



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

A happy, prosperous, fruitful new year to you, one and all! How fitting it seems that the opening of the New Year with its wonderful opportunities and responsibilities should follow so closely the holy Christmas festival with its rededication to "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The ultimate end and aim of the W. C. T. U. is to help enthroned Christ in the hearts of men and the governments of the nations. The saloon which, John Wesley said, "drove men to hell like sheep" has been outlawed in this nation. We are now meeting the counter attack of the enemy and are fighting to hold our ground. The enemy, though a minority, is working in most subtle ways to create dissatisfaction, discredit the prohibition law and thus make that minority a majority. We are in the majority and our work is to steadily increase that majority until the victory is complete. Every successful Volunteer Captain will increase that majority by ten. Our methods are—an intensive membership campaign beginning Victory Day, January 16, and closing Mothers' Day, May 8; and a continuous educational campaign by means of essay contests, medal contests, distribution of literature, public meetings, newspaper and other publicity. The month of January is perhaps the most important month of the year in these big campaigns.

January Sixth

January 6th is the day of prayer for the success of these campaigns and for our leaders that guidance and wisdom may be given them to meet the strategy of the wets, and for those charged with the responsibility of making and enforcing the law. Every white ribboner, if she cannot attend the meeting, should give an hour that day to prayer for our work. "More things are wrought by prayer than e'er this world dreams of."

January Sixteenth

Sunday, January 16, is Victory Day, the anniversary of National Prohibition. Letters to ministers, signed by the local president, have been sent to every union to mail or hand to the pastors, suggesting fitting observance of this day. Then, in addition to the sermon or ten minute speech or address by leading citizen, or the union service, the W. C. T. U. should have, on Saturday or Monday, a Victory dinner or mass meeting at which enforcement officials and prominent men should be invited to speak on the topic—"Yes, it's the law and it's a good law." These meetings should be

"THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR WITH THY GOODNESS"

At Thy feet, our God and Father,
Who hast blessed us all our days,
We with grateful hearts would gather
And begin the year with praise—
Praise for light so brightly shining
On our steps from heaven above;
Praise for mercies daily twining
Round us golden cords of love.

Jesus, for Thy love most tender
Here on earth for sinners shown,
We would praise Thee and surrender
All our hearts to be Thine own.

With Thy Word's true Light provided,
We upon our way will go,
Sure of being safely guided,
Guarded well from every foe.

Every day will be the brighter,
When Thy gracious face we see;
Every burden will be lighter,
When we know it comes from Thee.
Spread Thy love's broad banner o'er
us,
Give us strength to serve and wait,
Till Thy glory breaks before us,
Through the City's open gate.

well reported in the newspapers and the best things quoted from the speeches.

Membership Campaign

At this dinner or mass meeting, the membership campaign should be presented and the Volunteer Captains introduced and commissioned. Every union is expected to have at least two captains. Please study carefully the membership plans in another column under the caption—"A Million Women in the W. C. T. U.—Hold Fast and Go Forward."

You will see that all successful 1926 captains are called upon to Hold Fast to the ten members now in the ranks by their efforts and to Go Forward by gaining ten new members by May 8. Special honors will be given 1926 captains who also gain ten new members this year. Fifty-three volunteer captains last year brought into the North Dakota W. C. T. U. 530 new women. However, less than half of our unions worked the plan. Had every union made the campaign, we would doubtless have enrolled more than 1,000 new women. We hope every union will have a part in this splendid work this year and especially urge those who did not take part in the campaign last year to adopt the plans and Go Forward. In order to Hold Fast, we MUST Go Forward.

Membership plans will be sent free to every union. The Topical Program for 1927 and the National Program of Activities are now ready and on sale at State Headquarters. A generous supply of these and of the membership plans will greatly increase the efficiency of the local union. The Topical Program is 5 cents each—25 for 75 cents. The Program of Activities—25 cents per 50 or 45 cents per 100.

The Union Signal

We were very proud and happy to be one of the states to reach The Union Signal quota but I am sorry to say we are not holding it. Have you

a Union Signal Promoter in your union who looks after RENEWALS as well as new subscriptions? Are your high school and public libraries, your ministers and editors supplied with The Union Signal? It is vitally important that the libraries should be supplied with The Union Signal and temperance books for reference. We have at Headquarters a few of the Reports of the Congressional Dry Hearings, price \$1 each. Women Torchbearers, \$1.25; Prohibition at Its Worst, \$1.75; "Yes, It's the Law and It's a Good Law," 15 cents, may be secured from National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill. "Alcohol and The New Age," a text book for study, 82 cents, from the Methodist Book Concern, Chicago.

National W. C. U. Conference at Washington

A National Conference of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 25, 26, 27. Addresses by members of Congress and officials, including important women executives of the government and W. C. T. U. leaders will constitute a series of inspirational programs. There will be a service in Statuary Hall at the base of the statue of Frances Willard; a wreath placed on the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington, a visit to Mount Vernon and attendance upon the sessions of Congress by W. C. T. U. members. I will be glad to have the names of any of our members who can attend this Conference and full information will be sent them.

President Coolidge's Message to Congress

The strong prohibition paragraphs of the President's message to Congress should have the widest circulation. Ten million copies of these paragraphs are being printed by the National W. C. T. U. The national officers recommend that every WCTU member send from fifteen to twenty copies to as many women friends, calling attention to the uncompromis-

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 20-Dec. 20

Gilby, dues	-----	\$ 9.10
Wheelock, dues	-----	2.10
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Dear Comrades:

Ere this reaches you the New Year will have presented itself to you. Though in its infancy it comes laden with responsibilities, and speaks plainly that it has brought rare opportunities for service.

As I write "The Workers Prayer" by Henry Van Dyke, comes to my mind in an unusually beautiful appeal, and I pass it on to you:

"Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest green, at desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
'This is my work; my blessing not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.'"

And we are sure that strength from the Master will be given you as you attempt to make the coming days of our New Year the best of your life.

Lovingly yours,
Mrs. E. C. Watkins,
State Treasurer.

Unions die from inactivity, not from overwork.

ing attitude of the President in favor of prohibition.

Yours to Hold Fast and Go Forward, until the way of the wicked is turned upside down.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

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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.

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The minority often sets the majority to thinking, and this rules in the end.

A MILLION WOMEN IN W. C. T. U.

HOLD FAST AND GO FORWARD

Announcement of the 1927 Volunteer Captain Plan in every local union in another great campaign for membership, January 16-May 8, 1927.

For fifty-three years the women of America have joined the W. C. T. U. to fight the liquor traffic, and in all that time the W. C. T. U. has offered women the most effective means of expressing their hatred of the greatest evil in the world. From an inconspicuous group, the W. C. T. U. has grown into one of the typical institutions of this country and has spread outward around the globe until it is well organized in fifty other countries. It is the mother of our national prohibition; it started the organized movement among women which paved the way for a country without a saloon; and today it is seeking a million women within its ranks to withstand the desperate thrusts of the outlawed liquor interests now gathering for a final battle.

The effect of organized womanhood cannot be overestimated. The W. C. T. U. is the institution which inaugurated public education in the effects of alcohol on the human system, a policy which will outlast and outdo the political machinations of the enemy.

The time to beat the liquor traffic is 1927!

The W. C. T. U. invites to membership all women who believe in prohibition and who want to retain it in this country.

Pressing on to its goal of a million members, the W. C. T. U. inaugurates another membership campaign commencing January 16 and ending May 8, 1927, utilizing the popular and effective Volunteer Captain Plan. The dates of the campaign in themselves are inspirational, the former being the anniversary of the day on which national prohibition became effective, and the latter being Mother's Day. Within those dates there are nearly four months in which to swell our ranks to the membership which would be representatives of the great outcry of American women against the attempts of the liquor traffic to reestablish itself.

There is a double duty involved, typified by our famous slogan, "hold fast and go forward."

On January 16 the local union, which is the unit in this scheme, will call:

1. All successful 1926 Captains to HOLD FAST to the ten members now in the ranks through their efforts and GO FORWARD by gaining ten new members by May 8.

2. New Volunteer Captains to bring in ten new members, dues collected, by May 8.

3. All local unions which did not participate in the Volunteer Captain Plan last year are urged to adopt it at once by securing at least two Volunteer Captains who will each be responsible for securing ten new members with dues paid within the time limit of the membership campaign.

Experience has shown membership may be gained by personal work or through committees.

As a hint, it is obvious that the churches offer a great field for recruits and it may be well to post a Volunteer Captain in each congregation.

As a part of her equipment each Captain should have ten pledges, separate or in book form, depending on

whether the Captain works individually or through a committee.

Volunteer Captains receive their commissions from the Trio Teams which are composed of the local presidents, secretaries and treasurers; and the Trio Teams are responsible for the success of this plan. The members of the Trio Team keep in touch with the organization through the regular channels, the local presidents working with state and national presidents; the treasurer collecting the dues and the secretary gathering the statistics.

The objective for the Volunteer Captains is ten new members each, dues paid. The objective of the local union is the largest possible multiple of tens.

The campaign results are advertised to the world at the annual convention, Minneapolis, August, in the Volunteer Captains' Exhibit which will be one of the high points of the gathering.

The name of each Volunteer Captain securing ten new members with dues paid, certified to by the state corresponding secretary, will be inscribed upon a brick which will be used to build a Wall of Defense at the National Convention in Minneapolis, this wall to be typical of that which the W. C. T. U. aims to build over against the home to keep out forever the illegal liquor traffic.

CHILD WELFARE AND HEALTH

To Child Welfare and Health Supts.:
Dear Friends:—

Happy New Year! May it prove to be a happy, healthy year for all the children and for all the "Grown Ups" in North Dakota.

Our department showed an increase in the amount of work done last year over the year previous and we expect to continue to increase our service for Child Welfare and for Health this year.

One of the most novel efforts reported to me last year was the parade of 100% people put on at the Stutsma County Fair, in connection with the prize winning stock parade. The parade was planned by the Health and Welfare Supt. and created a great deal of favorable comment. It is something new and we hope the idea may be adapted to other communities. Of course the people entering the parade will have to have a physical examination beforehand and those having the highest score have the honor of marching ahead.

The National Director for Child Welfare writes that we are to stress anew the forming of Child Study Classes for young mothers. I hope many such classes may be formed by the local unions. It is a fine way to interest the young mother in our organization and so win new members, as well as to interest her and so help her and her children.

Will each local union please send me the name of the local superintendent of this department? I wish to make as complete a directory of local union superintendents as possible.

Begin now to keep track of the most interesting pieces of Health and Child Welfare work your union does this year and write me about them early, so that we may have many of these efforts told about in our department conference at the next state convention next fall.

If I can help you in anyway, please write.
Sincerely,
Kate S. Wilder, Director.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:

You will be interested to know that our state president and her husband celebrated, Dec. 11th, their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Anderson's new position as executive secretary for hospitals in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the state calls him away from home much of the time but he was here for this memorable occasion to receive, with Mrs. Anderson, the congratulations of their many friends. It is a great satisfaction to Fargo people that Rev. and Mrs. Anderson will continue their residence here, having bought a home at 1014 6th St. S. North Dakota owes much to these friends who have given the state much valuable service, Mr. Anderson during his 34 years of faithful ministry in the church and Mrs. Anderson, in her 35 years of splendid leadership in the state W. C. T. U. White ribboners everywhere will unite in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and extending best wishes for the future. "The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of God."

Since the state report was printed, some unions have elected officers. We give here the names of new presidents: Bismarck, Mrs. Ella C. Boise; Bantry, Miss Edith Brownlee; Devils Lake, Mrs. Nellie A. Barr; Drayton, Mrs. Hugh Hamilton; Larimore, Mrs. Theo. Strandness; Park River, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross.

On her way home from work in Utah, Nevada and Idaho, Mrs. Nacia E. Buck spent a day with us in Fargo, speaking at a meeting of the Fargo union. Mrs. Buck has been very successful in organizing unions in those western states and in promoting the work generally. She goes to Minneapolis to spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Dallas Walters, now home on furlough from the Philippines.

The many friends of our state vice president, Mrs. Wanner, will be glad to know that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sweetman, with their family, have reached Shanghai in safety after a hazardous journey through the besieged section of China.

Our state director of Flower Mission, Miss M. Inez Lee, writes that her dear mother went to her Heavenly Home, Nov. 23rd., and she misses her sorely. Though 93 years of age last May, her mind was active, she was interested in every good work and her life motto was to do for others. "Thank you again for the Torch-bearers," writes Miss Lee, "it was the last book I read to her. How she enjoyed it!"

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, director of Medical Temperance, has again been called to pass through the valley of the shadow for her father was recently called home, the mother having preceded him only a few months. Friends everywhere will extend to these bereaved comrades sincere sympathy in their loneliness.

With best wishes for your happiness in the new year,

Sincerely yours in service,
Barbara H. Wylie.

"Every day takes us a little farther along some road for better or worse. The character is stronger for right or wrong with each day's journey."

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The unions at Bantry and Hatton have started drives for new members.

Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck, new president of the Second district, has been visiting her local unions, stirring them up to become banner unions this year.

On the evening of Thanksgiving Day, Ryder union put on the very interesting play—"An Old Fashioned Mother"—which was well received and the opera house was packed. Gross receipts were \$88.00.

At a reception for public school teachers, given by the Jamestown union, Mrs. Alson Wells presiding, the welcome address was by the state vice president, Mrs. F. M. Wanner. Essay contest work will be taken up in the schools.

Edgeley placed "American Creed" posters in three school rooms and Child Welfare posters in churches; had a splendid program for World's Temperance Sunday when members of L. T. L. put on a playlet; entertained public school teachers and will take up essay contest work. A dues-paying social will be held at a large home in the country, Dec. 10th. Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth, local and district president, with the help of an L. T. L. member, secured 35 subscriptions to The Young Crusader.

When the Sioux County Institute was held at Selfridge, every teacher was present and the local W. C. T. U., led by Mrs. Anne Ellingson, served an oyster supper at the hotel. During the program which followed, Mrs. Ellingson gave a very practical address before the teachers who, in their resolutions, endorsed the work of the W. C. T. U. The county superintendent, Miss E. Helen Irons, is introducing our literature among the teachers of Sioux county.

Mrs. Ella C. Boise, president of the Eleventh district, while touring her district with Mrs. Wanner, had an unusual and interesting experience at Pettibone. She had arranged for an evening meeting when Mr. C. P. Stone, candidate on a wine and beer platform, for United States Senator, asked her if he might also speak at her meeting if he would agree to bring men who would not otherwise be there. Mrs. Boise agreed, if she might have a chance to reply. She spoke first, then Mr. Stone, after which Mrs. Boise had her second chance and, from all we can hear, she was more than a match for the wine and beer advocate, and those present listened with much interest.

Recent activities of the Grafton union include a reception and chicken dinner, in honor of the public school teachers, at which Rev. P. H. Pollock and Mrs. Frank Beasley, district president, spoke; a reception at the Presbyterian Manse with Rev. and Mrs. Pollock, when the work of the local union was reviewed by the charter members, in whose honor the meeting was held. At the November meeting, plans were made for the observance of January 16th. A lunch was served to which the public was invited, the proceeds—\$15—being sent to the Children's Home in Fargo. A Thanksgiving offering was also sent to the Florence Crittenton Home.

At a recent meeting of the Fargo union, Mrs. C. L. Wallace led devotions, talking as her subject "Peace." Mrs. Pollock spoke on the results of the November elections, showing the many dry victories, Mrs. Wylie ex-

plained the president's recommendations. Mrs. Necia E. Buck was an honored guest and spoke of her work in Utah, Nevada and Idaho during the past six months.

Miss Hazel H. Burdick, president of the new Y. P. B. at Oberon, organized last October by Mrs. Wanner, writes enthusiastically of the work. She says: "We are proud of our membership. We have sixty-five pledged members and every one of them looks forward to the next meeting. Most of our members are paid up and we would like to get our money in on time."

The last meeting of the Fargo Scandinavian union was in the nature of a Christmas party. The hostess, Mrs. August Hanson, had a lighted Christmas tree on the porch which added cheer to the occasion. Rev. E. C. Parish of the First Methodist church gave a very appropriate and helpful address on "Twin Enemies—Booze and War"—stressing the great need for peace because of the coming of the Prince of Peace. Refreshments at the close suggested the holiday season. This progressive union has paid its budget in full. Donations to the Florence Crittenton Home at Thanksgiving time were valued at \$142.00 and included three one hundred pound sacks of flour, six boxes apples, forty pounds butter, several chickens, a large cured ham, fruit and jelly and other things, secured largely through the solicitation of Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

SUGGESTIONS, OBSERVANCE OF VICTORY DAY, JAN. 16, 1927

Prohibition is the Best Method of Dealing With the Liquor Problem.

Let this be our theme. It is the unanswerable argument.

Announce it. Speak it. Sing it. Advertise it. Let it wave in banners; let it adorn the walls of meetings, dinners, luncheons, forums, churches—SCHOOLS.

The elections prove the country drier than ever, a matter peculiarly the pride of the W. C. T. U. National constitutional prohibition came swiftly to enactment after the famous proclamation of our former president, the beloved Lillian M. N. Stevens, and we should make this anniversary of the day on which prohibition became effective a great celebration. It should be an outpouring of thanksgiving, a reconsecration to the cause; and a day of determination to hold our gains and go forward to the ultimate victory.

SUNDAY—JANUARY 16

To be observed by a meeting of every union in the United States. In the churches in the evening or by general mass meetings in the afternoon. Bring to this meeting the best you have; the best membership; the best speakers; the best rejoicing for our victory; the faith and optimism for the year 1927. Tell the world! Plan your meetings and announcements so as to make prohibition the dominant thought of the day, and then take advantage of the public psychology and make the theme of addresses:

"Yes, It's the Law—and It's a Good Law

Saturday, Jan. 15—Monday, Jan. 17

Two fine flanking days giving an opportunity to double the importance and public prominence of the anniversary. We recommend for either of these days anniversary luncheons, banquets or conferences, an offering to be taken for the Lillian Stevens

Legislative Fund on one of the occasions.

The great membership campaign will be launched at this time with the Volunteer Captain Plan which resulted in so great a success last year.

For your speakers get law enforcement officers, judges, legislators, leaders in women's civic, religious and philanthropic organizations, leaders of other temperance organizations.

Supplemental activities recommended are:

1. Special temperance programs in Sunday schools, where four posters "Why America Went Dry" may be shown with a short talk or explanation to be followed by an appeal for signatures to the Patriotic Roll—a pledge of law observance.

2. Similar programs in all Young People's Societies, the members and speakers giving in story form the facts concerning the progress of national prohibition. Present the Patriotic Roll for signers.

To all audiences introduce resolutions in support of law observance; and in the support of all legislation needed by the city, state or nation for the further strengthening of national prohibition.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT

Prepared at Request of Official Board

Some problems have arisen because of our plan of cooperation with other societies, therefore I call attention to the following:

Cooperation does not mean—

That these societies with which we cooperate are to absorb the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union;

That they are authorized to appeal to the W. C. T. U. or to our members for money to support their work;

That our county or local unions should be asked to promote organizations that may displace the W. C. T. U. or whose work will interfere with ours;

That other organizations have authority to promote their plans thru the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Cooperation does mean—

Conference in regard to plans to promote the temperance reform and allied reforms, and cooperation in carrying out policies agreed upon.

It does mean that, after having decided on a plan of campaign, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will carry on its own part according to its own methods;

It means that we have our own financial policies and our women and our unions should support them rather than those of other organizations.

This statement is called forth by the fact that many organizations with whom we are cooperating and whose work is duplicated in our departments appeal to our local unions for money for their campaign work or for their general work.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a definite interest in many lines of work with definite plans for promoting the same. We have a definite plan for our educational work, for law observance and for law enforcement. To carry out these plans money is needed. No obligation rests upon a local union to support any other organization and money contributed for our support should not be appropriated to other organizations.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be strengthened, if

CALENDAR FOR LOCAL UNIONS

January—

Day of Prayer, January 6.

Victory Day, Sunday, January 16.

Sermons, addresses, ten minute speeches or union services in the churches. Talks to adult classes and Young People's societies. Victory dinner or mass meeting, Saturday the 15th or Monday the 17th. Volunteer Captains commissioned and Membership Campaign launched.

Temperance Day in the Schools, Friday, January 21. Present one of the recommended temperance reference books to school library. Furnish speakers and cooperate with the teachers in making this day an event. **February—**

Frances Willard Memorial meeting, with offering for Willard Memorial Fund. (See Union Signal for program suggestions.) Report of Volunteer Captains.

March—

Union Signal Day, March 20. A Union Signal Contest or speeches on the benefit of The Union Signal. Besides the Trio Team, who should each be a subscriber, work to secure at least one subscription for every six members. Send Union Signals to school and public libraries, ministers and editors.

Report of Volunteer Captains.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The National W. C. T. U. will hold a conference in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 25, 26 and 27. This meeting was authorized by the Executive Committee at Los Angeles and we hope it may be a great inspirational gathering.

The program will consist of morning and evening sessions. The last evening will be a banquet at which Members of Congress, with their wives, will be invited guests. The first afternoon there will be a trip to Arlington where we will place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and those desiring to do so can go to Mount Vernon. The second afternoon a service will be held in Statuary Hall at the statue of Miss Willard. We are hoping there may be a reception at the White House on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. As Congress will be in session, it will be an opportunity to visit Congress and see our National legislators at work. A fine program is being prepared.

All the National Officers will be present and we are hoping that many who were unable to attend the National Convention because of the great distance will seize this opportunity to visit Washington and to attend this conference.

Full information can be secured by writing to Mrs. Frances P. Parks, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

If a man knows not to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him.—Seneca.

There is nothing so hateful in God's sight as selfishness in the heart of a Christian.

our members loyally support our own definite plans. We hold the friendliest relations with all who are doing similar work but are morally bound to promote our own plans and methods with our own money.

Ella A. Boole,
President National W. C. T. U.

NAT'L W. C. T. U. PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES, 1926-1927

Hold Fast and Go Forward

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union plans an educational campaign to cause the people to WANT to elect a dry congress and other officials and does not contemplate a share in any political intrigue or maneuver to secure the election of candidates.

Prayer has ever been our source of power. We call on 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 the cause of prohibition.

The following are recommended as special activities:

(1) Continue to work for our membership goal of a million women. All states should adopt the Volunteer Captain plan recommended by the National Convention for increasing membership. The campaign for members should be our greatest work from Victory Day, January 16, to Mother's Day, May 8. It should be used as a national opportunity to enlist the interest of men and women in law observance.

(2) Organize a local union in every community in the United States. Re-enlist every former member of the W. C. T. U. Encourage the organization of young people's branches. Organize younger women and those unable to attend afternoon meetings into Junior W's whose meetings may be held in the evenings.

(3) Emphasize vigorously in the coming year scientific temperance education in the public school system as provided by law, a work which has been one of our most important achievements. Win the teachers through the presentation of the subject in normal schools and at teachers' institutes, promoting the latest scientific knowledge of the facts that total abstinence promotes health, public morals and is responsible for lowered death rates.

(4) Call attention to the fact that this country is richer by six billion dollars since the adoption of the 18th Amendment and increase in material wealth attributed to the greater efficiency, productivity and purchasing power of the people. Study, and then disseminate correct economic facts of prohibition for the proper instruction of our friends and to refute the notoriously false statements of the enemies of prohibition.

(5) Secure signatures to the Patriotic Roll. This great roll call of youth is awaiting Americans between the ages of 14 and 25 and can be made the foundation for the organization of young people's branches.

(6) Continue the work of enlisting a million children in the Prohibition Guards; make each unit of the Guards a basis for a Loyal Temperance Legion. Mother one or more Loyal Temperance Legions in each community. Circulate the Young Crusader.

(7) Be prepared to refute the fallacious arguments of the proponents of light wine and beer and government control through the study and distribution of our literature.

(8) Continue to work for a hundred per cent dry vote at every election; see to it that every member of the W. C. T. U. registers and votes.

(9) Hold fast state prohibition

laws and offset every effort of the wets to repudiate prohibition state by state.

(10) Create a sentiment for prompt and vigorous dealing with law breakers.

(11) Know officials; see that officials know the W. C. T. U. and realize its size, its history, its achievements and its importance. Give open, active and valuable support to judges, law makers and all officials who help enforce the law and win the fight.

(12) Inform the public by placing historic and reference temperance works, including The Union Signal, in all public libraries. The latest information on books and other publications can be obtained from our publishing house and from The Union Signal.

(13) Hold border conferences at which the international aspect of prohibition may be studied, thus preventing misunderstandings.

(14) Concentrate activities of department work on the observance of the prohibition law. In this way our reform will be accelerated.

(15) Enlist the active co-operation of other organizations in a general campaign to promote law observance. Seek live contacts with the greatest and most influential women's organizations; interest them in our big work as we have been interested in theirs.

(16) Increase the circulation of the Union Signal for it is our weekly source of information, our most competent and most frequent prohibition publication. It is the text book for state and local leaders; and the information it carries should be utilized to the fullest extent through the pulpit, the platform and the press. See that three officers in each union subscribe and that the subscription list in every union equals one-sixth of the membership.

(17) Do not allow the stream of up-to-date literature from our publishing house to slacken its force. Urge local unions to subscribe for the monthly budget of leaflets, which supplies current material for programs. Material on all department work can be ordered from the free catalogue of publications.

N. B. This program is the life of the work for 1926-1927. It should be understood by every local union and kept on file. It should be read and discussed by the members of each institute.

ANTI-NARCOTICS

The question of narcotics challenges all our organized societies. Are we going to do our best to help fight the "hyena?"

We must not forget that the American people, especially our young people, are the objective in this narcotic exploitation. Why? America is the richest country in the whole world. The profits in the illicit traffic are enormous. Our country is rapidly becoming a drugged nation. We need not wonder at the persistent wave of crime and other alarming symptoms in our social structure. Something effective must be done, and quickly too.

What? Education, the truth about narcotics arouses the deepest disgust. Co-operate with the public school teachers for a more intensive study of the effects of narcotics upon the human system. Ask the ministers in your locality to speak upon this menace. Urge Mothers' Clubs, Parent-

Teachers' Associations, Women's Clubs and other groups to study the question, view "Human Wreckage" when it is shown, urge the theatres to present other clean films with it.

"The Nation is now spending \$750,000.00 annually to stamp out this narcotic menace. It employs 165 agents to prevent narcotics from being smuggled into the United States and sold to addicts. The "dope ring" is so powerful that it is able to match every dollar of federal enforcement funds with \$1,000.00 to evade the law."

"In 1922 it was found that 9% of the convicts sentenced to Sing Sing Prison, New York, were addicts; 20% of those sent to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta were addicts; and 24% of those sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth were addicts. Almost one-half (49%) of the prisoners now being sent to Leavenworth have been convicted for violating the provisions of the Harrison Narcotic Law. This proportion includes smugglers as well as addicts."

The addict often pays as high as a dollar a grain for his narcotics, or at the rate of \$480.00 an ounce. The legal wholesale list price of an ounce of powdered morphine is only \$9.00; of heroine, only \$14.00; and of cocaine, only \$11.00. Most addicts use from 10 to 15 grains of morphine or heroine daily. The "bootleg" prices demanded by the "dope" peddlers drive many addicts to commit crime to secure the money with which to procure the drug to satisfy their craving.

Almost one-tenth of the cases of addiction are traceable to the use of "patent" medicines.

Prohibition is NOT RESPONSIBLE for the increasing in the number of addicts; the new "crop" of addicts comes from the rising generation, boys and girls who have never used alcohol in any form.

Over one-half of the addicts in the U. S. are produced by association with other addicts. Addicts to heroin and cocaine seem to have an insane desire to pass along their addiction to others. It is claimed that one person in every 73 in the United States is known to be an addict at the present time. One-fourth of these are unemployed; parasites on society. Most addicts begin the habit in early life.

Cocaine is a more violent poison than morphine or heroin; it poisons all cell life with which it comes in contact. The cocaine addict usually suffers a nervous breakdown in less than a year after he begins to use the drug. Cocaine causes the pupils of the eye to dilate, but morphine or heroine causes them to contract to "pin-point" dimensions.

At a Conference of State and Provincial Health authorities of North America, held in Washington, D. C., on May 15th and 16th, 1923, Dr. Stricker declared that the United States is the greatest dope user in the world, with an average consumption of 36 grains of opium per capita; France, 3 grains; Germany, 3 grains; and Italy, 1 grain.

"The cause is ignorance.
"The result is misery.
"The remedy is Education."

Any man who claims that there can be liberty, in spite of and against the law, is claiming that anarchy is liberty.—Roosevelt.

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.—Charles Lamb.

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