

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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DORCAS

If I might guess, then guess I would;
Amid the gathering folk,
This gentle Dorcas one day stood,
And heard what Jesus spoke.

She saw the woven, seamless coat,—
Half envious for his sake:
"O happy hands," she said, "that
wrought
That honored thing to make!"

Her eyes with longing tears grow dim;
She never can come nigh
To work one service poor for him
For whom she glad would die!

But hark! he speaks a mighty word;
She hearkens now indeed!
"When did we see thee naked, Lord,
And clothed thee in thy need?"

The King shall answer, "Inasmuch
As to my brothers ye
Did it,—even to the least of such,—
Ye did it unto me."

Home, home she went, and plied the
loom,
And Jesus' poor arrayed.
She died,—they wept about the room,
And showed the coats she made.
—By George Macdonald.

FROM MEDAL CONTEST SUPT.

Medal contests have been quite popular this month. Thirteen contests were reported.

Mrs. Bertha Lee Broyles of Park River reports two contests held with the students of the Walsh County Agricultural and Training School. One contest was of young ladies and the other young men.

Jamestown union held a successful girls' contest. There were nine contestants in the class. Much interest is working up there in this department.

Mrs. Lottie Rosencrans of Towner reports the first one of her repeat contests, this was held at Rugby Receipts were \$21.

The union at Sawyer held another girls' contest. Gertrude Fitzpatrick won the silver medal.

A boys' silver medal contest was held at Fairmount, March 31. Paul Pinkney won this medal, his selection was "The Bobolink." Mrs. Elizabeth T. Biggs, contest superintendent, is busy planning other contests to be held soon.

Three contests were held by the Epping union. One at Epping on March 26th, over 200 people attended this contest. Unanimous vote was taken to send resolutions to congress to pass Hobson's National Prohibition bill. The other two were repeat contests held at Brooklyn Center and Wheelock. Mrs. Beachler writes that she expects to organize a union at the latter place soon.

Ryder held a very successful "Black Rock" contest. Everyone was delighted with the program. One farmer was so pleased that he wrote a check for five dollars and presented it to the W. C. T. U. to

help in carrying on their work.

Mrs. Virginia Keener conducted three contests for the Stanley union—two in the W. C. T. U. series and one Matron's Suffrage contest. Seven new members were gained. Proceeds from the three contests, \$33.60. The Stanley paper says: "The community is deeply indebted to Mrs. Keener for the work she has done among our boys and girls. All of the contestants showed the results of her good training. Not only has she done good work in the cause of temperance, but she has also disclosed to all who heard the boys and girls, the fact that we have the material for winning H. S. Debating and Declamatory teams."

There was a misunderstanding in giving the report of the Leeds contest in March. It should have read: "Mrs. Brown, L. T. L., superintendent, held a silver medal contest in her L. T. L. and two new members were secured for the Legion."

EMMA LOCKWOOD,
Valley City, No. Dak.
April 18, 1916.

FROM SUP'T FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS

Fairmount, N. D., Apr. 2, 1916.

Dear Comrades:

Now that spring is here it is time for us to plan for Fairs and Open Air Meetings. I wish each union would hold at least one Open Air Meeting during the summer. Have a W. C. T. U. speaker also one on Suffrage. Have a suffrage parade, decorate the autos with yellow bunting and Votes for Women pennants. Then stop at the best location on the street and have your meeting. Give out literature to everyone.

Plan to have our W. C. T. U. represented at each fair in your vicinity. Have a rest room, nursery, check room, etc. Have all kinds of literature for free distribution, marked "Compliments of the W. C. T. U." Take subscriptions for the Union Signal, Woman's Journal and Young Crusader.

If possible serve refreshments and in this way try and get money to help carry on the work.

Commence now to plan for the 4th of July celebration. Get one of our best speakers on the program. If there is to be an Old Settlers' Picnic in your town, write the president and ask to have one of our speakers put on the program. Perhaps some of you may have some new ideas. If so please write me about it, as I shall be very glad of your help.

Hoping that each union will do their very best this year,
I am yours for service,
IDA SPARKS CLARKE.

The women of Edmonton, Alta., voted for the first time in the recent municipal elections. The result was an endorsement of the entire "property owners' clean slate."



LULU WYLIE ZIMMERMAN

FROM SUPT. OF PURITY AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS

[We know every reader of the White Ribbon Bulletin will be glad of this cut of Mrs. Zimmerman. The excellent March number of the Chautauquan, published in Valley City, shows the effective work she did in regard to our State Baby Week Campaign. Send for the magazine—only 25c for six numbers—all of interest to women of our state.—Ed.]

Valley City, N. D., Mch. 3, 1916.

Dear White Ribboners:

This is a most opportune time for special endeavor along lines of "Moral Education." In the wake of a "Nation-Wide Baby Week," what is the next step? After we have done the very best to feed and clothe the baby, must we allow his inner self to become polluted with the evil that stands to grip him as soon as he is old enough to mingle with others. We surely find that just so soon as the child reaches the questioning age, we need all the information possible as well as the wisdom and guidance from a Higher Source. In order to promote the necessary knowledge, place into the hands of every mother literature such as the leaflets, "My little living interrogation point," "Don'ts for Parents," "Open letter to Mothers and Teachers," "Sacredness and Responsibility of Motherhood and Fatherhood," "Its Different," "Tactful Mother," "Beginning of Bodily Education," etc., etc. Upon request I shall send these or other leaflets, also shall be so glad if any one interested would make use of any of the following books or pamphlets:

Training of the Human Plant—Burbank.
Child Confidence Rewarded—M. W. Allen.

(Continued on page 3.)

FROM SUPT. S. S. WORK

Bottineau, N. D., April 12, 1916.

Dear Sunday School Worker:

Several months have elapsed since our state convention at Carrington, and we are beginning to wonder what the annual harvest will be when we again assemble in the thriving city of Grafton.

We shall reap what we have sown, and in proportion to the amount of seed we have scattered, and the care it has received.

Youth is the season that produces the greatest fruitage, and this makes it not only necessary but imperative that this department of our work should not be neglected, and that the right kind of seed should be selected for the sowing.

Anti-Cigarette Day is observed on June 11, and the title is "Sowing and Reaping," the lesson text: Galatians 6.

The Temperance Topic: The Seed-Sowing and Harvest of the Liquor and Tobacco Sellers.

Program Points: Practical talk on the Moral and Physical Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco. Anti-Cigarette Exercise. Pledge Signing Against Cigarettes and Tobacco. Distribution of well selected literature.

On August 6 occurs our next regular temperance lesson. The title is "The Greatest Thing in the World." Lesson Text: 1 Cor. 13.

Temperance Topic: God's Law of Love—Love Worketh no ill to His Neighbor.

Program Points: Symposium by senior classes. Topic: How does Christian love prompt to service in the temperance cause? Medal Contest Program. Pledge signing exercise. Surely these are important subjects for us to consider. Send to Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, 115 Walnut Street, Riverside, Cal., for the quarterly budget which contains sample programs, pledge cards and helpful literature. Price 15 cents.

Our National Superintendent says: "One great aim in Sunday School work should be to pledge every member to total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and to so interest and instruct the Sunday School as to enlist every member in active service in the Temperance Cause."

Let the appeal for pledge signers be clear and concise. The importance of the signing and the conscientiously carrying out of the spirit of the pledge, should in no sense be minimized. It is a pledge of service to God, Home and Humanity.

Please keep a record of all who have signed the pledge during the year as well as of those who have previously done so and report the number to me when it is called for, as well as the number of addresses and pages of literature distributed.

Let us rally our forces for effective work and do it now.

Yours for service,
MARY M. CAREY,
Supt. Sunday School Work.

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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.

All manuscript for publication must be in my hands by the 15th of each month. Send all communications to:

Mrs. E. M. POLLOCK,
FARGO, N. DAK.

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Make money orders payable to National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill.

Calvin reports 55 new members for their local W. C. T. U.

We wonder if the women of North Dakota know that the Personal Liberty League, The Society for Dissemination of Knowledge, National Information Bureau, and other mis-named societies, are sending out "fillers" to newspapers everywhere containing grossly false statements in regard to prohibition. Some of them are even published in our own state. Editors, themselves, are not aware of the pernicious statements in the body of the articles. The titles are so misleading that the headline reader would think he had a real prohibition article. Watch out for these articles and call the attention of the editor to their perniciousness. He will thank you and be more careful in the future.

Standing Rock Indians organized a W. C. T. U. in January, of this year. Officers chosen are, president, Mrs. Thos. Frosted; vice president, Mrs. Julia B. Bear; corresponding secretary, Lucy N. Heart; recording secretary, Susan Littlecrow; treasurer, Naomi Lanter. In Sioux county there are 109 members five local unions with \$30.55 in the general treasury. The secretary writes that all the above named officers are life time temperance workers but now want to be a part of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. organization. She speaks with appreciation of the help given by Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers, when she visited the Indians at Standing Rock. The Unions are to have a convention and we hope to publish an account of it in an early number. They are also to send delegates to the 19th District convention.

I wonder if many of us realize what a help to the temperance cause is the great army of school teachers. More and more temperance programs are being given in our schools. We give these from Dazey High school and Walsh County Agricultural school:

PROGRAM

Music, School; Reading, "Only Joe," Maurice Keigrise; Does Prohibition Prohibit? (with statistics shown by chart prepared by pupil) John Nelson; Progress of Prohibition (illustrated by map) Edna Peterson; Liquor Men's Argument Against Prohibition, Roy Duff; The Devil's Railroad (illustrated by map) W. L. Hodge; Music, Quartet; Prohibition Pageant, 19 Girls; Music, Duet; Prohibition and Prosperity, Paul Jones; Chemical Experiments, illustrating the effects of alcohol, W. L. Hodge; Newspaper, Latest Prohibition News, Elda Peterson; Music, "The Saloon Must Go," School; Tableau, The Jug or the Boy, Which?

MEDAL CONTEST

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, by students of Walsh County Agricultural and Training School, Miss Walsted, Director.

PROGRAM

Invocation, Rev. Wallace. Girls' Contest—Mother's Promise, Ruth Gire; The Youth and the Tree, Pearl Evelyne; Guilty or Not Guilty, Nora Drevsky; A Voice from the Poor-house, Irene Erickson; The Brave Hunter's Child, Signun Northfield; The Drinking House Over the Way, Annie Moen; Music, "The Shower," Girls' Chorus

BOYS' CONTEST

"The Two Tales," Clinton Knutson; Salvation from the Saloon, Gilbert Lindgren; Our Christian Duty, Clarence Peterson; Off to the Front, John Ramsey; An Enduring Nation, George Berg; The W. C. T. U., Albert Bennington; Music, Violin Selections, Miss Ella Hanson; Awarding Medals, Mrs. Broyles, Contest Supt., W. C. T. U.

Boys' medal won by Albert Bennington, of Park River. Girls' medal won by Signun Northfield of Edinburg.

BERTHA LEE BROYLES,
Contest Supt.

"Mary had a little vote, which roamed the state about
And everywhere that Mary went, John Barleycorn went out."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:

Before this letter reaches you you will know through the daily papers whether or not the resubmissionists have succeeded in gathering a sufficient number of signatures to the re-submission petition to force upon us a fight for our prohibition law.

Whatever the result of this effort we are profoundly impressed with the absolute necessity of being in a constant state of preparedness to meet the issue when it comes. The greatest danger is indifference on the part of good people and next to that is over confidence. We must not forget that we are fighting—not only the Personal Liberty League of the German American Alliance of North Dakota, but the great liquor forces of the United States, that they have a great campaign fund at their command; that they are unscrupulous in their methods and that at this time, having been driven out of so large a part of the territory of the United States, they are fighting as never before for their life.

The preparedness that we as a state W. C. T. U. most need is a great increase in membership and in efficiency. We can have this speedily if every officer and every member will do her share toward bringing it about. Splendid results come where unions systematically make a canvass of the churches inviting every woman to join. Some unions where it was thought impossible to increase their membership, have doubled their forces through the membership contest. Whatever plan is decided upon, it is necessary in order to be successful, to have it thoroughly worked and followed up—that these new members may become active and enthusiastic workers in our cause.

To increase the efficiency of our organization, we need in every union, to increase the subscription list of The Union Signal, and we need to use more of the splendid literature published by the National W. C. T. U. Every worker should be supplied with a copy of the Annual Leaflet—2 cts. each, one dollar a hundred—with a catalogue of publications, and the union should subscribe for the Monthly Budget, one dollar per year, and thus receive each month all the new leaflets, posters, post cards, pledge cards, etc., published during the month. These may all be had from the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill. North Dakota Hand Book and State Report—to be secured from our North Dakota W. C. T. U. Headquarters, Fargo.

At a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the W. C. T. U., Scandinavian Total Abstinence Association, and the Enforcement League at which Mrs. R. M. Pollock and I represented the W. C. T. U., it was voted to endorse Hon. U. L. Burdick for governor; Hon. A. T. Kraabel for Lieutenant Governor and States Attorney William Langer for Attorney General. It was deemed wise not to take further action in regard to candidates at this time.

It is of the greatest importance that the nomination at the primaries for members of the legislature be carefully guarded by the good people of each district. The Legislative Committee could not go into this, not having a reliable report of candidates and conditions in each district. You, who are on the ground, are in a better position to look after this. If a member of the last legislature is up for re-nomination, carefully examine his record; if he voted against temperance measures and against woman suffrage or changed his vote on that question, you surely cannot afford to have him returned. Find out how all

candidates for the legislature stand on these vital questions, and then remember that unless they are men of integrity, of character and intelligence, they will be easily handled by the re-submission-anti-suffrage politicians at Bismarck.

You will all rejoice to know that our efficient headquarters secretary, Mrs. Minette B. Howe, who was obliged to undergo a serious operation early in March, is now rapidly improving and hopes to be able to resume work in June.

Miss Minerva Williams of Jamestown, who proved to be a capable office stenographer and helper during the suffrage campaign, is assisting at headquarters during Mrs. Howe's absence. Your president has slipped away for a little rest and change, and Mrs. Wylie will have charge of the work at headquarters while I am gone.

Mr. Anderson and I spent Easter Sunday with our son Howard in Chicago, and the next day visited Evanston and had the pleasure of taking dinner with our National President, Miss Gordon, and greeting the general officers, and every member of the headquarters family. We are now in Washington, D. C., attending the wonderful National Missionary Congress, and from here will go to Saratoga Springs, New York, to look in upon the General Conference of the Methodist church—which will be in session there during the month of May.

I will be back in time for district conventions and hope to return refreshed and with new courage and inspiration for our great work.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON
Washington, D. C., Apr. 27, 1916.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received from Feb. 23rd to March 21st.

Sherwood, dues	\$ 1 40
Edgeley, memorial	5 00
Kenmare, memorial	2 00
Milnor, dues	70
Fargo, memorial, dues	5 50
Park River, state, memorial, headquarters	19 00
Woodworth, dues	1 40
Valley City, dues	38 50
Hillsboro, memorial, dues	13 20
Bismarck, dues	70
Rolla, memorial, dues	5 50
Tolley, dues	5 60
Reeder, memorial, dues	2 70
Grafton, dues	4 90
Esmond, L. T. L., dues	70
Annie S. Greenwood, state	5 00
Devils Lake, state \$5, dues \$7.	12 00
Amenia, dues	14 70
Lidgerwood, dues	12 60
Dickinson, dues	1 40
Minnewaukan, dues, memorial	7 60
Milnor, memorial	2 00
Oberon, memorial	2 00
Enderlin, state, dues	2 70
Sheldon, mem., Stevens, dues	4 70
Lawton, dues	4 20
Grand Forks, state, dues	14 90
Hankinson, memorial	2 00
Hazleton, headquarters	4 00
Park River, Stevens	2 00
Sheldon, headquarters	5 00
Carrington, hdq., mem., Stevens, state	13 00
Towner, mem., dues	5 50

EDNA F. SALMONS.

FROM CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

April 14, 1916

Editor White Ribbon Bulletin,
At Fargo the W. C. T. U. endorsed me for Attorney General; and I want you to know that if I am elected I will do the very best I can to carry out those things which I believe to be right. If you know of any way in which I can help I will be very glad, indeed, to hear from you.

Most truly yours,
William Langer.

FROM MRS. WYLIE.

Comrades Beloved:—

How welcome these beautiful spring days after our long cold winter! How busy we are, too, with our various household duties! Imperative as these are, we recognize the relative importance of our W. C. T. U. work and are determined it shall not be crowded out. With renewed enthusiasm, let us, as Frances Willard said "fling ourselves out into the thickening battle; let us live the life of action which is the only true and happy life."

"Get into the fight, with heart and might,
For the sake of the weary throng
Of waifs unclad, and women sad
And brother men gone wrong.
Get into the fight, for the dawn is bright

Of the day not far remote
When o'er our land, from strand to strand
A stainless flag shall float."

You are all pleased, of course, that our state president, Mrs. Anderson, is off for a much-needed vacation, and with her husband, Rev. Jas. Anderson, is attending the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. In her absence the work at Headquarters will be looked after by the corresponding secretary, assisted by Miss Minerva S. Williams, of Jamestown. During Mrs. Bowers' absence from the office, Miss Williams has been rendering very efficient service and we were fortunate in being able to secure her.

With a courage that knows no defeat Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers has been going forward. While in First District, she organized a promising union at Rock Lake. Since Easter Sunday she has been at work in the Seventeenth District, and at present is working along the "Soo" railroad. Mrs. Bowers organizes an L. T. L. wherever there is the slightest possibility, and already has eight legions to her credit in April.

An L. T. L. worthy of special mention is that at LaMoure, with Mrs. T. H. Benjamin as superintendent. One hundred and twelve have signed the total abstinence pledge. An L. T. L. Rest Room and Reading Room located in the City Hall, was to be opened for the first time April 29th. A circulating library will be secured and other attractions added.

Our state superintendent of Medical Temperance, Mrs. A. E. M. Bolton, of Jamestown, was one of the speakers at the State Nurses' Convention held at Minot this month. Mrs. Bolton's address was received with appreciation.

Ms. Bertha Lee Broyles, of the Walsh County Agricultural and Training school at Park River, who is also contest superintendent for the district, has held a series of medal contests for boys and girls in the school.

The National department of Christian Citizenship, of which Mrs. Emma L. Starrett, Central City, Nebraska is superintendent, offers \$25 for the best temperance poster designed by a college or university student and \$10 for the second best. Also for the best cartoon designed by a student in the 7th or 8th grade or high school, a prize of \$25 is offered. For further particulars write the state superintendent of this department, Miss Nelle M. Osmun, Buford.

District officers are planning the annual conventions. It seems as though most of these will be held in June, with the exception of 15th and 16th districts which meet in May.

A very interesting letter has been received from the Indian union at Cannon Ball. They want a speaker and later a convention.

Mrs. Virginia Keener continues to meet with success in her contest work. She has addressed several gatherings of teachers in the interests of her department.

Mrs. Lizzie O. Middleton, of Kansas City, Mo., is beginning at Minot an itinerary of some weeks, in the state. She will speak at several district con-

FROM SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Questions asked by J. W. Riley, Supt. of schools, and answered in Cass county schools.

7th and 8th Grades

1. State the difference between a narcotic and a stimulant.
 2. Name three narcotics and three stimulants.
 3. Is it dangerous to use cider as a beverage? Why or why not?
 4. How does alcohol get into the blood.
 5. How does alcohol affect the lungs? The kidneys?
 6. How does alcohol invite disease?
 7. The drunkard has lost many things; which is the hardest to regain?
 8. What is "delirium tremens"?
 9. At what period in life are narcotics likely to do the most injury?
 10. What is our annual national "drink bill?" (approximately)
- 4th 5th and 6th Grades.
1. What is tobacco? Nicotine?
 2. Why is the use of cigarettes more harmful than the use of cigars or tobacco in a pipe?
 3. How does cigaret smoking affect the moral character of the user?
 4. What do the records of students show with reference to the use of tobacco?
 5. What is the harm in a "chew of tobacco?"
 6. How does the use of tobacco often lead to the use of alcohol?
 7. Suppose you put a pipe-full of tobacco into a quart of water; then drop in a small fish. what will happen to the fish? Why?
 8. What is snuff? What harm in its use?
 9. How is growth affected by the use of tobacco?
 10. State five advantages that the non-smoker has over the smoker.

PURITY AND MOTHERS MEETINGS

(Continued from page 1)

Teaching Truths—M. W. Allen.

Truths—Dr. E. B. Lowry.

Moral Problem of the Children—Allen.

Reproduction and Sexual Hygiene—W. S. Hall, M. D.

Pamphlets prepared by, Society of Sanitary and Moral Prophylaxis, New York City—No. 1 The Young Man's Problem. No. 2 Instruction in the Physiology and Hygiene of Sex. For Teachers. No. 3. The Boy Problem. No. 4. How My Uncle, the Doctor, Instructed Me in Matters of Sex. No. 5. Health and Hygiene of Sex.

I shall gladly loan any of the above if you kindly cover cost of postage.

Yours for better babies and stronger men and women for tomorrow,

LULU WYLIE ZIMMERMAN.

Superintendent, Purity and Mother's Meetings.

FIELD NOTES.

MCKENZIE—We are in working order and are trying to make this an influential organization. A membership contest was launched last spring, and under the faithful management of the vice president, Mrs. S. B. Norton, was carried on, and 17 new members gained. At the entertainment closing the contest a number of the ladies of the Bismarck Union met with us. The severity of the weather and a threatened scarlet fever siege prevented some of the public work the first of the year. We had to give up the Memorial service and one other gathering we hoped to have, but the Union voted to send the \$2.00 to the Memorial fund anyway. We have an active Flower Mission, and the suffering and sorrowing ones are remembered. A W. C. T. U. library has been started but it is in its infancy yet. Yours for progress Mrs. L. E. Heaton.

ventions. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder will work on the N. P. west to Beach, also in the southwestern part of state.

Faithfully yours,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Bowesmont, N. Dak., April 28th, 1916

FAIRMOUNT—Held its regular annual supper and reception for new members at the home of their president, Ida Sparks Clarke, on the evening of March 24. Although it was almost a blizzard and the roads impassable there were 32 out and six new members were taken in. A fine program consisting of readings recitations and music was given after which a four course supper was served. A 10 cent lunch is served after each regular meeting and everybody invited. Each member has contributed rags for a rug, they are now woven and selling for \$1.25 apiece. We are also planning for a suffrage tea soon. We have a committee, of which Mrs. Dick is chairman, for getting new members, she certainly is the right woman in the right place. We expect to gain our share of new members this year. Mrs. C. E. Templeton, Secy.

JAMESTOWN—The Jamestown W. C. T. U. has been busier than ever since last I wrote. We observed Frances Willard Memorial with a fitting program, to which the public was invited, and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Two special meetings in regard to petitioning the city council for a police matron were held during March, with speeches by leading citizens. At one of these meetings there were from 80 to 100 women present. Twice the ladies of the W. C. T. U. attended meetings of the city council when this question was presented and discussed. The council consented to engage a police matron for a few months as an experiment, to be continued if the plan proves a success. On the evening of March 27 a very fine silver medal contest was held, nine girls from the sixth grade participating. All did especially well and some gave evidence of marked ability along this line. The medal was awarded to Viola Harper, Sylvia Berg and Isabelle Fraser receiving second and third places respectively. Several musical numbers by the young people added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The Methodist church was filled and the contest proved a great success. The young people plan to repeat the program at several smaller towns nearby in the near future. Sincerely, Mrs. R. P. Wolfer.

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YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR TEMPERANCE SERVICE.

Edison spends his entire life in watching for opportunities and in making the most of them by carrying out the ideas which he has.

Bacon said, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

"See where are clustered at our door The little ones—the souls God bade us know:

Each day our chance to pay the debt we owe;

Each hour the chance to bring them to our knee;

Each little heart the ground where seed shall grow—

Each little child God sends for Opportunity."

The efforts of the promoters of the Liquor Traffic to "create appetite" in the younger generation is so despicable, so heartless, may we never lose an opportunity of teaching children the truth about alcohol. Put the temperance facts before your girls and boys in the Sunday Schools in black and white. Illustrate to them. "What goes in through the eyes sticks, for there are no eyes on the back of the head through which a fact may escape."

There is certain work and a certain place to fill that no one can fill so well as you!

We can't all go out and organize L. T. L.'s—we CAN talk with the small boy or girl in our own homes—who comes on an errand or a visit. Help them into the joy of service. Subscribe for the Young Crusader for all the children of the neighborhood, and get it into the hands of your Sunday School and day schools. Every woman who does something for somebody is worth while. The woman who does the most for people is the most worth while.

Be watchful for opportunities. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, be all there. Never leave God out in making your plans. Do not forget His might, His love, His wisdom, His power. It is a great thing to have God for a partner.

If you are the head of a department, become a specialist in that department: Think for it, plan for it, work for it, live for it.

We are fighting the liquor traffic—not the man. Liquor people hate the Women's Christian Temperance Union. They fear it, they dread its power. Yet they have a respect for the organization which is so fearless.

It takes courage and enthusiasm to meet with the sneers and gibes and indifference of those who perhaps do not oppose openly total abstinence, but who stand up for moderate drinking. Liquor drinking seldom appeals to the stingy, the avaricious, the small—it is always the open, good hearted, impulsive, free, frank young fellow with lots of friends, whom the liquor dealer goes after. They don't go after the little men, the mean—they take the best—they want the very best boys and young men. And so we soon have the moderate drinker with us, the man who takes a glass of beer or a drink of liquor on special occasions—when he feels like it, or when "out with the boys." And when remonstrated with, he says, "Oh, I never drink enough to hurt me, I never get drunk. I am a moderate drinker—I know enough to stop." You tell me when a pig becomes a hog—and I'll tell you when a moderate drinker becomes a drunkard.

Listen to Richard P. Hobson: "We are fighting an enemy that has been conquering for three thousand years and he employs all the great laws of war. We must follow these laws. The first law is: Make your preparation. The next law is: Be prepared so that you can wield all your forces. That means you must drill them as an army; you must be organized to the last unit. When we finally declare war and when we are upon the battle line, we must follow the eternal laws of strategy and here is the fundamental rule: Whenever a great state is to decide whether it is to have prohibition in its constitu-

tion, turn the whole power of your army on that battlefield. Down in Alabama we had to fight all the liquor forces of the nation, and almost of the world, but we were practically left alone on our side except for the W. C. T. U. You are engaged in a terrible war, but you may well go away today with a song in your hearts, because it is written in the book of fate that the universe is not to be blighted, it is written in the book of fate that this great destroyer—the liquor traffic—shall be destroyed. But the Almighty is not coming down to do the work Himself; He has placed this work in our hands. Build up strength on defeats, and realize that in our mighty effort to destroy this mighty destroyer, we are in line with the great forces of the universe."

The opportunity to work for Woman's Suffrage. Let me quote from Richard P. Hobson again: "The liquor element flooded some of the farmers down in Alabama but not the farmer's wives."

"These are the women's days—and look what the women do,

Heading the civic work of the world, And turning the wrong to true.

These are the women's days—and see how they take their place,

Helping with counsel, with skill and toil, The onward march of the race."

The franchise for women means that the most powerful home force, the mother, will be encouraged for all time throughout the year, to inform herself on subjects which concern us all. We see over all the land, the organization of juvenile courts, the refining influence of woman in helping to keep the city clean, her intolerance of commercialized vice.

The mayor of Evanston, addressing the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, said recently, "Whenever I want anything done in civic matters, I call on the women. They do better work than the men, they have more time and they take more time to attend to civic matters than men do."

We want the ballot because it will help not only to keep the prohibitory law, but to enforce it. Note what the women of the suffrage states have done in lessening the power of the saloon. Do you know that the greatest opposition comes from the legalized liquor traffic? Do you know that in every state where women have the vote they have reduced the saloons by the hundred? Do you know that the power of the ballot is not only a great responsibility, but gives a blessed opportunity to do those things which make for righteousness, joy and peace?

Listen to the Brewer's Journal for May 1st, 1915. "The franchise will be extended to all women in this country some day. There is little doubt about that now. Within a few years most of our large and industrially developing states will grant the vote to the opposite sex, and where will the brewing industry be then, if it is still considered to be in alliance with the distillers and whisky selling saloons?" Where, oh where?

There is the opportunity to become a member of the W. C. T. U. and work for and with it. It is our duty to develop to their fullest extent our best and highest capabilities. Is there any other organization which offers such incentives to us?

Do you realize the advantages, the necessity and the value of organization? Mrs. A. says: "Oh, I don't need to join the W. C. T. U. I'm just as strong a temperance woman now as I ever could be." Mrs. B. says: "Oh, I'm all right, we never use liquor and my husband is a great temperance worker." Mrs. C. says: "Well, I belong to the Ladies Aid, the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, and my membership wouldn't mean anything anyway, just a name."

Margaret B. Platt writes: "The W. C. T. U. is a great body of women working through organization, along distinct lines for definite purposes; it is working under a constitution which lays down certain basic prin-

ciples and fixed rules for organized action, and local county, state and world wide achievements are attained, not because good people here and there "wish the cause well" or "are in favor of" such results, but because of persistent, wide-spread, organized action, endeavoring through every possible avenue to influence individual, social, religious and political life. A million people may believe in a moral reform, but until belief is organized it makes little headway."

It is a great satisfaction to be able to wear the badge of a worldwide organization, to know that the little bow of white ribbon has bound together in sacred comradeship good women of every continent and every clime. The little badge is recognized as the symbol of total abstinence, prohibition of the liquor traffic, purity and peace. Here is an opportunity to let people know where you stand.

Frances Willard once said: "If the white ribbon was always seen where the white ribboner is, it would be a power of which we have little dreamed."

Mrs. Bullock once organized a large union in Maine where the state officers had difficulty in arranging a meeting because of lack of interest. Nine years before, a young woman had heard Miss Willard in Portland, and joined the union at that time. When the union was finally organized, two of the leading women, replying to congratulations, said, "Mary's white ribbon has done it all; it has been a constant rebuke to us, for she has always worn it although she says very little about it."

In western New York, a faithful white ribboner, on entering a railroad car, noticed three young men under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The youngest dropped his head in confusion when he saw her, which she did not understand. When she left the car the young men stepped out on the platform and this young man followed her into the station, and extended his hand to shake hands with her. "I know I am a stranger to you, but not to the little white ribbon which you wear, for mother used to wear that. Two years ago she died and I have disgraced her name and the little white ribbon ever since. I never drank before mother died, but some way I fell into bad company, and today I started out with two of the worst young men in town on an awful spree, but when I saw your white ribbon I thought of mother. I thought perhaps you would pray for me, for mother's sake, that I might overcome this terrible habit and become a man again." Tears welled into the eyes of the woman as she led him to a seat and talked to him as only a true mother could talk to a motherless boy. He gladly signed a total abstinence pledge, she prayed with him, and he is now a good and useful man, has a faithful wife, a pleasant home and says the turning point in his life was when he saw the little white ribbon on the train.

Wear the white ribbon. "Talk temperance every chance you get, and Talk it good and strong."

A program for World's Temperance Sunday in November will be supplied free of charge by the W. C. T. U. to the Sunday Schools of the United States. Keep this in mind and obtain one for your Sunday School.

No eulogy was ever given greater than that by the Great Teacher: "She hath done what she could."

"It is not what we for ourselves have done, But what, through work of ours, mankind has won

Of real good, that makes us great or small.

He who is greatest, service gives to all."

Paper prepared by Miss Inez Lee.

"THE LEAST OF THESE"

Jesus Christ said "They that are well need not a physician but they that are sick."

Our organization has done a great work throughout the nation, yet there

is one class which is most decidedly "sick" morally, and constantly exposed to the danger of further infection from the two great plagues of modern times—the alcohol and tobacco habits.

This class consists of the messenger boys and hotel bell boys, who are to be found in large numbers in every town of any size in this or any other state.

The messenger boy is surrounded by greater temptations than any other youngster of his age in the community. We must remember that he is not a mere machine as some of us are apt to think him, but a human being with a body and soul as well worth saving as that of his more fortunate brothers.

As a class the messengers are probably the youngest of any of the youthful laborers, and yet in the matter of long hours, and the time of labor they have the hardest positions to fill.

In the first place it must be borne in mind that the home environment of the messenger is usually not of the best. If it was he would not be working as a messenger. He has been taken out of school at an early age. Frequently he is compelled to work until a late hour at night, and thus has no time nor inclination for study. He grows up in an artificial and unwholesome atmosphere. This, however, is not the worst of the situation. In the course of his work the messenger usually comes into intimate contact with the most demoralizing forces of the community. He is the means of communication used by the blindpiggers, the resort keepers and other undesirables, among themselves, and with the other elements of the community. A large portion of his work, especially at night, is among these classes.

Furthermore, the messenger and the hotel bell boy, are usually the agents used by those who, contrary to the law, sell liquor and cigarettes, in carrying on their illicit traffic with the public. In many cases the private messenger service in the towns obtain the greater portion of their business from such sources, and make but a slight effort to mask their violations of the law. From the purveying of liquor and cigarettes, to their use is a short and easy step, and one that is too often taken by the messenger, and to a lesser extent by the bell boy.

Nor do many of these unfortunate youths stop here. Investigations have shown that the use of cocaine and other drugs is common among messenger boys in large cities, while the drinking of large quantities of coffee and other stimulants, during the hours of the night is practically universal.

Where a red light district is maintained, either openly or sub rosa, the messenger boy is constantly in demand and he thus becomes familiar with vice in its most degrading forms.

Under such conditions as these what chance has the boy? Is it not practically certain that he will grow to manhood, stunted, perverted and vitiated, in body, mind and spirit.

It is true that in the small cities and towns of North Dakota conditions are not as bad as in the larger cities of the nation, but it is also true that wherever human depravity exists, the messenger will be brought into contact with it to a greater extent than any other class of the younger generations.

What is the W. C. T. U., and especially the Young People's branch of the organization, going to do to remedy these conditions? There is no doubt that there is a real Macedonian cry here to be answered, to which, up to the present time, we have turned deaf ears. We have done our work among the other young people of the community, but here is a class which we have not even touched.

None of the present forms of activity in use by the association seem to fill the needs of the case. Some new method must be devised to cope with the problem.

The messengers and the bell boys are "sick," they "need a physician." "How shall we answer the call?" is the question for the members of branches of this, our great state and national organizations, to ponder on.