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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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By the Hour

God broke our years to hours and days
That, hour by hour, and day by day,
We might be able, all along,
To keep quite strong.

Should all the weight of life
Be laid across our shoulders
And the future, rife with woe and struggle,
Meet us face to face
At just ONE place
We could not go.

Our feet would stop, and so
God lays a little on us, every day,
And never, I believe, on all the way
Will burdens bear so deep
Or pathways lie so steep
But we can go if, by God's power
We only bear the burdens BY THE HOUR!

President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

Our sympathy goes out in large measure to our state treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Watkins, who was recently injured in an automobile accident while on a visit with Mr. Watkins and their son, Clyde, to a daughter in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was brought home on a stretcher with a trained nurse in attendance. She must spend some time in the hospital and it will be several months before she is able to be about. We are thankful that her life is spared and that she will probably be in the best of health after her long enforced rest.

I am sure you will all want to cheer and help her through these long, weary days of convalescence. I know how anxious she is about the dues. The most fragrant flowers you can possibly send her and that which will bring her greatest happiness, is to send her a letter with the dues of every member who paid dues last year and, in addition, the dues of the new members gained. Will every one who reads this make sure that her own dues are paid? Will every treasurer see that dues are collected for all members, new and old, and forwarded to Mrs. Watkins BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10, when her books must close? If you all do this, I am sure it will give our treasurer great happiness and help to hasten her recovery.

We deeply appreciate the fact that Williston is entertaining the state convention, notwithstanding the severe drought conditions from which that part of the state has suffered. We hope every union will be willing to make as much sacrifice to send delegates as our comrades at Williston are making to entertain us. While money is far from plentiful, it will cost but little to go by automobile, each delegate or union sharing the expense. Next year comes a most important election and it is at this convention that we must make our



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plans for it. All our unions should be represented there, if possible.

A lady who had recently attended a state convention at Williston told me that they never before were so royally entertained or had so fine a convention. Williston has a reputation for hospitality. We must remember that our women in the northwestern part of the state have been traveling long distances and paying out considerable money to attend the state conventions. Now that the convention for the first time is in the extreme northwestern part of the state, it is only fair that we return the compliment.

There will be a special table at the banquet on Thursday evening for Prohibition Patriots and we hope many of them will be present. We trust a large number of new members will be secured as a memorial to our beloved leader, Anna Gordon, and that there will be some who have secured five new members and thus become Anna Gordon Prohibition Patriots.

Every district president whose district has made a net gain in membership will have the privilege of marching to the platform with her entire delegation and marking the place on the map of North Dakota occupied by her district, with a small American flag. On Friday evening the district presidents will each have one minute to give the outstanding work of the year in her district. At the close of her speech, American flags equal to the number of Prohibition Patriots in her district, will be shown. Ours is a patriotic organization and the flag will be much in evidence at the convention.

I think one of the weak points in our North Dakota W. C. T. U. is failure to report work done. These reports are not necessarily trumpet blowing, but they are an inspiration

and help to the work and workers in state and nation. The big task for the next few days is to report ALL work done and to send these reports to the state corresponding secretary and state directors at the same time you send dues and budgets to the state treasurer before September 10.

Our standing in the National W. C. T. U. and whether or not your state president will be able to pin the North Dakota star, the 39th, on the big flag at the Seattle convention next August, depends on the work of the next few days, the faithfulness and promptness with which the dues are sent in. If North Dakota makes no gain in membership this year, there will be a blank space on the flag where the North Dakota star ought to be. Will you all help avert such a calamity?

Yours for the honor of North Dakota,

Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

She helped pay for the \$10 package. When the leaflets came she sent the first lot to each of the voters in her community, the name on each leaflet. A neighbor's daughter distributed them. Other lots were scattered the same way. Sometimes packages were sent to the three outlying communities in care of interested friends. Owing to illness one lot was not sent out at once. Later two leaflets were packed in an envelope, addressed and sent by carrier. Some were put in the mail. There were not leaflets enough to go around so they were sent where they were most needed, always to adults feeling sure the youngsters would get hold of them. The expense for envelopes and to pay the young folks for distribution was small and surely a few folks were set a thinking.

Come to Convention!

Yes, come to Williston, if you possibly can, September 24-27, to our 42nd annual state convention. We will have a wonderful meeting. Williston women are planning to show us true western hospitality. They will entertain for room and breakfast. Send your names to Mrs. H. R. Lammman, chairman entertainment committee. The state executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 24, at 2 p. m. The banquet that evening will be 75 cents and will be served at 6:30. If you cannot be there for dinner, you may be able to enjoy the program which follows.

We will be welcomed for the city by Dr. H. T. Skovoldt, president city commission; for the churches by Rev. A. R. Henry, pastor of the Methodist church where the convention will be held; for the schools by the Superintendent, Prof. E. J. Urness; for the district by the president, Mrs. H. H. Olson and for the local union by its president, Mrs. L. E. Hennig. Response will be made by Mrs. Kate S. Wilder of Fargo. Mrs. Frank A. Hoare, whose ability is well known, is in charge of local music and will be assisted by the state director, Mrs. W. B. Simcox, Park River. The address of the state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, will be an attractive feature of Friday evening. Mrs. Frank Beasley, recording secretary, will read in her own inimitable manner, "The Neighbor" by Katherine Holland Brown. Saturday evening a medal contest will be held under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Walstead. A demonstration of the Canadian System will be given by nine women.

Mrs. W. C. Dawes, Bozeman, Mont., president of the Montana W. C. T. U., will be our guest speaker. She will assist during the convention and give the address Sunday evening.

Report blanks have been sent all unions and already Rock Lake and Stanley have reported. Remember the loving cup to be presented to the district having the largest percentage of unions reporting to the state corresponding secretary and state directors ONE WEEK before state convention.

Essays and posters submitted for state contest, except those sent to national contest, are at state headquarters at Fargo and will be returned for postage on request.—B. H. W.

MEMORIAL TO MISS GORDON. Hatton also observed a memorial service for Miss Gordon on her birthday, July 21, when the L. T. L., Y. P. B. and W. C. T. U. united in the impressive program. An offering of \$4.00 was raised for the Gordon memorial. The local union at Benedict held a memorial meeting for Miss Gordon.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

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ESTATE NOTE

1931

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

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Flower Mission and Relief

An Urgent Call

Dear Co-Workers:

It is needless for me to write of the drouth conditions in the Northwestern part of the state. We who are here fully realize the task confronting us. You who live farther east have read it in the papers. Food, clothing and coal will be needed. While late showers have relieved pasture conditions until frosts and freezing weather, feed must be bought for winter.

We are not asking that you send less to your regular channels such as the Crittenton Home and other institutions to which you regularly contribute, but we do hope as the days begin to shorten now, that you will gather up and lay aside clothing that may be outgrown but will keep some one warm and comfortable, and as the Unions have a package, box or barrel ready, that it may be sent to some one on the list below. You may be sure it will be fully appreciated.

And when putting up your fruits and marmalades, or drying them, perhaps you will remember our gardens are woefully short this year, and fruit, which the children miss most, is out of the question for the majority of us.

We are sure you will not forget us in this emergency.

Sincerely,

M. Inez Lee.

Our Official Papers

Mother National will help us in the Summer plan for the Union Signal and Young Crusader.

If our group get 9-10ths of its allotment of subscriptions the remaining 1-10th will be awarded by Mother National.

We want our Annie Wittenmyer group to reach its goal of 1,000 subscribers to each of our wonderful papers.

our quota of one in every six members subscribing we must try to reach.

North Dakota has 3,248 members of the W. C. T. U. which makes our Union Signal quota 541. My last report shows we have 450 subscribers for The Union Signal and 259 for The Young Crusader.

Let each union shoulder its responsibility of getting these papers into every W. C. T. U. home. Every officer and every department head should get the information for her particular work.

We should make the same efforts to circulate our papers as do the enemies of the cause to disseminate falsehood and evil propaganda.

Let us come up to our state convention with an enlarged membership, and the quota of our papers met.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Geo. F. Clark,
State Promoter.

The Narcotic Department Work

All over the United States the battle goes on to arouse the interest of all Americans in the need of stemming the tide of poisonous "dope."

The United States Government is fighting for the American home against the vicious traffic of habit-forming drugs. The August 1st Literary Digest announces "Real war declared against the dopesters." A forward step was taken at a conference held at Geneva. An agreement was signed by delegates from thirty-three nations to limit the manufacture of narcotics to amounts needed for scientific and medical purposes. This

agreement will go into effect when ratified by twenty-four countries and must include any four of the nations especially engaged in drug manufacture.

The American people must be so aroused that public sentiment will force restrictive measures. There are at least 100,000 hopeless addicts who will be supplied by smuggling and peddlers. Just now the most important effort to put forth is education to prevent the creating of more addicts.

It is estimated that Americans paid out for tobacco \$3,600,000,000 last year. Thousands of new recruits are now slaves of the habit of cigarette smoking, consequently the price has been raised. The price of one package of cigarettes will buy two large loaves of bread or two quarts of milk. There should be no shortage of food stuffs in a home if the father smokes. I am opposed to giving to the unemployed man who finds some way to buy tobacco.

All the billboards have not been cleared of cigarette advertising displaying women. A law was passed at the last session of the legislature prohibiting such advertising. Insist that billboards be cleared of women displayed on a cigarette billboard.

Are you insisting that your teachers be total abstainers? There can be no question of the injurious effect of cigarettes upon the moral as well as the physical development of boys and girls. It is impossible to leave a matter of such consequence to the unformed judgment of children. It must be settled by the mature wisdom of parents and teachers. Knowing the moral influence the teacher exerts over pupils we should request all school boards to employ only teachers who are total abstainers.

I hope you will send me a report of any work done in this department since last September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. M. Holcomb,
Jamestown, N. D.

Plain Talk From the Prairies

I know of no more skillful deflation than that which Alfred MacArthur recently gave an eastern society matron who was self-puffed with the work she was doing against prohibition. Fancying herself as a leader of public opinion, she was patronizing the women of the west as ignoramuses who could be wooed away from their "ridiculous" support of the "dry" cause.

"Madam," said the western Mr. MacArthur, "it will take 200 years to change the women on this question. They are 'dry' because they have a memory of an outrage—the outrageous conduct of the rural saloon, which killed their fathers, husbands, brothers, and starved women and children. Madam, I know women in Kansas who still hate Indians because the redskins scalped their grandfathers. I know women in Georgia who hate the American flag because Sherman's barn-burners waved it under their grandmothers' noses. When you talk of prohibition, you are dealing with emotions and hatreds that you know nothing about. Whether you or I like prohibition doesn't matter in the slightest. It will remain at least until six generations of American women have come and gone. The scar left by the saloon may disappear in time, but not likely."—From Lloyd Lewis' column, "Stage Whispers," Chicago Daily News, June 25, 1931.

When we climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds of love to men.

The L. T. L.

Dear White Ribboners:

Our year's work is fast drawing to a close. Reports will soon be in. We are hoping for great things. We shall rejoice if the final reports show that we have met the requirements sent out by our National Secretary and North Dakota is a banner state in L. T. L. work this year. We are sure if all work with the children could be gathered and reported on time we would realize this honor but many fail to report each year.

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At the meeting of the National Executive Committee at Niagara Falls last June, many new things were mapped out for us. Among the resolutions adopted we read—"That the campaign of education on the effects of beverage alcohol be continued; that we especially emphasize the value of total abstinence and the inherent qualities of alcohol as a habit forming drug." These two statements are an emphatic reiteration of the purpose and plan of the W. C. T. U. and it is our part, as leaders of the L. T. L., to put these things across. "This is Our Task."

Many fine things are prepared for us for the coming year.

The children are to hear again the story of the Crusade as found in "Women Torch-Bearers" and "Give Prohibition Its Chance." They are to study the lives of six great women who have had a great part in carrying on the temperance work.

Books have been prepared for this study that the boys and girls may enjoy the stories.

Let us take up our work again in September and have a full year to carry on getting all the joy there is in this worth-while organization.

Let us all remember to secure new subscriptions for the Young Crusader, our story paper. It is just filled with good stories and helpful suggestions for our meetings.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
Secretary.

P. T. A. URGES EDUCATION ON PROHIBITION

The current issue of Child Welfare, the organ of the National Parent-Teacher Association, in its review of the Conference on Parent Education held at Hot Springs, Ark., gives the following resolution passed on the subject of prohibition and narcotics: "We affirm our belief that the present Eighteenth Amendment is already a national benefit in curtailing distribution and use of alcoholic beverages, and we pledge our support to a thorough education of youth in homes and in schools as to the deleterious effects of alcoholic beverages and narcotic drugs on health, working ability and morale."

Among the six recommendations put forth by the Home Service department of the conference also was the following: "Aid in interpretation of the Eighteenth Amendment as a significant protection of the American home and urge parents to set an example in the observance of this law and all laws."

All my life I have lived in the presence of fine and beautiful men going to their death because of alcohol. I call it the greatest trap that life has set for the feet of genius; and I record my opinion that the prohibition amendment is the greatest step in progress taken by America since the freeing of the slaves.—Upton Sinclair.

Dear Local Treasurer: Have you collected and sent in all the dues?

Pay dues before September 10th.

Child Welfare

Dear Co-workers of the Child Welfare Department:

Since the dawn of Creation parents have loved their children and labored for them.

Recent investigations are proving that something must be done in addition to this if the progress in health is to keep pace with that in other lines.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Perkins, Superintendent of the Child Welfare Department of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union and who was appointed by President Hoover as a member of a special Child Welfare committee to carry on research work and study pertaining to the child, sends out a circular full of interesting information showing the need for work.

Quoting from this circular:

"More than thirty percent of the school children of Washington, D. C., are underweight, almost wholly due to undernourishment and improper health habits. This startling fact has been ascertained through a careful survey. In one public school in Washington fifty percent of the pupils are underweight."

We might point with horror at this condition in our nation's capital, were it not for the fact that in many if not all sections of the United States an equally large percentage of undernourished children may be found.

We have in the United States six million undernourished school children. These undernourished children are found in as large numbers in rural as in congested city sections; are found among the well-to-do and rich as well as among the poor.

In a pamphlet sent out by the Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, we find: "Malnutrition is a departure from health which should be recognized as much as tuberculosis. It has certain definite causes and definite after effects. The insidious attacks of malnutrition upon the children of our country constitutes a danger which is sapping our vital energy."

Dr. William R. P. Emerson, nationally known as a health authority, was one of the first to call the attention of the people of our country to this matter and he calls any child undernourished who is seven percent underweight for height.

The malnourished child is usually pale, easily fatigued, may be nervous, and is always peculiarly susceptible to disease. The parent may easily discover whether the child is undernourished or not. Its detection requires no expert medical knowledge or careful microscopic examination. The weight of the child and his rate of gain usually tell the story. Every child should be weighed once a month. The average gain should be half a pound a month. Malnourished children must gain more than that to reach the average weight for height.

Dr. Emerson, after twelve years of scientific work, gives the following as the causes of undernourishment and underweight:

1. Physical defects.
2. Lack of home control.
3. Overfatigue.
4. Insufficient food and improper food habits.
5. Faulty health habits.

Dr. Emerson proposes the co-operation of the Home, School, and Social Organizations, Medical Interests, and the Child's own interest to combat this serious situation.

Quoting from another pamphlet by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Perkins:

"Through its educational program, the department will emphasize the fact that alcohol is a racial poison, and that the welfare of the child is a bas-

ic reason for total abstaining parents; that alcohol is a degrading and destroying factor in the home and community life and that the welfare of the child demands freedom from the sale and use of intoxicating beverages."

This is our five-pointed program of education and work in the Child Welfare Department of the W. C. T. U.:

"To every child belongs the right to be well born and to health to an education to protection from child labor to be morally safeguarded to be spiritually trained.

"That all people may realize these truths and as individuals, as communities, and as nations we may so live, so legislate and so provide for their fulfillment that these rights will be the heritage of all the children of the world, is the hope and aim of this department."

As to our state work every union should have an active Child Welfare Director to look after conditions in her community. This is to the small isolated unions as well as to those with larger membership.

The co-operation of the home may be gained through Health meetings in the W. C. T. U. to which the community mothers are invited or Health meetings in the P. T. A. attended by the parents. Have speakers who are well posted on the foregoing facts, and bring out that we must be on the alert against this enemy Malnutrition who is lying in wait for our children.

The co-operation of the school may be gained through the teachers who willingly help with Story Hours, Health Posters, by requiring the marking of daily Health Charts and insisting on rigid health rules, such as diet and rest, to keep fit for physical training classes and team work like baseball, kitenball, etc. These activities awaken the child's own interests.

As to medical help, the city school or county nurse is a necessity. She weighs the children at stated intervals and examines for physical defects. When conditions are found that demand attention of a physician, whatever the child's handicap he is taken care of.

Mrs. Edith F. Lee, National Director of Child Welfare, says, "The Twentieth Century has discovered the child and is giving to him his rightful heritage. Today Child Welfare is occupying the attention of the nation and the world in a greater measure than ever before."

Mrs. P. S. Bourdeau, Sisco M. D. Director of the National Child Health Department, shows the foresight of three of our great national W. C. T. U. presidents:

"Fifty years ago Frances E. Willard distinctly visualized the relationship existing between health and temperance. She said, 'To Glorify God in our bodies, to keep this word and teach men so is the tap-root of temperance reform.'"

We follow with the Jubilee message from our beloved Anna A. Gordon, which is so recent that it seems kind of a climax to her work:

"Our Health Department is the great foundation department. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was organized for the protection of the home. The legalized liquor traffic protected the saloon and the sale of alcoholic beverages and has been the home's greatest enemy. The victory in 1920 that gave a national prohibition law has been proclaimed by high medical authority one of the most authoritative health measures in history."

We have another message and this time from Ella A. Boole, our National President of today who is looking to the needs of the future:

A Trio of Testimony

"There is no agency in the world that is so seriously affecting the health, education, efficiency and character of boys and girls as the cigarette habit, yet very little attention is being paid to it. Nearly every delinquent boy is a cigarette smoker. Cigarettes are a source of crime. To neglect crime at its source is a shortsighted policy, unworthy of a nation of our intelligence." — President Hoover.

"I do not smoke, and I do not approve of smoking. If you will notice you will see that the practice is going out among the ablest surgeons, the men at the top. No surgeon can afford to smoke." — Dr. Wm. Mayo.

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, made this statement concerning cigarettes and women:

"If American women generally contract the habit, as reports now indicate they are doing, the entire nation will suffer. The physical tone of the whole nation will be lowered. The number of American women who are smoking cigarettes today is amazing. The habit harms a woman more than it does a man. The woman's nervous system is more highly organized than the man's. The reaction is, therefore, more intense. It may ruin her complexion, causing it to become gradually ashen. Propaganda urging that tobacco be used as a substitute for food is not in the interest of public health, and if practiced widely by young persons will be positively harmful."

The Haughty Dollar

Is This Your Dollar?

Fresh and crisp in his new green attire the Dollar lay folded in the lady's beautiful pocketbook.

Jingling about with pennies and nickels, a little dime played.

"You'd better have a good time," the Dollar spoke through the partition, hearing the noise. "You won't be here long."

"How do you know?" the little Dime stopped its frolicking, frightened at the idea.

"Because you're going to the W. C. T. U. meeting."

"Are you going to the W. C. T. U. meeting," asked the Dime of the Dollar.

"I," exclaimed the Haughty Dollar, in surprise. "Of course not. I go to movies and gasoline stations and style shows and bridge parties and luncheons, but I don't spend it in a W. C. T. U. meeting. That's a place for small fry like you."

COFFEE INSTEAD OF LIQUOR

St. Bernard dogs no longer carry brandy in little casks tied to their necks for persons who may be snow-bound in the Alps. They have vacuum bottles filled with hot coffee. The news comes from Mrs. Marion MacDonald of Makwonago, Wis., fancier, who has returned with prize St. Bernards bought at the famous monastery.—Granite State Outlook.

"A marked change for the presentation of health work must be noted in this Jubilee year of the Department of Health. The removal of preventable causes of disease has made great progress and some virulent diseases of half a century ago have been abolished from the face of the earth. But health work is more than that; it consists of health preservation, health protection, and a constructive program for health promotion."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. A. Sprague,
Director.

Local Activities

Jamestown has reached its Union Signal quota. Next?

The Ninth district picnic was a decided success. Four unions were represented.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson was guest speaker at a memorial service for Miss Gordon arranged by the local union at Detroit Lakes, Minn. Mrs. Anderson also gave a report of the World's convention at a meeting of the Sheldon union.

Park River held an impressive memorial service for Miss Anna A. Gordon and Mrs. Louise C. McKinney. Many memorial meetings have been held. At the Northwood meeting at the home of Mrs. P. G. Sennack, the district president, Mrs. S. O. Nelson, gave a sketch of Miss Gordon's life; Rev. Mr. Sennack paid a fitting tribute to her and Mrs. Minnie Hanson, Hatton, who will soon leave for her new home in Bellingham, Wash., also spoke. There was special music and a large attendance.

The local union and L. T. L. at Linton united in a memorial service for Miss Gordon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield, July 21st, which was Miss Gordon's birthday.

Grand Forks held a memorial service at the home of Mrs. Geo. E. Black, Belmont Road. Beautiful flowers adorned the rooms. There was a good program with a large attendance. This union will hold a silver tea in the near future.

The Fargo Scandinavian union held their memorial service at St. Mark's English Lutheran church, Mrs. Julia D. Nelson presiding. Members were present from Minnesota, California and from several towns in the state. Music composed by Miss Gordon, was under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Rudd. Mrs. Wylie paid a tribute to Miss Gordon and Mrs. McKinney. Mrs. A. C. Barron, formerly of Fargo but now secretary of the federated unions of St. Paul, spoke. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

Subjects and Rules for essay contests for 1931-32 have been received and may be ordered from State Headquarters at Fargo. Mrs. J. S. Fattlar, Fairdale, S. T. I. director for the Seventeenth district, has sent a supply to her unions.

About 200 essays were written in the schools at Oakes this year. In the Senior-Junior classes, Lyla Robinson won first place and Frances Naylor, honorable mention. In Sophomore-Freshman, William Mauck was first and Maxine Hobza had honorable mention. Ralph Lucke was first in seventh and eighth grades and Beryl Bellinger in fifth and sixth, with Mary Ellen Bush and Joyce Trett receiving honorable mention.

FAREWELL TO MRS. HANSON. Hatton W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hanson, July 17, when a farewell gift was presented Mrs. Hanson by the local president, Mrs. Eina Aaker. On behalf of the Y. P. B. Mrs. G. L. Thompson, local secretary, presented a gift to Miss Alice Hanson. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and family will soon leave for their new home in Bellingham, Wash. Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Sennack of Northwood spoke at the meeting. Music and refreshments followed.

N. E. A. REAFFIRMS PROHIBITION SUPPORT

The National Education Association reaffirms its stand in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and of the laws enacted thereunder. It urges their vigorous and impartial enforcement and pledges its support to an active educational campaign in the schools in behalf of habits of living for which the Eighteenth Amendment stands.—Resolution adopted by N. E. A. at Los Angeles, July, 1931.

Drinking In Colleges

Liquor drinking in colleges is on the decline. The men and women just don't go in for it like they used to.

You can take the student's own word for it.

That's what a poll of representatives of 47 editors of 17 Eastern seaboard college and university papers showed today.

The 47 are attending the semi-annual convention of the Intercollegiate Newspaper Association of the Middle Atlantic States at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

"It's becoming vulgar to drink."

Victor H. Oilyar of the Bucknell University Bucknellian put it that way.

"Sure, drinking on the campus or at frat houses is decreasing," said he. "I have been at Lafayette, Lehigh, State College and other places and have noticed that. So I don't speak from observations at Bucknell alone."

Monroe Vansant, serious appearing youth, edits the Phoenix at Swarthmore College. Says he: "I think drinking at college is decreasing. There is certainly not much done. You don't see anyone drunk. Of course, there may be isolated cases."

Then two pretty coeds stepped up to testify. They were Miss Catherine Roberts and Miss Lillian Harbaugh, who came up from Juniata College to ride on Brooklyn's Bridge and see the white lights of New York.

Both felt that prohibition has been accepted, among their fellow students at least.

"The pendulum is swinging back to the other extreme now," said blue-eyed Miss Harbaugh. "Back to the normal—drinking is decreasing."

"You can't find liquor on Juniata's coed campus," Miss Harbaugh explained. "You see the authorities are very strict. We're not even allowed to smoke on the campus (she declined a cigarette because even at a convention she came under college rules.) But strict or not, I think there is a general reaction among students against drinking."

"There's no question but what drinking at college is decreasing," interjected R. B. Counsellor, editor at Dickinson College.

And James E. Palm, Ursinus College editor:

"How much drinking there is at our college is a question. But I can say that I don't think it is increasing."

Emanuel A. Honig of the Lehigh University Brown and White and retiring president of the association, said he didn't believe college students today drank as much as they did five or ten years ago. But he noticed no change during the last two years.

Robert Raring, a second Lehigh delegate, said, "If students drink they go out of town to do it. At least they don't do it so much on the campus, what with the fraternity bans and all that."—From the Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 25, 1931.

The Christian Science Monitor reports that the Mexican government is actively cooperating with the United States government in a campaign to curb the smuggling of drugs into the United States along the border in the El Paso district.

No man can follow Christ and go astray.

The Same Old Story

The National W. C. T. U. calls attention to the correspondence between the new wet leader, Augustus A. Busch of the Anheuser Busch Brewing Co., and the American Business Men's Prohibition Foundation. Mr. Busch in an open letter to the public declared that repeal of prohibition would contribute to the moral and economic benefit of the American people; and the American Business Men's Prohibition Foundation asked him to prove his statements.

"In a long letter Mr. Busch ignored most of the request, but stresses his contention that a return to the liquor business would benefit America by putting millions of men to work and paying huge taxes to the government.

"Of course, economists agree that the liquor business is a waste and not a benefit and that a country cannot drink itself rich. However, the sinister threat in the Busch figures is the evidence that his goal is not only a return of the legalized liquor business, BUT A RETURN OF THE SALOON. The figures used by Brewer Busch are all saloon figures; and it is a well known fact that the sales of beer would not reach the figures of the old days' without the same old saloon system, the high power sales methods, advertising, boycotting, and all the other saloon methods.

"Now that Busch has taken the leadership of the wets it is quite plain that the fight to retain prohibition is more than ever a fight against the saloon. No matter under what guise liquor has been established in any country there is the saloon, call it what you may. In Canada, where the sale of beer is enormous, along with a tremendous sale of winks; the beer saloon has returned in large numbers.

"The wet slogan 'Of course, we don't want the old fashioned saloon back again,' turns out to be a falsehood."—National W. C. T. U.

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN ALBERTA PLEDGE TO SUPPORT PROHIBITION ASSOCIATION

The twenty-third annual convention of the Churches of Christ in Alberta, Canada, held recently in Vulcan, the largest and most successful gathering of its kind in the province, adopted the following resolution:

"We, members of Churches of Christ in Alberta, in convention assembled, desire to express ourselves as being assured that the time has come for a more definite consolidation of all moral forces in an effort to abolish by legislation the whole intoxicating beverage liquor business. Therefore we pledge ourselves to support whole-heartedly the present effort of the Alberta Prohibition Association to abolish the beer halls of the province, and we solicit the cooperation to this end of all fellow-members of the Churches of Christ."

Those who want good government and who realize that ruthless racketeering and crime of all kinds must be stamped out, will have to organize themselves into a militant group, determined, tireless, and above all intelligent. So we have got to be prepared to fight—and fight hard as our Puritan ancestors did—and the Crusaders—and the early Christians. Each battle is but one insignificant fraction of the general engagement. We have to be prepared to go on and on—and after each victory or defeat, to start again.

—Cornelia Bryce Pinchot.

Do not do that which you would not have known.

Elegant Ladies!

The current Vanity Fair has an article on the "Sabine women"—otherwise the ladies of the Anti-Prohibition society headed by Mrs. Sabin. These ladies (all young and beautiful, according to the article) are working havoc with dry convictions of congressmen in Washington, by making use of the methods so well exemplified in the movies! They are in strong contrast to the ladies of the W. C. T. U., who are just of a plain, garden variety of American womanhood, while the Sabine women are "swelegant." They know just exactly what finger to cock and at what angle, while they are elegantly smoking cigarettes, and they deplore the effort of "common" women to participate in government!

We have known a good many ladies in our time, who were real aristocrats in brain and manner and social prestige. We never yet knew one who had to carry on her back a sign "I am a lady."

In addition to the splendid women of the W. C. T. U., we might offer for the consideration of Vanity Fair, certainly not fewer than four-fifths of all the membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution and nearly all of the membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is on record in favor of prohibition. Vanity Fair, if it sends a young man to inspect these ladies, will not find them boasting of their positions in society, will not find them trying to "vamp" congressmen, will not find them reflecting upon any other group of women anywhere. It will find them just a simple, unaffected modest product of the cultural influences of America, and it will find nearly all of them DRY. As for the "Sabine" women, perhaps they should not be held responsible for the blatant vulgarities of fool friends.

—The Clip Sheet.

Government Control No Solution

The venerable Sir George E. Foster is beyond doubt the most beloved figure in the public life of Canada. His opinion on governmental matters carries the weight of unusual authority. He says that "Government control" of the liquor traffic will never prove a solution. In his own words: "Government partnership will never solve the liquor question. It is putting a barrier in the way of that solution. * * *

"What more favored business could there be? The distillery, brewery, and winery have their customers provided for them. The government is their salesman. This Christian government makes cash payments. This business has been put on a pedestal and its salesman provides both the show and the customer.

"What binds these two partners? "One partner is after profits—the other? With the lip the declaration is made that the government is after a sober province and less drinking. In their actions they are after a share in the profits. They are not aiming to control the drinking, but the sale of the liquor. That does not limit the sale nor the facilities for sale. * * * "Fifty-five millions of good Canadian dollars went over the counters of their partnership in Ontario alone and nearly two hundred millions in Canada."

"Would that there could be burned into the hearts of every man and woman in the civilized world the truth that the liquor traffic is the inveterate, persistent enemy of child life, and that this is the raw material with which the traffic must work. Unless it can get control of this raw material—the youth of the world—the traffic will become extinct."

Arithmetical Humor

Mr. Ben H. Spence, comments on the published statements of the Rev. Father James J. Eagleston of Cogsweel, North Dakota, and Mr. Spence succeeds in making mathematics unamorous. First, he quotes the Reverend Father as saying that on a visit to Windsor, Canada "we saw enough while there to convince us that there is ten times more drunkenness in the United States, to the square inch than there is in Canada in the square mile. * * *

Mr. Spence is a Canadian, and he does some figuring.

There are in Canada 3,729,665 square miles. There were last year 38,826 convictions for drunkenness or approximately one for every 100 square miles. There are in the United States 9,824,382,917,888,000 square inches. According to these figures, therefore, there should last year have been in the U. S. one-tenth that many convictions for drunkenness or, each one of the 120,000,000 people of the United States, men, women and children, would have been drunk 81,869,940 times."

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