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"Sing ye to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." So sang the women, led by Miriam as they celebrated the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites.

With greater cause for jubilant joy, we take up the strain, in company with the great host of women who publish the tidings.

Like the children of Israel, we have journeyed forty years, and more, in the wilderness—the wilderness of high license and low license, of local option and regulation—until, by a long and weary way, we have arrived at our Promised Land of Prohibition. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude but we do not delude ourselves by thinking we have nothing to do but go in and possess it.

As in the olden days, there are still "giants, great and tall" in the land, and "fenced cities" which we must conquer. We shall need "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon" and "every man in his place" for our work is only well begun.

Ten months have elapsed since "the battle flags were furled" and yet the world is in a state of upheaval. Problems social, industrial and political perplex us, and can never be settled until they are settled right.

The Ten Commandments failed to make men good, so Christ came. Only His golden rule of love, permeating the whole social fabric, can save us. He alone, has supplied life with its steady anchor. Somehow, all our problems find their satisfying solution in Him. His personal sacrifice, His doctrine of service, His theory of life by death, and above all, the supreme demonstration He has given us, that evil cannot overcome good, all these constitute the saving philosophy of His.

"Yet I doubt not, thru the ages, we humans purpose raw" and from these wonderful reactions are springs which are changing the soul of the nation.

At the present time, for the first time in history, the claims of humanity have been recognized, and not merely the selfish motives of individual power.

Slowly we are learning our lesson; slowly we are "growing" for the love of the humanly humanized.

A better day is dawning for the world, but what it has cost!

Our joy over the coming of peace, with the women of the world. Our

and the subsequent return of our boys, was sadly modified by the knowledge that that peace was purchased by the sublime sacrifice of many whom we loved. We think of them, one by one, we love to linger over their names—they died that we might live. Their's is the honor and the undying glory—ours, the blessed memory, until we meet again. All

hearts have turned in tender sympathy, towards those bereft, and we have been amazed at the quiet endurance and heroic courage of our comrades who have suffered. But, as Frances Willard said, "Every Gethsemane has, beside it, the serene, sweet heights of the Mount of Olives." And they have learned life's great lesson that "Strength to bear is found in duty done. And he is blest indeed, who learns to make the joy of others cure his own heart ache."

So they have heartened us all, for the strife. Their baptism of sorrow is a new anointing for service—a call to devote our lives more fully to the great cause for which our boys so bravely gave their last full measure of devotion.

It is commonly reported that John Barleycorn is dead—but he is only legally deceased. Practically, he is very much alive.

Unfortunately, people are not made good by law, nor is appetite destroyed. Each generation of boys and girls needs education. They have not passed this way, before. We need Scientific Temperance instruction in public schools, as much as we did forty years ago. We need to teach now the curse of the cigaret and the narcotic habit. We need the Bible in the Public Schools, temperance teaching in Sunday Schools. Evangelistic work, moral education, and more emphatic upon Sabbath Observance. We need to teach, by precept and example, those things which will safeguard and strengthen the health of all true civilization—the Christian home. We believe in equal pay for equal work, public health, medical temperance, and Christian citizenship, because of their direct bearing on the home. We believe in World Protection, the Americanization of foreigners, Relief work and Child Welfare—and our interest in all of these things leads us far afield, into social and political problems, religious and international, small and close bonds,

country must help make the homes of the world more home-like. We cannot stop now—we must go on. What if we should decide, at this convention, to discontinue all our efforts? The next generation would have it all to do over again, and it would be even harder than before. Our effort now must be to hold what we have gained, to keep or making it easier to do right and harder to do wrong, and to so enforce our laws that they will recommend themselves to all fair-minded people.

At last state convention, it was unanimously decided to express, in some tangible way, our appreciation of the twenty-five years of splendid service so faithfully rendered by our State President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. After due consideration, all agreed that a gift of "Members" would be far more pleasing to our president than gold or jewels, so we set about to make it a Christmas gift.

Then came the Influenza Epidemic and the interruption of activities. By Christmas time we had gained only about one hundred members, but their names, written on silver-lettered cards, were presented to Mrs. Anderson, and the gift idea extended to April 27th—her birthday.

About this time national plans for the Jubilee Campaign were announced, and we postponed the birthday—as some of us would often like to do—until the close of the Jubilee drive, June 1st, thinking that we could, in this way, more fittingly observe our president's silver anniversary of service, and, at the same time, comply with National plans. The result has been gratifying, and today we come to present our gift of 104 members, over one a jewel in our president's crown of rejoicing! How we wish they were all with us, at this time! We are not unmindful of Mrs. Anderson's excellent work in the Legislature last winter, and consider ourselves fortunate to have as our representative there, a woman of such tact and such keen insight into the mysterious ways of a State Legislature.

THE JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

Almost every speaker at this convention, will tell her part of the Jubilee story, so I will mention it only in a general way.

A state conference for the consideration of plans was held at Jamestown, April 10th, with our National president, Miss Alice A. Condie, in active figure and chair presiding. Greatly heartened by our fall work, before we had a fair chance to get our campaign out, a conference in her, and the other

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states, in our slogan: "Jubilee Happy Day! North Dakota Wins to Pay!" and bent all our energies in that direction.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder was appointed State Key Woman. She, in turn, appointing others whose territory covered all the organized part of the state. Jubilee conferences, combined, in almost every case, with district conventions, were visited by the general officers, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Wylie taking the northern group and Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Wilder, the southern, with Mrs. Beasley helping, wherever possible. Mrs. Harriett D. Hall, of Illinois, also assisted in the southern group. It was a rare privilege for the general officers to meet, face to face, the women who make the North Dakota W.C.T.U. possible, to rejoice with them in victories won, and to better understand their difficulties. The most thoughtful courtesy was everywhere shown us and we were sorry when the trip was over.

But how our women worked! And how the people gave! And how thankful we are that North Dakota went over the top, in the spring, before we knew anything about poor crops.

Our thankful appreciation is expressed to all who helped, in any way—to our indomitable state president who never knows defeat, whose clear vision and wonderful executive ability kept us all at work; to our State Key-woman, Mrs. Wilder, whose enthusiasm encouraged the local Key-women to exert themselves; to our jubilee chairman, Mrs. Clara Munn, who sent out the messages that kept the machinery moving. Many others helped of whom you will hear later.

Our challenge did its work for Florida rushed in to be first to us, but North Dakota was at our second. Many letters have come, asking how we did it, and many answers for the diverse, Mr. Treadwell, until Mrs. Wilder gave it to National as a problem.

How happy we all are to have raised our quota in full!

Our next objective is to increase and this we have made a substantial gain this year, we are always after more. We are bound to increase our giving for an invitation to us to speak to everyone of us will be given to us by our conference, and is to be followed by our monthly meeting.

But, "It demands more," and the vision to come next year. We are

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many problems before us, we shall need the intelligent help of every woman who loves the home—and the children.

FIELD-WORK

In addition to what has been already reported, we had with us, from April 22 to June 7, a National worker much beloved in North Dakota, Mrs. Harriett D. Hall, of Illinois.

With patient persistence and undaunted courage, Mrs. Hall spent most of the time in our most difficult field—the southwestern section. Everywhere she sounded the Jubilee, with telling effect. She organized local unions at Mandan and at Dickinson, gave 46 public addresses, secured 67 members, spoke in public schools and Sunday-schools, attended three district conventions and raised a substantial sum for the Jubilee Drive.

Mrs Nelle M. Osmun has given what time she could spare from her church duties. Since her election as president of Fifth district, her field-work has been mostly confined to that territory. She has aroused sleeping unions and, on Sept. 3d, organized a promising local union at Alamo, her present home.

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson spent a few days a-field, in the interest of the Jubilee Drive. She visited Hillsboro, Buxton and other points, securing contributions for the fund.

At Rock Lake, Sept. 3d, a local union was organized with Mrs. Maude Mateer, a former officer of the Cando union, as president. Mrs. Buck also organized a local union at Egeland.

On Sept. 10th, a local union of 19 members was organized at Bowesmont, by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Matilda Baldwin is secretary and Mrs. J. F. McKay, treasurer. Sept. 18th, our State Vice-President, Mrs. Wanner, as president of 12th district, organized a local union at Cleveland, with 14 members. Mrs. J. F. Bannish is president.

While we rejoice in a gain of regular members, we regret very much that a similar gain has not been made in our Young Peoples work. However, we are happy to have had, with us, since Sept. 7, the associate Secretary of the National L. T. L., Miss Mildred O. Moody, of Wilson, N. Y. Beginning at Fargo, where she spent three profitable days, Miss Moody has visited Engleval, Edgeway, Jamestown, Devils Head, Cando, Doyon, Larimore, Northwood, Hatton, and Park River, touching seven districts.

Legions have been organized in nearly every place, and, what is equally important, suitable leaders found. Following convention, Miss Moody will visit Gilby, Grafton and Cavalier, before hastening back to prepare her work for the New York State Convention.

Another high privilege is to be ours, for following this convention, Mrs. Maude B. Perkins, College Secretary for the National Y. P. B. is to give us a week's work in our Colleges and Normal Schools.

We are thankful to New York for lending us her best and feel sure that the coming of these two capable workers will give a great impetus to our young people's work.

THE DISTRICTS

Of the fifteen district presidents, eight were newly-elected this year.

Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, of the 1st district, Mrs. Ellen M. Tompkins, of the Second, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, of the 4th, Miss Nelle M. Osmun, of the 5th, Mrs. Minnie Pearson, of the 9th, Mrs. F. L. Watkins, of the 11th, Mrs. A. L. Miller of the 18th, and Mrs. Emily M. Tyson, of the 20th. It is significant that many of these are young women, coming to take up the burdens of those who have grown a bit weary.

First and Second Districts showed their appreciation of their retiring presidents, Mrs. Nedra E. Buck and Mrs. Margaret A. Garry, after a faithful service of sixteen and twenty-five years, respectively, by making them life-members of the National W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Mielke, of the 4th district, inspired her unions to a concerted effort which sent several of them over the top, in the Jubilee Drive. Mrs. Pearson of the 9th district is absent, caring for her little daughter of a month old, and we send hearty congratulations.

We regret the departure of Mrs. Nina C. Alger, of Stanley—from the district and from the state.

During the last few weeks, Mrs. Elisabeth L. Baughman has visited her unions, with the result of a greatly increased membership in the Sixteenth District.

Many districts have done nobly, but Twelfth District holds the distinction of being the first to go over the top, in the Jubilee Drive, while several others follow closely.

All have a splendid record, but we leave the district presidents to tell the tale.

THE DEPARTMENTS

With the signing of the armistice, intensity of work in the departments of patriotic service was somewhat lessened, yet, in the Soldiers and Sailors Department, much interest has continued, as we shall hear from the energetic State Superintendent.

Mrs. Mary M. Shaver.

The great need for Relief work is still evident and we appreciate the ready response for the support of French orphans. We had hoped that our State Superintendent, Miss M. Inez Lee, might be present to more strongly urge the claims of this department.

We have scarcely touched the possibilities in the departments of Americanization and Moral Education. The need for each is overwhelming.

Mrs. Marie Stevens, our superintendent of the Health department, has been discouraged by the lack of response, but we feel that it is due to the common failure to report, and not to lack of interest in so vital a subject.

Mrs. May McKinnon, Superintendent of Medical Temperance, was obliged to resign because of removal to South Dakota. We greatly regret the loss of such an efficient worker.

We have all enjoyed the instructive letters of our State Superintendent of Franchise, Mrs. Ella M. Shippy—as they have appeared in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

We rejoice that the time of our emancipation draweth nigh, but we must educate our women for citizenship, so our work is not done.

Last fall, when the State University was turned into a training school for young men, the regular order was disarranged and our Y. P. B. work, with it. When the declaration of peace put an end to the

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necessity for such training, the terrible Influenza Epidemic broke out, temporarily closing the schools and claiming many young people, as its victims. Before this, however, our able Supervisor of the University Y. P. B., Mrs. Alice V. Hull, had removed to Wisconsin and we are still looking for a woman to succeed her. With all this, it is not wonderful that our essay contest work at the University was neglected and for the first time in many years no regular work has been done under the auspices of the Y.P.B.

Early in the year, our State Secretary of the Y. P. B., Miss Helen McConnell, tendered her resignation, and, when it came to reports, Mrs. Roy R. Woifer, of Jamestown, kindly consented to let us use her name as Acting-Secretary for the balance of the year.

Our L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. Bebbie Semra Lubits, has tried, thru correspondence, to keep in touch with her Legions, but complaints of failure to answer letters. We believe that the interest created thru Miss Moody's work, will greatly help the State Secretary next year.

CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTES

The usual W.C.T.U. Institutes were held at three Chautauquas. Mrs. Wanner was again in charge, at Valley City. She occupied a larger tent than usual, and, thru the kindness of Valley City union, made it attractive with easy chairs and cushions, for those who wished to rest or read. A large quantity of literature was given out, and seemed to be appreciated. At Mouse River Chautauqua, Miss Osmun held interesting meetings and at North Chautauqua, Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Wylie were present.

Baldwin Cottage has been greatly improved this year, and is now a piece of property of which the State W. C. T. U. may be proud. First District, in whose territory the Cottage is located, generously offered to meet half of the expense involved.

It was an especial pleasure to have with us, our friend of former days, Mrs. Louise C. McKinney, of Alberta, Canada's first woman member of Parliament and to have her speak, at the Institutes, and in the larger auditorium.

The occasion of Mrs. McKinney's visit was the 25th anniversary of the first district's organization, which important event was fittingly celebrated, by an elaborate picnic dinner served on the spacious porches of the Cottage, by members of the First district. It was very gratifying to have with us, the four presidents, who have served the district so well, during the last quarter of a century—Mrs. Edna D. Marks, of Douglas, Mrs. Louise C. McKinney, of Alberta, Mrs. Nedra E. Beck, of Starkweather, and Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, of Cando, recently elected.

We were glad to present to you, in the White Ribbon Bulletin, a picture of these honorable women.

Mrs. McKinney is now president of Alberta W. C. T. U. and Vice-President of the Dominion organization. Her addresses at North Chautauqua and at Mouse River Loop, were much appreciated.

LOCAL UNIONS

Mahy covered themselves with glory, in the Jubilee Drive, both as to members and money. The Drive for money helped the membership and 754 Victory members are reported.

Young women are joining and 170 of draft age, 21 to 31, are reported.

The idea of Jubilee members, those pledging to pay dues up to, and including 1934, has not been well worked, or

we should have many more than 25 of these reported.

The entire membership will be ready to enlist. In these busy days, it is encouraging to note that Grafton, Preston, Lisbon and Fargo Scandinavian unions have each held 24 regular meetings.

Emmond reports 22 honorary members, Cooperstown 21.

A most praiseworthy thing is the action of Cando union in taking 50 Union Signals, that each home represented, may receive the paper. Fargo comes second with 20 regular subscriptions to Signal and 11 monthly.

Fargo takes 30 Young Crusaders, Grafton 15, and Abercrombie 12. Some very excellent reports have been received, but time forbids special mention.

We cannot refrain, however, from speaking of Cooperstown, with its gain of 96 members, Fargo with 51, Fargo Scandinavian 31; Park River with 40; Bottineau with 33, Lisbon with 25; Inkster with 24 and Cando with 24, mostly young women about 20 years of age. Cooperstown was first and Bottineau second, in the largest gain per cent in active members.

A wonderful report is that of the Fargo Scandinavian union, but just what might be expected from that large, wide-awake union of 235 members. Both the Fargo unions strongly supported Mrs. Wilder, as City Commissioner, and, when elected, they endorsed her as Police Commissioner, to which office she was appointed, the first woman in the Northwest, to hold such a position. We are proud of our Treasurer-Commissioner, and heartily endorse her efforts to make the city of Fargo a cleaner, safer place for the young people.

Names of officers will be given over the top. Indiana, 1st, President, Mrs. M. S. Johnson, Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, and Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Johnson. First, Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, tenth, will be Secretary. Jubilee Night.

S & Y!

Have you ordered any new literature from State Headquarters lately? There is a splendid stock of new leaflets on the shelves, and it rests with you to get it off the shelves and into circulation. No union can live and thrive without suitable literature any more than our schools can do their work without good text books in the hands of the pupils.

Americanization, Tobacco, Medical Temperance, Child Welfare and Young People's and Children's work are among the subjects upon which we have stirring, up to date leaflets. Look over your topical program in advance and order the literature you need for coming meetings.

"WE WILL DO OUR BEST."

"We are planning from November 1 to do our work; therefore send on supply of literature as soon as possible. 'We are now only seven' left, but we will do our BEST." So writes the president of one union with reference to Jubilee Canvass Day. That's fine! Your best is always fine; is always better than you know.

Lisbon, with a membership of 71, is calling for 100 Jubilee cards.

It is very pleasing that replies to the Jubilee Canvass Day letter began to come in within three days from the time it was mailed. Who said there were any "dead" unions in North Dakota?

OUR STATE CONVENTION

What a crowning year this past one has been, and what a glorious future our Woman's Christian Temperance Union has before it! These were the predominating thoughts in the minds of every woman who attended that great Victory meeting at Grand Forks. "We all felt Glad! Glad! And the Jubilee Song so often on our lips while there, is still ringing in our hearts. How many reasons we of North Dakota have for this glad feeling. As we gathered in Grand Forks the smiles and greetings of welcome from the members of the reception committee made us feel at once the spirit of good fellowship in the hearts of our hostesses and the warmth of the hearth fires in their homes.

The first evening of joyful meeting and greeting, the delightful banquet spread before us, the addresses of welcome and responses, made us glad we had come and twice glad we belonged to an organization of such wide activity and power. We heard of our achievements from those outside, of the impress we had made on schools, and felt anew the inspiration to go forth as our predecessors did dominated by a fearless determination to conquer in the name of our Lord of Hosts, filled with faith and upheld by prayer.

The opening of the first session of the convention was a fitting beginning to put us all in the right spirit for the entire program. It was a continuation of that glad feeling, and after praising God in song, all hearts were uplifted in prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful victories we had been privileged to witness. Then feeling our helplessness to meet the great problems before us in the future, again were raised prayers of petition for guidance, strength and wisdom. Every period of devotion throughout the convention, at the opening of each session and at the nocturnal hour, characterized the spirit of the body gathered there.

Now we all welcomed the loving message of our national president, Miss Anna A. Gordon. We felt she had indeed a vital interest in the welfare of our state. Then the answers to roll call of the executive members so expressed the thoughts of all present that we could name some of them. Can you not picture our dear state president commanding in the words of that wonderful hymn:

"Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift."

We have hard work to do and loads to lift.

Show not the struggle. Face it! 'Tis God's gift.

Be Strong! Be Strong!

And Mrs. Wylie our faithful secretary saying, "My strength is sufficient." Of course Mrs. Wilder, our state key-woman, bubbling over with enthusiasm because of our state achievements, said, "Jubilee, happy day, North Dakota, first to pay!" Other responses were, Faith is the victory; Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name; God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; and we cannot omit to mention Mrs. Black's response, "When you know not what to do, do not do you know not what."

The reports of the past year were indeed encouraging. What effort, patience, time and careful planning throughout the year they portrayed.

The net gain in membership of 412, in spite of the great losses by death and removal, a total gain of over 600 in all, was a great cause for Jubilee. And when this list of new members,

most bound in a volume and tied with white ribbon, was presented to our president, she acknowledged it as the most acceptable gift she could mention. Forty of these members were obtained by two of those present at the convention, who deserve special mention here, Mrs. Geo. F. Clark of Fargo and Mrs. Myrtle E. Phillips of Ellendale, each of whom gained twenty.

It was an inspiration to hear recited by what ways and means the various districts carried on their part in the Jubilee Campaign, and the surprising results they obtained.

The presence of our Convention guests, Miss Mildred O. Moody and Mrs. Maude B. Perkins, the children's and young people's workers, gave us a new sense of our woeful neglect in North Dakota in the training of our future citizenship. Their many helpful suggestions, and then their splendid addresses, uplifted us, and it is to be hoped that their visit among us will lead to greater activity in banding together our young people and giving them the training which is their due. Their little talks on "The Union Signal" and "The Young Crusader" resulted in many new subscriptions for both (25 U. S. and 58 Y. C.) and we were convinced of the truth that "no Union dies or loses members if its officers and members take the Signal, and no Union lives if they do not."

How we would like to give in full all the speeches, papers and addresses that were heard, but every member will hear the good reports in her own local union. We cannot omit to praise the young people of Grand Forks for their worthy representation of the playlet, "The Trial of Prince Nicetine," but must say that of all forlorn people the Prince seemed the most so in such company as the state W. C. T. U., and it is our hope that he will in reality become as forlorn and lonesome throughout the whole state and nation that he will commit suicide and not even necessitate a new arrest and trial, nor linger about to menace our children.

The music too deserves special mention. Organ numbers, solo, our great hymns and songs, all helped uplift us and the duet, "We Did It, Of Course We Did," sung by Mrs. Wilder and Miss Oenam, showed the real spirit of our efforts this year. The demonstration of Americanization, New Members and Suffrage were worthy of repetition in every Union. And the Banner Districts and Unions deserve a place. Their smiling presidents were introduced to the conference, and all felt "She hath done what she could," but let us strive to have "Every Union a Banner Union" next year, for it is no more than we should do. Several people became Life Members and some names were placed on the Memorial list. The dedication of the little children to the W. C. T. U. was very impressive, and last of all, the closing service when all gathered about the altar and joined hands singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and a prayer was offered. The entire convention was a great success, inspiration and benediction, not only to those attending but to all Iowans whose representatives brought back the glow and fervor of the meeting. Not a little of it was due to the splendid entertainment received from our hostesses, and the delightful days spent in Grand Forks will not soon be forgotten.

What is said to be the first total prohibition tobacco measure has made its appearance. It was lately introduced in the Georgia legislature and forbids the sale of tobacco in that state.

MRS. CHEZ

U. S. A. General Hospital No. 28
Pt. Sheridan, Ill., Sept. 15, 1919.

Dear Co-workers:

How am I going to make you dear women understand how much we appreciate your share in making this W. C. T. U. Rest Room at Fort Sheridan a success? If you could only drop in some day and see for yourselves how much the player piano is enjoyed, you would feel that your investment in that was a good paying one. Occasionally I am constrained, for the sake of a very sick patient in some ward, to put up a notice, asking that visitors refrain from playing the piano for a day or two. And then we all miss it so much that it is a new delight when the ban is lifted. Several times on Sunday afternoon, a number of the convalescent men, who are patients in this building, have gathered around the piano for a good "sing" of the old familiar gospel hymns. So the piano is a popular feature.

But North Dakota W. C. T. U. is best known to my young people thru her home made cookies. "Mothers cookie jar," a camouflaged coffee can, painted most attractively by one of our aids, stands on one corner of my desk. Usually this contains a supply of cookies, and every one about the hospital knows he is welcome to go there whether or not "mother" is at home. The boys declare it beats own mother's jar because that was always hidden, while this one openly challenges them to help themselves.

For more than three months I have been receiving great big supplies of the most delicious cookies I've ever tasted. And you generous hearted women all over North Dakota have been using butter and eggs and sugar unstintingly, and giving largely of your time and your energy to make up huge batches of these wonderful goodies. Then you have sent them to Mrs. Shaver, who has forwarded them to me—box after box, large and small, doses upon doses—I wouldn't dare to say how many. How I wish you could hear some of the things which are said about them. I have already referred to the news in our building—nearly a hundred of them, most of them from overseas women who have been invited home as the result of discharge and which they claim while away as "our boys over there." Once day the past week I offered one who had come into my room for the first time a North Dakota cookie. Like most of the boys, she said, "Home made! Oh, this is good! It is the first real cookie I've had in more than a year!"

Sometimes when I am unpacking the boxes, there will be several persons around and then they will say "Ums" and kindred expressions of surprise and appreciation. Often have I heard the remark, "I don't know there could be so many varieties of cookies. Recently I've been having a big basket full to some of the bed wards, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening, when the nurses are serving the evening meal. And I assure you I am a most popular visitor there, as the boys enjoy their cookies with their cup of milk. Many are the invitations to "come again." As there are six or seven of the large wards which are well liked by the patients, you can easily understand that I need not only dozens, but hundreds of cookies to go round. And North Dakota has been furnishing them that way.

One night last week I was making a return visit to a certain ward, and when I reached the boy who occupied the last bed in one of the long rows, and asked "would you like some cook-

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ies?" his reply was, "yes, please. I want one of those with frosting—I liked those last time." Fortunately there were several of that kind and he accepted two—happily as any child.

And so I could go on telling you story after story to show you how much we are all enjoying the cookies from North Dakota. Folks have gotten so now that they ask, "are those North Dakota cookies?" and these all declare that "they sure are good." We have some corps men and many nurses from North Dakota, but so far as I have been able to learn no patients are from that state, tho a boy will often tell of a relative whose home is there.

Dear ones, I simply cannot comprehend your generosity. All summer long, every few days, a card has come from Mrs. Shaver, announcing another shipment of cookies and candy. Why, I had almost forgotten to mention the pounds and pounds of fudge, divinity, and every other variety imaginable, each kind more edible than the last. You see I don't have to offer a single piece of candy or a lone cookie. Words fail me. We all love you women of North Dakota. God bless you, every one.

It has not been possible to write each union, not to mention each "baker," and so I am taking this way to let you all know how grateful we are and how we do sincerely thank you for your incomparable generosity and goodness to us. I want you each to realize that you are having a very definite part in my effort to give the "home and mother" touch to this great hospital.

Faithfully yours,
LOUISE FERRIS CHEZ.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:

Especially do we wish to call your attention to the National W.C.T.U. Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 15-20, for which all railroads have granted the rate of a fare and a third, for round trip.

Be sure to secure from the agent, when buying your ticket, a certificate showing you have paid full fare one way. Upon arrival at the convention, this certificate will be validated, for use on return trip.

We are particularly anxious that North Dakota shall have a large delegation at this coming Victory Convention.

In addition to the regular delegations, we are sending a delegation from the State W. C. T. U. to represent the State.

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