



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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**FORGET**

Forget the slander you have heard,  
 Forget the hasty, unkind word,  
 Forget the quarrel and the cause,  
 Forget the whole affair, because  
 Forgetting is the only way.  
 Forget the storms of yesterday,  
 Forget the chap whose sour face  
 Forgets to smile in any place.  
 Forget the trials you have had,  
 Forget the weather if it's bad;  
 Forget the knocker, he's a freak,  
 Forget him seven days a week.  
 Forget you're not a millionaire,  
 Forget the gray streaks in your hair,  
 Forget the coffee when it's cold,  
 Forget the kicks, forget the scold.  
 Forget the coal man in his weights,  
 Forget the heat in summer days.  
 Forget to even get the blues,  
 But don't forget to pay your dues.  
 —Exchange.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Comrades:—

The National Regional Campaign Conferences, which are an outstanding feature of this year's program, are now under way. Four are held in January and seven will be held in February, covering every part of the United States. North Dakota is grouped with South Dakota, Montana and Idaho (North), and our Conference will be held at Billings, Mont., February 18-19. The leaders will be Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Vice President National W. C. T. U., and your state president. These meetings are educational and their object is to focus attention on law observance, to study the problems of law enforcement, to promote measures for the election of undoubted friends of prohibition for all offices and to emphasize the fact that "Prohibition is the Best Method."

I wish we might have a good attendance from North Dakota. Instead of collections, there will be a registration fee of one dollar. Hotel rates at the New Grand Hotel, Billings, are—Room without bath, \$1.50 per day; room with bath, \$2.50 per day. Arrangements can be made for a limited number at private homes, room and breakfast, \$1.00 per day. These reservations must be in by Feb. 15 and should be addressed to Mrs. Emma Fingerson, Box 953, Billings. For hotel reservations, write direct to the New Grand Hotel, Billings, Mont.

**Mid-Year Executive and State Campaign Institute**

Our mid-year executive meeting will be held at Fargo, in the First Methodist Church, Wednesday, February 29th, beginning at 2 p. m.

There will probably be an evening session.

The State Campaign Institute will be held at the same place, Friday, March 1st, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Luncheon will be served in the church at noon. The luncheon topic will be—"How my District (Branch or Department) will help in the two big campaigns—"Hold Fast and Go Forward" and "Hold Prohibition,"" and it is expected that all district presidents, branch secretaries and state directors will take part in the discussion.

A tentative program for morning and afternoon will be found in another column. A mass meeting in the evening, at the Pontoppidan church, will be addressed by several outstandingly making frantic efforts to secure signatures to their petitions for repeal of the prohibition article of the State Constitution. Early in the campaign Mr. C. P. Stone gave out the statement that the success of the movement would mean that, in North Dakota, wine and beer might legally be made in the homes as it was not prohibited by the federal prohibition law.

Their platform declares that prohibition is driving thousands into bankruptcy and intimates that the United States government is spending millions of dollars for enforcement with results "about nothing short of civil war in the country and twelve miles out in the ocean." Their platform also declares that they are

Dr. Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics at Yale University, estimates that, if this rate continues to 1931, poverty will virtually be abolished from this country.

Secretary Hoover made a canvass of all economists in the United States and failed to find one who was willing to testify that prohibition is not a factor in the great movement by which we, as a nation, are abolishing poverty. Professor Fisher says that if the federal government spent one billion dollars a year for enforcement, it would be money well expended. His statement, that the wealth of the country has been given an extra, added surplus, above and beyond the normal increase, of six billion dollars, annually, by prohibition, has not been refuted.

"Civil war in the country and twelve miles out in the ocean," caused by those who refuse to obey the law, calls for MORE prohibition, not LESS, and is a challenge to every law abiding citizen to resist this attempt to weaken enforcement by repealing state prohibition. It will be remembered the first rebellion our government was called to put down was the whiskey rebellion in Pennsylvania. The liquor interests, running true to form, have always broken every law that regulated or restricted their business in any way.

The government is bigger than the bootlegger. The lines are being more tightly drawn, the law is being better enforced, hence this great hue and cry for repeal. They say they are for temperance and against the saloon. But they want liquor sold. What's in a name? A saloon by any other name would smell as vile and ruin as many lives. Prohibition is the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic. Every other method—low license, high license, dispensary government control or the Canadian plan—has beten tried and found to be woeful failure. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, they no longer call it government CONTROL but government SALE. They say it is not government control of the liquor traffic but liquor traffic control of the government.

North Dakota will keep her prohibition law. Her citizens will never permit a small but noisy minority to turn us back to the dark ages or to dim the splendid record this pioneer, prohibition state has made.

**Willard Memorial Meetings**  
 February 17th should be observed by every union. A Clip Sheet, giving all necessary material for a program, has been sent to the president of every local union. While we are all vit-

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**Mid-Year Executive**  
 and  
**State Campaign Institute**  
 Fargo, February 29-March 1st  
 at the  
**First Methodist Episcopal and  
 Pontoppidan Lutheran Churches**

ing speakers, among them our new Prohibition Administrator, Mr. John N. Hagan. The Fargo unions will entertain members of the executive committee and other white ribboners for lodging and breakfast. Names should be sent to Mrs. Wylie before Feb. 20.

Plans are being made for a meeting of representatives of temperance and other organizations interested in holding our prohibition law, at 10 a. m., Friday, March 2nd, at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Fargo. It is hoped that members of the executive committee and others may remain to this meeting.

Meetings of the executive committee and campaign institute are of unusual importance this year because of campaign plans to be considered and it is necessary that every member of the committee, as far as possible, attend. The campaign institute is open to all white ribboners and their friends and it is hoped there will be a very large attendance.

**The Wet Campaign**  
 The wets of North Dakota are evi-

"against the saloon and in favor of temperance."

We respectfully suggest that before making any further public statements, the leaders of the wet movement take a little time off from circulating petitions and study the federal prohibition law and its results. Any one who has any knowledge of the law knows that it does not permit the manufacture of wine and beer in the home. Consequently, if their effort to repeal the prohibition article of the State Constitution succeeds, it will still be just as illegal to manufacture beer and wine in the homes as it is now.

As to prohibition driving people into bankruptcy, we refer them to the recently published report of the Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, on the economic gains in the United States from 1921 to 1926, in which he estimates that the annual income of wage earners has increased 35 per cent. This is the most astonishing gain in real incomes ever shown by any nation in the same length of time.

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## State Officers for 1927-1928

President—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Park River.  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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ally interested in the political campaign in which we are engaged, nothing should divert us from holding a carefully planned commemorative meeting—our tribute to the great life that gave itself in service for humanity.

### Narcotic Education Week

The last week in February is Narcotic Education week. Every union should hold a Narcotic Education meeting. A fine program, prepared by the National Director of the Department of Narcotics, Miss Ida Lillian Page, will be found in another column.

### Hold Fast Membership Campaign

The Hold Fast Membership Campaign should now be in full swing in every local union. Letters giving plans have been sent from the state Trio Team to the Trio Team of every local union in the state. To build up a great organization, we must first hold fast the members who paid dues last year, and the goal is to have all these dues collected by March 1st.

The week, March 1-8, is to be the intensive Hold Fast campaign when members who have not paid for the current year will be asked to do so. A due social or due tea is suggested and every member who has paid her dues will receive an appropriate and patriotic badge. We hope every union will be able to report on March 8 that dues of ALL members have been paid.

On that day the Go Forward campaign begins and Volunteer Captains should be appointed and ready for work before that time. Each volunteer captain's badge of authority will be a blue button, showing a white ribbon encircled by the lettering, "Volunteer Captain." The conferring of decorations for distinguished service upon victorious captains will be an important feature of the state convention program. We believe many women will be glad to join, this crucial year, and help us in the big campaign to hold our prohibition law.

Yours faithfully,  
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Mrs. Edna F. Duguid of Cando, president of the First district, has the sympathy of all her comrades in the third bereavement which has come to her during the past few months—the passing of her mother.

We also sympathize with members of the Milnor union in the death of their president, Mrs. Marie Payne, who passed away January 3rd, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Kneeland of Jamestown, local director of Scientific Temperance, has introduced the essay contest work into the public schools.

Early in the fall, Crosby union gave a pleasing reception in honor of the public school faculty.

Hope observed Temperance Day in schools with an interesting program arranged by the local president, Mrs. Ella M. Shippy.

Minot, through its publicity director, Mrs. George Campbell, distributed 1,000 assorted blotters in the public schools.

Northwood gave the L. T. L. a Christmas party in the chapel. After a good program the children were treated to popcorn balls and candy.

Aided by the Red Cross the local union prepared six boxes containing food, clothing, apples and candy and had them delivered Christmas eve to as many families.

The Christmas spirit also extended to the Old People's Home and the inmates were remembered with a hearty lunch.

Mrs. Harry Mieirs of Crystal Springs, vice president of the 11th district, has succeeded in re-organizing the union at Tappen and dues and budget have already been paid. The president is Mrs. Chas. Patterson; secretary, Mrs. T. J. Halvorson and treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Yetter. The union at Crystal Springs has a committee to collect information regarding political candidates. At one meeting the question of how to vote was considered and sample ballots used. The Crystal Springs Y. P. B., under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Giesler, recently put on a play which was very successful.

Jamestown Y. P. B. held a unique leap year basket social at the City Hall. The baskets, made up in many novel designs, such as ships, dolls and houses, were furnished by the boys and sold to the girls. A five reel picture was shown during which music was furnished by the Y. P. B. orchestra. The membership campaign was announced by the president, Horace Rairdon, the one securing the largest number of new members to receive a medal or pin. Anna Dehne is secretary.

Though spending the winter in California, Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood did not forget to send her birthday money for the campaign fund. Have you sent yours?

We are in receipt of a Temperance Day Program, sent out by the State Department of Public Instruction, which will be of great help to teachers, not only for the third Friday in January each year, but for any day that may be chosen for this valuable instruction.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 20-Jan 20

Dues—Cando \$24.50, Sheldon 8.40, Fargo 6.30, Minot 10.50, Fairdale 16.80, Mayville 10.50, Northwood L. T. L. 3.60, Northwood 21.70, Esmond 15.40, Fordville 5.60 Jamestown with exc. 9.20, Page 11.90, Nekoma 16.80, Oberon 15.40, Prosper 7.00, Van Hook 2.10, Bowesmont 8.40, Makoti Y. P. B. 5.50, Gilby 18.20, Oakes 2.10, Hatton L. T. L. 7.40, Upham 4.90, West Fairview 12.60, Epping L. T. L. with exc. 4.25, Hope 3.50, Makoti 6.30, Preston 11.90, Hatton 39.20, Grand Forks 7.00, Nekoma 16.80.

Budget—Cando complete with exc. \$57.20, 2d Dist. with exc. 5.10, Fargo complete 65.00, Prosper complete 15.60, Crosby complete 24.70, Grand Forks 50.00, 12th Dist. 25.00, New Rockford, Stevens Legislative fund, or budget, 2.00, Hettinger complete 39.00, West Fairview complete 19.90, Makoti complete 16.90.

Reports—Mayville \$.45, Northwood .45, Esmond with exc. .55, Nekoma with exc. .55, Oberon .45, Preston .45, Makoti .45.

Near East—Ray \$13.00, Necia Buck union 19.70.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,  
State Treas.

## MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING

Fargo, February 29, 1928

10 A. M. General Officers Meeting at State Headquarters.

2 P. M. Executive Committee Meeting at First Methodist Church.

## STATE CAMPAIGN INSTITUTE

March 1st, 1928

First Methodist Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, presiding.

9:30. Devotions.

Keynote Address—State President. Membership Campaign—State Officers.

Laying Foundations—Law Observance—Mrs. Katie N. Kjolrie.

How the Individual Can Aid Law Enforcement—States Attorney John C. Pollock.

Luncheon will be served at the church, the topic for discussion being How my District, Branch or Department will Aid in the two Big Campaigns—"Hold Fast and Go Forward" and "Hold Prohibition" (5 minute speeches).

At the afternoon session, beginning at 2 o'clock, subjects to be considered will be—

—GALLEY 4  
ed will be—Outstanding Accomplishments of Prohibition; Why the Wets Want to Elect the Next President; What is Back of the Activity of the Wets in North Dakota; Practical Politics; Winning the Voters; First Voters; Every Dry Woman a Neighborhood Worker. Prominent people will take part. Each topic will be followed by discussion. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, National Director, will present the subject of Institutes.

The evening meeting will be held in the Pontoppidan Lutheran Church. It is expected that Rev. Orlando Ingvaldstad of Grand Forks will give an address. Our new Prohibition Administrator, Mr. John N. Hagan, will speak as also will our State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Beasley. There will be special music at all sessions. The public is invited.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Secretaries:—

It takes courage and faith to enter another membership campaign but we believe that what we have done once, we can more easily do again. We know our cause is just and there is need for recruits. The enemy is unusually active and women will surely see the necessity for joining the only woman's temperance organization and helping maintain our splendid prohibition law, for the future safety of our children and grandchildren, and for the safety of all the children in state and nation.

Let us not be content with leaving the president to plan and the treasurer to collect, but let us remember that we are, as our national corresponding secretary, Mrs. De Yo, says, the center of the trio team, a place of honor and responsibility but of opportunity as well. Let us get right into this campaign of 1928, confer with the treasurer, get a list of last year's paid members, give each one who is willing to collect dues, a certain number to interview and finish up the Hold Fast campaign with a will. No need to wait until March 1st if you can finish sooner.

CARRINGTON IS THE FIRST UNION TO REPORT the Hold Fast campaign finished and volunteer captains appointed for the Forward march. "Go thou, and do likewise." Girded with His strength, Whose we are and Whom we serve, let us go forward to victory.

Hopefully yours,  
Barbara H. Wylie.

## WHEN A WET IS DRY

The man in the automobile may be opposed to the Eighteenth Amendment, but he will instantly discharge a drinking chauffeur. The train may be crowded with delegates to the anti-prohibition convention, but they would mob the engineer who took a drink while drawing his precious freight. The industrial magnate may talk critically of sumptuary laws, but he will apply them like a despot to the man who watches over the driving power of his establishment. Where the exigency of modern life demands a clear brain and instant decision in order to save thousands of lives and millions of property, we are all dry.—United States Senator Borah, of Idaho.

## A VIRILE ORGANIZATION

The No-Tobacco League of America held its annual convention recently at Winona Lake, Indiana. Over three thousand were present at various sessions with people enrolled from twenty-two states, four provinces of Canada, Australia, China and Japan. Reports showed an unusually prosperous year. Prof. F. M. Gregg, head of the Department of Psychology, Nebraska Wesleyan University, was re-elected president; Charles M. Fillmore, Indianapolis, was elected General Secretary for his eighth year.

## REASONS FOR ABSTAINING

Head clearer.  
Heart brighter.  
Health better.  
Purse heavier.  
Eyes keener.  
Limbs stronger.  
Life probably longer.

## HOW THEY CELEBRATED Prohibition's Anniversary

Bottineau expected to observe Victory Day with a dinner and speeches, inviting the husbands, ministers, honorary members and city and county officials. Miss Carey, local president, wrote a splendid article which appeared in the local paper.

Cando local union met with Mrs. Anna R. Lean, Mrs. J. E. Kennedy presiding and giving a talk on why Prohibition is the Best Method. Over 45 members and friends were present and two new members were secured. Victory Day was observed in the churches. Rev. E. E. Duden spoke to the Men's Bible Class in the morning and gave a helpful sermon in the evening at the Methodist church.

Carrington's four protestant churches united to celebrate and more than 400 people attended. Rev. N. E. Hanson, who gave the main address, stated that "The amendment beheaded the liquor business but did not put it out of action. Like a chicken with its head cut off, its activity is tremendously increased but its longevity is tremendously decreased. Its actions are violent but they are doomed to be of short duration." The local union was putting on a playlet in four different Sunday Schools and hoping to give a short program at Ladies' Aid Societies.

Cooperstown's Young People's Society put on the Program for Temperance Day in Schools. The union held an interesting public meeting. The local president, Mrs. Eliza Crawford, has interested the teachers in essay contest work in the public schools.

Epping put on a silver medal contest on the Sunday evening, assisted by Mrs. J. N. Wallestad and others from Wheelock. The medal was won by a boy of 16 whose name we have not learned.

Esmond held three Victory celebrations. Jan. 14th a silver medal contest was put on by the W. C. T. U. at which six L. T. L. members took part and the medal was won by Velva Huyck with the selection, "The Judge Makes a New Year's Resolution." Sunday, the 15th, a strong temperance sermon was given by the Rev. A. A. LeMaster to a capacity house. Tuesday evening the Y. P. B. celebrated with Mrs. F. M. Wanner of Jamestown, state Y. P. B. secretary, as their speaker, who presented some very helpful and inspiring truths to the young people. Though Esmond is not very large, there are more than 200 members in their organizations.

Fairdale had a helpful service in the church of which we have not yet had a full report.

Fargo's mass meeting was in the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Assisting in the service were Revs. D. T. Robertson, E. C. Parish and W. A. Knight. Mrs. G. H. Ole-son had charge of the singing and gave a vocal solo. Mrs. Henderson was at the pipe organ. Speakers were Revs. Thos. W. Gales and Judge Charles A. Pollock. Mrs. E. C. Watkins, state treasurer, presided.

Fargo Y. P. B. celebrated Victory Day at the home of the general secretary, Miss Helen Watkins. Some new Normal students were present. "What the Youth of Today Owes Prohibition," was the subject assigned Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, who gave a practical talk to the young people. Games and music, with refreshments,

concluded a pleasant evening.

Fargo Scandinavian union celebrated at the First Lutheran church, Mrs. Julia D. Nelson presiding. Mrs. J. H. Dahl was at the piano and vocal numbers were given by Mr. Henry Gustofson. Rev. Thos. W. Gales, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was the principal speaker and gave many encouraging statements regarding the progress of prohibition. He introduced the Rev. O. J. Bagne who has come to assist in the work of the League. Remarks were made by Rev. W. H. Westby and a generous offering was received. Refreshments were served by the social committee.

Grand Forks unions held a service in the Grand Theater Sunday night, several churches uniting. Miss Frances M. Wagar presided and music was furnished by some of the city's best talent. Local ministers assisted in the service, the Rev. Orlando Ingvaldstad of the Lutheran church giving the principal address. Some 500 people were in attendance.

Jamestown union put on a Victory meeting at the Presbyterian church the evening of January 16th, with Dr. William E. Roe as the main speaker. He said that on this great anniversary it is wise to renew our faith, think clearly and not be discouraged. "Everyone knows things are not as bad as they used to be," said Dr. Roe, adding that great sums of money are being spent by the opposition to ridicule and belittle prohibition. "There is no middle ground," he declared. "Absolute prohibition is the only ground and there is no going back."

Minot had a great celebration in the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. E. Dier-enfield, pastor of the church, and Rev. G. LeRoy White of the Methodist church, assisting in the service over which Mrs. C. F. Truax presided and also gave a talk on "How Prohibition Came." Mrs. J. H. Mackley gave several vocal numbers which were much appreciated, as were the selections by Misses Helen De La, Kitty McLane, Marjorie McCarroll, Myrtle Holtby and Dorothy Porter and the girls' quartette. Mrs. J. H. Colton was at the organ. Mrs. G. LeRoy White and Miss E. Torsee gave an appropriate playlet. There were prohibition talks in every young people's society and the ministers referred to the subject in their sermons.

Oberon had a joint celebration with the W. C. T. U. and the Y. P. B. and Mrs. F. M. Wanner as the principal speaker.

Park River was especially favored in having the state president, Mrs. Anderson, speak at their celebration in the Presbyterian church when four churches united in the service. Mrs. Cross, local president, was in the chair, introducing the speaker and giving the collection speech to which there was a generous response. Rev. James Anderson of the Methodist church and Rev. James Robertson of the Presbyterian church assisted in the meeting which was largely attended. Members of the different choirs furnished the music, under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Simcox.

At Sykeston, Rev. Sheldon Slater spoke on prohibition at each of his appointments and had an article in the local paper.

At Tower City, Rev. G. B. Caley spoke on "Who Put Across the Prohibition Amendment and Who is Responsible for its Enforcement?" and the local paper published most of his sermon on the front page.

## MRS. EDNA DORN MARKS



Mrs. Marks was a native of Pennsylvania but spent her early years in New York. Coming to North Dakota with her husband, Mr. O. J. Marks, in 1888, and settling at Cando, she became one of the pioneers of this part of the state. In 1894 she was elected president of the First W. C. T. U. district, which position she held acceptably for several years. In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Marks moved to Douglas, N. D., where their home was a center of hospitality and helpfulness to the entire community.

Mrs. Marks was an earnest Christian, a life long member of the Methodist church and active in all its interests. She was a kind neighbor and sincere friend and her loss is deeply felt. Mrs. Marks was a charter member of the first Chautauqua organization at Chautauqua, N. Y. She was also a life member of the state W. C. T. U. and did much to build up the work.

For years Mrs. Marks had been in poor health but last October she had an attack of grippe from the effects of which she never recovered. She passed away at Bismarck, Jan. 7th.

Our sympathy is expressed to Mr. Marks and other relatives and to members of the Douglas union.

"Love's light illumines the pathway they trod—  
Comrades of yesterday—now saints of God."

A laborer in the Sperry Flour Company declared: "Listen, buddy, I used to cash my check in a saloon every Suddaday night, see? Now the wife gets it. I used to wear work shirts an' overalls on Sunday. Now I wear a real suit and a silk shirt and a white collar. I never used to see shows; now we see 'em. I can remember when th' kids had never had a ride in an auto; now we got one, an' it costs me less'n 2 cents to ride to work when it used to cost me a nickel on the street cars. Me—I'm dry!"

While in Mexico City, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was presented with a souvenir cup, mounted on a jeweled model of his plane, by the school children. Our hero declined to accept it until the champagne it contained had been poured out.

Valley City had a strong, logical sermon on the Eighteenth Amendment by the Rev. N. A. Price of the Methodist church.

## MESSAGE FROM L. T. L. SEC.

Dear L. T. L. Leaders:—

The plans and programs for our year's work are before me and I am happy to send these suggestions on to you early in our new year that we may know just what is expected of us.

Our new National L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. Flora Kays Hanson, has outlined our work in such a way that we should all enter into our part in earnest and make this year the best ever.

Point 1 in our goal for 1928 is a doubled membership. We know it is impossible for some legions to double their membership but there are other children near that might be organized if the effort is made.

Point 2 is every member a dues paid member. Let us try to get the dues in early. We are asked to use the Study Course, give examinations and present certificates and diplomas. This Course is listed in L. T. L. Year Book and material can be secured from our State Headquarters. Let us remember the educational program is the big thing in our work.

Pledge signing, without knowledge of its purport and the reasons for it, would be worthless. Let us instruct the children that they may be able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. I have leaflets outlining the duties of L. T. L. officers which I shall be glad to send you. Let us teach our officers these duties and carry on the work in line with National plans that there may be uniformity in all we do.

May we enter into this new year determined to make it the best possible in our L. T. L. Work.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell.

## HOLD A MEDAL CONTEST

Dear Co-Workers:—

No better avenue can be found for telling the world that "Prohibition is the best method" than through the medal contest. Begin with the children and young people in a department that appeals directly to them, and we have no need to fear for the safety of our prohibition law.

Make a special effort to reach the medal winners of ten or twenty years ago. Hold W. C. T. U. historical contests, using cuttings from "Women Torch Bearers" as contained in Medal Contest Reiter No. 7. Gain the co-operation of superintendents and arrange for contests in schools and colleges. A "Medal Contest Tea" may be used to interest teachers and friends.

Do not fail to make your program attractive. Decorate the place where the contest is given. Have good music. Have a "Mothers' and Daughters," contest, musical and declamatory, the daughters to recite and the mothers furnish the music, or vice versa. Send out special invitations to fathers and sons.

Hold as many silver medal contests as possible and go on to a gold medal contest that we may again be able to hold a grand gold contest at our state convention at Minot this fall. We may then be able to look forward to a diamond medal contest.

Remember the young people of today are the voters of tomorrow and we must train them if we expect to keep our prohibition law.

Yours for contests,

Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Director.  
1320 2d Ave. N., Fargo, N. D.

## "AI" SMITH'S RECORD

Because the name of Alfred E. Smith, Governor of the State of New York, is so prominently mentioned as a candidate for President in 1928 on the Democratic ticket, it is important that the facts of his career should be known.

As an organization the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has no part in the controversy in regard to his religion. We are, however, vitally concerned that the man who is nominated and elected as the Chief Magistrate of the United States be a Dry and be ready to fulfill his obligations in the execution of this law as of every other law.

Governor Smith has been in politics for twenty years or more. He was born in the city of New York. Since he has been a politician he has been closely identified with Tammany Hall; Tammany Hall has always been regarded as the protector of the saloon in the old days. They not only stood for Sunday opening but many of their meetings were held in back rooms of saloons.

Governor Smith signed the bill for the repeal of the Mullan-Gage Law. He has been outspoken in his opposition to prohibition and in favor of the return of beer and wine. The entire delegation from New York City has opposed all state enforcement bills and it has been generally understood that they were supporting his policies.

At a hearing in Washington I quoted his statement in regard to the efforts of Senator Edge to have the Volstead Act amended, at which time he said, "I will be glad to go down and help him (Senator Edge) put over his bill if that will get us somewhere where we can put a foot on the rail again and blow off the froth." His friends denied that he said it but I have the testimony of Henry J. Connors of the Syracuse Journal and of other reporters who heard him say it, that my quotation was correct.

Governor Smith's efforts all through his official life have been to promote the measures of the opponents of prohibition. He voted against local option; he voted against city local option; in 1915 he voted against a bill for a referendum on statewide prohibition. He voted for increasing the hours for sale of liquors. As speaker of the Assembly he helped all thru the session to pass a bill legalizing the opening of saloons on Sunday in New York City; he worked to break down protective zones about schools and churches; he ran for Governor the second time on a platform which said: "We favor an amendment to the so-called Volstead Act that will make operative the Act passed by the State Legislature—the Nullification Beer Act and signed by Governor Smith." Repeatedly during the campaign he said he favored the platform declaration.

In a message to the legislature in January, 1923, he again requested the passage of a resolution calling upon Congress to permit the sale of beer and wine.

Notwithstanding he received thousands of protests against the signing of the bill to repeal the Mullan-Gage Law, the State Enforcement Code, he signed the bill and there was great rejoicing in Tammany Hall. He may talk about law enforcement but has never done anything to promote law enforcement. His nomination would be considered a great victory by the

## THE GREAT AMERICAN ADVENTURE

Speaking at the biennial convention of the Anti-Saloon League in Washington, D. C., Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, general secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, said in part:

"Personal liberty is least where there is no law and no government. It is greatest where the strongest prohibitions are enforced against anti-social acts.

"The beverage liquor traffic is not a necessary evil. Such a thing is impossible. If it is necessary, it cannot be evil; if it is evil, it cannot be necessary.

"Reforms are evolutions, and the final test of every reform in the interest of human welfare is not whether it is easy or safe or opportune or expedient, but whether it is right.

"The first necessary legal step in the suppression of any social evil is to deprive that evil of the sanction of the law and the protection of government. Thereafter, such an evil must defend itself in the open, since it cannot longer hide behind the flag of government and law.

"The greatest experiment in social welfare in the modern world is the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"The prime object of the national prohibitory law is 'not to make men good by law.' It is to protect society at large from the anti-social acts of those who insist upon demonstrating that they will 'not be good by law.'

"National prohibition of beverage alcohol is in harmony with the highest purpose of law, namely, 'to make it easy for men to do right and difficult for men to do wrong.'

"The degree of enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment is not a test of the principle of prohibition; it is a test of the ability of free government to effectuate itself.

"Experience has demonstrated that prohibition, with enforcement at its worst, is infinitely better than legally sanctioned beverage alcohol with regulation at its best.

"Strictest enforcement, however, will not guarantee the permanency of prohibition; that can come only thru observance of the law by the people because of their belief in and devotion to the principle which the law is intended to express.

Legislation and enforcement alone can never solve the beverage alcohol problem. That can be done only as enlightened public opinion is translated into law and conduct; and quickened public conscience is expressed in administration of and acquiescence in such law. Therefore the ultimate realization of the temperance reform depends primarily not on legislation but on education. The most important factor in the movement against alcoholism is not the next general election but the next generation."

Wets. It can only be prevented by Dry Democrats refusing to be deceived by claims that he is against the saloon and that he favors law enforcement.

It was Democratic women standing together that prevented his nomination four years ago, and Democratic women standing together can prevent his nomination in 1928!

ELLA A. BOOLE,  
President National W. C. T. U.

## SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR LOCAL MEETING

### Narcotic Education Week

1. Scripture lesson, Ephesians, 6:10-13.

2. Secure a copy of your state narcotic law and have it read at the meeting.

3. Have some one state the facts in regard to the "Harrison Narcotic Act and its Operation."

4. Reading by High School Student of leaflet, "Smoking and Preparation for Life Work as a High School Student Sees it," by Harold Ziebell.

5. Reading, "The Gospel of Pain," by Dr. J. A. Craig of Indiana. This wonderful address was read before the World Conference on Narcotic Education, Nov. 4th, 1927, in New York. You can secure a copy by requesting from Ida Lillian Page, 311 Seventh Street, Union City, New Jersey. Enclose postage.

6. Reading by local director of Miss Helen G. H. Estelle's new leaflet, Doveville Road.

7. Statement of facts to be given by a W. C. T. U. member. Use leaflet, "Tell the World That it is Not Inherent With True Greatness to Drink or Smoke."

8. Short talk by a doctor on narcotics. Try to interest one of the physicians in your community to come to your meeting and give a talk to the women on the effects of narcotic drugs.

9. Reading, Facts about Marijuana.

10. Give the playlet "A Pal of Paul's." This needs three boys and two girls. It introduces the American Sentinel Pledge. This will bring a group of young people to your meeting, which means an enthusiastic meeting. This will be fine training for the "five" and in memorizing the parts they will be learning truths which will make them stronger to resist temptation.

All material suggested in this program can be purchased from National W. C. T. U., except the article "The Gospel of Pain."

### BENEFITS

The benefits of prohibition are on every hand. To see them we have only to open our eyes and look about us, unprejudiced, and compare conditions now with those of ten years ago. As a matter of fact our memories are apt to be very short and we quickly forget the conditions from which we came.

### PROHIBITION PROMOTES PERITY

Figures compiled by W. C. T. U. statisticians show that in nearly every large city in America poverty from intemperance has declined from six per cent to almost a hundred per cent. That means the old drunken slum beggar is passing out; the family that never had enough because the father cashed his pay check in the saloon is now a rare specimen; and in general a survey of the welfare workers' figures indicate that intemperance is strikingly less today than before prohibition.

There are only four cities in the country where there are higher rates of intemperance, figured from a welfare worker's point of view, than prior to prohibition. These are Chicago, an admittedly wet town; Mil-

waukee, former beer center; Stamford, Conn., and Newark, N. J. And all of these cities are resisting the curbing of the right to drink. However, another wet city, New York, shows a thirty per cent decline in charity cases due to intemperance.

Other figures recently compiled by the W. C. T. U. have to do with intemperance as a cause for divorce. One result of the studies is the revelation that drunkenness as a cause for divorce from wives has decreased by sixty per cent. Evidently drinking among women is not on the increase as claimed by the wets. Also general drinking, as revealed by divorce figures, has decreased sixty per cent.

Prohibition has reduced the liquor problem, so far as it relates to our men, to a point where we can easily handle it. Before prohibition there were in each group of five thousand men about one hundred who gave us trouble because of the liquor they drank. Now in each group of five thousand there are not more than ten whose tendency to drink makes us trouble. There are not ten—ten is too high a figure.—Henry Ford.

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