:

'Tis coming, 'Tis coming,
As the herald angels say;
The sweetness of the Christ religion
Groweth day by day.
Soft in the night where the humble shepherds lay,
Sweetly and low came the angels' hymn of praise,
"Peace on this earth, good will forevermore,
"Until the mercy of the Father
"All men adore."
Now as of yore comes the message sweet and clear
Bringing to earth the gospel of good cheer;
Love one and all, forgive and be forgiven,
Then sin will cease and love will reign
And guide us all unto Heaven.
—Mrs. Olavine Moe Roberts.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts of treasury from Nov. 15th to Dec. 15th, 1914.

Towner, dues.....	\$ 70
McKenzie, dues.....	70
Fairmount, dues.....	1 40
Absaraka, pledge, minutes.....	5 30
Minot, minutes.....	45
Wimbleton, minutes.....	30
Kensal, dues.....	70
Bartlett, minutes.....	45
Forman, dues.....	70
Jamestown, dues.....	1 40
Reeder, dues, minutes.....	4 65
Gwyther, dues, minutes.....	1 70
Cavalier, minutes.....	30
Napoleon, minutes.....	15
Kensal, minutes.....	45
Sherwood, minutes.....	15
Rolla, dues, suffrage, minutes.....	7 30
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Buxton, minutes.....	45
Manville, minutes.....	30
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Amenia was the first union to send in pledges and dues for this year. I would urge all unions that have not paid for the state minutes to send in the price of these at once. The bill for the minutes is now due and we must have the money to meet it.

Unions will please send in as much of their dues and pledges as they can at this time. We are especially in need of the money pledged for legislative work. Our finances are low and we need money immediately to pay the bills coming in.

We are revising the entire mailing list of the White Ribbon Bulletin. Some of the unions have sent in the complete list of members at the present time. Will those who have not done this please do so AT ONCE. I am anxious that each member of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. receive the paper but in a mailing list that has been carried for years, there are bound to be mistakes. If you will all co-operate with me and get your list in, we can have this work finished by the 15th of January. In sending in names of members be sure to send the name in full just as you would in subscribing to any other paper. Write plainly. Please do not send the name of Mrs. Thomas Brown one year and Mrs. Mary Brown the next unless they are different Mrs. Browns.

MRS. EDNA SALMONS, Treas.

MEDAL CONTEST.

The first contest of the year was a Matron's Contest held by the Kintyre union October 30th. Mrs. Maud Gordon won the medal on the recitation "The Old Violin." A very interesting debate was held in connection with this contest. Mrs. Addie C. Lane is contest superintendent.

The second contest was held in the Dunbar school November 13. The teacher, Miss Signe Svendsgaard, conducted the contest. Christine Edd was awarded the W. C. T. U. silver medal.

Mrs. Neil Campbell reports two contests held by the Wyndmere union, one at Wyndmere Dec. 4, receipts \$19.00. This contest was repeated at Barney Dec. 11. Lorney Stairn and William Manning were the winners in these contests.

Englevald has appointed Miss May Hopewell as their contest supt.

A musical contest may be held in connection with the oratorical, thereby furnishing music and thus adding interest to the program. The musical contest is designed to awaken greater interest in the power of song. By this means it is hoped to interest the best musical talent to sing right principles into the minds of the people.

The Temperance Songster, compiled especially for the contest department, is 30 cents a copy. Perry's Children's Songs 50 cents and Contest Song Leaflet 1 cent each. These may be secured from your State Contest Superintendent

EMMA LOCKWOOD,
Valley City, N. D.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Nothing having appeared from this district for so long, I feel reproved by the statement in the November issue of our Bulletin. The past year has been the busiest in the history of the district as well as in the McKenzie and Bismarck local unions. The Bismarck union is by far the largest and most active union and is always showing up something original. I wish to state here that the loyalty and goodfellowship of the co-workers in this district is appreciated.

Mrs. Bowers has been doing telling work in this district and we are in hopes of several more strong unions to help in the battle against wrong. We would that there might be an organization in every township in this district this year, yes in the state; then we would be shoulder to shoulder and there would be more effective work done. We are not complaining, but expect to be much better organized before entering the thickest of another suffrage campaign.

Prohibition Amendment Day was observed and our district pretty well covered, urging ministers and organizations to present National Prohibition to their congregations and assemblies, that resolutions might be adopted and votes taken. Many lists were sent in from this district. The pupils from the McKenzie school attended the afternoon session of the Amendment Day meeting and plans were laid for organizing an L. L. L., which was done later. Miss Thomas, the teacher, ably assisted as leader during the school year. The local L. L. L. will elect officers soon.

District convention was held at McKenzie and we were favored with the presence and help of our state president, and Mrs. Hall also. The work seemed to take on new life and our women worked with a will and an earnestness we had not realized before. Suffrage was the main work from convention time until after election. Many posters were used, much literature distributed and though we did not win we do not feel that the time or energy was lost, but we will be much more ready for it when it is ours. A suffrage dinner was served on election day.

A Mothers Meeting was held Nov. 27th. We do not intend to give up, we are not defeated, only spurred on to greater effort to free our state, our nation, the world from the evil we are battling.

Yours for the good of others,
MRS. L. E. HEATON,
Dec. 16, 1914. Pres. 11th Dist.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT REPORT.

DEAR SISTERS: It is long since you have heard from our district. This press report has not been efficient enough to rally up the news from all the unions. Much has been done among us, more could have been done perhaps, but was not. As we stand upon the threshold of another year we will take a backward glance.

The work of Miss Alice R. Palmer, also of Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Wilder, is written into the history of our district; in forming new unions—that have been mentioned before—in reviving old ones and strengthening the lines of work all around.

Miss Palmer has gone from our district to the work in Illinois. One result of her help at our Prayer Day meeting last January was the closing of the liquor drug store at Forman and the capture of much liquor and the owner thereof, the day following the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Ross, both valiant workers in the cause at Forman have removed to Waubey, S. D. Bowen union miss Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Dodge in the care of the W. C. T. U. Rev. Dodge has resumed active pastoral work and is now at Dazey, N. D., after some years stay on a farm at Bowen. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, the latter their treasurer and splendid help, have moved to Minnesota. One member, Mrs. Montgomery, was suddenly widowed by an accident. Bowen is proud, however,

to have a representative chosen from their district and know that both Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thompson will be of much help at Bismarck.

Forman has gained a talented speaker in W. C. T. U. work, Mrs. Unica C. Haly, whose husband, Rev. W. H. Haly, is strong in the temperance cause and of much help in the Adult Bible Classes for better citizenship. Mrs. Haly gave lectures at various points prior to election that were of much help to voters. Forman has also gained to membership the designer of our Bulletin title heading, Mrs. Mary Herring Hudson, formerly of Havana, whose mother was one of our pioneer workers. Forman High School was recently presented with Mrs. Edith Smith Davis' book, "Temperance Truth," by the local W. C. T. U., with Mrs. Haly as spokesman.

Richland County workers were out in force at their county fair at Wahpeton, the details of which are not known by the writer, but that special work in the Equal Suffrage lines was done is known by the able leadership of Mrs. Clarke, our district superintendent. Many unions held splendid meetings for suffrage and much literature was distributed in various ways. Stirum, Cogswell and other unions had special receptions for Mrs. Wilder. The national Anti-Saloon League had a strong program for World's Temperance Day that was used by Sunday schools. Forman, whose Sunday School Supt. is thoroughly awake to the value of such programs, had a specially fine arrangement.

Triumphs, disappointments, losses and gains is the record, as in other districts no doubt, but we fear not for the year before us. "We lose battles but we win the war" is aptly spoken—not a senseless strife for power, but for God and homes in every land, that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Promise and command go hand in hand—shall we be weak or strong in the Lord?

—PRESS SUPT.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

Lesson 1. Title—The Birth of Sampson. Golden Text—Beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine or strong drink.

—Judges 13:4. Lesson text—Judges 13:8-16, 24, 25. Date—January 31st. Temperance topic—The value of the total abstinence pledge. Program points—Character sketches of bible total abstainers; pledge signing exercise.

Lesson 2. The second temperance Sunday is Anti-Cigarette Day. Title—A Prayer for the Tempted. Golden Text—Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, Ps. 141:9. Lesson text—Psalms 141. Date—June 20th. Temperance topic—The Tempter, the Temptation, the Tempted. Program points—Practical talk on "The Body, God's Temple, How Defiled;" list the temptations which come through the door of the temple, through the eye-gate and the ear-gate; anti-cigarette exercise; pledge signing.

Lesson 3. Title—Defeat Through Drunkenness. Golden text—Wine and new wine take away the understanding, Hosea 4:11. Lesson text—1 Kings 20:1-21, Date—September 19. Temperance Topic—A call to battle to overthrow King Alcohol. Program points—Word picture: The christian and moral forces arrayed against the organized liquor traffic and its allies; weapons and ammunition used; victories. Seed-sowing: distribution of up-to-date temperance literature.

Lesson 4. The fourth lesson appears on World's Temperance, Sunday. Title—Daniel in the King's Court. Golden text—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong, 1 Cor. 16:13. Lesson text—Daniel 1:1-21. Date—November 14th. Temperance topic—Testing the temperance question by facts. Program points—Class or individual presentation of scientific temperance facts and bible temperance truth; prize essay on "The Value of Total Abstinence to a Life;" prize

awarded by the superintendent; question answered, what is Christian citizenship; pledge signing.

The list of Quarterly Temperance Lessons as above given is published in leaflet form and may be secured of the National Superintendent, STELLA B. IRVINE, 115 Walnut St., Riverside, California. Price 25 cents per 100 post-paid. This list should have wide distribution.

EXTRACT FROM PEACE DAY ADDRESS.

BY WM. A. BROYLES.

Some men there are still who laugh at the idea of women voting, as if it were at best only a trivial thing. I see more in the expression "woman's suffrage." I see all over the land the organization of juvenile courts. I see the refining influence of woman in her efforts to make the city sanitary and clean. I see her efforts along the line of temperance legislation and her absolute intolerance of commercialized vice. Does the franchise for woman mean that she is to be spared from the all-important duty of home-making for one day out of the year to go to the polls? It means that the most powerful home-force, the mother, will be encouraged all the time, throughout the year, to inform herself on subjects that so closely concern us all. Does it mean that we are enfranchising a class who cannot bear arms? If so, much the better, for we have brought into this idea of the rule of the people the greatest force that can possibly exist for the establishment of permanent peace. Does it mean that women are striving to supplant men? The idea that the task of keeping informed is too great an undertaking for men to do alone. It means that there comes to the assistance of men in their guiding the ship of state through troubled waters, the kindness, the patience, the sympathetic understanding of woman. It means the final recognition of brain force as superior to brute force, which will bring about the final and complete abolition of war.

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