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GOD'S GIFT TO ME

"If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong;
If melody I have, I owe the world a song.
If I can stand when all around my post are falling,
If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling,
And if my torch can light the dark f any night,
Then, I must pay the debt I owe with living light.

"If Heaven's grace has dowered me with some rare gift;
If I can lift some load no other's strength can lift;
If I can heal some wound no other hand can heal;
If some great truth the speaking skies to me reveal,
Then, I must go, a broken and a wounded thing,
If to a wounded world my gifts no healing bring.

"For any gift God gives to me I cannot pay;
Gifts are most mine when I most give them all away.
God's gifts are like his flowers which show their right to stay
By giving all their bloom and fragrance away.
Riches are not in gold or land, estates or marts,
The only wealth worth having is found in human hearts."

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

1925-1926

Slogan: Mobilize for Law Observance and Law Enforcement.

Prayer has ever been our practice and our source of power. We call upon all members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to pray daily for God's blessing upon our leaders and our entire membership that they may have wisdom in the development and execution of plans to promote law observance and law enforcement. The following are recommended as special activities:

1. A definite plan for increasing membership should be adopted by each state, which will culminate in Membership Week beginning Mothers' Day, May 9th, 1926, the plan to include an invitation to all women and men to commit themselves to law observance and law enforcement by joining the W. C. T. U. or the Y. P. B.

2. Enlist new women, and renew the interest of former members by a campaign of organization that will place a local W. C. T. U. in every community, and will bring into ac-

tive membership all who have ever been members.

3. Lay strong foundations for total abstinence through renewed presentation of scientific temperance instruction in the schools; win the teachers through the presentation of this subject in normal schools, training schools and at teachers' institutes; thus promoting a knowledge of the scientific fact that total abstinence promotes health, public morals and longevity.

4. Enlist young people by securing signatures to the Patriotic Roll of all between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five, using their names as a basis for organizing a Y. P. B.

5. Win a million children through enlisting them as Prohibition Guards. Make each unit of the Prohibition Guards the basis for a Loyal Temperance Legion.

6. Enlist the support of all Christian men and women in a citizenship campaign for the election of men and women to public office who observe the law themselves and are really interested in making prohibition a success.

7. Enlist the public through a campaign of education whereby the facts in regard to prohibition will be made known through the Union Signal, through the press, the pulpit and platform, and through up-to-date literature.

8. Enlist the cooperation of other organizations: The Council of Jewish Women, the Women's Catholic Protective Union, and other organizations of women by urging them to adopt a program of their own to promote law observance and law enforcement.

9. Concentrate the work of the departments on their relation to law observance and law enforcement, that those interested in other reforms may see that their progress is promoted by law observance and law enforcement.

10. Carry on a campaign of education to expose the fallacies of the proponents of the sale of beer and wine.

11. Emphasize department work with the recommendation that each local union adopt not less than six departments and appoint superintendents or directors.

12. Enlist the public by placing historic and reference temperance books in all public libraries. That the story of the fifty years' work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union may be known, see that "Women Torch-Bearers" is on the list.

13. Hold a border conference in each border state, this to pave the way for a larger knowledge of the

international aspects of the liquor problem.

14. Urge the local unions to subscribe for the Monthly Budget of leaflets issued by the National W. C. T. U. This supplies up-to-date material for programs, and from the catalog of publications which will be furnished free, material on all department work can be ordered.

15. Subscribe for The Union Signal which is the textbook for state and local leaders. It is indispensable to a knowledge of what is being done for law observance and law enforcement. See that it is placed in libraries, public institutions, and see that three officers in each union have it and the subscription list in every union is equal to one-sixth of the membership.

16. Broaden our work through education as to the dangers in habit-forming drugs.

17. Lift moral standards through education in social morality on the basis of the single standard of morals.

18. Carry on a campaign to help put down war by promoting a sound public sentiment for world peace.

OUR NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, newly elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has been a recognized leader in welfare activities for many years. In the past fifteen years as W. C. T. U. president in that difficult state of New York, Mrs. Boole has won the respect and admiration of her opponents and is well known in the legislature as a wise, safe, and sensible leader.

Born in Van Wert, Ohio, and educated in the public schools there and at the college of Wooster, Mrs. Boole began her public career immediately upon her marriage to the Rev. William H. Boole, a member of the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. After his death, Mrs. Boole returned to the Presbyterian church where she was secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for six years.

Mrs. Boole has served the W. C. T. U. in practically every capacity. First as president of the local union, later as state corresponding secretary, state Y. secretary, National Y. secretary, state president, National vice president and World's treasurer.

For many years Mrs. Boole was a member of the Woman's Press Club and she is now a member of the D. A. R. and chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Boole was the first woman to be made a trustee of Wooster college, a signal honor as the trustees

are elected by the alumni.

Quick in repartee and genial in argument, Mrs. Boole is widely known for her debates with leaders of the various factions opposed to prohibition. Her many trips abroad and her appearance on public platforms in other countries as well as in every state in the Union have given her a world-wide vision.

Mrs. Boole was one of the two speakers on the steps at the National Capitol when the petition for National prohibition was presented. Later, she polled the largest vote ever received by a woman running for a national office when she opposed Senator Wadsworth for the U. S. senatorship.

As a member of the General Committee for Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island since the committee was first organized, Mrs. Boole has contributed much to the happiness of embryo Americans.

With her wide range of important affiliations and positions of great responsibility, each filled in a capable, progressive, - inspirational manner, Mrs. Boole will lead the largest woman's organization in the world in its important law enforcement program and add new honors to the past glories of the White Ribbon organization.

I AM THE 18TH AMENDMENT

My Origin was in sane idealism; my birth the fruit of a century of education by Christian Patriots. All but we of the states and a majority of the citizens approved my ad'ption.

My Contributions to the welfare of his land, although hindered somewhat by enemies and much by the charity of friends, are overwhelmingly great.

My Enemies are many, bitter, loud and virile, for I oppose commercial greed, ancient customs and political craft.

My Fate? Thinking adults, who learned the truth in yesterday's "dry" conflicts will not permanently desert me. Tremendous, however, is my concern over youth in whose hands is my whole future.

My Fear is that friends may neglect to aid youth in an intelligent study of the foundation principles which are my very existence.

Then, as the years pass, without new champions I shall become hollow and worthless; a thing to flout; a tombstone to a dying moral idealism; a prining ghost of civic righteousness.

"If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."—Luther Burbank.

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Object—To promote the advancement of the W. C. T. U. work of North Dakota in all its departments, and to do all in our power to bring the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

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 distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to secure the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

You will all be glad to hear of some of the honors which came to our state at the Detroit Convention. The Young People's Branch of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. was awarded a beautiful silk flag for excellency of work done toward reaching the Y. P. B. goal set for states. We are very proud of our splendid young people.

We congratulate Mrs. C. W. Smith of Bismarck, Superintendent of the department of Sunday Schools, who made North Dakota the only banner state according to the standard of excellence and won a large silk flag, presented by Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, National director of the department of Sunday Schools.

Fargo Union recently so successfully dramatized the first chapter of "Women Torch Bearers," that the pastor of the First Methodist Church requested that they repeat it on Sunday evening. Other pastors have since asked to have it given in their churches. Mrs. Wylie, from her hospital bed, wrote about this and the letter was published in The Union Signal. This is a fine idea for other unions.

The editor had a letter from an old time friend, Mr. Milo Van de Bogart, of Opportunity, Wash., enclosing subscriptions to the White Ribbon Bulletin for himself and his two daughters-in-law. Not many months ago Mr. Van de Bogart presented the state W. C. T. U. treasury with \$25. We appreciate his interest in our work and many of us remember with love and gratitude his gifted wife, Mattie Van de Bogart, who was state corresponding secretary and editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin until shortly before her death in 1904.

I am writing this letter amidst the hurry, bustle and glad anticipation of the approaching Christmas time. Happy people are thronging the business streets, shops and stores, eagerly looking for gifts to express their love. This is the time that "Love takes up the harp of life and smites the chords with might." That a little babe coming to this earth is the cause of all this, is a wonder that never grows old—God's precious gift to heal the sorrow and sin of the world. How the Christmas spirit, which is the Christ spirit, transforms the world!

My wish for you is that the Christmas spirit, the spirit of love to all humanity, may abide with you all through the New Year and so steady your purpose and strengthen your heart as we continue to fight against principalities and powers, in order that the highways of life may be made safe for the feet of the children and that the whole world may be made more homelike for humanity.

January 7, Day of Prayer

We are beginning the New Year as our mothers began the Crusade—with prayer. January 7, Thursday of the Week of Prayer, is appointed as the day when all local unions should meet together "to pray for God's blessing on the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and its leaders; upon the plans for law observance and law enforcement; upon authorities to whom is entrusted the responsibility for law enforcement; and upon the American people, that they may realize their responsibility to obey the law, and to support the constitution. Read John 14:14, Matthew

18:19."

Temperance Day in the Public Schools

Make this day, Friday, January 15, a part of the Prohibition Anniversary celebration. Cooperate with the principal and teachers in making this a day to be remembered. Furnish the best speakers you can find for the schools. Present a copy of Women Torch Bearers to the library of the school and so give the coming generation the opportunity to know the story of the fifty years' work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

6th Anniversary of Nat'l Prohibition

January 16 and 17

In another column you will find suggestions for the observance of this important anniversary. You probably know that the opponents of prohibition will hold an International meeting at Washington, January 16. Their widely advertised object is "to free America from the bondage of prohibition." This challenge must be met by every local union—holding a public meeting where the people and the press may be given the truth as to the benefits and blessings of prohibition, and as to their own responsibility for law observance and law enforcement. The Sunday evening union service where the ministers are invited to speak ought to reach many people. Where this plan is not feasible, ask the ministers of your town to preach on law enforcement. Furnish them a copy of Law Enforcement Plans which will be sent to you free from State Headquarters for this purpose. We hope that you will see that there is a temperance program on that day in every Sunday School and young people's society. A law enforcement luncheon or dinner on Saturday with influential leaders in the community as speakers, will give publicity and set people thinking. I expect every local union in North Dakota to do its part in meeting this latest challenge of the wet forces.

Program of Activities

In another column is published the Program of Activities of the National W. C. T. U. for 1926. I recommend that the plan be carefully studied and from it that each union make its definite plan of work for the year.

Slogan

Our slogan for the year—"Mobilize for Law Observance and Law Enforcement"—is our plan of work in a nut shell. Mobilize—call into service—men, women, youth and children—a campaign culminating in Membership Week, May 9 to 16. Mobilize our great departments for continued and persistent emphasis upon their relation to law observance and law enforcement.

Mobilize our field workers to awaken the good people who are sleeping on guard and set their souls on fire to meet this crisis. Mobilize the local unions into active aggressive warfare for better law observance and law enforcement in their communities.

What wonderful machinery, equipment and training we have for this great mobilization.

I would like to go a step further and include the political parties in this mobilization. "An impossible idea," you say. We all realize, that though we vote conscientiously, we are still on the outside looking in; we are still only observers in the merry-go-round of practical politics.

In this country we have a party government and it is evident that we could more quickly secure adequate

enforcement of prohibition if we were on the inside and had a voice in shaping the policies of these organizations.

Party leaders, while courteously, sometimes obsequiously, bidding for our votes and influences are not insisting upon our coming into the inner councils! The only way in which we shall ever enter these councils is through the door of the sheep fold. This door is the precinct committee. The precinct committee man is the key of the whole political structure. Mobilize the women and good men of your voting precinct for the election of a precinct committeeman. From the precinct committeemen of the counties and legislative districts, are chosen the county and state central committees who determine the policies of the parties. Let us, through the precinct committee, begin our work of mobilizing the great political parties for law enforcement.

There is inspiration, joy and assurance in our great task, because in it all we are working for the coming of His Kingdom.

"A Merry Christmas and a glad New Year

I wish you, and may G-d's exceeding love

Enfold you all, until His tender hand Shall lead you safely home to love's own land."

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.
Fargo, December 23, 1925.

LOCAL UNION CALENDAR

January—

Temperance day in the schools, Friday, the 15th. Present copy of Women Torch Bearers to school library. Furnish speakers and cooperate with the teacher in making this an event. Celebrate anniversary of National Prohibition, January 16 and 17, with luncheon, banquet or public meeting. (See in another column suggestions for the celebration.)

February—

Frances E. Willard memorial service, February 17. Collection taken for Willard memorial organizing fund. (See Union Signal for program suggestions.)

March—

Union Signal Day, March 20. Work to secure at least one Union Signal subscription for every six members. Send Union Signals to school and public libraries, ministers and editors.

A RECIPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Build yourself a strong box,

Fashion each part with care;

Fit it with hasp and padlock,

Put all your troubles there;

Hide therein all your failures

And each bitter cup and quaff,

Lock all your heartaches within it,

Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one of its contents;

Never its secrets share;

Drop in the cares and worries;

Put your discouragements there;

Keep them from sight so completely

The world will never dream half;

Fasten the top down securely,

Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

—Colorado Messenger.

Just as the Israelites received their manna in the morning, so the child of God must receive his spiritual bread in meditation on God's Word and in prayer the first thing in the morning in order to be strong for the day's work.

SECRETARY'S LETTER

My Dear Comrades:

I am completely overcome by your wonderful kindness and do not know how to express myself. But I thank you, one and all, from the depths of a grateful heart. You have combined to make my Christmas a happy one, even in a hospital, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate this practical expression of your sympathy. There never were—and never will be—such women as our white-ribbons, so loyal and true and faithful. You are continually making the bond that unites us stronger and more real. My heart goes out to each one of you in gratitude, and with best wishes for a new year of health, happiness and successful endeavor.

I am getting along well but will be here a few weeks longer. Your kind messages and various attentions have made the days pass pleasantly. I was glad to hear of the Y. P. B. organized at Park River by Mrs. Beasley, when she and Mr. Beasley drove over one evening. This new branch is under the supervision of Mrs. W. B. Simeon and Mrs. (Rev.) Robertson and its success is assured.

Mrs. Wilder was at Mayville, spoke to five groups, including teachers, and arranged for the organization of an L. T. L.

Another pleasing event was the splendid gathering at Valley City when our women listened to the story of the National W. C. T. U. convention at Detroit, as told in her inimitable way by our state vice president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

Bismarck union, always wide awake, gave a Christmas party to the L. T. L. and gladdened the hearts of the little ones.

Of the potluck luncheon of the Fargo union, when Mrs. Anderson gave a delightful report of the national convention, the Thanksgiving parties at the Crittenton Home by the Fargo and Fargo Scandinavian unions, and the party at the Children's Home by the Fargo Scandinavian, you will probably read elsewhere.

Praying God's blessing on you and your work, as we enter the new year,

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Barbara H. Wylie.

St. Luke's Hospital,
Fargo, December, 1925.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANS

Enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment as provided for in the Volstead Act and the state enforcement codes, is an all-the-year work in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

We recognize that prohibition is following the normal course as history reveals that all great reforms have taken a generation or more to reach full enforcement. The habits of a lifetime must be changed. The laws must be enforced by officials who believe in them and by a people determined to win out against law-breakers. The masses must be educated. The proposal to reinstate beer and wine is the proposal of the opponents of prohibition and contains no solution for the present situation.

We recommend the following methods for a real campaign for law enforcement:

(A) Focus attention on law enforcement by the general observance by every local union of January 16th and 17th as Law Enforcement Days.

(B) Knowledge is the basis of action.

(1) Know the law. Know what is permitted and what is prohibited.

Study National, State and Municipal enforcement laws.

(2) Know the officials charged with the responsibility of law enforcement.

(3) Know the courts. Find out how the violators of law are being punished,—whether they are promptly tried, and sentences are adequate.

(4) Know the objections to prohibition in your community and be prepared to answer them.

(5) Know the kinds of business carried on in places formerly occupied by saloons.

(6) Know the facts as to what prohibition has accomplished.

(C) Citizenship is a patriotic responsibility devolving upon men and women alike. Use your citizenship.

(1) By organizing study clubs in Citizenship to learn the machinery of government and whether that machinery is being used to the best advantage for the enforcement of law;

(2) By holding meetings to stress the nomination of Dry candidates by all parties and to stress the support of such candidates;

(3) By urging the friends of prohibition to register, enroll and vote on primary and election day.

(4) By supporting only such candidates as observe the law themselves and who recognize their oath of office as binding upon them to support the Eighteenth Amendment as well as every other part of the Constitution.

(D) Co-operation is necessary because no man lives to himself alone. Co-operate with law enforcement officials.

(1) By conferring with the officials of your own district, state or county as to how you can help them;

(2) By supporting faithful officials in the performance of their duties;

(3) By personal letters of commendation of editors, legislators, judges, and all public officials who by present and example are helping to win the fight against an illegal business.

(E) Law observance is the fundamental basis on which final enforcement rests. In a republic the people are the rulers and just rulers must abide by their own laws. This can be promoted

(1) By stressing the fact that law observance is incumbent upon all citizens as a patriotic duty, since those who sell are dependent upon those who buy for customers, and those who buy are helping to finance the illegal liquor traffic;

(2) By greater emphasis on Scientific Temperance Instruction together with teaching the health, social and economic benefit of prohibition in all schools, public and private;

(3) By a campaign of education among the children in all religious schools—Sunday and Week-day;

(4) By enlisting young people in schools and colleges in support of law observance based on their desire to excel in sports, in scholarship and in preparation for leadership;

(5) By correlating the necessity for total abstinence (law observance) with the promotion of public health, efficiency, child welfare, the safeguarding of the home and the fundamentals of law and order.

(6) By counteracting the effect of destructive newspaper propaganda of the opposition by constructive information concerning the beneficial results of prohibition. Utilize the press through paid advertisements or signed articles and open letters.

FROM ANNA A. GORDON

Dear Generous Friends:

On this Thanksgiving Day of 1925 my heaped-up load of gratitude to our Heavenly Father is greatly augmented by a well-nigh overwhelming sense of indebtedness to the beloved givers represented in the Rose-Love-Letter state president procession at the Detroit convention.

If only I could bring it about, I would love to permanently assemble the many manifestations of earnest, hard work for our great cause on the part of local union members who in recent years have shared with me the visualization of our blessed tasks. The beautiful box of autographed floral cards of friends, contributing to the Jubilee Fund, which through Mrs. Irvine's planning I received at the San Francisco National convention, is a cherished possession. The birthday posies from all the states, which two years ago Mrs. Parks cultivated in her "membership garden," always will remind me of "hearts delight" of the olden days. This past summer is memorable for the many gifts to the Frances Willard House at Chautauqua. Then we have a beautiful book that enshrines the mother-daughter line-up in all its blessedness. The local unions gave splendid service this past year on behalf of our wonderful paper, *The Union Signal*, as shown in that marvelous, magical daisy chain which Miss Deane and Mrs. Withers skillfully carried out. The young folks and the children, through patriotic enrollment have made us all blissfully happy.

As if all these love tokens were not enough, you capped the climax with the "Love-Gift" which I have discovered originated with our National president, Mrs. Boone, and unless I take this Thanksgiving Day opportunity to roll off my burden of gratitude, I shall not be able to settle down to the activities of our new year. To all local unions and friends who have placed me under this "canopy of love as broad as the blue sky above," I promise the best service of which I am capable—not only for our republic to which I pledge my first allegiance—but to the world of nations harmoniously working together in the love of God and all humanity.

Since 1877, when Frances E. Willard gave me the white ribbon, I have belonged to the Young Women's Branch of the W. C. T. U. My first National convention was in 1878 at Baltimore, and since that year I never have missed a National convention. Miss Willard was elected president at the convention in Indianapolis in 1879. In 1883 and 84, within the compass of one year, we visited every state and territory in the United States and every capital city, except one that was inaccessible. That year we completed a tour including every city of ten thousand inhabitants or over by the census of 1880 and additional hundreds of smaller towns and cities. I have seen the National W. C. T. U. grow from its infancy to its present vigorous condition.

In giving more time to administrative work for the World's W. C. T. U., I do not expect to "retire," as publicity is wont to style it. Among many kindly letters I have recently received, some writers have wished my "well-earned rest" may be enjoyable! I feel very wide-awake and shall do all in my power to help our National work under our new administration. The headquarters of the World's W.

C. T. U. are in the home of Frances E. Willard, and for the past twenty-seven years it has been my privilege to maintain and keep open to visitors this dear old home as a memorial to this beloved leader. Rest Cottage is just across a pretty garden from the National W. C. T. U. administrative building.

The development of world-wide activities should deepen and strengthen our love and service for our own land. In similar fashion, the service we give America today ought to make us more earnestly devoted to the big international program. It is my fond hope that with all my beloved United States comrades I may give still more faithful and active service both to the National and the World's W. C. T. U. programs.

Will you accept my affectionate good wishes for a blessed holiday season for yourself, for those near and dear to you, and for the best year of W. C. T. U. service our organization ever has experienced. From the depths of my heart I thank you for your loving co-operation and for your forbearance with my many mistakes.

With untold gratitude,

Yours to serve,

Anna A. Gordon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 27th to Dec. 24th

Carrington, dues	\$ 3.50
Devils Lake, dues	16.10
Minnewaukan, dues	5.60
Ray, dues	2.80
Calvin, budget (1924-25)	41.75
Jamestown, budget	100.00
Same, dues	6.30
Hankinson, bal. 1924-25 dues	3.50
Same, bal. 1924-25 budget	19.50
Same, 1925-26 budget	2.60
Sharon, dues	1.40
Fargo Scan., Near East Rel.	8.00
Cooperstown	4.00
Webster, dues	3.50
Southam, Near East Relief ..	5.00
Lisbon, dues	8.40
Ray, Near East Relief	16.20
Fargo, dues	27.30
Fargo, budget	40.00
Col. on field, Kate S. Wilder ..	5.00
Williston, 1924-25 budget	30.00
Dickey, dues70
Buxton, dues	16.50
Northwood, Near East Relief	126.50
Mayville, dues	5.60
Minnewaukan, dues	1.60
Grand Forks, dues	6.30
Same, Near East Relief	5.20
Edgeley, dues	9.10
Cando, budget complete	98.80
Same, dues	35.00
Linton, Near East Relief	3.75
Jamestown, dues	11.90
Calvin, dues	22.40
Same, Near East Relief	16.00

Special Fund

Calvin	\$ 1.20
Hankinson	1.00

Hettinger	1.00
Valley City	1.00

All of us here are wishing you a very merry Christmas, and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. E. C. WATKINS,

MY CREED

To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill,
And cling to faith and honor still;
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.

—Edgar A. Guest.

TO STATE SUPERINTENDENTS OF AMERICANIZATION

Beloved Comrades and Co-Workers:
Greetings to each of you at the beginning of the new year of service. Let us rejoice that we live in a time so vibrant with the big issues of life, and opportunity to assist in their solution. Nothing can hasten world peace more than international friendships. Let them begin in our, and your, community, and their influence will be felt around the world.

I feel, dear co-workers, although some of the reports in Americanization that came to me at the close of the year's work in September, were gratifying, yet there is so much more to be done. As I travel over our state organizing Parent-Teacher organizations, in the interests of the State Department of Education. I cannot help but feel what an opportunity we have in this splendid state of ours to serve our State, Nation and God. How grateful I am, although my work is hard at times, for the privilege of coming in personal touch with our foreign neighbors, many unable to speak the English language and striving so hard to learn it, and our American songs, principles and ideals as well.

The new plan, as outlined by the National Dept. of Americanization of the W. C. T. U. will ask for more volunteer teachers in every village and district of our state, where these are foreigners, to go into their homes, win their confidence and by a sincere, patriotic and Christian attitude teach obedience to law, particularly the Eighteenth Amendment. A good example by native Americans is the most powerful agency for Americanization. Therefore, will you not, dear superintendents, do your best in this splendid opportunity for service, by doing all you can yourselves, and by enlisting the help of the Missionary societies, cooperation of the churches, schools and patriotic and fraternal organizations, or any public spirited or Christian people in your community to help you in this great cause?

The Americanization outlook in our state is indeed bright. At the present time our state record shows but 7% of illiteracy. A record which North Dakota can justly be proud of. But the question arises here, are all those who can read and write in some language Americanized. You will say, "I don't believe so." Here then is our opportunity. Let us not merely talk but act. The motto, "Not words but deeds," can well apply to us all. Let us get a glimpse of the National W. C. T. U. outlook in Americanization.

Thirty-nine states reported for last year showed 5,000 foreign women and 9,000 children being taught Christian American ideals in the various clubs and classes. 331 W. C. T. U. members acted as teachers to 1,365 foreign families.

Much interest can be stimulated by Medals Contests for the children of foreign born, followed by personal calls on the mothers of these young people to interest them in the W. C. T. U. and the ideals it stands for. To further interest the young people Americanization pageants may be carried out. In this last suggestion, may I refer you to the following pageant, "America in the Making," which costs but 10¢ and may be gotten from National Headquarters at Evanston, Ill.

In conclusion, with the beginning

of this new year, let us all resolve to do more in this splendid field for service this year than during any previous years, so that your community and influence will be felt in our whole state and nation. This is a most beautiful way to proclaim the teaching of Him whose birthday we have just celebrated.

With the seasons joyous greetings,
Yours for His service,
Emma Bauer Golden.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break.
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.
No, at noonday in the bustle of man's work time.
Greet the unseen with a cheer!
Bid him forward, breast and back as either should be,
Strive and thrive. Cry, 'Speed, fight on!'"

So it is ever in our work. We have had both successes and discouragements; but what ever the results, may we be ready now to go forward with renewed energy.

To each president may I urge the appointment of a superintendent of this department.

To each superintendent I would say that we regret the loss of our national leader in this department. Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, on account of her new duties as national vice president, will no longer be able to direct the citizenship work.

However, we welcome our new national superintendent, Mrs. Stella C. Stimson, of Terre Haute, Indiana, who is familiar with the work, having had charge of this department in Indiana. She is busy with the new plan at present and just as soon as we receive it we promise you a copy for your union.

In the meantime let us make use of material and suggestions from every source. The Union Signal and many different magazines and newspapers which come into our homes offer abundant suggestions to resourceful superintendents.

I would suggest current events at our meetings. Perhaps nothing will so keep us awake to the happenings of the day, and all of these have a bearing on citizenship. Most profitable discussions under the direction of the superintendent can result and be of value fully equal to that of following a prescribed course.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hazel W. Byrnes.

QUARTERLY TEMPERANCE LESSON

Quarterly Temperance Lessons of the International Sunday School Lessons for 1925.

Feb. 28—Lesson Topic: "Jesus teaches respect for Law."

Golden Text: Think not that I came to destroy the Law or the prophets. I came not to destroy, but to fulfill.—Matt. 5:17.

Lesson Text: Matt. 15:22.

Primary Topic: "A Lesson in Obedience."

Memory Verse: Heb. 13:17.

Junior Topic: "Obedience to the Law."

Memory Verse: Heb. 13:17.

Intermediate and Senior Topic: "Obeying the Law."

Topic for Adult Division: How to secure respect for the law.

FARGO Y. P. B.

Fargo Y. P. B. held a special Christmas program and party at the home of Katherine Engebretson. Rev. Ernest Parish gave an interesting talk on "Can Prohibition Prohibit?" He urged all young people and people everywhere to talk up prohibition. Appropriate devotions were in charge of Edna Beechel. Mrs. G. E. Norris presented the beautiful silk flag which Fargo Y. P. B. won at National convention. A fine musical program was much enjoyed. Fargo Y. P. B. has much good musical talent. A reading was given by Harold Peterson. With regret the resignation of Miss Ida Johnson was accepted. For the past three and one-half years Miss Johnson has attended all regular and special meetings.

Mrs. L. C. Jameson, who will take up the work Miss Johnson has so well carried forward, was introduced and given a welcome.

The stunts consisted of a Friday afternoon school program, with Mr. L. C. Jameson as schoolmaster, a short play and songs. After school refreshments were served and combination calendars and blotters, designed by Roland Wheedon, were distributed as favors.

THE PHYSICAL DECALOG

- Thou shalt eat for health. Thou shalt not stuff nor starve.
- Thou shalt drink plenty of pure water, for most men eat too much and drink too little.
- Thou shalt work; but thou shalt not overwork.
- Thou shalt obtain sufficient sleep; but thou shalt not be found a sluggard.
- Thou shalt recreate; but thou shalt not dissipate.
- Thou shalt dress healthfully. Thy body shall be well protected, but no part constricted.
- Thou shalt practice deep breathing; for thy lungs are thy body's ventilators.
- Thou shalt bathe frequently; for thus thou keepest active the millions pores of the body.
- Thou shalt covet the sunshine; for it is God's great life-giving force.
- Thou shalt not worry; for the paths of worry lead but to the grave.

—Selected.

HE SETTLED THE QUESTION EARLY IN LIFE

A story of President Coolidge's early aversion to dealings in which rum or alcoholic drink figured and which may account for his present attitude toward prohibition, was told by President George Daniel Olds, of Amherst, at a banquet of the Amherst alumni. Mr. Coolidge's father wanted to apprentice his son as a druggist clerk at the age of fifteen, "until a terse objection was made by his youth."

"Colonel Coolidge told me," said his college president, "that when Calvin was fifteen it was a serious question whether or not he should be sent to college. Colonel Coolidge said he was not sure his son was the right type and that he finally decided that he had better apprentice him to a pharmacist. At that time all drug stores had liquor in stock and after the Colonel told Calvin of his decision, his son thought for a minute or two and then said, 'What, father, sell rum?' That ended it."

"The man who swears does six things at once: He breaks the commandment of God; he violates the law of the land; he transgresses the rules of good manners; he insults good people; he profanes sacred things; he dishonors his parents."

NOTES FROM OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE

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