

# WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## TREES

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree—  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
Who intimately lives with rain;  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.  
—Joyce Kilmer.

## OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Grand Forks, September 29-October 2. The state executive committee will meet Thursday afternoon, September 29, at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as important business is to be considered.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, the district presidents or their alternates, the General Secretaries of the Young People's Branch and the Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of the state paper, the field workers and the directors of departments.

The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, musical director, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union and one for every 30 members, and one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 L. T. L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. The Y. P. B. is entitled to representation in the convention on the same basis as the W. C. T. U., but delegates must be young women.

Railroad fare will be allowed any woman who has gained 20 new members, provided her union shows a net gain of twenty.

## THE TREASURER'S BOOKS WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 15

Grand Forks union, with a paid membership of 22, and Mrs. Rebecca Bosard, president, entertained our second annual state convention in 1891. Now two strong unions, presided over by Mrs. H. H. Aaker and Miss Frances M. Wagar, with a combined membership of 200, will bid us



Mrs. Ella A. Boole, New York President National W. C. T. U.

welcome as we meet in this educational center for the sixth time in our history.

Delegates will be entertained for room and breakfast. Mrs. Isabella A. Morey, 735 Fifth St. North, is chairman of the entertainment committee and to her names of delegates should be sent not later than September 15. A pleasant social event will be the banquet, served by the Methodist Ladies' Aid, Thursday, the 29th, at 6:30 p. m. Those expecting to attend should notify Miss Margaret Hyslop, 317 Cottonwood Street, chairman of the banquet committee.

We are highly favored this year in having as our convention speaker and guest of honor the gifted president of the National W. C. T. U., Mrs. Ella Alexander Boole of New York, whom North Dakota comrades hold in high esteem and will be delighted to welcome.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson,  
President.  
Barbara H. Wylie,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

This is a last reminder, before State Convention, of a number of things that are of great importance to our work. The first is to you, dear W. C. T. U. member. Are your dues paid? We want YOU to be counted in our ranks as we come together in our happy Harvest Home. We want your WORK counted also. Have you reported ALL the work you have done through the year, that it may be credited to its proper department? It would be a real inspiration if, for once, the department reports could

give a record of the work actually accomplished.

The second reminder is to you, faithful officers of the local union. After the year's work, be sure there is no failure at the last, in gathering and bringing in the sheaves. We want your union to have credit for every new member gained. This can only be done by making SURE that the dues for every new member and for every old member are sent to the state treasurer, Mrs. Watkins, BEFORE her books close September 15. We also want you to have credit for every bit of work you have accomplished. This can be done by giving particular attention and care to reports of corresponding secretary and of departments. All these final reports should be read at a well attended local union meeting, that members may have an opportunity to add to them, then adopted and mailed promptly to the state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wylie, and to the various department directors.

Another reminder is, if possible, to have your union represented at the State Convention at Grand Forks, September 29-October 2. It is not often we can have the president of the National W. C. T. U. with us. This is an opportunity to meet and hear Mrs. Ella A. Boole and to receive help and enthusiasm direct from her—an opportunity that may not come soon again.

Important plans will be made at this convention for the wet and dry campaign. The "Wetter" Citizenship Association insult the intelligence and patriotism of the people of North Dakota when they propose that we repeal prohibition when it is a part of the Constitution of the United States. North Dakota, during those dark years when there were but two other prohibition states, held the torch high, until the whole nation saw the light. North Dakota is a pioneer. For 37 years we have maintained the prohibition law in the constitution and in the code. It would be a stain upon our glorious record to even allow the question to be put on the ballot.

See that your friends and neighbors are warned against signing these initiative petitions. There are well meaning people who do not grasp their significance. I heard a man in responsible position say—"Oh, let them take a vote on it—then they will be satisfied." He evidently does not understand the tactics of the enemy. They know that a majority of the people in the state are in favor of prohibition. They know that the people had an opportunity to vote on the question at the last election when they might have begun in a legal way, to

take steps to repeal the 18th Amendment by voting for C. P. Stone for United States senator. They know that he received but 9738 out of 155,106 votes cast for United States senator. What they want is the opportunity of the campaign to get their false, misleading propaganda before the people and to give the impression to the world that the people of North Dakota are dissatisfied with prohibition. Let everyone understand that if they sign wet petitions, they are helping the wet propaganda and giving aid and comfort to the enemy. NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK.

Our love and sympathy go out to Mrs. J. M. Johnson of Fargo, who has recently been bereaved of her husband, Mr. J. M. Johnson, a veteran of the Civil War, who walked by her side for 47 years. Mr. Johnson was a happy follower of the Master and in thorough accord with Mrs. Johnson in her temperance work.

Yours faithfully,  
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

## THE BISHOP OF LONDON

In a Parliamentary debate the Bishop of London recently referred to American prohibition in the following terms:

"Are you quite certain that on the other side of the Atlantic they have made a gigantic mistake? You go over there and see, as I have seen in the last few weeks, Ford's works with a thousand motor cars which have brought the workmen there with their fur coats and every kind of prosperity. Ask the real people in the midst of industry whether it has done such harm to the industry of the country.

"As a patriotic Englishman I look with the greatest possible alarm on our industries failing while those over the water were never so full of prosperity because the working man goes to his work sober on the Monday. What we hear about the little silly fools with flasks in their hip pockets does not matter in the least. It is a mere straw on the surface. What matters is what is going on among the working people. That is what matters to the nation. Our industries are not flourishing as they ought to be. After going right through America from end to end, as I did for no less than six weeks, I look with considerable alarm upon a nation that spends £316,000,000 on drink continuing to compete with a 'dry' country."

Judges of the American Bar Association have unanimously issued a "warning" to the American people against those who for the gratification of their appetites, disobey and scoff at the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

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of North Dakota.

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

**State Motto**—I am but one, but I am one; I can not do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

**Pledge**—I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to secure the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

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State W. C. T. U. Convention, Grand  
Forks, N. D., Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 1927.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

While we are preparing for the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Minneapolis, Aug. 26-31, and some of our white-ribboners are going, we regret that the date comes in harvest time when many of our comrades are too busy to go. We hope, however, that cheering echoes from the convention may reach you all and that the late date of our state convention, September 29-October 2, may make it possible for you to come to Grand Forks.

Conveniently situated on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, Grand Forks is the second largest city in the state. With the University of North Dakota and Wesley College, with the splendid high school, grade schools and business colleges, Grand Forks is an educational center for the state. Here are the State Mill and Elevator and other industrial concerns—the Northern Packing Company's plant and, across the river, the Sugar Beet Factory. Several first class hotels, including the Dacotah, the Frederick and the new Ryan, provide for the traveling public and the city has one of the best tourists' camps in the state. Grand Forks has many beautiful churches but is primarily a city of homes and many of these are welcoming delegates to our thirty-eighth annual convention.

The First Methodist Episcopal church, recently equipped with an up-to-date addition for educational work, will be headquarters for our convention and the pastor, Rev. J. Edvard Snyder, Ph. D., has kindly consented to preach the convention sermon Sunday morning, October 2.

We are most fortunate this year in our guest of honor, Mrs. Ella A. Boole of New York, president of the National W. C. T. U. Mrs. Boole has served the W. C. T. U. in practically every capacity and before her election as national president, was for 15 years president of the W. C. T. U. of the difficult state of New York. She is widely known for her debates with leaders opposed to prohibition and few speakers are as gifted in oratorical talents as Mrs. Boole. Her many trips abroad and her appearance on public platforms in other countries as well as every state in the union, have given her a world vision. She is a member of the general committee for Immigration Aid at Ellis Island since the committee was first organized and has contributed much to the happiness of our new Americans. She was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa of Wooster College, Ohio, her alma mater, from which she also received the degree of Ph. D. Mrs. Boole is the first woman to receive the appointment of deaconess at large in the Presbyterian church. She is not a stranger to North Dakota white ribboners but this will be her first visit as national president.

Mrs. Boole will contribute much to the success of our convention and we shall especially look forward to her address at the Sunday evening service. At the grand gold medal contest Saturday evening, Oct. 1st, participated in by contestants from Ryder, Douglas, Esmond and Fargo, Mrs. Boole will present the medal and bring a message to the young people.

The banquet, always an interesting social event, will be served by the Ladies' Aid of the convention church

at 65 cents per plate. Representatives of the city, the churches and the schools will give welcome toasts and the state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, will give her annual address. Music under the direction of Mmes. R. J. Purcell and O. T. Ness will enliven all sessions and, led by Mrs. W. B. Simcox, state musical director, we hope to make this a singing convention for we have much cause for gratitude.

At the opening session of the convention, the local presidents, Miss Frances M. Wagar and Mrs. H. H. Aaker, and the district president, Mrs. S. O. Nelson of Northwood, will bring welcomes. The state president, Mrs. Anderson, will conduct the memorial service. Will you please send me names of comrades called to higher service during the year?

A helpful program of unusual interest is planned for Friday evening with details to be announced later. During the membership demonstration, victorious volunteer captains will be recognized for their work in building the wall of defence over against the enemy.

A special meeting to which all children of the city are invited will be held Sunday afternoon, in charge of the state L. T. L. secretary, Mrs. E. S. Bordwell of Jamestown. Please see that names of delegates are sent by Sept. 15 to Mrs. Isabella Morey, 735 North 5th St., chairman of the entertainment committee, and notify Miss Margaret Hyslop, 317 Cottonwood St., if you expect to attend the banquet.

## Please Report

The report blanks were sent to all local unions the middle of August with the request that they be returned by September 15, thus allowing state directors and others time to formulate their reports before state convention. The blanks are rather a ponderous document but let no one be discouraged by them. Few unions work all departments yet most unions work some of them. Report on those you have worked and keep the other blanks. Do not waste postage on blank reports. Most of you would rather work than report but we need to encourage others by telling of our efforts. National directors are looking to state directors and state directors are looking to you for reports of the year's work so PLEASE REPORT.

Realizing our great need of Divine help and guidance, let us continue in prayer for the success of our convention at Grand Forks.

Lovingly yours,  
Barbara H. Wylie.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 20th-August 20th  
Dues—Fargo \$2.80, Grafton 2.80, Lisbon 6.00, Minto 2.80, Edmore 2.80, Oakes 2.10, Balfour 4.90, Getchel Prairie 14.70, Gilby 25.20, Fargo Scan. 44.80, Grand Forks 11.90, Jamestown 11.90, Van Hook 1.40, Wyndmere 2.80, Rainey Butte 7.00, Fargo .70, Upham 7.70, Barton 7.00, Grafton 4.90, Egeland 2.80, Minto 2.10.

Budget—Lisbon \$20.00, First Dist. 30.00, Ray, complete, 12.50, 3rd Dist. 5.00, Edmore, complete, 25.00, Grand Forks 7.00, Rainey Butte, complete, 20.80, Bottineau, complete with exc., 17.20, Upham, complete, 29.90.

Miscellaneous—16th Dist., con. fee, \$10.00, 1st. Dist., con. fee, 10.00, "Friend," from 3d dist., for flood relief, 3.00.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,  
State Treas.

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Edinburg is planning to organize a Young People's Branch in the near future.

We are welcoming home our editor, Mrs. R. M. Pollock, from a three months trip to points in California and on the west coast.

Jamestown Y. P. B. served a banquet to 73 guests. A color scheme of blue and white was carried out in the table decorations and unique place cards showed miniature pictures of the guests.

While visiting in her home town of Thawville, Ill., our recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Beasley, spoke on Child Welfare at the Sunday morning service at the church.

We were happy to receive a call from Mrs. Alson Wells, her sister, Mrs. Ida Buttes, and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, all of Jamestown, also from Mrs. Eliza B. Matters, now of Los Angeles, Calif., but recently of Fargo.

Fairmount held its August meeting at the Park with a family picnic supper to which members of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies were invited.

Mrs. W. F. Foye, corresponding secretary of the Steele union, writes of their effort to begin medal contest work at the opening of the school year. Mrs. Pearl Wood is the new local president.

Park River invited the unions at Adams, Edinburg and Grafton to unite with them in a picnic in the Park, August 4th. We are glad to learn the affair was a great success.

Mrs. Letitia M. Conard of Iowa and Miss Esther Van Slyke of New York recently spent a few days in the state in the interest of the Peace movement and were pleasant callers at state headquarters.

The Fargo union sends a message to white ribboners from other towns who may find it necessary to enter any Fargo hospital. If the local president, Mrs. Anna R. Bertelson, or the secretary, Mrs. J. H. Potter, were notified, special attention would be shown these comrades in their illness.

The state W. C. T. U. sent by air mail, a message to Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh on his arrival at Washington, congratulating him not only on his wonderful achievement but on the splendid example set the youth of America and of the world in his total abstinence while being toasted and feasted abroad. A cordial "Thank you" was received from the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, in charge of the thousands of messages received by this world's hero.

From all over the United States come protests of the W. C. T. U. women against the manner in which the wet New York press have misstated or overstated the case with respect to the Church Temperance Society of the Episcopal Church. That organization declares that the church is turning against prohibition. On the other hand Bishop Manning, head of the Episcopal Church in New York, says publicly: "The recent statements published by the organization bearing the name of the church temperance society, to which much space has been given in the press, should not be taken to represent the mind of the Episcopal Church. The Society has no official authorization or standing in the church. It is a voluntary association and its utterances have only such weight as those of any voluntary group."



## WHO SHALL SAY

### WAR OR PEACE?

No more notable words have been spoken during recent years than those of our ambassador to England, Alanson B. Houghton, at the Harvard College Commencement, June 24. No utterance since the end of the great war demands more thoughtful consideration, not only on the part of the American people, but equally on the part of all the nations similarly governed. We can give only the substance of it, which is as follows: Where lies, and where has lain up until the present, the power to declare war, to commit millions of citizens to the obligation to sacrifice their property, their lives, and, as the ambassador says, perhaps their souls, in defence of what they are told by all sorts of so-called patriotic pleas and propaganda are the vital interests of their own national life? A little handful of men known as "the government." What did the people of England, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, have to say about the last frightful encounter? Nothing. Somewhere behind closed doors, a handful of men, relatively, sent into battle and so to their death millions of men who knew almost nothing about the reason of their going and who no more wanted war than they wanted a pestilence. What can be more irrational than for a self-governing nation to entrust this tremendous power to a little group of men known as "the government?"

The address of Mr. Houghton was a plea for some arrangement on the part of all self-governing peoples as would give to the people themselves the decision whether or not they would go to war. What could be more sane or just? And then, while the nation was having the chance to declare itself, time would have entered into the arena as a determining factor of vital importance. Few wars would be possible if the sword could be drawn only after the passions and animosities that had incited them had cooled.

If the ambassador's message to America and to other nations like our own claiming the right to govern themselves is allowed to go unheeded, his strong, clear and most rational plea disregarded by those who have the power to lay it upon the hearts of the men and women of their several countries, and if the people themselves are willing to have it so, then we shall deserve to suffer the consequences and to be governed in the future as in the past by an insignificant fraction of the nation and, if occasion arises, to be driven into war.

Mr. Houghton does not claim that his suggestions for bringing about this significant change will not need modification and the most serious thot of the ablest statesmen of the several nations. We hope there are still a few statesmen worthy the name left.—Our Dumb Animals.

## IT'S THE BRAIN THAT COUNTS

Dr. Charles Mayo

The noted surgeon, Dr. Charles Mayo, in addressing a large convention of boys recently, said in part:

"You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. The physical value of man is not so much. Man as analyzed in our laboratories is worth about ninety-eight cents. Seven bars of soap, lime enough to whitewash a

chicken coop, phosphorus enough to cover the heads of a thousand matches, is not so much, you see.

"It is the brain that counts, but in order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor.

"A man who has to drag around a habit that is a danger and a menace to society ought to go off to the woods and live alone. We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or cocaine or opium and we should not tolerate intoxicating liquor because I tell you these things are what break down the command of the individual over his own life and his own destiny.

"Through alcoholic stimulation a man loses his co-ordination. That is why liquor is no advantage to the brain. You hear people tell how they had their wits quickened for the first half-hour by liquor but they don't tell you how later their body could not act in co-ordination with their brain.

"You will hear on every side men bewail the loss of their drink, of their personal rights, but the rights of the few who cannot see ahead or have the future of their nation at heart must be regulated to safeguard that great body of future citizens who are now ready to step into the ranks.

"You boys have something ahead of you in the problem of preventing the return of liquor. We have not lived up to our laws, but I repeat, education is what we need to combat this condition. When we have our younger generation completely educated we will not have types who say: 'Why should I not have my rights as a citizen?'

"It is through the boys of today that we hope to see a sound and everlasting prohibition worked out in this country. If there ever was any great man who accomplished anything thru the use of alcohol I would like to have the fact pointed out.

"We in the United States of America have tried to give you a field of action free from the barricades which used to be set up by the legalized liquor traffic. Keep yourselves free from all entangling habits. Remember, it's the brain that counts."

## ARIZONA SCHOOL BOYS

### TEACH THEIR FATHERS

In Arizona recently the high school boys were escorted to the capitol and all the state offices filled with school boys for a day. In the school boy legislature a bill was introduced directing the reading of the Bible in the public schools. The bill was passed unanimously in the Senate and by a vote of 88 to 2 in the House. While it was a high school and Y. M. C. A. legislature and carried with it no authority so far as the state was concerned, it did speak volumes so far as the moral and patriotic sentiment of the school boys was concerned.

"I am unalterably opposed to a resumption of the liquor traffic, even the re-entry of light wines and beer. I think beer is probably the most dangerous to health of all the pure ordinary alcoholic liquors. From the point of view of public health prohibition has been a wonder worker."—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

Doing good without publicity loses one important effect, setting an example for others.

## WHY WETS WANT

### THE PRESIDENCY

Superintendent R. P. Hutton of the Rhode Island Anti-Saloon League, in the following quotation from his annual report to the board of trustees of the Anti-Saloon League, clearly states why the wets are anxious to elect to the presidency a man who is out of sympathy with the prohibition law. It is well to bear these facts in mind, especially since it has already been stated by some friends of tentative wet candidates that it really doesn't make much difference what the attitude of the president is on prohibition enforcement so long as Congress remains dry.

Why do wets stake everything upon the President? The President appoints the members of the U. S. Supreme Court. Our last President appointed a majority of the present Court. The President might by appointment change the Supreme Court, which has been the foundation rock of prohibition. He appoints the Circuit and District Judges throughout the United States, and if a local court acquits a prisoner, law enforcement has no appeal. He appoints the Attorney General and all District Attorneys who prosecute, and the marshals who arrest. The secret service men who detect are under his control through the Attorney General. He names the Secretary of the Treasury, the Prohibition Director, the heads of the Prohibition department, the Customs and the Coast Guard who detect and raid and seize and interfere to prevent violations of the law, and grant or refuse permits to handle alcohol. He appoints the Secretary of State, our envoys, ministers and consuls to other countries who negotiate or fail to negotiate agreements for the prevention of liquor smuggling. Because a wet in the White House, single-handed, could by his appointments utterly nullify the constitutional expression of the collective will of the entire nation; and, having already done so for a tenth of the nation through the repeal of the New York state enforcement code they believe they can depend upon Al Smith to do the same for the rest of the nation, if they can but place him where he will have such power.

—The American Issue.

## DON R. MELLETT

The whole country owes Don R. Mellett a debt of gratitude. Editor of a Canton, Ohio, newspaper, he died in the line of duty while protesting against civic shame and municipal dishonor. He knew nothing more than thousands of his fellow citizens knew; but, as another has said, "He called the bluff of lawlessness." He threw in his life against the challenge of criminal connivance in public service. Thugs lay in wait and shot him to death from behind.

His sacrifice shall not have been in vain if, as the paper he served has said editorially, "Decency and the law shall rule here, hereafter."

Don Mellett's name must not pass from our view.

The Lectureship Committee, which has been approved by his widow, and which is proposed for the Department of Journalism in New York University, will be a particularly appropriate memorial.—Daniel A. Poling.

Every home should have its hermitage within its walls for silence and meditation.

## DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

(Continued from last month)

**ELEVENTH DIST.**—This convention met at Bismarck, May 26th, with Mrs. Ella A. Boise, district President, in the chair and Mrs. Necia E. Buck as guest of honor and speaker. District officers and local unions gave encouraging reports. Mrs. J. L. Hughes told what we are doing for the children and Mrs. Chas. Liessman, what we are doing for the young people. Mrs. Zeller told how to meet wet propaganda and Mrs. Thos. Halverson, why wet petitions should not be signed. Rev. Rose Hollstein spoke on "Our Part in Law Enforcement" and Mrs. Harry Meiers on "The Success of Prohibition." Mrs. Fred Cathro showed conclusively that government control in Canada is a failure. Miss Madge Runey, county superintendent of schools, spoke on the value of the essay contest. Mrs. C. D. Rodgers explained how the budget may be raised and Mrs. Clizby gave a practical talk on Medical Temperance. The L. T. L. children, under the able direction of Mrs. Hughes, gave an interesting demonstration at the evening meeting.

**THIRTEENTH DIST.**—Dickey entertained this convention, May 25, 26, in a most hospitable manner. Mrs. F. M. Wanner, state vice president, and Miss Helen L. Byrnes of California, field worker for the Y. P. B., were guests of honor and gave helpful addresses. Mrs. James Waldie welcomed the delegates and response was made by Mrs. N. W. Porter of Englelevale. The school children presented a health play—"The Sick Baby," and a male quart gave special music. Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth, who declined to continue as district president, was succeeded by Mrs. C. W. Hammetton of Lisbon. The other officers were re-elected.

**FOURTEENTH DIST.**—Scheduled to meet at Milnor, June 10th, this convention was postponed on account of rain and bad roads.

**SIXTEENTH DIST.**—Convention was held at Grand Forks, June 16th, with Mrs. S. O. Nelson, district president, presiding. Forty delegates and visitors represented all unions in the district but one. At the opening session, the president gave her annual address, committees were appointed and reports received. The memorial hour was in charge of Mrs. Lillie B. Smith. A symposium—How to Make the Local Union More Effective—was participated in by members of different unions. Mrs. H. B. Aaker ably discussed "Why Wet Petitions Should not be Signed" and Mrs. Bessie Darling told definitely "How to Meet Wet Propaganda." Mrs. Wm. McConachie of Fordville showed what the wet campaign will mean if successful. Mrs. Wanner, convention speaker, gave legislative echoes and Attorney O. T. Owen of Grand Forks, in a splendid talk, showed the personal obligation of every citizen for law enforcement. "The Value of the Essay Contest" was discussed by Mrs. Lillie B. Smith and Mrs. Isabella A. Morey spoke on The Union Signal. A report of the young people's work at Grand Forks was given by Mrs. Geo. Aylesworth. At the banquet, served in the dining room of the church, Mrs. Lillie B. Smith was toastmistress, Miss Frances M. Wagar gave the address of welcome, and Mrs. Margaret M. Rutherford of Gilby responded. Mrs. Aaker spoke on "Leaders of To-Morrow," Mrs. J. W.

Scott of Gilby on "Our Colors," Mrs. Sateren, "Our Older Members" and Mrs. Wanner on "Reminiscences." At the evening session, Rev. George Fisher spoke on the success of prohibition, comparing past and present conditions, and Mrs. F. M. Wanner gave her able address on "What kind of a nation would this nation be—If every citizen were just like me?" Miss Beatrice Johnston showed conclusively what the W. C. T. U. has done for the youth of America. Miss Clara Pittman, Y. W. C. A. secretary, gave a practical talk. Musical numbers were much enjoyed. Gilby invited the next convention. All officers were re-elected.

**SEVENTEENTH DIST.**, comprising the old Eighteenth—Met at Grafton, June 14-15, with Mrs. Wanner guest of honor. The district president, Mrs. Frank Beasley, presided. There were twenty-six voting delegates. "The church was just one fragrant bouquet, with lilacs and peonies, oh! so beautiful. They fed us royally and treated us beautifully," one wrote. Mrs. Torgerson of Fairdale made The Union Signal indispensable and Mrs. Ordahl of Edinburg did the same with The Young Crusader. The result was five subscriptions to The Union Signal and 28 to The Crusader. Besides that, the district voted to send The Union Signal for a year to the sheriffs and states attorneys in each one of the three counties, the district secretary to write them about it assuring them of the hearty co-operation of the W. C. T. U. in their efforts for law enforcement. A "spelling match" on the state report, conducted by Miss Mae Halcrow of Bowesmont, was a novel feature, creating interest. White Ribbon recruits were introduced and the service for them conducted by Mrs. Wanner. Worthy of special mention was the instrumental trio—Mrs. C. C. Finnegan, piano; Miss Carol Engstrom, violin, and Miss Dorothy Upham, pipe organ. Misses Vivian McKay and Ruth Neste gave instrumental numbers. All officers were re-elected except the corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. G. Strand of Fairdale being the new officer.

**TWENTIETH DIST.**—In the Methodist church at Fairmount, beautifully decorated with flowers and potted plants, the tenth annual convention of the Twentieth district was held May 17, the district president, Miss Lottie E. Tollefson, presiding. After helpful devotions conducted by Mrs. Eleanor W. Ripley, the district president gave her address. District officers and directors gave reports of the work done and local unions reported substantial gains in membership. Mrs. Ida Sparks Clarke, a long-time member and worker in the state W. C. T. U., but now residing in Cokato, Minn., was warmly welcomed as she brought words of greeting and spoke of pioneer days in the state. Delegates and visitors were entertained at a bountiful luncheon in the church dining hall. Mrs. F. M. Wanner, in her various addresses, was heard with interest. She told how to meet wet propaganda and gave legislative echoes of her experience in Bismarck at the last session.

The parliamentary drill by Mrs. Beardsley, a symposium in which Mmes. Jones, Lea and Peterson took part, and a paper on Medal and Essay contest work by Mrs. V. G. McLeod added much to the afternoon program. To encourage essay contest work in the district, it was decided to

offer first and second prizes to each group, provided two or more schools enter the contest. Mrs. Ripley showed the value of The Union Signal in combating wet arguments and as an inspiration to white ribboners. Rev. J. N. Loach stressed the necessity for more vigilant enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment. The evening meeting was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Loach conducted devotions. Vocal solos by Misses Ripley and Tollefson were enjoyed. Mrs. Wanner's address was highly commended, holding the closest attention of her audience. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Lottie E. Tollefson, Christine; vice president, Mrs. Eleanor W. Ripley, Fairmount; recording secretary, Mrs. Julia Swanson, Fairmount; corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. G. McLeod, Christine; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Holkestad, Abercrombie; Y. P. B. secretary, Miss Laura M. Wold, Abercrombie; L. T. L. secretary, Mrs. Charles Hanson, Christine.

#### PROHIBITION—A BUSINESS BOOSTER

One of the undisputed benefits of prohibition is that the American people are six billion dollars a year better off than if they had not adopted the Eighteenth amendment.

The unparalleled prosperity of the last five years would never have been known had not the saloon been made an outlaw.

There is more to back this than mere sentiment.

The money taken by the liquor interests amounted to two billion dollars annually. That money benefited only the liquor industry. Very little of it went to other industries.

After allowing for every possible expenditure for bootleg liquor, we find that only ten per cent as much is now being spent for liquor as formerly, which leaves one billion eight hundred thousand dollars which goes into:

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Herbert Hoover has declared in a public gathering that since prohibition, general bank deposits have increased from eleven billion to twenty-five billion dollars.

B. C. Forbes, editor of a Wall Street magazine, declared there is no other reason for the bubbling prosperity of America than prohibition which releases the pay envelope for home betterment.

The National Bureau of Economic Research in New York City publishes the results of a six year study of incomes, taking in the prohibition period. The total of individual incomes has increased one-third since 1920; and that despite all talk of shrinking dollars, the American family is enjoying a buying power thirty-six per cent greater than in pre-prohibition days.

This buying power has doubled the building industry, and trebled the building of small homes; added two billion dollars to the assets of building and loan associations; broken all insurance records, while less drinking has reduced the national death

#### GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN CANADA

It has steadily increased the volume of legitimate sales of liquor since it was enacted.

It has given the Province of Quebec, with a population scarcely one-third that of New York, 1,280 drinking places operating 12 hours a day.

It has greatly encouraged the practice of public drinking among women.

It has put the government into the saloon business and made the bartender as much of a public functionary as the postmaster or an army officer.

It has developed the "tavern," which presents all the characteristics of the old-time saloon except the bar and brass rail.

It defeats local option by permitting legal exportation of liquor from wet districts into neighboring dry territory.

It encourages bootleggers by supplying the bootlegger with his stock and his market.

It furnishes "hard liquor" in unlimited quantities to anyone who will buy and carry it away.

It has brought the liquor power back into politics by making the state the only customer for brewers and distillers.—Report by Christian Science Monitor.

#### THE STATE WILL MAKE YOUR BOY MIND

A well-meaning mother said to me the other day, "I don't know what to do with that boy; he won't mind a word I say." I said, "How old is he?" She said, "He is four going on five." Then I said—and I didn't mean to be discourteous or cruel—"If you can get along with him three or four years longer, the state will take him off your hands and the state can make him mind. The state has detention homes, reform schools and penitentiaries for that purpose, and the state can always make a boy mind."—Mrs. Margaret Bogue in "Motor" (Wisconsin).

rate by ten per cent. In giving America an automobile for every five people, the stimulated motor industry has in turn boomed the business in rubber, metals, oils, paints and woodworking. The furniture business, the decorating business, and all general retail trade have increased; the luxury of foreign travel is now known to almost everyone with a bank account which includes practically everybody.

The old corner grocery has become a smartly kept chain-store affair selling luxuries in neighborhoods where once a red herring was a meal.

The resort hotels are filled; theaters have never seen so great an era of prosperity; railroads are beyond the troublesome period they experienced just after the war, and the newspapers of the country are embarrassed with advertising receipts.

This extra wealth starts with the pay envelope that comes home. The bartender no longer takes his toll from the wages of the American working man. The working man himself finds his work more productive and the combined output of himself and his fellows is giving him a chance to see what creative ability can do.

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Alcohol replaces more actively vital materials by fat and fibrous tissue; it substitutes suppuration by new growth; it promotes gaseous and earthy change; it helps time to produce the effects of age; and, in a word, is the genius of degeneration.—Dr. Dickinson of England.

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