



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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**CREDO**

**I BELIEVE**

In my country and her destiny,  
In the great dream of her founders,  
In her place among the nations,  
In her ideals.

**I BELIEVE**

That her democracy must be protected,  
Her privileges cherished,  
Her freedom protected.

**I BELIEVE**

That humbly before the Almighty,  
But proudly before all mankind,  
We must safeguard her standard,  
The vision of her Washington,  
The martyrdom of her Lincoln,  
With the patriotic ardor  
Of the minute men  
And the boys in blue  
Of her glorious past.

**I BELIEVE**

In loyalty to my country,  
Utter, irrevocable, inviolate.

Thou in whose sight  
A thousand years are but as yesterday

And as a watch in the night,  
Help me

In my frailty  
To make real  
What I believe.

—New York Times.

**THE YOUNG GIRL'S WAR "BIT"**

MARY E. BROWN

Girl in your "teens," have you a soldier brother, big and splendid, or friends and associates, proudly wearing the uniform? If so you feel especially honored, I am sure.

Has it occurred to you, bright, enthusiastic girl, full of life and patriotic admiration for the uniform and its wearer, that a very serious responsibility has been placed upon you because of this war?

While in camp enlisted men are practically safe. When on leave of absence their greatest danger is provided by the girls and young women whose sympathy, patriotic impulse, and admiration for the heroic lead them to ignore the restraint which mark the refined girl or woman. They forget the aftermath of sorrow and regret, often of shame and disgrace, which follows the "picked up" acquaintance and free association with men under disturbing conditions.

Joseph Lee, president of the National Play Grounds Association, says: "One of the big problems is that of the young girl. It has been found in Europe and Canada that young girls are apt to completely lose their heads over the soldier. The girls are eager to meet the soldier, to show their appreciation of what he is doing, and this places the girl part of the community under such an emotional strain that a great deal of attention must be given to the working out of the problem."

The commander of a group of soldiers guarding a tunnel in a community known to the writer went to the mother of a sixteen-year-old girl and insisted that the daughter should be restrained from visiting the camp and making acquaintance with the men. He said that if she came again he would arrest her and place her in the guard house. The colonel in command of a regiment of fine young men said to me, "If you women will do something for the fool girls it will help us care for the men."

These are terrible indictments which should make you, and every girl, resolve to do your "bit" toward protecting foolish girls from their own ignorance and rashness. If you possess a shred of real patriotism you will prove it by throwing the whole strength of your splendid girlhood into the effort to protect the soldiers from the unwise approach and chance acquaintance of girls who "lose their heads over the uniform." Only as you are true to the highest and best that you know will you be able to inspire the defenders of the flag to the sincerest moral and spiritual living. Only thus can you do your "bit."

Your patriotic zeal will find outlet in knitting for soldiers; in girl's clubs for canning and drying fruits and vegetables to add to the supply of food for our own and other lands; interesting yourself in the care of the families of enlisted men; looking after and comforting those whose dear ones have gone to the front; doing Red Cross work, economizing in personal expenditures for dress and other one time indulgences.

**PLEA AGAINST THE USE OF TOBACCO IN THE ARMY**

In regard to the "smoking fund" for our soldiers in France, will you permit me to call attention to the attitude of West Point and Annapolis toward tobacco. These two government schools prohibit its use entirely. A recent report says: "Hundreds of boys apply for admission to the naval academy and one fifth of all who are examined are rejected on account of heart disease, which the surgeons say is caused by smoking cigarettes." Dr. A. E. Gilson, of the U. S. Navy, gives the following testimony as to the effects of smoking upon the student:

"1st. It leads to impaired nutrition of the nerve centers.

"2nd. It is a fertile cause of neuralgia, vertigo and indigestion.

"3rd. It irritates the mouth and throat and thus destroys the purity of the voice.

"4th. By excitation of the optic nerves it provokes amaurosis and other defects of vision.

"5th. It causes a tremulous hand and an intermittent pulse.

"6th. One of its conspicuous effects is to develop irritability of the heart.

"7th. It retards the cell change

upon which the development of the adolescent depends."

The annual report for 1913 of the British Anti-Tobacco and Anti-Narcotic League contains the following, which is of special interest just now when the eyes of the world are upon the European war: It will be remembered that when the Boer war broke out 11,000 volunteered for service in Manchester district alone; 8,000 were at once rejected as physically unfit, and only 1,200 finally passed the doctors. The chief cause of unfitness was proved to be smoking by boys and young men."

From that time special attention has been given to this subject, and now in all the eight commands of the British army the general officers are imposing more or less stringent regulations by means of local orders to check the habit of cigarette smoking among the troops. Surgeon General Sir W. L. Gubbins, and Director General Sir Alfred Keogh before him in their annual report on the health of the home army, have established the importance of taking steps to reduce cigarette smoking by soldiers.—Chronicle.

**FIELD NOTES**

EDEGELEY—The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Vernon, the annual meeting for the election of officers. Mrs. W. W. Anderson was chosen president for the third year, Mrs. H. E. Sox and Mrs. J. E. Kipp, vice presidents; Mrs. Hamilton Ganung, secretary; Mrs. Geo. Lee, treasurer. A bountiful lunch was then served to about fifty-five members and friends.

FAIRMOUNT—The Day of Prayer for National Prohibition was observed by our W. C. T. U. at the M. E. church. In the evening the church choir had charge of the music, and a special selection—"Make Me a Power for Good"—left a lasting impression. The pastor, Rev. Hynes, gave a fine address and fervent prayers were offered. Our union is pressing the battle for a clean home town and have the enemy on the retreat. We are also thanking God for victories won in the state legislature. With all confidence for victory for National Prohibition in the near future, Yours for service, Mrs. A. W. Garfoot, Sec'y W. C. T. U.

MAYVILLE—The Mayville union has been saddened within the last two months by the death of three of its members: Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Lenora Warren and Mrs. Carrie Hanson. These members were all earnest, christian workers, ever ready to do their part in the great service of our Master. Mrs. Hanson was the only remaining charter member. One of our former members has very fittingly paid the following tribute to her: "She has done her work in the temperance cause. Ever charitable and faithful, patient in all trials, a friend in joys

as well as a sympathizing friend in ill. Doing all she could for humanity, adopting orphans, taking a mother's place." We deeply feel her loss, but hope her influence will live on.

**AN EXHIBIT ANY TOWN MAY GIVE**

An exhibit was arranged by Mr. C. C. Chaffee in his store at Valley City during the state convention. In the exhibit were all the articles of wearing apparel listed below, and all could be purchased for \$109.55. A glass of beer costs ten cents in most places now, and at that rate three glasses a day for a year would cost \$109.50, just five cents less than the goods in the exhibit. The exhibit was easy to arrange and the lesson was very plain. In these days of "H. C. L." and with the constant request coming to us to conserve all we can, we think every town should have such an exhibit to show where waste comes in. Can you have one in the window of a store in your town?

**THE LIST**

Petticoat.....	\$ 4 50
Hat.....	5 95
Childs coat.....	10 00
".....	8 00
Tie.....	65
Pr. gloves.....	2 00
Corset.....	1 25
2 Pr. hose at 25c.....	50
4 Pr. hose at 15c.....	60
Skirt.....	5 95
Child's dress.....	2 25
3 Child's dresses at 98c.....	2 94
5 Hdkfs. at 12 1/2c.....	62
Pr. mittens.....	25
Pr. mittens.....	35
2 Union suits at \$1.50.....	2 50
Child's sweater.....	2 00
" cap.....	60
" sweater.....	3 00
4 " union suits at 50c.....	2 00
2 Lady's union suits at \$1.25.....	2 50
Lady's dress.....	18 50
" coat.....	27 50
2 Gowns at 98c.....	1 96
2 Gowns at 59c.....	1 18
2 Gowns at 75c.....	1 50
Brassiere.....	50
	\$ 109 55

**GENERAL PERSHING'S BLOW**

Gen. J. J. Pershing, commander of the first United States troops to go to the battle front in France, is an ardent advocate of prohibition. Pershing's punitive expedition into Mexico was, to quote a writer in the New York Tribune, the driest body of troops that ever marched. It traveled absolutely on the water wagon, and the going was hard. Some of those soldiers went into Mexico soft and moderately rum-soaked. But they came out lean, clear-eyed and hard as nails. The sanitary corps reports on that expedition will show some wonderful results. Despite the hardships of the first rush, the sick reports were startlingly meagre.

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**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.

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## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

For economic reasons we must this year choose practical gifts. And what will be of less expense, give less trouble to the busy sender, and more joy to the recipient than a year's subscription to the Regular Edition of the UNION SIGNAL (\$1.00, for new subscribers, upon request beginning with the issue of Dec. 13) including the three National Convention numbers—and running until January, 1919, or the Campaign Edition (monthly, 35c), or the YOUNG CRUSADER (25 cts). A suitable remembrance for the pastor, physician, business man, teacher, up to date worker along all lines, the busy mother, the invalid, the school children and college young people.

ORDER NOW

How the good women of North Dakota are rejoicing that the Empire State has stricken from its constitution the word "male" and inserted "or she," "or her." Not a great change in words but great in meaning.

The prohibition gains in Ohio are cause for great rejoicing. "Sin sinnaughty (Cincinnati) has kept the state wet. The federal government has found conditions so bad that federal authority has cleaned out the "down on the levee" district in the interests of the soldiers, encamped on the Kentucky side.

We are not to believe all the wild rumors we hear of vice conditions at the cantonments. Federal investigation finds Camp Dodge and the City of Des Moines as clear of vice as Ida B. Wise Smith told us it would be, and we are all glad that Gen. Pershing sent a cable saying that only soft drinks were allowed in canteens for American soldiers in France.

We are sure that the women of North Dakota W. C. T. U. are more interested than ever, that on this our first war time Christmas we give wisely and eliminate the "exchange system." "Our boys" need our gifts and our country as well as the poor, "that ye have always with you." So let us lay out our budget for gifts prayerfully, carefully and unselfishly.

We have wheatless bread and meatless meat. Now the lights are to go out to save coal and Patriot Henry Ford is to take away our joy rides.

## BREAD STUFFS WASTED

But what of the \$146,000,000 in bread stuffs destroyed annually by the liquor making industry? With the world starving, and with 20,000,000 producers called to the trenches of Europe, the liquor traffic consumes grain which would make 1,000,000 pounds of bread a day, or the daily bread ration of more than 22,000,000 men. It is equal in nutritive value to the entire food demands of 7,000,000 people. It is true some reduction may be made in these figures since Congress has prohibited the manufacture of distilled liquors. But the brewers all ways have used double the grain destroyed by distillers for beverages, and now they will consume far more than ever.

## LOST BUT FIVE DRY TOWNS TO WETS

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The dry forces of New York, without the aid of the two million new woman voters of the state (who were not enfranchised in time to vote this time), have swept one hundred and twenty-seven wet towns into the dry column, and lost but five dry towns to the wets—a net gain of 122 towns; and every town of Schoharie county went dry, making five counties now completely dry.

Coal is one of the necessities, almost as important as food. West Virginia miners, by official reports, are said to produce 25 per cent more coal than Pennsylvania miners. West Virginia is a dry state, Pennsylvania wet. If coal mining could be carried on this winter free from the handicap of booze, the coal problem would be solved.

Many of our best writers give the cigarette and the cigar a prominent place in fiction. The smoking man is depicted in most of the stories in magazines. Because we educate largely through the eye, we must stop this, else the education is degrading.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—

This letter is written from one of the most beautiful and historic spots in North America—Harper's Ferry, where John Brown made his heroic stand for the freedom of the black race. John Brown's fort is on the campus of Storer College—where I am spending a few days with an old time friend, before going to the Washington convention. I hurried east with Mr. Anderson in advance of the convention, in order to see our soldier boy who was reported to be at Camp Mills, Long Island, preparatory to sailing for France. His regiment, however, did not arrive at Camp Mills until a week later. We had a few hours at the Camp and had the great pleasure of seeing many North Dakota boys. They had just arrived and were getting settled. They were looking well and seemed to be in the best of spirits: I was eager to "go across."

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith writes me that Iowa W. C. T. U. has taken up a new work for soldiers and the slogan for this work is "Mother's Spread for Soldiers' Bread." Although it is late the women are rising to the opportunity and jelly and jam is going into Camp Dodge by the barrels full every day. Many North Dakota boys are there, and she invites us to have a part in this work. Jelly and jam may be sent by freight and should be in quart jars packed in barrels. These should be shipped to Division Quartermaster, 88th Division, Camp Dodge, Iowa, and the bill of lading sent to him. A letter should be sent to the Iowa Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors Work, Mrs. C. W. Bacon, 1314 27th St., Des Moines, Ia., telling her what you have sent. She checks up at the Camp and finds where the delicacies are given out. Keep a record of all this work and report to our own superintendent of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo.

While we can not send "smokes" we CAN send JAM and we know it will be joyfully received. Mrs. Smith said from Major General Plummer down to every private she talked with, the boys grinned from ear to ear and said, "Send it to our mess hall first." There are 300 mess halls and will be 250 men in each, so you see it is a stupendous task they have undertaken.

A letter has been to be read in every union, in which I urged that you at once write or interview your Congressman, letting him know that you are depending on him to do his utmost for the passage of the prohibition amendment which will be acted upon in the House of Representatives in December.

I also urged that the annual dues-paying social be held as early as possible, and the dues sent to the state treasurer before the first of January. The member who pays her dues before the expiration of her year, will have the satisfaction of knowing that she is helping the state work, and also helping to place her union on the list of Banner Unions.

I hope every member is working among her friends, outside the W. C. T. U., to raise her foot (or yard if she chooses) of dimes. The success of this plan depends upon its being thoroughly worked by every union. It brings no financial hardship upon any one, and if worked, will help the local, district and state unions, as the money raised, after the cost of working the plan is taken out, will be divided equally between these three. The entire amount should be sent to the state treasurer, who after deducting one-sixteenth for expenses of working the plan, sends back one-third to the district and one-third to the local treasurers.

The next number of the White

Ribbon Bulletin will contain report of the great convention at Washington which will be in session when you read this.

I trust we shall be much in prayer these dark days as tremendous issues in our country and in the world are at stake, and the final outcome is with God.

Yours in faith, hope and love,  
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.,  
Nov. 23, 1917.

## UNIVERSITY Y. P. B.

The following are some of the things accomplished by the University Y. P. B. in the year just closed:

Nine meetings were held—one University Convocation address given. Mrs. Boole, the convocation speaker, also addressed the members of the Y. P. B. at luncheon following the convocation. Five members of the Y. P. B. were sent to the convention at Grafton and their expenses paid by the society. Two hundred programs for the essay contest were printed and distributed. Members of the society worked to increase the enrollment and attendance in the course in alcoholism given in the sociology department or the University. This course has been given a definite place in the University class schedule and is arousing increasing interest among students. Work was also done for the essay contests in the University and Model High School. Sixty essays were written in the Model High School. The University essay last year won the \$100 gold prize in the national contest and we hope to win again this year. A number of letters and post cards were written, telephone calls made, people were interviewed in the interests of the work, literature was distributed among students and arrangements made for presenting the work in summer school and the following literature was given to teachers for work in their schools: 100 copies "Teachers' Leaflets"; 50 copies "Course of Study for the Grades"; 50 copies "One Hundred Questions and Answers" 50 copies "Effect of Alcohol on School Children"; 50 copies "Present Status S. T. I. Text Book."

Three copies each of Union Signal and Temperance Quarterly were taken and one of each was sent to the University library. Miss Whiteley who presented the work in the summer school will also present it at the coming State Convention of Teachers at Bismarck. The following petition was sent to the war department in Washington:

"We, the members of the Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U. of the University of North Dakota, hereby petition the War Department to do all within their power to remove the sale of liquor, vicious resorts in the vicinity, and to take measures to prevent the spread of venereal disease, in the military camps now established and in those to be established in the future."

At the annual meeting held in May for the election of officers much interest was shown and large plans made for the coming year. Among them the publishing for distribution among the students at the opening of the University an outline of the work of the Y. P. B. and plans for the year.

While all was not accomplished that we had hoped for yet we feel that substantial gain was made in interest among the young people and we hope for better things in the year to come.

ALICE HULL.

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love was served. Life is judged by love, and love is known by her fruits.—Hugh Black.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

During these anxious days, while we are busily knitting or sewing, our thoughts are with our boys, and our prayers arise for them and for our nation. Some unions are finding it hard to keep together because of the pressure of Red Cross work. To such we would recommend the plan adopted by the Cavalier union in holding a prayer meeting regularly, to which knitting circle spends twenty minutes of the time in devotions. These are hopeful signs of the times, and when we, as a nation, begin to pray and humble ourselves before God, there will be some hope of victory.

The question is frequently asked as to where the W. C. T. U. stands in relation to tobacco and cigarettes for our soldiers and sailors. We have not changed our attitude at all. Cigarettes are just as harmful as they ever were. We fear their baneful effects may be felt even to the third and fourth generations. But if we cannot persuade our men at home to quit this waste, it is not fair to expect those who go to the front to do so. What we do object to is the giving of cigarettes to young men who have never smoked, thus inducing them to begin. It has been stated, and so far, not contradicted, that the American Tobacco Company is back of all this hue and cry of "Smokes for the Sammys."

Red Cross work is being loyally supported by our white-ribboners. Its unifying influence is remarkable, second only to that of the greater Cross "on which the Prince of Glory died." Our own department of work among soldiers and sailors is very active. Comfort bags are being sent out constantly. A letter of appreciation has just been received from the Great Lakes Training Station, for the consignment sent there.

Before this reaches you, our delegates will have gone to the National Convention at Washington, D.C., which opens Dec. 2d. Of the state officers, our president, Mrs. Anderson, and recording secretary, Mrs. Wilder, will attend. The others, who have reported are, Mrs. Edna F. Salmon, delegate-at-large, Mrs. Lillie B. Stubblefield, Mrs. W. W. Anderson, Miss Viola Perry, president of the University Y. P. B., and possibly, Mrs. T. J. Hatton, of Jamestown. Our prayers will ascend that this great convention may hasten the coming of National Constitutional Prohibition.

From our national corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frances P. Parks, the following cheering message has been received: "Some dues have come in this morning which give you a net gain of 31, and gives Miss Gordon the great pleasure of presenting the North Dakota delegation on the closing night of the convention. Congratulations!"

For nearly three weeks Miss Nelle M. Osmun has been working in 4th and 5th districts, having visited enroute, Carrington, Oberon and Leeds in 2d district. Miss Osmun's message has been very acceptable, and she has reorganized the union at White Earth, with Mrs. Russell Gardiner, president, Mrs. Martha Christ, secretary, and Mrs. Score, treasurer. Mrs. L. T. Stromswold, president of 4th district, has been obliged to resign because of removal to Odessa. Mrs. Nina C. Alger, president of the 5th district, is spending the winter in the south. Mrs. E. L. Baughman, president of 16th district, on completing an itinerary through her district, called a convention at Gilby, which was largely attended. A medal contest proved an interesting feature. The newly-elected district president is Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, of Thompson, and the treasurer, Mrs. Mary Mattheie, of Inkster.

Mrs. Bowers is at work in Richland county, the new 20th district, also in 14th district, and hopes to effect an organization in each one. Notwithstanding war activities, Mrs. Bowers re-

ports large audiences and continued interest in the work.

Early in November I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Drayton union and spoke on the patriotic possibilities of the W. C. T. U. Although Drayton white ribboners are very active in Red Cross work, they are not unmindful of the principles for which the W. C. T. U. stands and are keeping up their organization. It will take an extra effort to do this, but we must remember our slogan and be ready to respond.

Yours, in sacrifice and service,  
BARBARA H. WYLIE,  
Bowesmont, N. D., Nov. 27th. 1917.

## SUFFRAGE NOTES

"Right in the corner where you are Do your bit and keep up par, You'll do as much as a soldier or tar Right in the corner where you are."

Some anti-suffragists predicted that if men gave the vote to women they would become weaklings and unable to fight. The men of New Zealand has proved the fallacy of this prediction, as one in thirteen of her men has gone to war—an unusually large proportion, and have proved to be most valiant fighters. Women have had full suffrage in New Zealand for twenty-two years—today their husbands, sons and brothers are winning special praise as fighters and patriots.

In France thousands of women are filling men's places in trade, in industry and on the farms. In Paris it is admitted that postwomen can deliver more mail and faster than postmen. On the farms so urgent has the need for labor become, that women hitch themselves to the farm machinery—taking the place of horses. In our land women are found selling tickets, crossing guards, car shop workers, car cleaners, signal operators, freight office clerks, hotel clerks, and waitresses on dining cars—and the end is not yet. Many have applied for positions as yeomen in the navy and Captain Taylor has permitted them to serve as cooks in hospital units. Men pronounce them "swifter, steadier and more adaptable than men, more ambitious and less given to clock watching."

In Russia women voted, then shouldered arms and marched away to battle. The accounts as to the bravery of the Russian Legion of Death recently engaged in action on the eastern front, all agree. They stood their ground, shamed deserters, took prisoners, and came back—some of them—with their ranks shot to pieces, proving that if woman must vote, she can go to war, as well, if occasion demands it.

A tablet, purchased by the Cheyenne Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, was unveiled recently in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to mark the building in which the first woman's suffrage bill was passed in 1869. In some parts of the nation members of the D. of R. have been very conservative on this question, but the Wyoming women are alive to the issue and realize that their state is the birth place of full suffrage for women. Dr. W. B. Gray, one of the first speakers at the occasion, predicted that unborn millions "would visit the spot, as a shrine of freedom, marking the beginning of a movement destined to spread throughout the world."

On August 13th, 1818, was born a baby girl who was destined to be "the morning star of the woman's rights movement"—Lucy Stone. She was the pioneer worker for this cause. She started out alone, before any convention was called or society organized, and worked for equal suffrage single-handed and alone, traveling up and down the country, preaching, and talking for the rights of women as she saw it. Her whole life was given to the work. Her last articulate words were: "Make the world better." She had lived these words. It is a far cry from Lucy Stone's time—99 years since she was born, but the cause for which she

labored, is nearing victory, and her followers have heeded those last words, "Make the world better"—for everywhere women vote, moral, social and industrial conditions have been improved—schools have been improved, liquor laws established, parks opened, and enforced also child labor and gambling laws—and the world has been made better, for Lucy Stone having lived.

New York, the strategic state in the woman suffrage movement, has surrendered and given to its women full franchise rights. By a majority of over 95,000 the suffrage amendment was voted into the constitution of the state on November 6. As a result of this election nearly 2,000,000 women will be enfranchised. "Over the top at last," was the comment of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, when the result was reported to her. "Now all we have to do is roll down the other side to complete victory for the women of the United States." Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, declared: "The New York election will have a decided influence upon the British House of Lords in granting the extension of woman suffrage to the women of Great Britain. It will also influence the French parliament to take similar action." This victory followed one of the most thorough campaigns ever conducted. Moving pictures, signboards, newspaper advertisements, street parades, out-door rallies and innumerable indoor meetings were some of the agencies used to bring the suffrage message to the voters. That this notable landslide for "votes for women" in New York will influence Congress to adopt a resolution submitting a federal suffrage amendment to the state legislatures cannot be doubted. National constitutional suffrage for women in the near future is inevitable.

The Indiana suffrage law, passed by the last legislature, has been held to be unconstitutional by the Indiana supreme court as to all except presidential suffrage. On November 6, Ohio voted on a referendum on the Reynolds suffrage law, repealing it by a majority of approximately 100,000. This law, conferring upon women the right to vote for presidential candidates, was passed by the last legislature. The referendum was promoted by the liquor interests. There was in the possession of the Ohio Suffrage Association ample evidence to convict of fraud and forgery, the men back of the petition, but the courts and secretary of state did not grant the association a general hearing nor give them an opportunity to throw out the petition on these grounds. According to the Woman Citizen, 581 of these petitions were circulated by saloon-keepers and bar keepers; 246 petitions were circulated by employes of the brewers or personal liberty leagues, and by men most closely allied with the liquor interests, and everything connected with the referendum movement plainly showed that it was the work of the political liquor ring of Ohio.

—E. M. S.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS NOTES

Eight dozen wash cloths, 4 dozen tray cloths and four dozen handkerchief substitutes have been sent in by our women since last issue of Bulletin, most of them came from Oberon. They have been turned over to the War Relief.

Minnewaukan has completed and shipped 137 more comfort pillows with two cases for each. Hankinson reports having made and turned over to the R d Cross 8 dozen napkins, 6 dozen tray cloths, 31 wash cloths, 36 handkerchief substitutes, 5 dozen cup covers, 1 pair of wristlets and 2 scarfs. They have done all of this in addition to the 100 Comfort bags they made this summer.

Jamestown has sent in 69 many-tailed bandages. We wish to ask all who make the bandages to sterilize them,

press them and do them up in packages of one dozen each, covered with a clean piece of cheesecloth or muslin.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of \$12.18 sent to us by the Methodist Sunday School of Lidgerwood to be used to buy testaments for soldiers.

The Enderlin W. C. T. U. sent \$4 to be given to the fund for Christmas for the Soldiers and Sailors. We sent it with other funds to the Camp Dodge Christmas Fund.

We have sent 90 Comfort Bags to Grand Forks to be distributed to the next quota of drafted men from that county, and have enough for the next quota from Cass county on hand.

We sent 176 blue denim Comfort Bags to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and have had a letter from Mr. J. N. Danna of the Y. M. C. A. there. Mr. Danna wishes us to extend his thanks and that of the boys to the W. C. T. U. women of North Dakota. The Great Lakes station is at Great Lakes, Ill., not far from Chicago. We hope to send some more bags there and also to send some to Camp Dodge.

The Supt. of this department hopes to learn many things concerning the work while she is at the National Convention, and will be glad to answer letters after her return the last of December, until then the State Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Bowe will answer any questions concerning the department work.

There is no evidence of having made enough Comfort Bags yet, so we urge you to continue at that work.

KATE S. WILDER, Supt.

## PRACTICAL WHITE RIBBON CHRISTMAS GIFTS

BOOKS	
The Life of Frances E. Willard, by Anna A. Gordon. Price	\$1.50
What Frances E. Willard Said.	.75
What Lillian N. M. Stevens Said.	.50
Talks to Boys, by Eleanor Hunter.	.50
Talks to Girls, by Eleanor Hunter.	.50
The Man Who Forgot, by James Hay, jr.	1.37
John Barleycorn, Jack London.	1.43
Little Sir Galahad, Phoebe Gray.	1.42
WHITE RIBBON BADGES	
LOOP BOW PIN, white enamel on sterling silver with letters W. C. T. U. Each 70 cents.	\$7.50 per dozen.
SMALLER SIZE. Each 50 cents.	\$5.00 per dozen.
BOW PIN, gold, set with pearls, size 3/4 inch.	Price \$3.50.

In a discussion of the new franchise laws of England we are glad to note that Lloyd George said: "Our present electoral basis was impossible. Hundreds of thousands of miners and men in engineering works had been denied the privilege of enlisting because it was considered that their services were more important at home. Men needed to till fields and make munitions are to be kept at their jobs, they will be supplemented by women. Two people serving their country side by side. Shall one be taken as a voter and the other left? The selective draft bill is a vindication of the justice of giving women a vote in war time."

Our National vice-president, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, says: "The women cannot solve the food problem alone. Why not 'beerless days, wineless days and smokeless days' for those who think they cannot get along without those things all the time. As much money was spent for liquor in the United States last year as the full amount asked for the first Liberty Loan."

We note with satisfaction that in the latest Red Cross hand book, in the specifications for comfort bags, no reference is made to playing cards, tobacco or cigarette papers and that the head of the nursing section of the American Red Cross has promised that in the future editions of their text books the use of alcohol in first aid and cooking receipts for the sick shall be eliminated.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

I now have on hand some of the new Topical Programs issued by the National W. C. T. U. for the use of local unions, and also some of the Program Packages. These contain one each of all leaflets mentioned in the program. If your union has not already made out a program for the year's work you will find these of much help as they are right up to date and furnish you with material for live, interesting meetings. We find that in order to carry the expense of handling these we must ask sixty cents each for the program packages and two cents each for the extra copies of the program.

The last two issues of the Bulletin have been so filled with convention material that there has been no room for report of treasurer. In this issue you will find financial report covering the time between August first to September twentieth. In the next issue I will bring this report up to date.

Amounts received from August 1st to September 20th.

Hankinson, patriotic service.....	\$11 60
Niagara, patriotic service, state.....	4 40
LaMoore, dues.....	2 80
Bismarck, dues, patriotic service.....	7 10
Lisbon, special fund.....	20 30
Calvin, dues, patriotic service.....	28 30
Jamestown, dues, patriotic service.....	26 10
Epping, dues.....	2 10
Park River, state, patriotic service.....	14 26
Hunter, dues.....	7 70
Ross, dues.....	3 50
McKenzie, dues.....	5 60
Sherwood, patriotic service, legislative.....	14 00
Willard, dues.....	4 00
Rolling Green, special.....	3 00
Hope, dues.....	16 10
Napoleon, dues.....	2 10
Drayton, patriotic service, state.....	20 50
Leeds, patriotic service.....	3 50
Grand Forks, dues.....	21 00
Valley City Scand., dues.....	1 40
Norma, dues.....	10 50
Minnewaukan, dues.....	7 00
Oakes, special, L. T. L., patriotic service, dues.....	19 30
Devils Lake, dues.....	7 00
Fifth District, state.....	3 00
Hope, patriotic service.....	5 10
Balfour, dues.....	5 50
Fairmount, dues.....	1 40
Abercrombie, special, patriotic service.....	11 00
Stanley, patriotic service.....	33 65
Dawson, dues.....	4 20
Nekoma, special, dues, patriotic service, legislative.....	29 90
Woodworth, dues.....	2 80
Hankinson, patriotic service.....	24 15
Fargo Scand., dues, special.....	68 80
Esmond, dues.....	1 40
Galesburg, Stevens, memorial.....	4 00
Ellendale, patriotic service, dues.....	5 70
Amenia, patriotic service.....	29 75
Towner, dues.....	3 50
Cando, patriotic service.....	42 50
Grand Forks Scand., dues.....	2 80
Derrick, patriotic service.....	6 80
Fairview, state.....	5 00
Absaraka, dues.....	23 80
Mayville, patriotic service.....	20 40
Esmond, state, dues.....	5 70
Rolla, special.....	2 00
Page, patriotic service.....	6 80
Minnewaukan, patriotic service.....	12 75
Leeds, patriotic service.....	7 70
Amenia, dues.....	1 40
Biabee, patriotic service.....	9 12
Mrs. S. B. Noark, state.....	5 00
Reeder, dues.....	6 30
Wydmere, dues.....	2 10
Calvin, special, dues.....	13 70
Daze, dues.....	1 40
Prosper, dues.....	1 40
Mayville, dues.....	5 60
LaMoore, patriotic service.....	33 45
Nekoma, L. T. L. dues.....	3 65
University, L. T. L. dues.....	2 00
Elliott, dues.....	2 80
Freda, dues.....	4 90
Sherwood, dues.....	2 10
Ryder, patriotic service.....	10 20
Abercrombie, dues.....	14 70
Cando, dues.....	14 00
Pembina, memorial, dues.....	12 50
Cooperstown, L. T. L. dues.....	10 20
Oberon, dues.....	7 70
Fort Rice, dues.....	8 40

14th Dist., state, organizing.....	30 00
Hope, dues.....	1 40
Grand Forks, patriotic service, dues.....	33 90
Bismarck, dues.....	11 90
Antler, dues.....	1 00
Jamestown, dues, patriotic service.....	27 40
Sixteenth District, state.....	25 00
Valley City, L. T. L. dues.....	7 70
Upham, dues.....	1 50
Bowen, dues.....	7 00
Gilby, dues.....	22 40
Lisbon, dues, state, legislative, memorial, Stevens, headqtrs.....	29 20
Fargo Scand., dues.....	7 00
Antler, patriotic service.....	20 00
Crystal, dues.....	2 80
Carrington, dues, patriotic service.....	14 80
Bottineau, dues.....	6 30
Barton, dues.....	2 80
Ellendale, dues.....	1 40
Park River, dues, patriotic service, headquarters, special.....	47 10
Stanley, dues.....	9 10
Ray, dues.....	7 00
Tooley, dues.....	2 80
Stirum, dues, memorial.....	5 50
Minot, state, dues.....	19 80
Fargo, L. T. L. dues.....	20 20
Mayville, dues.....	1 40
LaMoore, L. T. L. dues.....	5 90
Edna F. Salmons, special.....	10 00
Minnewaukan, Y. P. B., patriotic service.....	17 00
Leeds, patriotic service.....	5 00
Rolla, patriotic service.....	10 00
New Rockford, patriotic service.....	1 10
Bethel, dues, memorial, legislative, state.....	13 15
Norma, patriotic service.....	10 00
Wydmere, patriotic service.....	11 05
Hazlet, dues.....	7 00
Rugby, dues.....	4 90
Luverne, dues.....	1 40
Fargo, dues, patriotic service.....	30 60
Grafton, dues, patriotic service.....	10 40
Fargo Scand., dues.....	3 50
Fargo, state, headquarters, special.....	46 00
Cando, patriotic service.....	6 00
Elizabeth P. Anderson, state.....	150 00
Amounts received from September 20th to October 22d.....	\$ 6 00
Hope, patriotic service.....	2 00
LaMoore, patriotic service.....	120 20
Hillsboro, patriotic service.....	8 50
Dawson, patriotic service.....	15 70
Oberon, patriotic service.....	2 30
Cando, patriotic service.....	8 50
Jamestown, patriotic service.....	3 50
McKenzie, dues.....	1 00
Grand Forks, state.....	8 00
Portal, dues.....	4 50
Page, state.....	9 25
Pembina, patriotic service.....	7 00
Inkster, dues.....	10 00
Fifth District, organizing.....	1 74
Binford L. T. L., dues.....	11 25
Leith, dues.....	30 00
First District, state.....	80 00
Life Members at Convention.....	20 00
Life Members made by Valley City Convention.....	10 00
Cando, Memorial Member.....	1 00
Hattie M. Wilson, state.....	5 00
Mrs. L. E. Heaton, headquarters.....	2 00
Bowdon, state.....	5 00
Mayville, state.....	6 00
Second District, state.....	50 91
Abbie W. H. Best, state.....	70 00
Collections at Convention.....	3 50
Sherwood, dues.....	8 10
Valley City, dues.....	1 30
Page, patriotic service.....	8 00
LaMoore, L. T. L. dues.....	16 50
Willard Members, dues.....	10 00
Galesburg, patriotic service.....	13 30
Engleval, patriotic service.....	80 00
Montpelier, dues.....	6 00
Gilby, dues.....	3 40
Epping, Y. P. B. dues.....	25 00
Tyner, patriotic service.....	10 20
Oberon, patriotic service.....	21 25
Abercrombie, patriotic service.....	1 00
Wildrose, patriotic service.....	4 20
Upham, dues, state.....	20 40
Absaraka, dues.....	27 30
Prosper, patriotic service.....	12 00
Nekoma, dues.....	5 60
Reeder, patriotic service.....	5 60
Fargo Scand., dues.....	5 60
Windsor, dues.....	21 00
Carrington, dues, state, memorial Stevens.....	10 20
Woodworth, patriotic service.....	15 00
Hankinson, patriotic service.....	15 00

**FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK**

Of what patriotic service is the work of my department?  
To be a patriot is to be zealously and unselfishly devoted to the service of one's country, to labor for the benefit, interest and happiness of our fellow beings.  
"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation evermore."  
The symbol of America stands for peace, prosperity, equality, enlightenment and good citizenship. The Flower Mission and Relief Work Department carries out this program in more ways than one. The preservation of the forests and through them the purity and continuance of the water supply are among the great problems in the conservation of our resources in the United States. An ample supply of pure water is essential to the health and happiness of the people—a vital point with the temperance reformer. Much has been done in this department to assist in the celebration of Arbor Day. Our work as pioneers in this great state will go on and on. We do not plant alone for our own use, but for those who come after us. Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.  
"Who plants a tree for future years Stays not with his own joys and tears, But reaches out with thoughtful care, With ardent hope and earnest prayer, To make more glad and bright the morn Of generations yet unborn."  
"Who to the sod a tree has given Sends prayer of faith and works to heaven  
He plants a trust in sun and showers, In buds and bloom of springtime hours; He plants a hope for coming years, For wider reach and fuller spheres."  
Closely connected with the celebration of Arbor Day is the movement for parks and playgrounds, places of recreation. Away back in the ages, God put Adam into the Garden of Eden "to dress it and keep it." That then, was to be our work. We must cover as much of the world as we can with pleasant shade and blossoms and fruit.  
This is the nature department of the W. C. T. U., particularly fitted to co-operate with the Loyal Temperance Legions and the Young People's Branches. Back of the man is the boy and back of the woman, the girl, and into these impressionable young lives must be introduced something that makes for manhood and womanhood. Not only planting of trees and shrubs, is encouraged, but flowerseeds are distributed to schoolchildren and prizes offered.  
This department is peculiarly fitted to co-operate with the Evangelistic and Reformatory Departments. In times of sickness or trouble we let the blossoms speak for us, and they have given an uplift—nobler impulses and aspirations—to many.  
Often material gifts may accompany blossoms which could not be given alone, and while flowers still play a most important part in this department, the work embraces all forms of charity. It gives the necessities of life to those in need and delicacies to the sick. It gives comfort and cheer to those who mourn, and hope to those who have wandered. It gives drives to invalids and outings to those who would otherwise do without. It plants parks, decorates churches and halls for special occasions; it loans books and distributes carnations and sweet peas on Mother's Day. It rescues wayward girls, and helps pay hospital expenses for others. Barrels and boxes are filled with clothing and sent to the Crittenden Home. Bread, cakes and cookies are baked, chickens are cooked, sick are cared for.

Abercrombie, patriotic service..... 12 00  
Enderlin, dues..... 70  
Hillsboro, organizing..... 10 00  
Forest River, patriotic service..... 10 20  
Cordially yours,  
MILLETTE B. BOWE.

Comfort bags, and bouquets with scripture cards attached, remind the soldier boys there are mother hearts who care for them. The orphans of France are not forgotten, for "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord and that which he hath given will He pay him again."  
Notwithstanding all this, new opportunities are constantly opening and the uplifting and inspiring influences of this great work cannot now be told. The first need of every human being is God and the second need is people, and the Flower Mission brings the two so beautifully together that it fulfills the great definition of Christianity—"The union of all who love in the service of all who suffer."  
We cannot all be Molly Pitchers, faithful and true behind the cannon, but we can be just as true patriots, just as loyal to our land and God, if we work for him right where we are.  
"We are listed for God and for duty,  
We are listed for truth and for right, But the law of God's world is of beauty,—  
His message, a message of light! We but join in the great choral anthem Ringing out from Creation's first dawn,  
When we turn back the tide of earth's darkness And hasten the fair coming morn.  
"The flowers then, of right, are our token,  
The flowers are our armament, grand, The God who created their fragrance Is the God of the white ribbon band. With Him, we will plant strength for weakness;  
Like Him scatter darkness with light Till He rise as the God of all beauty In a world freed from sin's fearsome blight."  
Not all unions have reported, but from the twenty-four which have, I summarize the following:  
Number of bouquets, growing plants and other floral gifts distributed 1809  
Number text cards distributed 87  
Number visits to individuals in homes and public institutions 621  
Number new members gained 50  
Pledges signed 65  
Number glasses of jelly or jars of fruit distributed 250  
Number garments distributed 640  
Flower Mission Day observed 4  
Other meetings held 10  
Money spent for this dept. \$310.15  
Stanley gave 2 barrels of clothing.  
Grafton is the first to report the adoption of a French orphan. Three cheers for Grafton! Minnewaukan Y. P. B. decorated the church and court-house for convention besides furnishing flowers for two funerals. Ryder helped pay a sick girl's expenses at a hospital at Bismarck and planted Russian Mulberry trees in school yard on Arbor Day, besides making a dozen comfort bags for soldiers. Dickinson gave 75 bouquets with scripture cards attached to their Co. K. Jamestown sends \$26 to the Crittenden Home at Fargo besides other good deeds. Lisbon sent a box to the Crittenden Home valued at \$25, and loaned books, besides giving Christmas dinners. Preston sent 24 quarts of fruit to Dunseith and a box of fruit and clothing to the Crittenden Home at Fargo, then they made a half dozen cakes, cooked chickens, put up fruit, gave bouquets, and three members cared for the sick several days. Fargo Scandinavian leads in Flower Mission work as usual. Many many blessings be upon them! Minto baked bread, cake and cookies, gave milk and vegetables as well as sauce, jelly and pickles. Hamilton gave a barrel of garments besides other packages, and fruit and other delicacies.  
Over 2,400 pages of literature have been sent out besides letters to different district and local superintendents.  
M. I. LEE.  
John Barclaycorn robs us of seven billion dollars every eighteen months and conscripts fifteen million of our best blood every generation to fill the ranks of the army of drinkers and drunkards.