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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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THE WEAVER

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me—
I cannot choose the color—
He worketh steadily.
Sometimes he weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I, the under side.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And show the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

We are looking forward with keen anticipation to our state convention at Valley City September 18-21. We come together, not only to rejoice and give thanks for the victories of the year, but to take an inventory of work attempted—accomplishments and failures—and from these to plan wisely for the year to come. Every union, we believe, will be helped in its local work by having a representative at this convention. It should be, if possible, the president of the union and the union will do well to pay, or help pay, her expenses.

We hope full delegations will come from unions within easy reach of Valley City. The expense of motoring is not great when shared by an auto load. There are the best of highways going into Valley City from north, south, east and west. Delegates will be entertained on the Harvard plan—lodging and breakfast—but those who wish to accept this hospitality should see that their names are sent to Mrs. O. P. Pagel, chairman entertainment committee, at least one week before the convention.

The one big social affair of the convention will be the banquet on Thursday evening, Sept. 18, at 50 cents a plate. We are happy to have with us as convention speakers, Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, the popular president of the Minnesota W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Necia E. Buck, well known and loved by North Dakotans, who will give us some of her campaigning experiences; our own vice president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, recently returned from the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage, who will give us some of her impressions abroad; and our National Institute director, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, just returned from the Pacific coast.

We will also hear from our branch secretaries, Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer and Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, from our district presidents who have done splendid work in the campaign and from



MRS. JOSEPHINE E. SIZER
President Minnesota W. C. T. U.

our state directors who have greatly helped by their department work. Delegates will be elected to the National W. C. T. U. convention at Houston, Texas, Nov. 12-20, and also to the World's W. C. T. U. convention which will be held at Toronto, June 3-10, 1931. Every worker who can possibly attend, should be present at this important meeting at Valley City.

There will be hard fighting ahead for the next two years and we must prepare for it. The 'multi-millionaires' club, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, is willing to spend any amount of money to defeat and discredit President Hoover and his enforcement policies. The wet sympathizers are already beginning to say that prohibition will be a political question "until it is settled one way or another." This shows the attitude of the wets—that the prohibition question is not settled because IT IS NOT SETTLED THEIR WAY.

The will of the great majority of American people has been expressed, by orderly, legal processes, again and again. The wets are unpatriotic and un-American to the extent that they refuse to abide by the will of the majority and have encouraged and counseled violation of the law, in order to discredit it and secure its repeal. The wets declared before election two years ago that prohibition was the big issue in the campaign. After they were overwhelmingly defeated, they change their mind about what the issue was. They are not even sportsmanlike. However they may camouflage their name and purpose, it's the same enemy we have to



MRS. NECIA E. BUCK
Lecturer, Salem, Oregon

fight, and we will never surrender to this lawless element.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

BISHOP BERRY'S APPEAL

In an appeal to the churches of America on behalf of National Prohibition Bishop Joseph F. Berry of the Methodist Episcopal denomination issued through the American Business Men's Prohibition Foundation a message declaring the present situation of the Eighteenth Amendment "grave" and asserting that "unless instantly awakened we face a defeat more humiliating and heart breaking than any good cause ever suffered."

Bishop Berry declared the indifference of Christian voters of the present time menaces the success of Prohibition and declares, "The largest question now before our people is whether or not the authorized liquor traffic shall come back," and continues "The situation has arisen because of the indifference of many friends of Prohibition. They have been listening to the boastful propaganda of the enemy * * * but there is no commonwealth in America that will not stand for Prohibition if the Christian citizenship in that commonwealth will only vote."

Bishop Berry heads his appeal with the words, "Awake, O Church of God," which recalls the famous appeal issued by Bishop Berry 27 years ago, under the same title, which stirred the country at the time and proved a vital factor in the launching of the final nation-wide offensive that resulted in the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment.

CAN ANY DRY THING COME OUT OF NEW YORK?

No doubt there are as many good, dry people in New York state, in proportion to its population, as in any other state, but the moist minority in our great metropolis is making more noise. The silent forces in the universe are ever the mightiest. I hear the traffic in the street But not the white clouds o'er the town.

I heard the gun at sunset roar,
I did not hear the sun go down."

The common people are satisfied with the principle of prohibition and are going quietly about their work, lending it the support of their influence. It is refreshing to find in an "up-state" paper in New York, the following editorial, under the caption—"Treason Charged in Wet Fight:"—"Many leading attorneys, senators and congressmen are of the opinion that the publication of an advertisement calling upon Americans to 'drink what they please and when they please and urge others to do so' is treasonable. The American Business Men's Prohibition Foundation, composed of many leading business men, declares that it is a national incitement of anarchy. Ten years ago, one, Eugene Debbs, and hundreds of others, were incarcerated for long terms in prison for much less—but now that votes are needed, the political soft-pedal must be applied and one can get away with murder as easily as is done in Chicago.

"The question has been referred to the Attorney General of the United States and proceedings may be instituted against the author and publishers."

CREDIT THIS TO 17th DISTRICT

American Barracks, Tientsin, China
July 9th, 1930

My dear Mrs. Wylie:—

Miss Rhoads forwarded to me your money order for \$3.50. Thanks very much. You will be interested to learn that I brought over enough comfort kits for every man in the regiment. We plan to give them out on Thanksgiving morning. Do not forget to remember us all in your prayers.

Very sincerely yours,
A. C. Oliver, Jr.,
Chaplain U. S. Army.

Ryder union sent a box of neatly hemmed tray cloths to the Veterans Hospital at Fargo. Miss Culbertson, head nurse, acknowledged the receipt and commented on the superior quality of the articles.

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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.
Signed

THE STATE CONVENTION

The forty-first annual convention of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. will be held in the Congregational church, Valley City, September 18-21. Beautifully situated on the winding Sheyenne, located on the Northern Pacific and Soo railroads and approached by good highways from all directions, Valley City is easily accessible to all parts of the state. Our comrades of the local union are planning carefully to make our stay in their hospitable city pleasant and comfortable. Entertainment will be furnished for room and breakfast and delegates are requested to send names early to Mrs. O. P. Pagel, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Mrs. Hugh Wright is in charge of general arrangements and will be assisted by Mrs. Henry Nelson of the reception committee, Mrs. Katherine McCosh in charge of finance, Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, for the press, Mrs. Sam Mikkelson in charge of music, Mrs. W. J. Williams of decorations and Mrs. A. D. Ottinger of general affairs. Valley City is noted for its fine schools, including the State Teachers College, for its rare musical talent and for its general progressiveness. Here is the home of the district president, Mrs. Zimmerman and of our state director of Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products, Mrs. C. E. Allen; and here was once the home of the state presidents of Minnesota and North Dakota W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

The state executive committee will meet Thursday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 2 o'clock in the church parlors, and all members are urged to be present. The opening banquet Thursday evening at 6:30 in the dining hall of the Methodist Episcopal church will be of special interest. Mrs. Anderson will be toast mistress and welcomes will be expressed by representatives of the city, the churches, the schools and local and district unions. Mrs. Ellen Pagel, Linton, president of the Ninth district will respond. Mrs. Anderson will briefly review the year's victories, Mrs. Sizer will bring greetings from Minnesota and Mrs. N. E. Buck from Oregon. Mrs. W. B. Simcox, Park River, state musical director and Mrs. Sam Mikkelson of the local committee, will be in charge of the music.

When the convention opens Friday morning, a service of prayer and praise will be conducted by Mrs. Josephine Sizer. Mrs. Anderson will complete her address and reports of the year's work will be given by other state officers. The memorial service will be in charge of the state president and names of promoted comrades should be sent to her. Friday evening—platform night—Mrs. Kate S. Wilder will speak on "What They Are Doing in Other States;" Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, recently returned from a trip to France, will give her "Impressions Abroad" and Miss Bertha R. Palmer, state superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak on the necessity for temperance teaching in the schools.

Saturday afternoon will occur the election of officers, also of delegates to the National convention at Houston, Texas, in November and to the World's convention to be held in Toronto in June of next year. Plans are being made for a grand gold medal contest Saturday evening, featuring

young people's night, when Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer, state secretary of the Young People's Branch, will preside. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, state L. T. L. secretary will demonstrate work among children with a local group.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the usual white ribbon love feast will be conducted by Mrs. Buck. The pastor of the convention church, Rev. Thos. E. Nugent, will preach the annual sermon.

The climax of the convention will be reached Sunday evening in a union service in which ministers of the cooperating churches will assist. Addresses will be given by Mrs. Josephine Sizer and Mrs. N. E. Buck. Special music will be provided. The convention will close with this meeting. Monday morning the executive committee will meet to transact final business.

We hope to meet many of you at this convention. In some cases, it will mean a sacrifice to come but no women know better how to sacrifice than our white ribboners. Report blanks were sent all unions early in August and some have already been filled in and returned. Please do not fail to report, no matter how meager your report may seem. It is needed to make the sum total worth while. MEET ME AT VALLEY CITY.

—B. H. W.

FOURTH DISTRICT'S PICNIC

About 200 members and friends of the Fourth District W. C. T. U. met recently at Rice Lake for their annual picnic. After enjoying the delicious lunch provided, an interesting program was given in the pavilion, each union furnishing a number or two. Rev. J. W. Frisbie conducted devotions and the Makoti L. T. L. gave the flag salute. Plaza provided an address by the Rev. Mr. Mathre and a reading by Doris Rempel. Ryder ladies furnished unique entertainment with a comb band and Alice Wertzler gave a reading. The Parshall L. T. L. sang. Mrs. J. H. Mackley of Minot contributed a group of vocal solos and Mrs. H. E. Mielke, district president, made the closing address.

After the program, games, contests and swimming were enjoyed and everyone pronounced the affair a great success.

MRS. MOYER'S MESSAGE

Dear Y. P. B. Workers:—The time for state convention is drawing near—September 18-21. Are we prepared? This year we should like to see a delegate from each Y. P. B. in the state at Valley City.

I would also like to receive a report from each Y. P. B. this year, to be placed with the Y. P. B. exhibit. Make a booklet containing a summary of your activities, or a scrap book or a poster. How about your dues? Are they paid? If so, you will receive recognition for your work.

If enough are present at the convention, we may be able to have a conference after a regular session. Let us come with many questions as we aim to grow in service.

Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer,
Makoti, N. D. Sec'y.

He that lives to live ever, never fears dying.—Wm. Penn.

A FINE PIECE OF WORK

They are doing things, up in Third district. Mrs. J. C. Miller, Bottineau, assisted by Miss Manda Svingen, county superintendent of schools, prepared a series of seven silver medal contests, in which 39 young people entered. These contests were held at Maxbass, Landa, Overby, Gardena, Lansford and two at Bottineau.

When Mrs. N. E. Buck came to the district, the contests were put on. An institute was held at each place—a meeting with the women in the afternoon and a contest in the evening, followed by an address by Mrs. Buck. It is estimated that 430 people were in attendance, and that in the busy harvest time.

The winners were: Elda Thompson and Helen Finstad at Bottineau; Florence Martin at Maxbass; Norma Nordin at Gardena; Aloha Engel at Lansford, Mildred Ryan at Landa and Cora Johnson at Overby. Gold medal contests are being planned at Bottineau and Lansford soon, that the winners may compete in the grand gold medal contest at state convention.

Another result of these contests was the organization of three new local unions. In addition to the one at Westhope, mentioned last month, Mrs. Buck organized at Lansford with Mrs. E. J. Convis, president; Mrs. C. Anderson, secretary and Mrs. C. C. Gilstrap, treasurer. At Landa, the president is Mrs. Hagen and the secretary, Mrs. Mortenson.

Mrs. Buck secured four Willard members at Sherwood and two at Deering. She had an interesting meeting with the Minot union and addressed the State Teachers College there. At Kenmare, she spoke in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches. Bowbells, Flaxton, Columbus and other points followed and Sunday the 24th will be spent in Grenora. After meetings at Alamo and Williston, Mrs. Buck will go to Sidney for the Montana state convention. Returning she will spend some time in McKenzie county after which she will complete her work in Fifth district.

OBSCENE LITERATURE

Some of the magazines to be found on news stands are decidedly obscene and calculated to do untold harm to the developing minds of our young people. It is time we did something to cleanse the news stands of such obnoxious material. Along this line, we are glad to note aggressive action on the part of some friends of youth. For those interested, the following opinion was obtained from the office of the Attorney General at Bismarck:—

"The exhibition, possession or sale of obscene literature constitutes a misdemeanor under our statutes. No special provisions are made covering prosecutions for violating the obscene literature statute and therefore prosecutions must be had in the usual and regular manner. Complaint must be made to the States Attorney by some person knowing the facts who may be required by the States Attorney to sign the complaint and thereafter the prosecution goes thru the regular channels."

Get the pattern of your life from God, then go about your work and be yourself.—Phillips Brooks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 20-August 20

Dues—

Westhope \$4.20, Stanley 7.70, Prosper .70, Guelph .70, Rainy Butte 2.10, Fargo Scan. 49.70, Esmond 2.80, Hettinger 1.40, Lansford 5.60, Lansford Willards 4.00, Abercrombie .70, Same, L. T. L. 1.90, Jamestown 11.90, Benedict .70.

Budget—

Fairdale comp. \$24.80, Hunter com. 3.90, Necia Buck union comp. 18.20, Crystal Springs 9.00, Abercrombie, comp. 21.70, Jamestown 10.00.

Miscellaneous—

Rock Lake, self denial, \$3.40; Stanley, self denial, 2.60; Esmond, self denial, 5.00; Collections in Field, Mrs. Necia Buck, 28.76; Memorial membership Mrs. Ella Shippy, by members of family, 10.00; Esmond, reports with exc., 1.06; 13th Dist., bal. on pledge, 10.00; 1st. Dist., Pledge, 20.00.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,
State Treas.

THE NARCOTIC DEPARTMENT

This is the time we sum up the work of the past year. When all the little things are added to the big things, there will be quite a showing of interest in narcotic drugs and cigars in the state. Blanks have been mailed to each union and whatever has been done—reading a leaflet, conducting a discussion, distributing blotters or leaflets, getting pledge cards signed—write it down and mail it to me in time to make a report at the state convention.

Considerable literature was sent to Sunday School superintendents before anti-cigarette Sunday. A report from them would be appreciated. The schools will all open in a few weeks. Will there be boys who have lately taken to cigarettes whose whole school career will be blighted by that nicotine poison? We must be more vigilant in safe guarding them against merchants who disregard their age and the law forbidding sale to minors.

Mrs. J. M. Holcomb,
State Director.

WINNERS IN STATE CONTEST

Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, Thompson, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction, announces the following prize winners in state essay contest: Junior-Senior High School—Elizabeth Strand, Mayville.

Freshman-Sophomore—Alice Flowers, Ray, and Dorothy Gerbracht, Hettinger.

7th and 8th grades—Arvid Johnson, Jamestown.

5th and 6th grades—Darlyn Arnold, Rock Lake.

4th grade—Hilda Lucille Carlson, Hope.

3rd grade—Ila Chawford, Fairmount.

The Subjects and Rules for 1930-31 have been received and may be secured from Mrs. Smith or from the W. C. T. U. Headquarters at Fargo.

Mrs. Ellen Pagel, president Ninth district, organized an L. T. L. of 29 members at Linton. Miss Mary Seeman is leader. The president is Beulah Stunslund, vice president, Eunice Hinton, secretary, Aldes Heyerman and treasurer, Mary Logue. Meetings will be held every two weeks.

MRS. HUYCK TO CALIFORNIA



Esmond and the state W. C. T. U. regret the departure of Mrs. Minnie E. Huyck and family to Burlingame, California. Mrs. Huyck has served the Esmond union in some official capacity for the past 18 years and for 10 years as president. She was also president of Second district for several years and assistant L. T. L. secretary for the state. Always loyal and faithful in all these relationships, she will be greatly missed by us all.

A farewell reception was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Dysart and though harvest was in progress, thirty women were present. Mrs. Bert LaGrave, the incoming president, led devotions. The Slater sisters sang a duet and Mrs. Minnie Craig two solos. Mrs. Huyck was presented with a seed pearl pin and Miss Gladys Huyck with a fountain pen. Mrs. Dysart has expressed the sentiment of us all in the clever little poem which she presented to Mrs. Huyck:—

I have a dear friend with a happy heart
A friend with a merry smile;
A friend with a queer little, dear little way
In a queer little kind of style;
A friend as gentle as the summer breeze
That whispers when passing me by;
With kindly eyes of the brightest blue
Like the wonderful blue of the sky.

"Our president she was, for a number of years,
And never once did she shirk;
With her heart and her soul in the temperance cause
She ever went on with the work.
Shoulder to shoulder, we passed thru the years
And watched Prohibition come through,
And she wavers not, as she e'er labors on
In the W. C. T. U.

"Now fate has decreed that soon we must part
And our pathways be severed a while,
And though it brings heartaches to part with our friend
Let us say our good-byes with a smile;
She will take her man Huyck and they'll hike away
To a warmer and sunnier clime
But we'll hope and trust that the years will be kind
And return her to us, some time."

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Many colorful features mark the program of the 56th annual convention of the National W. C. T. U. at Houston, November 14-19. The convention will emphasize the religious and educational work of the W. C. T. U. and to that end the speeches and pageantry are being prepared. It is looked upon by the leaders of the National W. C. T. U. as most important and preparations are being made for a large attendance.

The usual sight seeing days and hours are being arranged so that delegates can see the surrounding Texas country under comfortable auspices.

A great evangelistic service will be held prior to the formal opening of the convention. Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, director of the Evangelistic Department of the National W. C. T.

U., will be the leader. Welcoming addresses from prominent state and city officials are being arranged for the official opening of the program; and there will be a great white ribbon chorus to sing at appropriate occasions throughout the convention. Y. P. B. organizations will meet early on the first day of the convention as will also the L. T. L. leaders.

In previous conventions the official opening of the convention program has included a processional ceremony to the platform, but at Houston the heads of the sixty state and territorial organizations will march to the stage bearing large flags of their states. Governor Moody of Texas will address the delegates and welcome them to the Lone Star State after which Mrs. Boole will deliver her annual address.

There will be important speeches and reports every day. Departmental leaders will be distributed through the program so that mornings will mainly be devoted to their appearance. Daily will there be departmental luncheons, each one with its own features of interest. Among the prominent W. C. T. U. women who will address the convention on one of these mornings is Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins of Michigan, now a member of President Hoover's Commission on Child Welfare. Another address of interest being planned at present is that of Mrs. Louise J. Taft, lecturer of the Department of S. T. I. work.

Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, General Secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, famous as a publicist in the field of prohibition literature, writer and lecturer will address the convention at one of the night meetings. There will also be the dramatic speaker, Mrs. Graciele Leggo Houlder, Australian prohibition lecturer.

Dr. Ira Landrith of Chicago, college president, writer, clergyman, lecturer, superintendent of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, president of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, with many other connections and distinctions will have the platform on Sunday night, November 16.

The pageant, which in previous years, has related to membership, at Houston will tell the story of the work of the various departments. Its title is "The Panoply of Youth." On the ever colorful "World's W. C. T. U. Night," there will be Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president of the National organization, who has spent considerable time in the Holy Land this year; also that famous international worker for prohibition, Miss Flora Strout, who has organized in many foreign lands and who is now in Brazil.

The closing banquet program is always one to be remembered; and one of the features at Houston will be the after dinner remarks of ten state presidents whose work in membership getting has given them a place on the banquet program.

My strength is the strength of ten because my heart is pure.—Tennyson.

It is not enough to be good; be good for something.

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities; seize common occasions—and make them great.

HOME BREW

One of the mysteries of the prohibition era is that great flood of home brewed beer which the wets say is being made in the cellars of "everybody." "Everybody" would mean that about twenty-five million families are making beer; and that the sales of malt syrup and other ingredients would be as large as the sales of coffee, which "everybody" drinks. We use about a billion and a half pounds of coffee a year.

There are no such figures in the home brew material business; in fact it is almost impossible to get these figures from any source; and the closest approach to a view of the home brew material facts was given recently when the Interstate Food Products Association met in closed session in Chicago. This is the organization of men in the business of selling home brew materials. It was a blue and gloomy gathering; and the Chicago Evening Post stated the reason for the gloom was because of the rapidly declining sales of home brew materials.

The farmers stopped raising grain and hops for beer making purposes and have not resumed it; had there been any such expansion in home brewing as to justify the claim that "everybody" or even "every other body" is making beer down the cellar there would be a farm business in hops that would attract international attention.

But there is neither a hops business nor an expansion in the business of manufacturing bottles. Home brew is certainly not a popular drink.

SAFETY FIRST!

One average drink of intoxicating liquor will cause a mental lapse of a tiny fraction of a second which may deprive an automobile driver of the margin of safety necessary to prevent a crash.

The brain signal to put on brakes takes about one-fifth of a second to produce effect. One drink of liquor slows this operation to two-fifths of a second and in that time a car going thirty-five miles an hour will travel twenty feet which is considerably more than the margin of safety in many automobile situations.

Nearly fifteen thousand people have been killed and between three hundred thousand and half a million people, many of them children, have been maimed or otherwise injured by drunken drivers.

In the case of automobiles we are dealing with the acquisition in the past few years of millions of high powered heavy cars, many of them driven by amateur and irresponsible drivers. These machines are potentially as dangerous as locomotives, whose drivers are professionals carefully examined and forbidden to drink. This country would be shocked at the exploitation of the idea that locomotive drivers should be allowed to drink whenever they pleased, and yet the idea of personal liberty for automobile drivers has resulted in a sad story of death and injury to thousands.

No man can follow Christ and go astray.—Faunce.

Just the art of being kind, is what a sad world needs.

POISONING, ROBBING AND KILLING OUR BABIES

By Georgia Robertson

Is it not strange that our government seems to be doing nothing to prevent the babies of our country from being robbed and murdered?

It is spending billions yearly to aid in protecting flocks, herds, orchards, cotton, corn and vegetables from disease, blight, insects and parasites. Is not a human life of equal value to the nation and to society?

If any one gave a fatal dose of poison to a baby he would likely be sentenced to prison for murder. When the poison is in many, many small doses so the baby lingers for weeks, months, or even a year or two, but finally dies from injury to its vital organs from the poison, why is the one responsible for this not just as much a murderer as though the baby had died in an hour or so from a single dose of poison?

Who is poisoning our babies? Wealthy, powerful business concerns are doing it for profit to themselves, that still more money may pour into their pockets! And even more shocking, their accomplices include the mothers of these same babies! Often they do not know they are poisoning their helpless infants.

How do these wealthy business interests put over their murderous plans? Largely through the assistance of the public press and other advertising agencies—bill-boards and the radio, for instance. Through false, deceptive, misleading, suggestive advertising they induce young girls and women to become victims of the cigarette.

It certainly is time that the public should know what cigarette smoking by girls and women does to their offspring.

In a paper before the annual convention of the American Association for Medico-Physical Research, read by Dr. Charles L. Barber, of Lansing, Michigan, he said, "A baby born of a cigarette smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post-mortem shows degeneration of the liver, heart and other organs. Sixty per cent of all babies born of mothers who are habitual cigarette smokers die before they are two years old." What do you call that but poisoning, robbing, and killing our babies?

What mother would think of putting her new-born baby into a bath in which poison had been spilled and leave it there for hours with its delicate skin absorbing poisons? Yet, when an expectant mother smokes cigarettes that is practically what she is doing to her helpless un-born infant! For physicians say that the poisons in cigarette smoke that has been breathed into the lungs are taken up by the blood—the same blood that goes to nourish the developing infant—and that this blood with the cigarette poison in it is carried to every part of the body, even to the fluid by which the new life is surrounded.

Away with false modesty! Publish the facts broadcast throughout the land! Is speaking the truth more shocking to refined sensibilities than the daily poisoning of babies by mothers who do not know the facts? Not only thus before birth, but after as well, the poisoning goes on where the mother smokes, for the milk provided by Nature is also poisoned, likewise

the very air the baby breathes is filled with poisonous smoke.

Do you think cigarette smoke is not poisonous? When a liquid is heated, as you know, it is slowly turned into vapor; and when nicotine is burned it too is turned into vapor making a white cloud of smoke or vapor which can be put into a test tube and condensed into liquid. The smoke from one cigarette will make about four drops of poisonous liquid and two quarts of uncondensed smoke.

One drop of this liquid in a medicine dropper put down the throat of a mouse will cause it almost instantly to tremble all over, turn over, kick furiously, and in about half a minute it will be dead! Killed by one drop, about 1/4 of the poison in one cigarette!

Do you think the delicate lining of a baby's nose, throat, and lungs is not injured, and also that the baby is not made more susceptible to all infectious germ diseases—including tuberculosis—and that its vital organs that are nourished by its blood which has been poisoned by the tobacco laden atmosphere in which it lives are not injured?

Think you all the murderers and thieves are in stripes behind prison bars? Oh no! Criminals may constantly be seen daintily clothed, manicured, rouged, powdered, and enamelled, nonchalantly flipping the ashes from cigarettes with which they are slowly but surely poisoning, robbing, and killing their own offspring! Even if their babies are able to live, which is doubtful, they will have been robbed of their birthright to be well-born—robbed of a strong body and strong nerves and a strong constitution with which to meet and win life's struggles.

The greatest asset of our nation aside from its belief in God is the health and the ability of its people; both of which are being rapidly lowered by cigarette smoking.

Knowing these facts can you condone, excuse, or encourage by your own example smoking by girls, young women, and mothers, or by older women whose example they will be likely to follow?

Is it not time intelligent people put a stop to this deadly cigarette advertising and cigarette smoking? Are not the lives of our babies and their future health and efficiency of greater importance to our country than the increased profits of a few tobacco interests? What is your answer?

You can help stop this pernicious advertising by a note of protest to the papers and magazines you subscribe to, and by getting others to do the same. If the Y. W. C. A.'s and other welfare organizations would refuse to display papers and magazines carrying cigarette advertising it would help tremendously. The Government ought to deny the use of the mails to all health-destroying advertising. Protests should be sent to the Federal Trade Commission, 2000 D St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Also protests against cigarette advertising over the radio should be sent them, giving date of such advertising and description of same. If an affidavit is sent it will be filed by them for future use.

During last May there was a drop in the output of cigarettes compared with May 1929, of over 867,600,000. The first decrease for several years as the figures of the Department of Commerce show. The decrease in advertising would seem to be the log-

ical cause. Certainly the \$54,000,000 a year said to be spent for advertising cigarettes must give some assurance of profits for its expenditure.

We are fast becoming a nation of slaves! Slaves to the cigarette; Any one who cannot stop smoking is no longer a free man, master of himself!

A card, "Curing the Tobacco Habit," by a noted neurologist, will be sent free by the Anti-Cigarette Alliance, 1336 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., on request. The card contains a simple prescription that can be filled for a few cents, and also helpful suggestions. Kindly enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope when asking for the card.

(Hundreds of cigaret cartons are being sent as samples by a leading cigaret company to the women of Fargo, but are being refused by the large majority.—Ed.)

THE UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT

Rev. Dr. Robert W. McLaughlin

On the railway train going to Chicago was a clean-cut young business man. In the club car he expressed to the man in the next chair, who happened to be the writer of this article, his strong disapproval of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Having listened courteously, for he did most of the talking, it seemed wise to divert the conversation by inquiring as to his family. At once his face brightened and sentiment glowed softly in the eyes as he told of his wife and two little boys—ages six and nine. Soon we were good friends, for the family is the golden link in conversation that unites human hearts the world over, even though the acquaintance be casual.

When the time came to separate and seek sleep in the Pullman, I boldly suggested that upon his return home he have his two boys say their prayers at his knee. He replied that they always did when he was home. Going further, I suggested that while the little fellows were saying their prayers, he repeat to himself the objections to the Eighteenth Amendment.

He gave me a quizzical look, as well he might. Although a business man of the high-powered salesman type, he did not know how to meet the situation. So he did what sensible men do under such conditions, he kept still. Moments of silence ensued, during which his strong face became suffused with gentleness. Then, looking me in the eye, he quietly said: "I see the point. You win." "No," I replied, "your little boys win."

And little boys should win. The broad purpose of the Eighteenth Amendment is to make a better world into which children may be born and grow up. This being so, children are the most compelling argument in support of the Amendment.

To test this thought, think of your self as a parent. It is bedtime hour and your child is about to do that most beautiful and sacred thing—say his prayer at your knee. While the little mannie is speaking the words of his prayer, repeat to yourself the objections that you have heard to this legislative act. Also recall the sinister fact that a few women socially prominent are forgetting their motherhood, if they are mothers, and using their influence to weaken this humane legislation. With the objec-

tions and the women in your mind, glance down at the dear little boy on his knees, and observe his trustful face looking up into your face.

If you are a genuine man, the objections about a fanatical minority having put it over, the invasion of personal liberty, the need of light wines and beers, more drinking than ever, and so on, will shrivel and drop away as leaves weather and fall groundward. If the parental instinct is tender and vibrant within you, the action of women with social pretensions in seeking to destroy this noble legislation, which has as its purpose to give children a fairer chance, becomes utterly cruel—almost inhuman.

The other day some foolish young communists parading in front of the White House were rebuked by President Hoover, who told them to go home to their parents. I would suggest to these women that they go home to their children—go home to find in them the unanswerable argument. In doing this, perhaps the meaning of the prophet's words in the Bible will flash in upon their souls, "And a little child shall lead them."
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