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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT

What can a mother give her children Greater today than this one great thing—

Faith in an old, sweet, beautiful story, A star—a stable—a new-born king?

Shining faith in the young lad, Jesus; Lover of high white things was He; Jesus—straight as a Lebanon cedar; Jesus—clean as the winds of the sea.

Faith in the young lad come to manhood: Jesus, compassionate, tender and true—

Oh, my children—what more glorious Gift in the world can I give to you?

Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness, Hold it for warmth when the day is cold—

Keep it for joy when youth goes singing, Clasp it for peace when you are

What can a mother give her children Greater than a faith that will not

Take it my dear ones—hold it forever:

A lamp for a lifetime—faith in Him.

—Grace Noll Crowell,
Good Housekeeping.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

The National membership campaign will be closed before this letter reaches you. You will be given credit in this campaign for all new members gained from Nov. 1st, 1929 to April 30, 1930. Most encouraging reports have come from unions that have followed the plans. One union that felt there was little use to try, that everybody had been asked, etc., nevertheless organized its committees, went to work, gained 8 new members, April 7-12, and the good work is still going on. A few earnest, enthusiastic women can do wonders. Over and over again have our women demonstrated that they can do the impossible. When we remember that the leader of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform has said—"Every bit of spare time I have for the rest of my life will be given to the cause"—that is, wrecking the Eighteenth Amendment, we feel like giving ALL our time and praying for additional years that we may give them for the protection of the homes and children of America and especially of our own beloved North Dakota.

Never was the fight to break down prohibition as bitter and intense as it is now. The liquor interests are using the best brains that money can buy. On the prohibition question,



Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Ryder, President 4th District, and Her Children Ruth, the oldest, Jean and Robert

they control most of the daily newspapers that come into our homes and so influence the thinking of many people. Mr. Henry H. Curran, president of the Association against the Prohibition Amendment, told the Senate lobby committee that his organization spent \$427,213 last year in advocating repeal of prohibition. His own salary, guaranteed by five men, is \$25,000 a year. How much more was spent by this and other wet organizations, including the international organization with headquarters in Paris, we can only guess. No doubt those who are working for repeal of prohibition in our own state are well financed.

The wets have on their side, money, with all the power that money gives. We have, on our side, right, with all the power that right gives. Behind right, "Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His

own." We can joyfully put the last ounce of strength into this conflict, knowing we are doing God's will, working with Him and therefore that we cannot fail.

While the national membership campaign closed April 30, please remember that the state campaign gives you additional opportunity as it remains open until September 1st. The state will give credit for all members gained from September 1st, 1929 to September 1st, 1930. Our goal is a net gain in every union and a new union in every county. We congratulate those wide-awake district presidents who are at work and who will have at least one new union to report at the district conventions. We welcome the new unions and the new members who have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. New working unions and new working members, in sufficient numbers, make

victory certain for us in the bootleggers' campaign. We call it the bootleggers' campaign because it is the bootleggers who will profit by a wet victory. An increase in our working forces will reduce the wet majority in every wet county and increase the dry majority in every dry county.

Self-Denial or Reserve Fund

What have you given to the Self-Denial or Reserve Fund to keep prohibition? What is prohibition worth to you? Surely you want to give something. "He gives twice who gives quickly."

Sunday Motion Pictures

The plan for work against the repeal of our law prohibiting Sunday motion pictures, is to organize a civic committee in every town and community, this committee to be composed of three representatives from every church, P. T. A., W. C. T. U., service and other clubs that are interested. I have talked with Mrs. J. W. Snyder, president of the State P. T. A. She is asking the local P. T. A.'s of the state to take the initiative in securing the organization of such committees. Wherever there is no P. T. A. or where the local P. T. A. does not take the initiative, we ask the local W. C. T. U. to do so. The civic committee should be organized very soon after this letter reaches you. Please see that there is no delay. The following plans, which have proved effective in similar campaigns in other states are suggested to local civic committee—I. A telephone squad, the members of which are each to take a page or half page from telephone directory, call up each residence to ascertain the stand of the people on the question and if they are in favor of Sunday movies, endeavor to convert them. Members of the committee call up the people who are opposed, the day before election, urging them to vote, and call them again on election day, with the reminder—"It's election day—don't forget to vote." Our corrupt practice law does not permit electioneering on election day. II. A squad of four minute speakers, to speak wherever they can get a hearing, ministers to be given the choice of presenting this question themselves or allowing use of these four minute speakers to present it to his congregation. III. Window posters, in homes and stores, carrying in large letters—WE VOTE "NO" ON SUNDAY MOVIES.

Yours for the protection of the children and young people of North Dakota.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

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A CALL FOR PRIZE ESSAYS

Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, Director

It is important that I remind you the time for getting your prize essays to me for the state contest is fast approaching. I hope you have given thought and attention to this work and that many, many essays will be the result. Several have already been received. Be sure to have yours in not later than May 31st as that gives us just one month to have them judged and the prize winning essays sent to our National director, for entrance in the National contest.

Our National director, Miss Cora F. Stoddard, says: "When written work is entered in state contest, it must be accompanied by the name and full address of the contestant, the number of his grade and the name of teacher. No paper which fails to carry this information will be eligible in state or National contests. This is very important as you will realize, so please do not overlook the matter. I am expecting great things of you this year and hope you will not disappoint me."

A WORD FROM MRS. BORDWELL

Spring is here and what a fine time to enthuse children with the idea of doing things! What a fine time to organize Loyal Temperance Legions all over the state! Schools will soon be closing and if every boy and girl can be brought under the teaching which the L. T. L. gives, we will not be so concerned over future campaigns, such as the one we are now working and praying so earnestly about. Think of the value of this work on the lives of our future citizens!

New Legions are being organized in many places. Mrs. H. J. Coombs of Pickardville reports the organization of an L. T. L. of 20 members—the only one in Sheridan county. All the children need this work and only a few are yet reached. The same great need as everywhere—leaders.

ANTI-CIGARETTE DAY—MAY 18

Sunday, May 18, has been set apart as Anti-Cigarette Day in the Sunday Schools and we wish it might be observed in every church in North Dakota. The National director has prepared a fine program which can be obtained, with other leaflets, from the State Headquarters or from the state director, Mrs. J. M. Holcomb of Jamestown. Use anti-cigarette pledge cards wherever possible and keep a record of all signatures. Let us be diligent in this work that our boys and girls may be safe-guarded for the future.

MOTHERS' DAY

By The Playhouse Lady

I'm glad they've set aside a day
Just for the mothers dear,
Who toil for us and love us, too—
Throughout the whole long year.

I'm going to buy some flowers gay
And put them in a vase—
I'll set them right by Mother's plate,
And then I'll watch her face.

As in surprise she'll smile and ask,
"From whom are these, pray tell?
The card says 'Mother' ah, I know—
They came from little Nell!"

And in her eyes, so bright with joy,
I think I see a tear;
But still, she smiles and kindly says,
"I thank you, Nellie dear."

They're only flowers, Mother, dear,
That did not cost me much;
When I grow up I'll buy you jewels
And furs and cars and such.

"Give me your love," dear Mother
says,
"It's quite enough for me,
And a little girl like you to love,
What better gift could be?"

So every day can be Mothers' Day
For your mother and for mine;
It's not gifts alone, but love that
counts
Today and all the time.

WHAT IT MEANS

"What does the repeal of the prohibition article of our State Constitution mean?" is a question that is often asked.

It does not change the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

It does not change or modify the Volstead Act—It is NOT modification.

It does not give us government sale or the Canadian system. It does not make moonshining or home brewing legal. It does not make the sale of beer and wine legal.

It means, as far as North Dakota is concerned, nullification of National Prohibition and of the enforcement policy of President Hoover. It puts North Dakota, which has the glorious record of 41 years of prohibition, back with those states which have repealed their prohibition laws and, in which, as a consequence, drunkenness and lawlessness are steadily increasing. In Wisconsin, as a result of the repeal of prohibition, whiskey is being sold to children and the police have no power to intervene.

Repeal in North Dakota means the repudiation of a policy that since statehood has blessed our homes and made safe paths for the feet of our children. It instructs the legislature to move to repeal the state enforcement law and, when it is repealed, it retires from active prohibition enforcement work more than 2000 state, county and municipal officers whose business it is to aid in enforcement. It will leave the small force of nine federal officers without assistance of state or local officers. It will be impossible for these few men to take care of the work under their jurisdiction and also do the work now done by state, county and local enforcement officers. The result will be a condition of lawlessness, rum-running, bootlegging, drunkenness and drunken driving such as we have never seen in this state.

The other proposition to be voted on in November is a memorial to Congress asking for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. This changes

nothing, but if carried, would indicate that the people of North Dakota were opposed to National Prohibition. For the honor of North Dakota, both of these propositions should be defeated by an overwhelming majority.

At the referendum two years ago, nearly 35,000 people who went to the polls and voted for governor did not vote at all on the prohibition question. These people evidently were not wet enough to vote for repeal or dry enough to vote against it. They were undoubtedly indifferent and they may have been ignorant. These people must be aroused and made intelligent on this issue. This is our task. Some of them may be in your voting precinct.

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

"HANG ON TO IT TIGHT"

Paul G. Dickey, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Dickey of Fargo, is a teacher in the Amanzimtoti Institute at Adams, Natal, South Africa. His father, Dr. Dickey, as assistant superintendent of the Congregational Conference of North Dakota, is well known in the state. In a letter to the home folks, Paul writes:—

"If people over there knew what a mark of distinction Prohibition is for America in other lands, they would hang on to it tight. Most people we meet do not say much about it and some ridicule the idea, but I rather feel that is one of the reasons for the jealousy there is. It is undoubtedly a good move, as the workman's condition proves, and people outside America think so too.

"I'd hate to see all the bars and beer-wagons in Fargo that I see in Durban. Can't even imagine it! Huge steam trucks with trailers travel about the streets, loaded with kegs upon which ride a dozen or so red-shirted natives, there for the unloading act. I see more doddering old men, hopelessly run down, than I ever saw at home, and I am rather free to guess the reason. Every hotel has a frosted window bar, and the sign—'Castle Beers'—strikes you in the face from anywhere. Before the intermission in the theatres, they flash a slide stating that it is now time for that whiskey.

"Deliver me from ever having to see that stuff at home! No evidence of liquor is best, and that is why we are glad we come from where we do."

(We are thankful for this splendid young American and his influence where it is needed so much. Let us hang on tight to our precious possession—prohibition—for the sake of all our young people, both at home and abroad.—Ed.)

We Welcome a New Union at Hazelton, organized April 1st by the district president, Mrs. Ellen Pagel. Mrs. L. H. Briggie is president, Mrs. E. P. Zunkel, vice president, Mrs. Mary Moger, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lydia Chase, recording secretary, Mrs. C. Lunsford, treasurer, and there are eleven members. Four dear little girls were consecrated to the cause by Mrs. Pagel—Naomi Gladys Buck, Jeannette Mae Buck, Lola Mae Zunkel and Evadne Marie Zunkel. To other district presidents we commend the work of Mrs. Pagel. "Go, thou, and do likewise."

Good words that mean good will are stepping stones to God.

MOTHER

"He shall give His angels charge over thee." Psa. 91, 11.

I never called that she did not answer,
Reached out my arms that she did not come,
And now that she's gone to the Land of the Loving,
Shall I say she's less sentient, expression is dumb?

Not less—more responsive to every heart-pleading,
That soul, all aflame with a glorified power
To reach me, to touch me, to hold me close-folded,
Safe, safe through the stress and the strain of life's hour.

"Changed?" Ah, yes, she's changed to more radiant beauty,
To new depth of thought-power, vastness of love—
And yet just the same—my very own ever—
I'd know her amid all the star-crowned above.

In keen, conscious life, in that Land of the Loving,
And biding the time that my spirit shall come,
There's welcome, there's longing, akin to my longing
In one of those mansions that mother calls "Home."
—Julia H. Thayer.

LIKE-MINDED WITH US

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union welcomes two splendid allies in the fight against tobacco, drugs and narcotics. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers expressed its attitude through strong resolutions and the conviction of the National Education Association is reflected through the following statement by its president, Miss E. Ruth Pyrtle:—

"Ignorance and narcotics tend to standardize, weaken and defeat people. Education fosters individuality, distinction and achievement. Has there been in all history so colossal a standardizing process—such a vast demonstration of the sheep-like qualities of the human race as in the spread of the tobacco habit? Has not this increase in the use of cigars been brought about through the expenditure of millions of dollars for advertising; through the hired misuse of psychology, art, writing, printing and radio; through the degradation of newspapers and magazines? Have not the tobacco interests admitted the falsity of the statements which were published in newspapers and magazines that had the confidence of our homes and of our schools? Should any school or home subscribe to magazines which support such a policy? Can we afford to spread among the children a habit whose cost is greater than the total cost of free, public education; a habit surely unworthy of an age that has produced a Lindbergh and has brot into the high schools of America a wonderful army of more than five million fine young men and women?"

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance, National Organizer and Lecturer, has been secured for several weeks work in western part of the state and begins at Hettinger, April 27th, where ten days will be spent in the Tenth district, under the direction of the district president, Mrs. E. C. Wilson. We shall be glad to hear from any who desire the services of Mrs. LaMance, who is a most able speaker and a very successful campaigner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 20-April 21
DUES—Sheyenne \$8.80, Ryder 2.80, Jamestown 25.40, Engleval 9.80, Edinburg 9.10, New Rockford 14.70, Hatton 2.10, Napoleon 11.20, Fargo 1.40, Sheldon 9.80, Lakota 2.80, Wheelock 11.20, Egeland 8.40, Hazelton 3.50, Oakes 11.20, Parshall 2.80, Portal 2.10, Rolla, Willard dues 4.00, Crosby 12.60, Park River 2.60, Rugby 2.10, Minot 1.40, Mayville 15.40, Portland 6.30, Pickardville Willard dues 3.00, Benedict 1.40.

BUDGET—Sheyenne com. \$15.60, Ryder, Wil. Mem. 2.00, Ryder, Stevens Leg. 1.00, Jamestown 16.90, Nekoma, com. 29.90, Engleval, com. 18.00, New Rockford, Wil. Mem. 2.00, Carrington, com. 64.05, Wheelock with exc. 15.10, Egeland, com. 20.00, Hannah, com. 13.90, Portland, com. with exc. 22.30.

MISCELLANEOUS — Jamestown, Self Denial, \$3.50; 16th Dist. pledge, 15.00; Nekoma, reports, 75c, exch., 10c; Fargo, Self Denial, 1.00; Rolla, reports, 25c, White Ribbon Bulletin sub., 25c; Portland, Union Signals, 4.00.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

First district meets at Rock Lake in June with Mrs. Necia E. Buck, speaker. Second at Minnewaukan, May 16, with Mrs. Fred M. Wanner speaker. Third district's arrangements are not complete. Fourth district meets at Minot, May 15-16, with Mrs. Lora S. LaMance as speaker. Fifth district meets at Alamo, with date not settled. Ninth at Linton —Mrs. LaMance, speaker at Reeder, May 6th with Mrs. ... Eleventh at Bismarck, June 5 and 6, Mrs. LaMance, speaker. Twelfth at Cooperstown, May 6 and 7, Mrs. Anderson, state president, speaker. Thirteenth at West Fairview, May 21-22 with Mrs. Wanner, speaker. Fourteenth meets at Glover with date not fixed at this writing. Mrs. Anderson will be the speaker at the Fifteenth district convention meeting in Mayville, May 27-28 and at Lakota where the Sixteenth district will meet May 22-23. Drayton will entertain the Seventeenth district convention and Mrs. Anderson will be the convention guest. The Twentieth district meets in convention May 16, at Christine, with the state treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Watkins as their guest.

The Fargo Young People's Branch gave an entertainment in White Hall of the Methodist church and invited members of the Fargo union and friends. Special music was furnished, two playlets given and Helen Tarplee read—"The Constitution and the Eighteenth Amendment." Refreshments included a prohibition punch which was much enjoyed by all. The president, Miss Sylvia Headland, presided.

Friends in Australia write of the prohibition work being done in the schools through the writing of essays by the children. We are encouraged by word from many foreign countries and sing, with renewed faith:—"It's coming! It's coming—the morn for which we pray— We'll take the world for Christ's own kingdom—some glad day."

SUNDAY MOVIES

The attempt of motion picture exhibitors of North Dakota to legalize these shows on Sunday is increasing the conviction on the part of many parents and teachers that the motion picture industry is becoming more and more of a menace.

With great possibilities for good, the motion picture industry has chosen instead to portray crime and sex stuff until minds of children are so saturated with social sewage that the coming generation has not a fair chance for a clean, wholesome mental and moral life.

The child welfare committee of the League of Nations analyzed 250 films in 1926 and found in them—"97 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions and 45 suicides. Among the leading characters in these 250 pictures were 176 thieves, 25 prostitutes and 35 drunkards."

Criminologists from 35 countries in the Ninth International Prison Congress held in London, August, 1925, devoted their discussions to methods of protecting youth from the corrupting influences of the movies, which, they said, incite to crime and immorality. The average school child in America attends the movies once or twice a week; so practically every child in the United States is exposed to this baneful influence. Does not this throw some light upon the crime wave we hear so much about?

The demand for censorship was becoming imperative when, eight years ago, the industry quieted it by appointing Mr. Will Hays to clean up the movies at a salary larger than that of the President of the United States. Last fall the Christian Century asked its readers if the movies were any less of a menace to the mental and moral life of the community than before Mr. Hays assumed office—if they were any less devoted to blood and thunder, crime, gun play, lasciviousness, sentimentality and inanity. The answers from every section of the country were practically unanimous that the movies were as bad or worse than they were then and that they constituted nothing short of a menace to the mental and moral life of America.

While efforts for censorship were quieted by the clever reassurances of Mr. Hays, four giant corporations gained control of the motion picture industry. A few men have power, not only to say what goes into the pictures but also what pictures we shall see and shall not see, in our local picture houses. They have become OUR CENSORS.

They buy up great strings of local theatres and compel them to take the pictures which they manufacture. The local theatre manager must not only buy his pictures in blocks—the good with the bad, without the privilege of choosing what he wants in an open market—but he must also buy them before they are produced, without seeing them or knowing whether they are suitable for his purpose. These systems of buying up local theatres, block booking and blind booking, place the local exhibitors at the mercy of these great corporations. These great corporations do not even pay taxes in North Dakota.

The attempt to increase the revenues of this business by Sunday shows, commercializing the Ameri-

can Sunday is waking up many people who have been indifferent to other dangerous aspects of the motion picture industry. One of North Dakota's greatest assets is its freedom from commercialized activities on Sunday. Let us protect our restful Sunday from outside interests who want to commercialize it. Do you not think your children can spend enough time and money on movies six days a week?

We believe those who have the welfare of the children at heart will vote "NO" at the primary election July 25th, on the proposition to legalize Sunday movies. —Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Days are approaching—days of golden opportunity for the Vacation Church School to minister to the childhood and youth of its community.

Vacation Church School does not just happen. To serve most effectively the leaders must put much into it. It is not too soon to hold a preliminary conference to discuss plans and objectives, methods and materials to be used in your School this summer. The success of each school will depend largely upon the early and adequate preparation of the workers.

The curriculum will include those activities and experiences by which the pupil may be assisted to grow and develop—learning to live the Christian life by living it.

Temperance is a vital factor in living and a program of health education with moral training which helps solve the problems of self-control, law and obedience, should be included in the curriculum of every Vacation Church School. Our boys and girls need help to respond to temperance situations in a Christian way.

Material prepared especially for use in teaching temperance in the Vacation Church School may be secured from the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, or the North Dakota Council of Religious Education, Fargo.

Your Church Vacation School Committee will, no doubt, welcome suggestions along this line.

I am ready at all times to assist you in whichever way I can.

Mrs. Geo. A. McGregor, Fargo, N. D. Director.

"Germany may have its beer, France its wine, and England its ale, but Germany has determined to have fewer saloons. We learn that over seventy thousand liquor businesses have been closed in that country during the past twelve months. Hurrah for Germany! Smash the beer mug! Wreck the beer keg! Pull out the faucets! Close the saloons! Padlock the breweries! There is a better day coming for Germany! The old-time beer guzzler with heavy jaws and extended paunch has gone out of fashion. The leaders of Germany are to be congratulated on their foresight. They are giving a demonstration of their elemental wisdom. Operating along this line they will come out at the top as they so frequently have in the past."—Western Christian Advocate.

Hold fast to the highest ideals that flash upon your vision in hours of exaltation.

THOSE BEAUTIFUL HANDS

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're neither white or small! And you, I know, would scarcely think That they were fair at all. I've looked on hands whose form and hue

A sculptor's dream might be, Yet are these aged, wrinkled hands Most beautiful to me.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! Though heart were weary or sad, These patient hands kept toiling on That the children might be glad. I almost weep, as looking back To childhood's distant day, I think how these hands rested not, When mine were at their play.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're growing feeble now; For time and pain have left their work

On hand and heart and brow. Alas! alas! the nearing time, And the sad, sad day to me, When 'neath the daisies, out of sight, These hands will folded be.

But O! beyond this shadow land, Where all is bright and fair, I know full well these dear old hands Will palms of victory bear, Where crystal streams, through endless years, Flow over golden sands, And where the old grow young again, I'll clasp my mother's hands.

MAKE THE FAIRS COUNT

Dear Co-workers: The balmy days of spring are here. Everyone is busy cleaning up Old Winter's dirt and rubbish. This is the logical time to make plans for a general clean up in our state.

We are going to be called up to defend our state law on prohibition again at the November election. Let each one of us plan for an extensive campaign throughout our entire state and let the victory be so great that the wets in North Dakota, and all over the nation will know their task is hopeless.

What better way can you find to reach and convince all voters of the state, with literature and posters than at your state and county fairs? There are parts of our state still unorganized. It may be possible to reach some of those voters through this medium. Try it!

Make your plans now for a booth at your fair. Secure a good place even though you must pay for it.

Possibly you can get a radio dealer to install one in your booth for advertising purposes or perhaps a member or friend will donate a Victrola. These things help to attract the public.

Make your booth or rest room very attractive. Be sure all literature used is new and clean. Have a barrel of ice water, also paper cups.

Kind and congenial women should be in charge. Register all visitors and give definite figures when reporting.

Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Prohibition. Let not the white-ribboners of North Dakota be found wanting, but CARRY ON with renewed encouragement for God and Home and Every Land.

Sincerely, Bessie Darling, State Director Fairs & Exhibits.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, National Director of Institutes, is filling an engagement of several weeks in Michigan and Minnesota.

MEDAL CONTESTS CONTINUE TO EDUCATE

Dear Comrades:—

Most of the unions that conducted medal contests in the past are carrying on again this year and many new ones are joining them, so we hope to be able to give a good account at the end of the year.

Some problems have arisen, one of which is to find suitable selections for little folks who are usually very willing to take part. If their interest is secured early, we will have no lack of contestants when they grow up. All who work with younger children should subscribe for The Young Crusader as the good material it contains may be used in contest work when the reciters begin to fail.

Another problem relates to the proper age to allow contestants to compete for a gold medal. If a silver medal has been won by a seven or eight year old, he is rather young to compete for a gold medal yet at present we have no other provision. Some unions solve this by an elimination contest, taking groups from several grades for the first contest, offering as a prize a book or picture, or giving no prize but allowing one or two of the best from each group to compete for a silver medal. I hope we may be able to have another sort of medal for beginners and shall take this up with our National director.

Because of the illness of our new director, Mrs. Myra Miller-Stauffer, the National plans for this year were delayed, but I am sending them with other literature. Please do not throw this away as advertising matter, which it really is, but a very worthwhile kind. Will you look over the new plans and let me know if you are willing to be "Challenge Bees" and if you will observe May 18th as "Carman Day" by holding a contest? Yours for continued success,

Mrs. J. N. Wallestad.
Wheelock, N. D.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer for the mothers of our land. For the old mothers, who have surrendered their children, either to life or to death, and now live on memories; Comfort their hearts.

For mothers of growing boys and girls, who approaching maturity are burdened with the choice of a life purpose: May they guide aright. For young mothers, called to make unwelcome sacrifices and facing unfamiliar duties: May they find happiness in their sacred life work.

For mothers struggling in poverty, working in the industries and daily separated from their children: May they find friends to aid them in fulfilling their duty to their families.

For mothers bereft of their husbands, facing their problems alone; for mothers in lonely out-of-the-way places, cut off from the helps of church and schools; for mothers handicapped by illiteracy; for mothers unwept, but striving to rebuild their lives in the life of the child: May these find help and strength in Thee.

Dear Father, grant to all mothers of all people Thy presence and Thy benediction.

In the name of Him whose tender regard for His Mother was expressed even on the cross. Amen.—Exchange.

Mrs. J. M. Holcomb, State Director of Narcotics, speaking at a meeting of the Central P. T. A. in her home city of Jamestown, gave statistics to show that 40 per cent of the prisoners in the federal prisons of the country are drug addicts. "Perhaps we think because we are inland, we are not being bothered by this terrible plague, but just a short time ago, dispatches carried the news that a seizure of \$10,000 worth of drugs had been made at Des Moines, Iowa, and that this had been consigned to North and South Dakota and Minnesota. So you see we do have users," continued Mrs. Holcomb.

"Narcotics and crime go hand in hand and we must be on guard all the time. Much work may be done through the teaching of its effects in the schools and through such organizations as the Boy and Girl Scouts which give the children occupation for leisure time. I am hoping for the day to come when more is said of these things in our text books. Public sentiment, too, must be created, and such organizations as the P. T. A. help materially."

Minot's Medal Contests—Minot has been very active in medal contest work and two silver medal contests have recently been held. In the Model School at State Teachers College, Mildred Christensen, who read "A New Crop" and Keith Chatfield, who gave "The Debt of Law Enforcement," won first places. The high school orchestra furnished music and Mrs. Erling Monnes sang. Mrs. W. D. Allen, local S. T. I. director, presided and Mrs. Geo. Campbell presented the medals.

In the second contest, Evelyn Howell, reading "What Does it Mean to Be an American" and Lyman Elyken, whose selection was "The Spiritual Significance of the American Constitution," were awarded medals at a meeting of the P. T. A. Other contestants were: Irene Walter, Eldrid Chatfield, Frances Schmitz, Evelyn Taylor, Paul Krueger, Edwin Johnson, Charles Picken, Sheldon Underdahl and Lowell Hansen. Another contest is being prepared by students in Junior High School and a gold medal contest will be held at the district convention.

Mrs. C. E. Allen of Valley City, was hostess when the local union observed guest day with sixty ladies present, ten of whom were from Jamestown. Devotions were by Mrs. T. W. Nugent, and Miss Elvera Cedegreen, accompanied by Miss Karshner, sang "The Voice in the Wilderness." Rev. J. W. LaGrone discussed the Literary Digest prohibition poll, showing its unreliability. Mrs. Allen, assisted by Mmes. McCosh, Carlton and Zimmerman, served refreshments, including a prohibition punch. Mrs. Allen is state director of the department of Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products and the "prohibition cocktail" she served was most refreshing.

Encouraging Reports are beginning to come in from the membership campaign. The Mayville union is not only a Hold Fast union but has gained 23 new members. Bottineau held a series of silver teas, adding eleven new members and replenishing their treasury. Grafton added eight new members. Hettinger is working for a picture of the state officers.

"Are all the children in? The night is falling
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.
Oh, at the last it biteth like a serpent!
Poisoned are stolen sweets.
Oh, mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin.
Oh, shut the door of love against temptation!
Are all the children in?"

COUNTING THE COST

Counting the revenues which arose from the liquor traffic, the ever hopeful Association Against the Prohibition Amendment figures that prohibition costs America a billion a year.

A country which views without concern a bill proposing that a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 be allocated to experimental farm relief is not going to concern itself about the cost of prohibition, provided it looks favorably upon the results of the "noble experiment."

However, counting revenues from the liquor traffic as part of the cost of prohibition, in the fullness of knowledge that there are counterbalancing losses which cannot be divorced from the luxury and convenience of a saloon in every block, is tantamount to footing up the cash returns of a system of prostitution, and asserting the abandonment of the system would cost that amount. Or declaring peace a loss, annually, of the sum which manufacturers and merchants would profit on the sale of war supplies.

Many, many, sincere Americans object to prohibition upon principle, as an impingement upon the rights of individuals, and, therefore, undemocratic procedure.

No sincere and intelligent human being figures the revenues upon a legalized liquor traffic as net profit to the State.—Louisville Times.

Judge R. H. Sherman of LaMoure, a delegate to the Democratic state convention, states that the question of prohibition was never squarely put before the convention and those who wished to discuss the subject were denied the privilege. A motion that the platform be considered section by section was seconded by Judge Sherman but was voted down and the platform with its repeal plank, was adopted as a whole. Following the "aye" vote, the "fanatics" of this convention immediately started a loud applause so that the "no" votes were not heard. "The whole thing was railroaded through in double quick time" says Judge Sherman, who resents being classed with the wets and states that the convention "was one of the biggest political farces ever enacted in the state of North Dakota."

At A Matron's Contest in Hettinger, Mrs. E. C. Thomas won the medal with the selection, "The Challenging Word." States Attorney Paul W. Boehm presided and the high school orchestra furnished music. There was a large attendance and much interest shown. The ladies expect to give their selections at other meetings in the community.

Resolved, that I will utter no word or convey no thought unworthy of a Christian disciple.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell made an automobile trip recently; visiting the schools in Spiritwood, Sanborn, Valley City, Oriska, Tower City, Buffalo, Nome and Wheatland, addressing 1142 students and securing 873 signatures to the Youth's Roll Call.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Ryder, president of the 4th district, was guest of honor at a meeting of the Minot union and a tea was served by Mrs. C. E. Brace and Mrs. L. H. Larsen. Mrs. J. H. Mackley sang. Mrs. Mielke's address was heard with much interest.

Mrs. Frank Beasley, state recording secretary, visited Egeland, addressing the P. T. A. and Ladies' Aid Societies and giving readings at each meeting.

We are glad to hear that our friend, Mrs. L. A. Fitch of Napoleon, is still at work for The Union Signal and five of their 16 members are subscribers.

The state office was favored with a call from Mrs. Florence Banner of Nebraska, president of the South Omaha union and state director of Soldiers and Sailors department.

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