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WANTED

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands:
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions, and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their loud professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife—lo, Freedom weeps!
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps!
—J. G. Holland.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

The glorious rains during the first half of May, which now make all nature laugh and sing, interfered greatly at the time, with conventions and meetings. Many roads were impassable and even graveled highways were unsafe in places. Our field workers, Mrs. LaMance, Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Bordwell, heroically struggled through rain and mud to make their appointments. Fortunately, the schools furnished them enthusiastic, ready-made audiences. The 20th district convention at Christine had to be postponed until rain and mud subsided. I had to spend part of two days on the road and change cars three times to reach Cooperstown which is within a few hours driving distance. We had a fine convention at Cooperstown in spite of weather conditions and the enthusiasm of the delegates was in no wise quenched. Our hostesses were most hospitable and thoughtful for our comfort. Mrs. Zimmerman and I were delightfully entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Downe. Mr. Downe is the popular mayor of that enterprising little city.

Sunday Movies

June 25th is fast approaching. At this primary election, the question whether or not we are to have Sunday motion pictures in North Dakota will be decided. The civic committee, consisting of representatives from all churches and organizations interested, should now be working in every town. Please see that this is done. Victory will depend upon it. The plan of work for this committee



MRS. E. C. WILSON,
Hettinger, President Tenth district,
who reports two new unions—
Bucyrus and Marmarth.



MRS. GUY F. HARRIS,
Carrington, President Second district,
who has held an institute with each
of her local unions.

is given again in another column. Earnest, aggressive effort just now may save our state from a long train of evils that will surely follow the further commercialization of the Sabbath Day. NOW is the time for action. Will YOU do your part?

Look for the Cause

If we are inclined to be dismayed at the tremendous activity and noise of the wets, it helps us to bear it calmly when we discover that it is caused by the increasing effectiveness of President Hoover's enforcement program. If the men who want to drink could get it without any trouble, if the men who want to sell did not see before them, sooner or later, a jail, we would hear very little about repeal of prohibition. The fact is, as the lines are being tighter drawn and enforcement made more effective, the wet protests become louder and the wet activities more frantic.

We had been wondering why the plutocrats who compose the millionaires' club called the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment should be contributing so lavishly for their money for the repeal of prohibition; why they are paying agents as much as \$25,000 a year for carrying out their program; why they pay a lobbyist \$2,000 a month for controlling the Wisconsin legislature; why they claim with such great solicitude, that they want the common people to have the right to drink. The facts brought out by the investigations of the United States Senate gave us the answer. The records of the senate committee show that the duPonts (who contribute \$60,000

yearly to the A. A. P. A.) are interested in the manufacture of industrial alcohol. Their touching interest in the laboring man is because they wish to sell him their products. Their plea that the poor man should have his beer is based on the belief that the tax on beer would relieve the rich from paying the present income taxes.

An illuminating statement which was used to get other men of money to help the wet cause was shown in the records of the Senate committee. It reads: "Irene duPont states that one of his companies would save ten million in corporation tax if we should have, say, the British tax on beer." The records show that a few rich men, for their own selfish ends, by the use of high powered publicity agents, the press and magazines that they can control, are endeavoring to make the reading public believe that this country is in rebellion against the 18th Amendment. Mr. Curran, president of the A. A. P. A., who receives \$25,000 a year for his services, declared before the Senate committee that three-fourths of the people of the United States were against prohibition. Senator Robinson asked, if that was the case, why they were working so hard and spending so much money to repeal prohibition. He said three-fourths of the people of the United States could do whatever they want to, without help from any organization.

It was brought out in the testimony that the A. A. P. A. spent \$427,213 last year, working for the repeal of prohibition. They conducted campaigns to elect wet congressmen in 56

congressional districts and were defeated in all but two. Two other wet congressmen were defeated and more than two drys elected, so they gained nothing. We predict that they will be equally unsuccessful in the effort to elect a wet Congressman in the Third Congressional district of North Dakota.

Don't be discouraged by what you read in the wet press. Read The Union Signal and your own church papers and you will know the facts. Give these facts to your neighbors and friends who haven't access to them. Carry a good supply of our leaflets constantly in your handbag and make generous use of them during these vacation months. Remember our goal for the year and do not stop short of it. "A net gain in every local union and at least one new union in every county." We must work and watch and fight and pray. Yours for the better day that is coming,

Elizabeth Preston Anderson,
Grafton, N. D., May 20, 1930.

PLANS FOR WORK AGAINST SUNDAY MOVIES

1. A civic committee, consisting of three representatives from every church, W. C. T. U., P. T. A., service and other clubs that are interested.
2. Appointment by committee of 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. Call up the people opposed to Sunday movies the day before election, urging them to vote and call again on election day to see if they have voted.
3. Appointment by committee of squad of four minute speakers, to speak wherever they can get a hearing, ministers to be given the choice of presenting the subject themselves or having one of these speakers.
4. Placing in homes and stores, window posters carrying in large letters—"We vote NO on Sunday Movies."

These posters may be obtained free from North Dakota W. C. T. U. Headquarters, Fargo, N. D.

Mrs. Lottie A. Woodford, special national lecturer in the Scientific Temperance department, has been engaged for work in summer schools, June 17-28. She will visit Ellendale, Dickinson, Minot, Mayville and Valley City, under the direction of the State Educational department.

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THAT UNION SIGNAL QUOTA

Dear, Loyal Union Signalers:—

Is the way Mrs. Werts begins her April letter, reporting the March campaign for subscriptions. In all the states we made a gain, over the expirations, of 1,866, making our present subscription list 41,702. North Dakota is one of the eight states that did not make their quota. We have a membership of 3139 and one-sixth of that—our quota—is 523.

The plan of the summer campaign is to divide the states into groups according to membership, based on number of subscriptions for the month ending April 30, 1930. We are in the third group or group C. A prize of \$8.00 in Union Signal subscriptions will be given each state in this group that makes a net gain of 10% over the number reported April 30, 1930. And an additional \$5.00 in subscriptions will be given the state that makes the greatest gain over 10%.

Our present number of subscribers is 410, making 41 the required 10% net gain. The contest begins June 1st and closes Oct. 31st, leading up to recognition at the National Convention at Houston, Texas, Nov. 12-20, 1930. Let us do better in the summer campaign than we did in March. The same rules apply to The Young Crusader. Send subscriptions direct to Evanston—not to me or any one else in Fargo.

Yours for a splendid summer's work,
Mrs. Geo. F. Clark, Promoter.
1445 10th St. N., Fargo, N. D.

Lord, give the mothers of the world
More love to do their part—
That love which reaches not alone
The children made by birth their own
But every childish heart.
Make in their souls true motherhood
Which aims at universal good.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A letter from Miss Stoddard, with helpful S. T. I. literature, will be presented to each of our 495 Normal graduates from state colleges, by members of local unions where these schools are located.

We regret that Mrs. Anna Irwin of Egeland, state director of Evangelistic department, will leave the state in June to make her home in Idaho, but our best wishes will accompany this faithful worker.

ESTATE NOTE

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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.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The Tenth district held a successful convention at Reeder May 6, with Mrs. LaMance as honored guest and LaMance as the honored guest and speaker. Resident ministers cordially cooperated and Rev. L. F. Green of Hettinger spoke on the proposed repeal of state prohibition. Mrs. E. C. Thomas read a paper on The Membership Campaign and two new members were secured. Mrs. J. C. Sims spoke on Legislation, Mrs. Harris on institutes and Mrs. Culver conducted a question box. The Congregational and Lutheran choirs furnished music. Three ladies were present from the new union at Bucyrus. All officers were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Belle Stevens, Reeder, as vice president at large. Three other vice presidents were elected—Mrs. Willie Olson, Bucyrus; Mrs. O. A. Erlandson, Hettinger, and Mrs. Gertrude Davies, Marmarth.

Cooperstown entertained the 12th district convention May 6-7, with the state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, as guest of honor. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell also assisted in the attractive program arranged by the district president, Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman. Mrs. C. E. Allen gave an interesting talk on her new department of Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products. Mrs. W. J. LaGrone of Valley City charmed everyone with her vocal numbers. Rev. L. C. Cooley read an impressive paper on "The Menace of Sunday Motion Pictures," from which excerpts will be found in another column. All officers were re-elected. Mrs. Chas. Atherton of Valley City is the new secretary of Young People's Branch.

The Fourth district convention at Minot, May 15-16, was a marked success. Two gold medal contests, in which Ruth McKenzie of Ryder and Mary Jane Bertelson of Minot were winners, were followed by a grand gold medal contest in which Cora Rykkill of Ryder won first place. Mrs. LaMance presented the medals and also gave some illuminating addresses. Awards in the essay contest on the topic—"Why Fliers and Drivers Should Keep Free from Alcoholic Drinks"—were presented to Lloyd Johnson and Edith Witham who won first and second places respectively. Minot ministers gave cordial cooperation. Rev. E. E. Keedy of the Congregational church conducted devotions. Rev. Geo. O. Parish of the Methodist church spoke on the Canadian System and Rev. H. E. Dierenfeld of the Presbyterian church discussed Sunday Movies. Mrs. Geo. Campbell, acting president, welcomed the convention. Charles E. Scott, director of the training school at the Teachers College, spoke for the schools and Rev. C. J. Carlsen for the churches. Mrs. I. C. Mellum of Van Hook made the response. Mrs. J. H. Mackley and Mrs. C. J. Carlsen sang a duet. The charming and popular president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, was re-elected for the 12th year.

Reports from the five conventions held this week (May 19-23) have not yet been received but will be given next month. The Second met at Minnewaukan, the Fifth at Alamo, the Thirteenth at West Fairview, the Fourteenth at Glover, and the Sixteenth at Lakota. The Fifteenth meets at Mayville, May 27-28; the

THE LIBRARY INVESTIGATION

Miss Cora Frances Stoddard, National director of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, has instituted a survey of the libraries to ascertain the situation as to wet and dry publications and the need for additional reference books. We trust the report of the Fargo committee, Mrs. S. J. Taber and Mrs. C. H. Warner, is characteristic of the others which we have not seen.

The Masonic library was visited and Miss Clara Richards interviewed who stated that the library was absolutely bone-dry and that no attempt had been made to place wet reading matter there.

Miss Rynning of the Public Library gave a similar testimony and declared that wet material, which she considered unpatriotic under the law, promptly found its place in the waste basket.

Prof. B. C. Tighe of the Central High School told the committee there was nothing wet in that library—that they wouldn't have it around one hour! At the library of the State College of Agriculture, the committee was assured by the librarian, Mrs. McVeety, that nothing in their fine library of 46,000 volumes treated the wet question favorably. On the contrary, they have several magazines favorable to prohibition, such as The Union Signal, The American Issue and others.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR THANKS 17th DISTRICT

When Miss Rebecca N. Rhoads, National director of Soldiers and Sailors, sent out a call for comfort bags to be sent with Chaplain Oliver to our 1000 American boys in China, we asked the wide-awake director of the 17th district, Mrs. Albert J. Johnson of Nekoma, to help us with this limited amount. Accordingly seven unions in that district responded and Miss Rhoads, on her way to Europe, writes from the S.S. President Roosevelt: "I want to acknowledge and thank North Dakota for the money order for Cchapain Oliver which I will send to him to China as he requested. Thank Mrs. Johnson, too, please. We do appreciate this. It naturally will be months before we hear from Chaplain Oliver but I think he will thank you all most sincerely as he is so grateful for all done for him in his noble work for our service men."

Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck, Esmond, entertained members of the executive committee of the Second district at her home, April 30th, when plans were made for the district convention. In the afternoon and evening, a very helpful institute was conducted by the district president, Mrs. Guy F. Harris of Carrington, who spoke on "Why Stand Back of the 18th Amendment." Mrs. Bert La Grave discussed social morality and Rev. Mr. May led devotions. There was community singing and a chorus by the young people.

Eleventh at Bismarck, June 5-6; the Ninth at Linton, June 10; the Seventeenth at Drayton, June 11-12; the First at Rock Lake, June 12-13, and the Third at Bottineau, June 17-18. The date for the Twentieth district convention, postponed because of the rain, has not been definitely settled.

THE SPIRIT OF TOMORROW

"Right forever on the scaffold
Wrong forever on the throne"
All too long have sages quoted
Then content, left things alone;
But the spirit of tomorrow
Rings with quite a different tone—
Wrong forever on the scaffold,
Right forever on the throne.

It has taken all the birth throes
Of the centuries that are past
To produce this generation
Making history that will last;
And to-day, with clearer vision,
Gained by heroes sacrificed,
May we raise a royal banner
Reaching upward to the skies.

Wrong is always on the scaffold,
Right is ever on the throne,
If we mortals could but grasp it—
God is ruler—God alone.
Go read Psalms the thirty-seventh,
Telling how the right prevails,
Tho' so long wrong seems triumphant,
God's sure mercy never fails.

God has spoken—can we doubt it?
Were our PROHIBITION came
When our hearts attuned and listening

And with faith and love aflame?
Or had cares and worldly pleasures
Dulled our sense to human need?
Women, children, youth and manhood
Sacrificed to selfish greed.

God forbid that we should fail Him,
In such crises as the last,
When to falter might mean failure
Rather—let us take our grasp
And with host sing songs of victory,
Loudly let the chorus swell—
Gratefully the bards are singing—
"God's on duty—all is well."

This original poem by Mrs. G. E. Norris, chairman of the membership committee for the Fargo union, was read at the reception for the 29 new members gained. Words of welcome were voiced by the president, Mrs. J. H. Potter, and others and each presented with the badge of the organization. A tea was served in their honor.

Mayville union entertained their 24 new members at the home of Mrs. H. M. Soliah, with an interesting program of songs and readings, and a welcome address by the president, Mrs. Martha W. Oas, who pinned the white ribbon on each one. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

Grafton had a pleasant gathering in honor of their ten new members and words of welcome and encouragement by the state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Mrs. E. J. Langley, president of the Rock Lake union, reports eight new active members and four honoraries gained and a luncheon held in their honor.

It is impossible to give a complete report until the questionnaire sent to each union has been returned. But we are hopeful of a large increase in membership.

Miss Bertha R. Palmer, State Superintendent Public Instruction, was chief speaker at the Indian school at Ft. Lincoln when the faculty of that institution entertained the Bismarck union at a banquet and program. Pupils of the school put on a pageant and play and there was special music. Tables were tastefully decorated to represent the months of the year and guests were seated accordingly.

A partnership with God is motherhood;
What strength, what purity, what self-control,
What love, what wisdom, should belong to her
Who helps God fashion an immortal soul!

—Dr. Mary Wood-Allen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 21-May 20

DUES—Pickardville Willards \$3, Benedict 1.40, Jamestown 10.55, Steele 70c, Portal 2.10, Grand Forks 3.50, Northwood L. T. L. 8.20, Northwood with exc 10.50, Jamestown 16.10, Christine 9.10, Hettinger 1.40, Reeder 1.40, New Rockford 2.10, Epping L. T. L. 1.20, Hatton Y. P. B. 14.09, Nacia Buck Union 6.30, Bismarck 3.50, Bottineau with exc. 1.50, Lakota 4.80, Erie 7.00, Calvin 70c, Abercrombie 1.40, Rugby 2.80, Van Hook L. T. L. 2.80, Esmond 10.50, Fargo 13.30, Glover 6.30, Oakes 70c. Budget—Northwood \$15.00, Drayton 9.00, Jamestown 45.00, Grand Forks 30.00, Larimore 10.00, Christen 16.60, New Rockford 2.00, Bismarck 30.00, Ellendale comp. 33.80, Calvin comp. 25.50, Esmond comp. with exc. 26.30, Williston, payment on deficit 1928-29, 8.00.

MISCELLANEOUS—Minot, medals \$10.70; Alamo, medals 5.55; Cando, Light Line Union 6.50; Fargo, Self Denial 4.35; Hatton, Self Denial 2.00; Collection on field, Mrs. E. Sherping, 4.95; Esmond, Self Denial 3.05; Same, reports 75c; Egeland Self Denial 2.00.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters—

We congratulate you for the way you have collected and sent in dues for this part of our fiscal year, and we trust the same spirit will carry us on to greater accomplishments for the remaining part of the year.

In a recent letter from Mrs. Munns, our National Treasurer, she tells me that on May 1st of this year there were 25,127 more dues paid in to her than at that time last year. This number exceeds that of any other year, and North Dakota had a share in making it possible for her to give such a glowing report.

It has indeed been gratifying to see the NEW members we have secured, and let us continue to keep this up, and we believe we will. Our women are the kind that do "not weary in well doing," knowing that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." We believe with Solomon, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," and we are in the battle for Righteousness.

Lovingly yours,
Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

MRS. WATKINS BEREAVED

Our entire membership will extend sincere sympathy to our beloved state treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Watkins, in the home-going of her mother, Mrs. George Huckeby, who was called to the Better Land May 13th. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Huckeby has spent the summers with Mrs. Watkins and family here and was a member of the Fargo union. Her winters were spent with another daughter in Iowa and from there she passed away. She was a beautiful, Christian character, devoted to her home and family and to the church and every good work. Her memory is precious.

"The music of her life is no wise stilled

But blended with the songs around the throne of God."

CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN TRAP

On May 3 the Literary Digest reported that the clergy of the District of Columbia were overwhelmingly for repeal of the 18th Amendment; and the wet press brayed loudly over these figures:

Enforcement 42 Modification 38
Repeal 234

This seemed so far out of line that the Federation of Churches investigated. Ministers who had received Digest ballots reported they had voted:

Enforcement 85 Modification 8
Repeal 0

In addition the Federation of churches circulated its own questionnaire among 198 clergymen representing 19 Protestant denominations at the national capital, with this result:

Enforcement 188 Modification 8
Repeal 0

Naturally there is much curiosity as to where the Literary Digest secured the 234 ballots it claims were voted by clergymen of the District of Columbia for repeal.

A meeting of the pastors of the District of Columbia was held to express their indignation at the gross misrepresentation of their views. They made their position known in a public statement:

"Our tabulation leaves no doubt in our mind as to the untrue and deceptive impression given by the Literary Digest poll. Furthermore, our attention has been called to a layman who received eight ballots and the number who received three seems to be considerable."

A copy of a summary of the statement will be provided for each minister for his congregation and one has been sent to President Hoover that he may gain a first-hand view of the value (?) of the Literary Digest figures.

MRS. LaMANCE AT WORK

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance, Lake Wales, Florida, National organizer and lecturer, began her itinerary at Hettinger and spent ten days in the Tenth district under the direction of the president, Mrs. E. C. Wilson. New unions were organized at Bucyrus and Marmarth and the district convention held at Reeder. New England, Regent, Mott, Flasher and Mandan were visited and schools addressed wherever possible. At the Fourth district convention at Minot, Mrs. LaMance made several strong addresses and broadcast an important message. She was also an honored guest at the Fifth district meeting at Alamo.

At the present writing Mrs. LaMance is working on the Killdeer branch and we appreciate the courtesy of friends along that line who have assisted us in making her dates. She will visit Manning, Hebron and Beach before returning to Bismarck for the Eleventh district convention. Sunday, June 8th, will be spent at Napoleon and Kintyre and Mrs. LaMance will attend the Ninth district convention at Linton. Her rare intelligence and originality, her devotion and efficiency make a strong impression on all who hear her.

THE MENACE OF SUNDAY MOTION PICTURES

Rev. L. C. Cooley, D. D.
(Excerpts from paper read at Cooperstown convention.)

We are living in a time of strange unrest in regard to the Christian Sabbath. There are gains and losses. Postoffices have been closed after long years of agitation and all recognize the benefit in the better standards of service and the justice of a day of rest for postal employees. Sunday newspapers have come like a flood and many boys lose their Sabbath to sell and distribute them. This is true of the caddies on the Sunday golf course. Theaters and music halls are closed in London but movies are open. In 50 cities of England, only eight have Sunday movies and 82 are closed. In America, thirty states prohibit commercialized Sunday movies and in four states there is local option. Only 14 states are open for Sunday movies.

The observance of the Lord's Day is a source of wealth for the nation. In the words of Lord Macaulay—"We are not poorer but richer, because we have for many ages, rested one day in seven. That day is not lost; while industry is suspended * * a process is going on in the life of the nation quite as important as any process that is performed on more busy days." We hear much of the needs of the working man and that commercialized amusements should be in full blast on Sunday so that he may enjoy them. With the eight hour day, a half day on Saturday and holidays and vacation periods, the workman has ample opportunity six days in the week to attend movies, dance halls, pool halls, shows and circuses to his heart's content. We hear the plan advocated that the Lord should have half of Sunday and that everything should be wide open at twelve o'clock noon. It is true, as Sir Walter Scott said, "Give the world one-half of Sunday and religion will not long retain any strong hold on the other."

It is the duty of the state to protect the weak from the exploitation of the strong so that rich and poor alike may have the opportunity to rest from labor and to worship God. The work of the state is negative. It is to prohibit. The work of the church is positive. It is to propagate the truth of the gospel for the development of the highest spiritual interests of all men. Every effort should be put forth to strengthen the law and to prevent further trespass on the age old institution of one day's rest in seven. The peril of Sabbath desecration is one of the greatest dangers at present confronting the peace, prosperity and morality of the nation. The organized greed of those who seek to exploit the day for financial gain has looked long and covetously upon the Lord's Day. Six days are not enough. They seek gain on the seventh day without consideration for the health or welfare of their fellow men.

To open Sunday movies in North Dakota would be a backward step. It would encourage pool hall, dance hall proprietors and others to demand similar privileges. It would make the work of the Christian home even more difficult than it is at the present time; it would make the work of the church more arduous and hinder the work of the school. The opening of

SCATTER THE FLOWERS NOW

My Dear Co-Workers:—

While most of you will have plans made before this reaches you, yet any day in June will be suitable for a Flower Mission day program for this is an every-day-in-the-year department. We are working to keep North Dakota on the map with all her prestige of things accomplished heretofore. The observance of June 9th is one of the smaller ways to demonstrate that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Prohibition." I am sending a few excerpts from our National director's letter which you will enjoy. Mrs. Hall says:

"Flower Mission day, June 9th, the birthday of Jennie Casseday, the first National director of this department, with its varied programs, offers many opportunities of stressing the benefits of prohibition to our land. Every local union should hold a special meeting on this day followed by distribution of flowers among the sick and unfortunate. Plan to visit the homes of the aged, prisons and hospitals. Put much thought and prayer in the preparation of programs and have plenty of flowers to distribute.

"In planning a meeting in jails be sure to secure the cooperation of the superintendent beforehand and ascertain the number of bouquets needed. Attach white ribbon text cards. Call on members of L. T. L. and Y. P. B. to assist you. Arrange meetings in the Old Ladies' Home, asking the residents to take part in devotions. In addition to flowers and delicacies, material for patch work or fancy work will be appreciated. When practical, plan an auto ride for convalescents. Members of L. T. L. may help by making scrap books for children's ward in hospitals. Drives and outings for children and veterans and those obliged to remain indoors should be arranged. Let us make this the best Flower Mission Day in our history."

"A flower to a hospital to deck a dreary ward;
A flower to a shut-in to be cherished and adored;
A flower to a little child to show what life may hold;
A flower to the heart-sick is often more than gold;
A flower to the woman who haunts the cruel streets;
A flower to the aged, bowed down by life's defeats;
A flower from our priceless hoard, gladly, freely given,
May prove a scented highway to lead sad hearts to Heaven."

Sincerely yours,
M. Inez Lee, Director.

Sunday movies is not needed because ample facilities are afforded six days in the week. The Sunday Theater Association has opened an office in Fargo. Petitions have been signed and the matter is to be voted on at the primary election June 25th. Every effort should be put forth to keep North Dakota in line with the high moral ideals of the thirty states which now close the movies on the Lord's Day. As you love your home, your school and your church, let the effort be to keep the Sabbath a quiet day and a delight rather than to make it any more than it is, a day for pleasure seeking and commercialized amusements.

MY LITTLE BOY

Listen, son, I am saying this to you, as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls stickily wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen into your room, alone. Just a few minutes ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a hot stifling wave of remorse swept over me. I could not resist it. Guiltily I came to your bedside.

These were the things I was thinking, son. I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school because you gave your face merely a dab with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called angrily when I found you had thrown some of your things on the floor.

At breakfast, I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off to play and I made my train you turned and waved a little hand and called, "Good-bye, daddy," and I frowned, and said in reply, "Hold your shoulders back."

Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the hill road, I spied you, down on your knees playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boy friends, by making you march ahead of me back to the house. Stockings were expensive—and if you had to buy them you would be more careful. Imagine that, son, from a father! It was such stupid, silly logic.

Do you remember, later, when I was reading in the library, how you came in softly, timidly, with a sort of hurt, hunted look in your eyes. When I glanced up, over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door.

"What is it you want?" I snapped. You said nothing, but you ran across in one tempestuous plunge and threw your arms around my neck and kissed me again and again, and your small arms tightened with an affection that God had set blooming in your heart and which even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone pattering up the stairs.

Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hand and a terrible sickening fear came over me. Suddenly I saw myself as I really was, in all my horrified selfishness, and I felt sick at heart.

What had habit been doing to me? The habit of complaining, of finding fault, of reprimanding—all of these were my rewards to you for being a boy. It was not that I did not love you, it was that I expected so terribly much of youth. I was measuring you by the yardstick of my own years.

And there was so much that was good, and fine, and true in your character. You did not deserve my treatment of you, son. The little heart of you was as big as the dawn itself, over the wide hills. All this was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me good night. Nothing else matters tonight, son. I have come to your bedside in darkness, and I have knelt here, choking with emotion, and so ashamed!

It is feeble atonement. I know you would not understand these if I told them to you during your waking hours. Yet I must say what I am saying. I must burn sacrificial fires,

alone in your bedroom, and make free confession.

Tonight I have prayed to God to strengthen me in my new resolve. Tomorrow I will be a real daddy. I will chum with you and suffer when you suffer and laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying as if it were a ritual: "He is nothing but a boy—a little boy."

And I am afraid I have visualized you as a man. Yet I see you now, son, crumpled and weary in your cot, I see that you are still a baby. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder. I have asked too much, too much!

Dear boy, dear little son! A penitent kneels at your infant shrine, here in the moonlight. I kiss the little fingers and the damp forehead, and the yellow curls, and if it were not for waking you, I would snatch you up and crush you in my breast.

Tears came and heartache and remorse, and, I think, a greater, deeper love, when you ran through the library door and wanted to kiss me.

—Author Unknown.

OUR GREAT ENEMY

Headmaster Horace D. Taft of the Taft School for Boys, Watertown, Conn., is an able and far-sighted citizen. He is the distinguished brother of the late chief justice. Like many other sane and able people, he is working at his task of citizenship. The following is one of a series of articles which Headmaster Taft is writing for Connecticut daily papers:

In this battle, who is our great enemy? Whence comes this prodigious noise, this propaganda over the whole country which results in twisted news items everywhere, in false statistics, in heaping scorn on officers of the law for doing their duty, in jubilation when they fail, in the sacriligious use of Faneuil Hall over the death of three acknowledged lawbreakers, in the maudlin speeches in Congress, in such an idiotic bill as the one to prevent officers from using arms against a criminal in self-defense?

It all reminds you of the Copperheads in the Civil War. They kept screaming, "The war is a failure," and thereby did all that was in their power to make it a failure. Every victory for the Union they deplored and belittled. Every victory for secession brought them joy and they kept clamoring for an impossible compromise that should end the fight.

But who is behind it all? Is it because the good citizens on the wet side are more self-sacrificing and enthusiastic than those on the dry? NO, we must recognize our real enemy, an enemy that is fighting not in Massachusetts alone, not in the United States, but in Canada, in Scandinavia, in Finland, in England, throughout the world. It is what the English call THE TRADE. They usually confine that name to England but now the whole liquor, wine and beer interest of the world is organized and is fighting with its back to the wall, with enormous financial resources, against the rising tide of temperance or prohibition or local option or whatever form the upward movement takes. And, of course, they have concentrated on America for they know well that if the success of prohibition is acknowledged here, their doom is sealed.

According to the Associated Press, Mr. DeMin, president of the International League of the Adversaries of Prohibition, a Frenchman, said seven years ago: "We have a hundred million people behind us and untold millions of dollars which we will spend in the merciless fight to destroy prohibition in the United States." The same gentleman, as chairman of the French Wine Export Commission, said in the French Wine Trade Journal, "The approaching electoral struggles in the United States will probably be the occasion for redoubling the efforts of the commission and it is now awaiting the return of its representative to decide its action in the matter."

A French Commission, in accounting for the expenditure of great sums of money, claimed a share in the wet victories in Canada and stated that wherever the fight was on in any country, there they would be with their money. The German beer men, in convention, announced their intention to free America. Canadian whiskey and beer men paid tremendous sums into the chest in Canadian campaigns and they and their English brethren are awake to the dire consequences of a dry victory in America.

Here is a gigantic corrupting power proposing in the very words of the French president of the Wine Association to break down the Constitution and laws of the United States and to do it with money. Remember that what the good citizens on either side contribute in this fight are mere CONTRIBUTIONS; what these whiskey, beer and wine men contribute are INVESTMENTS and contributions are a mere bagatelle compared with investments. I wish we could bring home to every voter a realization of this situation and of the motive power behind this prodigious propaganda.

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. V. J. Eylands reports a new L. T. L. of 40 members at Makoti. Mrs. John Sande, district secretary of Y. P. B. reports an organization of nine members at Christine.

Mrs. E. Sherping of Fargo organized a union of nine members at Reynolds, May 16, with Mrs. Bessie Deal, president, Mrs. M. N. Bratharde, secretary and Miss Lottie Schulstad, treasurer. Mrs. Sherping also was the speaker at a mother and daughter banquet at Page, May 9th, when she gave an address and some vocal numbers, accompanying herself on the harp.

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance organized a union at Bucyrus, April 28, with Mrs. Elwood Esk, President, Mrs. Frank Walch, secretary and Mrs. Willie Olson, treasurer.

At Marmarth, she organized May 3d with Mrs. Florence Tabor, president, Mrs. Laura Swensoid, secretary and Mrs. Gertrude Davies, treasurer.

Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Bordwell continued their work in schools, visiting Buchanan, Pingree, Edmunds, Melville, Cooperstown, Hannaford, Rogers and Eckelson and addressing the students. Our love and prayers will accompany Mrs. Wanner as she

sails for France June 4th with the gold star mothers to visit the graves "in Flanders' Fields."

Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer reports an interesting Child Welfare meeting at Makoti with fine exhibits, posters and free material for the 30 mothers present. Papers were read on "The Pre-School Child," "Nicotine" and "Mental Hygiene." The district president, Mrs. Mrs. H. E. Mielke, was in attendance.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, state president, attended the May meeting of the Constitution Defenders as a member of the executive committee. Organization of counties will take place July 19 and white ribboners are urged to attend these important meetings.

The world will be a better and happier place when people are praised more and blamed less.

Nothing is a light matter that makes my heart ache or the hearts of any of my human kin.

We Welcome Mrs. Necia E. Buck, who comes to us early in June from her home in Salem, Oregon, and will be with us until November, helping in her splendid way, wherever she is needed.

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