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THE YEAR'S DAWN

Athwart the night the sweet bells ring
To greet the youthful year.
All care is put away at last,
And dry is every tear.
The Old Year flees, his reign is past,
Though stern his will, and grim—
But let him go, for who would walk
Another mile with him.
The New Year dawns; let war be
done,
Let ancient hatred cease.
Above the battlefields of earth
The stars sing songs of peace.
The morning grows, and hope is new,
And love has cast out fear.
Let every heart be filled with joy,
To hail the glad New Year!
—Thomas Curtis Clark.



Dr. Ella Alexander Boole,
Who Was Unanimously Re-elected
President of the National W. C. T. U.
at the Boston Convention

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

My loving Christmas greetings to you each and every one. May the joy that the Babe of Bethlehem brought to earth fill your hearts and homes, making the year of our Lord 1929 truly a Happy New Year.

The past year has been one of blessed labor and our hearts should sing with praise for the two great victories the Lord has given us. North Dakota, after a hard fight, still holds the prohibition article in its constitution where it has been since the beginning of statehood. North Dakota, considered a doubtful state, gave the dry presidential candidate, Herbert Hoover, a majority of 24,793.

While we rejoice over these victories, we must not think our work is done. The 96,000 wet votes cast at the June primary election show the need for our continuing program of educational work. I am asking every union to do some special educational work this year. If you have not already started the essay contest work in the schools, please see to it at once as this is most important. Have the essays read and the prizes awarded at a meeting to which you invite the public.

Have at least one medal contest during the winter and have it well advertised. Make constant use of our literature. Our new posters are very attractive and should be put up in public places wherever you can get permission. You can get them at State Headquarters for 10 cents each.

How many women in your union will agree to help put our literature into circulation? A good way is to keep a package on writing desk or table and slip one in each letter sent

out. Another way is to keep them in handbag to give out or leave in street cars, busses and trains. Mrs. Margaret Platt, editor of publications, tells of receiving a large order for one of our leaflets from a business man who had picked it up in a street car and was so pleased with it that he wanted more to put into circulation. This, she says, is a result of one dropped seed.

January 16, the ninth anniversary of the adoption of national prohibition, is a splendid opportunity for educational work in the community. Have either luncheon, or banquet or mass meeting. Make the celebration a notable event by securing the co-operation of public officials, ministers, educators and editors. Emphasize the great prohibition victory in the late presidential campaign. Wherever possible, call the attention of the public to this anniversary by having the church bells ring at noon for nine minutes. Begin the celebration Sunday, January 13. Ask ministers to preach on prohibition and its enforcement that day and also arrange for talks on this subject in Sunday schools and young people's meetings. A program and clip sheet for the celebration of this day will be sent to each union.

Please have read and discussed at a local union meeting the Law Enforcement Plans and the Membership Plans adopted by the National convention at Boston and published in the December White Ribbon Bulletin. Notice especially the suggestions recommended to local unions in Law Enforcement Plans and carry them out

as far as possible.

You will notice under the Hold Fast section of the Membership Plans every member of every local union is asked to pay her dues BEFORE the first week in March. Collection of dues is the order of the day during January and February. The first week in March a Hold Fast meeting should be held when this work should be completed by every member, who has not previously paid her dues, doing so.

Then follows the Go Forward campaign. A membership committee of five should be appointed in every local union whose aim is to bring in at least five new members for January, February, March, April and May. The first week in May is Membership Week when EVERY member is asked to win at least one new member from her church, club or among her friends. Please remember that the Hold Fast part of the membership campaign is fully as important as the Go Forward part and work should begin at once. The names of all Hold Fast unions, (those having collected dues for as many as paid dues last year), will be published in the April number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

The state legislature will be in session early in January. We are working for a bill prohibiting the sale of malt products for the purpose of manufacturing intoxicating liquor. If you have not interviewed the members of your district, please write them at once asking their support of this measure.

Yours loyally,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.
Park River, N. D., Dec. 20, 1928.

PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

Jan. 16, 1929

The law enforcement plans adopted at the convention in Boston include asking ministers to preach anniversary sermons on Sunday, January 13, arranging for talks in Sunday School and in Young People's meetings.

They further include the celebration of Wednesday, January 16th, the ninth anniversary of the adoption of prohibition, with mass meetings, luncheons and banquets. Where this is prayer meeting night it is recommended that arrangements be made for union services. Make the celebration a notable event by securing the co-operation of public officials, ministers, editors and educators.

Remember to take an offering for the Stevens Legislative Fund for from this fund the legislative work of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union is supported. It is recommended that the attention of all

the people may be called to this anniversary by having the church bells rung at noon for nine minutes. In the working out of these recommendations the following program is suggested:

General Theme: "Give Prohibition Its Chance—The Liquor Traffic Had Its Day."

Posters: 1. "National Prohibition Birthday Greeting." 2. "Give Prohibition Its Chance—The Liquor Traffic Had Its Day."

3. "Obey the Law. It Takes Two to Make a Bootlegger."

Music: 1. "America the Beautiful," No. 18, W. C. T. U. Songs. 2. "Forward to Enforce the Constitution," No. 12. 3. "We Must Enforce the Law," No. 4. 4. "Crusade Glory Song," No. 6. 5. "This Is My Father's World," No. 29.

Topics: "When the Liquor Traffic Had Its Day;" In the Nation; In Our State; In Our Community.

Give Prohibition Its Chance" In the Home; In Society; In the Courts; In the States; In Legislation.

N. B. Any two or more of these subjects may be combined. It is not necessary to cover all the topics and additional subjects may be substituted. This general theme may be employed, whatever the type of meeting planned. Addresses should be short and to the point, and it helps in securing an audience if many people are interested. A Young People's Chorus to lead the singing is recommended.

The birthday greetings should be ordered in quantity and displayed in public meetings and in homes. The large posters may be a part of the window exhibit or may be shown at the public meeting; later they can be placed on Bulletin boards.

As far as we have heard, Minot is the only union sponsoring a local contest under the national contest put on by Mr. W. C. Durant. Prizes were given locally to the winners, Miss Braaflaft, Frances Campbell and Reed Wooldridge. At a recent meeting, the prize winning essay of Miss Braaflaft, which was sent to the national contest, was heard with attentive interest. In the high school contest at Teachers College, Misses Albina Sanden and Elene Johns won first and second places respectively.

Mrs. Bertha R. Palmer, State Superintendent Public Instruction, has issued a pamphlet for the observance of Temperance Day in Schools, the third Friday in January, and Frances E. Willard's heavenly birthday, February 17.

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MRS. HOLCOMB MAKES HER BOW

When our dear secretaries Mrs. Barbara Wylie and Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley welcomed me as director of this department I was quite apprehensive as to my ability to carry on, but I am sure that with the co-operation of the anti-narcotic department of each union in the state, which I covet, we can make this department a banner one.

The cigarette became popularized during the World War purely through sentiment, and the Tobacco Trust can afford to keep up its popularity thru high priced advertising and fraudulent signatures. Only through educating the children can we combat the consequent evil.

Smoking cigarettes and drug addiction are so closely related to the "Crime Wave" that through mature deliberation of those persons who were familiar with the narcotic situation the Harrison Act was secured. This act prohibits the manufacture, sale, and use of drugs only in pharmacies which are carefully inspected, but like the 18th amendment, it fails in enforcement. I am fully convinced that the enforcement of all laws begins in the home and school and a delinquent parent is a tragedy. The Narcotic department of the W. C. T. U. has every means to educate the young on the disastrous effect of drugs, through books, pamphlets, leaflets, etc. A very popular way of getting these to the children is by essay contests. All the contestants cannot win the prize but each has secured an everlasting benefit. I am mailing sample leaflets to every director in the state trusting that this subject will be agitated. Once I furnished blotters for the High and Junior High School for examination with my compliments and a request that the quotation on each be memorized.

Yours for service,
Mrs. J. M. Holcomb,

Director of Anti-Narcotics.
Jamestown, N. D.

ESTATE NOTE

1928

For value received I hereby instruct the executor or administrator of my estate to pay to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, or order, the sum of _____ within six months of the date of my death.

Signed -----

A Happy New Year to all our comrades and friends!

We congratulate Mrs. Kate S. Wilder on her election as secretary of the Board of National Directors at the Boston convention, and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell on receiving from the national L. T. L. secretary a gift for efficiency in her state work.

Since our last report, the Cooperstown union sent \$5 for the Campaign Fund. Of this, \$1 was turned over to the national fund and the balance used in state work. Calvin sent \$6 to national fund, giving us a total credit there of \$50.00.

Cando had a dues-paying social, held reception for city teachers, packed a box of clothing and fruit for the Florence Crittenton home. They have had several interesting programs. At the December meeting, Mrs. Carrie E. Madison read a fine paper on "Memories of the Crusade."

Linton union published "W. C. T. U. Whispers" in local paper every month and for three weeks before election, published them weekly. These "Whispers" are loud enough to attract a good deal of attention.

The Fourth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War will be held at Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., January 14-17, with a most interesting and timely program. We wish North Dakota might be represented at this important gathering.

MRS. CLARK'S APPEAL

Dear Co-Workers:—I trust many of you used The Union Signal as a Christmas present and that we will begin this new year with a determination to do better work for temperance and prohibition by gaining more subscribers for our national official papers.

Let us have a Union Signal promoter in every union and work hard to reach our quota—one-sixth of the membership subscribing—and then report it that we may go to the National convention next year with victory on our banners.

Plan for Union Signal day, March 20th. A fine serial will begin soon. Keep after the renewals. Let us be faithful.

Lovingly yours,
Mrs. Geo. F. Clark,
132 So. Waiola Ave.,
La Grange, Ill.

A MYSTERY BAG SALE

For raising the budget, a mystery bag sale is suggested. Paper bags with rhymes pinned on the outside, contain the various articles described in the verses, and are sold at any price agreed upon. Here are some of the verses and others may be furnished to any who are interested:

"These nuts grew not upon a tree nor in a garden plot,
And where the kernel ought to be is but an empty spot." (doughnuts)
"Sometimes we're sour, sometimes we're sweet,"
And without us a picnic is never complete." (pickles)
"A prize she gets when this she buys,
She'll work with the wets till they all become drys." (dish towel)

MRS. WILDER'S CONVENTION STORY

Beginning with Sunday, where Mrs. Anderson left off, there will not be space to tell you of the wonderful music and speeches that featured the program of the National convention. Mr. Eustice B. Rice, organist at Tremont Temple where the convention was held, gave several recitals that were outstanding. The climax was reached Sunday night when with several other noted people, Mr. Gifford Gordon of Australia, spoke to us. The large auditorium and both balconies were filled to capacity and, at an overflow meeting, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns and Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo were the speakers.

I think you would like to hear a little about the social side of the convention. First was the reception given to the members of the executive committee by the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. at their Headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue. It was largely attended and tea, cakes and candy were served, but the best part was the opportunity to visit the splendid building which is four stories high and is owned by the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. They have spacious offices and reception rooms and rent the other rooms to young women away from home.

The Department luncheons were very social and yet were of benefit as conferences. Mrs. Annie M. Bennett, in charge of arrangements, had found many desirable places near the Temple where a good meal could be had for 75 cents, which was the price at every luncheon. I attended one each day they were held and think they were of great benefit. The Child Welfare and the Narcotic luncheons were at a very daintily arranged place known as the Girls' Study Club, and the Institute luncheon was at the Commonwealth Hotel. The latter occurred on the day that most of the delegates made the trip to Concord and Lexington, so there was a great rush for fear some one might miss the bus. There were 41 present and at least 35 of them spoke briefly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson returned thanks; Mrs. De Yo and Mrs. Hoge, our national secretaries, were the speakers. Mrs. Mitchell, President of South Dakota; Mrs. Sizer, President of Minnesota; Mrs. Roberts, President of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Lee, National Director Child Welfare, were among the others who spoke briefly as there was just an hour for the entire affair.

A treat for me was the directors' breakfast, held at 7:30 a. m. at the Parker House, twenty directors and four guests being present. It was a delightful affair and a chance to meet the directors informally. The Concord-Lexington trip was marred by the fact that the day was rainy and cold but many went to see the historic places and to witness the placing of a wreath on the grave of Louisa M. Alcott, returning in time for the evening meeting.

On Friday, at the close of the post executive, members of the committee were invited to be the guests of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. on a trip to historic Plymouth Rock. Many had started for home but over fifty accepted the gracious hospitality of Massachusetts. While in Plymouth, they were guests of the Plymouth W. C. T. U. for luncheon.

The great social event of the convention was the splendid banquet served on Wednesday night at the fine new Statler Hotel in Boston. About 800 delegates and friends enjoyed the affair. Miss Helen Byrnes led a chorus of young people in many songs during the evening and there were spirited demonstrations, especially from the states that wanted the next national convention. After the four course banquet, we listened to thirty-six state presidents, whose states had made a net gain in membership, tell in a few moments, something about their states. I was very proud of the excellent one-minute speech made by Mrs. Anderson.

There came invitations from Milwaukee, Seattle, Columbus, Tulsa, Boston and Indianapolis for the next convention. At the executive meeting the following day, it was decided to go to Indianapolis in 1929. The banquet program concluded, as it always does, with the joining of hands around the table and the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

It was a great pleasure to meet Mrs. E. W. Blackwell, formerly of Cooperstown but now of Chicago, who joined us there on the special train. There were many inquiries for North Dakota friends by people from other states.

Of course you know the general officers were all re-elected; but do you know that from now on, we are to elect the treasurer before we elect the recording secretary? Most of the directors were re-appointed but Miss Sewall of the Flower Mission department, because of ill health, declined re-election, much to everyone's regret. Mrs. Steele of Seattle is the new director of the department of Parliamentary Usage, taking the place held so long by Mrs. Gleason, who passed away during the year.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Mrs. Helen B. Anthony of Niagara Falls, N. Y., representing the Women's Peace Union, recently made a tour of our state in the interest of her work, speaking in eleven cities to clubs, colleges and church groups. Mrs. Anthony remarked that in many ways, North Dakota is more advanced in social legislation than is New York.

In the Niagara Falls Gazette of Nov. 23d Mrs. Anthony is quoted as saying:

"North Dakota has always had prohibition. The W. C. T. U. is greatly honored in that state. It was a most pleasing shock when I first visited different campaign headquarters to have the men voice so frankly their dry sentiments and general approval of the W. C. T. U. Senator Frazier is himself dry—has always been opposed to the liquor traffic, just as he has always been opposed to the military machine."

"North Dakota abolished capital punishment some years ago. North Dakota also takes for granted that women shall serve on juries. Not only in that but in all fields of endeavor one finds women far more influential than in the East. There are many women in the legislature. In all my travels through the state I met only one stupid woman—and she had the honor of being the winner of a marathon dance!"

L. T. L. COLUMN

We have welcomed several new legions during the past four weeks—Barton and Bottineau among them.

The state secretary met with the L. T. L. at Minnewaukan in November and found a very interested bunch of legioners who are trying to be 100 per cent efficient this year and earn pennant.

Minot is doing splendid work under the leadership of Mrs. C. W. Smith, assisted by Mmes. McFall and Mackley. They have paid dues for 40 members and meet twice each month in the city library.

Jamestown L. T. L. meets Sunday afternoons with Mrs. J. E. Minner as leader and Miss Esther Gorton, pianist. They are taking up the outlined lessons and programs.

Mrs. Flora Kays Hanson, national L. T. L. secretary, writes that more children have used the study course, received certificates and diplomas this year than in some time past. We hope all our legions in North Dakota will use these lessons, take the required examinations and receive diplomas this year.

The state secretary was very happily surprised on receiving from the national L. T. L. secretary recently, a beautiful leather card case, with the W. C. T. U. monogram, as a reward for efficient work in this department last year. This prize gift is very much appreciated and will always be a loving reminder of the work with the boys and girls in North Dakota.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
Secretary.

LET US PRAY!

Most of the unions reported work done in this department last year but, if we realize that "Prayer changes things," more can be accomplished next year.

First of all, our national director, Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, has asked us to pray earnestly at this time that God will bless and protect our President-elect Hoover, guide him in the selection of his cabinet and give him wisdom in all things that he may be able to lead the nation in paths of safety, sobriety and righteousness.

Let us plan to have a short devotional service to open all our meetings. When the new Plan of Work is out, it will be sent, with leaflets, to all unions. Let us not only read the plan of work but work the plan as far as possible. Tennyson says:—"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me, night and day,
For what are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains around the feet of God."

Mrs. Mabel Seea,
Dickey, N. D. Director.

In expecting to much from life we often miss some of its sweetest joys.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 20-Dec. 20

DUES—Fargo \$21.70, Omemee, Willard, 1.00, Larimore 2.10, Adams 2.10, Jamestown 21.70, Buxton 11.90, Minnewaukan L. T. L. 2.50, Hannah 10.50, Minot L. T. L. with exc. 3.00, Cando 21.00, Mayville 14.70, Ray 2.80.

BUDGET—Fargo Scan. complete \$130.00, Abercrombie 25.00, Williston 8.00, Lakota 20.00, Cando com. 67.60, Fordville 15.00.

MISCELLANEOUS — West Fairview, Near East, \$2.00; Cando, Life Line Union, 5.00; Ray, Florence Crittenton Home, 5.00; Fairdale 5.50.

STATE REPORTS—The following have sent 75c each: New Rockford, West Fairview, Jamestown, Prosper, Bantry, Fairdale, Hatton, Cando, Fargo, Sheyenne, Rugby. Fargo Scan. \$2.50.

Dear Sisters:

January is the month we begin to collect dues and make an effort to get all in during the month, if possible. This gives us the remaining part of the year to get new members, and work for a better increase in membership than the year past. Let us try to make this year the best we have had in the state's work of our organization.

The past year has been one of great blessing to us, and the result of the Presidential election has been an encouragement to us to "Hold Fast and Go Forward" as nothing else has been since the Eighteenth Amendment was passed. But we must not think the work is over for us, but strive to do more this year, gain many new members, thereby gaining more who will help us win the coming battles for righteousness.

Those who have not sent in the membership lists for the year past WILL PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE! Many have come in since last month's issue of the Bulletin, but there are still lists that we must have SOON.

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

RATIFY THE MULTILATERAL TREATY (Paris Peace Pact")

Why?
Because the Paris Pact Renounces War as an Instrument of National Policy.

Because the Paris Pact has already been signed by All the Great Powers and by many of the small nations.

Because the Paris Pact gives greater Security to Small as well as Large Nations.

Because the Paris Pact facilitates Further Reduction of Armaments by International agreement.

Because the Paris Pact means that the New World joins with the Old World in Keeping the Peace of the World.

On the shield carried by North Dakota in The Union Signal demonstration at the Boston convention are two stars, one for Fairmount with a doubled subscription list and the other for Fargo with a number of subscribers equal to one-sixth of its membership. Congratulations! But there is room for many more.

Y. P. B. COLUMN

Introducing Mrs. Moyer, Our New Y. P. B. Secretary.

Greetings to you, dear friends, this glad New Year! May your work succeed and may you increase your numbers greatly! During the year, I hope to meet with many of you in your local branches. May I urge you to keep your organizations working, even though you may have few members. If you keep up your work and do something worthwhile, you will be rewarded with an increased enrollment.

Perhaps you find it difficult to secure a leader. If so, just take your Year Book to some good W. C. T. U. woman, show her the programs as planned and tell her you will do all the work if she will only lead. Surely she will be glad to help such a willing group. Do the work yourselves. Plan each program at a previous meeting and select your place of meeting. Your W. C. T. U. leader will be a figure head but a friendly one.

Each Y. P. B. can help with the anniversary meetings for January 16, contributing musical numbers, prepared papers, short plays or readings. I shall be glad to make other suggestions if you will write me for them.

Every branch should follow a definite study program of some nature. Fargo Y. P. B., under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Wilder, is enjoying "Studies of Citizenship." The Year Book offers many ideas and good suggestions are to be found in some of the Y. P. B. literature. Provide some means to raise funds for the Y. P. B. Charge a small sum for lunch, if you serve one, have a candy or homemade doll sale or give a public program, suited to your particular group.

Whatever you do, let your efforts call forth the very best in you, for the Master desires no hidden talents. Remember our motto—"No good thing is failure; no evil thing, success." Let us succeed.

Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer.

Makoti, N. D.

(We are glad to welcome Mrs. Moyer and to announce that she will be ready to accept calls for field work after the first of the year.—Ed.)

Newspaper reports indicate that official luncheons and dinners being given to President Elect Hoover on his South American trip are "dry" out of deference to Mr. Hoover's views and because South America realizes that the United States elected as president a man who said he wishes prohibition to be a success.

the regulation that not more than one-fourth of the material may be quoted and what is quoted should always be in quotation marks.

Let me say, however, that the grade of the work submitted shows an encouraging rise of level and we feel it is worth while to set high standards. Essays sent to the national contest this year were of a very fine grade and I hoped some of them would win a prize. But we will keep on trying and some day we shall be successful again.

"New occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth, They must upward still, and onward, Who would keep abreast of truth."

Lillie B. Smith,
Thompson, N. D. State Director



Miss Helen Nelson, Grand Forks Prize Winner in the Senior High Essay Contest of the Past Year.

BOOST THE ESSAY CONTEST

I am wondering, dear sisters, if we realize that one-third of our school year has gone and if we have accomplished as much in this department, as we had planned to do. With the work and excitement of election, Thanksgiving, and Christmas so close at hand, we have been and still are, very busy women.

Miss Stoddard says, "The school has the power to end the evils of alcoholism by teaching up-to-date truth about alcohol and human well-being." Believing this to be true, let us turn our attention to the work of the prize essay contest. Seek an interview with your teachers and ask their co-operation. Give them literature on the subject, announce the prizes your union will give and place in the school for reference, appropriate leaflets, books, The Union Signal and the Young Crusader. Try for a contest among your teachers. It will be of great value. If you have not received a copy of Subjects and Rules for this new year, with some literature, write me and I shall be glad to supply you.

Where there is a Normal College, I hope this work will be taken up as our young teachers need the training themselves in order to be able to give it to their pupils in an interesting way. I wish we might have more interest taken in the posters. Drawing will sometime be a pleasure where writing is a cross.

Please remember that every essay or poster sent me should bear the full name and address of the sender. It delays matters when I have to write back for the name and I cannot send the check to the prize-winner, report the contest nor forward essays to National director, without it.

Make sure that the writers discuss the subjects assigned. If the subject is "Total Abstinence," a paper dealing with "Prohibition" does not meet the requirement. On the topic "What Effects of Alcohol Make Total Abstinence Important in Modern Methods of Travel?" the writer who does not deal with the effects has not properly treated the subject, even though he may write a brilliant generalization on sobriety. When reasons are asked, they should be given.

Under General Directions, note the point about quotations. Some papers this year were largely quotations taken from reference leaflets. That is not good personal work. Emphasize

PROMOTED

Rev. E. E. Saunders, a retired minister, who of late years lived in Fargo; an honorary member of the W. C. T. U.; publisher of the State Record and interested in the Old Settlers' Association; always active in temperance and prohibition work; called to higher service November 13.

Mr. John Orpe, honorary member of the Nekoma union and husband of its beloved president, a sweet-spirited, Christian man, who read The Union Signal and sent it to the library of his home town of Hereford in Herefordshire, England.

Roy Wilber McConnachie, son of Mrs. Wm. McConnachie, president of the Fordville union, who, while driving a truck near Forest River, was struck by a train at a crossing and passed away soon afterwards.

Mrs. Lenna Leer, a loyal member of the Fargo Scandinavian union and one of the delegates to the National convention at Los Angeles two years ago. Mrs. Leer left this fall, as was her custom, to spend the winter in California but, on December 9th, was called to "The Land that is Fairer than Day."

When the anxious heart says,
"Where?"

God doth answer, "In My care." Were they frightened at the last? "No, the fear of death was past." Do they need our tenderness? "Where is love like mine to bless?" Father, tell us, where are they? "In My keeping, night and day."

THE CHILD OUR CHIEF ASSET

Margaret B. Platt

"The world revolves about the child. In the child's tiny fingers, head and heart, lies the weal, or woe of the future. He is a bank, developing strength and power with the advancing years of his childhood. What is drawn from that bank in the years that are to come depends upon what is deposited there while he is still a child. We cannot deposit carelessness, neglect and indifference and expect, in later years, dividends of knowledge, integrity and righteousness.

Childhood is the chief asset in the home, in the community and in Christian civilization. Hasten the day when the 'child in the midst' shall come to his appointed place."—Marion Lawrence.

"Surely if we are at all justified in looking about us for indications as to the nature of Divine purpose" says Prof. George Albert Coe, "we must be forced to the conclusion that the plan of God is to build His kingdom in cooperation with us, through the rising generation." In our great campaign against lawlessness and in our desire to hasten the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth, no greater contribution can be made by the Christian womanhood of America than the enlistment and training of the youth of the land for total abstinence and law observance and the instillation into their minds and hearts of the laws of health, the laws of their country and the laws of God.

The home, the church, the school and the Loyal Temperance Legion are great social units, each with its distinctive function, yet all serving as powerful contributing agencies in the development of the physical, mental, moral and spiritual side of child life.

Dr. James M. McQuilkin, in an address before the National Reform Association, emphasized our duty toward the future citizens of our nation.

He declared that "The curse of America today is lawlessness, disrespect for law by all classes. There must be born here a new respect for law.

"Daniel Webster said once, 'The right of a nation to punish crime includes the duty to teach morals.' That is a great dictum of a worthy exponent of American law and government. 'The right to punish crime includes the duty of the nation to teach morals.' There is no system of morals equal to that system that comprises the body of the teachings of the Christian religion. No other book is so complete a volume as is the Holy Bible. The making of the best American citizens requires the best available text books. Love of America and love of our fellowmen oblige us to give the future citizens of our nation the most expert teaching and interpretation of the Word of God in our public schools.

"In a French court of justice a few years ago, a young Frenchman was on trial for murder, and all the evidence in the case tended to incriminate the young man—with no defense whatsoever. Evidently he could not escape the guillotine. His attorney knew this.

"As the trial progressed the young man grew interested in a portrait of the head of Christ of Nazareth hanging on the wall of the court room. He questioned his attorney about the picture. And when the judge asked the attorney for the defendant to present his case he startled the court by replying, 'Your Honor, if it please you, I have no defense for my client. But your Honor, I wish to say that it is not right that the government of France, should take the life of my young client. This young man saw for the first time, in a court of justice where he is on trial for his life, the picture of the Savior. I submit to you that had my young client seen this picture in childhood and been properly taught concerning Him, he would not be here today. It is not right to punish one for that which the government of France has not made it possible for one to know is wrong.'

"I am not sure whether the attorney's plea was valid or not in a court of justice. But I do know that Webster's word is true and logical. 'The right of the state to punish crime includes the duty to teach morals.'

As Christian citizens we cannot evade our responsibility to the child in our midst. "For want of knowledge do the people perish." How strange, how pitiful it is in the light of the truth about alcohol, that liquor still sits a welcome guest at so many tables, a constant inmate of so many homes, companion of father, mother and even of children—attractive, alluring but secretly sending its poisonous taints of disease and degeneracy into their bodies, brains, intellects and characters.

(This leaflet published by the National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill., at 45 cents per 100.)

Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota is issuing for the state press notes on the important doings of Congress, under the caption—"From a Senator's Desk." Limited space forbids us to quote at length from these news items.

IS ALCOHOL A MEDICINE?

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

When I receive the new Plan of Work for our department, I will send it to you with appropriate leaflets. These should be regarded as an army regards weapons in time of war. They should not be left idle but used to battle against indifference, prejudice, and ignorance of the newer thought as to the nature of alcohol.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen once said: "If the W. C. T. U. really desires to see prohibition a success, they must work against alcoholics as medicine." She told of a Scotch physician who once said, humorously, at a medical banquet "The man who invented whiskey is the best friend the medical profession ever had" because whiskey is the cause of much disease and many accidents.

Twenty-one states have outlawed the sale and prescription of wine, brandy and whiskey as medicine, and physicians in those states declare they are quite successful in their practice without these liquors. Some go so far as to say they are glad they cannot be made purveyors of liquor in any way. Should the W. C. T. U. not work earnestly to procure similar laws in the other twenty-seven states?

In North Dakota, physicians may administer liquor but may not prescribe it nor leave it for others to administer. Some physicians are lax about this saying they cannot always be on hand when the liquor is needed so leave a little to be given by the nurse, if necessary.

Before our state legislature meets in January, may we not interview our legislators asking them to support any measure that may be introduced to dispense with the use of liquor as medicine, placing the same restrictions on it that are placed on other poisonous or habit-forming drugs? Let us make this one of our goals for this year.

I hope every union will devote at least one meeting, and more if possible, to the study of this department and do not forget to report it. For current events at such meetings, we can give selections from leaflets, The Union Signal and the splendid talk sheet sent out by our national director of this department, Dr. Hutchins.

Offer a prize to children about 12 years of age for the best poster on "A Safe Medicine Cabinet—No Wine, Brandy, Whiskey or Alcoholic Patent Medicine in It," or "A Sick Child Should Have No Whiskey," or some similar topic. If essays are preferred, the topic might be, "Twenty-one States Forbid the Prescription of Whiskey and Brandy. Why?" There are so many things that might be done and each union can find what is best suited to its own particular community.

May our Heavenly Father guide us in our department work that we may be of the most service to others.

Loving yours,

Annie F. Catherwood.

Park River, N. D.

VISUALIZE OUR PRINCIPLES

Dear Co-workers:

A Happy New Year to all. We have passed through a very critical year and have won a great victory for prohibition. Our women rallied to the call and helped elect a dry man to the presidency of the United States.

Now we must carry on the educational work of our organization. Through the departments of Fairs and Exhibits we can visualize our dry principles by poster, picture play, parade pageants, and exhibit. Let each union in the state take an active part this year. You do not have to hold a state or county fair in your town in order to have a part in the Fairs and Exhibit department of our organization. Let us spread the gospel of law enforcement and clean living by visualized publicity. Let us double our reports this year.

Yours in loving service,
Bessie Darling.

Grand Forks, N. D.

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New Posters

National Prohibition Birthday Greetings

Price 10 cents each; 60c per dozen. Give Prohibition Its Chance—The Liquor Traffic Had Its Day. Obey the Law. It Takes Two to Make a Bootlegger. Price 15 cents each; 2 for 25 cents; \$1.50 per dozen.

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Mr. Harold Shaft of Fargo, member of the law firm of Burdick, Shaft and Burk, Fargo and Williston, who has been named by James Morris, attorney general elect, as an assistant attorney general, is the son of a W. C. T. U. mother and comes from a prohibition home.

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