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MISS MARY B. ERVIN

This gifted, consecrated worker has been warmly welcomed on her first visit to North Dakota where she is spending a month—May 14—June 14. Her college education, extensive travel at home and abroad, her sympathetic understanding, and clear spiritual vision have fitted Miss Ervin to become a specialist in work for children and young people. Her winsome personality and enthusiasm make her a popular leader.

Miss Ervin served as National General Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion for several years and in 1920, at the World's convention in London, was elected World's superintendent of the L. T. L. Her itinerary in our state has included Sunday schools, high schools, colleges, district conventions, church services, the state Sunday School convention and the state conference of the Congregational church.

GOD OF THE OPEN AIR

These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Peace of the silent hills,
Shelter of forest, comfort of the grass,

Music of birds, murmur of little rills,
Shadow of clouds that quickly pass,
And after showers'
The smell of flowers
And of the good, brown earth—
And best of all, along the way, friend-
ship and mirth.

So let me keep
These treasures of the humble heart.
—Henry Van Dyke.

ARE YOU CIRCULATING THE
YOUTH'S ROLL CALL?

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

It was a beautiful surprise you gave me on my birthday. I am at a loss to know how to express my appreciation for the loving thought which prompted the gift. The gift itself, I am frank to confess is something I have long coveted—a colonial coverlet! It is the famous lover's knot, pine tree border, in blue and white. It was woven by hand in one of the mountain homes of Virginia, just as our great grandmothers wove these coverlets in Colonial days. It is interesting to know that Queen Mary of England has been presented with one of the same pattern and has expressed her delight with the gift which is now being used in Buckingham Palace. The coverlet you gave me will be on exhibition at the state convention at Cando next fall, where you will have the opportunity of seeing how beautiful it is. It will doubtless long outlast my need for coverlets but it cannot outlast my love for the donors—the women of the W. C. T. U. of North Dakota.

We are anxious to know the results of the National membership campaign which closed May 31st. Will the corresponding secretary of each union please send at once, the NUMBER of new members gained to our state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wylie, and will the treasurer of each union please send at once the NAMES of new members, with their dues, to our state treasurer, Mrs. Watkins? This will enable us to check up what has been accomplished in the campaign and new names will be added to our lists on file in Washington. While the national campaign is closed, please remember that the state campaign does not close until Sept. 1st.

While some unions have done splendidly, others have not even reported that they have held fast to the membership of last year. If our organization grows as it should, it is necessary that every union make a determined effort to reach two objectives—first, to be a Hold Fast union, second, over and above this, to make a net gain. The success of our great work depends upon the individual effort of every member. If you haven't done your share, the state campaign gives you another chance. Please do not neglect it.

You recall that a part of the membership plan was that one new union should be organized in each county. I am looking to each district president to see that this is done in the counties of her district. Each district

president is an organizer and is perhaps better fitted to do this than any one else, for no one knows the conditions in the district as well as she. All our towns with a population of 10,000 or over are organized. Towns with a population of between 5,000 and 10,000 are organized with one exception—Mandan. Towns between 2,000 and 5,000, that are not organized are Dickinson, Harvey and Wahpeton. Towns between 1,000 and 2,000 that are not organized are—Beach, Casselton, Enderlin, Hebron, Hillsboro, Kenmare, Langdon, Lidgerwood and Wishen. Will district presidents please carefully cultivate these towns that are in their domain, and also smaller communities where organizations may be effected.

District conventions are now in full swing and before this letter is read, most of them will have been held. Reports of attendance, interest and enthusiasm are most cheering. Mrs. Boole writes: "I know of no better way to meet the attacks of the opponents of prohibition than by putting over an aggressive membership campaign and an aggressive campaign for law observance is the next step." There is no better way to work for law observance than to circulate Youth's Roll Call. The goal is a million signatures of young people between the ages of 14 and 30, before Nov. 3, World's Temperance Sunday. This will be a recognition of the anniversary of the election of a President who took his oath of office with the Bible open at this verse: "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he who keepeth the law, happy is he," and this was the theme of his inaugural address. Youth's Roll Call not only pledges the young people to total abstinence, law observance and law enforcement but is the most effective answer to wet propaganda, circulated the world over, that American young people are opposed to prohibition. North Dakota's quota is 17,835 signatures. This is carefully worked out for all states at the rate of five for each member of the W. C. T. U. and ten for each member of the Y. P. B., based on last year's membership. If every local and district organization will cooperate, we shall reach our quota and accomplish a piece of work that will be of lasting benefit to our young people and to our state.

If we are able to read the signs of the times aright, our courage and faith will be strengthened. It is true the enemy is working with the energy of despair. Wet propaganda was never more subtle, insidious and vicious.

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MRS. BESSIE LATHE SCOVELL

We are fortunate in securing for work in the summer schools this year an enthusiastic and experienced leader who has spent years in the school room and who thoroughly understands the teacher's problems. Mrs. Scovell has long been an officer in the Minnesota W. C. T. U. and at present is serving as vice president of our sister organization. She keenly realizes the necessity for instructing the rising generation in principles of law observance and law enforcement and is anxious to assist the teacher in this great task.

Her schedule with us covers the period of June 18-July 2 and takes her to the schools at Ellendale, Valley City, Fargo, Mayville, Dickinson and Minot. White ribboners at these places will be glad to welcome Mrs. Scovell and to co-operate with her in the work.

Three members of the Fordville W. C. T. U.—Mmes. Wm. Anton, R. E. Hamilton and Russell Cooper, entertained the union at Dahlen recently. The program outlined the origin, aim and scope of the W. C. T. U., and department directors presented their work in an interesting manner. A bountiful lunch was provided and the co-operation of the Dahlen people much appreciated. This union will present the motion picture—DELIVERANCE—June 12th, at which time Miss Mary B. Ervin will give an address.

Fourth district boasts two new unions—Benedict and Plaza. Benedict was organized by members from Douglas who went over in two automobiles.

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ESTATE NOTE

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 -----
Fargo.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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On the other hand, the cause for this is seen in the fear that President Hoover's program for law enforcement will be carried out. It has been said that it was impossible in America to put a millionaire in jail. The impossible has happened and Mr. Sinclair is behind prison bars. The notorious Chicago gangster, Scarface Al Capone is also in jail—straws show the way the wind is blowing for law enforcement. A new interest in enforcement is shown in some of our small towns and hamlets and we predict it will increase. We understand there will be additions to our federal force in this state, to stop rum-running from the Canadian border.

I am greatly enjoying the district conventions which it is my privilege to attend. At the Thirteenth district convention, a point was made in the discussion on the membership campaign which I think should be passed along. Mrs. Nina Porter, a charter member of the flourishing West Fairview union—a country union—said that the L. T. L. which they have maintained during the 40 years of their organization, furnishes them with their new members. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Ballinger are the only charter members left. Few, if any new people are moving into that country district, they have lost many by death and removal, and if they had not kept up their L. T. L., they would have no union there today. Is your union keeping up an L. T. L. which is your insurance policy for the future?

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Rock Lake conducted essay and medal contests. Fairmount put on essay contests from the third grade to the high school.

MRS. WANNER'S WORK

Mrs. Wanner has been a-field 24 days, three days of that time being spent at Dickinson, attending the state conference of the Congregational church. Everywhere she has been received most cordially. Her genial personality, her love for young people and her store of useful knowledge make her a welcome visitor in the school room and she has literally "entered every open door." Youth's Roll Call has been presented and thousands of signatures secured. In addition to work at district conventions, Carrington, Harvey, Balfour, Portal, Columbus, Alamo, Stanley, Des Lacs, Max, Van Hook, Plaza, Rugby and Leeds have been visited and constructive work has been done at each place. A splendid L. T. L. of 55 members was organized at Van Hook, with Mrs. E. A. Nelson, superintendent. At Plaza a local union of 13 members was organized. As Mrs. Wanner was leaving the high school at Rugby, the students shouted—"What's the matter with Mrs. Wanner?" and the answer—"She's all right!" Then, quick as a flash—"It's all right!" and "Rugby says so!" etc. If all our high school students think so and say so, the future of prohibition is safe.

The state president, Mrs. Anderson, attended conventions in the Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth districts; the vice-president, Mrs. Wanner, in the Third, Fourth and Fifth districts and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder was the speaker at the Twelfth district convention at Montpelier.

Mrs. John Orpe, president of the Nekoma union since its organization, was the guest of honor at a party given by the members in celebration of her birthday. Mrs. Orpe was presented with a gift and refreshments were served.

At a regular meeting of the Minot W. C. T. U., Mrs. Mabel Lindgren, a member of the last State Legislature, discussed the responsibility of parents for law observance and law enforcement. Winners in the essay contest held in Junior high school, read their essays, Mary Mackley being first, Luverne Shearer second, Marian Shirley third. Mrs. C. A. Wiley was program leader and Mrs. F. E. Martin led devotions. Dora Merriman, Lillian Dove and Arville Harris, medalists, represented Minot in the gold medal contest at the district convention at Parshall.

In connection with Mrs. Anderson's address at Hannah, the prize essays were read and prizes awarded. In the high school contest, Aleda Ackland was first and Irene Start, second. Viola Hunking was first and Irene Blake second, in the seventh and eighth grade. Miss Hilda Witt read "College Oil Cans" and Prof. Ray Stern gave cornet solos with Miss Viva Dean at the piano.

Our Y. P. B. secretary, Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer, has been in attendance at conventions in the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth districts, speaking in the interests of the young people's work and contributing to the program beautiful vocal solos.

FLOWER MISSION DAY

Dear Fellow Workers:

June 9th is coming—our gladsome day and our day to make some glad. Endeavors' and intentions are teeming all over the state, but if your plans fall down, Flower Mission Day is any day in June—and any day in the year. So do not be discouraged if your designs slip.

Our members are launched on a joyous enterprise, to bring cheer to desperate hearts—and agents of cheer have exquisite privileges. Thru supplying physical needs or desires first we are often able to step inside the door of reticence and extend real healing of heart and soul. With all reverence, may we not liken this department somewhat to the Tree of Life, with twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month—and every day?

The Bible is always reminding us that we have wings if we would only use them—privileges of praise, prayer, service. We need to pray that our eyes be opened to see that the "mountains are full of horses and chariots round about"—invisible legions ready to help. We grow discouraged to see the rampancy of crime, the flouting of laws, and to some of us the mix-up of opinions at Washington, but to have faith that the "unseen hosts" are guiding the minds and hearts of men assembled in Congress, that is the principal thing.

To be heralds, torchbearers, comrades! "Not disobedient to the heavenly vision!" These visions that energize us! But we must remember that they are fugitive. The "shapeless fabric of a vision" as Shakespeare terms it, depends for its development entirely on how we obey them; if we delay or refuse, thy fade away and disappear.

Remember our "shut-ins" who so long to do and dare. Last week I learned of a dear woman 88 years of age, who had not walked for twenty years. We, in our full life and strength, realize with difficulty the infinite patience of such as these. We take off our sandals and tread softly. What wonderful luminous lives, bejeweled often with tears we know not of.

You will recall Mrs. Bella Cooke, who for sixty years was imprisoned in a single room by illness, but on her bed of pain wrote three wonderful books that have been a blessing to thousands of readers. We cover our faces when we think of these and remember how we sometimes complain over little annoyances.

So won't you remember specially the older people this year with rides, little sunset teas, tiny remembrances thru the week or whenever possible, and join hands with the L. T. L.'s and all children of that age, who will be out of school, eager to learn and do and be and dare?

Which Union will do the most interesting things?

As June 9th comes on Sunday this year, it is a specially opportune time to enlist the Sunday school children in taking blossoms or fruit to the sick or shut-ins, especially remembering the hospitals. If feasible, give brief outline of object and plans of work of this department before the Sunday School.

Inez Lee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 20-May 20

DUES—Upahm 70c, Mrs. James Holmes, Willard \$1.00, Parshall 70c, Egeland 9.80, Grafton 23.80, Erie 7.00, Niagara 2.80, Hatton 6.30, Hatton Y. P. B. 7.00, Esmond 11.90, Wheelock with exc. 2.90, Powers Lake 1.40, Larimore 2.10, Fargo Scan. 108.50, Bismarck 1.40, Crosby 14.70, Hettinger 70c, Sharon 2.10, Turtle Lake 7.00, Fargo 2.80, Dickey 70c, Mrs. E. M. Davis, Willard \$1.00, Oakes 4.90, Rugby 1.75, Fargo 3.50, Grand Forks 1.40, Fargo Y. P. B. 5.00, Lisbon 3.50.

BUDGET—Ray \$15.00, Edinburg 14.00, Epping 14.00, Hunter, comp., 41.60, Upahm 2.00, Egeland 18.20, Niagara 4.00, Esmond 18.00, Minot with exc. 50.10, Crosby 27.30, Dickey 20.00, Barton 10.40, Grand Forks 25.00.

MISCELLANEOUS—Niagara, reports, 75c; Grand Forks, reps., 1.00; Esmond, reps., 75c; 15th Dist., pdg., 35.00; 12th Dist., convention fee, 10.00; 5th Dist., memorial membership for Rev. Daniel Halfpenny, 10.00 (with exc. 10c).
Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

MISS ERVIN IN NORTH DAKOTA

In addition to the work of Miss Ervin in district conventions, reported on page 4, she has spoken at most of the schools in convention towns and was one of the speakers at the state S. S. convention in Fargo, May 18, 19, addressing groups in the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools and the young people's rally of the state convention. At Mayville, the State Teachers College, the high school and the local union were addressed. May 26, was spent at Towner and Rugby. Miss Ervin was the speaker at the Eighth grade commencement at Ryder. Turtle Lake and Underwood were visited and our friends, Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Watkins of Underwood entertained the speaker over Decoration Day.

Sunday, June 2nd will be spent at Bismarck. Linton and Napoleon will be visited enroute. From the Ellendale convention, Miss Ervin will go to Jamestown for Sunday, the 9th, and to Sheyenne for June 10th. From the convention at Oberon, she will go to Fordville and thence to Edinburg, where, June 14th, she finishes her work with us and goes on to Minnesota. We are truly grateful for the help and inspiration afforded our workers by this talented and devoted young leader.

HOW MANY SIGNATURES HAVE YOU SECURED FOR THE YOUTH'S ROLL CALL?

A beautiful and impressive candle-lighting service, in charge of Miss Elizabeth Wilder, marked the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Fargo Y. P. B., whose president is Sylvia Headland; vice president, Grace Brainerd; secretary, Naomi Larson and treasurer, Ruth King. Mrs. Earl Pomeroy is the new general secretary for the ensuing year.

Sharon celebrated Mother's Day with appropriate program.

Carrington union has made an autograph quilt with 110 blocks on which names were embroidered at five cents each. Later the quilt will be sold.

ALWAYS HARMFUL

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the noted scientist, of Washington, D. C., answers questions in Good Housekeeping. The following is from the February, 1927 magazine.

What effect do cigarettes have upon the system? That is, are they harmful, and, if so, how?

Mrs. E. M. R., N. Y.

It is difficult for me to answer your question because of the fact that I am so fully convinced that the use of cigarettes, especially by the young is always harmful. In fact, I believe the use of any form of tobacco is harmful, especially before the age of twenty. I am fully convinced that cigarette smoking is the most harmful of the many ways in which tobacco may be used. I believe that it promotes the development of cancer in the lips, tongue and throat. Statistics of cancer of this kind show that it exists almost entirely among men. Up to the last few years women did not generally indulge in cigarette smoking. Now as increasing numbers of women are smoking cigarettes, we may expect to see an increase in cancer of the lips, tongue and throat. There is no justification for the cigarette habit from any point of view. I believe it would be a great blessing to humanity if by legal enactment the use of cigarettes or tobacco in any form by minors could be averted. I believe that all educators, and especially the school teachers and parents, should use every means in their power to prevent pupils in the public schools, and children at home from acquiring the cigarette habit.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

"ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF VICTORY" is the sentence applied to the present day temperance situation in our country.

Question: Can the Church and Sunday School afford to be lax in temperance teaching now that we have National Prohibition?

Answer: If the church and Sunday school of today neglect their educational work against alcohol, the next generation may see our prohibition victory defeated by the liquor forces who are actively working against prohibition.

True, the majority stands for prohibition today but the majority of today may be the minority of tomorrow unless, through temperance educational work, we maintain the present prohibition sentiment.

This is no time to neglect temperance teaching but rather to intensify it.

It is a fact that our prohibition law cannot be enforced unless the sentiment of the people is behind it. Maintaining the present temperance sentiment is necessarily the work of the church and Sunday school, since the moral phase of the question must be emphasized.

A survey of our country reveals the fact that we have a multitude of foreigners whose children, accustomed to drinking all kinds of liquor, have not come under the teaching of the Bible schools and some have not had the benefit of the public schools. Thousands of immigrants are hostile to the restrictions of our prohibition law and it is found that most of the bootleggers are persons of foreign birth.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AGAIN

The fraternities of the University of Virginia have effected an understanding with the university authorities with a view to eliminating drinking of alcoholic liquors by students, attending the university. To those who are familiar with the high sense of honor inculcated by the customs and traditions of the University of Virginia, this will be taken as assurance that whatever problems exist there, will be properly dealt with.

In a personal letter to Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, president of the Virginia W. C. T. U., President E. A. Alderman makes the following statement:

"There is less drinking at the university today than at any time during my acquaintance with it, extending over a period of twenty-five years. There are more sympathy and interest among the students in co-operating with the administration to control the evils of student drinking. There is, of course, some drinking. That is true of all American colleges, and all places where two or three thousand young men are gathered together. We are fighting it every day in the way of trying to develop student public opinion about it, and also in the administration of necessary rules and laws prohibiting it. The publicity about us is rather unfortunate, but it does not deeply trouble me, because it isn't founded on fact. The fraternities particularly, as organized bodies, are co-operating with us in the effort to establish an effective control of student drinking."

"There are 2,200 students in this university, hailing from all over this country and other countries. The fact is that a very large majority of them are sober young men, doing their tasks day by day, all the way from moderate to excellent. There is to be found here, as in all other colleges and universities, a slowly decreasing minimum of heedless youngsters who make most of the trouble."

Pure Bunk!

I was spending three days at a college campus conference—and was housed in a college "dorm." The janitor of a college dorm, it must be said,

If the church fails, who will meet these conditions and give the much needed Bible and scientific temperance teaching.

Religious papers and all Sunday school helps can greatly emphasize temperance truth by giving due attention to the Quarterly Temperance Sunday School Lessons and stating the real benefits of prohibition as experienced in our country. While the home and all educational institutions should do their part, the weight of responsibility rests with the Christian people. Temperance educational work must be done largely by the church and Sunday school. The padlock was placed on the door of the breweries by the help of a generation of conscientious, educated voters who were actuated by moral principle.

It follows that we must keep the padlock there by means of educating and training another generation of prohibition voters.

THE CHALLENGE IS TO THE CHURCH AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

This leaflet from State Headquarters at 20c per 100.

is like no other individual. He knows, the "inside" of college life, knows also to keep his knowledge to himself. The janitor at this particular dorm was no exception. But when I asked him some questions about prohibition he had plenty to say.

"I've heard," I said, "that drinking has been on the increase among college students since we've had prohibition. What do you think about it?"

"Bunk," he said, "pure bunk. I've been in this college for fifteen years, and I've seen a few things in that time. There's not much drinking goes on without my knowing it. There's still some drinking, but, let me tell you, it's a different story than in the days before prohibition."

"Have things been getting better or worse?" I asked.

"Better," he answered. "It looked bad for the first two years. Since then every year has been a little better. Another four years and there won't be any drinking at all—and that is some advance over ten years ago."

"That certainly sounds hopeful," I said.

"Yes sir," said he, "it is. When anyone comes around to say that college boys are drinking more, you just tell them that a janitor who has seen them off guard for fifteen years says that such talk is bunk—pure bunk!"

PROMOTED

"It seems such a little way to me—
Across to that strange country—the
Beyond,
And yet not strange, for it has
grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so
fond.
They make it seem familiar, and most
dear,
As journeying friends bring distant
regions near."

Mrs. J. N. Wallstad of Wheelock, state director of Medal Contests, was recently called to Sandpoint, Idaho, by the serious illness of her father who later passed away. White Ribbon comrades will sympathize with Mrs. Wallstad in this sorrow and also with members of the Alamo Union in the Home-going of their Flower Mission director, Mrs. Manger.

THAT GOAL OF TWENTY-FIVE

Now the national membership campaign is over, we are frank to confess that though we were loyal to national plans and accepted the standard set, we knew very well few of our unions could reach the mark. Acting on the principle that we must "hitch our wagon to a star" if we are to get anywhere near our goal, we have done our best but are not disappointed that those who tried to win new members could not gain the twenty-five. We are only disappointed in those who did not try at all. One union wrote of initiating their six new members, saying it was not 25 but the best they could do—and that is all we ask. Six for that union may mean as much as 25 for some others where the opportunity was greater.

Will you all please report your new members as soon as possible, even if you gained only two or three? Every one helps and will swell the total for our state. There will be no Bulletin issued in July so this is the last request for some time. May we hear from you?—B. H. W.

THE STORY OF THE CONVENTIONS

Eleven districts held conventions in May and hundreds of white ribbon comrades met, compared notes and received fresh inspiration to carry on. Two districts—the Fifth and Twelfth—met first and on the same dates, May 7 and 8. Crosby, one of our farthest outposts, royally entertained the Fifth district. Mrs. H. H. Olson, district president, presided and Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state vice president, and Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer, state Y. P. B. secretary, were the speakers. "The convention was just fine—so many nice women and so many worthwhile things were there that we couldn't help but feel the importance of the work," wrote one who was present. Mrs. Wanner's addresses were helpful and practical. Mrs. Moyer spoke on young people's work and presented Youth's Roll Call. She contributed much to the program by her beautiful solos. In the gold medal contest, Maxine Tewell of Ray won first place. Subscriptions were received for The Union Signal and Young Crusader.

Montpelier was a most hospitable hostess to the Twelfth district meeting. The district president, Mrs. LuLu W. Zimmerman, presided and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, national director of Institutes and state field worker, was the speaker. Mrs. Wilder also addressed the eighth grade and high school students. Three subscriptions were taken for The Union Signal and six white ribbon recruits were dedicated to the temperance cause. Interesting papers were presented by Mrs. Mary Zetterberg of Valley City, Mrs. Carley and Mrs. Rebt. Getty of Montpelier, Misses I. W. Siltman, J. M. Holcomb, Fred Kneeland and Alison Wells of Jamestown. Under the direction of Mrs. F. A. Ward of Montpelier, two pleasing playlets—"The Message of the Flowers" and "Builders" were put on by the children, the girls giving the first number and the boys the second. Jamestown Y. P. B., with their leader, Mrs. John Nagle, drove over and put on a lively musical program. Vocal solos by Mrs. L. L. Colby, Miss Mildred Kellan and Mr. Albert Cranston were enjoyed as were also a violin solo by Miss Shirley Smith and a piano solo by Mrs. Todd. Following the banquet, Pro. L. L. Colby welcomed the delegates and later explained the provisions of the new Jones-Stalker Law. Mrs. Geo. Gullickson is the new Y. P. B. secretary at Montpelier and her daughter Mildred composed the following yell which was heartily given by the local legion:

"L. T. L. Watch your step!"

We'll move the world with lots of pep,
And for the right we'll always strive
Just as long as we're alive."

Next came the Fifteenth district at Hatton, May 8 and 9, holding its forty-first annual convention, for this district is older than the state organization. The home town of the district president, Mrs. Minnie Hanson, united with her in giving the delegates a hearty welcome. The music by local people was much enjoyed as were also the vocal solos by Mrs. H. P. Halvorson of Fargo. Mrs. E. C. Watkins, state treasurer, responded to the cordial addresses of welcome. The state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, was an honored guest and was heard with much in-

terest in her evening address—"The Call of Today." Devotions were led by Mrs. Julia D. Nelson and Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best and Mrs. W. E. Black conducted the memorial service. Attorney Charles Shafer gave a stirring address on Law Enforcement and Mrs. Lillie B. Smith of Thompson, state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, spoke on the work of her department. Mrs. M. A. McLachlin of Hunter, district director of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, told of work to be done for the Veterans' Hospital at Fargo. Reports of unions were encouraging and showed much constructive work being done. Mrs. Hanson was re-elected president and the convention voted to make her a delegate to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Sept. 18-25.

The Tenth district, in which are the unions of Hettinger and Reeder, held its annual meeting at Hettinger May 14. The district president, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, having been called away on account of illness in her family, Mrs. O. A. Erlandson, former president, arranged the program and entertained Miss Mary B. Ervin, the national field worker, who had arrived the previous evening. Miss Ervin addressed the schools at Reeder and Hettinger and was the principal speaker at the evening meeting. All officers for this district were re-elected. Hettinger friends kindly drove Miss Ervin across to Dickinson where she addressed the high school and had a part on the program of the State Congregational Conference.

On May 17, the Eleventh district met at McKenzie. Our comrades there were busy as many live on farms but they are always loyal and readily accepted the proposed date. The district president, Mrs. Ella C. Boise of Bismarck, writes: "We had a fine convention as you probably know from Miss Ervin who was a host in herself. I did enjoy her so much and so did all who met and heard her. She was so sweet when she was putting the ribbon on the children. I am sure all who saw the ceremony will never forget it." Six little folks were dedicated as white ribbon recruits. Miss Ervin and Mr. John N. Hagan, federal prohibition director for North Dakota, spoke at the evening meeting. Local people furnished music. Officers were all re-elected except the corresponding secretary and Mrs. G. LeRoy White of Bismarck was chosen for that office.

At the Fourth district convention held at Parshall, May 17 and 18, the district president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke presided and Mmes. Fred M. Wanner and Geo. H. Moyer, and Rev. C. A. Stevens of the Anti-Saloon League, were guests of honor. Opening devotions were led by Rev. Andrew Nordaune. To the welcome for the city by Mr. B. E. Crippen, for the churches by Rev. John Roberts, for the schools by Prof. J. M. Learn and for the local union by Mrs. J. D. Rempel, Mrs. Moyer responded for the state and Mrs. T. M. Wold for the district. Rev. Marcus Lewis of Van Hook gave a vocal solo, and Mrs. R. A. Nordby and Mr. Harold Trotter, a duet. The address of the evening was by Mrs. Wanner. After the business session next morning, Rev. M. S. Lewis spoke on Cigarettes and Rev. A. Nordaune on The Failure of Government Control. An open forum was conducted by Mrs. Wanner. Mrs.

E. Bjertness led the afternoon devotions and the district directors showed how the work of their departments may help to give prohibition its chance. Mrs. E. A. Nelson, L. T. L. secretary, discussed the important work of her department. A symposium, in which all took part, followed. Saturday evening was Young People's night and after helpful devotions by Rev. John Roberts and a vocal solo by Miss Minnie Needham, three groups of young people contested for gold medals. At this writing, we are unable to give the names of the winners. Musical numbers were interspersed, and at the close, the motion picture, *Lest We Forget*, was shown by Rev. C. A. Stevens.

Bottineau extended a cordial welcome to members of the Third district to meet there in convention May 21-22. This district has been without a president since the death of Mrs. Washburn last summer. Miss Mary M. Carey, honorary president, attended all sessions and cheered the workers by the inspiration of her presence and wise counsel. Helpful addresses were given by Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Moyer. Youth's Roll Call was presented and many signatures secured. Subscriptions were secured for The Union Signal. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. I. D. McBain, Bottineau; vice president, Mrs. Alice Gronvold, Rugby; Cor. Sec. Mrs. Elisa Anderson, Rugby; Rec. Sec. Miss Mary Ida Torr, Upham; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Beavers, Bottineau; L. T. L. Secretary, Mrs. Earl G. McKnight, Bantry.

On the same dates as the Bottineau convention, the Sixteenth district was meeting in the Congregational Church at Grand Forks. Mrs. S. O. Nelson, district president, was chairman and there was a large attendance. Miss Mary B. Ervin was the guest of honor and was heard with interest in several addresses. Appearing on the program were Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Miss Frances Wagar, Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gilby, and others. (We gave away our only program and no report has reached us at this writing.) Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, state director of S. T. I. was toastmistress at the evening banquet and a program of interesting toasts was given by members of the convention. The music by local people was enjoyed.

A Law Enforcement institute was held in connection with the convention and able addresses were given Mr. John C. Pollock of Fargo, States Attorney for Cass County, speaking on the Duties of Sheriff and States Attorney. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder of Fargo and Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River were visitors at the convention.

In the Presbyterian church, Edgeley, May 22, 23, was held the 29th annual convention of the Thirteenth district. The district president, Mrs. C. W. Hammelton of Lisbon presided. The guest of honor was the state president, Mrs. Anderson, whose help during the convention, was much appreciated. Mrs. N. W. Porter of West Fairview union, responded to the welcome voiced by Mrs. C. C. Washburn, district treasurer. Girls of the L. T. L. sang "The Crusader Bonnet" and Mrs. Harley Zeller of Dickey discussed the membership campaign. Following a 6 o'clock dinner, served in the church, an interesting evening program was presented. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. A. Youngman of

Dickey and there was special music. A number of L. T. L. children took part in a silver medal contest. The address by Mrs. Anderson was a stirring appeal for an aggressive campaign for law observance and law enforcement to counteract the vicious propaganda of the wets. After adjournment at noon next day, a lunch was served by the hostess union.

The First district held its thirty-fifth annual convention in the Presbyterian church at Devils Lake May 23, 24, Mrs. Edna F. Duguid presiding. Guests of honor were Miss Mary B. Ervin and Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer. Mrs. Nellie P. Barber of Cando led the opening devotions and Mrs. J. M. Chidister welcomed the delegates on behalf of the local union. The morning was occupied with reports and matters of business. Mrs. Mary Jahnke of Rock Lake showed the benefits in law enforcement to be derived under the new Jones Law. The evening session was enlivened with music by the high school Glee Club under the direction of Miss Harding and vocal solos by Mrs. Moyer, Leslie Madsen and Harold Pond. Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin responded to welcomes from the city, the schools, the clubs and the churches. Miss Margaret Alexander, county superintendent of schools, spoke of the excellent work being done through the essay contest. Miss Ervin, in her address "Safeguard America's Future" showed that what we would have appear in the life of the nation tomorrow, we must implant in the minds of the children to-day. Mrs. Alfred Rose led the consecration service and the memorial hour was in charge of Mrs. Carrie E. Madison. Mrs. J. E. Stevens spoke on New Legislation and Mrs. Belle B. Walker showed the difference between "Our Community When the Liquor Traffic had its Day—and Now". Mrs. Moyer discussed the membership campaign and Miss Ervin spoke on the value of department work. Mmes. Nerhaugen, Fylpaan and McLean entertained with vocal numbers during the day sessions. This district has made Mrs. F. P. Mann, sr., of Devils Lake, Mrs. Elias Porter of Calvin and Mrs. E. H. Pile of Cando, life members of the state W. C. T. U.

The Twentieth district held its 12th annual meeting in the Immanuel Lutheran church at Abercrombie, May 24th. Mrs. Lottie E. Hertsgaard presiding. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson was the speaker and guest of honor. Mrs. H. P. Halvorson of Fargo entertained with vocal solos at the afternoon and evening sessions. Business was disposed of at the morning session and the afternoon given over to an enforcement institute. Mrs. Eleanor W. Ripley of Fairmount spoke of the help afforded by The Union Signal. Mrs. Hertsgaard spoke on Institute and Prohibition Enforcement. Scientific Temperance Instruction and Enforcement was ably discussed by Mrs. V. G. McLeod and the relation of the States Attorney and Sheriff to the enforcement of prohibition was discussed by Mrs. Anderson. The Rev. Charles Whelchel of Walcott gave an address and helped in various ways during the convention. A vocal solo by Mrs. J. C. Sande a violin solo by Justin Hermo and the numbers by the Seventh and Eighth Grade chorus and the High School Girls Quartette were especially pleasing. Mr. Gilbert of the federal

enforcement department, taking the place of Mr. Hagan who was detained, gave an address at the evening meeting, and Mrs. Anderson spoke on "The Call of To-Day." As the president, Mrs. Lottie E. Hertsgaard, now resides out of the district, Mrs. V. G. McLeod of Christine was elected president.

The remaining four districts will hold their conventions in June, the Second at Oberon, June 11th, the Ninth at Temvik, June 4th, the Fourteenth at Ellendale, June 7th, and the Seventeenth at Edinburg, June 13, 14. Miss Mary B. Ervin will speak at all these conventions.

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Sure, this world is full of trouble,
I ain't said it ain't.
Goodness knows I've had enough, and
double
Reasons for complaint.
Rain and storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often gray;
Thorns and thistles have beset me,
On the way—but say,
Ain't it fine today!
What's the use of always weepin'
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have her tribulation,
Days that she must whine;
Life, it ain't no celebration,
Trouble, I've had mine—
But today is fine.
It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago;
Havin', losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but say,
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