



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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"HOMO SUM"

I am a woman—not just a face;  
A stockinged leg, a bust, a wisp of hair,  
Formed for the propagation of the race,  
The better half in nature's needed pair;  
Not a mere picture prettily designed  
To grace the cover of a magazine,  
Nor yet a vampire preying on mankind,  
Nor yet a goddess poised sublime,  
serene,  
Upon a pedestal of man's invention,  
Built rigid with too evident intention,  
I am a woman—not an abstract thought,  
A sentiment, an impulse or a whim;  
A martial strain to which our sires have fought,  
A holy calm to hold a vesper hymn;  
Not just a six-ounce difference in weight,  
Dead matter sealed between his brain and mine;  
Nor the six inches less when measured straight  
From earth to Heaven with a surveyor's line;  
The final verdict that the judge announces  
Will not be ruled by inches or by ounces.  
I am a woman—how it must perplex  
Those of pre-glacial training to behold  
The female insect from her pit of sex  
Climb through the dust, the debris and the mold  
Of locust-eaten centuries! How strange  
That she, once held too frail or too remote  
For grave affairs of government, should change  
To something human that desires to vote;  
And stranger still, to make the matter worse,  
Proves her new power a blessing, not a curse.  
—Alma Whitaker and Harry Bowling in The Clubman.

THE W. C. T. U. AND

THE RED CROSS

For the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to cooperate with the American Red Cross in its distinctive work of making hospital supplies does not mean the merging of our emergency work into that of the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross in its latest circular sent out by the department of military relief, A. R. C. 164, includes directions for making comfort bags. For many years the National W. C. T. U. department of work among soldiers and sailors has been making comfort bags for men in the regular army and to supply battalions. We shall continue to make and fill comfort bags under directions given by Mrs. Ella Hoover Thacher, superintendent of this department work.

Any local union or individual white ribboner desiring to assist in

furnishing base hospitals with the many articles needed for the sick and wounded should apply to the nearest Red Cross unit and secure explicit directions for making these supplies. With the exception of comfort bags, it is these supplies intended for our base hospitals, and these only, that should be standardized by Red Cross rules and distributed through Red Cross channels. Send to National W. C. T. U. Headquarters, Evanston, Ill., for the revised "Comfort Bag" leaflet. Note the points of difference in material and filling for bags to be given soldiers and sailors. Soldier boys prefer khaki; sailors like blue denim. Khaki colored thread and darning cotton would be most useful to the soldiers; black thread and darning cotton to the sailors.

The American Red Cross in its campaigns for funds distinctly states that membership in the Red Cross carries with it no obligation for service. There are so many pressing demands upon our energies to help our boys in training and mobilization camps, so much to do just now to help to secure war prohibition, we urge our W. C. T. U. women to hold steadfastly to the emergency plans of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A vast extension of the social welfare work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has become an immediate necessity. This work is embodied in several departments of national, state, county and local union endeavor. The successful prosecution of this service to meet the war emergency calls for greatly enlarged machinery. It calls for the careful conservation of energy and expense. It necessitates doing away with all duplication of effort. In order that we may adequately measure up to the great opportunity entrusted to us as members of the W. C. T. U., efficiency must everywhere be promoted. To help to the utmost our boys who are giving themselves to the service of God, country and humanity demands not alone diligence and consecration but also the maximum of W. C. T. U. teamwork.

Mrs. Ella Hoover Thacher, national superintendent of the department of work among soldiers and sailors, agrees with the general officers of the National W. C. T. U. that for the duration of the war there must be a special centralization of the activities of this department. The best available machinery of our entire organization must immediately be put in motion to exploit an explicit plan agreed upon by the national officers and the national superintendent. This plan must be loyally followed by state, county and local superintendents of the department of work among soldiers and sailors. National W. C. T. U. headquarters at Evanston, Illinois, will at once become the center from

A DOLLAR A PIECE FROM A THOUSAND WOMEN

Should National Prohibition come as a war measure—and we pray that it may—the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will not be done, by any means.

Never did we need to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes more than we do now, and to call into activity the many departments of our splendid organization.

To do this requires money and we have decided to ask for a sum so small that it is within the reach of everyone.

If you cannot give the dollar yourself, perhaps you can find some one else who will. Credit will be given local unions and districts for amounts contributed.

Let us all respond readily, that this extra fund of \$1,000 may be in the hands of the state treasurer, Mrs. Bowe, by Sept. 7, when the books close.

Our annual state convention follows two weeks later—Sept. 21-24—at Valley City. GIVE YOUR DOLLAR NOW,

B. H. WYLIE.

which this plan will be vigorously pushed. Other national superintendents whose department work is of a character to be especially useful in connection with W. C. T. U. emergency service, will also receive from the administration office of the National W. C. T. U. the same helpful assistance.

GENERAL OFFICERS  
National W. C. T. U.

MEDAL CONTESTS

Has your union held a medal contest this year? If not, now is the best time to work one up. No entertainments given have reached the multitudines that the W. C. T. U. contests have. Money will be needed for the Red Cross and contests will be a popular way of raising it, and we will need to help the W. C. T. U. work in many directions.

Miss Bessie Semran reports five silver medal contests held by the Balfour union this last winter. They are working for the gold medal.

La Moure L. T. L. held another interesting declamatory and vocal music contest. Two new members were secured at this contest, and at the debate between Lisbon and La Moure 12 new members were secured for the L. T. L.

A boys' contest was held by the

Dickinson union. Gordon Lillibridge won the silver medal—his selection was, "Young America to the Front." Receipts \$13.40.

A silver medal contest was held at the 12th district convention by eight girls.

The 2d district convention held at Minnewaukan had a quartette contest. The Leeds Y. P. B. Quartette won and each member was given a small silver lyre.

Mrs. Floy C. Hilborn, contest superintendent of Portal, reports a contest and is working on another to be held next month.

EMMA LOCLWOOD.

DRY STATES

Washington, May 17.—Postmaster General Burlison announced today the territory to which it will be unlawful to mail letters, postal cards or publications containing liquor advertisements, under the so-called Reed amendment, embraces at least twenty-four states in their entirety and portions of two others, while data is incomplete as to four more. The ban is effective July 1 except where otherwise stated.

The absolutely barred states are:

- Alabama.
- Arizona.
- Arkansas.
- Colorado.
- Georgia.
- Idaho.
- Indiana.
- Iowa.
- Maine.
- Michigan.
- Mississippi.
- Montana.
- Nebraska.
- New Hampshire.
- North Carolina.
- North Dakota.
- Oklahoma.
- Oregon.
- South Carolina.
- Utah.
- Virginia.
- Washington.
- West Virginia.

The ban is effective in Utah, August 1 next.

- Indiana, April 3, 1918.
- Michigan, April 30, 1918.
- New Hampshire, May 1, 1918.
- Montana, December 31, 1918.

THE DRINK COST WOULD PAY HALF THE COST OF THE WAR THE FIRST YEAR

The retail liquor bill of the United States is approximately two and one-half billion dollars annually. The cost of the war between Germany and the United States during its first year will probably not exceed this sum, exclusive of loans to the Allies. Including such loans, the amount would still probably pay half the cost of the war.

The situation is incredible and it is inconceivable that the intelligent American people will allow it to continue many months.

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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.

JUNE 1917

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## The Union Signal as a Campaigner

THE UNION SIGNAL answers the many requests made for reliable information concerning the effects of prohibition. It refutes the misstatements of prohibition's enemies by giving the ABSOLUTE TRUTH; it destroys the tissue of deception so skillfully woven by the brewers, by stating the latest scientific testimony concerning the true nature and effects of beer. It is useful and gives a complete document. You cannot afford to be without THE UNION SIGNAL. It educates, inspires and encourages. Read and pass it on to others. Only \$1.00 per year. One premium copy for ten subscriptions at \$1.00 each. Price per 100 for distribution purposes, \$1.75. The once-a-month Campaign Edition only 5 cents per year. Ten subscriptions sent at one time at old rate, 25c. Subscribe now!

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MRS. E. M. POLLOCK,  
Fargo, N. Dak.

STATE CONVENTION, SEPT. 21-24,  
VALLEY CITY.

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

There will be no referendum on the partial suffrage measure as those having the matter in charge failed to get enough signatures on either Suffrage or Sunday laws.

The Philadelphia North American suggests that men abstain from beer or bread during the war. If they want their cereals watered, let them drink beer. If they want them clean and nourishing, let them take theirs in the form of bread. To take both is unfair.

"There are three kinds of temperance bones," said a lecturer the other day, "wishbones, jawbones, and backbones. The wishbones are those who are forever wishing the cause and its adherents Godspeed, but never lend a helping hand; the jawbones do much loud temperance talking but expend little energy in pushing it along; while the tireless workers form the backbone of the movement that means on to victory."

## PRESBYTERIANS FAVOR SUFFRAGE

The Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A. meeting in Dallas, Tex., recorded itself with amazingly small opposition in favor of woman suffrage.

## STRANGE UPRISING

"A preacher said to me: 'Isn't it strange—this mighty uprising against the liquor evil?' I replied: 'The only strange thing about it is that any decent man, in view of what he has seen, should have hesitated to destroy it.' I resent the fact that my father and grandfather did not have sense and conscience enough to do it before I was born, so that I could have gone about my father's business."

## FIGURES UP TO WILSON

The daily newspapers for the last few days have been carrying a story from Washington that the whole United States was likely to be made dry as a war measure. The story sent out from the International News Service from Washington is as follows:

"Anti-liquor forces are standing today on the threshold of their greatest victory. The final drive of the prohibition forces is nearing completion. For under the lash of war and economic necessity the administration is seriously considering the suppression of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors for the duration of the war at least.

"The moral side of the question is not being considered by the Government officials. That, they believe, is a moot question. But, facing a forty per cent reduction in the nation's wheat supply, strict remedial measures are absolutely essential.

"To this end figures have been placed before President Wilson and his Cabinet showing that by stopping the manufacture of liquor there will be an annual saving of 100,000,000 bushels of grain. It is known that the matter has been discussed by the Cabinet.

"The liquor forces in Washington have marshaled their forces.

"They have pointed out to the Government that if the manufacture of their product is stopped it will mean the loss of millions of dollars annually to the national treasury."

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—

On Friday, May 25th, the General Officers met at the State W. C. T. U. Headquarters. This meeting took the place of the Executive Committee meeting which was to have been held May 2nd in connection with the National Campaign Conference. All the general officers were present except Mrs. Best who is still with her daughter in New York City. Messages of love and greeting were sent to Mrs. Best and Mrs. Virginia Keener. Mrs. Keener, greatly to our regret, has moved to Alabama.

The appointments of Mrs. C. L. Sateren of Grand Forks as superintendent of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, and of Mrs. Katrine B. Macdonald as superintendent of the department of Social Meetings and Red Letter Days, were ratified. It was decided to ask every white ribboner in the state to help carry out the financial plan of raising a dollar apiece from a thousand people. The thought is not that each member shall give a dollar, but that each member shall give a friend the opportunity to contribute a dollar to our work. The money raised should be sent to the state treasurer and will be credited to the local union and to the district from which it is sent, and the names of the contributors will be published in the White Ribbon Bulletin. If each member will do her share this money can be raised without being a burden to anyone.

A letter was sent to our Senators and Congressmen asking them to use their influence to bring about National Prohibition as a war measure, and to discourage the placing of an additional tax on alcoholic liquors.

Plans for organization, for District Conventions, for W. C. T. U. Institutes at Valley City and Devils Lake Chautauques, and for the state convention at Valley City, September 21st to 24th, were discussed. You will be delighted to know that our beloved National president, Miss Anna A. Gordon, will be with us at the state convention, also Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, the gifted president of Iowa W. C. T. U. We are looking forward to a great meeting of the white ribbon clans and Valley City will give us a royal welcome.

THE W. C. T. U. AND THE WAR  
My Beloved Co-Workers: How I wish I could meet you all face to face and that we could talk over the tremendous crisis we are facing today and our duty as loyal white ribboners.

We have given our sons and hundreds of them will soon be in training camps preparing to serve their country in this great world struggle. We must continue to protest against the debauching of these boys thru vice and drink. We must continue to send letters and telegrams to the President and to our Senators and Congressmen until National prohibition as a war measure is assured. As shown by the recent Democratic caucus by a vote of 87 to 60, Congress is willing to act now, and pass a National Prohibition law as a war measure immediately, but they have decided to wait for recommendation from President Wilson. President Wilson has said to confidential advisors that he will wait for an expression of the American people.

You have all received from our superintendent of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. C. L. Sateren, Grand Forks, directions as to how we may at once begin to assist in Red Cross work under that department. Remember in making hospital supplies we cooperate with the Red Cross chapters and use their channels of distribution, but REPORT the work done to Mrs. Sateren. In making comfort bags we

follow directions given by our national superintendent, Mrs. Ella Hoover Thacher, which are given in full in The Union Signal of May 17. You will notice that instead of cigarettes and playing cards, we put in to our W. C. T. U. comfort bags testaments, pledge cards and a book of patriotic songs. These bags are sent thru our own channels and presented by our women to our boys on battleships and in military forts and naval training stations. It is a personal touch from our great organization of mother love, to these brave boys in service. Committees may be appointed to cut out the work which you can do in your homes, or extra meetings of the union may be held for this purpose. We believe many women may unite with our organization because of our unique program of service for enlisted men. Be sure to give them the invitation. It is vitally important to remember that all this emergency service is in ADDITION to our regular work which must not be set aside. "Business as usual," should be our motto.

In the excitement, the strain and stress of war, we must keep steadily to the great principles of our organization. Our educational propaganda must be carried on. Special care must be given to our L. T. L. work. Juvenile crime has increased in every European country that is engaged in war. Statistics show that juvenile delinquency in England increased 34 per cent. In Berlin, during the first year of the war, twice as many crimes were committed by children as in the preceding year. The same conditions will be true in this country unless unusual efforts are put forth to save the children.

The work of the W. C. T. U., so necessary in time of peace, will be a hundred fold more necessary in time of war and in the reconstruction period which will follow. Therefore, keep up the regular work of the union. Be faithful and loyal to the organization. Invite women to join and work with us. See that dues are paid promptly and sent in to the state treasurer. While we will need to economize let us not make the mistake of cutting down on the Lord's work. The tenth is the Lord's; shall we not see that He has His own with interest?

We need during these trying days to pray as never before; for our country, the President and the Congress; for our defenders on land and sea; for the boys who are enlisting; for the fathers and mothers who are giving their best beloved; for ourselves, that our faith fail not, that we hold steadfastly to our high ideals for the future, that out of this terrible carnage may come forth God's purposes, peace, democracy and righteousness—the "parliament of man, the federation of the world."

Yours in the faith,

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
Fargo, N. Dak., May 29, 1917.

## DRINK AND THE WAR BILL

Elimination of the drink trade will pay half the cost of war. It will increase by one-third our industrial efficiency, it will swell by 135,000,000 bushels annually, our store of food. It will prevent the possibility of railroad blockades. It will convert many thousands of blood-sucking leeches into producing MEN. It provides a margin of safety for our allies and a guarantee of the victory-power for ourselves.

That the administration realizes to the full the lessons of the European war is evident. We are organizing the nation in order that we may leap full-grown into the conflict. What is the first essential of reasonable power-conservation and industrial efficiency? Prohibition of drink.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

Today I had the delightful privilege of attending a luncheon, arranged by Mrs. Alice V. Hull, and members of the University Y. P. B. During the noon hour a conversation was held about the work. The annual election of officers followed and Miss Viola Perry, Grand Forks, was elected president, Miss Ruth Ingle, of Berthold, vice-president; Miss Dagney Leum, of Mayville, secretary; and Miss Martha Williams, Rollette, and Roscoe McKean, Drayton, treasurers. The interest shown by these young people is very encouraging. The anti-narcotic lectures by Dr. Gillette, have been well attended. Essay Contest has received attention, especially in Model High School, where 60 essays have been written.

On the way to our general officers' meeting at Fargo I had the pleasure of spending a day at Buxton where the Fifteenth District convention was being held. The popular president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, had arranged an unusually interesting program, which was carried out on time. The address by Mrs. Wilder was highly commended, also the very impressive presentation of the "Wine-Press," by Mr. Hewison Pollock, of Fargo. Reports of Superintendents showed the wonderful possibilities in our department work. Enthusiasm marked the splendid convention and inspired those in attendance for days to come.

The Second District held a very interesting convention at Minnewaukan, early in May, of which report is made elsewhere. The faithful president, Mrs. Margaret A. Garry, on May 1st, organized a local union at Hurdfield, with Mrs. J. Hildebrandt, president; Miss Nelle Osmun and Mrs. Walton, vice-presidents; Mrs. Electa White, secretary, and Mrs. Wilson, treasurer. A Y. P. B. at Minnewaukan was also organized, by Mrs. Garry, with Miss Helen McConnell as secretary.

On May 14 and 15 the Sixth District held its first annual convention at Dickinson. An excellent program was arranged by the president, Mrs. B. E. Noark. Addresses were given by Mrs. Alma B. Shafer, of Beach, Mrs. Noark, several ministers and others. A gold medal contest added much to the occasion. Fine work was reported in Flower-Mission and other departments. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Julius Seibert, of Belfield; vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Cooke, Fryburg; recording secretary, Mrs. J. G. Dickey, Dickinson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Steinquist, Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Eide, Beach. Mrs. Alma B. Shafer, of Beach, has been giving her best service to this district, and the results are in evidence. She and Mrs. Noark will continue as field-workers. State workers are much encouraged by this inspiring convention held west of the Missouri River.

Several district conventions are due in June.

At Valley City Chautauqua, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, our state recording secretary, will conduct a week's Institute and give the addresses on our special day. Mrs. Wilder will be assisted, in the Institute, by Mrs. Heidel, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Fred Carr, Mrs. Shippy and others. Miss Emma Lockwood will conduct a Medal Contest. At North Chautauqua the corresponding secretary will be in charge and will be assisted in the institute by Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Salmons, Miss Powell, Mrs. Stinson, Prof. Haig and others. The address, on our special day, will be given by Mrs. Ella M. Shippy, of Hope, State Supt. of Franchise.

We hope many of you may attend these Chautauqua assemblies. In these days of unrest and uncertainty, we need to maintain, as far as possible, the stability of our moral institutions. Acting on this principle, we have engaged Mrs. Harriet D. Hall, of Illinois, for a month's work, beginning at Hankin-

son, Sunday, June 3rd. Mrs. Hall's work is well known in North Dakota and she is gladly welcomed by her old friends.

At present, Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers is busy in Ninth District and in spite of some adverse conditions is meeting with some success. Mrs. Bowers is the author of the "Order of Opening Service" for local unions, which will be helpful, especially for new unions, and may be obtained from State Headquarters for 30c per dozen. From Mrs. Bowers' pen has also come a dainty booklet on "The Golden Age of Girlhood." Space forbids a detailed review of this publication, as well as of another fascinating story, "The Hilton Twins," by Mrs. Hattie M. Wilson, of Danzig, president of the 9th district. Mrs. Wilson has given us a unique tale and her book will be read with much interest by her white-ribbon friends. We are indebted to both these authors for souvenir copies.

You will rejoice, with me, in Mrs. Anderson's improved condition of health, and that she was able to preside over our general officers' meeting, last week, with her usual ability.

Our tender sympathy goes out to our L. T. L. Sec., Miss Gladys Powell, whose beloved father was recently called to the Better Land.

Yours faithfully,  
BARBARA H. WYLIE.  
Grand Forks, N. D., May 28, 1917.

## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE ESSAYS ARE DUE

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:—

Just a line to remind you that it will soon be time to send in the Prize Essays for the State Contest. Hope many of you have been interested in this department of work this year. If we would have Nation-Wide Prohibition and maintain it we must "do our bit" in teaching the boys and girls in the schools of today, who will be the voters of tomorrow, the harmful effects of narcotics and alcohol.

Send Essays to my address on or before July 1st to be entered in State Contest.

Lovingly,  
LILLIE B. SMITH,  
State Supt. S. T. I.  
Thompson, N. D., May 20, 1917.

## PROHIBITION A NATIONAL ISSUE

Many of the leading journals and newspapers of our country are advocating prohibition as a war measure; others as an economic and moral measure for all time. The issue of the Literary Digest for May 26th contains "The story of states dry at least for a year as told by their newspapers." These papers are quite unanimous in expressing the beneficial workings of prohibition. We quote as a general expression from Augusta, Maine, Journal:

Yet even in times when the political enemies of the law were in power and nullifications of the law were as flagrant as "the worst in our worst cities desired, the traffic was still an outlaw, discredited." A great fact about prohibition, despite these conditions, is that in the large area of Maine's rural districts the law has "fulfilled its high purpose in a degree that is admirable beyond measure," and, now, since the ruling of the Supreme Court on the Webb-Kenyon Law, this journal rejoices to note that the Interstate Commerce "farce" protecting original packages to any point in Maine can no longer prevail. We read then:

"We advise other States to adopt our law, with improvements against weak and nullifying officials, because every State added helps us, and because our religious, educational, business and social life is more wholesome and progressive under it; because the opposition of the liquor interests has aroused the people to study the liquor-traffic problem, and to study means understanding of and hatred for the conscienceless methods of a damnable business."

## CONDUCTING A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

In conducting a membership contest there are several points which should be carefully observed. Among these I would suggest:

1. Enthusiastic captains for the teams. Enthusiasm is highly infectious.
  2. Tactful captains. Lack of tact may cause hard feelings among the members which will more than offset the good accomplished by the contest. Better a small union all pulling together than a large one disrupted by personal ill feeling.
  3. A definite plan for work.
  4. A thorough understanding on the part of new members as to what is expected of them and as to their pledge.
  5. Do not have too large teams. If the union is large have several teams.
- In my mind all the above points are of prime importance. A reward for the winning team proves a good incentive. In our contest the losers gave a dinner party for the winners and new members and made it one of the pleasantest social affairs in our year of work.
- Anything that adds novelty to the contest stimulates interest. However, we should always remember that a few good, working, interested members are worth more than a large number who will lose interest after the first two or three meetings. A few open meetings with special invitations to non-members would be a wise preliminary move.

## SUFFRAGE NOTES

The Mississippi Valley Convention convened in Columbus, Ohio, May 12th, for a three days session. Several thousand delegates were in attendance from the following states Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Iowa. Mrs. Carrie S. Catt addressed the conference the first day and reviewed the progress of suffrage during the past five years. She predicted still greater victories for the future, and called attention to how woman's war work in England has assured them the ballot.

"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens by no means excluding the women,"—Abraham Lincoln.

We hope that all district conventions will have at least one paper, or address, on some phase of the suffrage question. We need to talk suffrage, discuss suffrage, read suffrage and think suffrage. Open Air Meetings are in order now, and also Chautauquas. Let us not fail to grasp the opportunity afforded by these gatherings, and have the subject brought before the people, by means of posters, talks and distributed literature. One of the best methods of distributing literature is by placing leaflets in autos or upon seats in tents or auditoriums. A few dollars invested in good fresh literature this summer will no doubt bring forth much fruit in the form of "Votes for Women" at the election in 1918.

The following article "Counting Our Gains", appeared in the Woman's Journal of May 12th, so is really as authentic as can be, in these days of suffrage progress, it is almost impossible to keep pace with the victories, and the changes in the suffrage map, so quickly do they come:

Most of the State Legislatures of 1917 have now taken action on woman suffrage. There are a few from which news of victory may still come to us, but in the main the legislative record of the year is made, and we can begin to count our sheaves. It is an encouraging harvest.

Equal suffrage has won 14 victories in the United States within the past four months. Eight State Legislatures have given women partial suffrage, six have voted to submit constitutional amendments for full suffrage to voters.

Women have been given the right to vote for President of the United States

in North Dakota, Ohio, Indiana, Rhode Island Michigan and Nebraska. In Nebraska, Indiana and North Dakota they have also been given municipal suffrage, and in Indiana a vote for delegates to the constitutional convention. In Arkansas they have been given practically full suffrage. Vermont has given municipal suffrage to tax-paying women. The states that have voted to submit constitutional amendments for full suffrage to referendum are Maine, New York, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Oklahoma.

In addition, Ontario and Nova Scotia have just given women full suffrage, following Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, which took like action last year, and woman suffrage is practically assured in England and Russia.

Women now have a voice in choosing 171 of the 531 members of the electoral college, who elect the President of the United States, and nobody knows how many more they may be able to vote for by 1920. A. S. B.

## WOMEN IN GERMANY

By Carl W. Ackerman

Frau Gertrude Baeumer, the leading writer on women's activities in Germany, states in her book that there are 9,500,000 women in Germany working for a living today.

Before the war and even after the beginning of the war, German women played no part in the life of the German nation. In Germany it was a "man's world," and women were considered only as the necessary means of having families. But during the war this has changed to such a great extent that people who never believed that woman suffrage would be an issue looked forward to the time when women would vote as they do in Norway and Denmark and in many states in the United States.

From the empress to the poorest woman in the country there is a feeling that the war cannot be successfully conducted unless the women as well as the men help the Fatherland. And because the women have been asked to do so much, the feeling has grown that when peace comes the women must have something to say in governmental affairs. During the last two years the activities of women have reached every branch of trade and many government departments.

Last fall a woman was made an assistant in the newly organized Kriegsmant, which was to have charge of the German civil service. On the kaiser's birthday this year, when the submarine war proposal was finally decided upon, two women, the empress and Frau von Hindenburg, were invited to great headquarters. It was the first time militarism ever consulted a woman.

At the very beginning of the war women became active in the Red Cross. And at every railroad station in Germany along the main routes to the front, women organized relief stations, where the soldiers obtained coffee and sandwiches, while they were making their long journeys from the East to the West, and where the wounded received careful attention. In this work the women made their debut as public affairs.

## DRINK vs. VICE

What is the greatest destroyer of food? DRINK!  
What is the greatest destroyer of labor? DRINK!  
What is the greatest destroyer of financial strength? DRINK!  
What is the greatest destroyer of victory? DRINK!

At the present time the greatest military point of view—the greatest pro-German force in this country—is the drink traffic, which emasculates and wastes the resources of our people.—Robert B. Batty.

## FIFTEENTH DIST. CONVENTION

This is the season for district conventions. We are expecting the reports will be in for the July number. We hope that all the districts will enjoy as fine and inspiring a session as did the Fifteenth at Buxton, May 22 to 24.

The sessions were held in the United Lutheran church, which was taxed to capacity at the evening meetings. There was an average attendance of fifty in the afternoons. Several fine twenty-mile auto rides were greatly enjoyed by the delegates, and they were accorded most hospitable treatment throughout. The program was full of good things and was kept up to time by the president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, who is a live wire and brings to the work an enthusiasm which is most infectious.

The district organization adopted resolutions commending the efforts of Attorney General William Langer and the Enforcement league; praising Mr. Divet for his work against the cigaret and for the bone-dry law; petitioning President Wilson to prohibit sale and manufacture of liquor as a war measure; asking the state legislature to make Saturday afternoon a legal holiday, as Sunday observance measure; promising aid to Y. M. C. A. in its special war camp work; endorsing Dr. Ladd's pure food legislation; endorsing the county nurse idea; expressing gratitude for limited suffrage law passed by last legislature, and thanking the people of Buxton for their fine hospitality.

Mrs. Henrietta Haagenson, in a fine talk on health, stated that all diseases are infectious, as an argument for the school nurse.

A pageant that was a very interesting feature Thursday represented Alaska as the child among the prohibition states, as owing to it being a territory Alaska's vote for prohibition had to be ratified by the United States government.

Hewison Pollock read "The Wine Press," in an impressive and artistic manner.

Mrs. O. P. N. Anderson, Fargo, gave a fine report of the last national convention and was applauded when she spoke of the \$5 she had brought from the Scandinavian union of Fargo from there, awarded it for being the largest foreign-speaking union in the United States. Mrs. Black, national superintendent of foreign work, gave that union \$10 in addition.

Mrs. Schlosser, Mayville, spoke very enthusiastically of the W. C. T. U. as a world power, citing that it now has half a million membership. Mrs. R. M. Pollock, Fargo, told of the Municipal and Presidential Suffrage law and the Bone Dry law, and Mrs. B. H. Wylie, Bowesmont, spoke on the Legislative work. During one session Mrs. H. P. Porter conducted memorial service for five members who died during the year, Geo. Gavin of Absaraka, Mrs. H. L. Dumert of Fargo, Mrs. H. A. Hathaway of Fargo, Mrs. J. S. Boyd of Fargo and Mrs. Nellie Curtiss of Moorhead. Mrs. Walter Reed of Amenia sang at the service. One-half the delegates at Buxton were either foreign born or of foreign parentage. Two babies were made white ribbon recruits by Mrs. Wylie.

### "DRY" HUMOR

The editor of the National Enquirer (Indianapolis) is in a merry mood, and gets off some airy persiflage, which we hope the liquor party will enjoy:

The Congress which has just closed need not expect a letter of commendation from the liquor camp. Every time the members found time hanging heavily on their hands and felt they needed a little exercise they took a fall-out with John Barleycorn and swatted him right and left. It was actually cruelty to animals the way they kicked and cuffed the old fellow about.

And there were plenty of liquor lobbyists on the ground, too. Possibly



KATE S. WILDER,  
Re-elected President of the Fifteenth District Consisting of  
Cass, Steele and Trail Counties.

this fact had something to do in the way of stirring the members to action. There were times when, according to press dispatches, the registers of Washington hotels looked like the roster of officers of the distilleries and breweries of the country. Never before were so many representatives of the liquor interests so conspicuously in evidence.

But these apostles of personal liberty did not do their cause any good. Congress went right ahead and piled up a record of accomplishments against the liquor traffic which caused every whiskey barrel and beer keg to wear crepe and every liquor dealer to express himself in emphatic and picturesque language.

We do not know all the things Congress did do to the traffic, but the wets will agree it was a plenty, and that what was done did not cause brewery and distillery stock to do any soaring. On the contrary, it did cause this stock to take to the cellar, and it is now hiding behind the coal bin with a price tag so low as scarcely to be discernable, even with the aid of a microscope.

What are some of the big things Congress did do?

It made Washington and the District of Columbia dry.

It passed a drastic dry law for the territory of Alaska.

It passed a law prohibiting the shipping of liquor for beverage purposes into dry states.

It passed a law prohibiting the advertising of liquor in dry states which have anti-liquor advertising laws.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate and House reported favorably the resolution providing for submission of national prohibition to the states.

Of course there were other biffs Congress gave booze, but the above are a few of the knock-out blows administered. These together with the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding valid the Webb-Kenyon law, constitutes some of the reasons why the liquor men would be glad to abolish Congress and the Supreme Court, and give Washington to any person who wants it.

But the wets should cheer up. The worst is yet to come. The present Congress will be several degrees drier than the one which preceded it.

## FIELD NOTES.

LISBON.—Mrs. N. J. Zeller was hostess to the W. C. T. U. Friday, May the twenty-fifth. On account of the illness of the president, the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Moore. Devotions were led by Mrs. McBride. Roll call was responded to by twenty-seven members, and there were ten visitors. The following program was given: Reading—Moral Training in the Public School, Mrs. N. S. Diehl; reading—Safety for School Children—Mrs. Chamberlain; reading—Military Drill in Public School, Mrs. Butler; reading—Nine Reasons Why the Bible should be Read in the Public School, Mrs. F. A. Trumm. The program was closed with a piano solo, Heart's Delight, by Lindoren Trumm, responded to encore by playing, Bells in the Valley. At the close of the program, Miss Grace Allen gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the "Service League" and gave an invitation for new members. Twelve joined at this time. This meeting closed the work of the union for the year, which has been a very successful one in all its branches, due largely to the untiring efforts of our president. The program committee for the new year beginning June the eighth have provided not only interesting but instructive programs. As Current Events are to be the roll call, civil government will be taken up at each meeting under different leaders, and helpful addresses will be given by competent speakers. If you are a white ribboner give us your hearty support this coming year; if not already a member we most heartily invite you to come into our ranks and help the cause whose motto is "For God and Home and Every Land." Never in our history has the world needed temperance as at the present time, and let us be in the front ranks in this great war on the liquor traffic. Mrs. F. A. Trumm, Press Supt.

LAMOURE.—On Friday, April 13, the Lisbon L. T. L. and the LaMoure L. T. L. gave a program and debate at the LaMoure Presbyterian church on the special wording of the temperance question as given below. Subject for debate: Resolved, That Alcohol Intemperance is a Greater Evil than the Tobacco Habit. Affirmative Ruth Elay-

er, Florence Moore and Ruth Cooper of the Lisbon L. T. L. Negative, Maude Benjamin, Evelyn Hartman and Florence Wilbert of the LaMoure L. T. L. The Pledge Card—Rev. Duden; piano solo—Gertrude Bale, of Lisbon; recitation—Ruth Cooper, of Lisbon; vocal solo—Evelyn Hartman, of LaMoure; recitation—Helen Bale, of Lisbon; vocal solo—Leora Lowe, of LaMoure; collection; judges' decision; song by congregation; benediction. The debaters did excellently, the LaMoure side receiving a mark of 98 per cent while Lisbon won the debate. LaMoure people are to be congratulated upon their hospitality. The program was followed by a banquet and social hour. Mrs. H. T. Benjamin is the local superintendent of the L. T. L. She deserves much credit for her faithful work in the branch of the L. T. L. Mrs. Wm. G. Engel, of Lisbon, is the district and local L. T. L. superintendent. She accompanied the girls to LaMoure.

SOUTHAM.—Preston union met Thursday, May 10th, at the pleasant home of Mrs. Carpenter and held a Mother's Day program which was very well attended, considering the busy days when it is not always possible to get a horse to drive. A dear old lady brought a book to our meeting, the title was "To My Mother," and we used the beautiful verses for roll-call, we followed the year-book for the rest of the program and found many interesting items about the mothers of some of the men of today. We also discussed making bandages and doing Red Cross work and expected to do what we can. Each member paid 10c to help the work along. And although it is not always possible to wear the American flag in our work, still we can wear the ribbon, white, be true blue, and well read, and reward will surely crown our efforts. Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Day are taking charge of our L. T. L., and they have quite a number enrolled, they serve lunch at the L. T. L. meetings, and are trying to interest the children in every way possible. Mrs. Carpenter also served a delicious lunch at the Mothers' Day program.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received from unions and districts for the month beginning April 21st and ending May 21st.

Grafton, dues.....	\$13 20
Witard, dues.....	3 00
Ross, Y. P. B. dues.....	2 00
Minor, memorial, chautauqua, legislative, dues.....	4 70
Hamilton, memorial.....	2 00
Galesburg, L. T. L., memorial.....	1 75
Inkster, dues, headquarters.....	6 40
Mrs. B. H. Wylie, Essay Contest work.....	5 00
Amenia, dues.....	70
A Friend, headquarters.....	5 00
LaMoure, memorial, state, headquarters.....	7 00
West Fairview, dues.....	8 40
Devils Lake, dues.....	1 40
Drayton, Stevens, dues.....	5 90
Epping, dues, legislative, chautauqua, headquarters.....	10 70
Prosper, dues.....	10 50
Grand Forks, state, headquarters.....	40 00
Minnewaukan, Y. P. B. dues.....	5 00
Valley City, chautauqua, headquarters, state, legislative, L. T. L.....	25 00
Page, life member.....	10 00
Petrel, dues.....	12 60
Abercrombie, chautauqua, headquarters.....	2 00
Towner, dues.....	1 40
Hankinson, state, memorial, chautauqua, dues.....	10 10
Esmond, memorial, dues.....	5 50
Valley City Scandinavian, dues.....	2 10
New Rockford, dues.....	6 30
Balfour, legislative, chautauqua.....	2 00
Stanley, Stevens.....	2 00
Lovell, dues.....	11 20
Mayville, life member.....	10 00
Mayville, Essay Contest, dues.....	3 10
Minto, dues.....	1 40
Jamestown, dues.....	3 50
Thirteenth District, state.....	10 00

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