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REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

MRS. BARBARA H. WYLIE

Little did we dream, when we parted last year, that ere we met again, our nation should be involved in the great world-struggle. Our hearts almost stand still when we think what it may mean. Mothers are here who have given their sons to the colors, and mothers who later may be called to make the supreme sacrifice. Words are too weak to describe the experience—only the mother's heart understands.

In the midst of it all, we must keep a firm faith in the Eternal Goodness, trusting where we cannot see, and believing that He is able to bring order out of chaos, light out of darkness, joy out of sadness, and a better day for all the world. Disturbed, as we are, by conflicting reports, and distressed by separation from loved ones, we must steadfastly keep our eyes on the Star of Hope which shines brightly through the darkest night.

"One ship drives East and another drives West,

By the self-same winds that blow,
It's the set of the sail—and not the gale

That tells them where to go.
As the voyage of the sea is the voyage of fate

As onward we go through life—
It's the set of the soul that decides the goal—

And not the storms and strife."

The year's record is not without its bright side. Prohibition victories, too numerous to mention, in State, nation and the world, have inspired us to renewed effort for the final victory. So rapidly are we making history these days, it is hard to keep the prohibition map up to date.

Among the organizations which are of patriotic value, the United States Government has listed the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, third. The Red Cross and the Navy League exist only for such service, but the W. C. T. U. with its "Do-Everything" policy, touches every phase of life.

For more than 40 years we have worked unceasingly to protect the homes of the nation. In this hour of crisis, white-ribboners will render loyal service in every possible way. The majority of our women have joined the Red Cross and are helping through that agency. In our own organization comfort-bags are being generally made. We have had some previous experience in this work. About eight years ago, when the Battleship, North Dakota, was launched, we supplied the sailors

with about nine hundred comfort-bags. Mrs. L. B. Chamberlain, of sainted memory, was then our superintendent of work among soldiers and sailors. Through the years, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been a leader in all reform and philanthropic effort.

A strange delusion exists in some places. Because National Prohibition is hastening on—and people everywhere are engaged in Red Cross work, it is thought that the W. C. T. U. has had its day. Those who feel this way show how little they understand our work. If folks could be made good by law, our efforts might soon end, but a system of education is necessary. Red Cross work is imperative, but "this ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone." While Prohibition is a main objective, it is not all, and young people still need instruction in the L. T. L. and in the Y. P. B. Mothers need to be taught the principles of purity and health in caring for their children, and the baneful effects of patent medicines and drugs in general.

Through the educational, evangelistic, social and legal departments of our work, the highest patriotic service can be rendered.

As you listen to the department superintendents, you will see the patriotic value of each department. Take, for instance, the Department of Scientific Instruction: who can estimate the far-reaching effects of this work, since it was first introduced into the public schools. Intelligent voters, the product of this education, will work to secure and keep National Constitutional Prohibition.

Through all these years of patient waiting, the Franchise Department has outlined an educational program which has done much to secure our present privilege of partial suffrage, and will conduct us to complete political freedom. Who can estimate the patriotic value of enfranchised American womanhood.

When the prohibition question is fully settled, we shall have more time in which to work these splendid departments.

No, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is not going—it is coming, and coming with loyal intelligence, to help in the reconstruction of society after the present upheaval.

FIELD WORKERS

Only one national worker came to us this year, Mrs. Harriet D. Hall,

of Aurora, Illinois, a National organizer and lecturer, well known and much beloved in North Dakota. Mrs. Hall spent the month of June with us, visited unions in the 9th, 11th, 14th and 19th districts, and organized local unions at Mandan and Leith. Mrs. Hall explained Red Cross work and secured a generous response everywhere. She became interested in the organization of the 9th district and persuaded Mrs. G. W. Herron of Leith, to act as temporary president in place of Mrs. Esther E. Fisher, who has resigned.

Immediately after last convention, Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers began work in the 2d district on the "Soo" Railroad west of Devils Lake, carrying the W. C. T. U. message, for the first time, to many towns and organizing local unions at Silva, Harlow, Dazey and McHenry, a Y. P. B. at Orrin, and L. T. L.'s all along the line. She worked until the Christmas holidays, and following that time, the severity of the weather prevented her from working until February 26th, when she began in the 12th district, where she spent a month, visiting 17 towns and organizing a local union at Windsor. Here, as always, she organized L. T. L.'s, generally starting the work in the public schools. Continuing her itinerary, Mrs. Bowers worked in the 13th and 14th districts, organizing a union at Nortonville, and reorganizing at Elliott. Later, in the 9th and 11th districts, she did good work, returning to Fargo, June 16th. Mrs. Bowers has made valuable contributions to our publications by her "Opening Service for Local Unions," and her "Golden Age of Girlhood."

Mrs. Alma B. Shafer, of Beach, spent a few weeks in the field, organized unions at Beach, Fryburg, and Belfield, and gave an address at the 6th district convention. She visited from house to house, distributed literature, secured Willard members, and did what she could to extend the gospel of temperance.

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson spent a week in the 13th district, visiting Englevale, and adjacent territory, and stimulating interest in our work. As president of the largest union in the state, Mrs. Nelson holds a very important position, as president over a membership larger than in some of the organized districts.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder has looked well after the interests of her own district, holding several local institutes. She was the convention speaker in the 17th and 18th districts where her inspirational addresses captivated her hearers. Mrs. Wilder also spoke before the Scandinavian Total Abstinence Society at

Hatton where she organized a local union. She has represented the State W. C. T. U. on several occasions, and at the State Enforcement League convention.

Mrs. M. A. Garry, the veteran president of the 2d district has visited her local unions, keeping in close touch with the workers. She organized a local union at Hurdsville and a Y. P. B. at Minnewaukan.

We regret that Mrs. Virginia Keener has decided to remain in Alabama. We have missed her sunny presence and helpful work this year.

Rev. Nelle M. Osmun has spoken several times for our cause during the year, and at 5th district convention gave an address, and otherwise assisted on the program.

Our old-time friend, Rev. Alice Ruth Palmer, is now stationed as pastor of the Congregational church at Medina and was speaker at the 9th district convention.

Mrs. F. M. Wanner, president of the 12th district, attended the 13th district convention and gave a very helpful address. Mrs. Wanner also made a trip to Nortonville and resurrected the local union there.

During the last session of the State Legislature, our president, Mrs. Anderson, did some strenuous work and was instrumental in securing the passage of several good laws and the defeat of others. We cannot overestimate the value of the quiet, dignified, and effective work done by Mrs. Anderson in this and former legislative sessions. Her wisdom, tact, and years of experience are invaluable to us.

Although during the year, Mrs. Anderson has had some weary weeks of suffering, we rejoice today in her restoration to health, and in her ability to preside over this convention with her usual grace.

Our State Treasurer, Mrs. Minette B. Bowe, though not in the field, has, through her double duties as State Treasurer and Headquarters Secretary, and by her kind and business-like letters, made her influence felt in every corner of the state. To her patient, persistent efforts we owe, in large measure, our present membership. The fact that we are able to pay our bills, in a year like this, speaks volumes for the treasurer.

It was the happy privilege of the Corresponding Secretary to spend several weeks in Bismarck, last winter, during the Legislative Session, and to be associated with Mrs. Anderson in the effort to secure righteous laws. I also had the pleasure of addressing the University Y. P. B. and local unions at Bismarck, Jamestown, Grand Forks, Grafton

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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.

FLEDGE—I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

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NATIONAL W. C. T. U. CONVENTION, DEC. 2-7, 1917, WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTES FROM SOLDIERS AND SAILORS DEPARTMENT

Over \$700 has been raised for Patriotic Service by N. D. W. C. T. U. since July, \$108 of it by the Buxton union. 1300 Comfort Bags have been made, most of them have been filled and given out.

The Commercial Club at Hillsboro became so enthused that they bought 85 bags for the Hillsboro company and they were presented to the boys before they left. The men of Hillsboro say now that every drafted boy from Trail county shall have a W. C. T. U. Comfort Bag. Maybe your Commercial Club could be interested.

The twelve dozen Comfort Pillows sent in by the Minnekaukau W. C. T. U. were very gratefully received by the War Relief Association. The 24 Scrap Books sent by Sherwood, and 7 dozen wash cloths sent by Edgeley have been turned over to the War Relief also. They feel especially glad for the aid we have given them for their association cares for eleven large hospitals in the war zone.

A notable occasion was that of the presentation of Comfort Bags to the 155 drafted men at the Cass County Court House in Fargo. Mrs. C. G. Boise made the presentation speech giving the bags in the name of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. She was assisted in the distribution by Mrs. Harry Rudd, Mrs. Joseph Matters, Mrs. B. F. Spalding and others from the two unions in Fargo. The boys were pleased with the bags and whenever one was seen for the remainder of the day he was carrying his Comfort Bag.

The Fargo Scandinavian union held a patriotic meeting with 80 members present Tuesday, October 9. They have taken material for 150 bags which they will make and then return to headquarters. In this way we are obtaining a supply of bags that we may fill and sell to individuals who wish to give them to soldiers. Fargo union has made several dozen for the above purpose, and will make more. A filled bag sold separately will cost \$1.15, as we must pay for postage and a bag made up is worth more than one not made up. We will supply the unmade bags and material for filling them at the same price as formerly, \$1 a bag.

The National W. C. T. U. wishes us to make the Many Tailed Bandage. This kind is made only by the W. C. T. U. We will keep the muslin at headquarters and will tear the strips for the bandages and sell them to the unions for 2 cents a strip, or 12 cents a bandage. Directions for making are given in another part of this paper.

There are many other articles easily made and in great demand, if you wish to make other things write to the State Superintendent and she will try to send you directions. Among the simpler articles may be listed the scrap books, tray cloths, napkins, substitutes for handkerchiefs, scrub cloths, hospital bed socks and bed mittens, the last two are made from old bed spreads.

Many unions are acting as units in their local Red Cross chapters. This is commendable; but be sure to report to me what you do in this way as well and in all other forms of patriotic service.

MRS. KATE S. WILDER, Supt.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—

The convention of 1917 is now a delightful memory. We are especially grateful to the Valley City unions for the careful arrangements made for our comfort, and for the royal entertainment given us. The spirit of the convention was one of thankfulness for the victories of the year, of confidence and trust in God in these days of unparalleled anxiety, and of determination to go through with our splendid program of patriotic service and of educational work, even though it must be done at a tremendous sacrifice. "Sacrifice and Service" was the slogan adopted for the coming year.

We were greatly disappointed that our beloved National President, Miss Anna A. Gordon, could not be with us, but we bade her God-speed in our hearts and our prayers followed her as she answered the emergency call to assist in the prohibition campaign in New Mexico, where the state W. C. T. U. president was ill with typhoid fever. In the absence of Miss Gordon we were exceedingly fortunate to have so strong and wise a convention helper as Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, who greatly endeared herself to us all. Her addresses were full of information and inspiration.

The Social Tea, which was the social function of the convention was most enjoyable. I have never heard addresses of welcome that showed greater sympathy, insight and appreciation of the work of our organization than those given by the leading men and women of Valley City. The responses made by our own women, Mrs. Frank Beasley, president of Seventeenth District, and Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers, state field worker, were most happy.

Our appreciation of Attorney General Langer and the work he is doing, was shown by the ovation given him after his address on Friday evening. The convention also expressed strong appreciation of the State Enforcement League and the work of Superintendent Rev. F. L. Watkins and Assistant Superintendent Rev. C. W. Finwall.

Among the ten fine members who were added to our list during convention, were Governor and Mrs. Lynn J. Frazier, Attorney General Wm. Langer, and Mrs. Jean McNaughton Stevens.

We are grateful for the list of 22 new subscribers to The Union Signal and 37 new subscribers to The Young Crusader.

According to the treasurer's report there was a falling off in membership of 172. This was no doubt due in part to the fact that this W. C. T. U. year had only eleven months, thus cutting short the time for the gathering of dues. The dues for 160 members have come in since convention, and if dues for members secured on Patriotic Membership Day, September 28, are paid at once we may be able to show a gain before the National treasurer's books close. Unions are slow in sending reports of Patriotic Membership Day. Please send reports and dues as soon as possible.

Nekoma, up to date, leads with 39 new members and all dues paid! Congratulations to this splendid country union and its indefatigable workers. Let us hear from others.

We rejoice that the 1,600,000 young men in the army and navy training camps are to have most valuable information in regard to the drink problem, through the stereomicrographs which are to be furnished to the sixteen cantonments of the drafted army by the W. C. T. U. North Dakota's apportionment for this purpose is \$78.

There was the sum of \$43 left in the ambulance fund after our apportionment was paid and this has been sent to the National treasurer for the stereomicrograph fund.

It will be a great joy to me if North Dakota can have a full delegation at the Washington convention, which promises to be of most historic significance. It will be at the opening of Congress when the Capital City is always crowded. The W. C. T. U. women are making every effort to secure hotels and homes for delegates. There is no free entertainment, but 500 homes have been opened for the convention and will give lodging and breakfast for \$1.25. Hotel rates are published in The Union Signal. Every delegate should secure her reservation in home boarding house or hotel, before she goes. Mrs. Wylie will give all information as to transportation.

As so many of you have boys at the training camps you will be glad to know that Mr. Anderson has just received a letter from Chas. W. Tillett, an attorney at Charlotte, N. C., in which he gives great praise for the splendid character and gentlemanly conduct of the North Dakota boys at Camp Greene. As they had some apprehension about these boys from the west, they are surprised and greatly pleased. They are inviting them into their homes, and doing everything possible to show their interest and care for them, and incidentally giving us a lesson in true hospitality. My son Cuyler tells us how much the boys appreciate the royal entertainment they are receiving in those beautiful southern homes. He says the moral conditions at Camp Greene are fine, even better than in some of the home towns.

We have much to be thankful for.

Yours sincerely and affectionately,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Fargo, N. D., Oct. 24th, 1917.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING MANY TAILED BANDAGE

Tear (do not cut) the selvages from new, strong, unbleached muslin. Tear into strips four inches wide and thirty inches long. Take six strips and overlap two inches each on the other, for a space of five inches from the center, to hold the strips together. Where stitched the bandage will be fourteen inches wide. The six ends on each side will be loose. Beginning at the top of the bandage, fold the "tails," first across the five-inch space, then forward the bottom of the bandage until half of them are so folded, then reverse from fourth strip, turning the "tails" the other way. Fold the bandage twice, making a flat package about five inches square.

SUBSTITUTES FOR HANDKERCHIEFS

Size—About 18 inches square.

Material—Old linen or muslin, hemmed or unhemmed. (One dozen in each package.)

TABLE NAPKINS

Size—About 14 inches square hemmed.

Material—Old table linen or napkins may be used. If material is purchased "Indian Head" 44 inches wide is suggested. (One dozen in each package.)

TRAY COVERS

Size—About 15 inches by 22 hemmed.

Material—Same as above for table napkins.

Note—Articles made from old linen may be used in an emergency for surgical dressings. The material, should, therefore, be freshly laundered and boiled. (One dozen in each package.)

A brewing company which is alleged to have violated the United States bone-dry law was indicted on 29 counts by the federal grand jury in Fargo.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

The meeting of the National W. C. T. U. Convention, Dec. 2-7, in the nation's capital, freed from the saloon, makes it doubly attractive this year.

In these wonderful days when our national life is so full and so momentous, it will be an inspiration to meet with the leaders of reform, in our own organization, and others, who always find their way to our national gathering. And to be there at the assembling of the 66th Congress, with the hope that the House of Representatives may pass the amendment for National Constitutional Prohibition, makes attendance this year worthy of some sacrifice.

The National officers have selected the Pennsylvania lines as the official route from Chicago to Washington and a white-ribbon special will be run for the accommodation of delegates and visitors, leaving Chicago at 10:30 a. m. Friday, Nov. 30th, arriving at Washington next morning about 8:30.

The railroads east of Chicago have made a rate of \$30.80 Chicago to Washington and return, good to midnight of Dec. 12th.

The traveling agent of the Pennsylvania lines, Mr. J. M. Naefus, of Duluth, has called upon the state officers and is anxious to assist by making reservations from Chicago. Full particulars regarding rates, berths, etc., may be obtained from the corresponding secretary and will probably be published elsewhere in the Bulletin. We are very anxious that as large a delegation as possible be present from North Dakota and I shall appreciate it if names are sent at once to me, that reservations may be made.

There never was a time when we needed to stand by our beloved organization as we do just now. People's minds are distracted by war conditions and, in many cases, they have failed to see the opportunity for patriotic service in the W. C. T. U. Nevertheless we are going quietly onward, practicing our slogan "Sacrifice and Service" and aiming at a working unit of the W. C. T. U. in every community.

Arrangements are being made for a number of local workers to visit the territory nearest them. Miss Nelle Osmun expects to spend a month in the 4th and 5th districts. Our new Y. P. B. secretary, Mrs. Edna F. Salmons, will be available for field work, and for Y. P. B. work in particular.

Following state convention, Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers, began an itinerary in 16th district, where she is accompanied by the district president, Mrs. Elizabeth Baughman. These two resourceful workers are awakening interest and gaining members, as they go bravely forward, overcoming obstacles peculiar to present conditions.

Please let us hear what you are doing. We shall be glad to help, if we can.

Yours in blessed service,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

Bowesmont, N. D., Oct. 24th. 1917.

"The angels up in heaven took a fleecy cloud of white

And fashioned it into a banner fair,
Then striped it with the crimson of the dawn's eternal light

With just a bit of sky to hold the stars a-gleaming there;

Then with their wings they fanned it till its spangled folds unfurled

With radiant splendor on the throne above.

Then God Almighty blessed it as He gave it to the world,

That's the story of Old Glory, the flag we love." —Ball

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Those of us who before had the pleasure of attending a convention in Valley City looked forward with eager anticipation to the twenty-eighth annual convention of North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and all our anticipations were fully realized, for Valley City opened its homes, its churches, its hearts and received us gladly. Cheered by its hospitality, inspired by its beautiful music, imbued by earnestness of purpose and consecration of spirit, how could a convention fail of accomplishing its great purpose and set forward an impulse which will crystalize in larger work for "God and Home and Native Land?"

The keynote of the convention was patriotism. "Sacrifice and Service" was the motto adopted at the first session. Every report and symposium brought an answer to the question "Of What Patriotic Service is the Work of My Department?"

The field workers—those who go about the state preaching the gospel of temperance—told of long drives and visiting new places—of ways of getting into a town and getting a hearing.

One adopted the habit of writing to announce that she would arrive at a certain time, not waiting for or requiring an answer, of coming into a place and visiting the school and advertising her meeting, frequently organizing a union or L. T. L., or both, often leaving the L. T. L. in hands of capable and willing teachers—teachers upon whom we lay so many burdens, but who are so often willing to assume more. Who knows but what this added burden may prove of larger usefulness than the required three Rs?

The convention church served as an object lesson of what a community center a church, with proper equipment, will become, especially where there is no Y. M. C. A. The First Congregational Church of Valley City is equipped for service—has a gymnasium, shower baths, room with tables for games, a beautiful parlor, dining room and kitchen, numerous class rooms, Junior assembly room, beside a large auditorium—all appropriately furnished, including piano and a fine new organ. Best of all the church and its activities are directed by its devoted, consecrated, as well as wise minister, the Rev. Willard C. Lyon. The human factor, spirit filled with love for God and humanity, is what counts more than building and furnishing, whether in the social or spiritual life of a community, and a combination of both is ideal.

The reports of superintendents read at convention were all good, but each in turn regretted that not more had been done, and that much work in each department had not been reported. A good slogan for local unions would be "Do the Work and Report, Report, Report."

The war cloud hung heavily on the hearts of all present, scarcely one who had not some dear lad in khaki training for the terrible conflict so far away. The singing of our president's son, of the Valley City company, was much appreciated, but when he led the quartet in "The Soldier's Farewell," handkerchiefs were brought out, not as usual, for a Chautauqua salute, but to stem the flood of tears that would spring unbidden to our eyes.

"God bless our splendid men
Bring them safe home again,
God bless our men,
Keep them victorious
Faithful and chivalrous
They are so dear to us
God bless our men."

The Department of Soldiers and Sailors was in order at every session and busy knitting needles fashioned socks, scarfs and sweaters in every part of the house. The old knitters so easily and the learners with much labor and tribulation as pur and knit became hopelessly involved.

Our convention guest, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith of Iowa, told of the preparation of Camp Dodge for the reception of the men for training, of the plans to safeguard young men from vice and intoxication, of plans for entertainment and recreation. She spoke of Iowa W. C. T. U.'s intention to purchase a stereomograph—an outdoor moving picture machine—which may be moved from street to street of the great cantonments and automatically displays the vital truths of purity of life and action, with enough humor to hold the attention. Of course North Dakota eagerly claimed a part in this project. So send your money to our patriotic fund. North Dakota promptly fills her quota of men, let us be even more prompt with the money to aid and equip them for the best service. We are in this war to win, to fail is impossible. Failure would be worse than death. We have sent our best young men, clean of body and with a record of good conduct, let us not withhold from them any good thing that our money can furnish.

Food conservation received its quota of attention, but while all willingly agreed to meatless, wheatless and even eatless days, still it seemed essential to real conservation that there should also be drinkless and smokeless days. It is deplorable that the American housewives should waste at their back door \$7,000,000 worth of food. It is small compared to the billions wasted in drink and tobacco which not only wastes the food supply but in the wasting drags down each year an army of a hundred thousand staggering, drivelling, raving human beings to an unhonored and unsung grave.

You have all read the president's annual address in last Bulletin. Keep it on file. It is a compendium of the latest temperance movements in every branch of reform. How to "Make the World Safe for Democracy" was set forth in statesmanlike, masterly and convincing diction. The convention listened with marked attention and pride that the speaker was our own Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Of course we are what our detractors call us, a "Mutual Admiration Society," and we are glad of it.

The Corresponding Secretary's report is in this number of the Bulletin. It shows that some one has certainly done some corresponding. If something that your union has done, some unusual thing, is not mentioned, are you sure it was reported?

Saturday night was young peoples' night, and a large crowd filled the church. "Uncle Sam and His Children" was a pleasing exercise of patriotic songs, drills and dialogue, and showed careful and painstaking preparation.

Hewison Pollock of Fargo read "The Wine Press," Alfred Noyes' pen picture of terrible war, with earnestness and depth of feeling.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith gave the address of the evening and easily carried her audience with her as she reviewed the past and looked into the future of our great organization in relation to our young people.

Sunday we attended our own churches and found ourselves edified and strengthened by the services.

The Sunday afternoon meeting open-

ed with song, "How Firm a Foundation," 6th chap. of Ephesians, read by Capt. Stone of the Salvation Army; prayer by Rev. Lyon, pastor of the Congregational church.

The convention sermon was by Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president of the Iowa W. C. T. U., who took the 13th verse of the 6th chap. of Ephesians, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand," this to be the keynote for the year. The world then, as now, was in a great conflict. When war comes the forces of unrighteousness will flaunt. If Paul could speak to us as he did to the Ephesians. As they had the armour of God as their defense, so must we. We must stand for the things we have ATTAINED. Whenever the great principles of our Lord conquer, then we will conquer King Alcohol. She told of the beginning of the W. C. T. U. and how close the women were to God. They had the vision of God and the eye of faith, they encountered such vast difficulties. It was so hard to realize that the government was back of the liquor traffic. The whole discourse was a strong indictment of the forces of evil.

These days of threatened famine there are in the United States 240,000 acres used for tobacco. Belgium in her dire distress received from America \$20,600 worth of food stuff to be made into beer. The conservation of the moral side of this nation will have to be done by organization, the organizations based as ours, the W. C. T. U., on God's word. That having done all we stand.

The benefits of prohibition were set forth by convincing statistics. Many more teachers employed after prohibition goes into effect than before. The liquor people themselves are most benefited, their plants running full time with more men employed and no time lost in making the change from manufacturing what curses man and destroys happiness, to manufacturing useful and necessary products.

It is impossible in the limits of our state paper to more than touch on the many good things that one hears at our annual conventions, each is a little better than the last, but I must mention before I close our suffrage afternoon. Mrs. Shippy's address, "Ballots for Both," was interesting and enlightening, perhaps we can print it some time. The list of officers for whom women may vote is as follows: In the Nation—President and Vice President. State—Supt. Public Instruction. County—Supt. of schools, surveyor, constable. Township—Clerk, constable, assessor, treasurer. City—Mayor, aldermen or commissioners, treasurer, police magistrate, justices of the peace. Women may vote on all questions or propositions submitted to the voters of the town, village, city or other political subdivision of the state. This includes bonding, etc. You see it includes a great deal and gives us much power. It is a far stride into the land of desire—political freedom.

How shall we know how, when or for whom to vote? How do we know anything, except by study, inquiry and practice? We must think, read, ask about things. Study civics in our unions and clubs. Ask the men folks—they are supposed to be well versed in statecraft. If your husband does not know more about it than you do, don't despair and don't be surprised if your next door neighbor can tell more about it than either of the husbands. Visit the polls every time opportunity is given you to vote. Not forgetting the primaries.

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and Drayton, and of attending conventions in the 15th and 18th districts.

CHAUTAQUA INSTITUTES

If ever we doubted the wisdom of holding institutes during chautauqua assemblies that doubt was removed this year. At Mouse River Loup conditions were unfavorable. The work was comparatively new, the Woman's Building was set aside for our use and Mrs. Bowers' enthusiasm overcame all difficulties. The result was an attendance of 100 or more—and a deeper interest in the work. Mrs. Bowers was assisted by Mrs. S. F. Beer of Tolley and local white ribboners.

At Valley City Chautauqua our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, was the institute conductor, being assisted by members of the local union, and by our State Superintendent of Franchise, Mrs. Shippy; who, by well prepared chart, explained the process of voting to the newly-made citizens. On W. C. T. U. Day Mrs. Wilder gave an able address. Much literature was distributed.

At North Chautauqua the Corresponding Secretary, who was in charge of Baldwin Cottage, was ably assisted in the institute by Miss Mary M. Carey, president of the 3rd district, who gave some strong addresses. Friends and white ribboners from Devils Lake contributed much to the success of the meeting. On our special day Mrs. Ella Shippy gave an address on "The Trend and Progress of Woman's Voting," which was well received. Here, also, she presented by means of a chart, a study in State and National government.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRANCH

Early in the year arrangements made for a tour of the state by the National Y. P. B. Secretary, Miss Mary Frances Willard Anderson, were cancelled because of a misunderstanding regarding a previous engagement.

The newly appointed State Secretary, Miss Adah Flemington, was obliged to resign because of pressure of school work. Miss Viola Bentzin came to the rescue and during the year carried on the correspondence, but at the close of school also resigned and, so far, I have not been able to secure a report of last year's work.

Mrs. Alice V. Hull, Y. P. B. Supervisor at the University, has done faithful work through the year. The opening of the war and the scattering of students seriously affected the essay contest work, but under the direction of our State Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Lillie B. Smith of Thompson, the contest was held and the prizes awarded.

The course of Anti-Narcotic lectures by Dr. John M. Baer, head of the Department of Sociology of the University of North Dakota, deserves special mention. The attendance and interest were better than in former years.

THE LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

The L. T. L. has been gaining ground. New societies have been organized, many of them in public schools where teachers were willing to undertake the work. One can trace Mrs. Bowers' course through the state by the L. T. L.'s that follow in her trail. Surely nothing can be better than this foundation work. No local union should be without an L. T. L.

THE DEPARTMENTS

Since the war began special stress has been placed upon our three great departments: Work Among Foreign Speaking People, Flower Mission and Relief Work, and Work Among Sol-

diers and Sailors. The superintendents of these departments are entering into the work with interest and an appreciation of its meaning. Having no superintendent of work among the soldiers and sailors when the war broke out, Mrs. O. L. Sateren of Grand Forks loyally responded, and carried on the work until it grew too large for any one person to handle. On Mrs. Sateren's resignation, Mrs. Wilder was appointed superintendent, and the work transferred to the State Headquarters at Fargo. There Mrs. Wilder has been ably assisted by Mrs. Bove, Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, and members of the Fargo unions. All have been busy, for the unions have responded heartily to the call for comfort-bags.

When Mrs. J. H. McMullen, of the Department of Social Meetings and Red Letter Days, found it necessary to resign because of ill health, Mrs. N. C. Macdonald of Bismarck was appointed in her place.

On account of pressure of local duties Mrs. W. M. Greenwood, of the Bureau of Publicity, found it impossible to carry on the work. Again Mrs. Wilder came to the rescue and consented to finish up the year's work.

The Temperance Educational Quarterly has been sent to the leading normal schools and colleges of the state, and letters of appreciation have been received.

The Flower Mission Department has done large things and is planning yet larger for the future. Under the report system, of this year, the superintendents' blanks passed through my hands, and I noticed that flower mission reports far outnumbered those of any other department.

THE DISTRICTS

Annual conventions were held this year in eleven organized districts of the state. We welcome at this convention three new district presidents, Miss Mary M. Carey, of the 3rd district; Mrs. Julius Sibert, of the 6th district and Mrs. Frank Beasley, of the 17th district; also Mrs. Ida M. Wyndmere, vice president of the 14th district and acting president since the resignation of Mrs. Etta H. Miller. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Noark, and Mrs. Beaton who have been temporarily laid aside. Mrs. Edward Erickson, formerly acting president of the 17th district, is receiving the congratulations of friends these days because of the arrival of twin boys in her new home at Bismarck.

Mrs. H. E. Best, of the 18th district, has enjoyed an extended trip to California and other states. Busy women are our district presidents, and many of them have burdened hearts for sons who have gone, or may be called to go.

LOCAL UNIONS

During the year fifteen local unions have been organized. Some form of patriotic service is being carried on by almost every union. Sermons and addresses are being given. Comfort-bags are receiving much attention. Most unions have sent messages, petitions and telegrams to Washington urging prohibition as a war measure.

Biisbe, Cando and Calvin have made comfort-bags for local boys who were leaving.

Preston Union and Carrington are working for better Sabbath observance, Bowdon for better law enforcement, while New Rockford held a meeting to consider cleaning up the town and furnishing detectives, secured evidence on three blind pigs and closed the buildings for one year. Esmond maintained a rest room during Chautauqua

and Carnival Week. Minnewaukan made 144 comfort pillows, 288 pillow slips and 15 comfort-bags, while the Y. P. B. made scrap-books for hospitals.

Oberon made regular meetings so interesting that many came who were not members. Current events were discussed, Baby Week observed, requests sent to Senators and Representatives, and later letters of appreciation for the vote on equal suffrage. Balfour distributed in schools and business places 1,000 pencils with the words "Liquor Traffic Must Go." Barton held a temperance picnic, with good addresses. Bottineau did good personal work for better legislation. Minot interviewed city officials regarding law enforcement, attended court when moral issues were considered, had a float in the parade, on which were the words "These colors will not run." Mohall made various articles for the Red Cross, and contributed towards furnishing a room on the Chautauqua grounds at the Mouse River Loup. Norma held an open air meeting, with a very interesting program. In response to an appeal by the local president, nine active and six honorary members were secured. Portal plans a patriotic concert with proceeds divided between the W. C. T. U. and the Red Cross. Sherwood encouraged the mayor to enforce the law, distributed copies of the anti-cigarette law, raised \$12 for ambulance fund, and helped furnish a room at chautauqua. Tolley's chief aim is to secure National Constitutional Prohibition. Ryder sends a splendid report; petitions and letters to Congressmen protesting against elimination of wine and beer from the Food Control Bill; magazines and books forwarded to the soldiers; box at depot supplied with literature; at Temperance Meeting, 30 signatures to pledge, and the Temperance Play, netted \$110. Ross held three social gatherings, with one special Red Cross meeting in June. Ray helped in a city clean-up campaign.

Stanley gained 19 new members, held two picnics, and one patriotic meeting. Dickinson sends the Young Crusader to the lower grades, gave flowers with scripture texts to the boys of Company K, placed 1000 temperance blotters in schools and a picture of Miss Willard in the high school, helped the Gideons place Bibles in the hotels, kept literature in the depot, jail and hospital, gave three silver teas, and reception to teachers of public schools. Reeder gave a party to the winners of the membership contest, held a teachers' reception, distributed anti-cigarette leaflets and blotters, visited L. T. L. twice during year and treated the children to popcorn and candy, and on Mother's Day distributed flowers to shut-ins and to the young men in town. Leal held Dues-Paying Social. Edgeley is one of use to plate material furnished by the Bureau of Publicity, and has 50 subscriptions to the Young Crusader.

LaMoure gets monthly budgets from National Headquarters, sold 28 W. C. T. U. pins, had 45 essays in lower grades, held a matrons' contest by six elderly ladies, and an attendance contest when winning side was entertained by the losers. Lisbon is studying civics and getting ready to vote, worked for law enforcement and met all state obligations.

Fairmount held annual banquet, suffrage tea and ten social meetings.

Hankinson entertained Company L with program and refreshments, presenting comfort bags, fitted up the basement of the church, and placed several cots for sleeping accommodation.

Absaraka held Christian Citizenship meeting with men present.

Amenia observed Baby Week, and had a public lecture on Health and Heredity.

Buxton held two socials using proceeds for benefit of public schools.

Fargo is sewing for French Relief work, also made comfort bags for Company B. Fargo Scandinavian works many departments, and held a Sunday School Rally.

Galesburg held one reception, one play, one Pink Tea, and had a sermon on Sabbath Observance.

Hillsboro is busy with Red Cross work and comfort bags.

Mayville worked for election of good city officials, contributed toward the Red Cross war fund.

Page had two sermons on prohibition and two on Sabbath Observance.

Grand Forks is making comfort bags, united with Sunday schools and businessmen for better enforcement of law, had a patriotic sermon, program at Sunday School, and copies of the President's war-message were distributed on Registration Day.

Grand Forks Scandinavian held twenty-three regular meetings with good attendance.

Minto had two temperance sermons, and conducted food sales for raising money.

Nekoma union went to Langdon on Registration Day in six decorated autos, took part in the parade, had a float on Fourth of July, provided lunch room and rest room, had a circulating library, and did Flower Mission and Relief Work.

Bay Center puts stress on Sabbath Observance. Crystal had two sermons on law enforcement, sent telegrams in interest of legislative work.

Drayton does Red Cross work under auspices of the local union, has raised \$100 for this work, had two temperance sermons and one on Sabbath observance. St. Thomas and Hamilton are both very active in Red Cross work. Tyner sent petitions to Senators and Representatives. Fort Rice held a patriotic social, with good program, talks by pastors, testaments and literature presented to departing men.

Grafton is also very active in Red Cross work and has adopted a French war orphan for one year.

SPECIAL MENTION

1st union to report, Grand Forks, 2d, Balfour, 3d, Dickinson.

Largest gain in active membership—Jamestown 28.

Largest gain per cent in active membership—Wildrose, 416 per cent.

Largest number honorary members—Fargo Scandinavian 24.

Largest gain per cent in honorary membership—Balfour.

Largest L. T. L.—Cooperstown 102 paid members.

Most Union Signals taken—Fargo 27, Amenia 22.

Most Young Crusaders taken—Edgeley 50, Fargo 23.

Most regular meetings held—Lisbon 26, Fargo, Fargo Scand., Hope, Grand Forks and Preston, 24 each.

Most complete reports rendered—Dickinson, Reeder, Fargo, Fargo Scand., Oberon, LaMoure, Balfour, Fort Rice.

Best College Essay—Mr. J. J. Weber, University.

Best High School Essay—Gladys E. Ffoats, Grand Forks.

Best Essay from grades,—Hazel Patten, Bismarck.

Banner Unions—Balfour, Galesburg, Oberon, Fargo, Fargo Scand., Dickinson, Jamestown.

Banner Districts—Sixth, Twelfth, Fifteenth.

Districts making gains in membership—Second, Fifth, Sixth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Nineteenth.