

# "Observance and Enforcement—Not Repeal"



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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## THE NATION'S SLOGAN

(This is the song written by Helen Byrnes, and sung for the first time at the Houston convention at the close of Mrs. Boole's annual address, by Walter Jenkins—of the resonant voice—for years the musical director for Rev. William A. Sunday.)

(Tune: Battle Hymn of The Republic)  
**Observance and Enforcement, Prohibition, not Repeal**

Send the slogan o'er the nation, with Jehovah's righteous seal.  
Ring the challenge to the people, nevertheless must manhood real.

**Observance and Enforcement, not Repeal**

Ref:—  
Plant the slogan in the nation  
Sow the slogan in the nation  
Reap the harvest from the nation  
**Observance and Enforcement, not Repeal**

**Observance and Enforcement, Prohibition, not Repeal**

Sound the slogan in the churches, clubs and schools with added zeal;  
Let the bells of all the nation ring the challenge in their peal.

**Observance and Enforcement, not Repeal.**

Ref:—  
On ye drays with inspiration,  
On ye drays with information,  
On ye drays with education,  
To **Observance and Enforcement, not Repeal.**

## DAY OF PRAYER—JAN. 8

The National President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, makes the following recommendation:

Because we are a Christian organization and believe God hears and answers prayer, I urge that Thursday of the week of prayer, January 8th, be observed as a Day of Prayer for Prohibition, its enforcement, and for the temperance forces of America, that we may have wisdom and strength in securing for our country full benefit of a great and good law, and be able to meet effectively, the attacks being made upon it. In the midst of the battle for clear brains, clean living and a righteous nation, we can depend upon God; let us then, unitedly call upon Him.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Chicago—Gambling in many forms is wide open on the west side. Pool-rooms, crap games, poker rooms, and slot machines are being operated in defiance of the law and in plain view of policemen patrolling their beats. The Democratic city administration, anxious to secure the saloon vote next Tuesday, has granted saloon-keepers and gamblers privileges which heretofore have been refused.

—Chicago Tribune, Nov. 2, 1900.

## VICTORY DAY PROGRAM

January 16, 1931

Luncheon, Evening or Afternoon Meeting

### THEME

"Observance and Enforcement, Not Repeal"

Devotional Service—I Timothy 1:8.

Suggested Topics—Brief Addresses:

Observance—"Why I Observe the Law"

Enforcement—"How Citizens May Cooperate in Law Enforcement"

Repeal—"The Fallacy of the Argument for Repeal"

Youth's Reply—Presentation of Youth's Roll Call

Recommendations for Educational Work

Special Music:

Solo for Male Voice—"The Outlaw"

Solo and Chorus—"It Is There to Stay"

Children's Chorus—"Where There's Drink There's Danger"

Devotional Songs:

O Womanhood Arise"

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"The Nation's Slogan"

Words by Helen L. Byrnes

"Hold Fast and Go Forward"

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### SUGGESTIONS

Addresses—See sections of President's Annual Address on each of the three topics.

Presentation of Youth's Roll Call—Send to Miss Winona R. Jewell, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, for free copies of a playlet presenting Youth's Roll Call by eight young people. Time: About ten minutes.

The Nation's Slogan—The words appear in both the Union Signal and in this Bulletin. It is sung to the familiar music of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Children's Chorus—"Where There's Drink There's Danger." May be sung to the music of the hymn "Consecration," page 20 of the Y. P. B. Song book; page 21 of "Everybody Sing."

Educational Recommendations—Have read the section on education of the president's recommendations appearing on page 8 of the December 6th Union Signal. If time permits each division may be explained and enlarged upon.

Stickers—Use them on your place cards. Put up your posters with them.

## MRS. ANDERSON TO BROADCAST ON JANUARY 16th

On Victory Day, January 16, Mrs. Anderson will broadcast over WDAY, Fargo, from 6:45 to 7:00 p. m. Tune in and hear the Victory Day message. Invite your neighbors and friends who haven't radios. This may be made a part of the celebration of the day.

Deaths from alcoholism are declining under prohibition. The census figures show an actual and proportional decline in 1929 compared with 1928. The total number of deaths from alcoholism in 1929 was 4,339, or a death rate from that cause of 3.7 per 100,000 of population, while in 1928 the total was 4,627 or a rate of 4.1 per 100,000.

In the December Bulletin, in an article on the Self-Denial Fund, a quotation was made from a letter written by Miss Willard 37 years ago, in which she made a request for funds and the money was to be sent to Mrs. Helen M. Barker, The Temple, Chicago. Mrs. Barker, who meant so much to the early history of our organization, has been in Heaven many years, but the article was confusing to some so we state again, please send all money for the self-denial fund to our state treasurer, MRS. E. C. WATKINS, 615 10th St. So., FARGO, NO. DAK.

Look up and not down, look forward and not back, look out and not in, and lend a hand.—Edward Everett Hale.

## WHERE THERE'S DRINK THERE'S DANGER

Write it on the liquor store  
Write it on the prison door,  
Write it on the gin-shop fine,  
Write, aye, write this truthful line—  
"Where there's drink there's danger,  
Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the workhouse gate,  
Write it on the schoolboy's slate,  
Write it on the copy-book  
Where the young may often look—  
"Where there's drink there's danger,  
Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the nation's laws,  
Trampling out the license clause,  
Write it on the ballot white,  
So it can be read aright  
"Where there's drink there's danger,  
Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it over every gate,  
On the church, the halls of state,  
In the heart of every band,  
On the laws of every land,  
"Where there's drink there's danger,  
Where there's drink there's danger."

We will celebrate January 16, 1931, the eleventh birthday of National Prohibition in a way to promote law observance and law enforcement. We will meet argument with the facts, abuse and misrepresentation with a calmness born of conviction, and finally, depending upon God for strength, we will continue to pray that righteousness may prevail, that our beloved country may retain its moral leadership and, like Liberty Enlightening the World, Prohibition, upheld by willing obedience and orderly enforcement, will point the way to all the world for deliverance from the drink habit and the drink traffic.

For each true deed is Worship; it is Prayer, and carries its own answer unaware.—Edwin Markham.

## THE CHILD AND THE YEAR

Said the child to the youthful year:  
"What has thou in store for me,  
O giver of beautiful gifts, what cheer,  
What joy dost thou bring with thee?"

"My seasons four shall bring  
Their treasures: the winter's snows,  
The autumn's store, and the flowers  
of spring,  
And the summer's perfect rose.

"All these and more shall be thine,  
Dear child—but the last and the best  
Thyself must earn by a strife divine,  
If thou wouldst be truly best.

"Wouldst know this last, best gift?  
'Tis a conscience clear and bright,  
A peace of mind which the soul can lift  
To an infinite delight.

"Truth, patience, courage and love,  
If thou unto me can bring,  
I will set thee all earth's ills above  
O child! and crown thee a king!"  
—Celia Thaxter.

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MRS. CATHERWOOD WRITES

Dear Sisters of the White Ribbon Family:—

We are anxious that the work of the Medical Temperance department be kept right up to the front this year as this is one of the most critical in the temperance reform. As soon as I receive the new Plan of Work, a copy will be sent to each local president with some literature, which I hope you will use. A good way would be to have a member study one of the leaflets and give it in her own words at the meeting, which is much more impressive than reading it.

The patent medicine menace is always with us. The manufacturers and advertisers will go to almost any length to dupe the public and it is surprising how easily they are duped. Here are some of the powers and limitations regarding the sale of patent medicines according to the Federal Food and Drugs Act:—

1. It applies only to products that are made in one state and sold in another. It does not apply to products that are sold in the state in which they are made.

2. It prohibits false or misleading statements (on the trade package only) regarding composition and source of origin. It does not prohibit false or misleading statements in newspaper advertising, circulars or window displays.

3. It prohibits false or fraudulent statements (on the trade package only) regarding curative effects. It does not prohibit any kind of a lie regarding the curative value of a patent medicine if that lie is told elsewhere than on the trade package.

4. It requires patent medicine makers to declare (on the trade package only) the presence and amount of alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, heroin, chloroform or other drug. It does not require them to declare the presence of such deadly poisons as arsenic, carbolic acid, prussic acid or any of a hundred other dangerous drugs. So, while the Federal Food and Drugs act is protective in a measure, it does not by any means go all the way. It is up to us to be up and doing.

Your loving sister,  
Annie Catherwood.

Politeness is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way.

A Happy New Year to All Our Readers

STANDING AT THE PORTALS

Standing at the portals of the opening year,  
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;  
Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,  
Tender, strong, and faithful, making us rejoice.

"I, the Lord, am with thee; be thou not afraid!  
I will keep and strengthen; be thou not dismayed!  
Yea, I will uphold thee with mine own right hand.  
Thou art called and chosen in my sight to stand!"

He will never fail us; He will not forsake.  
His eternal covenant He will never break.

Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?  
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

—Frances Havergal.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:—

Christmas was by past when you read this letter but I am writing it a week before and wishing with all my heart that it may be a blessed, joyous Christmas for every one of you and for all your loved ones.

It is well that Christmas joy does not depend on costly gifts we may give or receive but upon the Christ spirit within us. This we may all have, in its fullness, and this winter, when so many of His little ones are in need, we may know the joy of real sacrifice for His sake.

I am wishing you, too, a Happy New Year of service in our great cause. If ever there was a time when our educational work needed to be done it is now. It is a time for steadfast faith and courage. It is a time to stand by our leaders. It is a time to stand by President Hoover in the great work he is endeavoring to do against terrific opposition. We ought to thank God every day that at this critical time, when the enemies of prohibition, of good government, of the home and the child are doing their worst, the hand of an able, courageous, Christian man is at the helm, guiding the destiny of our country.

If the Christian people can be awakened as to what is going on in this country and to do their duty as citizens, then subtle, misleading propaganda of the wets, their tremendous efforts to deceive the people as to the results of prohibition, their cunning, reprehensible attempts to besmirch the character of temperance leaders and thus destroy their influence, will all come to naught. It is the major task of our organization and of every one of us as individual members to help awaken the Christian people. How shall it be done?

A great opportunity presents itself on January 16, the 11th anniversary of national prohibition. It is a golden opportunity to bring the truth to the people and no union should neglect it. Every union should celebrate the day by luncheon, banquet, afternoon or evening meeting. Advetrtise in the local press what you are going to do. Report afterwards the best things said at this celebration. Follow as nearly as possible the program sent by the National W. C. T. U. which also is found on the front page of this paper. There are leaders in ev-

ery community who will be glad to speak on the topics given. Where it is possible, have the bells rung and whistles blown at noon.

January 16th is this year the third Friday in January which is Temperance Day in the public schools. Help the schools to make this an event. Cooperate with the teachers, furnish speakers if desired, present a picture of Frances Willard to one of the rooms. Miss Palmer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has prepared a fine program for this day and sent it to the county superintendents of schools to be sent out to the teachers. Inquire early if your teachers have received it. If for any reason, your schools cannot observe this day, call attention to the fact that Miss Palmer has designated February 17th (Miss Willard's heavenly birthday) as another day which may be observed.

The children in the public schools and Sunday Schools today will be the voters tomorrow. Are you seeing to it that your Sunday School observes every Temperance Sunday and that the quarterly temperance lessons are taught? Are you cooperating with the teachers in your public school? Do you know that there is in your school a definite plan for temperance instruction to guide teachers in each grade, that there are up to date text books, with adequate information as to the effects of alcohol and other narcotics? Is\* your union furnishing teachers with S. T. I. leaflets published by the National department? Have you given the school library at least one, good temperance book? Are you putting the essay contest work in the schools? Remember no other organization is looking after this work in the schools and it is a great opportunity for the W. C. T. U.

The holding of medal contests is another educational work that should be done in every community. These may well furnish the evening meeting for your local institute. It would give a great impetus to our work if every union in the state would hold a local institute this year, following the program sent out by Mrs. Wilder.

Another opportunity of awakening the good people is through the careful distribution every month of our special, national literature. Last year 17,500 of these up to date leaflets against wet propaganda were distributed every month in North Dakota. I hope every union is having a part in this splendid work this year.

One of the greatest opportunities of awakening the people is a membership campaign with its hand to hand work. It awakens the people, answers wet propaganda and strengthens our forces. It is work that is well worth while during these winter months. At the National convention it was decided to extend the time of the membership campaign to Mothers' Day—May 10th. This gives ample time for us all to become Prohibition Patriots by winning five new members. Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, president Fargo Scandinavian union, has the honor of being the first Prohibition Patriot to report to State Headquarters. Two members of the Sheldon union have secured four new members each and expect soon to have five, when their names will be sent in as Prohibition Patriots. It

THE ABUSE OF ALCOHOL AS A MEDICINE

By Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Emeritus Professor of Johns Hopkins University.

There is no single disease in the world of which alcohol is the cure. Since alcohol cures no disease, it is not a medicine. It has no place in medical practice. It creates only an illusion of vigour that does not exist.

All this has been proved by innumerable tests. A typist of known speed and accuracy has taken alcohol in graded quantities. His speed and accuracy decreases in proportion to the alcohol he takes. Two men may play tennis or chess equally well. Give one of them a single glass of beer and he will be easily defeated by the one who abstains. Start ten men of comparable vigour up a mountainside, five of whom have taken drinks as stimulation. These five will fall in the climb. So mild a drink as a pint of beer will lessen their physical and mental prowess by from 10 to 15 per cent. Innumerable tests have proved that alcohol does not stimulate them or make them capable of greater accomplishment. Instead, it depresses them, lessens their power.

It has been shown that one spoonful of liquor lessens the ability to form quick judgment and to act on that judgment. That lessening of mental and physical ability can be, and has been measured. Split seconds in this strenuous age may mean life or death. Giving a driver alcohol endangers life.

Yet the drinker believes himself stimulated. To him his faculties seem much alive. As a matter of fact they have been clouded, and it is the haze of them that mellow all about him. The power of reasoning, of quick judgment, of effective action has been inhibited, but he knows it not.

Alcohol is a habit-forming drug. Its prescription to a person as a tonic when he is weakened by disease is developing the alcohol habit in him. If it were possible to mass the army of drunkards in this country that has been recruited through these liquor prescriptions and march it to the next convention of the American Medical Association, this question would be settled forever. If it were possible to pile up the dead from automobile accidents that have resulted from a lessened efficiency of drivers who had been drinking prescription whisky, or who had formed the liquor habit through having it prescribed by doctors, the nation would be appalled.

That past generation that so freely prescribed whisky had another practice—that of bleeding the patient—which has now been abandoned. The reverse operation—blood transfusion—has taken its place. That generation put whisky into the patient, and took blood out of him. Modern practice, reversing the process, takes the whisky out of him and puts blood into him.

will be a special honor to be Prohibition Patriots at the January 16th celebration and I hope there will be many.

Yours faithfully,  
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 20-Dec. 22

DUES—Mandan, Willards \$6.00, Crystal Springs 1.40, Gilby 18.20, Fargo 65.80, Grand Forks 4.20, Flasher, Willard 1.00, Larimore 11.90, Larimore, Willard 1.00, Bismarck 4.90, Jamestown 28.00, Dickinson 4.90, Mrs. J. U. Silker 1.00, Park River 12.60, Northwood Y. P. B. 9.50, Rainy Butte 70c, Bottineau 3.50, Cavalier, Willards 5.00, Grand Forks 40.60, Larimore 2.10, Fairdale 8.40, Fargo Scan. 18.90, Douglas 7.00, Wyndmere 4.90, Minot 17.50, Hettinger 7.70, Bismarck 3.50, Stirum 2.10, Prosper 9.10.

BUDGET—Gilby \$7.50, Larimore 20.00, Bismarck 10.00, Park River 15.00, Makoti comp. with exc. 17.10, Hope comp. 15.00, Finley comp. 13.50, Edinburg 5.00, Grand Forks comp. 79.00, Rainy Butte comp. 11.00, Fargo Can. comp. 100.00, Hatton comp. Scan. comp. 100.00, Hatton comp. 42.00, Douglas comp. 15.00, Wyndmere comp. 2.00, Minot comp. 43.00, Prosper comp. 13.00.

MISCELLANEOUS—Collection on field, Mrs. Necla Buck \$12.46; Gilby, 2 life members, 20.00; Two Bulletin subscriptions 50c; Fargo, Self Denial, 9.00; Col. on field, Mrs. Wanner 29.93; Medals, via Mrs. Wallestad, 3.40; Hatton, Light Line union, 5.00; Mrs. Bell Walker and husband, Self Denial, 20c; Col. on Field, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, 5.00; Douglas, Self Denial, 85c; Minot, Self Denial, 4.40; Hettinger, Self Denial, 1.15.

The following have paid 75c for State Reports—Hope, Jamestown, Stanley, Guelph, Fargo, Necla Buck union at Epping, New Rockford, Douglas, Hettinger, Sharon, Prosper, Fairdale 1.00, Mrs. Otto Olson 25c, Fargo Scan. 1.75.

May the Giver of all Good and Perfect Gifts be with you throughout our New Year as you "work together with Him" for righteousness.

Lovingly,

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,  
State Treas.

## GOOD NEWS

HOPE—True to its name, continues to carry on bravely. The budget was raised by a food sale.

HATTON—Districted the town for the membership drive and offered prizes to winners. An apron sale and lunch netted \$57.00. They will be a Light Line union.

DICKINSON reports the following officers:—President, Mrs. R. T. Crawford; vice presidents, Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mrs. D. D. Mars; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Deiters; treasurer, Mrs. B. E. Noark. State Headquarters enjoyed a pleasant visit from the president, Mrs. Crawford.

GRAND FORKS—Fine work is being done under the leadership of the president, Mrs. J. P. Reiton. Dues for two-thirds of the membership and the complete budget were received early in December.

MRS. GEO. A. MCGREGOR, director of Vacation Church Schools, was awarded a gold piece at the National convention for the large number of schools in which temperance was taught.

MRS. E. S. BORDWELL, State L. T. L. secretary, spent a week in the field, visiting Edgeley, Ellendale, Oakes, Glover and Dickey, in the interests of L. T. L. work. At Oakes she was entertained by the district president, Mrs. Carrie Aasen, and

conferred with her associate secretary, Miss Emily Aasen.

VALLEY CITY L. T. L. is an enthusiastic group of 36 with Miss Ruby S. Shelby as leader. They were organized in October by Mrs. Bordwell. Have a cheer leader and are making booklets and joke envelopes for the local hospital.

FORDVILLE shipped a Christmas box to the Veterans hospital at Fargo and sent an affghan to the Veterans hospital at Minneapolis where we have several North Dakota boys.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN, at its Christmas party, had a very interesting address by Dr. J. D. Runsvold of the First Lutheran Church and Christmas carols were sung.

FARGO union supplied the men in the Veterans hospital with stamped Christmas cards to be sent by them to their friends. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Wilder have given fine reports of the National convention.

HILLSBORO held a public meeting the evening of Dec. 12th with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder as speaker. Mrs. O. J. Flagstad is the enterprising president. Tickets were sold at 10 cents and the result was a large attendance. Four ministers besides the president's husband, Rev. O. J. Flagstad, joined as honorary members and there were several new active members.

Mandan W. C. T. U. was organized Dec. 16 by Mrs. Lydia B. Johnson of Pierre, So. Dak., with 19 paid members. Mrs. Fred Mitchell is president. Mrs. J. M. McLeod, secretary and Mrs. Grant Palmer, treasurer. There are several vice presidents. We gladly welcome this new union. Mrs. Johnson also spoke at Beach and Dickinson enroute from her work in Montana.

MRS. FRED M. WANNER, our state vice president, spent two weeks in the field, speaking at Williston, Wheelock, Ray, Stanley, Leeds, Oberon, Minnewaukan, Sheyenne and Carrington, telling of her trip abroad last summer. At New Rockford she was the speaker on Armistice Day to several hundred people including members of the American Legion.

"WHEN THE BREWER HAD THE STRANGLEHOLD" is the title of a new book by Ernest Gordon, published by the Alcohol Information Committee, which Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of the Women's Committee for Law Enforcement, characterizes as "The most destructive attempt to ruin our government since the days of Benedict Arnold."

MRS. ELLEN PAGEL president of the Ninth district has visited every one of her local unions, giving a report of the state convention held at Valley City. How many other district presidents have done likewise?

MRS. C. G. BLACK of Stirum, one of our pioneer white ribboners, is still active at 85 years young. She sends dues from the local members and since cold weather began has knitted twelve pairs of mittens, notwithstanding the fact that she broke her arm some time ago. She has also sent a box to the Crittenton Home.

## TOPICAL PROGRAMS FOR 1931 Now Ready

Make your local meetings interesting by using the National Topical Program; also Package of Helps for preparation in advance. Price, 5c each; 25 copies 75c; 25 copies and package of helps, \$1.25; package of helps, 60c.  
National W. C. T. U. Publishing House  
Evanston, Illinois

## FIRST PROHIBITION PATRIOT

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, Fargo, First to Report.

As welcome as the flowers in May or the first robin in the spring was the announcement by Mrs. Nelson that she had won her five. Surely there are other Prohibition Patriots who have just failed to report. What more can we say to impress upon you the great necessity for strengthening our ranks at this crucial time? We have here campaign leaflets for the asking and one hundred stick pins for as many women who are to become Prohibition Patriots. Who will be the next?

In her letter Mrs. Anderson has referred to the extension of time made by the National W.C.T.U. and our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo, says:—Each woman securing five new members between the first day of your state year and Mother's Day is entitled to the badge of the Prohibition Patriots. And instead of an intensive drive for one week as we had last year (April 7-12) the month of February will be set aside for this intensive drive.

## This Year the Decisive One

The Starring of the Flag as outlined in the plan will be made an outstanding feature of the 1932 convention to be held in Seattle in August of that year. By reason of that convention being held three or four months before the close of the National fiscal year (October 31, 1932) the reports of the present year, November 1, 1930 to October 31, 1931, will necessarily establish your standing in the Starring of the Flag.

Only net gain will entitle your entire state delegation to accompany your state president to the platform while she is privileged to place North Dakota's star in its rightful position on Old Glory. Every white ribboner understands how much the achieving of a net gain in her state entails. It means that only by the most careful attention to details will this be made possible. Loss of membership is inevitable through death and removal. A Hold Fast campaign should bring you to the place on March 8th where every living member of last year will have paid her dues. When this is accomplished your new women will count for more than mere stop gaps in maintaining last year's membership roll. New women must be enrolled in increasing numbers if we are not to desecrate Old Glory by affixing 25 or 30 stars in a field where any less than 48 will cause us to droop our heads in shame.

We have never had a membership challenge so compelling as this. Our country has never needed as she needs now a million dues paid members in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. If only the rank and file of the women could have stood with us in the Houston convention and with us have raised the right hand heavenward as we solemnly pledge "To see this thing through" they would believe as we do that while the greatest struggle we have ever known may lie ahead of us, victory is inevitable if we summon to our aid the courage and the consecration that brings conquest. Truly "Patriotism isn't only bands and flags and clapping hands" and the Flag speaketh to each of us saying, "I am whatever you make me, nothing more. But always I am all that you hope to be and have the courage to try for."  
—B. H. W.

## HOLD MORE INSTITUTES!

Dear North Dakota Comrades:—

It was a great pleasure to me to notice the marked increase in the number of Institutes held in our state last year over any other year since I have been the National Director. I am sure the increase in institutes will result in an increased membership and renewed enthusiasm and hope that the record made last year is just the promise of greater numbers of institutes to be held this year. Let's put North Dakota on the Honor Roll in Institute work this year!

The Institute is primarily a "School of Methods" in the work of the W. C. T. U. and is expected to inform the membership and the public of the work done by the organization. We will stress the importance of department work and in every institute will emphasize the platform on which we stand, expressed in the slogan adopted for the year "Observance and Enforcement—not Repeal." We will continue to point out the benefits of prohibition and the failure of other methods of dealing with the liquor traffic. We will endeavor to double the number of active members gained at institutes and the amount of literature distributed.

Since institutes are intended to educate those attending to the end that our prohibition laws may be better observed and better enforced, we will discuss public questions; we will make a special effort to have young people appear on our programs and we will invite speakers from other organizations, that we may keep in touch with them. Institutes aid in the up-building of the W. C. T. U. in every line of its endeavor by developing leaders and speakers among the membership, by winning new members, by increasing subscriptions to our National publications, by bringing the organization to the favorable attention of the public and in many other ways.

The main objective of the department is to instruct, inspire and increase the W. C. T. U. membership.

Write to me for literature, blanks or information about Institutes,

Kate S. Wilder  
417 7th Ave. S., Fargo, N. D.

## "CHURCH" TEMPERANCE

### SOCIETY DIES

The Rev. Dr. James T. Empringham, at one time head of the notorious wet organization masquerading as the "Church Temperance Society" is no longer a clergyman of the Episcopal church. He was unfrocked by Bishop William T. Manning of New York.

"The action" said the New York Times, November 17, 1930, "took place after Bishop Manning had frowned upon his methods of conducting anti-prohibition propaganda and his management of the Health Education Society Clinic."

The Church Temperance Society was as false a thing as the wets have organized. The character of its leadership is understood by the fact that not only has Dr. Empringham been removed from the ministry of his church but has also been in difficulties with New York state authorities because of the character of his Health Education Society.

And yet this was the sort of thing on which the wets have based much of their assumptions.

## A MESSAGE TO ALL AMERICA

From the National W. C. T. U.

To the short sighted American who blames the world-wide economic situation and American unemployment on prohibition the words of Evangelina Booth as she sailed for home from London should serve as an awakening idea.

"My message to the British people" she told the reporters, "is to get prohibition and you will do away with your dole and your unemployment." (Note 1.)

That same day England's parliament had appropriated another fifty million pounds for the British dole, the saddest, drabest payment ever made by any nation under the sun. There is no doubt about the bull dog capacity of the British nation to hang on until the bitter end, but as England's grasp on world trade slowly weakens, it is well to remember that the recent British commission which examined the reasons for America's trade and economic superiority gave prohibition as one outstanding count in our favor.

England drunk cannot compete against America sober.

The Prince of Wales, visiting the poverty ridden coal fields of the British Isles where life is prolonged agony from hunger following unemployment found that wherever the poor were poorest, the brewers were richest.

To those who cry that prohibition has lost its prosperity argument the answering facts are that the economic depression is world wide; that coincidentally in this country was the most disastrous drought in years, that "in the larger view the major forces of the depression now lie outside of the United States and our recuperation has been retarded by the unwarranted degree of fear and apprehension created by those outside forces." (Note 2). The economists of the country, also many of the industrial leaders, say that depression and unemployment would have been far worse in this country under the old saloon regime conditions. In 1893, with the beer trade at its best we had one of our greatest trade depressions and panics.

No country that can weather an economic slump such as we have experienced, and come to Christmas time as we are, with a Christmas fund and extra dividend disbursement totaling two billion dollars, needs to look to the saloons as a measure of prosperity. We have poor people to care for, yet we have the money for them.

Reopening the saloons (or taverns as they are called in Quebec) would divert billions of dollars from the purchasing stream to the liquor traffic in which there were these characteristics:

First: The comparatively few employees of the business received a smaller proportion of the entire income than any other business.

Second: Although a huge sum of money was diverted from other trade channels, that money enriched only a small group of owners; whereas under prohibition every fundamental industry has been enlarged and a higher standard of living insured.

Third: Saloons, breweries, distilleries, and liquor distributing centers depressed real estate. Women would not shop near saloons. One immed-

iate effect of prohibition was the transformation of thousands of saloon properties previously occupied by low buildings exclusively used for liquor purposes, to office buildings, hotels, banks, etc. In many instances the real estate increases have amounted to millions of dollars.

Along with the mistaken idea that prohibition induced the world wide depression and unemployment, comes the fallacious theory that taxes would be reduced by reestablishing the liquor business. All taxes come from the public's money. The government need but shift the tax from one object to another to get the needed income; but the big fact remains that prohibition gave the people more money for productive uses and consequently made our tax paying ability greater.

Since prohibition federal income taxes have been reduced half a dozen times; a record unapproached by any other country.

"But the government spends millions of dollars for prohibition enforcement that could go to help unemployment."

It spends about nine cents a year per American citizen and practically all of it goes to salaries and wages; and the net result of this tiny sum is an increased purchasing power with \$40 a year a piece to us—a total of Five Billions annually.

"I have examined the positive evidence of the bearing of prohibition upon prosperity" says Samuel Crowther, well known economist and author. "The facts are unescapable. Prohibition is an economic success."

The reason is that more people are spending less money than ever for drink regardless of the stories of high priced bootleg liquor and tremendous bootleg profit.

Note 1—Associated Press from London, England, Dec. 2, 1930.

Note 2—President Hoover's message to Congress Dec. 3, 1930.

## BAR ASSOCIATION POLL

The American Bar Association vote of 13,779 to 6,340 in favor of the repeal of the 18th amendment, represented only three-fourths of the entire membership.

And in this connection, Edward T. Lee, Dean of the John Marshall School, Chicago, bids us remember

1. That the American Bar Association is composed of about 20 per cent of the lawyers of the country.

2. That eight states and the District of Columbia, where people do not vote, contain more than one-half of the membership.

3. That of its 27,000 odd members far more than one-half live in cities of 50,000 and over. New York (including Brooklyn), Chicago, Boston, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit and St. Louis, eight cities, contain more than one-fourth of the membership.

4. That the total vote cast by the American Bar Association for repeal of the 18th amendment, 13,770, represents about one in ten of the total number of lawyers in the United States.

5. That the result of the vote merely discloses what is no news, that cities are wet while the country is dry.

There is no better capital for any man than civility.

## DAN BEARD TALKS

By Frank S. Mead

Dan Beard is the founder of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a young chap of 80 summers who still loves boys, and enjoys his play-time with them. Talking of boys—and prohibition, the veteran scout master said:

"Prohibition? Yes sir, I'm for it. Finest thing that ever happened to us. No, I haven't always been a prohibitionist, or even a teetotaler. I was brought up in a day and in a section of the country where such things were unheard of—the Old South. But I have never cared for the stuff. I've always been interested in the building of fine minds in sound bodies, and that stuff doesn't help a bit.

"But, I'm a prohibitionist now, all right. I think most people are, at heart. My work has taken me a great deal into the club life of the country, speaking at banquets, being entertained and all that. A prominent club man said to me once at a dinner: 'Uncle Dan, I take a drink occasionally. But I know and you know that prohibition is the finest thing in the world for those kids of ours. When we older addicts of Barleycorn die off things will be a lot safer for them.' I believe that, and I advocate it wherever I go. And while I'm saying it, let me give credit to the clubmen of America. I never have once been embarrassed at their banquets by refusal to drink and thereby violate the law."

Ah! Now we are getting at it. He was a prohibitionist because he was a law-worshipper. We'd ask him about that: "Is it because of your respect for the law that you believe in prohibition?"

"I believe in it because I'm an American."

Never, till the day we die, shall we forget the way he said that. Mr. Beard was an intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt (who also was something of an American), and he roared out that answer exactly as Teddy would have roared it out: "I'm an American. I believe in America and her institutions and in her ability to show the way to every other nation on earth. And I will give my heart and my hand to anything that makes for a better America. I believe that prohibition is doing just that, in spite of all this wet propaganda calculated to make us think that conditions are worse than they were before we went dry."

Are the boys of this generation as wild as those of yours?

"Wild? Wild? We don't know what wild boys are in these days. Why, when I was a boy in Kentucky, people thought there was something wrong with a boy if he hadn't been drunk by the time he was fifteen years old. Youngsters drank then as they'll never drink again.

"And this wild-party business; how many have you seen in the last year? I went up to visit my son last winter at Syracuse university. We went to a party at one of the big hotels in town, and the place was packed, jammed to the doors with students. All evening long, in all that crowd I saw but one boy who gave evidence that he had been drinking. The rest of the crowd seemed ashamed of him; kept trying to hide him, or apologize for him. The wets have played up

to this wild party idea to a fare-you-well. But it's a false alarm. It isn't so. It is a false conception that will pass with all the rest of this post-war upheaval."

How soon will it pass? He laughed. "Well, Henry George used to say that it took 100 years for any nation to recuperate from a war. But that's too liberal an estimate for this job. The next generation will see it through."

## EXHIBITS AND FAIRS

Dear Co-workers:

Please note the change in name of this department. It has been known by this name in the National for some time but it was not until this fall that North Dakota decided to call it "Exhibits and Fairs" instead of "Fairs and Exhibits." I hope this will help our workers throughout the state to realize that you can have an "EXHIBIT" without a "FAIR."

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