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THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

'Tis—
Not the carols that we sing,
But the music of the soul;
Not the greetings which we bring,
But the spirit we extol;
Not the crisp December weather,
But the warmth of goodly cheer;
Not one merry day alone,
But the cycle of the year;
Not the costly worthless gift,
But the heart from which 'tis given;
Not the rude and lowly manger,
But with Christ an opened heaven;

That—
Rings out the heavenly message
Upon the night air's still;
"Glory to God in the highest,
And peace 'mong men and good will!"

—T. R. Mordy.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The result of the elections has been a much disputed question, partly on account of other issues which entered in, and mostly on account of wet propaganda. Those who read only wet newspapers may still think that California defeated the Wright (enforcement) law, when the fact is that the Wright law was sustained by about 55,000 majority. Missouri defeated the repeal of the state enforcement code by a vote of two to one. Also in Colorado the dries were victorious, and the enforcement code of that state stands. Montana is the only state in which a referendum to repeal prohibition enforcement was successful.

The referenda in New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nevada were merely expressions of opinion on the part of the wets. They did not change any laws and the dry forces generally ignored them. In Montana, all state prohibition enforcement laws, including the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor to minors, are repealed. However, the wet vote is said to be 15,000 less than when the prohibition law was passed.

The election of Congressmen is the real referendum. The greatest blow the wets have suffered is the defeat of Senator Wadsworth of New York, —a strong champion of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and a man of power and influence in the Senate because of his position in the councils of the dominant party. Another big victory is the defeat in Illinois of George E. Brennan, an outstanding wet, as a candidate for the United States Senate. Analysis of the vote in Illinois shows that the wets, while carrying the referendum, have lost

400,000 votes since the previous beer referendum in 1922.

It is noteworthy that Ohio elected a bone dry democrat governor and a bone dry republican senator. In Pennsylvania, the dry candidate for governor received 700,000 more votes than his wet opponent. In the United States Senate, the support of prohibition has not been appreciably weakened. The House is still overwhelmingly dry. There are probably over 300 dry representatives to less than 120 wet ones.

In this state, one man ran on a wet platform, M. C. P. Stone, candidate for United States Senator. In the primaries, out of 161,958 votes cast, Mr. Stone received 12,937. At the general election, while the official canvass has not yet been made, the indications are that his vote will be less than at the primaries. This shows that happily there is not much encouragement for a man to run for office on a beer and wine platform in North Dakota.

The wet victory in Montana is explained by the fact that only 43 percent of the voters voted. Prohibition in Montana was defeated by the dries who stayed at home on election day. This shows us where the danger lies and indicates what our efforts must be for the next two years. The dries must be aroused and made to understand that indifference and apathy on their part may mean repeal of state enforcement laws and also the election of wet Congressmen.

How are we to arouse the dries—the indifferent good people? We must ourselves be dead in earnest and our enthusiasm must be kept at white heat. We must realize that slackness now may mean disastrous defeat later. We must faithfully follow our plans. Let us give our slogan—"Hold Fast and Go Forward"—a prominent place in every union meeting. Hold fast our present membership. Launch a lively all-year campaign to increase our membership. Then concentrate on an intensive drive between January 16 and May 16. The volunteer captain plan is to be continued. Special honors will be given the captains who gained ten last year, who again gain ten this year. The successful captains of last year are asked to take a special interest in their new members, see that they attend the meetings and become thoroughly indoctrinated in the work and that their membership is not allowed to lapse.

Plan to have more public meetings, distribute literature, have more essay contests in the public schools, more medal contests in the Sunday schools and public schools. Pay more attention to the L. T. L. and Y. P. B.

Especially push all departments of work that are sentiment building and don't forget the great importance of the newspapers. Have something worth reporting at every meeting and have it well reported.

I greatly appreciate the Intelligence Squads who are sending clippings to me. I am surprised, however, that so many unions do not seem to appreciate the importance of this work. We want to pay more attention, in these clippings to W. C. T. U. activities. The name and date of paper should be put on each clipping.

In editing the National W. C. T. U. Report, I am pleased to see that North Dakota has more L. T. L.'s than any other state reporting except the great states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. This is a remarkable record and we heartily congratulate Mrs. Bordwell and the faithful L. T. L. leaders of the rank and file.

We notice also that North Dakota Child Welfare department has next to the highest efficiency standard—115 percent. Congratulations to Mrs. Wilder and her local directors for splendid work accomplished.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Preston Anderson

SOME OF THE FINE THINGS

Done in Our Loyal Temperance Legion this Year:

Eight members of the Bismarck Legion went to McKenzie last June and gave songs, recitations, rally cries, etc., at the district convention.

They made a number of beautiful Sunshine Booklets for the Children's Home for War Orphans. They made up a Christmas basket of fine dinner, gifts, etc., for a needy family. They celebrated Temperance Sunday with a fitting program.

Milnor has the largest dues paid membership.

Calvin had a parade at the Co. Fair. The children marched carrying banners and gave their pledge, rally cries and songs. They received a prize of \$6.00.

Grand Forks reports sixty-five new members.

West Fairview Legion had a special program at their meeting for Mothers Day and made baskets and filled them with candy and flowers and presented them to their mothers.

Doyon reports thirty-three calls upon sick members, twelve glasses of jelly and many garments given. They have secured thirty signers to the National Prohibition Guards pledge beside their own members. They also take eleven Young Crusaders.

The Epping Legion has taken part in W. C. T. U. meetings, district con-

ventions and gave one public meeting.

The Northwood Legion took part in joint meetings of the W. C. T. U. and Scandinavian Temperance organizations, giving playlets and singing their songs.

Williston gave a demonstration at the district convention.

Edgeley has thirty-one subscribers to the Young Crusader.

Valley City carries on our work thru the junior departments of the Sunday School.

Jamestown Legion prepared two playlets for the state convention.

The Montpelier Legion gave one musical contest, held annual picnic and sent two delegates to the state convention at Jamestown.

Epping also had a delegate at convention at Jamestown, Richard Stuehlard.

Balfour sent a delegate to state convention, Ruth Peterson, who came with the director, Mrs. Ella Semrau.

The L. T. L. at Wheelock gave a public program in April. The L. T. L., of which Mrs. Mae Hanson is director, has held two meetings each month and has given two public programs.

A new Legion was organized at McKenzie August 12th, with Mrs. Wildfang as director.

The Carrington Legion, with Mrs. Mabel Behrens as director, held 20 regular and one special meeting last year.

The Prosper Legion reports many posters made on the subjects, Pure Food, Drink and Tobacco.

At Cando every family in the junior grades of public schools have a copy of The Young Crusader each month.

At Upham the Legion helped build up the city park. They have 41 dues paying members.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
Director L. T. L.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home it is kindness;
In business, it is honesty;
In society, it is courtesy;
In work, it is fairness;
Toward the unfortunate, it is pity;
Toward the weak, it is resistance;
Toward the penitent, it is forgiveness;

Toward the strong, it is trust;
Toward the fortunate, it is congratulation;
And toward God, it is reverence and love.

—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

"Prohibition at its worst is better than license at its best."

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MEDAL CONTESTS

Dear Comrades:—

At the state convention held at Jamestown I was appointed Medal Contest Director. As I cannot personally meet each one of you, I am greeting you and sincerely hope that we may have a successful year. I will be very glad to hear from each union and to help all that I can in the work.

I hope that each president will appoint a Medal Contest director in her union. I have on hand the supplies needed, also the Twentieth Century Medal Contest Reciters which should be ordered by number. I shall be glad to hear from each union.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Andrew Brudevold,
1320-2nd. Ave. N. Director
Fargo, N. Dak.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:

We have moved our office and are now in Room 10, over Fargo National Bank, diagonally across from our former location. In addressing us, no change is necessary as "W. C. T. U. Headquarters" will always find us. Miss Janet Adam, who so faithfully served as office secretary for the past ten months, has gone to Chicago to visit relatives.

We are very thankful for the organizing work already done this year. In September, our vice president, Mrs. Wanner organized a Y. P. B. of 32 members at Oberon, with Miss Hazel Burdick president and Miss Mabel Burt, secretary. She spoke to the local union in the afternoon and gave a public address in the evening. Besides the re-organization at Steele, from which through the president, Mrs. C. R. Jolley, we have an encouraging report, and the new union at Wing, with Mrs. Elizabeth Hollstein, president, Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Boise, who toured the district together, have to their credit flourishing L. T. L's at Driscoll, Regan, Wing, Robinson, Pettibone, Tappen and Steele, the latter with 60 members. Mrs. Wanner spoke in schools wherever possible and at Driscoll addressed the Parent-Teacher's Association.

From state convention, Mrs. Wilder went home with Mrs. Mielke and together they worked in the Fourth District, driving in Mrs. Mielke's car and returning to Ryder each night. Makoti, Garrison, Douglas, Sanish, Van Hook, Rosegen, Hiddenwood, Max, Ray, Epping, Stanley and Powers Lake were visited. At the latter place, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Monnes gave helpful cooperation. Three new unions were organized. At Rosegen the president is Mrs. Stella Aaby, corresponding secretary, Miss Irene Snippen and treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude M. Hill. At Sanish, Mrs. Wilder organized in a blizzard with ten members—president, Mrs. J. H. Dugge, secretary Mrs. A. O. Johnson, treasurer Mrs. Adolph Larson. At Van Hook, Mrs. Mabel Sather is president, Mrs. Olga Meitz, secretary and Mrs. Emma Estenson, treasurer.

Three new Y. P. B.'s were organized as follows: Ryder, with Misses Margaret Campbell and Anna Njaa, general secretaries, and 22 paid members; Makoti, 13 members with Mrs. George H. Moyer, secretary and Ray, with 10 members, the secretary to be elected by the local union. For the Douglas Y. P. B. nine new members were gained. L. T. L's were organized in the grades of the Ryder school with Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, superintendent.

Mrs. Wilder visited Sixteenth District, Oct. 20-30, speaking at Aneta and McVillie, to the High Schools and Ladies' Aid Societies. At Lakota she completed the organization begun by Mrs. Lydia B. Johnson and the president is Mrs. A. H. Smart, secretary Mrs. J. Swinland and treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Skriveth. At Larimore, speaking in the Methodist Church and in the schools, she re-organized the local union with Mrs. Theo Strandness, president, Mrs. Martin Johnson, secretary and Mrs. Caroline Stover, treasurer. At Northwood, a joint meeting was held with the W. C. T. U. and the Scandinavian Total Abstinence Society. At Gilby, the local union was addressed in the afternoon, the P. T. A. in the evening and the grades and High School, next

day. By invitation of the superintendent, Mrs. Wilder spoke to the High School at Johnstown. She was invited back to Aneta to address the Civic League in the movie theatre, where the proprietor, Mrs. Boehme, is much interested in our work. Addresses on both trips, 25; schools addressed, 13; calls made, 24.

Since our return from Los Angeles, Mrs. Anderson has told the story of the National Convention to the two Fargo unions and I had the pleasure of speaking to the union at Valley City. These three large unions have dues and budget well in hand for the year, the Valley City union again having raised the budget by a fine rummage sale. It was encouraging to hear of their many activities. Fargo unions, as usual, held Thanksgiving meetings, with donations, at the Florence Crittenton Home.

We are glad to report much interest in the Medal Contest and Essay Contest work. You will notice the name of the new Medal Contest director, Mrs. Andrew Brudevold, 1320 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, and to her you may write for material. For subjects and rules and material for essay contests, write Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, Thompson. Supplies for these and all other departments are also kept at state headquarters.

You will be pleased to know that our director of Flower Mission work, Miss M. Inez Lee has fully recovered from her recent indisposition. A short time ago, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Stueland and son Richard passed through Fargo enroute to Toronto, South Dakota, where Mr. Stueland has accepted a pastorate. We greatly regret to lose these good people from the state but Mrs. Stueland will carry on the correspondence of the department of Evangelistic work and Sabbath Observance for the remainder of the year. We enjoyed a call from our new director of Sunday School work, Mrs. Guy F. Harris of Carrington who is ready to help wherever possible, in the work of her department.

Park River held a fine reception for teachers of agricultural and public schools November 18 with a large attendance of parents and friends, and a good program. Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, the new president, made the welcome address. Mrs. W. J. Phair, after serving 25 years as president and Mrs. McPherson, 29 years as treasurer, resigned and were each presented with a W. C. T. U. pin by the local union in recognition of their valuable services.

By the time this reaches you, the state reports will be ready. Since the directory in the State Report went to press, several unions have elected officers and some changes have taken place. A list of all new presidents reported will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

With loving wishes for the happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours in service,
Barbara H. Wylie.

A SUNNY TEMPER

There are some women who seem never to grow old; women, who, without any special effort, retain their attractiveness and charm always unimpaired by age. The charm lies in a sunny temper—the happy faculty of looking always on the bright side of things, and of screening the foibles and frailties of others with the mantle of sweet charity.—Saunders.

L. T. L. RADIOGRAMS

"With a seed of love and truth and right, He asked, 'O where can this seed be sown, To bring forth fruitage when it has grown?'"
The Saviour heard and said as He smiled:

"Plant it for Me in the heart of a child."

Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, President Georgia W. C. T. U., speaking from station HEADQUARTERS.

"Blessings on the little lad who, after being told the story of 'Pilgrim's Progress,' announced that Christiania was his favorite character. Surprised that Christian had been passed by, the mother queried, 'Why do you like Christiania?' 'Don't you remember mother,' eagerly answered the boy, 'I like her because she took the children with her.' The life of the W. C. T. U. depends largely upon its faithfulness in centering its chief activities upon the child. We must love them, believe in them, set them the right example, live with them, pray with them, play with them and take them with us along the safe highways of self-knowledge, self reverence and self control. We shall find our richest field of service with the children."

Miss Anna A. Gordon, World President, speaking from station DE-TROIT.

"In our great campaign for total abstinence, for prohibition and for law observance, and in our desire to hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth, no greater contribution can be made by the Christian womanhood of America than enlisting and training the boys and girls of the land and instilling into their minds and hearts the laws of health, the laws of their country and the laws of God.

The slogan—"Children First"—should ring from the lips of every local president and in every community possible a campaign to enroll their boys and girls in the L. T. L. should be carried on."

Miss Mary B. Ervin, National General L. T. L. Secretary, speaking from station XENIA, O.

HERBERT HOOVER

This great friend of the children of the world wrote as follows some time ago concerning the children of America:

"There is no agency in the world today that is so seriously affecting the health, education, efficiency and character of boys and girls as the cigarette habit, yet very little attention is paid to it. Nearly every delinquent boy is a cigarette smoker, which certainly has much to do with it. Cigarettes are a source of crime. To neglect crime at its source is a short-sighted policy unworthy of a nation of our intelligence."

THE SUBSIDING FLOOD

Prior to Prohibition about 1300 breweries were making 2,000,000 gallons of beer a day. At the present time about 400 cereal beverage manufacturers are making about 160,000,000 gallons of near-beer a year. These figures were announced in an address by the Federal Prohibition Commissioner.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

It is gratifying to the members of the W. C. T. U. to note the publicity given to this work and the progress made during the past few years. We were trail-blazers on this line, hence we are greatly pleased at the popularity of the subject. For a long time little progress was made, and very little was heard of the subject, but today, we hear it on every side, and some phase of the work is discussed at almost every religious gathering and convention. This is due, perhaps, to two factors, viz: the World War, which brought to prominence the work of Americanization and citizenship—Christian and otherwise—and to the fact that many million women by the Nineteenth Amendment, were enfranchised, and thereby given the right to vote, to make and enforce laws and hold public offices, which theretofore had been denied them. Many, many of these women were hard working, earnest, intelligent, educated Christian women—teachers, preachers and mothers who had prayed for long years that the principles of Christ's teaching might be inculcated in the lives of our people, and in the laws and government of our nation. They were ready and waiting for an opportunity to educate for intelligent goodness and citizenship. They realized, as we do, that the words spoken by that old prophet of Israel, long, long years ago: "My people perish for lack of knowledge," are as applicable to our nation as they were to the kingdom of Israel. They entered every open door; and we believe that it is largely due to the efforts of the one-half million of the Christian women of the W. C. T. U. that the subject, "Christian Citizenship," has become so popular.

"Training for Christian Citizenship" was the key-note of the great International Sunday School Convention held in Birmingham, Alabama, in March of this year. Every forenoon of the six days of that wonderful convention, this subject was discussed by many able and prominent divines, Sunday school workers and educators of this and foreign lands. The question before that body was, how can we best train our youth for Christian service—Christian Citizenship. The result of that week's work and discussion can never be fully estimated.

There are three institutions which have the right to train youth for this work: the home, the church and the school. The home is not what it was twenty or thirty years ago, when prayer frequently opened and closed the day. Now, with one member of the family leaving for work at six or seven o'clock in the morning, and another, perhaps, returning at that hour from an all night's shift, and others leaving at six, seven, or eight o'clock A. M., not to return until evening, it is hard to know where to begin the day. This is especially true of the large town, and city home, where to many, home has become a place to eat and change clothes, and even the eating is often done in restaurants and hotels. The church is years behind time. Not the ministers, as a whole, nor the buildings, but the congregation. It is asleep to the possibilities of the boys and girls. We neglect to train them in Sunday Schools as we should, and before we realize it, they have slipped out from the influence of the

church and are gone, possibly forever. A meager half hour for religious teaching one day in seven—twenty-six hours per year—given, perhaps, by a worldly teacher and not even a professed Christian, will not reach far in the lives of the pupils, unless backed up by real Christian training and example in the home. In many cases these are lacking. Some system should be made and adopted by the church whereby children would be excused from public schools for one or two periods each week to attend schools of religious instruction organized by the church. The public school system is limited. When the congregation of the church awakens to the fact that the children are not fairly dealt with along this line, the church will be able to accomplish a few of the duties it should perform. The home is the foundation of the nation. A strong nation depends largely upon its women, and the manner in which the women of the country grasp and improve their opportunities will decide most of the great issues of the future. Woman's entrance into politics means much, but citizenship means much more than politics; it is bigger than politics. More thought must be given to the sweet, simple, homely virtues of life.

Men and women must be good because their hearts prompt them; because they want to be good and do the right. That desire must be fostered in the home and in the church. No amount of laws and legislation can make people good. The legislation our country needs today most, is that gained at the knees of the mothers of America—laws greater and stronger than any enacted in any of our legislative halls. Thirty years or more ago, the church, aside from the home, was the strongest influence in the community. Today many social interests have come into our lives which have tended to draw us from the home and church. Every community has many lodges, clubs and other organizations for men, women and the young folks, which did not exist in former days, and which require time, energy and money which formerly were given to the work of the church. Schools, too, have changed. The young people are so busy with school athletics, practice games, debating societies, music and dramatic contests that there is little time for anything else. It is difficult for many to reach home in time for supper, and still more difficult for the girl to help mother with the supper dishes, and the boy to do the little homely house chores. In fact it is only a few months ago, in a certain North Dakota town, when an effort was being made to organize a young people's society in the church, that the attempt was given up and failed because the leading women in that church—women who were mothers of daughters attending the high school—decided that the girls were so busy with their school and social activities that there was no time for them to devote to any work in any church society. Very soon after this occurred, a young woman's club was organized for these very same girls, with a membership of twenty-seven, with no protest whatever from their mothers, but with their sanction and encouragement. This means that our youth are not being properly influenced by the parents and by the church as we older ones were. I

emphasize the word parents, for I protest against the practice many public speakers (men especially) have of throwing the whole responsibility of the sanctity of the home, and the training of the future citizens of this nation, entirely upon the women. That responsibility should be borne by both father and mother, and the blame and the praise of the results should be given to both.

It is difficult in this age of hurry and speed, the cheap movie, the comic strip in the daily paper, not to mention the Sunday paper with its lurid and often debasing comic pictures, the extreme style in dress, the bridge parties, the up-to-date modern dance—so modern that it was necessary to visit the houses of ill-fame in Buenos Aires, South America, to import some of the favorites of today, and the negro quarters on the levees of some of the southern states to discover the popular Charleston—the Sunday baseball, the automobile with its late joy rides, and the almost omnipresent cigarette; it is difficult I say, to develop a race of strong, sturdy, Christian citizenry today. A type of moral citizen will be developed, but is that the type alone which America needs? Do not call me pessimistic—I have great hopes for the American youth.

They are, no doubt, no better nor no worse, inherently, than the youth of thirty years ago, with their conditions and environment. Times have changed. In many minds, "time makes ancient good uncouth," but what I mean to say is, that the home and the church must awaken and plan means to combat the present day conditions and environments. I shall merely touch on the subject of being "intelligent citizens." The need of studying the constitution of the United States, the methods of making and enforcing laws, of attending all public elections, and especially the precinct meetings—the foundation of all conventions—the serving on election board, school boards and on juries, working for the election of dry candidates—those who are in favor of enforcing all the laws—and men of clean, moral characters to public office, must be emphasized by all Christian workers and all patriotic citizens. These points have been presented so often that they may fall on some dulled ears, but I repeat them, "lest we forget." In summing up the matter of Christian Citizenship I always take heart when I consider that "one thousand years are as one day with the Lord," and that He holds the world in the hollow of His hand. It is our work to stand fast, sow the seed, and "be not weary in well doing" and leave the results to God.

Mrs. Ella M. Shippy,
Hope, N. D.

"If you want Prohibition to Prohibit, work for Punishments that Punish."

WHY SPEND MONEY

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THE YOUNG CRUSADER
Evanston, Illinois.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 20-Nov. 20.

Webster, Florence Crittenton home	\$ 2.00
Jamestown, dues	10.50
Gilby, dues	8.40
Collection on field, Mrs. Fred Wanner,	13.00
Van Hook, dues	2.10
Collection on field, Mrs. Kate Wilder,	17.73
Mrs. W. E. Kirch, Willard dues	1.00
Collection on field, Mrs. Ella Boise	3.85
Guelph, dues	3.50
Fargo, dues	37.10
Fargo, budget	65.00
Lakota, dues	7.70
Bantry, dues	6.30
Lakota, dues	.70
Pettibone, L. T. L. dues	3.00

Dear White Ribboned Friends:

It has truly been a pleasure to receive so many lists of membership from the treasurers of the unions, and I want to thank each one for the carefully written lists with not only the name of the member but the initials of her husband.

I am sure this method for this year will enable us to correct some of the lists, in fact many of them where there is more than one paper going to the member because of the name being sent in the two different ways.

As the Christmas season draws near we think of the many faithful members of the W. C. T. U. we have in the state, and of the willing sacrifices they have made from year to year that our cause of Temperance may advance and the Master's will may be done on earth. We pray that each of you may appreciate anew the Gift that came to us as our Savior, and that His presence in your hearts may cause you to enjoy the "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men which He came to bring.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. E. C. Watkins,
State Treasurer.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK

Dear Comrades:

I thank you all for your earnest, enthusiastic work the past year. It has meant much to the recipients and the givers have a share, too. Another year of endeavor is before us.

The terrific storms in Miami, Florida, the cyclone in Cuba and earthquakes in Armenia are only a part of the work before us. Local work is always to be done. We will again cooperate with the American Women's Hospitals in foreign work—money to be sent through our local, state and national treasurers as usual.

Shall we not make our plans for the year now and then work as far as possible? Enlist the young people. It is not too late to plant some of the bulbs for hospital use and for the children. Collect your good magazines and papers and send them on to others. Remember the state institutions where practicable and always there are the local hospitals and people in trouble and sorrow.

May this be the best year we have ever had.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Very Sincerely,
Inez Lee, Director.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

I have not yet received your plan of work in detail from our National Director. However, she sent some preliminary plans before going to the National convention and I am sending some of them on to you in this letter.

I have been busy sending out literature and before this letter reaches you many will have the literature.

We need to start our school essay and poster work early, before teachers have filled their programs.

Try to get the essay and poster work done as part of the regular school program in English and drawing. It will save the teacher work and more children will take part.

Keep your superintendent of schools supplied with S. T. I. literature and ask him to bring it to the attention of the teachers.

Place in school and public libraries one or more of the reference books recommended in the prize essay reference list.

Be sure to place in schools abundant S. T. I. literature, especially if you have essay contests. Make the minimum the equivalent of at least one leaflet to each pupil.

Ask Parent-Teachers' Associations and women's clubs to cooperate in securing well organized temperance education in your schools, especially where there is no local W. C. T. U.

Use pupils' work and printed posters and literature as S. T. I. exhibits at fairs, teachers' institutes, Sunday School conventions and institutes. Have plenty of good literature to give away. Find out if the course of study on health in your school includes well graded topics on alcohol and other narcotics. If not, insist that they be included. Our state requires the instruction; it is not optional in the grades below high school, but required. Many states require it in the high school.

Our special work should be with the state normal schools and teachers' colleges. Those young teachers require information and inspiration, if we are to expect them to carry on temperance teaching effectively. Plan to present next June to every member of the graduating classes of these institutions literature giving S. T. I. facts and methods of teaching. Use to its limit for community temperance education the Temperance Day required for schools in our state and try to get the schools to use the Temperance Day Program. Of course, at least one local union S. T. I. meeting every year, as early as possible. Make a special study of the pamphlet "Alcohol" and answer the questions on it prepared by our National Director. We need to know the facts ourselves if we are to ask others to teach them.

Give temperance teaching material to leaders of your local Vacation Bible school. Be generous in money appropriations for S. T. I. literature. Remember this is work for the children of today, citizens, fathers and mothers of tomorrow.

About a quarter of a million teachers and pupils are taking part annually in the essay and poster contests on alcohol and other narcotics which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States has conducted for many years. Local, state and national prizes are awarded. Schools in thirty-five states participated in the school year 1925-26.

The subjects for this coming year follow. Detailed information is given in the leaflet, "Subjects and Rules for Prize Contests—1926-27," published by the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill.

Topics For 1926-27

Teachers: How to Correlate the Facts as to the Effects of Alcohol with Work for Character Training. National Prize, \$50.

Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges: Facts and Methods for Educating Present-Day Youth to Total Abstinence from Alcoholic Beverages. National Prize, \$50.

Colleges: What the Modern Social Order Has to Gain by Emancipation from the Drink Custom. National Prize, \$100.

Senior-Junior High School Classes. Choice of (1) How Abstinence from Alcoholic Liquors by the Individual Benefits the Community; (2) Dialogue: Why not Use Cigarettes? National Prize, \$25.

Sophomore-Freshman Classes: The Steps from 1825 to 1920 by which the United States came to National Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. Prize \$25. (May be correlated with history of civics).

Seventh-Eighth Grades: Choice of (1) Why the United States Prohibits the Sale of Beer and Wine; (2) Why Did the College Teacher Say to Young People, "Leave Smoking to Your Competitor?" National Prize, \$15.

Fifth-Sixth Grades: Project for a Temperance Work Book. Details given in the Subject and Rules leaflet. The national prize (\$10) will be awarded to the "Work Book." Honorable mention will be given the best essay from rural schools which are unable to make the work book, on the subject, "Why I Intend to Let Alcoholic Liquors Alone."

Fourth Grade: Reproduction of story, "The Boy Who Talked with Abraham Lincoln." National prize, \$5.

Posters on Alcohol and Tobacco. Elementary and High School. National Prize \$10.

The prize contests are only a part of the school work to be done in helping the boys and girls and other youth to understand why personal total abstinence is necessary and desirable, and why national prohibition of the liquor traffic is reasonable. But the contests are an important part, for they make the instruction concrete, and serve to deepen the interest not only in contestants themselves, but of teachers, parents and the general community.

Let each one do her part to make this the best S. T. I. year that our state has ever had.

Lovingly,
Corra Frances Stoddard,
National Director
Lillie B. Smith,
State Director.

AMERICANIZATION DEPT.

The spirit of Americanization is reaching the heart of every patriotic and Christian American. We need to be sincere neighbors to our foreign brothers and sisters if we are to help them. President Coolidge said: "When an enlightened electorate acts, I have no fear of its results." The safety of our nation depends upon the enlightenment of its citizens. Our department has been active for years, much has been done, many of our foreign neighbors have become

truly Americanized and have received instruction on the bad effects of alcohol, particularly light wines and beer. Conditions are improving but there is still much to be done.

My report for 1925-26 is as follows: Articles in White Ribbon Bulletin, 3; pages of literature, 1,000; local directors reporting, 6; local meetings held, 8; articles furnished press, 10; members neighboring foreign mothers, 10; foreigners assisted in securing citizenship papers, 10. An exhibit was held at Ramsey Co. Fair. Several night schools were conducted by local Americanization departments. Devils Lake has done the most efficient work. Mrs. Chidister writes that through the influence of the Woman's Club of which she is a member, three months night school, costing about \$60 was conducted. This splendid work was brought about by the cooperation of the club and the local union.

In my work with the Department of Education and as Director of Extension of the Parent-Teacher Association, I have opportunity of doing Americanization work in the foreign-speaking communities of our state. Last winter I attended a meeting, with the county superintendent of one of our western counties, in a foreign speaking community for the purpose of organizing a P. T. A. After we organized, the newly-elected president said: "Have we elected all the officers? I contend one more is needed—a marshal. If we wish to have an orderly organization we must have an officer who will keep our young men straight who drink home brew and come and make disturbance at the meetings." I felt badly to have this come up but took the opportunity to talk respect for the Eighteenth Amendment before that large crowd of people. Concluding I said, "Young men if you are loyal American citizens and have the manhood which you should have, you will come forward, pay your dues, join the association and do all you can to make it a success by keeping clean morally and taking an active part yourselves." I feared they might not comply with my suggestion but all the young men in the rear part of the building came forward and joined and the county superintendent tells me they have remained true to their promise, have kept their P. T. A. free from these evil effects and it is one of the most successful in the county. I feel assured that this influence has reached not only their social but their home life.

With sisterly greetings to all the members and earnest workers of our state union,

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Bauer Golden,
Director.

NATIONAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR JANUARY

January 6—Day of Prayer for Local Unions.

January 16—Victory Day—
To be observed by union meetings in churches or by mass meetings in the afternoon. This is the anniversary of national prohibition and no better theme for these meetings can be suggested than:
"YES, IT IS THE LAW—AND IT'S A GOOD LAW."

January 15 or 17—
Anniversary Luncheon, Banquet or Conference; an offering to be taken

for the Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund. Launching of the membership campaign, with the Volunteer Captain plan.
January 25-26-27—

National W. C. U. Conference at Washington, D. C. The gathering which will demonstrate to congress and to the nation the quality and earnest purpose of the dry movement. An inspirational program, addresses by members of congress and officials including important women executives of the government as well as our own organization leaders. We will hear those who make and execute our policies as well as those of the nation. There will be a service in Statuary Hall at the base of the statue of Frances Willard; a tribute to the Unknown Soldier at Arlington; a visit to Mount Vernon and attendance upon the sessions of congress.

This conference will not be a delegated body; but it is hoped it will be truly representative of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union from every state. Watch The Union Signal for further details and for other information write National Headquarters, Evanston, Ill.

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