



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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PREPAREDNESS.

Are we raising "Better Babies"
Every year for war to kill?
Isn't that a fine incentive
To excite a mother's skill?

Let us hurry up the Navy.
And train up the little men.
And when the first are all killed off,
Fill up the ranks again.

And our perfect little maidens,
We will wed to armless men.
Or, legless, as the case may be,
To build up the race again.

We must be sure the "measurements,"
Are just exactly right,
To keep the dum-dum bullets,
Hidden safely out of sight.

For they're making mighty magnets,
To extract them through the skin;
And they can patch the boy all up,
And puncture him again.

They have had to lower standards,
In the last decades they say,
In the armies o'er the waters.
But it seems they marched away—

When the troops were called to battle,
And did just as well to kill,
As tall, and perfect specimens,
(And bloody trenches fill.)

So rush up this "Preparedness,"
And let's neither eat nor sleep,
For Fear the "Yellow Peril"
Will cross the briny deep.

Of course there'll be no fighting,
If we are first prepared to fight,
That is the true philosophy,
The Might alone keeps Right.

Let's spend five hundred millions,
Or perhaps, a little more.
Then tell all the bold invaders,
To keep away from shore.

For that's the way that Europe did,
At least that's what they say,
But folks didn't scare—nor take the
Dare—

It worked the other way.

Come quickly, Dear Lord Jesus,
Thy peace dispel all hate.
Thy kingdom come o'er the earth,
For thee, the nations wait.

ELTA GRAY FIELDS,
Texas White Ribbon. Houston, Texas

LETTER FROM HEALTH SUPT.

Dear White-Ribbon Friends:
I have been most interested in the replies to the letters which I sent out in December, asking for discussions to be held in the January meeting on certain points connected with athletics, physical training and so on. Some of the letters are so intelligent, so sympathetic, if I may use the expression that they are very encouraging. Among these, Jamestown should have special mention. They held a public meeting with the superintendent of schools as speaker. They are planning to observe Baby Week in March. Mayville reported in detail, as to skating and outdoor sport. Hillsboro has a petition for medical inspection in the

schools. Crystal carried out the suggestions of the letter. Buxton reports a social betterment movement, which will no doubt influence playground conditions for good. I am sure I thank all these unions for reporting to me promptly. Some of you are a little too laconic don't say just yes and no, but go into details. Don't be afraid, I have plenty of time to read all the good brainy W. C. T. U. matter that comes along.

So far, I have not secured very conclusive figures as to the cost of athletics. This should include not only what the school board appropriated, but what the public contributed in donations, gate receipts, suppers or benefits. One school reported \$25, another \$150. One high school reported in round numbers \$1100 for last year.

Now, I want to write a little about our Better Babies Contest. It was given by the County School at Park River on January 27, all church societies co-operating. The W. C. T. U. maintained a literature table, distributing the leaflet "Trail of the Little White Hearse" and the famous home-suffrage leaflet, "Influence vs. Power." We ordered "Race Betterment," but it came too late. A committee from the union also helped in the Better Babies Health Exhibit, where a number of charts and displays taught lessons of Better Babies. It was a lot of work, but we think it was a wonderful event, everybody was so interested and it went a long way to impressing that the baby is the most valuable livestock we can consider. The highest score made by any baby was 97 per cent and this was the youngest baby. The oldest children scored lowest and we are wondering if this would hold good generally. If so, we do not take the best care of our babies.

We are ready now to recommend the Better Babies Contest, as put on by the Woman's Home Companion. Write Mrs. Clara Myer, 318 4th Ave. New York, for material. Read the directions and then if anything in our experience will help you call upon us. You can count on one thing, your community will rally to the cause with fervor.

Our national superintendent has some excellent material for distribution. I think it would be amply worth the money for any union to send her fifty cents for the department budget. Mrs. Leiter has written a number of good things. I consider her "Race Betterment" especially good. Address "Mrs. Frances Leiter, Mansfield, Ohio."

I hope the unions everywhere will help the public schools and other agencies in the observance of Baby Week. If the time set is not convenient have it a little later, I think the first week in May would be a good time. It simplifies things out here when we can use autos, so even later would do. A Health Exhibit is not hard to carry out. A reel of moving pictures showing a

Better Babies Contest can be secured. We got one from the "Race Betterment Society at Battle Creek, Michigan. A series of Health Conferences between physicians and mothers are of greatest benefit. It should be a community affair, not particularly a White Ribbon enterprise, but the white ribbons should be right there, seeing the whole thing through.

Once more, let us not make the Health Work incidental, but take up some systematic plan. If you are going to "prevent the fly," it is time to begin organizing for it. Let us plan, and the doing will be found an inspiration. In very truth, we are "not willing that any should perish."

Yours for healthful effort,
BERTHA LEE BROYLES,
Supt. Dept. of Health.
Park River, N. D.

MEDAL CONTEST

One of the "most important questions agitating the minds of the W. C. T. U. workers at this time is national prohibition in 1920. The medal contest department is one of the very best ways to present prohibition truths, people will go to a contest who would not go to a temperance meeting. The contest recitations are vote makers at any time, but when these selections have especial reference to existing conditions, they are doubly effective. The following letter in regard to medal contest work has recently been received from E. J. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

State of North Dakota Department of Education, Bismarck.

January 10, 1916
Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson,
Fargo, N. D.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:
I have your favor of the 8th inst. and in reply beg leave to say that I shall be pleased to endorse the work of the W. C. T. U. in regard to the medal contest.

We shall have a meeting of our county superintendents during the coming spring and at that meeting, I shall be pleased to bring this matter to the attention of these officers and request them to give it their enthusiastic support. I shall be pleased to present any literature on the subject which your organization may have for distribution. The meeting will probably be held at Dickinson and if it is convenient I should be pleased to give a member of the W. C. T. U. an opportunity to address the county superintendents on this subject.

Yours very truly,
E. J. Taylor.

Mrs. Adelia E. Carman, the national superintendent of Medal Contest work, has written that she is delighted with Mr. Taylor's endorsement of this phase of the work, and that North Dakota is the first state to make this move.

Mrs. E. B. Matters reports a very

interesting silver medal contest held at the First M. E. Church, of Fargo, by the L. T. L. and King's Heralds. Those who heard this contest liked it so well that they asked to have it repeated.

Leeds union are taking up contest work again this year. Mrs. Brown is the new superintendent, she held a very successful L. T. L. contest Jan. 28, proceeds \$7.00. Two new members were secured for the union.

Mrs. Virginia Keener conducted two medal contests for the Townier union Jan. 31st and Feb. 4th. Five new members gained and the receipts from both contests \$18.25. Mrs. Keener trained six other classes that the local president, Mrs. Lottie Rosecrans is planning to take to nearby towns and in this way will interest others in the work of the W. C. T. U.

EMMA LOCKWOOD, Supt.

PREPAREDNESS PARAGRAPHS.

The two principal factors entering into preparedness are morals and greed. It might be more polite to say morals and commercialism, but it would not be as easily understood. President Wilson may be able to scare the republicans into preparedness, but he can't scare the democrats.

It sounds so strange to hear every advocate of preparedness claim he is for peace. They advocate peace, guns, ammunition and ships.

We boast of being neutral and for peace on one hand, and are using a war fan in the other hand to fan the flames, inconsistent.

It is the hope and prayer of many thousands in this country that when the war in Europe is over, that the world will have a long period of peace, but there are others who want to keep the war flame alive.

Sherman exclaimed that war was "hell," and now Teddy and Wilson want Uncle Sam to be prepared for it.

I was asked if I would fight for Uncle Sam if he was invaded by some foreign power, and answered "At the drop of the hat." "But you are not trained or been through military drills," said the questioner. Being part Irish and very handy with a spade, I can dig a hole big enough for an elephant in less time than a lot of the younger lads could—and my hay foot and my straw foot would soon be planted right. Instinct would exert itself about this time and suggest—heads, I win and tails, you lose.

Prize fighters go in for preparedness and gate receipts. Well, what has that got to do with national preparedness?

A lot of Puddamucks are shouting "national honor" and "patriotism." If war did come they would be the first to drive the weasles out of the hollow logs.—DAD.

—From Ohio Messenger.

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Mrs. R. M. Pollock,
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Writing for prizes is still very popular in North Dakota and when our young people get tired of temperance and narcotics, the Landmarks Committee of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, offers a prize of five dollars for the best essay on Local History, or the Best Object of Historical Value. Here is a chance for some one to write a fine history of Prohibition in North Dakota, or give an historical sketch of the work of the W. C. T. U.

The April number of the White Ribbon Bulletin will be a special Y. P. B. and L. T. L. number. We wish every union would order extra copies for distribution among the young people's societies of the churches, the Christian Endeavors and the Epworth Leagues, and also among the children in the Sunday schools. Send in your order before March 25th that we may know how many extra copies to have run off. (Price fifty cents per hundred copies.

Every W. C. T. U. woman is interested in any campaign that will save the babies, and all have been interested in the "Baby Campaign Week." We wish that every community would do something to banish the three great enemies of babies—poverty, ignorance and neglect. Here are some slogans adopted by different towns, that preach a little sermon in themselves:

Better babies, better mothers; better cities.

Good fare, good care, fresh air.

Clean air, clean clothes, clean food.

The Boston Herald says that one baby in six in the United States dies before it is a year old. In New Zealand one in one hundred and fifty. The women have voted in New Zealand for twenty-two years.

In a personal letter from our vice president, Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best, who is spending the winter with her daughter at Mount Pleasant, Mich., she says: "The people here are very kind to take me into their good times and glad I am to be one of them. It gives me a chance to say many times what women have done and are doing, and to give credit to the W. C. T. U. when due. My white ribbon is lonesome but never fails to attract attention and often elicits a kind remark, 'My mother was never fully dressed without her little white bow.' 'Your little bow recalls many pleasant memories of childhood.' 'Did you know Mrs. Sloan, my sister-in-law, in the National work?' 'Do you know Mrs. Benjamin?' And so it makes friends for me while I hope to make friends for the cause."

A public speaker says "In Kansas, a prohibition state, one man out of every four owns an automobile. Missouri seemingly prefers to keep rum and drive mules." He further stated that in New York, each year, enough money is spent for liquor to buy every man, woman and child an automobile and to give them a sum of money besides.

Henceforth no cigarette advertisements, with the exception of those for which contracts are already signed, will appear in the columns of the magazines published by the Curtis Publishing Company. This was for many years the policy of these magazines, but through over-persuasion a few such advertisements were accepted. The management is now convinced that this lapse of former high principles was a mistake, and hence cigarettes will again be excluded.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:

The days are speeding with a rapidity which startles us especially when we remember that our W. C. T. U. year is nearly half gone. The unusual severity of the weather with the deep snow has interfered with our work and plans. The country unions, which are an important part of our organization, have felt this most keenly, and all have felt it to some extent.

The question we must now meet is, shall we accept these conditions as good and sufficient reason why we cannot carry out the plans embodied in our slogan—"Goal for 1916—1500 new members. Every union a banner union." Or shall we recognize no cause for defeat and as individual white ribboners and as unions determine with genuine heroism to put forth tremendous effort and redeem the time which has been lost? Shall we say with Napoleon "There shall be no Alps" barring our way to victory? All in favor of the motion will please say, aye. Do I hear a grand chorus of "ayes" from our three thousand white ribboners, loyal and true? I hope the motion will be put in every union and that you will cheer the hearts of your General Officers by sending us the vote.

To gain 1500 new members this year making our membership 4500 next year, every union must plan to increase fifty per cent. I know how exceedingly difficult this is for the larger unions and those which made splendid gains last year, but it is not impossible.

In the larger towns, district your churches and have an every member canvass of the women. Every Christian woman ought to be a member of the W. C. T. U. for her own sake as well as for the sake of the work. When you have gleaned every member who can be reached in your town, lift up your eyes to the near-by towns and the country districts. Plan a meeting with them at some hospitable home or school house. Take one or more automobile loads of your members, have two or three women give brief talks on the W. C. T. U., what it has done for you, for your town, for the state and nation; the battle for National Constitutional Prohibition, etc. You will be surprised to see how eager many of the women are to belong. Organize and "mother" the union. While these new unions of course will not increase the membership of your union, your union will have credit for the work done and the members gained.

Are there not splendid young people in your town whom you can win to our work? We need the enthusiasm and vigor which they bring to our work and our organization suffers because of this neglect. Organize a Y. P. B. You will find teachers perhaps in the Y. P. B. for the L. T. L. which you have been waiting so long to organize. The fields are white with the harvest all around you. Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth reapers, and help to answer your prayer by saying "Here am I, send me."

Mrs. Ellis writes that resolutions for National Constitutional Prohibition and for District of Columbia prohibition are not coming in as rapidly as they should. These questions are of tremendous importance to our country and will bring the "preparedness" we most need. Have the churches and all societies in your town that will do so vote on these questions. Send to the State Headquarters for the resolutions.

Remember Prohibition Rally Day—Sunday, March 19. The Union Signal for February 24th gives a program and is full of material for making this a rousing meeting. Take an offering for the Lillian Stevens

Campaign Fund. Send to State Headquarters for envelopes (free for postage) and pencils (forty cents a hundred) for the collection of this fund.

We decided at the Carrington Convention to do all in our power to secure the election of men to the state legislature who are in favor of woman suffrage and who have sufficient strength of character to stand by their convictions. Announcements of candidates will soon be made for the June Primary election. Talk with influential men and see if a movement can not be quietly started to get good men in your district to become candidates. It is not too early to begin this work. We will never get a suffrage amendment passed by a legislature of weaklings.

Fargo union celebrated Washington's birthday by giving, at the home of our editor, Mrs. R. M. Pollock, a reception to the state president. The affair was well managed by Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and Mrs. Mattie Monson, and was most delightful in every way. That evening, accompanied by Mrs. Pollock, I attended the Willard Memorial meeting of the Moorhead union and spoke on the life of Frances E. Willard.

On a very stormy afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking to the Fargo Scandinavian union. There was a good attendance in spite of the weather. Mrs. J. M. Johnson, vice president, has charge of the union in the absence of the president, Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, who is away for the winter. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. John Miller, and her daughter, Miss Nora Miller.

Yours lovingly and loyally,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON.
Fargo, N. Dak., February 28, 1916

HURRY UP.

Our state president has sent the following message, just received by her from our national superintendent of legislation at Washington: My Dear Comrade:

Will you kindly impress it upon the Unions of your state that petitioning for National Constitutional Prohibition must be carried on more vigorously than ever. The work that was done last year will not do for this year. All bills die automatically with the old Congress. The old petitions will not avail in this Congress, and we must have an avalanche of letters, telegrams, resolutions and petitions for National Constitutional Prohibition to carry the day.

Let us again "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Yours with every good wish for the New Year,

Margaret Dye Ellis.

VOTES FOR HEROINES.

When the Anglia sank, with her load of wounded soldiers, the nurses refused to put on the life preservers. They said, "Wounded men first!" In England they are saying that such women must not be left disenfranchised after the war.

In the wreck of the Titanic, when chivalrous men gave the women the boats, it was perverted into an argument against equal suffrage, on the ground that chivalry was enough for women, and they had no need of votes.

This time it was the women who showed chivalry. The incident brings out clearly the fact that chivalry is not a question of voters or non-voters; it is a question of the stronger looking out for the weak and is as inherent in women as in men.

States to vote in 1916: Vermont, March; South Dakota, California, Nebraska, Montana, Michigan, Idaho, Alaska, in November.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

Dear Comrades:

The severe weather of the last few weeks has interfered so much with our work that we shall have to double our diligence now that the pleasanter days have come, if we hope to gain our 1500 new members and make every union a banner union.

Because of the disorganized condition of train service on the Branch lines, Mrs. Bowers was compelled to abandon her work for a time, but she has begun again with fresh vigor, hoping to complete her itinerary in First District without further interruption. Late last month she reorganized the union at Bartlett, with Mrs. D. E. Weaver as president, Mrs. A. Y. Hayter as Secretary and Mrs. E. C. Davis as Treasurer.

Mrs. Virginia Keener keeps steadily on with her contest work and is meeting with much success. She organizes L. T. L.'s wherever possible, and is doing a work that is worthy of much commendation.

Mrs. Alice V. Hull, as Supervisor of Y. P. B. work at the University, has been pushing the Essay Contest work and the Anti-Narcotic course of Lectures.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Baughman, president of the Sixteenth District, who, with her two children, spent the last three months on the Pacific coast returned to her home in Grand Forks recently and will push the local and district work.

Encouraging word comes from local unions. Dawson union, of which Mrs. Bessie Roberts is president, is very enthusiastic over a membership contest. Drayton is making a success of Parents and Teachers' meetings and much interest is evident. Hawkinson is preparing for a big public meeting March 2. Kintyre is planning a series of local institutes. Many of the department superintendents are busy with their special work.

We hope that Union Signal Day will be generally observed, also Prohibition Rally Day. We need to put forth every effort to increase our subscriptions to Union Signal and Young Crusader. See suggestions in Miss Halcrow's letter in another column.

Plans are going forward for our annual convention at Grafton in October, under the efficient leadership of the local president, Mrs. T. W. Kibbee, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Bess Kibbee Williams, president of the 17th district; everything possible will be done to make the gathering a success. It is probable we shall have as our convention speaker, our National Vice-president-at-large, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of New York W. C. T. U., a woman of wide experience and unusual strength as a platform speaker.

Handbooks and accompanying leaflets have been sent to all unions, in proportion to membership. It is expected that unions will remit for these at the rate of 25 cents per dozen for handbooks, and 35 cents for the leaflets. More handbooks and leaflets may be obtained upon application.

Districts will soon be making arrangements for conventions. I shall be glad to know the place at which each meeting is to be held, that a schedule may be arranged in due time. With best wishes for the success of all your plans.

Yours cordially,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Bowesmont, N. Dak., Feb. 28, '16.

L. T. L. COLUMN.

[These three short stories were sent in by the small L. T. L. members.—Ed.]

HOW A MAN TREATED A DOG

Leeds, N. Dak.

Once upon a time there was a man who treated a dog very mean. The dog had to pull a heavy cart of milk to the town. When the dog was going on the man would go in the saloons and drink cider. One day the dog fell down in the dusty road. He was not dead but was all played out. The man kicked the dog to the side of the road and he died.

Cora Nordhousen, 10 years old.

THE LAME DOG

Leeds, N. Dak.

One day two boys were carrying into town an old lame dog. A man said where did you get that? Oh, we dug him out of a snowbank, said the boys. Isn't that rather unusual, most boys would have passed him up. You see we couldn't do that we belong to the L. T. L.

Leo Smith, 13 years old.

Leeds, N. Dak., Feb. 14, 1916

Dear Madam:

Yesterday I saw two boys stoning a cat. Don't boys, that hurts the poor cat. They laughed at me. The cat came to me and I took it home and gave it some milk, and now it is one of my best friends.

Lucile Smith, 9 years old.

NO FISH ON THE SHORE

The W. C. T. U. was not in favor with the community. Many of the older boys were smoking and drinking. Something evidently must be done so we organized an L. T. L. but it was up hill work. The L. T. L.'ers were ridiculed and couldn't stand up under it. The parents spoke slightly of the W. C. T. U. and the infant L. T. L.

The L. T. L. superintendent was inexperienced. She was not strong and had many other duties. The L. T. L. dwindled down to eight, six, four. Of course it was discouraging; failure seemed inevitable. Then came the text and a sermon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." So the superintendent launched out, prayed earnestly with faith, and had a will to work. There lay the nets, not one but many waiting for the eager hands to cast them out.

Calls were made, mothers interviewed, postal cards were sent out and two dozen responded at the next regular meeting. Leaflets were sent to the homes, ministers and teachers invited to help, a membership contest was held, L. T. L. buttons were purchased, and yet there were nets waiting. A mothers' meeting was planned with as many mothers as possible having some part on the program. The mothers responded and a mothers' auxiliary was organized.

Departments were set to work—Flower Mission, Mercy, Press, Young Crusader. Everybody reported at each meeting some work done. A medal contest was held, interest increased. The fish were in the nets. Parents and children sat up, rubbed their eyes and took notice. Boys and girls were asking, "How much does it cost? Can't I join?" Mothers were saying, "What about our W. C. T. U.?"

Launch out into the deep. There are no fish on the shore.

LILLIE B. BOWERS,

Ass't Supt. of N. Dak. L. T. L.

UNION SIGNAL CAMPAIGN.

My Dear White Ribbon Comrades:—

Ten thousand new subscribers in 1916 is our National Slogan—of these 77 must come from North Dakota. No better tribute can be paid to the memory of our beloved Lillian M. N. Stevens than to secure these new subscriptions now. Many unions have celebrated March 1st as Union Signal Day and the birthday of one who planned and worked constantly for the Union Signal. I hope the results were very satisfactory and that a large number of our 77 new subscribers have already been secured. Think of the impetus that will be given our state work this year with these new subscribers reading the Union Signal. You will understand that this means 77 new subscribers in addition to the 263 which we now have—we must hold our old subscribers and gain the new ones. The only recommendation The Union Signal needs is that you give it a fair trial. It is beyond all doubt the finest temperance paper published and brimming full of all information necessary to the life of a local union. Any union that tries to exist without the inspiration of The Union Signal will certainly meet with defeat. If every local union would secure even one new subscriber we could have 150 new subscribers in one day. Will all the literature superintendents and all members interested please get to work at once and secure your new subscriber NOW.

Yours for a substantial increase in subscriptions,

MAE HALCROW.

Bowesmont, N. Dak., Feb. 14, 1916.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received from Jan. 17th to Feb. 17th.

Kensal, Dues.....	\$ 1 40
Bowen, State, Memorial.....	7 00
Cooperstown, L. T. L. Dues.....	
Dues, Memorial.....	9 40
Woodworth, Dues.....	4 90
Mrs. R. B. Reed, Headquarters.....	10 00
Miss McGilton, Headquarters.....	5 00
Grafton, Dues, State.....	13 40
Towner, Dues.....	2 20
Norma, Dues.....	7 00
Fargo, Dues.....	4 20
Amelia, Headquarters, Memorial.....	7 00
Devils Lake, Dues, Memorial.....	16 00
Fargo Scandinavian, Memorial.....	
State.....	32 00
Drayton, Dues.....	24 50
Hamilton, Memorial, Minutes.....	2 30
Thompson, Dues, Legislative.....	
L. T. L. Memorial.....	33 70
Dawson, Life Member, Mrs. C. E. Knapp.....	10 00
Abysaraka, Memorial.....	2 00
Maysville, Dues.....	6 30
Kensal, Stevens Memorial.....	4 00
Bay Center, Memorial.....	2 00
Fairmount, State, Dues.....	11 40

EDNA F. SALMONS

FOLKS NEED A LOT OF LOVING.

"Folks need a lot of loving in the morning,
The day is all before, with cares beset—
The cares we know, and those that give no warning,
For love is God's own antidote for fret."

"Folks need a heap of loving at the noontime,
In the battle lull, the moment snatched from strife—
Half way between the waking and the croon-time,
While bickering and worryment are rife."

"Folks hunger so for loving at the night-time,
When wearily they take them home to rest—
At slumber-song and turning-out-the-light time—
Of all the time for loving, that's the best!"

"Folks want a lot of loving every minute—
The sympathy of others and their smile!
Till life's end, from the moment they begin it,
Folks need a lot of loving all the while."

MY NEIGHBOR

MAUD H. MOE

My neighbor's hearthstone lies so near my own

That wreaths of smoke ascending from our chimney's lone Blend in the upper air and float as one Toward the bright glare of mid-day sun.

Tho' nearly strangers yet so close we fare

That secrets of each other's daily life we may not choose to share. Of these we seal our lips and play a neighbor's part. Each trusting to the other's honor and a kindly heart.

All petty grievances and greater ills we put aside.

For neighbors still must we abide. Two bears on common ground between receive our care.

One answers to the name of Bear, and close beside her loyal mate we find For-bear.

CANADA'S FIRST SUFFRAGE VICTORY

The granting of full suffrage to the women of Manitoba by the provincial legislature on January 27, as noted in a recent SIGNAL, was accomplished without a single adverse vote and amid scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm. Everything moved off with snap and dispatch.

The Manitoba Free Press tells the story in these words:

"When the third reading had been duly and formally given, the ladies who thronged the galleries, the men who were also wedged into the galleries and the members on the floor of the House stood up while the rich soprano of hundreds of female throats sang 'O Canada.'"

"After the singing of this anthem the ladies, with much fervor, took up the rollicking strain of 'They're Jolly Good Fellows,' in compliment to the members of the House, who modestly sat down. But as soon as the last note had been sounded, the members sprang to their feet and, not to be outdone in courtesy, sang in return, 'They're (meaning the ladies) Jolly Good Fellows.' The vocal harmony emitted by the members of the House was a revelation, and, if anything, they had an advantage over the women in the matter of verve and melody."

"No previous scene in the history of the House presents a parallel to that of yesterday. Hon. Valentine Winkler, Minister of Agriculture, who is oldest acting member of the House, says that never before was there anything like it. For the first time in the history of the House women were invited to a place on the floor of the chamber during a regular sitting."

Manitoba, with its area of 251,832 square miles, is approximately equal to the two great states of Montana and Nevada, and by a curious coincidence its population of 455,614 is again about the same as the population of these two states. It is probable that the action of Manitoba will hasten a favorable vote on woman suffrage in the two states to the south of it, Minnesota and North Dakota, where the women have been working for so many years for equal political rights.

The Manitoba Free Press says, editorially, that this victory is only the forerunner of others soon to be won in the western provinces of the Dominion.

"Progressive Manitobans will take deep and legitimate pride in the fact that their province is the first in Canada to enfranchise women," says the Free Press. "However, the preparations of the sister prairie provinces to lean closely upon Manitoba in this respect are already audible. Eastern Canada, like the eastern states, is still black upon the suffrage map—one more proof of the greater responsiveness of young communities to democratic ideas. In the ampler, freer air of the western prairies social veneers and outworn creeds cannot so easily take root and perpetuate themselves."

"The Norris government, in passing woman suffrage, has established at least one title to enduring fame."

NEW UNIONS 1915-16

Union	President	Cor. Secretary	Treasurer
Freda—	Mrs. C. M. Butler	Mrs. Emma Eby	Mrs. W. Stayer
Raleigh—	Mrs. Esther E. Fisher	Miss Blanche Steele	Miss B. Steele
Brisbane—	Mrs. Nora Axlin	Mrs. J. G. Patterson	Mrs. Lottie Root
Leith—	Mrs. A. G. Baker	Mrs. J. P. Ralph	
Elgin—	Mrs. Otto Reinke	Mrs. P. M. Madison	Mrs. Madison
Lark—	Mrs. D. K. Ford	Miss Bertha Schick	Miss Maggie Vogel
Timmer—	Mrs. E. J. Reed	Mrs. Chas. Apin	Mrs. Jas. Naismith
Petrel—	Mrs. Jos. Martin	Mrs. J. L. Wood	Lulu Hersrud
Epping—	Mrs. Frank Beachler	Mrs. H. J. Gemberling	Mrs. Blegen
Y. P. B.	Mrs. Fred Blegen	Miss Blanche Elliott	Miss Isabelle Lykken
Derrick—	Mrs. A. Newguard	Mrs. Geo. Danielson	Mrs. Ole Hogan
Lawton—	Mrs. R. H. McMorran	Mrs. Mazie Stevens	Mrs. E. M. Iago

FIELD NOTES.

FARGO—A hundred or more ladies called at the R. M. Pollock home, 210 Eighth street south, on Washington's Birthday, during the hours of 3 to 5 o'clock, to greet and formally welcome to this city, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, president of the North Dakota W. C. T. U., and formerly of Jamestown. The reception was given by the Fargo W. C. T. U., with the arrangements for it in charge of Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Mrs. John Monson and Mrs. F. H. Wilder. In the receiving line with Mrs. Anderson were Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Duncan Fisher. Mrs. Pollock is editor of The White Ribbon Bulletin, and Mrs. Fisher is president of the Fargo Y. W. C. T. U. A short program that was much enjoyed, had been arranged as an entertainment feature. It included several very pleasing contralto solos by Miss Jennie Champagne, with Miss Mildred Allen as a charming accompanist, and other vocal numbers that were very pleasing, by Miss Marie Danielson, who played her own accompaniments. Miss Danielson, formerly of Hillsboro, now lives at Valley City, and was in charge of the singing at the revival services held by the Glad Tidings mission. Miss Ruth Fisher, who last week won the Fargo college academy declamatory contest, gave much pleasure by reciting her winning selection, Virginia of Virginia. Other features of the program were a medal contest, and a talk by Mrs. Anderson. The latter took Peace as her subject, explaining that the W. C. T. U. had always been in favor of peace, although not "peace at any price," and that it did not believe in militarism. Her remarks were both instructive and interesting, and she was cordially received. The L. T. L. silver medal contest, in which eight children took part, was arranged by Mrs. Jos. Matters and Mrs. Henry Monson and was very interesting. Helen Stearns gave the selection that was adjudged the best. In honor of Washington's birthday anniversary, the rooms were effectively decorated by numerous flags, with daffodils carrying out a color scheme of yellow in the dining room. The same color predominated in the dainty refreshments that were served. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Mattie M. Davis and Mrs. B. F. Spalding, and assisting in the serving were Mrs. W. A. Key, Mrs. J. F. McGrann, Mrs. John Monson, Mrs. Jos. Matters and Mrs. F. H. Wilder. The gathering at the reception was a very representative one, including ladies from the various churches, women's clubs and other organizations, such as the Scandinavian W. C. T. U., the Votes for Women League, and others. All expressed pleasure at being given an opportunity to meet Mrs. Anderson personally. Quite a number were present from other towns in the state, including Mrs. J. S. Platow, from Valley City.

KENSAL—Following is the program given by Kensal union on February 17: Opening, Music by Band; Song, Blest be the Tie that Binds; Prayer, Rev. Armstrong, Sketch, Life of Frances Willard, Mrs. Collison; Song, Home Guards, two girls; Recitation, Boy's Promise, Viola Tripp; Recitation, A Little Soldier, Mary McGuyer; Recitation, I Have Signed the Pledge, Harold Loyed; Music, the band; Song, I've Not Unto Temptation, two girls; Recitation, Please Vote it Out, Kathryn Godward; Recitation, Somebody's Boys, Nellie Peterson; Reading, Good of the Order—Why Ned Said No, Amy Gunthier; Recitation, The Cigarette Boys, Glen Burleson; Song, We Are Coming, Dear Leader, The Union; Recitation, Wanted—a Father, Della Fredrickson; Recitation, When I am a Man, Arnold Fredrickson; Song, My Mother's White Ribbon, two girls; Music, the band; Reading, The Moderate Plan, Dora Fredrickson; Recitation, Since Papa Doesn't Drink, Artie McMullen; Recitation, You Smartly, Nellie McMullen; Song, Just a Little

Sunshine, four girls; Recitation, Advice Gratis, Blanche Albaugh; Recitation, A Threat from Little Tommy, Lloyd Partow, Recitation, What of Today, Florence McKinnon; Recitation, A Temperance Story, Omia Wright; Address, Mr. W. O. Godward; Music, the band; Recitation, Why Daddy Signed the Pledge; Gertrude Partlow; Reading, A Little Child Shall Lead Them, Mrs. Partlow; Drama Literature Demonstration by the Union; Song, America, by Audience; Benediction, Pastor C. A. Armstrong. Time of program one hour and 51 minutes. Collection \$7.06. Kensal union finds this is a great help and a good way to get the people interested in the temperance work—if only we could do more to help out with this great work—we are weak but every day trying to do more for the cause.—Feb. 16, '16. Kensal union is very glad to have put in the White Ribbon Bulletin a few words concerning their first Fathers' meeting, which was held Thursday evening, Feb. 14, in the basement of the M. E. church. It sure was a success, to what the sisters thought it would be. The meeting opened with about thirty men present, not all fathers but mostly all, and quite a number of ladies, as the fathers were to bring their ladies with them. The meeting was opened by singing Blest be the Tie that Binds, then prayer by Rev. Armstrong, a reading and a few recitations were listened to, then a short speech by the Pastor and a number of fine selections by the band were rendered. After this a few minutes were given for visiting and exchanging jokes. A delightful lunch was served by the union. Now, dear workers, do not get discouraged; just try a Fathers' meeting. Kensal union is planning on one every two months at least. Hoping for your success I remain one in this great work.—Mrs. Gertrude Partlow, Sec'y.

AMENIA—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Amenia, spent a pleasant and profitable afternoon and evening Friday in an institute held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Cure. Mrs. F. H. Wilder, president of 15th district, was present and helped with the program, which was in charge of Mrs. R. B. Reed and Mrs. H. B. Corsette. At 6 o'clock the gentlemen came and an appetizing supper was served. Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. Russell Gowan and Mrs. C. E. Ulvestad, were the capable supper committee. During the afternoon and evening the following program was carried out.

AFTERNOON

Devotionals
Singing—White Ribbon Rally Song
Object of Institute—Mrs. Carrie Budrow
Paper—Achievements of the National W. C. T. U.
Solo—"Two Eyes of Gray"—Mrs. Edwyn Evans
Talk—"What the N. D. W. C. T. U. is Doing"—Mrs. F. H. Wilder
Paper—"Peace"—Mrs. H. B. Corsette
Solo—"When Love is Sweet"—Mrs. Walter R. Reed
Drill on State Minutes and Question Box—Mrs. F. H. Wilder

EVENING

Piano Solo—"Kamennoi Ostrow"—Mr. C. H. Wood
Reading—"A Child's Dream of a Star"—Mrs. C. H. Wood
Vocal Solo—"In An Old Fashioned Town"—Mrs. Walter R. Reed
Address—Mrs. F. H. Wilder
Quartet—Mrs. Walter R. Reed, Mrs. Edwyn Evans, Mr. Russell W. Gowan and Mr. C. H. Wood.

Amenia has gained several new members since last fall. They had all their state dues and pledges paid before the first of January, and have enough points already answered to make their a Banner Union.—Mrs. W. W. Brown.

RALEIGH—The Raleigh W. C. T. U. met Friday, Feb. 11, at the home of Mrs. Esther E. Fisher. Several matters of importance were attended to and plans were made to carry on the work in different departments in the future.—Blanche Steele, Sec'y.

FROM SUPT. SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS.

Some of the benefits to be derived from holding Social Meetings and observing Red Letter Days:

Growth of public sentiment in favor of our organization; the agitation of moral reforms; it makes and sustains interest in the unions; creates a greater love for the cause; increases membership; promotes the social element and gives the opportunity of distributing literature, which is one of the best methods of educating the public. Whether the meetings shall be held in the afternoon or evening, inviting women, or men and women, depends entirely on the place and your preference. Any social tea, or reception where the work is presented, may be classed as social meetings, whether held in a home, W. C. T. U. room or church parlor. Refreshments add very much to the social interests. Membership contests can also be included in this department, as they are always closed in a social manner, the losing side preparing the program and refreshments. These contests will increase the membership of any local union, try it.

Observe as many Red Letter Days as possible, they bring into remembrance those who have labored to uplift humanity and for the enforcement of state and government laws, whose names are especially dear to all white ribboners. A list of these are given with programs in leaflets which I have distributed to nearly all unions. The Union Signal program for Red Letter Days are well prepared and can be used to good advantage in any union.

A great deal of the social work is not reported, therefore it is very essential that each local union have a superintendent, who should keep an accurate record of the number of social meetings held, Red Letter Days observed, honorary members gained, amount of money received in offerings at these meetings, pages of literature distributed, and number of members gained who have paid their dues, the latter is very important as it determines which state is entitled to the banner.

Let us magnify this department in our state this year, hold more social meetings, observe Red Letter Days, gain members and distribute literature, that our report cards may be filled at the end of the year.

MRS. J. H. McMULLEN,
Minnewaukan, N. D.

Tennessee went beyond her task last year. She was assigned 800 new members as her proportion of the desired gain but at the national convention was able to report a gain of 1229. At her state convention department convention conferences of an hour were held each day directly after the noon intermission.

GRAND FORKS Scandinavian union is having a genuine revival of interest. Their treasury is in healthy condition. One evening social in Zion Lutheran church netted them \$43. They hold meetings every two weeks.

KINTYRE plans to hold an all day institute on March 18th. The president of the ninth district hopes to hold several more in the district.

DICKINSON is to hold a gold medal contest at the time of the county superintendents' meeting, and are also planning to have Mrs. Keener give an address before that body of educators.

STANLEY is to have a public Antinarcotic meeting in the high school. The city superintendent of schools is arranging the program.

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My Dear Fellow Workers:

Heartfelt greetings. I hope to know you all much better a little later on, as we work together. There are so many great possibilities in the Flower Mission Department that it seems one of the most important divisions in the whole work. Not only do the activities of this department give us opportunities to scatter cheer and blessings about us from day to day, but because of the nature of our work we are particularly fitted to co-operate with and help nearly every other department as well.

The Flower Mission Department has grown away beyond the distribution of blossoms, beautiful as they are, and includes a great deal of relief work. In times of trouble or disaster in any community, we aim to co-operate just as far as possible in relieving distress.

We cannot all go out and carry on meetings in penitentiaries, or assist in mammoth parades. We can give of what we have to spare to those who need it. Housecleaning time comes soon. Sort out and gather up your temperance and Sunday School papers and other good magazines which you will not use, and put to one side ready for directions later. Your local superintendent will be glad of your gifts, or drop me a card and I will give you directions where to send them as soon as I get the work in hand. Used Christmas and other pretty cards are very acceptable. I will be very glad to receive suggestions at any time along this line.

When the new seed and nursery catalogs, with their gorgeous pages, are before us and we make out our orders, include a few more seeds of flowers and vines for window boxes or gardens, a shrub or a tree, to brighten life for others later. We tithe our time and our money for the Lord's work, why not tithe our gardens this year for this little corner of service in His Vineyard? Plan supplies for special days, meetings and conventions.

It is none too early to plan on Arbor Day exercises. Unions should co-operate with schools, or with towns and villages for parks. Some of us who are scattered out in the country can co-operate with the country school nearest us, planting a tree, shrubbery or a hedge as best fits the need or location. As the Scotchman said "It will be growin' while ye're sleppin'."

Yours for service,

INEZ LEE,
Supt. Flower Mission Dept.
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