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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## WHEN WILL WAR END?

The following beautiful poem is considered the finest of the century, and is being extensively published in many papers and magazines. It is by Mrs. Margaret Sangster, Jr.:

Life, death and love, once stood beside a field

Where men had fought with sword and gun and shield,  
And as they stood, Life spoke with bated breath,  
And said: "I wonder when the foes will yield."

Then Death, with hollow eye, looked at the men

Who, gasping, lay about his feet, and then—

"I think," he said, "when all the world is drenched  
In blood—the strife will finish—only then."

But love looked far away, with tear filled eyes.

"My friends," he said, "beyond the sun their lies  
A land where flowers bloom, with perfume sweet  
Where no one suffers pain—and no one dies."

And in this country, at the rainbow's end,

There lives a King—who is a Helper—Friend,

Who pardons sin and washes guilt away,

And when men know His love, the war will end."

## FROM PUBLICITY SUPT.

Fargo, N. Dak., May 20, 1916.  
Dear White Ribboners:

The Annual Leaflet summarizes Publicity work thru the Press as follows: "To 'bring the truth to the masses' through the newspapers is the work of this department. In the campaign for National Constitutional Prohibition, as well as in every state and local campaign, the use of the ready-print and plate matter prepared by the National W. C. T. U. Bureau of Publicity, also the monthly clip sheet issued by the Bureau will prove helpful and effective. Press workers are urged to keep always before the reading public the aims and achievements of the local, state and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

I hope every Publicity Superintendent in the state has familiarized herself with the various means mentioned above for carrying on our work and has presented the matter at a meeting of the union to which she belongs. Last year there were 191 newspapers in North Dakota that used either the ready-print or plate matter and so far as we could discover only eight of these were using the W. C. T. U. column prepared by the National W. C. T. U. and furnished to the Western Newspaper Union by them. If an editor is already a subscriber for the plate matter, it will cost absolutely nothing

extra for him to use the W. C. T. U. column. All he needs to do is to stipulate in his next order that he wishes it. Will you bring this to the notice of your editor? If he is not a regular subscriber for the ready-print or plate matter your union may purchase the W. C. T. U. column for him if he will agree to use it.

Write directly to the Western Newspaper Union, Fargo, for further information.

The "monthly clip sheet" or "Press Paragraphs" is a page of bright, up-to-date, short articles that may be used as "fillers" in the place of musty and sometimes questionable jokes. If you wish a sample to give to your editor, write to me for it.

There is more to the Publicity work than the use of the newspapers. Every means that spreads information concerning our work or workers is Publicity work. The success of every department of our great organization depends largely upon the publicity it is given. The successful merchant today is the one who advertises.

As the summer advances and Open Air meetings, Chautauquas, Fairs, etc., are held there will be many opportunities for spreading the gospel of Prohibition and Equality. Let us enter every open door.

I hope for a much larger number of reports this fall than were received last fall. You are doing the work, don't neglect to tell me about it.

Yours for service,  
KATE S. WILDER,  
State Supt.  
1121 7th St. So., Fargo.

## FROM MEDAL CONTEST SUPT.

The year is passing swiftly and we are nearing convention again. I think we will be able to report as many contests as last year, and I trust many more, and if so, it will be splendid. Every year states are voting out the saloons, and we find often, that these states do not for a year or two push this department, until they realize that it is necessary to keep up the sentiment already created.

This is the greatest educational department of the W. C. T. U. and we must keep forging ahead until we have National Constitutional Prohibition.

Calvin union held a very successful matron's contest in the Presbyterian church. Receipts were \$25.75. The class will repeat this contest in another town soon.

The Fargo L. T. L. held a silver medal contest at the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. on April 14, and April 28th a L. T. L. gold medal contest was held in connection with the joint institute of the Fargo and Fargo Scandinavian unions.

The new union at Tolley held a silver medal contest in the opera house. Two-thirds of the net pro-

ceeds were given towards the organ fund for the Tolley school. Proceeds \$28.15.

A boys' contest was reported by the Fargo Scandinavian union. The receipts from this contest \$93.50.

Epping union took a contest class to Springbrook and held an interesting contest May 7th.

Two contests are reported from the Sawyer union. Four new members were gained for the W. C. T. U. and two L. T. L. organized with a membership of 87.

The L. T. L. at LaMoure held a double contest, April 29, with music and declamation. Following this the L. T. L. held a business session, opened by the Lord's Prayer, roll call and responsive reading.

Mrs. Keener conducted three contests this month, one was a Cradle Roll contest at Stanley, held in the church, Sunday afternoon. Three new members enrolled. The other two were held at White Earth. Twenty-six new members were secured at both contests, and the W. C. T. U. at White Earth was re-organized.

EMMA LOCKWOOD,  
Valley City, N. D., May 18, 1916.

## REPORT OF AMENIA W. C. T. U.

49 Active members. (We have paid dues for fifty members this year.)

13 Honorary members.

13 Meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 20.

As a result of a membership contest held in February, we secured 22 active members, and 7 honorary members. We have lost six members by removal, and one by death, during the year. Altogether we have gained 26 active and 8 honorary members during the year.

30 Subscriptions to the "Union Signal," and 20 subscriptions to the "Young Crusader."

Departments of work: Flower Mission—Legislative—Purity and Mothers' Meetings—Red Letter Days—Scientific Temperance Instruction and Temperance Literature.

We have had two social meetings and two mothers' meetings during the year. We had our district president with us Jan. 21st, and held a most interesting and helpful institute.

Our dues-paying meeting was held Oct. 29th, and we sent all dues and pledges to the state treasurer by Nov. 15th. Our memorial offering was \$3.00, in addition to \$2.00 sent with the other pledges. We ordered six copies of the State Report which were distributed to the officers and superintendents.

We have just made our new president, Mrs. Carrie Budrow, a life member.

We have recently adopted the plan of taking up a 10c offering at each meeting. This helps out on the finances and no one seems to feel

it very much.

Flower Mission committee have distributed flowers, fruit, jellies, home-cooked foods, etc.

We sent \$5.00 to headquarters at Fargo, and also \$5.00 toward sending district president to the National Convention.

We held our usual Christmas sale and supper about a month before Christmas, and realized \$154.56. This amount was equally divided between the W. C. T. U. and the Church Aid.

Physical Education is being taught in our school. Our teachers are all members of the W. C. T. U.

We have the handbooks and literature.

We use the printed programs, made out for a year.

Two delegates attended the state convention at Carrington.

## ABSURD! ISN'T IT?

Sounds Like Arguments Against Votes for Women.

The school board at Lancaster, O., in 1823, refused to permit the school house to be used for the discussion of the question as to whether railroads were practical or not, and the matter was recently called to mind by an old document that reads as follows: "You are welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the Word of God about them. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour, by steam, He would have clearly foretold it through His holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."—N. A. Richardson.

## THE CATCHING SMILE.

"Everybody smiled at me. They were all nice people that we met out walking," delightedly reported the tot who had just returned from the park.

"Bless the child, it was her own sweet little smile, ready for everybody, that made them all smile back," laughed the maid who had been along.

If you give good will, you will receive good will in return. Most people will respond to your good opinion of them by thinking well of you. And not the least pleasant thought will come with the knowledge that your smile is helping others, quite as much as their smiles help you.—Comrade.

When asked in Atlanta if women would not want to sit on juries if they could vote, Dr. Anna Shaw replied that lots of women who stand over wash tubs or an ironing board, or behind a counter, would be glad to sit anywhere.

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The little book of Bible Stories by Christine Tingle, published by Natl. W. C. T. U., Evanston, is a bright little book full of the stories that mothers like to tell their children, and so told that all children will love to listen to them, and reward the teller by "tell it again."

The liquor press is making great capital out of the increased output of the distilleries and the decrease in the consumption of beers and wines. They try to make it appear that the onward march of prohibition has only increased the output of strong liquor. Half a truth, as Tennyson says, "Ever the blackest of lies." A lie that is all a lie may be met and fought outright. But a lie that is half a truth is a harder matter to fight. The distilleries are making more strong liquor but it is being used in munition factories for smokeless powder.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received from April 21st to May 21st.	
Miss McGilton, headquarters.....	\$ 5 00
Fargo, dues.....	4 90
Dawson, minutes.....	30
Kennare, dues.....	7 70
Nekoma, L. T. L. dues.....	2 10
Jamestown, dues, L. T. L. Chautauqua, legislative, Stevens, headquarters, minutes, handbooks, literature, state, memorial.....	43 55
Grand Forks Scan, Stevens, headquarters.....	7 00
Pemba, supplies.....	56
Petrel, dues.....	9 10
Drayton, memorial.....	5 00
Bowdon, dues.....	7 00
Fargo Scan, dues, L. T. L., Chautauqua, Stevens, headquarters.....	84 00
Hillsboro, dues.....	7 00
Hope, dues.....	3 50
Minto, dues, state, organizing, L. T. L., Chautauqua, legislative, memorial, Stevens.....	35 00
Shields, handbooks.....	25
New Rockford, dues.....	7 70
Elizabeth P. Anderson.....	50 00
Hunter, memorial.....	2 00
Leeds, L. T. L., dues.....	5 00
Lillie B. Bowers.....	10 00
Hankinson, dues.....	70
Sawyer, dues.....	2 80
Ross, dues.....	5 60
Mooreton, pins.....	25
Grand Forks, state, memorial, Chautauqua, legislative, Stevens, headquarters, literature.....	31 35
Stanley, state, minutes.....	5 45
Kintyre, minutes, dues.....	10 00
Milnor, dues.....	70
Fifteenth District convention, supplies.....	1 35
Gilby, headquarters.....	10 00
Wyndmere, memorial.....	2 00
Niagara, L. T. L., memorial, legislative, state, dues.....	13 90
Kensal, dues.....	2 45
Esmond, L. T. L. dues.....	90
Valley City, state, L. T. L., legislative, Chautauqua, headquarters.....	25 00
Cooperstown, dues.....	9 80

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:

I know you have all been rejoicing with me that the liquor forces, notwithstanding all their efforts, failed to get upon their petition for resubmission twenty-five per cent of the voters in half the counties of the state. This is a great victory for temperance and righteousness and speaks volumes for the character and good sense of the voters of North Dakota. Prohibition has brought such remarkable prosperity and happiness to the citizens of this state, that there cannot be found even one-fourth of the voters in half the counties who wish to go back to the old license system or any other system which legalizes in any form the hellish traffic.

Until we win National Constitutional Prohibition the liquor interests will continue to work to gain a foothold in this state. We must be prepared to meet them in their efforts for a constitutional convention and also in their usual attempts in the legislature to weaken our splendid prohibition law.

It is of the greatest importance that good men be sent to the legislature and that we have an administration in sympathy with the prohibition law and its enforcement. The temperance organizations of the state have endorsed Hon. U. L. Burdick for governor, Hon. A. T. Kraabel for lieutenant governor and Hon. Wm. Langer for attorney general, because they are strong, experienced men and in sympathy with the principles for which we stand.

We have nothing against Mr. Linn P. Frazier who is put forward by the Non-Partisan League, but we question whether any man who has not had experience in political life can meet the difficult and trying situations which confront the governor of a great state and cope with the scheming, unprincipled politicians with which he is surrounded.

Mr. Burdick has had several terms as member of the legislature, has served as speaker of the house and president of the senate. He has proved his ability and his fidelity to the principles of prohibition and woman suffrage.

Col. Fraine, candidate for governor, has had experience in public life and has proven that he is not strongly in sympathy with prohibition and that he is opposed to woman suffrage. As speaker of the house he had an opportunity to serve the temperance cause by appointing a strong temperance committee and a strong temperance man as chairman. Instead of doing this, he appointed a genial gentleman as chairman who said to me the first time I met him, "I don't know why I was appointed chairman of the temperance committee. I am not a temperance man." This committee appointed by Col. Fraine recommended to pass more bills that would have weakened or nullified the prohibition law than any other temperance committee in the history of the state, and if the house had not defeated these measures, our law would have been seriously weakened.

Without the sympathetic co-operation in the last legislature, of the president of the senate, Col. Fraine, it is very doubtful if the suffrage bill after it had passed the senate by a vote of thirty-one to fifteen could have been recalled from the house where it was evident it would carry, and be held up until the legislature adjourned. When the senate, not having votes enough to kill it, refused to act upon the bill, it should have gone automatically back to the house, but President Fraine refused to let it go.

Attorney General Linde, who seeks reelection, has made some spectacular plays to the galleries—but has in numerous instances really

obstructed the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The case for the removal of the States attorney of Emmons county, who would not enforce the law, was dismissed on account of a "mistake" by Mr. Linde in October 1915. He promised to immediately restart the action, but up to May 15, 1916, has not done so. He failed in the injunction cases against the railroads, because of the way in which the complaints were drawn. Judge Amidon stated he would grant permanent injunctions against local railroad property, company, and agent, if he would redraw the complaint so as to apply to local places where illegal liquor had been delivered. Mr. Linde has not chosen to take advantage of this opportunity. His legislative record indicates that he is not in sympathy with reform measures and doubtless explains his attitude toward the enforcement of the prohibition law.

In 1913 when a member of the senate, he introduced a bill to legalize Sunday baseball. During this session his vote is recorded against bills giving the governor power to remove officials who would not enforce the laws, giving attorney general and states attorney authority to examine freight and express records to obtain evidence of the violation of the prohibition law. He failed to vote on anti-cigarette bill, bootlegger bill and eugenics bill.

Is it not time that North Dakota should have an attorney general who is in sympathy with moral laws and who will aggressively enforce them.

Mr. Langer's remarkable record as states attorney for Morton county in cleaning up the blind pigs in that difficult field, is well known to every one in the state, and is convincing proof that he is the kind of man needed in the office of attorney general.

I have just returned from a most interesting convention of the Twelfth District at Jamestown. The attendance was light on account of the storm of wind and rain which prevented those who intended to come by automobiles, but the program was of unusual interest. This district has set for its goal 124 new members, which will give them 500 and the privilege of electing their own delegate to the National Convention at Indianapolis in November.

It was my privilege to spend two weeks at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is in session.

I was delighted at the tremendous enthusiasm shown for the temperance question and for National Constitutional Prohibition. When the episcopal address was read by Bishop Hamilton, calling on the church to move forward for National Prohibition and when the report of the temperance committee was read by the chairman, Judge Chas. A. Pollock, declaring for national prohibition and the death of the liquor traffic in this generation, the 900 delegates and great crowds in the galleries and boxes, cheered and shouted, waved handkerchiefs, hats and papers and sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

I would like to tell you of the declarations of this great conference in other lines, but space does not permit. I have been asked to report it for The Union Signal and you can read it there.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON  
Fargo, N. D., May 29, 1916.

In England alcohol is being used in the preparation of munitions of war. "If," says Lloyd George, minister of munitions, "the whisky pellets we are making do half as much harm to the Germans as they would have done to the people of this country I shall be satisfied."

There is nothing so imprudent as excessive prudence.—Anon.



## 15TH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Fifteenth District annual convention held in Fargo May 16th and 17th was a pleasant and profitable meeting. Fifty delegates were enrolled. Every union in the district reported. America proved to be the banner union of the state as well as the district, having scored 106 points. The reports throughout were excellent and the program was carried out with enthusiasm and kept right up to time by the efficient president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder. We give her report in part:

"We have witnessed another triumphal year in the onward world-wide march of prohibition. Russia has decided to make her ruling against vodka, passed as a war measure, a permanent one. England has limited the hours during which intoxicants may be sold with a notable decrease in drunkenness as a result. France has outlawed absinthe and has but recently held an anti-alcohol congress, at which her most noted scientists discussed alcohol.

"The splendid results that have followed the adoption of state-wide prohibition in Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Arizona have been testified to by the mayors of Denver, of Portland, of Seattle and by many others high in authority.

"Idaho, California, Nebraska, Michigan and Alaska will vote on prohibition in November, and we pray that they may win this great boon. Our neighbors, South Dakota and Montana will also vote on state-wide prohibition this fall. Manitoba will be dry after June 1. The entire west line of Minnesota's counties bordering on North Dakota are dry, and so we will be the center of a large prohibition territory if South Dakota and Montana win their fight. Let us, therefore, do everything we can to help them in their struggle, which is indeed partly our own.

"There has been a decrease of \$1,250,000 a month of the internal revenue collections from distilled spirits despite the fact that wines are paying a higher tax as a result of the emergency war tax.

"If one doubted that national constitutional prohibition was near at hand, a visit to the western coast would prove convincing. In California the owners of vineyards are urged to plant orchards now, that they may have something to fall back on when the state goes dry.

"We cannot take time to read the interesting statistics from the many parts of the country, all proving the great benefit of the prohibitory law; but will mention only those from Clay county, Minnesota, our closest neighbor and good friend. During the four months of July, August, September and October in 1914, while the saloons were running, they had 2,801 arrests, and during the same four months of 1915, after the saloons were closed, they had 115. In other words, there were twenty-five times as many arrests under license as there were with a dry town.

"There are fifty-seven cities of over 30,000 population that are dry to-day. The largest is Seattle with 330,834 population.

"Seven states outlaw liquor advertising in the papers, and we are glad North Dakota is one; Washington, Oklahoma, Oregon, West Virginia, Colorado and Maine are the others. We realize how our cause is gaining ground when such laws are passed, and more especially when a big paper like the New York Tribune decides voluntarily to discontinue liquor ads. \* \* \*

"Whisky and brandy have been outlawed from the American drugstore, as medicine, this year. One of the encouraging signs of our times is that other organizations are beginning to take up the same lines of work that we have, and that individuals everywhere are endorsing prohibition for the nation and total abstinence for the individual. Society has long been considered a warm friend of John Barleycorn, so it was with real joy that we read of the

open statement of Mrs. Joseph M. Gatzam, a society leader of Philadelphia, in which she said: 'There can be no compromise with liquor if America is to be ready to face an emergency of war, and if she is to be prepared to defend her honor. One of the first steps in national preparedness is to banish liquor, and the place to begin this banishment is in the upper circles of society, whose example is followed by people of lesser wealth.'

"We are all so busy with the details of life that we think we can do little more; we may think that with everything coming our way we may relax just a little. \* \* \* That time is not yet, when we read that the new year celebration of the U. S. A. cost over \$3,000,000, most of it spent for liquor.

"Judge Gemmill, of court of domestic relations, Chicago, in making his annual report says nearly 7,000 cases were handled. \* \* \* We still spend \$2,200,000,000 annually for strong drink. There is much yet for us to do.

"The equal suffrage gains in Canada have renewed hope within us. Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba women are now voting on equal terms with their men.

"Let us find out before the primaries how the candidates for the legislature stand on the questions of equal suffrage and prohibition and lend our influence to those who favor them. Let us continue to work for the ballot and to educate ourselves to use it wisely.

"We are glad indeed that the fight against resubmission need not be made this year; but we know our enemies never rest, so let us be preparing. To this end we will work for an increased membership, that our ranks may be filled with intelligent workers.

"Anti-Cigaret Sunday is the second Sunday in June. Have it observed in your Sunday schools and church meetings. The cigaret is still seen too frequently in North Dakota.

"The hand-book prepared by the state W. C. T. U. is recommended for your use. I hope many of our unions will use the program suggested for next year, and that we may all become banner unions.

"The state headquarters is in need of funds, and I hope all the unions in the fifteenth district may all become patrons of the headquarters, which they may do by the payment of \$5 or more.

"Let us not neglect the department work of our organization; place special emphasis upon physical education, Sabbath observance and peace.

"Last year we recommended the placing of a large prohibition map in the public schools. Some of the unions have done this; we hope others may. The scientific temperance charts are also a valuable aid in teaching the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco and should be in every school.

"Examine the books on temperance in your library, and see if they are what they purport to be. If you haven't already sent out The Union Signal to your pastors and teachers, do send it to all of them you can afford to, and certainly to the public library.

"Our hope is that every union may hold at least one institute to which the public should be invited.

"Our special work is to educate the young people and no less ourselves and all others to the truth concerning alcohol. When the whole world knows what alcohol is and what it does, our battle will be won.

"I have distributed about 2,000 pages of literature besides the 1,500 distributed at the convention one year ago. I have written several letters to Washington in your name.

"You have heard from me frequently for I've written you ninety-three letters, seventy-nine postals and have sent out minutes, programs, etc.

"As your president I have made twelve addresses during the year, the most important being at Seattle, when I spoke Sunday morning in a Baptist church. The W. C. T. U. women at Creswell, Ore., heard I was visiting in

the country near there and arranged a public meeting in the church, which I addressed the evening I left there, several of them sitting up with me until the 2 o'clock train went through after the meeting. Last week I had the pleasure of speaking on Suffrage at the convention of the thirteenth Minnesota district, held in Moorhead.

"There have been a number of interviews with teachers and editors, and many small duties that I have been happy to perform and that help to make a full year, but seem too small to be counted if one tried to list them.

"The district reported a good gain last fall so that we had 641 paid members, and we have heard with thankful hearts of the gains already reported for this year.

"We have plans in mind that we hope may mean the organization of several new unions before the state convention.

"May we go forward to greater things than we have yet accomplished, strong in unity, knowing that we cannot fail for the battle is the Lord's and all we do, we will do for and in His name.

## L. T. L. WORK IN SCHOOLS.

Dear White Ribbon Bulletin:

Many inquiries come to me regarding introducing the L. T. L. work in the schools and also concerning different points of the contest work, and as I have little time for correspondence Mrs. Anderson thought it best for me to talk about these branches through the White Ribbon Bulletin. My own method with the L. T. L. work has usually been to call at the schoolhouse, and after telling the teacher whom I represent, ask leave to talk to teacher and pupils a few minutes. Then I tell them as briefly as possible what the W. C. T. U. is, (where they do not already know) its beginning, history and aims, and especially what it has done and is still doing for the schools and young people. That it needs boys and girls to help, and that it wants them to help and this they can do if their teacher feels that she can give a little time to it, say about one hour, perhaps the last hour of Fridays, either once a week or once in two weeks.

The teacher to act as superintendent and the children as officers of the L. T. L. which is to be a literary society to supplement the regular scientific temperance instruction in the school. Tell them that they not only learn the temperance, peace and mercy stories, recitations and songs but they also learn simple parliamentary rules by conducting their business meetings, electing officers, etc. It is better for each room to conduct its own L. T. L. and then join forces for entertainment or contests. I have found it always possible to interest schools in contest work, and I believe this can be done almost everywhere if some capable, earnest woman is chosen superintendent of this department and she will send to our state superintendent, Miss Emma Lockwood, Valley City, for literature and then study it and try to get the teachers to co-operate with her. I suggest that it would undoubtedly prove a good plan for your local union to have a reception for your teachers or a parent and teacher's meeting, and have a good talk or paper prepared on L. T. L. and contest work (send 50c to state headquarters for L. T. L. outfit) followed by discussion and anything else to complete a pleasant and profitable evening.

But after you get your teachers interested and willing to take up the L. T. L. work, do not expect to leave all the burden of it on them but appoint a woman you can depend upon to make regular calls on the teachers and find out what is being done and what supplies are needed, and then report to the union. The union should furnish supplies promptly. This the union will always have funds for if it takes up the contest work, or the children in the schools, who are doing the L. T. L. work, will always have good recitations

and songs and it will be easy to arrange for an evening's public entertainment to raise funds.

I consider the repeat contests a very important feature of this work. If a class of eight is formed three or four medals may be given for the one drilling. By dropping out the winner, you can take the class to a near by town, church or consolidated school, have a new audience and new judges and present another medal. But in all this work be very careful to teach the true spirit of our contest work to both the children and parents, that the work is of the first importance and that if the children learn to do it without feeling "hurt" if someone else gets the first medals, they have won more than the medal. I always let them know that I consider they have just started in the work anyway and expect to keep on until they win all the medals, so if they are a little longer winning the first one it is all right, they simply have that much more practice for the others. The repeat contests with the trips to other points, and the added chances for the medal, have a very strong appeal for the children and young people. They extend our work and it is not hard to arrange for, and the receipts will usually more than pay expenses. Get in touch with the W. C. T. U. or church people of other towns or communities and ask them to attend to the local arrangements for you such as place for entertainment to be held, advertising, judges, someone to present medal and music. Tell them about number and character of selections you would like also that you wish entertainment for class and superintendent while with them. Divide proceeds with them after all expenses have been paid. Almost every town or neighborhood has good readers, especially among the teachers, who will help in training the children if asked to do so. The contest superintendent does not have to be a trainer herself but she should always know that the pupils are all thoroughly ready before putting on a contest.

Most sincerely,  
VIRGINIA KEENER.

## FIELD NOTES.

**DAWSON**—The membership contest held by the Dawson Union was a great success. They succeeded in securing thirty new members, twenty active and ten honorary members. The winning side and new members were entertained at a seven o'clock banquet. Plates were laid for forty. The rooms were decorated in pink and white with a pink or white carnation at each plate. Music and some very clever toasts were also enjoyed.

**DOYON**—Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers came to our union April 1st. She gave an illustrated lecture on Friday evening at Southam but the roads were very bad so I don't think the attendance was large. Saturday afternoon we held a short institute at Southam. The program was very interesting and Mrs. Bowers gave a good talk on Purity. After the meeting the ladies served a fine lunch. On Sunday evening April 2d, she gave another illustrated lecture in Hope consolidated schoolhouse. We all felt we were greatly benefited by having Mrs. Bowers come to us. Mrs. Wm. Frith.

**OBERON**—The W. C. T. U. of Oberon held a very interesting meeting the evening of March 30th, at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. Garnaas. The chief items of interest were "A Sketch of Hon. Richmond P. Hobson" by a former neighbor, Mrs. Boyden; a Map-talk by Mrs. Baldwin and a paper on "The History and Results of Prohibition in North Dakota," by Att'y. T. F. Burke, which he sent in lieu of his presence, business engagements and road conditions making it impossible for him to be with us. We feel greatly indebted to Mr. Burke for his excellent paper. Music on the victrola and delicious refreshments added much to our enjoyment.

## FROM MRS. WYLIE.

Dear Comrades:

The days spent at Headquarters this month were most enjoyable, and the association with Fargo white-ribbons, very pleasant. Their hospitality and comradeship were a delight.

The annual meeting of the 15th district being held in Fargo, gave me the pleasure of meeting many workers from other towns. It was a very enthusiastic convention and the splendid program was well carried out. Our vice-president, Mrs. Best, returned in time for this meeting, and was warmly welcomed after her absence, of some months, in Michigan.

Already four district conventions have been held, the 15th at Fargo, with Mrs. Lizzie O. Middleton, as speaker, the 16th at Grand Forks, with Mrs. Bowers, the 12th at Jamestown, with Mrs. Anderson, and the 11th at McKenzie, with Mrs. Wilder, as speaker. June 1 and 2 the 18th district meets at Cavalier and June 8 and 9, the 17th district at Park River. At Hazelton, the 9th district meets June 10 and 11, while early in July the 13th and 14th districts meet at LaMoure and Ellendale, respectively. First district meets at Crary June 21-23, 3d district at Rugby early in July and 5th district at Wildrose July 7th. The other districts have not completed their plans.

Our special speaker for chautauquas this year will be Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, president of Kansas W. C. T. U., who gives an address at Valley City July 9, Moose River Loop July 11 and North Chautauqua July 13, with other dates between. Mrs. Mitchner is a very strong speaker and we are glad indeed that she is to be with us. The Institute at North Chautauqua will be in charge of our vice-president, Mrs. Best, while Mrs. Salmons will look after the Cottage there. At Moose River Loop, Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers will conduct the Institute, and at Valley City the corresponding secretary will be in charge.

Mrs. Lizzie O. Middleton, of Kansas City, Mo., begun work early in May, in Minot. She organized a local union in the rural community of Rolling Green, Des Laes P. O., names of officers being given in another column. Mrs. Middleton is at present working in the 13th district, from which she goes to the 9th and 14th districts. While in Fargo she spoke at the Chapel exercises of Fargo College on the subject of Scientific Temperance, which is her forte and which she handles in an impressive and convincing manner, by the use of charts.

Mrs. Bowers is still at work in 17th district and has organized new unions at Lankin and at Eastby, as well as L. T. L.'s in other places. Mrs. Bertha Lee Broyles will give some time in June to work in the 15th district. Mrs. Virginia Keener is meeting with success in 5th district and has entered some doors formerly closed to us. She re-organized the union at White Earth, with Mrs. Russell Gardiner as president. Mrs. F. H. Wilder is away at present on a trip west through 6th and 11th districts.

Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, of Portland, Ore., will be available for a few dates along the main line of the N. P. railroad early in August. Those desiring to engage Mrs. Unruh, should write me early.

We welcomed our dear President back from her eastern trip on the evening of May 23d, when she at once took up the duties awaiting her. The University Y. P. B., under the supervision of Mrs. Hull, serves a banquet on the evening of June 2d, and Mrs. Anderson will be the guest of honor. Next morning, at the University convocation service, Mrs. Anderson will give an address.

You will all be glad to know that Mrs. Minette B. Bowe, our capable office secretary, has recovered from her recent illness and will resume her work at Headquarters June 1st.

We are all rejoicing in the failure of the re-submissionists to secure enough signatures to file their petitions. Let us "thank God and take courage" for future work. Most cordially yours,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Bowesmont, N. Dak., May 29th, 1916

## FROM MARGARET DYE ELLIS.

My Dear Comrades:—

I want to bring a few facts to you at first hand, although you may have learned them through my Washington letter to the Union Signal.

Numerous bills for the betterment of the world are pending in Congress in which we are deeply interested. First and most important is the bill for National Constitutional Prohibition. I fear in some minds there prevails an idea that the bill has been fatally injured by being deferred through the action of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. This is not the case, however, as the bill will be brought up early in the next session, when we believe votes will be gained because we did wait "a more convenient season." In the Senate the bill may be called up any time.

The bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia is being looked after also and we hope and believe it will become a law during this session.

The three bills for a prohibitory law on our dependencies, viz: the Philippines, Hawaii, and Porto Rico, are in the hands of the various committees. The bill for Philippines has passed the Senate, prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of all intoxicating drinks, but permits the manufacture and sale of native drinks. This amendment will also probably pass the house and become a law.

The bills for Hawaii and Porto Rico, as well as one to prohibit the exportation of New England rum to Africa, should appeal to women's missionary societies in every church.

When we took possession of the Hawaiian Islands in 1898, there were over 200,000 native Hawaiians and now there are only 24,000. This awful decrease is largely attributed to the liquor the United States continues sending there every month.

In Porto Rico there had never been a saloon until the United States took possession. Now it is estimated that \$14,000,000 is spent annually for liquor and only \$7,000,000 for flour. The people of the rural districts (meaning day laborers) are the greatest sufferers.

These are facts which call for action on the part of missionary societies, as well as the W. C. T. U.s, in the way of petitions or resolutions passed by local organizations and forwarded to one of the United States Senators from their own state and the Representative from their Congressional district. Be sure and have two copies signed at the same time, one for the Senate and one for the House of Representatives.

The bill for the Federal censorship of moving pictures is one in which we are deeply interested. This bill is still in the committee.

A bill introduced by Hon. Charles Randall, of California, to exclude all intoxicating liquors from National parks, has passed the Committee on Public Lands, with the recommendation that it pass.

Hon. A. T. Smith, of Idaho, has introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor throughout the jurisdiction of the Federal government.

These in connection with other bills keep us employed.

With every good wish for continued success, I am

Cordially yours,  
MARGARET DYE ELLIS.

LISBON—Under the able management of our capable president, Mrs. Etta Sprague, the Lisbon union is making fine progress. A meeting has been held every two weeks during the past year and a good attendance noted, also several new members have been added. In December a Gold Medal Contest was held which was very successful in every way. In January the W. C. T. U. members gave their president a little surprise party on her birthday, and presented her with a small purse as a token of their love and appreciation.

## FIELD NOTES.

SEVENTEENTH DIST.—Grafton had a Better Babies contest the first week in May. The Walsh county school is giving a series of silver medal contests as a part of school work. The 17th district convention will be held at Park River. Nekoma is organizing an L. T. L. Bertha Lee Broyles.

WOODWORTH—It is seldom that Woodworth citizens have a chance to listen to as talented and interesting a program as was given under the supervision of the local W. C. T. U. at the Methodist church last Friday evening, when the young people of the high school contested for the silver medal. Each artist held the undivided attention of the large and enthusiastic audience from start to finish. It was a hard place for the judges as the talent was so evenly divided, but after much consideration the honors were finally bestowed upon Miss Lettie Williams, who gave, "A Voice From the Poor House." The music committee also deserved credit for their part in the evening's entertainment which was exceptionally well rendered. A silver collection was taken from which a neat sum was realized and all felt that the evening had been pleasantly and profitably spent.

BOTTINEAU—The W. C. T. U. met for an interesting and profitable study of medical temperance Friday afternoon at the home of the Misses Carey, Mrs. Beever and Miss Carey leading in the devotionals. The program consisted of a series of readings and discussions of the various patent medicines such as Peruna, Liquezone, Lydia Pinkham's vegetable compound, Kilmer's swamp root, Paine's celery compound and other proprietary medicines, containing little, if any, curative properties, but alcohol ranging from seven to twenty-eight per cent. Headache powders, bromo seltzer, soothing syrups, catarrh cures, all of which contain opium mixtures or acetanilid compounds, were shown to be dangerous heart depressants, which only relieve and never cure. If their use is continued they become as much a habit as morphine or cocaine, and often produce fatal results. The various so-called consumption cures were shown from reliable medical and scientific sources, to be chloroform, alcohol, opium, cannabis indica (a gum resin produced by hemp, narcotic and intoxicating) mixtures, which actually hasten the progress of the disease, or harmless compounds which inspire false hopes and lead the patient to neglect open air treatment, proper diet, and a methodical manner of living which are the only known remedies of this disease. The dangers of coca cola and the influence of alcohol upon the physical and mental condition of the children of inebriate parents, was presented through statistics, obtained by scientific investigation. About thirty-five ladies were in attendance and at the close of the program Misses Mary and Edith Carey assisted by Mrs. Chas. Beever and Mrs. F. W. Cathro, served a dainty course luncheon.—Bottineau Courant.

KINTYRE—A very instructive and enjoyable W. C. T. U. institute was held at the home of Mrs. Farrell. One of the pleasing features being a picnic dinner which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Lundquist presided and the meeting was opened by singing "The Crusade Hymn," which was followed by the devotionals led by the district president. Another song "All 'Round the World" was sung. Mrs. Pearson gave a short talk on "The Object of Holding a W. C. T. U. Institute." Mrs. Gabel read an excellent paper on "The Year's Victories." It is surprising how much has been done. So many times we get discouraged and wonder if it is worth while, but remembering our motto which is "I am but one, but I am one; I cannot 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." So let us put forth our best efforts and do what we

can. A paper on "Peace" was read by Miss Steie, showing the necessity of the different countries co-operating. Another song, "Its Coming," was sung. A very good paper on "Medal Contests as Educators" was read by Mrs. Farrell, showing the value of contests. It was such a splendid paper that we intended to have it published. Mrs. Gabel read a paper on "The Necessity of L. T. L. Work," prepared by Mrs. Gorder. It was an excellent paper stating that to make a success of temperance work we must get the children interested. Some very fine music was furnished by the victrola. Miss Annie Hansen read an excellent paper on "Educating Public Sentiment." A splendid paper on "Child Training" was read by Mrs. Lundquist. I wish all mothers could have heard it, it showed very clearly that the training received as a child makes or mars, to a certain extent, the man or woman. A fine recitation by Byron and Winifred Lundquist was given. A very good paper on "How to Gain and Hold New Members" was read by Mrs. Shelby, there were many good thoughts in it and we were successful in adding two new members to our union that day. An excellent paper on "The Local Union and How it may Become a Power for Good" was read by Mrs. Pearson. The meeting was closed by saying the Aaronic Benediction.

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