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Christmas

By Katherine Cowin

Candles in the windows, bells across the snow,
Sound of children's laughter, holly, mistletoe,
Carols in the churches, songs out in the street,
Music ringing everywhere, rich and clear and sweet.

Toys fill every stocking; love warms every heart;
Shining trees which die to bloom bravely play their part.
By these joyful symbols, by these tokens gay,
Everything that walks or creeps knows it's Christmas Day.

Strong men who have suffered; women who knew tears
Raise their eyes to smile again across two thousand years

At a winsome baby in a country far,
Cuddled in the manger underneath a star.

—Child Welfare Magazine.

President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

We are thankful for the beautiful fall weather which shortens the winter, makes living conditions easier for all our people and helps in the promotion of our W. C. T. U. work. December is an important month.

Washington Conference

The first of the regional conferences will be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 4-7. The membership demonstration or pageant will be given Friday night, the presentation to President Hoover at the White House of Youth's Roll Call with its million signatures, Friday noon, the banquet Saturday evening. A great young people's meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at which Mrs. Mary Harris ARMOR will speak. Delegates will interview their senators and congressmen and attend the opening of Congress Monday morning. Following that will be a service in Statuary Hall. Financial conditions will not permit the sending of any of our state officers to this conference but we shall be represented there.

Miss Bertha R. PALMER, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be in Washington at that time, will attend the conference, carry the North Dakota state flag at the membership pageant and act as hostess at the North Dakota table at the banquet at which the North Dakota Senators and Congressmen and their wives will be guests of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. Seventy-seven small American flags, representing our seventy-seven Prohibition Patriots, will be in evidence at the membership pageant. These flags, with the wonderful associations of Niagara Falls and Washington, are destined to become historic. At the National convention at Seattle next August, they will be



MRS. JOSEPHINE E. SIZER

presented to your state president and brought back to North Dakota to be awarded to every woman who, this year, secures five new members and thus becomes a "Keeper of the Flag." These new members will be known as Anna Gordon Memorial members. How many have you secured? Are you planning to win one of these flags for your own?

Fargo Conference

It is a cause for congratulation that one of the twenty-five regional conferences is to be held in Fargo, February 18-19. We hope all of you who possibly can, will attend. This will give you an opportunity to meet and hear two of our national officers, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, vice president, and Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, treasurer of the National W. C. T. U. Every union is asked to appoint two delegates and every district is asked to appoint three delegates. The program and other interesting details will be given in a later number of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Self Denial Week

December 1-8 is self denial week and every member is asked to make some self denial during that week (however small the amount may be) and the local treasurer will send the sum contributed by all to the state treasurer for the reserve fund to hold our prohibition law.

Presidential Preference Primary March 15

The election held upon this date is of unusual importance. In addition to the usual subjects included at this election, viz: both parties—Republican and Democrat—nominate five candidates for presidential electors, elect delegates to their national conventions, elect national committee men and committee women, express preference as to presidential candidates and, this year, all voters will pass on amendments to the initiative and referendum clauses of the Constitution, on changes in the gasoline tax from

three to four cents a gallon and on the removal of the state capital.

Since the adoption of the initiative and referendum clauses of the Constitution, the electorate of the state has been doubled by giving the ballot to women. It stands to reason that the number of signatures to initiative and referendum petitions should be proportionately increased. This is what these two constitutional amendments seek to do. Their passage will prevent campaigns and elections on prohibition or any other question unless desired by a reasonable proportion of the people. Every effort should be made to get out the vote at this election. Talk this over at a W. C. T. U. meeting and read explanation of these amendments in President's Address on page 23 of State Report.

State Report

Every officer in the local W. C. T. U. should have a copy of the State Report for 1931. I recommend that at a local union meeting, a quiz be held on this Report. Special attention should be given to the President's Recommendations (see page 36) which were adopted by the Williston convention and are now the plan of work for the year. Any union meeting the first five requirements of the Crusade Anniversary goals for local unions will have, as a reward, one-tenth of the budget returned to the local treasurer, when that budget is paid in full.

The Union Signal

In studying The Union Signal mailing list for North Dakota, I find that the following unions have reached or exceeded their quota: Abercrombie, Cando, Ellendale, Fargo, Fairmont, Makoti, Minot, Grand Forks, Gilby, Hatton and Parshall. I am sorry to say that I find unions that are not credited with a single subscription to The Union Signal. I am hoping that the explanation may be that the subscriptions had just expired and the renewals had not been sent in time to get on this list. No union can meet its responsibilities and make its influence felt in the community as it should whose members do not have the information and inspiration given in The Union Signal. This paper is indispensable to every local district and state officer. If all our women read this paper, wet propaganda would be checked in every community where there is a W. C. T. U. Victory Day and Temperance Day in

Public Schools

Friday, Jan. 15, is Temperance Day in Public Schools, and Saturday, January 16, is Victory Day. These are great opportunities to make the truth known in regard to the success of prohibition. Cooperate with the teachers and, if possible, furnish speakers for the schools. Celebrate Victory Day with luncheon or banquet on Saturday and, if it can be arranged, a union meeting Sunday evening. Where this is not possible, ask ministers to preach on the success of prohibition

Mother's Christmas Present

By Dorothy Dix Forges

It never comes near Christmas but I think about the times
When we used to save our pennies and our nickles and our dimes
And we bunched them all together—even little baby brother
Put in something toward the present that we always gave to Mother.

We began to talk about it very early in December—
'Twas a very serious matter to us children, I remember—
And we used to whisper nightly our suggestions to each other,
For by nothing cheap and tawdry could we show our love for Mother.

Hers must be a gift of beauty, fit to symbolize her ways;
It must represent the sweetness and the love that marked her days;
It must be the best our money (all combined) had power to buy,
And be something that she longed for—nothing else could satisfy.

Then it mattered not the token, once the purchase had been made
It was smuggled home and hidden, and with other treasures laid;
And we placed this treasure proudly in her lap on Christmas Day.
And we smothered her with kisses, and we laughed her tears away.

So, it never comes near Christmas but I think about the times
When we used to save our pennies and our nickles and our dimes;
And the only folks I envy are the sisters and the brothers
Who still have the precious joy of buying presents for their mothers.

and furnish them material if they desire it.

Temperance Teaching in the Schools

More than a month ago I sent a letter to the president of every local union asking her to find out what is being done in the schools of her community and county in "giving special instruction concerning the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics and their effects on the human system" as provided by Sec. 1383 of the School Laws. Mandan was the first to reply, followed by Crosby and Linton. Will the other local presidents kindly answer at once and save the trouble and expense of writing each one again? This is important. We gained prohibition largely by the teaching of scientific temperance in the schools and we must keep it by the same method.

Sheldon W. C. T. U. raised the money and subscribed for the Prohibition Facts Service for the library of the public schools. Will other unions who are placing this in libraries report it that we may know what is being done in this line?

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

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ESATE 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

Membership Campaign 1932

Goal—Every white ribboner shall bring in five new members before July 1st, 1932.

Every member, who between the opening of her state year and July 1, 1932, shall secure five new dues paid members, will be known as a

Keeper of the Flag

She will receive in recognition of her work one of the historic W. C. T. U. flags which in their journeying have covered the continent from North to South and from East to West. Around them cluster the history and ideals of the W. C. T. U. They represent the loyal devotion, the Daniel-like courage, and the undaunted spirit which, more than ever, has characterized the W. C. T. U. since the organization of the wet women has been pleased to use our state membership lists as "yardsticks" for its own membership goals.

Keepers of the Flag will receive recognition in 1932 at

The National Convention
The State Convention
The Local Union
BEGIN NOW—WIN YOUR FLAG

The Story of the Flags

The year 1932 will be marked in W. C. T. U. circles by countless ceremonies held in National, state and local meetings in recognition of women who have become Keepers of the Flag.

Over and over again have we proven the truth of the familiar lines: "Give to the world the best you have. And the best will come back to you."

In the membership campaign of 1931, you, through your self-sacrificing work, enabled the National W. C. T. U. to display almost seven thousand flags in our great Prohibition Patriot demonstration at Niagara Falls. Those who witnessed the sight will not soon forget how each individual flag, as it rippled to the breeze and shook out its folds, gladdened the hearts of the white ribboners from the state which it represented.

It is planned that in 1932 "these flags will come back to you" when you have won five new members in this year's membership campaign.

Do you remember a day when you stood before a glass encased battle-scarred flag which had led our troops to victory on some historic field? How your pulses thrilled at the sight of it! The thrill will be no whit less when "your flag" is placed in your hands by your state president in your 1932 state convention and you listen as she recounts for you how she, as the Bearer of The Flags, was entrusted at the Seattle Convention with this flag to carry back to you—this bit of bunting in which is intertwined the story of the courage, devotion, the loyalty of those who believe it is even more glorious to live for a cause than to die for it.

You, in turn, will carry this precious possession back to your local union and your home town, there to hold a great meeting, to which the public shall be invited, when the Story of the Flags will be retold. Think of the stimulus to our work when a meeting such as this is held in every union! "O, win a flag, ye patriot women, With five new members for the cause. The dry force gaining, the wet force waning, We'll hold intact Prohibition's laws."

The prospect of the organization of the House by the Democrats is by no means viewed with alarm by prohibitionists. It will, for instance, place Mr. Hatton Summers of Texas, a high minded and able Christian gentleman and a dry, at the head of the Judiciary Committee.

Mrs. Sizer in the State

We are fortunate to have with us for a few weeks' work, Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, St. Paul, president of the Minnesota W. C. T. U. for the past ten years and now a National organizer. Beginning at Fargo, November 4, Mrs. Sizer went to Sheldon, where she was a guest at the home of the state president, Mrs. Anderson. Lisbon was visited and Sunday spent at La Moure where she also spoke at the two country appointments, through the courtesy of the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. C. W. Baumann. Montpelier, Ypsilanti, Jamestown, McKenzie, Bismarck, Mandan were next and at each place Mrs. Sizer visited the schools when possible. She also spoke in Sunday Schools and at the State Training School at Mandan.

At this writing Mrs. Sizer is working on the Killdeer branch where she is being welcomed by many friends of prohibition. After Thanksgiving, Beach will be visited and Sunday the 29th of November, spent at Dickinson where Mrs. Sizer will speak at the evening service in the Methodist church, through the kind cooperation of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Gernhardt.

After a week's work on the New England branch, Mrs. Sizer will visit towns on the main line of the Northern Pacific, completing her work about the middle of December. She is a forceful speaker and well informed on the work and on present day conditions. She will advance the cause in the state.

Do You Know?

That Mrs. J. H. Potter, Mrs. F. E. Potter and Mrs. C. H. Hancock of Fargo recently visited the union at Prosper and enjoyed the meeting?

That Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, president of the Fifteenth district, held institutes at Page, Finley and Sharon where she secured new members and addressed the schools?

That Mrs. J. N. Holcomb, state director of Narcotics, visited Oberon Nov. 19, in the interests of her work addressing the high school?

That Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction, received a gift of \$3.00 from the National director, Miss Cora F. Stoddard, as North Dakota, in proportion to its membership, has placed most temperance books in school libraries? This gift is to be used for the purchase of more books of a similar character.

That the Fargo union presented handkerchiefs and socks to men at the Veterans Hospital? That Mrs. R. E. Skonnord, state director, is arranging a program at the hospital for the evening before Thanksgiving?

That Miss Gladys M. Teie is the leader for the senior group of the Linton L. T. L. organized by the district president, Mrs. Ellen Pagel? That Mrs. Pagel is home again from a visit in Michigan?

That Mrs. J. N. Wallestad was misquoted in November Bulletin? She stated that only for financial conditions, we might have had a line of gold medalists "the whole length of the STAGE," not the state.

LABOR AND LIQUOR

"There is nothing more absurd than the belief that closing the saloons will cause workmen to lose their jobs. There are few things more important to our social advancement than the loosening of the grip of the liquor interests on the labor movement. The saloon represents economic loss." Theodore Roosevelt, quoted in Union Signal, April 29th, 1915.

The Road to Bethlehem

It isn't far to Bethlehem town—
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place;
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The home of folks like me and you.

The Open Door

By Grace Coolidge

On the anniversary of the death of her son, Calvin, jr.

You, my son
Have shown me God.
Your kiss upon my cheek
Has made me feel the gentle touch
Of Him who leads us on.
The memory of your smile, when young,
Reveals His face,
As mellowing years come on, apace;
And when you went before
You left the gates of Heaven ajar
That I might glimpse
Approaching from afar
The glories of His grace.
Hold, son, my hand,
Guide me along the path
That, coming
I may stumble not nor roam,
Nor fail to show the way
That leads us—Home.

Our entire membership will sympathize with Mrs. J. M. Chidester of Devils Lake in the death of her son by drowning; and with the members of the Grand Forks union in the passing of Mrs. Thomas Earl, one of our Prohibition Patriots of last year. In resolutions adopted, the union expressed its appreciation of this valued member, who was an influence for the highest in life; of her loving interest in others and her unshaded good and generous acts. She was an ever present inspiration to better thoughts and deeds.

We also sympathize with the relatives and friends of Mrs. H. Chisholm of the Fargo union, who, after many years of patient suffering has entered into rest. Mrs. Chisholm becomes a memorial member of the North Dakota W. C. T. U.

More Union Signal Readers

Dear Co-Workers:

And we should all be co-workers to get the facts about prohibition before the people through our own W. C. T. U. paper, The Union Signal. The President of Dunlop says: "I know of no other publication equal to The Union Signal for giving prohibition facts." May we take as our slogan—"More Union Signal readers in 1931-32 than ever before?" And may we use The Union Signal and The Young Crusader as valuable and economical gifts for Christmas?

Let each union do its part in this campaign of education for the Crusade anniversary that the Annie Wittenmyer group may reach its goal. Let us claim prayer as our weapon, information as our armor and education as our defense. Knowledge is power.

With best wishes for all W.C.T.U. workers, I am, as Mrs. Werts says—
Union Signally yours,
Mrs. Geo. F. Clark.

At the devil's booth are all things sold; each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold; 'tis heaven alone that is given away; 'tis only God may be had for the asking.—Lowell.

Through a dusty window the whole world looks dull and ugly. Keep the windows of your soul clean, and life will look wide and clear before you.

Treasurer's Report

Oct. 15-Nov. 23

DUES—Fargo \$23.80, Strimur 2.10, Van Hook 70c, Mrs. Jas. Holmes, Willard, 1.00, Fargo 13.30, Larimore 5.60, Stanley L. T. L. 2.00, Grand Forks 21.00, Fargo Scan. 9.80, Williston 2.80, Sheldon 2.80, Fargo 32.30, Bismarck 7.00, Minot 4.20, Van Hook 70c, Edinburg 70c, same L. T. L. 1.50, Fargo 16.80, Park River 8.40.

BUDGET—Makoti, complete with exc. \$23.10; Fargo Scan, comp. 100.00; Fargo, comp. 160.00; Edinburg 7.50, Bismarck 25.00.

MISCL.—Fifteenth Dist., pledge \$35.00; Mrs. Anna M. Irwin, W. R. B. 25c, Report 25c, contribution 25c; Hatton, Reports 50c; Edmore, Gordon Memorial 80c; Life Membership, Mrs. Bessie Beasley 10.00; Same, Miss Inez Lee 10.00; Col. on Field, Mrs. Fred Wanner 31.36; Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, Medal Contest Dept. 2.00; Montpelier, Gordon Mem. 85c; Mayville, Gordon Mem. 3.53; Larimore, Gordon Mem. 1.00; Mr. H. Chisholm and daughter, Fargo, Memorial membership for Mrs. Chisholm 10.00; Mrs. Wallestad, Medical Contest Dept. 2.60; Christine, Gordon Mem. 2.00; Fargo Scan., Reports 1.00.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,
State Treasurer.

Corrections in Directory

Since the State Report was printed, the following changes in officers have been reported:

Clyde—President, Mrs. Wm. Duncan
Portal—President, Mrs. D. A. McArthur

Larimore—President, Mrs. Anna L. Hazen

Underwood—President, Mrs. F. W. Gress; Sec., Mrs. C. B. Unumb; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Temanson.

Mrs. H. C. Reeshagen, Washburn, is spending the winter in Detroit, Mich. Her address is 16524 Cheyenne Ave.

A Serious Embarrassment is Dissolved

Announcement made of a change in policy on the part of Fruit Industries, Ltd., a cooperative organization which has been financed in part by federal loans and which has been doing business in so-called grape concentrate, relieves dry leaders and organizations of a serious embarrassment and dispels the probability of an acrimonious debate at the forthcoming session of Congress.

Sincere drys objected seriously and strenuously to the distribution of wine concentrate, despite the fact that they clearly recognized that legislative and administrative interest should be confined principally to dealing with the institutional evils of the liquor traffic. It was clearly seen that the program for marketing wine concentrate involved social considerations similar to those involved in the sale of completely manufactured liquors and could not be dealt with as problems of individual taste and welfare. Particular embarrassment was felt because of the direct connection of the government with the matter and the use by Fruit Industries, Ltd. of influence and counsel which had previously been consistently devoted to the cause which was being injured by the program of this organization.

Now the embarrassment is happily dissolved; many responsible leaders are free to draw a long breath of relief and the issue seems once again clear cut.

The government is to be congratulated upon its successful court actions against wine concentrates and wine bricks.—Clip Sheet.

Ten Dollars Offered

Rev. Andrew Bixler, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, State College, Pennsylvania, tells a striking story of propaganda confronted with fact.

A young friend of the pastor's had been told that prohibition was a farce, that there is more drinking than ever, and that "you can get it any place" and—favorite expression of the inexperienced—"It's worse now, because anybody at all can buy it—children, minors, anybody. The old saloon protected these classes."

Mr. Bixler, being able to remember "the good old days" sought about for a method of confuting the oft-told tale of "anybody can get it." He described the old saloons of his recollection—several to a village, thronged to the door, but the young man was politely unimpressed.

Then Mr. Bixler said:

"You say you can get it any place, any student, any minor can get it? Well, I'll give you ten dollars if you will go out and buy me a quart in this town before midnight."

The young man went off beaming and saying "I need the money. See you later."

He returned at fifteen minutes past midnight empty handed. He had spent hours trying to buy a quart of liquor in vain.

In another town a church bazaar was entered by a well dressed stranger who began the speech "Prohibition is a farce. I can take you right down to the hotel here and buy all you want."

So engaged was he in his own eloquence that he was startled to find a lady at his elbow, cloaked and hatted who said, "I'm ready."

When the other ladies laughed and said "You've told this to the wrong person this time," the lady quietly stood her ground, repeating that she was ready to go with him and watch him make the buy.

Of course he backed out. He went away repeating his memorized speech. "I can take you —"

—Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Get Your Message Over

Once again let me stress with as great emphasis as I possibly can the necessity of getting your educational programs before the whole community and not just before the W. C. T. U. Remember it is public sentiment which we wish to influence by—How? Informing the public! By giving the facts to the public! So do not have a program just for the union. Use your head! Suppose you are to have an S. T. I. program. Invite the most popular teacher in town to talk on Scientific Temperance as taught in your school, then advertise the occasion in your weekly or daily paper, invite the P. T. A. to hold a joint meeting to honor this teacher, invite the city and county superintendents of schools, superintendents of Sunday schools and departments—oh, just do a lot of things! All to insure that the real message of the hour shall reach as large a group as possible. Think this program through when it comes to Child Welfare—mothers, teachers, women's clubs, art clubs—oh, such a large body of organizations to call into co-operation. Medical Temperance—prominent physician to speak—just use your head! Get your educational program over! To whom? To the Public!

—Mrs. Marvin Williams.

I believe most intensely in the need of that arm of contact with the Live Rail which we call Prayer.—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

Cigarette Advertising Condemned

A movement is on foot among leading educators to counteract the pernicious influence of the campaign of flamboyant advertising being carried on by cigarette manufacturers thru the newspapers and leading periodicals of the country. These educators are protesting against this exploitation of America's boys and girls for purposes of financial gain. Not satisfied with fastening the cigarette habit on the boys and young men, the cigarette makers now are spending millions of dollars to snare the girls and young women into the same demoralizing habit. Considering the position of medical authorities on the use of cigarettes by growing young people, the publishers who accept such advertising cannot expect to retain the patronage and support of school people; especially the publishers of periodicals making strong bids for places in the public school and college libraries. The editor who permits his editorial column to be used for paid politics loses caste among journalists of integrity. In the same way publishers opening their advertising column to products widely recognized as detrimental to the youth of the nation cannot hope to retain public confidence and support. The educators sponsoring the new protest against cigarette advertising urge that the offending periodicals be omitted from the public schools until the objectionable type of advertising is eliminated. The movement is highly commendable and should have the cooperation and support of school people thruout the country.

—University News-Letter.

Some Personal Experiences in England

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, president Iowa W. C. T. U., gave some of her experiences in England, at her State Convention, from which we quote:

I took for personal study the famous Bermondsey district of London, where they spend 80,000 pounds a year for bread, 86,000 pounds a year for milk, and 280,000 pounds a year for liquor.

Women Crowd Saloons

"I saw drunkenness on every side; I saw women crowding into the saloons, leaving their baby carriages outside the saloons, going in for an hour or perhaps three hours, and then coming out drunk and wheeling their baby carriages home, staggering and reeling through the traffic. I saw mothers actually pile their babies on the sidewalk, when they had no baby carriages; scores of children from six to thirteen years of age hanging on to the swinging doors of saloons while their mothers got drunk inside. I myself went into fifteen saloons and attracted no attention because I was simply one more woman and women throng the saloons. Two-fifths of the drinkers in saloons were women.

Condition Still Shocking

"I saw something that has disappeared from this country and that was bleary eyes, blood-shot eyes, debauched and awful faces—and they were the faces of women. And everywhere there were advertisements of liquor; in the papers, on the walls, on the bill-boards, millions of dollars worth of space given over to induce England to buy more and more and more liquor, as if the empire of Great Britain existed solely for the drink trade. They tell me that there is a great decrease in drunkenness in England, but what there is left is enough to shock prohibition America."

"Keep America Dry."

—Exchange.

Something to Think About

Recently I suggested that later the nations would recognize the economic value of accumulating spiritual wealth but that they are not now in the mood to do so. Such a time may, however, be much nearer than I had thought. Apparently people today are not only tired out physically, but are discouraged. They lack that faith which is essential to personal or national progress. Accompanying this lack of faith is a disrespect for law, order and experience. Children are self-sufficient of their parents; and parents are self-sufficient of their God. In fact, faith, to be effective, must be backed up by righteousness. Faith cannot be bought or quickly obtained when in trouble—like medicine. Faith must be acquired slowly, before it is needed—like education. Faith comes through patient devotion, right living and service to others.

A great mass of wage workers, executives and young business people have never before witnessed a severe business depression. Ever since Germany declared war in 1914—with the exception of a very short readjustment period after the war ended—there has been a constant demand for labor.

In view of the steady work and easy profits which the above described condition made possible, this new generation has felt sufficient in itself. Sabbath schools and churches have been neglected, family prayers have been given up, and Sunday has been made a common holiday. Hence, unlike previous generations, a large percentage of the people now unemployed, or losing money in business, have no faith upon which to fall back. When employed or making money, they did nothing to store up spiritual reserves and hence have none to draw upon, now that employment and profits have vanished. As a result, great masses of people are discouraged and know not where to turn. The material wealth upon which they solely depended has gone. They have no spiritual wealth upon which to draw and they are tired out physically.

What is true of individuals is also true of nations.

People should understand that before prosperity can return there must be a renewed interest in the spiritual life by both individuals and nations. Nations should realize that the world has always possessed raw materials and labor; but has been prosperous only when the people have been actuated by a religious faith to use these resources for advancement and service. This is the law of life and now is the time when it should be taught in churches, schools and colleges. Think it over.—Roger W. Babson, in Babson's Reports, Nov. 10, 1930.

In view of the above, it is interesting to recall an incident of some two years ago. When the late Mr. Edison was at his laboratory at Fort Meyers, Florida, Mr. Babson called upon him. When asked what new, radical invention he visualized as coming during the next few years, Mr. Edison replied: "Babson, I do not pose as a preacher, but let me tell you that if there is a God, He will not let us advance much farther materially until we catch up spiritually. A great fundamental law of science is that all forces must be kept in balance. When anybody or any force goes off at a tangent, there is a smash. This applies to America as it has to every nation before it."

A laugh is just like sunshine for cheering folks along.

Beware of prejudice; light is good in whatsoever lamp it is burning.

What Is to Be Gained?

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23: The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will oppose the idea of a resubmission of the 18th amendment. Reasons are given in an analysis of the resubmission idea as found at Washington. Word is being sent to all W. C. T. U. members to match wet argument for resubmission with a strong dry demand for congressional support of the 18th amendment. The resubmission topic will be considered at the forthcoming National Conference of W. C. T. U. leaders at Washington, D. C., December 4-7.

The principal points of the W. C. T. U. analysis of resubmission are as follows:

1. Wets are confusing resubmission of the 18th amendment with a referendum. The proposition to resubmit is by no means a referendum. Congress has no power to submit a resolution for a referendum either federal or state.

2. Many dry congressmen seeking to avoid embarrassment appear to assume resubmission will HELP rather than hurt prohibition. They say repeal will not be ratified by three-fourths of the states and that after this failure the wets will stop their attack. If so, why help start a wave of wet propaganda with its vicious accompaniment of advice to disobey the law?

3. Resubmission as a political idea will not take prohibition out of the presidential campaign of 1932. Regardless of resubmission the wets will endeavor to control both nominating conventions. Drys will not vote for a wet president; wets will not vote for a dry president. Congressmen voting for resubmission will find their support divided on a wet and dry basis. Both sides need support in the next congress and thus a timid politician gains nothing by compromise.

4. There is nothing in the contention that a resubmission resolution will settle the prohibition matter politically. Such a resolution will start universal agitation and prohibition will be as much alive in politics as if resubmission had never been thought of.

5. The sure way to take prohibition out of politics in 1932 is for both parties to uphold the constitution and be willing to obey and enforce the laws of the land. Otherwise prohibition will be an issue.

6. The argument that the organized wets will cease opposition if the resubmission plan fails is too good to be true and cannot be justified by anything occurring up to date. The wets will continue to oppose prohibition until, after long years of fruitless effort and much nullification, the habits of the people settle down to accept the truth that alcohol is a narcotic poison.

While Premier Laval of France was on shipboard, bound for the United States, hundreds of radiograms were received, mostly from volunteer advisers, and many from French wine growers, requesting the Premier to use his influence for a change in the prohibition law to permit French wines to enter the United States. While in Washington, Laval refused to claim his diplomatic rights to have alcoholic drinks served but said he hoped the dinners he attended would be provided only with mineral waters. He was reared in the Vichy region of France and enjoys the taste of the waters.

Nations, like men, are never safe, when their chief thought is their own safety.

Compulsory Military Training

The time has come to settle the question whether the students in our school and colleges are to be compelled to spend a certain part of their time in the drill demanded in military training. When students are refused admission to a school or college because they object to this drill on the grounds of religious convictions we have reached a situation in our American life which calls for action on the part of those who think they know what are the rights of American citizenship. Take, for example, the action of the Board of Education of Council Bluffs, Iowa, refusing admission to the high school to pupils whose parents on account of religious principles opposed to war sought to have their sons enter the school. In Oklahoma the Students Committee against Compulsory Military Training secured from the Farmers' Union support, including free legal aid if necessary, for all students opposed to drill.

At both branches of the University of California and at Ohio State good committees are reopening their petitions to the Faculties and Trustees at the beginning of the school year in order that these bodies need not delay until the close of college for decisions.

Well has it been said, unyielding objection to compulsory drill is a fundamental right, based upon ample precedent and basic American traditions. Our country was founded upon the right to object, and our history is filled with noble defenses of the inviolability of private conscience.

A number of high schools and colleges have ceased to compel students to drill, such as Boston University and the College of the City of New York and Wisconsin University. Harvard has no compulsory military training, but in all our Boston schools above the eighth grade it is compulsory, unless on grounds of physical unfitness or the conscientious objections of parents. Compulsory military training in American schools and colleges in face of the General Pact for the Renunciation of War signed at Paris in 1928! In the face, too, of the statement of Secretary Kellogg, "If the people are minded that there shall be no war, there will not be. Inculcate into the minds of people a peaceful attitude, teaching them that war is not only a barbarous means of settling disputes, but one which has brought upon the world the greatest affliction, suffering, and disaster!"

To pledge ourselves as a nation to seek peace and ensure it, to declare ourselves in favor of all peaceful means to avert war, to discountenance whatever fosters the spirit of war—to do this and then to arm our youth with guns, to set them marching to the stirring notes of fife and drum, so awakening and stimulating the martial spirit—what is this but belying the sacred pledge we made in the Pact we signed in Paris? The day is not far distant when military training in our schools and colleges will be a thing of the past.

—Our Dumb Animals.

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Beer and Unemployment

1. The revival of the liquor business would not permanently aid unemployment.
2. It would divert a large proportion of the stream of consumers' dollars from other industries to the liquor industry.
3. It would decrease industrial efficiency and tend to put us back on the same level as other drink-infected countries.
4. It would reduce the rate at which men can rise out of the congested and poorly-paid occupations, and therefore increase occupational congestion, poverty and unemployment.
5. It would increase misery in the families of the poor.
6. It would reduce safety, which is becoming a problem of major concern in our interlocking civilization with its high-speed machinery.—(Mrs.) Anna Marden DeVo, Evanston, Ill.

SOME OPINIONS ON BEER

"It is my professional opinion after observation of many years in the practice of medicine, that beer is doing more harm to humanity than all other alcoholic.

"A man cannot use beer daily for any great length of time and not manifest some physiological deficiency.

"Beer produces disease of stomach, kidneys, heart and blood vessels."—Dr. Hugo Hoppe, famous surgeon of Konigsberg, Germany.

"No other drink is so insidious as beer. It has been in Germany worse than the whiskey just because more apt to lead to immoderate drinking. Such horrors as a great modern joint stock brewer perpetrates are unrivaled in the underworld's history."—Prof. Gustav von Bunge, University of Basle.

Emil Kraepelin, one of the best known German scientists of Munich, says: "The daily amount of beer runs from 4 to 8 quarts per person; and about 40% of these beer drinkers add small amounts of distilled liquors and some drink ten, fifteen, and 20 quarts." This certainly does not indicate that beer tends to create "temperance" in the province of Bavaria.

KEEP GOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY

The proudest heritage of this country is that all through its history has run, like a golden thread, a deeply religious strain. All over the walls of this republic we find the handwriting of God. We find it written into our state papers, in the words spoken by our statesmen, on the coins that we circulate, in the songs that we sing, in the literature that has been written, and in the aspirations of our people. More, far more than any other country, we have been essentially a religious and God-loving nation; and it is this very fact more than anything else which has put character into our statesmen, courage into our soldiers, justice into our government, and conscience into the hearts of our people.—Harry F. Atwood.

If we are to save ourselves and those who come after us from a renewal of all we suffered in the great war, we must in our every action, in our every-day conversation, even in our very thoughts, seek peace and ensure it.—Prince of Wales, Armistice Day, 1927.

The light of friendship is like the light of phosphorus. Seen when all around is dark.—Crowell.

Diligence is the mother of good fortune.—Cervantes.

I HAD A LITTLE HAMMER

I had a little hammer once,
With which I had to strike,
And I went knocking everywhere
At folks I didn't like.
I knocked most everybody,
But found it didn't pay,
For when folks saw me coming
They went the other way.
I've thrown away my hammer now
As far as I could shoot,
And taken up the booster's horn,
And you should hear it too.
I'm glad I'm with the boosters,
I like the way they do;
And if you lay your hammer down
I'll get a horn for you.
—Virginia Call.

"It is better to have a good law partially enforced than a bad law which sanctions an evil, and will be no better enforced than a good law. God put prohibition into the Ten Commandments: certainly they are not fully enforced. Yet He never repealed them. It is safe to follow His plan of legislation. The non enforcement of a good law is a strange reason for its repeal; that is to say, if there be an evil which requires the aid of law—the interference of Government—for its existence, the law being provided and failing of execution because of the continuous existence and strength of the evil, should the law be repealed in order that the evil may still more increase?"—The above is by Dan Bride of Washington, D. C. life long friend and class companion of William Jennings Bryan.

The man who says "it can't be done," is liable to be interrupted by somebody doing it.

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