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THE NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong,
To dare to go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new,
To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load,
To add your gift to the world's good cheer
Is to have and give a glad New Year!

—Robert Beatty.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

Even at this early date some reports have come to us of the Victory Day Celebrations—splendid mass meetings, victory dinners with enforcement officials speaking and strong sermons by pastors. Some unions, prevented by circumstances from observing January 16th, will celebrate later. We earnestly hope that every union that could not observe the day, will have a victory celebration later and not miss this educational opportunity to let the people know what prohibition has accomplished, and that, notwithstanding defects in enforcement, it is the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic.

Membership Campaign

Names of volunteer captains are beginning to come in. We believe every one of these will secure her ten new members with dues paid, and thus have her name inscribed upon a brick which will be used to build a Wall of Defense at the national convention at Minneapolis. Every volunteer captain and every one who secures a new member is helping to build a wall of defense over against the home to keep out forever the illegal liquor traffic. Every union and Y. P. B. should get into the membership campaign NOW. Supplies, pledges and literature will be sent free as soon as you send names of captains to State Headquarters.

In the special Y. P. B. plans for the year, the general secretary, Mrs. Maude B. Perkins recommends that every branch secure one or more volunteer captains who shall secure ten active young women and ten active young men members. She also recommends that in every W. C. T. U. where there is no Y. P. B. at least one captain be appointed whose special work it shall be to secure young members ONLY.

Essay Contests in Schools

In building the wall of defense, we must remember that the educational work among the children must ever be the foundation. If you have not already started the essay contest work in the schools, write at once to the state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, Thompson, for directions and help. This work should not be delayed as it is difficult to get into the schools later in the year on account of the pressure of other work.

Legislative

Bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives providing for the repeal of the law prohibiting smoking in public dining rooms, street cars and railway coaches, and the repeal of the law prohibiting the sale of Copenhagen snuff. While every member of the W. C. T. U. is undoubtedly strongly opposed to the repeal of these laws, this will have no effect upon our lawmakers, unless this opposition is made known. Write the members from your district at once, voicing your protest. We can hold our good laws if every member will do this. It costs only a few minutes' time and a postage stamp but it means much for decency and order in our state. Watch the newspapers carefully, see what is being done and let the members from your district hear from you. This is tremendously important.

Frances Willard Memorial Fund Day

The public meeting for February is Thursday, the 17th—the anniversary of Frances E. Willard's heavenly birthday. The Declaration of Principles which she wrote should be read at this meeting. A review of her work and her words will be educational and inspirational. The memorial fund is used for organization and to help weak states and territories—in other words, to extend the work for which she gave her life.

The National Convention

The national convention will be held at Minneapolis, August 26-31. It has not been so near us since 1898, when it was held at St. Paul. I hope many of our women will plan to attend. I particularly wish, for the effect it will have upon the work, that all the state officers, ex-officio members and district presidents could attend. The districts usually pay the railroad fare of their presidents to the state convention. Cannot an extra effort be made this year to also pay the railroad fare of the district presidents to the national convention? I believe it will be

a good investment for every district to make. Of course, all cannot be delegates but there will be good seats for visitors and a visitor can get all the inspiration and help that the great convention gives.

Rev. O. P. Champlin

We are all saddened at the tragic death of this noble veteran of the Cross, and doughty temperance warrior. Mr. Champlin was struck by an automobile December 23rd and passed away Dec. 27th. He has written some excellent leaflets which we have been glad to handle at our state headquarters. One of these, "Tobacco Women" is printed in this number of The White Ribbon Bulletin. It should be widely read. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Champlin who has been the companion of his labors and victories for many years, and to all other members of the bereaved family.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION WEEK

Dear Co-Workers:—

In The Union Signal of January 15, 1927, will be found a suggested program for local unions. You will notice that it is by our new National Director, Miss Ida Lillian Page.

You will be interested in the resolutions passed by the convention at Los Angeles. If you are not already supplied with a copy of our existing Narcotic Laws send for a copy at once. I would also suggest the leaflet "The Harrison Narcotic Act and Its Operation," published at National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Ill.

A request has come to the Anti-Narcotic Department from National for us not to use the word "Guard" as one of the movements of the L. T. L. is known as Prohibition National Guards. To avoid confusion the signers of the pledge against the use of tobacco until having reached the age of 21 will be known as "The Ameri-Sentinels." You will be interested to know that this pledge was written by our National President, Mrs. Boole.

Some very good reports of the observance of Narcotic Education Week during 1926 were received by your state director, and we trust the reports for 1927 will be even better and I urge that every union make a special effort to do all possible during this week for the sake of the young people of our state.

Yours in the work,
Anna R. Lean.

ROUND THE WORLD TRIP OF MISS GORDON

Miss Anna Adams Gordon of Evanston, Illinois, U. S. A., President of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is planning a trip to the Orient. She is accepting urgent invitations from W. C. T. U. and other social welfare leaders to visit the chief cities and speak at the national conventions of Japan and China, two of the important auxiliaries of the world-wide organization, founded in 1884 by Frances E. Willard.

Miss Gordon will sail from San Francisco on March 26, 1927, spending three days in Honolulu where she will receive a welcome from the W. C. T. U. of Hawaii.

Yokohama, Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka and Nagasaki in Japan, and the cities of Shanghai, Peking, Hongkong and Hangkow in China are some of those included in Miss Gordon's itinerary. A few days in Korea and in Manila will also be enjoyed. The return trip of the World's W. C. T. U. president will be by the north Pacific route arriving at Vancouver about July 9.

Miss Gordon hopes to visit the chief cities of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba on her homeward journey across the continent.

QUIT TALKING FAILURE

I want to urge our women in the weaker Unions to a greater faith in their cause. Quit talking failure. Don't say, "We have never done anything in this town and I doubt if we ever will." Just fill your hearts with faith and hope and courage and say, "We're going to do something in this town." And just as soon as you do this, the "Walls of Jericho" will fall down, and the victory will be yours. Nobody wants to join a failure; and what's more they won't. Talk success. Talk victory. Say, "Ours is a great work. We're going to win. We are bound to make our work a success. We intend that we shall be felt in this town." Work for the organization. Talk for it. Think for it. Pray for it. Keep it on your mind, and keep it on other people's minds, too, in a way you know how to do, when you are specially interested in anything. And ere long your organization will come to be a power to be felt in your community. But as long as you croak and croak and talk of failure, you will never win. Bevee says: "They are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers." And this is "true as Scripture."—Exc.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS

National Director—Ida Lillian Page,
Union City, N. J.

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Cando, N. O.

As the last week in February has
been designated as Narcotic Educa-
tion Week, we recommend that all
local unions and Young People's
Branches cooperate in presenting
truths relative to narcotics.

Suggested Program for Local Meeting
1. Scripture Lesson, Gal. 6, 1-10.
2. Read resolutions passed at Los
Angeles convention:

"The National Woman's Christian
Temperance Union cordially greets
the World Conference on Narcotic
Education founded in Philadelphia in
July, and adheres in principle to the
purpose enunciated in its constitution
—to protect society everywhere
from the peril of narcotic drug addic-
tion by applying the power of truth
through education."

"The Woman's Christian Temper-
ance Union will continue its cam-
paign of education seeking to reach
the women and youth of America with
the truth regarding the harmful ef-
fects of nicotine; will urge the strict
enforcement of the laws forbidding
the sale of tobacco to minors; will
protest against the untruthful and
misleading advertisements of tobacco.
We appeal to the womanhood of
the nation to hold the physical and
moral strength of abstinence from
tobacco."

3. "Hold Fast" by writing members
of legislature from your district pro-
testing against repeal of Snuff Law
and also against repeal of law pro-
hibiting smoking in public dining
rooms, etc. Study your existing nar-
cotic laws. If you do not own a copy,
write to your secretary of state en-
closing a stamped envelope, and ask
him to mail you a copy.

4. "Go Forward" by presenting the
plan for the American Sentinels. This
consists in securing signatures to the
following: "Because I want to make
the most of myself and because the
use of tobacco is injurious to the men-
tal and physical development of
youth, I hereby enroll as an Ameri-
can Sentinel, and promise, God help-
ing me, not to use tobacco in any
form until I am twenty-one." The
pledge card carries place for consent
of parent or guardian. (National
carries these pledge cards.)

5. Ask the cooperation of five
women, have them state the facts in-
cluded in the following leaflets all of
which can be secured from state and
national headquarters: Drug and
Alcohol Addicts Different; Nicotine
Destroys; The Real Pay for Red
Grange; The Reasons I would Give
My Younger Brother for Letting Cig-
arets Alone; also discuss North Da-
kota Anti-Narcotic Laws.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

The first union to send names of
volunteer captains was Fairmount,
with Milnor, Napoleon, Carrington
and Fairdale following closely after
—the latter two having the same
captains as last year. Special honor
attaches to those who thus serve a
second time. We are waiting to
hear from others and pledges and
literature will be sent free.

The field notes had been written
when the news from Carrington
came in. Victory Day program
there was a great success. Short
addresses were given by Attorney
Lee Cummings, Mr. Guy Cook, a
banker, and Juvenile Judge Zuber
of Fessenden. There was special
music and the L. T. L. gave "A Con-
stitution with Uncle Sam." The
meeting was advertised for two
weeks previously, in churches, press
and on the screen, and the result
was a crowded house, with much en-
thusiasm over the program. Mrs.
Guy F. Harris, local president, was
chairman.

The Fargo unions celebrated for
three days. First was a service at
the First Methodist Church, January
16th, under the auspices of the two
unions, with special music by the
choir and a stirring address by Rev.
Thomas W. Gales, state superintend-
ent of the Anti-Saloon League. Mon-
day evening, the Fargo union held
a banquet at which the local presi-
dent, Mrs. Anna R. Bertelson, pre-
sided, introducing the toast-mistress,
Mrs. Kate S. Wilder. Timely toasts
were given by Messrs. John C. Pol-
lock, states attorney, Seth W. Rich-
ardson, U. S. District Attorney,
Thos. W. Gales, Arthur A. Stone,
Federal Prohibition Director and
Mrs. E. C. Watkins, state treasurer
W. C. T. U. Mr. C. A. Williams
was song leader. Tuesday evening,
at the First Lutheran church, the
Fargo Scandinavian union held a big
mass meeting, with the president,
Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, in the chair.
The pastor of the church, Rev. J. D.
Runsvold, opened with devotions
and later made an appeal which
brought a generous offering. There
was special music and a pageant—
"The Wedding of the 18th Amend-
ment to the Constitution"—was
beautifully presented by a company
of children. Rev. Thos. Gales again
was the speaker, making a very im-
pressive address. Refreshments were
served at the close.

We hear of a very interesting de-
bate in Thompson on The Child
Labor Amendment in which Mrs. Lillie
B. Smith and the clergy of the town
very ably presented the subject to the
large audience present, thus giving
much information on this important
matter.

We greatly regret to report the ill-
ness of our state treasurer, Mrs. E.
C. Watkins, which accounts for the
absence of her report this month. We
are hoping for her speedy recovery.
Friends of Mrs. Alson Wells of James-
town will be glad to hear that she is
much improved and hopes are enter-
tained for her complete recovery.

Peace and Arbitration

As we have no state director for
this important department, I have
consented to act until one can be
found. Mrs. Lella A. Dillard of
Georgia is the National Director. The
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
is committed to a program of pro-
hibition, purity and peace, hence ev-

ery union organized, every member
joined promotes the principle of
world peace. Public meetings, coop-
erating with other organizations, are
recommended, also medal contests, us-
ing selections from the Twentieth
century Medal Contest Reciter No. 4,
which is the Peace book of the series.
Ask ministers to preach on Peace,
distribute literature and get peace ar-
ticles in newspapers. We shall cre-
ate peace thinking by mobilizing our
forces—the W. C. T. U., the Y. P. B.
and the L. T. L. for peace. The very
existence of an organization whose
members are pledged to labor and
pray that the Golden Rule of Christ
may be "worked out in the customs
of society and the laws of the land"
is propaganda for peace. When it
comes to war, we are all pacifists.
Only those who have something to
sell to the government desire war.
General John F. O'Ryan, one of the
heroes of the World War, says: "I
would be a traitor to my country if
I did not do everything in my power
to abolish war."

The Federal Council of Churches
has issued this creed for believers in
a warless world:—

We believe in a sweeping reduc-
tion of armaments.

We believe in international law,
courts of justice and boards of arbi-
tration.

We believe in a world-wide associ-
ation of nations for world peace.

We believe that Christian patri-
otism demands the practice of good will
between nations.

We believe that nations, no less
than individuals, are subject to God's
immutable laws.

We believe that nations that are
Christian have special international
obligations.

We believe in a warless world and
dedicate ourselves to its achievement.
Shall we not adopt this creed and re-
peat it in concert at our peace meet-
ings?

Yours for world peace,

Barbara H. Wylie.

CALENDAR FOR LOCAL UNIONS

February—
Frances Willard Memorial meeting,
with offering for Willard Memorial
Fund. (See Union Signal for pro-
gram suggestions.) Narcotic Edu-
cation week. (See program in this
paper.) Report of Volunteer Cap-
tains.

March—
Union Signal Day, March 20. A
Union Signal Contest or speeches on
the benefit of The Union Signal. Be-
sides 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, minis-
ters and editors. Report of Volun-
teer Captains.

April—
Young People's Branch month.
Y. P. B. Day—April 14th. Organ-
ize a Y. P. B. if you have none. Se-
cure signatures to the Patriotic Roll
in schools, colleges, Sunday Schools
and young people's church societies.
Membership banquet given to Y. P.
B. or young members of the union,
by the W. C. T. U.; Y. P. B.'s, un-
der leadership of local general sec-
retary, organize Deputation Teams
and carry the message of Y. P. B.
to surrounding communities. Or-
ganize young people's Sunday
School classes with study of temper-
ance question as quarterly program.
Report of volunteer captains.

AMERICANIZATION

Dear Co-Workers:—

Standing on the threshold of 1927,
let us aim higher and try to accom-
plish more in the department, mak-
ing this an outstanding year in the
work of Americanization. Our for-
eign mothers and neighbors need help
to become good citizens, especially
in a time when the 18th Amendment
has so much opposition. We need to
teach the meaning of the Constitution,
with its great benefits, and to incul-
cate a love and obedience for it.
President Coolidge has truly said:
"When an enlightened electorate
acts, I have no fear of the results."

As we are influenced most by those
we love, we must win the love and
confidence of our foreign friends be-
fore we can influence them to accept
the W. C. T. U. principles. Pray and
watch for opportunities and they will
come. This is our job and we must
do it. I have thought earnestly about
a worthwhile, uniform program and
may I suggest the following:

1. Literature for free distribution,
which will be sent you. These leaf-
lets will be in simple English so that,
if the parents cannot read them, their
children who attend school, can do so.

2. Study the Plan of Work for this
department, prepared by the National
Director, Miss Rose A. Davison of
Mount Vernon, Ohio, and try to fol-
low the suggestions given.

3. Encourage the making of Ameri-
canization posters in the public
schools. Ask for particulars. Prizes
are \$10 and \$5 this year.

4. Cooperate with civic and frater-
nal organizations in establishing
night schools, thus helping to wipe
out the small percentage of illiteracy
in the state. The latest report shows
only 2883 illiterates in North Dakota,
including 1300 Indians. Our Ameri-
canization department can assist in
removing this blot of ignorance from
our state.

5. Organize Americanization clubs
or classes among the children. It has
been said: "Get the children and the
parents will follow" and the scripture
truly expresses it—"A little child
shall lead them." I am sure that,
if the classes were made interesting,
with a tinge of the social introduced,
our little foreign neighbors will be-
come interested and will help to in-
terest their fathers and mothers.

Let us stress the above objectives,
making personal calls and empha-
sizing the idea of world peace. Let our
attitude toward the foreign born here
be an index to our peaceful attitude
towards their nations abroad. Let us
look for their virtues rather than for
their faults and together press for-
ward toward World Prohibition,
World Purity and World Peace.

May our common Father bless you
abundantly in the service you are do-
ing for Him and for our country.
With best wishes for the new year,
I am

Yours, for good citizenship and a
better America,

Emma Bauer Golden,
Bismarck, N. D. Director.

There are at present 39 states in
which malt liquors containing more
than one-half of one per cent of al-
cohol by volume could not be sold even
if the Federal statute was amended.
The States' statutes expressly forbid
the sale of malt liquors of a greater
alcoholic content. Even if Congress
were to amend the law, beer could
not be sold in these states.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Fargo W. C. T. U. paid budget in full and dues for 193 members before January 1st. Mrs. Robert B. Reed is the indefatigable treasurer.

Fairmount will entertain the club women of the city at a luncheon January 28th, with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder as speaker.

Jamestown has just closed a most successful essay contest in the grades and the English teacher at Jamestown College has introduced temperance topics for his essays in regular work. Judge McFarland gave an able address, celebrating the seventh anniversary of national prohibition.

Milnor is wide awake with an interested corps of local directors taking up department work. The L. T. L., under the able direction of Mrs. Leslie Cheadle, will write examinations on the manuals, trying for diplomas. Mrs. H. S. Warner is president.

Ellendale observed Victory Day by special five-minute talks in different societies and the signing of the Patriotic Roll. Splendid L. T. L. work is being carried on in the schools by Misses Agnes and Clara Lahren. A medal contest for which Rev. F. L. Shoemaker trained the children, was put on at the meeting of the P. T. A. January 17, as part of the Victory celebration.

Park River observed January 16th by a union service at which Rev. James Robertson preached the sermon. A Matron's Medal Contest was held in the high school assembly room, January 20th. An admission fee of 35c for adults and 25c for students brought in the sum of \$29.75. The medal was awarded Mrs. W. B. Simcox whose selection was "Christmas in War Time."

Williston held a service Sunday morning, Jan. 16th, at the Congregational church when the local president, Mrs. W. G. Engel, brought a message and the L. T. L. children sang appropriate songs. A medal contest was held Dec. 10th and a matron's contest is in process of preparation.

Northwood union was very active during the holidays. They filled eight Christmas baskets for needy families, gave clothing to one family, served lunch to inmates of Old Folks' Home and treated the L. T. L. to popcorn balls and candy at the close of a fine Christmas program given by the L. T. L. This lively Legion, under the leadership of Mrs. E. S. Thompson, gives one public program every month. To express their appreciation of her services, members of the W. C. T. U. presented Mrs. Thompson with a beautiful plant.

At a recent meeting of the Bismarck union Mrs. G. M. Register led the program on the World Court and Mrs. J. L. Hughes read a speech on the subject by Senator Lynn J. Frazier. The president, Mrs. Ella C. Boise, was in charge of the study and took up the first chapter of the "Primer for North Dakota Voters," dealing with the state constitution. Committees were appointed to take up the essay and medal contests.

The newly elected officers of the Jamestown Y. P. B. are: President, Alton Olson; Secretary, Elizabeth Chase; Treasurer, Ernest Rude, who were initiated by the district secretary, Mrs. John Nagle, and are taking up the work with a will. The program which followed included a practical talk by the president, a reading by Amelia Baker and pep songs by

the members. One of these, composed by a Y. P. B. member, concluded with this verse:

"Oh, come join the Y. P. B., Y. P. B.,

Oh, come join the Y. P. B. Sign the pledge today.

You'll never regret it—now don't you forget it—

But come join the Y. P. B.—sign the pledge today."

Bottineau is fortunate in having editors who allow space for presenting the work. We quote from a recent article by Miss Mary Carey, local and district president: "But our fight is not over. The conquest of the past is not sufficient, the conflict of the present is before us and the challenge of the future we must face. Now if we are going to have victory (and we are going to have it) we must have enthusiasm, because enthusiasm is God in you, and if we are going to have that enthusiasm that will carry us to victory, we must face facts, and the first one is that we are fighting the organized liquor dealers of the world and that they handle twenty billion dollars every year. Money is their god. They say: 'Get it honestly, if you can, but get it,' I doubt some if they even say 'honestly.' We believe North Dakota is safe at the present time but we want to beware of the Stones, the Reeds, the Vares, the Pomerines, the Smiths and others of their class, and keep the fences up and the gates barred to such as these, whatever the party or faction they represent."

The Y. P. B. of Ryder took part in a play entitled "The Old Fashioned Mother." The play was directed by the leaders of the Y. P. B., Miss Campbell and Miss Njaa, for the benefit of the Ryder W. C. T. U. About \$80 was taken in. The play was repeated at Makoti and \$40 was taken in. Much credit is due to the young people for the work and time spent to make this play a great success.

PROHIBITION HELPS BUSINESS

The Commercial Bulletin of Boston has recently tabulated the returns from a questionnaire asking business men their opinions as to the effect of prohibition on business. Ninety-three percent of the business men sending in replies stated that prohibition has been a benefit to industry.

The information was secured from all sorts of industrial concerns, as coal producers, bankers, railroad executives, publishers, packers, warehouse proprietors and mill owners. The replies came from various parts of the country.

The results from this investigation agree with other information secured elsewhere. There has been a notable increase in savings deposits since prohibition went into effect. No longer does the working man go to the saloon to cash his check and only too often spend the larger portion of his weekly wage before going home.

All the agitation by the liquor forces cannot overcome the fact that the working man is vastly better off without the saloon and without his liquor. With the women of the country allied with the business men to oppose the repeal of the prohibition law the liquor interests had better save the money that is being spent to break down enforcement of the prohibition law and go into some legitimate business that does not feed upon the baser instincts of humanity.

EVANGELISTIC AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The best of good wishes to each one of you. May the year 1927 bring to us all joys and blessings and new opportunities for service. Let us help make this a year for brave endeavor and splendid enterprise so that we may become worthy of the commendation "Well Done!" We realize that in order to have our work well done, we must seek our guidance and help from on High. "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked way, then, will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal all their land." Prayer is the great dynamic to bring things to pass. If we pray, God will give us what we should have. It is in prayer that we touch the hidden springs of power. Prayer has ever been our practice and source of power.

This department especially emphasizes the study and dissemination of God's word; the formation of prayer circles; the maintenance of the family altar, and the observance of our noontide hour; stewardship; Sabbath observance and the study of the Bible in the public schools.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8). "And on the seventh day He ended His work, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made, and God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." (Genesis 2:12) Sunday is a civil as well as a Divine Institution. "The nation and the kingdom that will not serve God shall perish." "There is no morality without religion, and no religion without the Sabbath. Set it apart; let it be a day of rest and worship." "Rejoice in it and be glad, because it is the Day of the Lord, thy God." "As we keep or break the Sabbath, we nobly save or meanly lose the last hope by which humanity rises." It has been proven by experiment and experience that it is necessary for man to have one day in seven for physical rest, intellectual and moral growth, and spiritual renewal of the individual, and for the uniting and rebuilding of the family life. The race for money and pleasure leads to so little of real home family life and the training of children to do things worth while. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). When we on the Sabbath permit our children to spend their time in the perusal of "The Sunday Comics," attending games of public sport, picture shows or theatrical performances of a questionable character, are we, then, observing the Lord's Day? Think this over thoughtfully and prayerfully.

We often pray, "Thy Kingdom come." Are we helping to bring it, by prayer, by study of His word and by giving of our means? We cannot be that which we ought to be with Christ and His precepts left out. Let us pray for a vision of our responsibilities and go to work in His name. Our plan of work for the year is as follows:

Text: "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.

Motto: God always blesses earnest effort when prefaced by prayer.

Secure a capable and consecrated director for each state, district or local W. C. T. U.

The National Director will supply you with Plan of Work free of charge.

Each director is urged to keep a careful account of work done, and report fully and promptly at the close of the fiscal year. The local reports to the district; the district to the state and the state to the national. If all will use the same blank, it will greatly expedite matters, and this is most earnestly requested.

Plan prayerfully for all devotional services and when possible link up the Scripture lesson and the songs with the topics of the day.

Present the subject of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in every union some time during the year and urge the duty of tithing or "Laying by in store the first day of the week," etc., as the apostle advised.

Faithfully encourage the practice of family worship. Remind the timid ones that the little book, "God's Minute," on sale at our publishing house at Evanston, Ill., and costing only 60 cents, is an invaluable help.

Form Prayer Circles, especially among those who love our cause but are prevented by sickness or otherwise from attending the regular meetings. Let the local director notify them of all special calls for prayer.

Stress Sabbath Observance! The importance of this department cannot be over estimated. We must educate by the spoken word, and by the printed page as to the blessedness of the Sabbath, and as to its incalculable value—economic, physical and spiritual. Request your ministers to preach on the subject at least once during the year.

Bring the subject before the children's and young people's organizations, and help them to understand that God gave the Sabbath to us IN LOVE, and impress on them the great need of preserving and hallowing it.

Let the slogan be: Every W. C. T. U. woman an example in the proper observance of God's day.

Sow evangelistic literature broadcast. Be sure to list the Sabbath observance and tithing or stewardship literature separately from the general religious literature. Those departments were separate, and we want to know that the work has not suffered by being put under one head. This plan should result in more of these kinds of evangelistic literature being distributed.

Finally: "Let us be sleepless in the things of the spirit," and in all things exalt the Christ.

Hope that each union will do its very best. We do not want God's work to be left undone because we have neglected to do our duty. Please begin work at once.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. A. L. Stueland,
State Director Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance Department.

WANTED Membership Appeals

The Literature Department, National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, offers three cash prizes for the manuscripts accepted for copy for leaflets to be used in the 1927 Membership Campaign.

First Prize, Ten Dollars
Second Prize, Five Dollars
Third Prize, Two and One-half Dollars.

Manuscript must be limited to five hundred words. No manuscript returned.

IMPORTANT PLANS FOR

Y. P. B. WORK

Maude B. Perkins

The 1927 plans for our Y. P. B. work are so fine and the National awards offered by the Directors so attractive, that I propose to call them to your attention through your state paper. These awards are not offered in a spirit of competition, but as an incentive to greater activity in department work. As we take up these plans in our local organization, let it be done with a determination to beat our past efforts, remembering we aim to give an arrest of thought to those things that will mean better preparation for life and its responsibilities.

Membership awards are offered. \$15.00 to the state rating highest, and \$10.00 to the state rating second in the standard for states. See copy of report blank, page 57, Year Book. The blanks are to be returned to the National Secretary, Oct. 5, in order to be eligible for the awards.

A membership award of \$25.00 in gold is to be given to the state having the largest number of Volunteer Captains securing ten new members during the period of the membership campaign, Jan. 16 to May 8. Award to be made at the National W. C. T. U. Convention held in Minneapolis in August.

An award of \$10.00 is given for the best prohibition survey. Manuscript to be compiled by the State Secretary from the surveys made by members of local Y. P. B's. There is no better way of getting first-hand information as to the benefits of prohibition, than by making these surveys. We urge it everywhere, and we further suggest that the information gained in these surveys be the material used in our foreign correspondence. Surveys must reach the National Secretary through the State Secretary, by Oct. 15.

The Evangelistic Department offers a devotional book to the Branch members submitting the best 100 word essay on the subject "Does the Bible hold first place in the hearts of men." Essay must be in the hands of the National Director, Oct. 1.

The Anti-Narcotic Department offers \$5.00 to the local branch member submitting the best poster of the narcotic question. Poster to be in the hands of the National Director by Oct. 1.

The Department essays must be in the hands of the National Director by Oct. 1.

The Department of Americanization offers a first award of \$10.00 and a second of \$5.00 for the best poster that "Talk and interpret the American to the Alien." Report to be in the hands of the Director by Oct. 15.

The Department of Citizenship offers a first award of \$10.00 and a second of \$5.00 for the best article on the topic "My relation to Government." Essay to be sent to the National Director by Oct. 1.

The Department of Health offers an award of \$10.00 to the state presenting the playlet "Dr. Scattergood's Clinic" the greatest number of times in proportion to the number of branches in the state. Report to be in the hands of the National Director by Oct. 1.

The Department of Medal Contests offers a pennant to the local Y. P. B. holding the greatest number of contests, and \$5.00 for the best con-

test poster sent to the National Director by Oct. 1.

You see how important it is that a record of all work be kept and forwarded on time through your State Secretary. Names and addresses of National Directors are to be found in the Year Book. If more complete information regarding the plans is needed, you will find the National Directors most willing to help you. Write them.

Suggested helps for a study of these questions will be found in the bibliography in the Year Book, and may be secured at National Headquarters, Evanston, Ill. Order "National catalog of literature."

We suggest that these topics be made a subject of study by local members, and used as a definite part of branch program activity. (See outlined programs in Year Book.)

All essays and posters prepared by your local branches should be sent to your State Y. P. B. Secretary. She will secure competent judges who will select the best material submitted and forward the best in each state to the National Director. In this way it is a fair contest, and every bit of work is recognized.

Know the plans, work the plans, follow instructions and win these attractive awards, and make these National leaders feel that you appreciate their interest in our Y. P. B. work.

TOBACCO WOMEN

Tobacco women are women who use tobacco in one form or another. In an early day it was used in the form of snuff—a pulverized tobacco which could be put into the nose. The snuffbox was common three generations ago in New England homes.

Now the tobacco woman is one who smokes cigars, cigarettes and occasionally a pipe, and this woman is multiplying. She is not always an old woman who does but little thinking, and finds time hanging upon her hands, and enjoys a quiet corner all by herself. She is the young girl who has yet to evolve into womanhood and develop into wifehood and motherhood. It is the young, pretty, intelligent girl who is taking up the smoking habit. She is urged on by cigarette manufacturers and shallow, silly men of her society.

Well, why should she not smoke, as her male companions? As to this second question David Starr Jordan answers: "Of course a woman has as much right to smoke as a man, but when she begins I take her name off my visiting list."

When, now, we answer the first of the two questions above we get a reason for her elimination from Dr. Jordan's visiting list. It may not be his reason, but it is a good reason.

Earnest Crutcher, M. D., vouched for by The New Age Magazine as a well known medical practitioner, writes in a recent issue of that publication on the harmful influence of tobacco on girls and women. He gives results of professional observation, and what these are will answer our question.

"Why is it harmful to a woman to smoke?" He answers: "Because it impairs her fertility and capability for motherhood. Because it is ruinous to her features, provoking premature old-age looks, sharpens

facial lines, causes sagging of the flesh below the eyes and about the mouth, flabby breasts, invites irregularities, bad breath, poor appetite, and general early breakdown."

This enumeration of the physical ills traceable to the habit of smoking ought to warn every girl against forming it, and if she has acquired it, she should lose no time to break from it, but the habit often proves so satisfying and fascinating, one does not wish to give it up with knowing its effects, but must have the reason of them; and this cannot always be given in such simple untechnical terms as will satisfy the unscientific mind. Dr. Crutcher, however, answers his own "Why?" by saying:

"The thyroid and thymus glands are especially important. The first has charge of the skin and hair, and often is enlarged, called goiter. Tobacco is very hurtful to these glands. It hinders the action of these, though stimulating that of the suprarenal glands, which aided by another glandular substance, invites a hairy growth on the face of women, but prevents growth of whiskers in a boy. A strang paradox, easily explained but not germane to this article."

Young cigarette smokers never mature into manhood, or pretty womanhood; because of the evil effects of tobacco upon their delicate glands."

Dr. Richardson of London, in an able work entitled, "Disease of Modern Life," after setting forth the injurious effects of tobacco says:

"If a community of youths of both sexes, whose progenitors were finely formed and powerful, were trained to the early practice of smoking, and if marriage were confined to the smokers an apparently new and inferior race of men and women would be bred."

Here is a bit of history which gives color to the above assumption.

"When Europeans first visited New Zealand they found in the natives the most finely developed and powerful men of any of the tribes inhabiting the islands of the Pacific. Since the introduction of tobacco, for which the Maoris developed a passionate liking, they have from this cause alone, it is said, become decimated in numbers, and at the same time reduced in stature, and in physical well-being, so as to be an altogether inferior type of men."

Tobacco women, think of these things.

O. P. Champlin.

Fargo, N. D.

SOCIAL MORALITY

Dear Workers for Better Conditions:

Time, 2:00 a. m.—"You didn't time to sit up and wait for me, daughter!" "Oh no! I'm waiting up for grandma, she's still out."

Does this dialogue in anywise picture life today? With a sigh we say the youth of this day are so different to those of the past—but are not parents vastly different also? When we are told that a surprising number of the women cigaret smokers on both coasts are gray haired, we know that many are looking at things from an entirely different standpoint to that of the days of our grandparents, and we repeat with renewed energy "Vice is a monster of such horrid mien that to be hated needs but to be seen, But seen too oft, familiar with her face

We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

A lovely "up and coming" girl, worn out from over indulgence, admitted to her teacher, that she was really weary of the present day excesses—but added, "Mother wishes me to do what other girls are doing—and be in the swim." Then she gave utterance to what was in her heart: "If ever I have a daughter, she'll never live this sham life."

Judge Kavanagh has certainly proven that real punishment for crime would quickly solve the problems in the criminal courts and put a stop to what he terms, "the rising tide of crime."

Then if only the young people of today had been "halter-broke" in first hands, they would never forget the lesson, as all experienced horsemen say of the young colt. In other words we are inclined to believe that had son or daughter been thoroughly spanked and sent to bed upon the first discovery by the parents of some of these shocking misdemeanors, we would doubtless be facing very different conditions today.

This age has shown itself to be one where the young people never take father's or mother's word for anything, but they must find out for themselves, and the auto and telephone have sadly complicated matters, so that in many instances where well meaning parents were trying to do their duty they were outwitted.

But where homes have not been wrecked by separation or divorce, there is more chance to get the youth back to normalcy.

Dr. Valeria Parker in her plan for work along lines of "Social Morality" stresses suppression of undesirable literature. The extensive distribution of salacious magazines has had a great influence on many of the young people and thus we can see the reason for much of their misconduct.

"The sex impulse is part of normal human nature, and the only safeguards against yielding to it wrongfully are self-control and character, builded upon and fostered by right home life and proper religious training."

Forward! In the name of Organized Mother-love, let us help suppress these evils, which are dragging our youth downward.

Lulu Wylie Zimmerman,
Director Social Morality.

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