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THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION

Dear Comrades:—It has been a rare privilege to attend the fifty-second annual convention of the National W. C. T. U. in Los Angeles, Sept. 26-Oct. 1, and we hope to give you echoes from it in the days to come. Visitors and delegates numbered 2595, of which 605 were voting delegates. North Dakota was represented by our state president, Mrs. Anderson, also national recording secretary, by Mrs. Necia E. Buck, also a national organizer, Mrs. Anna M. Warren of Portland, Mrs. George E. Black of Grand Forks, Mrs. Eliza B. Matters of the Fargo union, Mmes. Lenna Leer and Nannie Pifer of the Fargo Scandinavian union, and by the state corresponding secretary. Mmes. Matters, Leer and Pifer are now residing in California. No doubt you prefer to hear about the convention, but you may be interested in a few words about

The Trip

Leaving Minneapolis the afternoon of Sept. 20th Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Warren and I joined the white ribbon special at Kansas City. While waiting there, a meeting was held in the large union depot when national officers and all state presidents available, made brief remarks. A most cordial and enthusiastic welcome was given by our comrades of the sunflower state, dressed in white with yellow sashes and head-bands. At Topeka, we were serenaded by the band and received by local and county W. C. T. U. officials. The mayor of the city gave a welcome address to which the national president, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, responded and other national officers were introduced. Baskets of fruit and boxes of candy were distributed among the delegates. As we traveled westward, demonstrations were held at the various stopping places and rousing welcomes given us. At Albuquerque, N. M., delegates were conveyed in automobiles to the county fair, then in progress, where the fruits and vegetables of that section were displayed. The day spent at the Grand Canyon, Arizona, will never be forgotten. We were profoundly impressed by the majestic grandeur of this world's wonder and have no words to describe it. Arrived in Los Angeles we were met by white-ribboners of Southern California, waving colored plumes of pampas grass and singing—"It's Coming, It's Coming—the Morn for Which We Pray." Delegates were then taken in automobiles for a ride around the city. The Rossllyn Hotel was convention headquarters and there executive meetings were held, before and after

The Great Convention

Welcome banners and beautiful decorations were much in evidence, especially in the convention church and neighboring locality, as well as in the headquarters hotel and on nearby streets. Words are weak in describing the flowers of this sunny land. Dahlias so large, and of various hues, decorated the church and roses were everywhere. We have never seen such lavish hospitality. Every day, during the convention, each delegate received a gift. Oranges, lemons, figs, raisins, prunes, nuts and avacados were presented at different times. White-ribboners of various counties of Southern California participated in this generosity.

The First Methodist Episcopal church was chosen for the convention and here, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, the opening services were held. The national officers were pulpit guests of the pastor, Dr. E. E. Helms, who preached the convention sermon, which was broadcasted. So impressive was this message, it was voted that it be published in pamphlet form. "It is self-evident we are not going to get out of this muddle save as the W. C. T. U. shows us the way," said Dr. Helms, who remembered going with his Crusade mother, as she knelt to pray before the saloons, some fifty years ago. Dr. Helms declared the states in referenda are deciding whether they are to be in the union or out of it. The Prohibition Amendment is so plain that a wayfaring man need not err therein, unless he be a member of Congress or governor of New York or any of the other states involved. The Canadian system of government control was shown to be an utter failure. Bootlegging thrives in the provinces. The mayor of Winnipeg declares conditions there a thousand times worse under government control. British Columbia, with her 524,000 people, has a liquor bill of \$24,000,000. The speaker showed that all the people have never, at any time in the history of the world, been ready for prohibition, giving as examples, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, the Children of Israel under Moses, the American people at the time of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the final judgment will not find all the people ready. If America ever sees the day when every man is a law unto himself, then America is doomed. Dr. Helms is one of the many advocates of prohibition who are working hard that California may keep her Wright Law at the coming election.

Sunday afternoon, at the Philharmonic Auditorium, was presented a wonderful pageant—"To Have and To Hold," arranged by Ellen Dayton

Blair, former L. T. L. secretary of Southern California, and presented in sacred memory of her, by one thousand children and two hundred young people of the Loyal Temperance Legions of Southern California. Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, national director of S. S. work was in charge. The pageant was a vivid and colorful interpretation of the recent saying of Pres. Coolidge: "Every child should be taught reverence for nature, reverence for law and reverence for God."

At the great mass meeting Sunday evening, Mrs. Boole, presiding, introduced Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo as the man who, though not nominated himself, did defeat Al Smith, and dared to stand for a great principle. Mr. McAdoo said: "We are in a great fight for constitutional government and must determine that the Constitution shall not be overthrown by the lawless element of this country. The courts have upheld the validity of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. It is the law of the land and is equally binding upon every governor and every state in America, New York and Maryland included. Suppose each state had a right to say which part of the constitution it would support. The prohibition law has been the greatest single contributing factor in the prosperity of the country. Traffic laws have taken away a part of our personal liberty. We want to invade the personal liberty of every man who wants to do something that he shouldn't. It is a reflection on the character of the American people to talk about what it costs to do anything that is right. No matter what it costs, the union must be maintained. We must continually educate our children on the evils of alcohol. We must mobilize youth and teach their responsibility in this matter."

Ex-Governor Pat McNeff of Texas followed in a spirited address on "The Supremacy of Law," declaring the prohibition law to be "the stateliest step of progress ever made by man." No man has any more right to disregard any part of the constitution than he has to pluck a star from the American flag. The greatest drama ever enacted is being put on today, with America on the platform and all the world an audience. The only way to enforce the prohibition law is to enforce it. The rank and file of American people respect and obey the law. No churches, no educational institutions, no lodges, no clubs, no Ladies' Aid societies, no railroads, no organizations that are trying to make the world better are asking for the repeal of the law. We must fight the evil tendencies of greed, politics and a

perverted press with education, organization and legislation."

When the convention opened for business Monday morning, Mrs. Boole, national president, gave the annual address. She suggested, as the slogan for the coming year—"Hold Fast and Go Forward," and mentioned the many encouraging advances in the cause of prohibition, calling for active continuance of our "Do Everything Policy." Mrs. Boole showed that the wets do not want light wines and beer—they want intoxicating liquors. Their activities center around four plans: Straw votes, Congressional modification of the Volstead Act, state legislation and referenda and government control. "The most cleverly organized, most effective, most extensive and most insidious propaganda movement in the history of America is now functioning at full speed in an effort to break down the legal victory over the liquor traffic, achieved after 50 years of laborious effort, ridicule, estrangement and sacrifice, even unto death. There must be no compromise with violators of the law. We are confirmed in our belief that prohibition is the best method yet tried of solving the liquor question. No great reform was ever won in a day but we will win in prohibition enforcement if it takes a generation.

The social event of the convention was an informal reception followed by the allegiance banquet Monday evening at the Chamber of Commerce building with 1,000 delegates and friends in attendance. Mrs. Boole was the gracious toastmistress and her ready wit enlivened the occasion. The Young People's Branch of Southern California put on yells and stunts. Gladsome welcomes were voiced by the mayor of the city, Hon. Geo. W. Cryer, the State Supt. of Public Instruction, Mr. Will C. Wood, and by representatives of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the Anti-Saloon League, the Church Federation, the Woman's Law Enforcement Committee, and by Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, president Southern California W. C. T. U. Fitting responses by the W. C. T. U. presidents of New Jersey and West of Washington followed. Beautiful music interspersed the program.

The outstanding event of Tuesday was the mammoth membership demonstration under the direction of Mrs. Frances P. Parks, national corresponding secretary. One thousand Southern California white-ribboners, dressed in white were joined by representatives of the trio teams from all the states, each woman representing a volunteer, victorious captain who had gained ten new members.

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Carrying red disks on which were the names of their captains, the long procession wound up and down, through the aisles and across the platform of the church, each state leader carrying the state flag or banner. Jubilant music on the pipe-organ accompanied the march, while those in the seats gave hilarious applause. Finally, as each state leader with her flag took her place in the organ loft, the grand finale was announced—53,504 new women gained this year! Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Matters and Mrs. Leer were appointed to represent North Dakota in this proud procession.

This day, September 28th, being the birthday of Frances Willard, a most appropriate and impressive commemorative hour was observed, the program for which had been arranged by Miss Anna A. Gordon, who presided on this occasion. Miss Gordon quoted Miss Willard as saying: "Don't ever say I have died. Just say, 'She has passed from the earthly to the heavenly activities that are not succeeded by weariness.'" On a marble slab are these words: "She made the world wider for women and more home-like for humanity." In line with this observance, presidents of states helped from the Willard Memorial Fund were introduced and told of the work accomplished thru this means.

That evening was World's night and Miss Gordon again presided in her own inimitable manner. The African Methodist Episcopal choir, which had won the prize in a song contest, furnished the music, delighting the audience with their negro spirituals.

Representatives of foreign countries were introduced and spoke briefly of their work. Women over there are watching the working of our prohibition law, bewildered by reports and puzzled by actions of American tourists abroad. Mrs. Munns, World's W. C. T. U. treasurer, stated that we are helping twenty countries in tem-

perance work.

The Union Signal Quota March was impressively staged by Mrs. Della F. Withers, circulation manager. Mrs. Anna M. Warren represented North Dakota, carrying a banner on which appeared the pictures of thirteen local presidents whose unions have made their quota in subscriptions. We believe others were entitled to this honor but failed to send their pictures. Mrs. Warren made a short speech on the value of The Union Signal to foreign countries. Each state was allowed to bring home its banner and ours will be kept at state headquarters.

Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, president of the International Narcotic Educational Association, spoke very impressively on his work. He declared that 60% of all inmates in jails, prisons and penitentiaries are drug addicts and most of them are heroin addicts. A slave to heroin can be made in a week. "In 1921 we had 5,000 addicts, in 1925, 10,000. Don't be indifferent in this matter. Modern inventors that annihilate space also amalgamate the forces of evil, so the same bootleggers that discover liquors discover drugs and our America is the objective. There is no time to be lost. Millions of addicts are in the Orient and dealers are scheming to produce more powerful drugs than heroin. You cannot appeal to conscience in this matter. There is little hope for those in its grip. Protection of youth is the key to the situation and of all instrumentalities, yours is the readiest.

Wednesday evening's program was "Campaigning in the States" and most interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Florence D. Richard of Ohio, Mrs. Lillian M. Mitchner of Kansas, Mrs. Addie G. Estes of Northern California and our own Mrs. Anderson of North Dakota. On this occasion, favors were presented to Mrs. Anderson by the North Dakota delegates and by the W. C. T. U. of Southern California.

The exhibits arranged by National directors were illuminating but nothing was more interesting than the beautiful afghan, made by our Mrs. L. F. Wanner of Jamestown, which was the chief attraction in the Soldiers and Sailors department.

People We Met

Miss Clara Mann, formerly at our state headquarters, now of Monrovia, Calif.; Mrs. L. W. Patmore of Los Angeles, former president and Mrs. G. A. McCrea of Ontario, former treasurer of Drayton union; Miss Nelle M. Osmon of Seattle; Mrs. Esther Thomas Larson, Mrs. Fred W. Honey of Park River, now of Gresham, Ore.; Mrs. L. D. Maurer of Starkweather, now of Long Beach; Mrs. Seymour Granger, formerly of Valley City; Mrs. Mamie Northrup Smith; Mrs. May White Baird, once of Casselton; Mrs. Pifer, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Nannie Pifer; Mrs. Richard McFadden of Tyner, now secretary of the Inglewood union of which Miss Mabel Thompson, formerly of Drayton, is president; Mrs. E. C. Eddy of Fargo; Mrs. J. E. Priest of New Rockford, Mrs. Koto-Dudey, once of Northwood and others too numerous to mention, but not directly connected with the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Duncan Fisher, once president of Fargo union, now of Compton, Calif., sent her card, with greetings to the North Dakota delegation, but we failed to find her in the crowd.

Mrs. Anderson Declines Re-election
Thursday morning came election of

officers. Mrs. Buck was appointed a distributing teller and I a counting teller. Mrs. Anderson had previously announced her intention not to stand for re-election and again, on this occasion, repeated it. Many compliments were paid Mrs. Anderson and her work by members of the executive committee and resolutions of appreciation were drawn up by the state presidents who also presented Mrs. Anderson with a beautiful bar pin, Mrs. J. E. Sizer of Minnesota making the presentation. At this time the North Dakota delegates, by Mrs. George E. Black, presented Mrs. Angerson with a hand-painted satin pillow cover. A friend of the cause made her a Life Patron of the National W. C. T. U. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole; Vice President, Mrs. Ida B. W. Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances P. Parks; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sara H. Hoge; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nelle Burger; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, while Miss Gordon was again appointed Honorary President.

At Young People's Hour on Thursday afternoon, very encouraging addresses were given on the work of the young people. Miss Helen Estelle reported more than 50,000 signatures to the Patriotic Roll and the work is to be continued this year also. Mrs. Maude B. Perkins, general secretary of the Y. P. B., made an impassioned plea for leaders in this very important work. A very helpful and inspiring address was that of Mrs. Lena Leonard Fisher of the Southern California University, who spoke on "The Spiritual Urge of Prohibition."

That evening was field night and the board of organizers, assembled on the platform, had the program in charge. Our Mrs. Buck appeared to good advantage among them, as she spoke on "The Lure of High Peaks," and gave a fine address, though each speaker was limited to 10 minutes.

On Friday, the closing day, Law Enforcement plans were read and adopted. These will appear elsewhere in the Bulletin. It was decided to put on a membership drive, Jan. 16-May 16, continuing the volunteer captain plan, but you will hear more of this later. Mrs. Parks announced that, even with our splendid gain, we had only 50% cooperation from local unions this year. What could we do with 100% cooperation? Let us take Mrs. Boole's advice to "Get out of the book of Resolutions and into the book of Acts."

Messages were received from many prominent people among whom were President Coolidge, Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, Mabel Walker Wilbrandt, Carrie Chapman Catt, Roy A. Haynes and others. A carrier pigeon brought a message from Portland, Ore., so, as Mrs. Boole said, we had telegrams, cablegrams and pigeongrams.

Invitations for the convention of 1927 were received from Omaha, Hawaii, Southern California and Minneapolis. The urgent invitation of Mrs. Sizer was accepted and we surely will have our full quota of delegates at Minneapolis next November.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, national director of the Evangelistic department, who, previous to the convention, conducted a very helpful devotional hour, made the closing address, taking as her topic, "Go Forward." In her stirring manner, Mrs. Armor said, "In this electric age, you should

get on your knees and thank God every day for prohibition." Speaking of the young people, Mrs. Armor said, "I stand in my place to say I believe that in the United States of America we have the finest, cleanest, sanest, most spiritual young people we have ever had." She continued, "I feel like going on, sister, I feel like going on—I'm on my way to a bone-dry world and I feel like going on."

"As we joined hands in singing 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again,' one of the most delightful, inspiring and harmonious national conventions came to a close. 'They talk of California They say the climate's grand, They sing of old Iowa Also of Dixie land; They sing of dear old Georgia And sunny Tennessee, I'll sing of North Dakota— It's good enough for me.'"

Barbara H. Wylie.

LOCAL NOTES BY MRS. WYLIE

Although reports were called for earlier than usual this year, about 60 unions have responded. The Scandinavian union of Fargo sends the most complete report. Their activities are wonderful—"too numerous to mention." We note their eleven departments with a superintendent for each; special meetings at which ministers, judges, attorneys, the state president of W. C. T. U. and the county superintendent of schools have spoken; 408 calls made in interest of the work, 107 bouquets distributed, \$100.86 expended for flower mission and relief work, 51 articles in newspapers, four volunteer captains enlisted and 69 new members gained. Of these, Mrs. J. M. Johnson secured 25. Two receptions for new members and two dues-paying parties were held. The present membership is 321. Who says the W. C. T. U. is going down?

Fargo union sent no itemized report but we chanced to hear of an enforcement banquet, with 200 guests, celebrating the sixth anniversary of prohibition. Uniting with the Scandinavian union, a Willard Memorial meeting was held, when Rev. Thomas W. Gales, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced by Judge Pollock and gave a strong address. The first chapter of "Women Torch Bearers" was very impressively dramatized at a regular meeting, and later, at an evening service in the First Methodist church. Medal contest work was successfully carried on in several Sunday Schools of the city. Fargo subscribers for 57 copies of The Union Signal—second only to Cando in this respect. The two Fargo unions again maintained a booth and rest room at the Fargo Fair, where literature was distributed and ice water served.

Cando gained 54 new members and continues to lead in number of subscriptions to Union Signal—68, and Young Crusader—85. Their Y. P. B. membership campaign, with Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Duguid as captains, resulted in a gain of 54 Y. P. B. members. Cando was first union to pay budget in full—they placed 1600 anti-narcotic blotters in public schools; held a public meeting in city auditorium on a Sunday evening when school orchestra and children furnished music and Judge A. G. Burr gave a splendid address.

Since entertaining state convention Bismarck has had a good year and

has enrolled 42 new members. They are doing excellent work with the children. The union was royally entertained by Mrs. C. B. Dickinson of the Indian School. The girls gave a drill and a group of songs, and served the guests with a three-course dinner. An address by Rev. C. L. Hall, for 50 years a missionary among the Fort Berthold Indians, was much appreciated.

Jamestown reports the greatest number of honoraries—41—has a flourishing L. T. L. and Y. P. B., specializes on press work and finds newspapers friendly. A mother and daughter banquet was addressed by Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman. A beautiful afghan for disabled veterans was made by Mrs. L. F. Wanner.

Grand Forks reports the Bible will be placed in public schools at opening of fall term. They have a large and enthusiastic L. T. L.—also a Junior Y. P. B. They have done extensive publicity work and maintained a booth at the State Fair.

Park River held a mass meeting with the superintendent of schools as principal speaker. A reception was given public school teachers and a Y. P. B. organized.

Devils Lake held a local institute and did much publicity work.

Nekoma hung a framed copy of Ten Commandments in 8th grade room.

Edgeley entertained public school teachers at a 6 o'clock dinner, placed hundreds of blotters in schools and published five columns publicity matter. They presented a copy of "Women Torch Bearers" to the high school library.

Leonard works seven departments, putting emphasis on anti-narcotics.

Page has been most successful in Flower Mission and social morality work.

The president and treasurer of Wheelock union drove 40 miles or more, in a Ford, to get the dues in on time.

Milnor published 25 articles in newspapers.

Lisbon sent afghan to Disabled Veterans' hospital in Minneapolis. Held most regular meetings—24.

Valley City held a rummage sale for one day and cleared \$100. A mother and daughter banquet was addressed by the state president, Mrs. Anderson.

Calvin maintains two L. T. L.'s and a literature box in the postoffice.

Edmore held a dues-paying dinner, inviting husbands of members.

Douglas held a public mass meeting with an address on Law Enforcement by Attorney H. E. Mielke of Ryder.

Cooperstown has had a very successful year. A splendid entertainment was given the high school students. A child clinic was maintained.

Carrington subscribes for The Union Signal for public library and for each minister in town, and does considerable press work. Pockets for literature are kept in depots. Supplies were sent to Florence Crittenton Home. Wyndmere secured 15 new members by the "each one win one" method. The union at Rainy Butte supports an L. T. L. and Y. P. B. and does press work. Bowesmont observed World's Temperance Sunday with a sermon by local minister and the distribution of literature.

New Rockford specializes on press work. They held a meeting in Salvation Army barracks with a pound social for needy people. Minnewaukan had a rest room at county fair which

was much appreciated. Publicity work was done. Ryder did much essay contest work in schools—put on the play, "Lest We Forget," contemplates organizing the 10 young women secured in campaign, into a Y. P. B., when school opens.

Portland entertained the district convention driving delegates to and from Mayville. Prosper has a flourishing L. T. L. and does publicity work. Rock Lake put the emphasis on essay contest work. Linton has specialized on Law Enforcement.

Preston has a wide-awake L. T. L. and does good department work. The Neola Buck union of Epping sends a good report. They mother an L. T. L. and Y. P. B., work eleven departments, being most successful in Flower Mission work. In the essay contest, 45 essays were written, blotters were placed in public schools and Young Crusader in grades. Upham distributed literature on Peace—strengthened Law Enforcement. An L. T. L. and Y. P. B. are supported.

Fairdale has 185 counts as a banner union. They have done good department work. Offered prizes for best temperance essays in each grade of the public schools. Hettinger has two thriving L. T. L.'s. The boys put on a father and sons' banquet.

Sheyenne held essay contest on cigars. The four winning papers were read at a Parent-Teachers meeting. Ellendale held a special mothers' meeting and guest day when the Co. Supt. of Schools, Miss Stevens, spoke on the work of the school nurse and Mrs. Wilder on Child Welfare and Health. Mrs. Ellingson of Selfridge invited the union to her home and served supper to members and their husbands. The Co. Supt. of Schools was present, promised to distribute temperance literature to teachers in public schools of Sioux county. Observing Golden Rule Sunday, Ray took a generous collection for Near East Relief. Protest against modification of Volstead Act was sent to chairman senate judiciary committee.

West Fairview put on a home talent play for the benefit of the local union. Northwood has a prosperous L. T. L. A temperance program has been given in each of the Lutheran churches. Grand Forks Scandinavian union gave financial support to the local L. T. L. Napoleon distributed literature and have had a number of press articles. They specialized on Americanization. Hope has a club for Young Crusader in the public school. Montpelier united with Jamestown in a pleasant open-air meeting and picnic in the park at Jamestown. Montpelier entertained cashers. President collected money from business men for the work.

Williston has an active L. T. L. and works ten departments.

The following are reported as banner unions. Jamestown, Fairdale, Fargo, Fargo Scandinavian, Preston. Fargo Scandinavian made the largest net gain in membership and Wyndmere the largest gain per cent. Cando Y. P. B. has the largest paid membership. Cooperstown L. T. L. has the largest paid membership.

Prize winners in essay contests are: High School—Ervin Van Uey, Ryder. Seventh and Eighth Grades—Lois Larson, Ryder. Fifth and Sixth Grades—Florence Strand, Fairdale. Fourth Grade—Elda Overbye, Fairdale.

"Prohibition has removed legalized temptation from the pathway of men. If they get liquor now they have to hunt for it."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—How I wish that every one of you might have shared the inspiration of the great convention at Los Angeles. We were gratified that the North Dakota delegation was larger than was expected. You will enjoy reading Mrs. Wylie's account of the convention and also the convention number of The Union Signal.

Plans

In another column you will find Enforcement Plans adopted by the National convention.

These plans together with the President's Recommendations adopted by the state convention should be carefully studied and as far as possible carried out by every local union. Plans are useless unless they are worked. Frances Willard used to say "The joy of life is doing good ACCORDING TO A PLAN."

The great number of new members which were gained in the state and nation this year, was by the co-operation of only fifty per cent of the local unions. Think what the gain might have been had the other fifty per cent of the unions worked the plans! We are asking all unions that did NOT work the volunteer captain membership plan last year to do so this year, and we are asking every victorious volunteer captain, to look after and interest the new members she gained and see that none of them lapse in membership this year.

Essay Contest Work

I am exceedingly anxious that every union begin the essay contest work in the schools at once, if they have not already done so. It is fatal to the success of this work to leave it until the middle or latter part of the school year.

Receptions for teachers and dues socials are social events which should have right of way at this time of year.

Citizenship Course of Study

North Dakota has no graduates in the National Course of Study for Citizenship. Most of you have done some of the required work and the complete course is not a burden to even the busiest woman. Our state superintendent of Christian Citizenship will be glad to give you all needed help and information.

Field Work

Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Wilder are both in the field. Mrs. Wanner has been touring the Eleventh District in company with Mrs. Ella C. Boise, the district president. She has organized a new union at Regan and reorganized the union at Steele. There are promising L. T. L.'s at Tappen, Steele, Driscoll and Regan as a result of her work.

Mrs. Wilder is working in the Sixteenth District and a report of her work has not yet reached me; it will be given later.

Mrs. Buck is holding institutes in Nevada and goes from there to Utah. We are hoping to have her do some work in the southwestern part of the state enroute home in December.

Minneapolis the Convention City
We are rejoicing over the fact that the National convention will meet next fall in Minneapolis. This will make it possible for many of our women to attend and we believe it will be a great help to the work in this and adjoining states.

Personal

This year closes my term as a national officer. After twenty years of service as National recording secre-

tary preceded by two years as assistant recording secretary, it seemed wise to me to pass the work and the honors on to some one else. The kind expressions of appreciation and beautiful gifts from the state presidents and the North Dakota delegation, were heart warming. It has been a privilege to write the current history of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union during these twenty history making years and it has also been a privilege to work with such great women as Lillian M. N. Stevens, Anna A. Gordon, Ella A. Doole, Ida B. Wise Smith, Frances P. Parks, Margaret C. Munns and Sara H. Hoge. It was a great gratification to me that Mrs. Hoge who has served faithfully and efficiently twenty years as assistant recording secretary was elected recording secretary and that Mrs. Nelle G. Burger—well known and loved in North Dakota, was elected assistant recording secretary.

Golden Rule Sunday

Sunday, December 5, is International Golden Rule Sunday. It will be a means of blessing to us and to our children, as well as to the orphans of the Near East, if it is observed in our homes. We are asked to have a simple orphanage type of dinner that day, for example, a stew (they have meat but once or twice a week in the orphanages) bread, apricots and cocoa, and to send the difference between the cost of this and the usual Sunday dinner, to the Near East Relief. Money should be sent through the local, state and national W. C. T. U. treasurers.

Calendar for Local Unions

The continuance of the "Calendar for Local Unions" as a feature of the White Ribbon Bulletin depends on whether or not you have found it helpful. Please drop me a post card and let me know.

Referenda

I feel sure you are praying for the defeat of the referenda in the states where they repeal or weaken the enforcement codes. The National W. C. T. U. is giving assistance to those states that are now in the campaign. We can assist with our prayers; by answering the false propaganda of the wets which finds its way into the press of our state, and by using our splendid literature and The Union Signal to convince our neighbors and friends of the fact that prohibition is the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic. It will be like dynamite under the false propaganda of the wets, if each of us will do what we can right where we are.

The Union Signal Goal

I was very glad to see in The Union Signal demonstration at the National convention the pictured faces of the presidents of our North Dakota unions that had reached The Union Signal goal. I congratulate these unions and earnestly hope that they and many others will this year reach and keep the goal—which is one subscriber for every six members.

It was a great joy to meet former North Dakota W. C. T. U. workers in California, among them Mrs. Cora Larimore Trippet, former state Y secretary; Mrs. Seymour Granger, former president of Valley City union; Mrs. Richard McFadden, who for many years was superintendent of the Department of Sunday School Work; Rev. Nelle Osmun, former field worker; Miss Clara Mann, former office secretary at State Headquarters and Mrs. George A. McCrea, former treasurer of the Drayton un-

ion. Mrs. McCrea gave a party for Mrs. Wylie and me in her beautiful home at Ontario, Calif. Thirty-two former residents of Drayton were invited guests at this delightful function. Miss Mann entertained us in the charming bungalow home at Monrovia, Calif., where she lives with her sister, Mrs. Brockow, and her brother, Mr. N. D. Mann. Here we met informally the members of the Monrovia W. C. T. U.

A Correction

The last paragraph in the President's Recommendations as printed in the October White Ribbon Bulletin, should be stricken out. Evidently by some mistake a copy was sent to the publisher which was not properly marked.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Preston Anderson.
 Fargo, N. D., October 23, 1926.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANS

(Adopted at the National Convention)

The 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and the federal acts to make it effective are operative in every state.

It is the determined purpose of the W. C. T. U. to "hold fast and go forward" in spite of the bombardment by a small minority to undermine and discredit the law. The righteousness of the prohibition laws will be proven if it takes a generation.

The half million and more members of the W. C. T. U. need to be better informed on all phases of the question of law observance and law enforcement; and should be well versed in the benefits of prohibition. This is necessary for leadership.

The following suggestions for a campaign of education for law observance and law enforcement are recommended to every local union:

Hold Fast and Go Forward

1. Hold fast your present membership.
2. Launch at once an all-year campaign for new members. Concentrate on an intensive drive between January 16 and May 16. Continue the volunteer captain plan.
3. Continue the campaign of organization to hold fast every union now organized. Form new unions in every town and city where at present none exists. Reenlist all whose membership has lapsed. Give special attention to the Young People's Branch and the Loyal Temperance Legion.
4. Enlist young people between the ages of 14 and 25 by getting their signatures on our Patriotic Roll. This is a good basis for Young People's Branch work.
5. Hold a citizenship institute in every local union.
6. Sell prohibition to the community. Inaugurate an educational campaign tingling with life and action, including the raising of funds necessary to support the campaign.
7. Place increased emphasis on the Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools and colleges. Urge the teaching of the history of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Stress the patriotism of law observance.
8. Celebrate January 16 and 17, special Law Observance Days, with appropriate gatherings. Focus attention by securing the cooperation of the pulpit, press and educational agencies; and for your meetings arrange interesting and constructive programs which will reflect the magnitude of our work and the national

importance of the W. C. T. U.

9. Subscribe for and read The Union Signal. Hold all present subscriptions. Have a subscription list equal at least to a sixth of the membership. See that all officers and directors are subscribers. Place it in libraries and public institutions.

10. Honor your citizenship by registering and voting. Make the goal one hundred per cent dry registration and one hundred per cent dry vote in your community.

11. Hold and secure state prohibition laws. It is incumbent on every state in the union to concur as provided in the amendment by having on its statute books a prohibition law to aid enforcement.

12. Work for municipal prohibition law enforcement codes in every city in America.

13. "Study to know:"

A. Know the law. Know what is permitted and what is prohibited. Study national, state and municipal enforcement laws.

B. Know the courts through thorough personal attendance; know their functions and their powers for courts are the finality of government, the key to enforcement. Attend sessions of local and federal courts. Know how law violators are punished; whether they are promptly tried and whether their sentences are adequate.

C. Know what business is being carried on in places formerly occupied by bar rooms, saloons, distilleries or breweries.

D. Know the FACTS about the benefits of prohibition.

E. Know how to counteract the effect of destructive propaganda by constructive information concerning the good accomplished by prohibition.

Get expert help in replying to such propaganda.

F. Know officials; confer with them; support them when possible and give your commendation to officials, judges and law makers who are helping to enforce the law and win the fight.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

RESOLUTIONS

The North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in 37th annual convention, gratefully acknowledges the guidance of our Divine Leader and again pledge to Him our loyalty and service. We reaffirm our allegiance to the cardinal principles of our organization, purity and prohibition, including the complete observance and enforcement of the Volstead Act, and the loyal support of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Whereas, a change from National prohibition to the Canadian plan of government control is being advocated, and Whereas, we believe it entirely wrong for a State or National government to license for revenue that which injures its people, and Whereas, Government control of the liquor traffic in Canada has proved of no benefit in bringing sobriety to the people, but has increased disrespect for law and order, therefore, Resolved, that we oppose such a plan for either our State or Nation.

Whereas, "straw votes" as conducted by newspapers and magazines change no law; but do give great opportunity for dishonesty since there is nothing to prevent the dishonest person from repeatedly voting, therefore,

Resolved, that we advise the friends of prohibition to refrain from taking part in them, and urge them to agi-

tate against the misleading affairs.

Whereas, there has been no notable progress made by the states during the past year in the matter of Child Labor legislation, and Whereas, the nation that does not protect its children is doomed and Whereas, there is great need for national law to aid in the abolition of child labor, and Whereas, past experience has shown that a national law that will stand the test of constitutionality, cannot be passed until the Constitution has been amended to allow such legislation; therefore,

Resolved, that we agitate and educate in North Dakota until the people shall demand and the legislature shall ratify the 20th, or Child Labor Amendment.

Whereas, the enemies of prohibition are making the greatest fight possible to control both the State and National legislatures,

Resolved, that we call upon all Christian people to take an active interest in the political situation, and that we urge an active campaign by the local unions to have a hundred per cent dry vote recorded at the November elections.

Whereas, we believe prize fighting to be wrong since brutality is the dominant feature and that the gambling which accompanies it is evil, and Whereas, prize fighting is prohibited in North Dakota, and since children are patrons of the movie shows, therefore,

Resolved, that we urge the unions to use their utmost influence to prevent the showing on the screen in North Dakota the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia, or any other prize fight.

Drug Menace

We declare for an intensive campaign against habit forming drugs. We encourage advanced educational work among the youth of our state to the end that the scientific fact that nicotine is a racial poison may be known, and we urge agitation for the strict enforcement of our anti-narcotic laws and the reenactment of the anti-cigarette law.

Moral Education

As the complete purpose of education is to "Create Complete Citizens," we call upon all educators to stress the teaching of Christian morals in all schools and colleges, such teaching to be based upon a knowledge of the Bible.

World Court

Since for more than thirty years in our declarations of principles we have declared for courts of conciliation and arbitration, we heartily endorse the World Court, believing the nations as well as individuals, are subject to God's immutable laws.

Press

We appeal to the press of our state to use its great resources to bring to the public the truth regarding the vital questions of the day without regard to political affiliations and for no particular purpose.

Thanks

We express our sincere thanks to the Jamestown union, to the city and our hostesses for their royal welcome, kind hospitality and beautiful decorations, to the Commercial Club for the delightful drive around the city, to the musicians for their enjoyable numbers, to our guests of honor, Misses Anna and Elizabeth Gordon and Judge A. G. Burr, for their helpful presence and inspirational addresses, to the pastors and educators, the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church and to all others

who helped to make this convention the pleasant, successful meeting it has been.

GALLI-CURCI

Thus Galli-Curci to a Sydney Sun interviewer: "I don't smoke, and don't believe in women smoking. And I don't drink tea or coffee—just milk or water. No beer or wine—no! You can't sing with alcohol. It harms your mucous membranes—and afterwards it makes you feel * * * Yes, I know, because at some banquet I may have to drink a glass of wine for politeness, but I don't like it. I am absolutely teetotal."—New Zealand White Ribbon.

The convictions for intoxication per million population in New York in 1914 numbered 2,125; in London they were 4,058, and in Paris the arrests for intoxication per million of population were 4,719.

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