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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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NEW YEARS

O New Year, teach us faith!
The road of life is hard;
When our feet bleed and scourging
winds us scathe,
Point thou to Him whose visage
was more marred
Than any man's; who saith,
"Make straight paths for your feet,"
and to the opprest,
"Come ye to Me, and I will give you
rest."

Yet hang some lamp-like hope
Above this unknown way,
Kind year, to give our spirits freer
scope
And our hands strength to work
while it is day.
But if that way must slope
Tombward, O bring before our fading
eyes
The lamp of life, the hope that never
dies.

Comfort our souls with love—
Love of all human kind;
Love special, close, in which, like
sheltered dove,
Each weary heart its own safe nest
may find;
And love that turns above
Adorning; contented to resign
All loves, if need be, for the love
Divine.

Friend, come thou like a friend,
And whether bright thy face
Or dim with clouds we cannot com-
prehend,
We'll hold our patient hands, each
in his place,
And Trust thee to the end,
Knowing Thou leadest onward to
those spheres
Where there are neither days, nor
months, nor years.
—Dinah Muloch-Craik.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—
My wish for you at this happy
time is that the preparations for
Christmas, the making and giving of
gifts may not leave you wearied in
body and mind, but that the true
spirit of Christmas may strengthen,
refresh and inspire you, not only for
this season but for every day of the
new year with its wonderful oppor-
tunities for service and sacrifice.
How can we better celebrate the com-
ing of Christ than to show His spirit
in the common tasks of life? That
great leader of India, Mahatma
Gandhi, said, "What you Christians
need to do is not so much to talk
about the principles of Christ as to
LIVE Christ." May our aim for the
new year be nothing less than this—
it could be nothing greater.
January 16, 1930

When this reaches you, you will,
I hope, be in the midst of prepara-
tions for the celebration of the tenth
anniversary of National Prohibition.
This is the most important red letter
day in our calendar. We have some-
thing well worth celebrating so let



MRS. ABBIE W. H. BEST

When the North Dakota Woman's
Christian Temperance Union was or-
ganized in 1889, Mrs. Best was elected
vice president at large. Since
then, she has held many important
positions in the state W. C. T. U.
and at present is state director of the
department of Bible in Public
Schools. Mrs. Best has the love and
esteem of her comrades all over the
state. Her message is found on
page 3.

us not fail to celebrate. This is our
big opportunity to emphasize the
benefits of prohibition. This can be
done by sermons, public meetings,
banquets, radio talks, interviews or
letters in the press and by the ring-
ing of church bells and school bells
ten minutes at noon. The radio has
taught us that the air is full of
sounds. Can you imagine the joy-
ful music in the air as the bells in
thousands of towns ring out to ce-
lebrate the great victory for which we
labored and prayed for so many
years? Those bells will truly
"Ring out the old, ring in the new
Ring out the false, ring in the true,
Ring out a slowly dying cause
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring in the valiant man and free
With larger heart and kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land—
Ring in the Christ that is to be."
Don't forget the bells on January,
16th.

Membership Campaign

The plans for membership cam-
paign were published in the Decem-
ber White Ribbon Bulletin. Let us
not forget that the Hold Fast cam-
paign which began Nov. 1st and
closes March 8th is the most import-

ant part of the membership cam-
paign. Why is it that the net gain
of membership never nearly equals
the number of new members secured?
Simply because so many unions fail
to Hold Fast. This year we are aim-
ing not only to secure dues from ev-
ery living member who paid dues last
year but also from every woman in
your town who ever belonged to the
W. C. T. U. This work should be
completed before March 8th. Our
state treasurer, Mrs. Watkins, is
writing you about this and about the
state award for which we should
work.

There are not so many details in
the new National Membership Plan,
and more opportunity for variety in
carrying it out in each local union.
Take time to make your plans. Be-
gin in January to decide on the de-
tails of a plan which fits your union
best, whether volunteer captains, or
dividing the union into two groups,
or some other plan. The week of the
intensive campaign for membership
is April 7th to April 12th.

Get your plans under way so that
the entire membership cooperates on
securing new members during that
week. It will take you that long to
reach your women, and to let them
know what you expect of them, and
to get them enthused and willing to
work.

On Monday, April 7, begin with a
prayer meeting, from which all work-
ers will go out for their new mem-
bers, coming back to a lunch at some
convenient place, where they can re-
port, and go out again in the after-
noon. On Saturday, April 12, plan
for a tea where all can come and
make a final report of new members
gained.

Vice presidents of churches could
be captains, and each group try to
see which gets the most new mem-
bers in their particular church.

On May 1 a May Day breakfast at
12 o'clock can be served by the union
to welcome all the new members.
The National plan is that all new
members secured from November 1,
1929, through April 30 may be re-
ported at the May breakfast and
credited to this campaign.

Distribution of Literature

While I am pleased with the re-
sponse made to the literature plan, I
am exceedingly anxious that every
union will have a systematic plan for
the distribution of this literature.
Committees must be appointed who
will be responsible for getting it into
the hands of the people who need to
know the truth about prohibition.
This will be of immense value in
counteracting the false propaganda

of the wets. In January make plans
for the Willard Memorial meeting on
or near February 17.

If anything prevented your ob-
serving Self-Denial Day, Dec. 4th,
please observe it later and hand your
offering to your local treasurer, who
should send it, as soon as all have
paid, in to the state treasurer. The
amount of this self-denial or reserve
fund, will, I hope, indicate the inter-
est of North Dakota white ribboners
in keeping our prohibition law. We
believe in this kind of preparedness.

If your union has reached its Un-
ion Signal quota, one subscription for
every six members, please report it
to our faithful Union Signal Promot-
er, Mrs. Geo. F. Clark, Fargo, and
the name of your union will be pub-
lished in the Quota Reached list in
the White Ribbon Bulletin. The state
last month lacked only ten subscrip-
tions of reaching its quota. Renewal
of expirations and a few new sub-
scriptions will put us over the top.
Will you help?

Yours for a Happy New Year—
the best yet in our work,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

PROHIBITION IN WASHINGTON

The interest of Senator Howell and
Senator Brookhart in prohibition en-
forcement in the capital city will
be applauded by a vast majority of
the people. The Capital should be an
example to the country. Whatever
is necessary to do in order that pro-
hibition may be conspicuously well
enforced in Washington should be
done. That present prohibition en-
forcement in the city is not what it
should be is not only a local but a
national understanding.

However, prohibition enforcement
in the District of Columbia is prob-
ably 50% better than it was before
President Hoover came into office.
The improvement has been principal-
ly due to three things: First, the
quiet influence of President Hoover
himself and the following of his lea-
dership by men and women prominent
in society and public life; second,
a change in policy of the Washington
Post, which is no longer provocative
of law defiance; and, third, by the ex-
pressed sympathy of Ambassador
Howard of Great Britain with the
peculiar difficulties of the Capital in
dealing with the immunities of the
Diplomatic group.

"Embassy liquor" is still a source
of trouble in the city while the hos-
tile policy of the state government of
Maryland adds great difficulties to
the work of the Washington police.
—The Clip Sheet.

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ESTATE NOTE

1929

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 _____

One of the most gratifying results of prohibition has been the increase in the use of milk and milk products. The Bureau of Agricultural Products announces that last year the American people consumed 348,048,000 gallons of ice cream. The per capita consumption in 1928 was estimated at 2.90 gallons. In 1910, the consumption was only a little more than one-third what it was last year.

The W. C. T. U. maintains a publishing house which distributed 25,000,000 pieces of literature last year; and in addition issues a weekly magazine founded by Frances Willard; also a monthly magazine for children. In addition each state organization publishes a monthly paper. These total a million circulation.

RING, HAPPY BELLS!

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;

Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly-dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;

Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Tennyson.

A Happy New Year to all our W. C. T. U. comrades!

NORTH DAK. PROHIBITION LAW

Study for Local Unions

1. What is intoxicating liquor according to our state law?
2. Under what conditions do proprietary or patent medicines, containing 10 or more per cent of alcohol come under the law governing intoxicating liquor?
3. What does the law itself declare as to its own construction and purpose?
4. Under what conditions and by whom may wine for sacramental purposes be purchased?
5. May physicians in North Dakota prescribe intoxicating liquor?
6. Under what conditions and in what quantities may physicians in this state administer intoxicating liquor?
7. What quantities may a physician obtain for such use during a calendar year?
8. What quantities and under what conditions may dentists and veterinarians obtain pure grain or ethyl alcohol for non-beverage uses in their practice?
9. Under what conditions, in what quantities and for what purposes may druggists obtain pure grain or ethyl alcohol?
10. In cases of prosecution, upon whom does the burden of proof rest?
11. Under what conditions may sweet fruit ciders be manufactured, sold or possessed?
12. Under what condition is it lawful to possess intoxicating liquor in one's private dwelling or home?

Answers to these questions may be found in Sec. 1 and 2, pages 1, 2 and 3 of the pamphlet—Prohibition Law, gotten out by the Secretary of State. Another lesson will be given in the February number of the White Ribbon Bulletin and also the answers to these questions.—E. P. A.

A little white ribbon recruit was welcomed to the home of Mrs. Maier Torgerson, president of the Fairdale union, on Nov. 23rd. Congratulations to the mother and baby boy.

"The Value of the Family Altar" was the evangelistic topic for an earnest address by the Rev. J. M. Moe of Fargo at the regular meeting of the Fargo Scandinavian union recently.

IT CAN'T BE DONE THAT WAY!

It is pathetic to read of the efforts of our friends in Ontario to curb the liquor traffic. With every drink permit, literature advocating moderation and warning against excessive drinking and operation of automobiles while under the influence of liquor, will be given the purchaser. How inconsistent! And utterly useless such advice! That it is needed we are fully convinced from a bulletin just issued by the Dominion of Canada through its Bureau of Statistics, which removes all justification for support of government sale of liquor on the grounds of temperance or moderation.

Official figures show that Canadians have increased spending for liquor from thirty million dollars in 1922 to more than a hundred million dollars last year; that the sale of whiskey, instead of being retarded by the popularizing of beer and wine, has increased more than 60% in the last two years and is increasing more rapidly than the sale of beer and wine; that drunkenness is increasing.

Ontario, for instance, convicted 13,700 drunks in 1926 and 16,000 two years later. Deaths from alcoholism in Canada have more than doubled since 1921. Convictions for drunken driving in Canada increased thirteen hundred per cent in the six liquor control years. Motor accidents show almost a doubled death toll in four years. Bootlegging, illicit distilling, and home brewing are still active in spite of government restrictions.

All of the increases are in greater proportion than the Canadian increase in traffic or population and must be laid to the fact that intoxicating liquor from a government bottle is just as dangerous as from any other bottle. Canada is selling her people for revenue and revenue always had a paralyzing effect on the public conscience. Prohibition is the best method after all.—B. H. W.

Premier Ramay MacDonald disputes the old saying—"You can't make men sober by law." He says: "They tell us that we cannot be made sober by act of Parliament. I hate these little, smug, pettifoggery and inaccurate pieces of proverbial philosophy. They are thrown off by men who cannot think and they are believed in by fools. I say that every experiment that the world has had, and I do not care where you go for it—go north, go south, go east, go west; keep within your own empire or go outside; confine your attention to the Anglo-Saxon race or go outside it and take the Slavs—go anywhere experiments may have been made, and the conclusion is absolutely inevitable and irresistible, that you CAN make men and women sober by act of Parliament."

Our new union at Plaza is actively planning their work to include essay contests in schools. The district president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, was present at their very interesting November meeting.

Dr. Wm. T. Grenfell remarked recently—"As for personal liberty, the patriot is not looking for the liberty of a wild ass but the liberty of an unselfish gentleman."

EXHIBITS ALL THE YEAR ROUND

Dear Co-Workers:—

Has your union appointed a local director for the Fairs and Exhibits department? If not, will you please do so at once and make your plans for an all the year round department?

January 16th will be the tenth anniversary of National Prohibition. Let us show our gratitude and appreciation for this wonderful law by visualized publicity. Every union should celebrate this great event. Why not put on a pageant recommended by Mother National? In February we shall celebrate Willard Memorial Day. Why not take this opportunity to present one of your schools with a picture of our sainted leader? These are just a few suggestions.

I am hoping that every union in the state will do one outstanding thing for this department this year. Will you, with your splendid cooperation and ambition to sell prohibition to all the people, help me to make this an outstanding year in North Dakota for this department?

Any time or any place where a readable sentence on law observance will arrest attention is visualized publicity.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bessie Darling,
State Director.

Grand Forks, N. D.

MRS. IRWIN'S MESSAGE

(We are glad to introduce to you our new director of Evangelistic Work and Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Anna Irwin of Egeland, president of our local union there and corresponding secretary of the First district W. C. T. U., who sends us a message.—Ed.)

"As your new director of this department, I wish to send a few words of greeting to each white ribboner in the state. The year that lies before us has great possibilities and great responsibilities for each of us to do much work in the Master's vineyard. Much should be done along the line of Sabbath Observance. This is one of the great commands given to God's people.

"In this age, when everything is being commercialized, it behooves Christian people to respect the Sabbath—the day given us for rest for our bodies and feeding for our souls. Too many times we are so slack in the observance of this day and the keeping of it in the right spirit, that the people of the world point to us with scorn when we should be bright and shining lights, helping others to keep the day. Many think that the day is meant merely to have a good time, to be filled with pleasure of any kind, leaving the body weary to begin the week's work instead of rested and filled with inspiration for higher and nobler things as God intended.

"Soon after the holidays, literature from this department will be sent to each union and if more is desired, please write me for it."

Mrs. J. C. Miller, president of the Bottineau union, writes of plans for a W. C. T. U. day in the form of a series of silver teas served by six different groups. Friends and neighbors were to be the guests and later would be invited to join the W. C. T. U.

MRS. BEST'S LETTER

My Dear Co-Workers:—

I wish to share with you our National director's fine letter. May it inspire us to do all in our power to instill in the minds of our future citizens a love and respect for the teachings of our Bible—God's Word. Are the Ten Commandments hung in each room of your schools and neighboring schools? The law requires that these be furnished by the Board of Education. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Bertha Palmer of Bismarck, will send these on request. Our North Dakota laws give us greater privileges than those found in many states. Let us use them lest we lose them.

We have received cordial greetings from our National director of the Evangelistic department, Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, under whom the department of Bible in the Public Schools functions with Mrs. Florence E. Atkins as associate. Mrs. Armor says: "I am sure we do not need new plans so much as new energy and inspiration which can come only from a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. 'Day by day the manna fell—Oh, to learn this lesson well.' Let us pray daily for our workers everywhere that they may have minds set free by the Spirit of God and energized by a great purpose."

Mrs. Atkins' letter follows: "Another W. C. T. U. year is opening before us, filled with opportunities for service to God. My honest conviction is that there was never greater need and I am sure you are eager to 'do your bit' for Home and Country. The W. C. T. U. faces an opportunity in this department such as we have never faced in the past. The foundations of this nation are laid in God's Word. The Bible was the chart and compass by which the early fathers guided the Ship of State. Our hopes for this dear land we call our own lie in a KNOWLEDGE of God's Word. The only place where all future citizens can gain this knowledge is in the public schools.

"It is imperative that we use our utmost endeavor that the Bible may be READ in the hearing of every scholar every day. It is only by teaching reverence for God and decent living, that the stability of this nation can be assured. Never have we faced such conditions as those we face today. Atheists are organizing societies for the promotion of atheism, not only in our colleges and universities but in our high schools as well, thus seeking to destroy all holy faith in our boys and girls of today, that we may be a nation of unbelievers tomorrow. So, dear friend, be diligent, vigilant and tactful but be in earnest in trying to win the cooperation of public school teachers and School Boards, to the end that the Bible may be read daily in all the schools."

A very happy and prosperous New Year to each and all members of our organization is the wish of your friend,

Abbie W. H. Best.

At a recent meeting of the Fargo union, Mrs. Henry Amerland spoke on "Christmas in Other Lands," Miss Jessie Hill gave a Christmas reading and Mrs. J. L. Blanco, piano numbers. Sunshine bags are being made for shut-in members.



MRS. E. C. WATKINS

THE TREASURER SAYS:

A letter from our National treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, who has been in conference with the other National officers, calls our attention to the importance of the Hold Fast campaign which began Nov. 1st, 1929, and closes March 8, 1930. We are urgently requested to secure the dues of every living member who paid dues last year. We should also try to secure the dues of those who have moved away or get them to join some other union that they may not be lost to the organization.

Local Union Award

The National W. C. T. U. will give a certificate, signed by the National President and Treasurer, to every local treasurer who secures the dues of all resident members by March 8.

State Award

The states whose treasurers send to the National Treasurer before July 1st, 1930, the dues of 75% of the members of the past year, cash awards will be given. Treasurers in states of our class will receive an award of \$10.

Will you not, dear comrades of the treasury, do everything you can to help me win this award for our state, not only for the cash value, but for what it means to the work? We fell behind last year just at this point. We gained many new members but we did not hold fast all our old ones. Let us make an earnest effort this year to "stop the leaks." While others will get new members, the treasurer is responsible for collecting the dues. If she cannot do this alone, let the union make arrangements to help her. May we not make this year memorable as a real Hold Fast year?

Can we not try to get dues from every woman who ever belonged to the W. C. T. U.? There must be easily a million women in the United States who at some time belonged to the W. C. T. U. To the treasurers belong the duty and privilege of going after them. Will you not help?

Report Nov. 20-Dec. 20

DUES—Finley \$8.40, Bowesmont 9.10, Hannah 9.80, Jamestown 8.40, Hettinger 70c, Parshall 5.60, Mayville 18.90, Bismarck 2.10, Nekoma with exc. 14.10, Park River 23.10, Dickey 4.90, Necia Buck 2.10, Van Hook 70c, Fargo 8.40, Oberon 16.80, Stady 1.40, Plaza (new union) 7.00, Preston 12.60, Larimore 2.10, Prosper 7.00, Towner 2.80, Grand Forks

BEGINNING AT HOME

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:—

A new year is before us with its new tasks and problems but if we try to solve them in the right spirit, we are sure to win. Ours is a great department. Our work begins in the home. When some little physical disturbance makes its appearance, the easy way but the dangerous way is to resort to something which is said to give quick results. This department is helping us give to the home makers the truth about these self-prescribed remedies composed largely of alcohol. With the sale of alcohol as a beverage forbidden, largely because it injures health and shortens life, it is strange that it should be permitted by some states to be sold as a medicine and that alcoholic patent medicines are still sold in large quantities.

A recent letter from the new National director, Mrs. Pearl Kendall Hess of California, quotes Hosea 4, 6—"My people perish for lack of knowledge." She suggests how we may answer wet propaganda. If they say—"Doctors prescribe alcohol!"—you put the leaflet—"Goodby Alcohol" into their hands. If they say—"Alcoholic liquors are necessary in some cases"—you give them Medical Temperance Quiz. If they say—"Prominent physicians prescribe alcoholic medicines"—you hand them—"No Place for Alcohol in Medicine." If they say—"Alcohol aids digestion, cures colds, etc."—you give them "Helps in Sickness" to read. If they say—"Hospitals cannot get along without alcohol," you discuss "Sheaves" with them. If they say—"Widely advertised drugs and drug drinks are harmless," you meet it with the leaflet—"Drugs and Drug Drinks." You can obtain any of the above leaflets from me.

Posters are a valuable aid in this day of visual education. Each union is urged to have a Poster Exhibit. A first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5 is offered by the National director, the size to be not less than 12 by 18 nor more than 18 by 24 inches. They will be graded 40% for originality, 30% for skill of workmanship and 30% for value to the department for publicity. Posters competing for this National prize must be in my hands by August 15 in order to be sent to the National director by September 1st. This prize has been offered for the last three years and the first prize of \$10 has come to North Dakota girls twice. In 1927, Miss Wanda Young of Park River was the winner and in 1929, Miss Virginia McGregor of Fargo won first place. I am hoping it will come to North Dakota again in 1930.

When the 1930 Plan of Work for

17.50, Douglas 9.80.

BUDGET—Bowesmont \$10.00, Park River 45.00, Oberon complete with exc. 31.30, Preston comp. 24.70, Grand Forks 35.00, Douglas comp. 23.50.

MISCELLANEOUS—Lisbon, for Florence Crittenton Home, \$6.30; Fairdale, State Reports, 75c, exc. 10c; 17th District Pledge 35.00; Prosper, Reports, 75c; Egeland, Reports 75c; New Rockford, Reports 50c; Hatton, Reports 75c; Douglas, Reports with exc. 85c.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins
State Treasurer.

AMERICA AND THE WORLD COURT

President Hoover has authorized our diplomatic representative in Switzerland to sign the documents which provide for American membership in the Permanent Court of International Justice, popularly called the World Court. Even with that formality we are not, as yet in the Court. Another Senate hurdle must be cleared. President Harding, in 1923, first recommended to that body that our government adhere to the Court. The Senate, after three years' delay, gave consent—but not without a variety of reservations designed, as our politicians told us "to protect the interests of the United States." (Note: more than fifty nations had already joined the Court without reservations.)

These reservations caused further delay. They had to receive the approval of the nations already Court members. This, save for Albania, Lithuania, Costa Rica and Ethiopia has already been secured. Such approval was made possible by the formula prepared by Elihu Root, which was designed to protect the interests of the United States on the one hand, and, on the other hand, preserve the integrity of the Court. Now it remains for the Senate to determine that the Root formula is acceptable. This, it is expected, will be done following the sessions of the disarmament conference in London.

It is high time for such action. The United States, prior to the war, was in the forefront of a movement to establish just such a Court as now exists. Theodore Roosevelt and his Secretary of State, Elihu Root, sought as far back as 1907 to persuade the authorities at The Hague to set up a tribunal with permanent judges to devote their entire time to international disputes. Now, since the war, most of the world has united in such an enterprise. Of great nations, only the United States remains outside.

Stanley High.

CATCHING UP SPIRITUALLY

Last spring, while Mr. Edison was at his laboratory at Ft. Meyers, Fla., Roger Babson called on him. When asked what new, radical invention he visualized as coming during the next few years, Mr. Edison replied: "Babson, I do not pose as a preacher; but, let me tell you that if there is a God, he will not let us advance much further materially until we catch up spiritually. A great fundamental law of science is that all forces must be kept in balance. When anybody or any force goes off on a tangent there is a smash. This applies to America as it has to every nation before it."

MRS. HARRIS HOLDS INSTITUTES—Falling in line with state and national plans and believing in the educational value of the institute, Mrs. Guy F. Harris has held very successful institutes at Oberon and New Rockford and plans are made for similar meetings at Esmond and Carlington and other places in the Second district. We hope other district presidents will "go and do likewise." Our National director of Institutes, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder of Fargo, will be available for short trips in this work after the first of the year.

RAMSAY MacDONALD

Have you noticed the following things said by that remarkable English Prime Minister when here among us:

"When I reached Washington I called on a man whom I found working with his coat off."

"I said, 'Hello, what are you doing?' He said 'I am blazing a trail for peace.' And I said 'I have come to help.' And he said 'My name is Herbert Hoover—who are you?'"

"'Oh,' I said, 'My name is MacDonald.' Then both of us said 'Have you any objection to my using my axe along side of yours—not to enrich our respective woodpiles, but that together we may cut the trail a bit broader, so that more people and more nations, because of our working side by side, shall find it easier to pursue the path we are opening up?'"

"Europe today tells its political leaders there are risks in peace. It knows that the assumptions made between one nation and others that they are to conduct their affairs in sincerity and justice do lay the believing nation open to a certain amount of risk. I will take it! I will take it!"

"If I build ship after ship I would be taking the risk of war. I take the risk of assuming you are men of your word. I am taking the risk of a peace which is temporary and in the end I will get a permanent peace."

"Every nation knows that by competition in armaments it has failed to get security."

"We are not to build walls that exclude each other, but temples that will attract one another."

"The understanding we have been trying to establish will be incomplete until it has become the common possession of all the nations on the face of the earth."

Whiskey is being sold to children in Wisconsin.

The police have no power to intervene. That is the result of the repeal of the Wisconsin prohibition law.

Milwaukee police recently picked up two young boys with a bottle of whiskey. They had purchased it without the slightest trouble. The police could do nothing about it; but federal officers found the bootleg dive and discovered also that any boy or girl could go there and buy a rank variety of whiskey.

The stuff was made by members of a depraved household who, at the time of the raid, were so drunk that the bootleg concoction was mixed and sold by four children who lived in the house.

This is but one episode in a series of hideous events in Wisconsin since the state prohibition law was repealed.

Breweries are running; saloons are operating openly. One Wet politician complained that a saloon was selling booze in his neighborhood, lowering the tone of the district and wouldn't the Prohibition Unit raid it?

Public opinion is showing increasing disgust at the results. Evidently the wet leader, Senator Duncan, socialist of Milwaukee, fears a revolt. He has issued an appeal for the wets to "stand together!"

Prohibition is not yet a 100 per cent success but the opponents of the prohibition law are not disturbed by its want of success nearly so much as they are by the degree to which it is successful. Compared with any other method of dealing with the liquor traffic in any other nation under God's sun, Prohibition is the greatest success in the history of the human race.

Copies of the new State Report, the North Dakota Prohibition Law and the Victory Day Clip Sheet have been sent to all unions. More copies may be had on request. We have also at State Headquarters, the new Topical Programs for 1930, and expect the Handbooks and the L. T. L. and Y. P. B. Year Books very soon.

We wonder how many members observed December 4th as self-denial day, sending the amount to the treasurer as a reserve fund. Minot union took an offering for this fund at their regular meeting that week. There is still an opportunity to contribute.

The ninth district and the Temvik union are bereft in the passing of Mrs. R. Paul Buck, who served faithfully as district and local president for several years. Our sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of this beloved comrade.

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