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Mother's Day—May 14

To My Mother

To you, who gave me life, what can I say

This Mother's Day—
Remembering your love and constant care,

Your daily prayer,
Your patience and your tenderness—
your tears—
Throughout the years?

Oh, mother, what words can I say
To you today,
Other than these—"I love you"—
words too small

To voice at all,
Remembering your sacrifice for me,
Your constancy,
Yet take it, mother, all I have to give,
And while I live

That love shall be a lamp upon my way
By night and day.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

A Prayer

Lord Jesus, Thou hast known
A mother's love and tender care,
And Thou wilt hear

While for my own mother most dear
I make this Sabbath Prayer.

Protect her life, I pray,
Who gave the gift of life to me,
And may she know

From day to day the deepening glow
Of joy that comes from Thee.

I cannot pay my debt
For all the love that she has given;
But Thou, Love's Lord, wilt not forget

Her due reward.
Bless her in earth and heaven!

—Henry Van Dyke.

"Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rain-bows; brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins; but only one mother in all the wide world."—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

This is a very happy birthday celebration for me. The reasons are many but chief among them are two which I will mention. First, a long cherished plan which I believe is vital to the holding of prohibition in this state was realized this week in the organization of the North Dakota Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment. The call for this meeting went out from the heads of nineteen state wide organizations, including churches, W. C. T. U., Anti-Saloon League, Federation of Women's Clubs and other organizations.

Second, this meeting, after a

thoughtful discussion of every phase of the situation, voted to refer the municipal beer store bill. Before this letter reaches you, the petitions will be out and you will all have an opportunity to sign and some of you will help circulate them. They must be signed by men and women of voting age. Remember ONE person must witness every signature on a page and make affidavit to the same.

The smallest union in country districts should send in at least 100 names. Unions in larger towns should send in several hundred names. It is an opportunity to do educational work. Read the policy of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. adopted at the mid-year executive meeting, which includes an analysis of this beer bill. Use large quantities of our fine new anti-beer leaflets and put up the posters advertised in another column. Quick work is needed with these petitions. They should be signed and returned to our State Headquarters at Fargo in 10 days from the time you receive them.

If 7000 people sign these petitions and they are filed with the Secretary of State by June 1st, the law will not go into effect July 1st, and municipal beer stores will not then be established in the towns and villages of North Dakota. The referendum suspends the law until the people can vote on it. This action does not thwart the will of the people but gives them an opportunity to speak on this question and it will be their first opportunity to express their convictions at an election unbiased by national political issues. This will be voted on next year, unless a special election is called. It is not probable that the Governor will put the people of the state to the expense of a special election at this time of economic distress.

In the meantime, our people will have an opportunity to observe the effect of beer selling in our neighboring states. Already eye witnesses have told me of drunken women they have seen helped into automobiles, and drunken girls on the streets of Minnesota towns since they began the sale of 3.2 beer. Automobile accidents are even now beginning to show an increase. Does any one believe we can drink ourselves back to prosperity? It is the children who suffer most from the return of beer. Every dollar spent for beer means that much less for milk, for proper food, shoes and clothing. There never could be a worse time to bring back the brutalizing beer business than this time when the masses of the people are feeling the pinch of poverty and unemployment.

The Supreme Court of the United States has not yet spoken as to whether or not the President's beer bill is constitutional under the 18th amendment. Our faith in the Supreme Court of North Dakota was justified by their recent decision that the prohibition enforcement laws of

North Dakota still stand. We have faith in the Supreme Court of the United States. Our Courts may yet save us.

An interesting announcement comes from the Hotel Vendome, Minneapolis, that no 3.2 per cent beer or other intoxicating beverages will be sold or delivered in that hotel, that they propose to continue as an orderly, quiet, temperance hotel. This is good news for travelers and especially for women travelers alone or with children.

Crusade Crucible Campaign

Never was there greater need for money to push our work than at the present time. This Crusade Crucible Campaign plan gathers from bureau drawers, attics, trunks, etc. old, forgotten and useless pieces of gold and sterling silver, sends them to the government where it helps the United States Treasury and the money received from them will be divided 50-50 between the state and national W. C. T. U. treasuries. Mrs. Boole says: "It is our duty to help the United States treasury, not by a tax on beer or other intoxicating liquor but by returning to the government this old gold and silver which is valueless when put away."

This plan has the hearty endorsement of state and national officers. Plans will be sent every union from the Crucible Service, 410 Broad Street, Philadelphia, and it is desirable that the collection of gold and silver be made during the month of May that the report may be given at our National convention and the division of funds begin then. Friends of our cause, outside the W. C. T. U., should be invited to contribute old gold and sterling silver. Here may be the answer to our prayers for money needed for our work. Will you help?

Milwaukee Convention, June 30-July 5

This will be a great convention and with it will be the opportunity to attend the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago with but little additional expense and also to attend, in beautiful Evanston, the Training School for Leadership which follows the convention. We cannot imagine a more delightful and valuable summer vacation, than the convention at Milwaukee and the Training School for Leadership with its specially conducted parties to the Century of Progress Exposition. The expense is very reasonable. Railroads will give reduced rates at that time. The round trip from Fargo, with stop overs at Milwaukee, Evanston and Chicago, will probably be about \$25.27 return trip, good for 16 days, and \$30.63 good for 30 days, but but cheaper rates may be announced later.

The bus rate from Fargo, with stop overs at all these points, and others if you wish, is \$18 and six months time is given. Not all elected delegates or alternates will be able to go and we will be glad to have names of

others who can go, that vacancies in our delegation may be filled.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.
April 27, 1933.

Our Crusade Crucible

Dear Friends:

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will celebrate in a few months the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Woman's Crusade, that wonderful event which was the forerunner of the great organized efforts of women in the temperance reform.

One of the goals to mark this Sixtieth Anniversary is a Promotion Fund, in some measure befitting the occasion, to be divided equally between the National and State Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Many methods of raising the money have been considered but the official Board has finally decided on the Crucible plan which consists of collecting old gold and silver, now useless, and turning it into the United States Treasury through the medium of the Crucible Service, the money in payment therefrom to be given to the Crusade Promotion Fund.

Within a few weeks we have all experienced what a shortage in gold means and it is our desire to bring out old gold, now hoarded in useless ways, so that it can be turned into the Treasury.

Now is the time when all citizens who believe in the temperance cause can, in this practical way, show their continued faith in its final triumph. Then too, the Crucible plan is particularly appropriate when gold is so greatly needed and when it is our patriotic duty to help the United States Treasury not by a tax on beer or other intoxicating liquors but by returning to the Government this old gold which is valueless when put away.

We appeal to all our local unions and Ministers and members of the churches to help by assisting in the collection of such gold and silver.

The Crusade was a spiritual awakening. The W. C. T. U. has always maintained its religious character. As we bring in our gifts of gold and silver let us do it with joy and with full recognition that there is a hard campaign of education ahead in which we will all be sharing.

Faithfully yours,
ELLA A. BOOLE,
President N. W. C. T. U.

On a recent Saturday night, a man entered a food store in Fargo and begged a loaf of bread for his family. Being questioned, he admitted he had spent 40 cents for beer that day in Moorhead!

The building of the institution of peace is the most distinctive enterprise of our time.—Chief Justice Hughes.

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District Conventions

To-day, April 28, the Fourth district is meeting at Underwood with Mrs. Wanner as guest speaker. A unique luncheon plan is arranged by which the local unions bring their lunches and the hostess union provides coffee. This may be a suggestion for other districts.

Plans for other conventions are being made with dates not all definitely settled. The Third district will meet at Rugby, the Second at New Rockford, May 17, the Fifth at Powers Lake, the Thirteenth at Sheldon, the Fourteenth at Oakes, the Fifteenth at Fags May 4, the Sixteenth at Gilby May 9, the Seventeenth at Faidale, May 12 and the Twentieth at Abercrombie. All of these expect to meet during May.

The Mid-Year Meeting

Valley City was hostess to the mid-year meeting April 6 and 7. Mrs. Anderson, who presided, was warmly welcomed back from her western trip. Beginning with a rally the first evening, devotions were led by the Rev. James Anderson of Sheldon. Songs by the L. T. L. directed by Mrs. Chas. Atherton, concluded with the rally cry—"Beer and whiskey—both a curse, We drink water—safety first!" A ladies quartet consisting of Mmes. Chas. Atherton, J. W. LaGrone, H. L. Berry and Miss Gladys Helmers sang a pleasing number and Mrs. Sam Mikkelsen, a solo.

Rev. Henry L. Weiss, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fargo, was the guest speaker and his masterly address on the topic, "Can the Leopard Change his Spots?" was most convincing that the liquor traffic is the same old enemy, no matter what attempts are made to make it respectable. Dr. Weiss stated that beer will not satisfy. During a certain period in Canada, while the demand for beer and wine increased 56%, the

demand for hard liquor increased 32%. "I believe with all my heart" said the speaker, "that the liquor traffic will be banished as completely as slavery was banished and may God speed the day."

At the business session next morning, it was decided to employ state workers as far as possible, for district conventions. The resignation of Mrs. R. E. Skonnord as director of Soldiers and Sailors work was accepted and Mrs. P. O. Sathre, now of Fargo, elected in her place.

It was decided to combine May and June issues of White Ribbon Bulletin.

Requests were directed to the Hon. Geo. H. Dern, Secretary of War and the Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, asking that beer be not furnished the young men under their control. The latter has since answered, stating our views would have the "fullest and fairest consideration." The former has replied that instructions issued authorized the sale of 3.2 beer at posts in states or territories that permitted such sale and forbade its sale at posts in states that did not permit its sale.

The invitation of the Fargo unions to hold the state convention in their city was accepted and the date tentatively set as Sept. 28-Oct. 1. The general officers being ex-officio delegates to the National W. C. T. U. convention at Milwaukee June 30-July 5, the following delegates were elected: Mrs. F. A. Ward, Montpelier, delegate at large; Mrs. Grant Palmer, Mandan; Mrs. Thos. W. Gales, Fargo; Miss Nellie C. Doyle, Fargo; Mrs. L. E. Hennigar, Williston. Alternates: Mrs. John Schmitt, Jamestown; Mrs. B. L. Bertel, Fargo; Mrs. Ella C. Boise, Bismarck; Mrs. Mabel Mitchell, Devils Lake and Mrs. Victor Landquist, Fargo.

The luncheon hour was occupied with an informal debate on the advisability of referring the beer bill to the people at the next election, the executive committee having voted to favor of the same.

At the institute in the afternoon, Mrs. J. W. LaGrone led helpful devotions. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell spoke on "Weak Links in the W. C. T. U. Chain," Mrs. Kate S. Wilder discussed the local institute, Mrs. Frank Beasley, Scientific Temperance Instruction in Town and Country Schools and Mrs. Wylie, the membership Campaign, reporting 120 new members. Mrs. LaGrone sang impressively Kipling's Recessional and "Not Understood."

Senator C. J. Olson of Valley City spoke on the proposed convention for ratification of the 21st amendment. Mrs. Wanner reported the work of the 23rd legislative assembly in which we were especially interested. Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman showed the need for a new major party in politics, a party with ideals; Mrs. Anderson spoke with emphasis on the Need of a Permanent State Wide Organization of all churches, societies and clubs in support of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Rev. E. P. Getchell and Mr. Fred J. Reher of Valley City spoke briefly. A vote of thanks was tendered the entertaining union, the musicians, the trustees of the Epworth Methodist church and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Have you won your six new members and sent their names with dues and a penny for each to the state treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Watkins?

Please report by June 1st all new members gained from Oct. 1 to June 1st that the state secretary may report to the National Secretary.

Have you really tried to get a new member?

Un-Constitutional Beer

If there is anything which particularly nauseates a Christian people, it is the wet propaganda appearing, under bold headlines, in many of our leading newspapers which would have us believe that the illegal return of the liquor traffic has enabled the nation to leap suddenly out of the worst depression in its history, and that our great economic problems of unemployment and lack of purchasing-power have been solved and overcome.

Sensible people are not at all moved toward accepting this new form of wet propaganda as the truth. Courageous seekers of truth are not rewarmed with finding the splendid benefits from legalized (?) beer as claimed by the wet leaders. Instead, they find a sordid picture of misrepresentation and depravity.

A large number of independent thinkers greatly lament the action of the nation's chief executive in which he belittles the Federal Constitution in his message to Congress by demanding "beer legislation immediately." We were pleased to note that this demand did not meet with the unanimous approval of the Congress, but that there were certain members who, holding their oath of office as something sacred, had the courage to stand out against the wrecking and overthrow of any part of the Constitution.

Every fair-minded thinker will grant that the depression is worldwide, and is not confined to the United States only. The economic conditions in Canada, England, and all Europe where the sale of liquor is not prohibited, are admittedly worse than in the United States; yet the wet leaders, who are never fair-minded on any liquor issue, would have us believe that a speedy return to more prosperous times depends largely upon the widespread sale and consumption of liquor.

If widespread sale of liquor was recognized as a common nuisance in the old days of the saloon, what is its status today? What will it be one year from today, and what will it be three years hence?

The wets have called upon the dries to give liquor another trial. We pause to ask—a trial for what? The past record of liquor traffic brot to it the denial of public confidence. It gave overwhelming evidence, that it has been always an instrument for the destruction of morals, corruption of politicians, crime, degeneracy and debauchery; and, a barrier to family happiness and comfort. Nothing but evil has been in its life—nothing but evil can be its fruit.

Let us be reminded that when the wet leaders asked for a trial for liquor in North Dakota, they also sought a drastic repeal of all liquor laws. This was evidenced in the last legislative session, when, by legislative enactment, they attempted to destroy and abolish all laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor. That in itself is sufficient to warn every sensible person that the wet leaders in this state were seeking a freedom for a debauchery the like of which the world has not witnessed since the fall of Babylon. Evil, asking for a new trial with unlimited freedom for activity—pleading for the public confidence. What an effrontery to human intelligence!

The protecting arm of the Constitution, wounded and broken by disrespect and indifference, hangs helpless. Some day, the tragedies which the liquor traffic will write in the hearts and lives of men, will then awaken the public conscience, and that sacred trust of a common people will be placed in the safe-keeping of leaders who will respect, and abide by, the

fundamental law of the nation.

Workers in the prohibition cause have experienced numerous disappointments. Out of these experiences they have builded their strength. The W. C. T. U. is a Christian organization working in a righteous cause. We face the future with confidence. We have the experience of past years to build on. The organization of the great armies from the Christian church hears the clarion call of its Captain in the war to defeat sin. With firm faith in His leadership we will move forward as one great army in an overwhelming charge for the lasting defeat of the liquor evil.

A Correction

No matter how firmly Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt may declare that she is a dry, we cannot accept her statement while she welcomes beer into the White House and serves it to her guests.

Beer has an alcoholic content and is declared by Science to be intoxicating. It is therefore habit-forming and we may not know how many will be influenced by Mrs. Roosevelt's attitude. From the high place of her opportunity, it is a terrible risk to run.

We would like to be able to say fine things about the first lady of the land but The Book says: "Woe to him that giveth his neighbor drink." Mrs. Roosevelt a dry? How can she be?

Ryder held a splendid meeting at the Lutheran church when essay prizes were awarded by Rev. E. Kristenson. A playlet—"Mrs. Jones Learns the Truth," was directed by Miss Margaret Campbell. Supt. Opaland spoke on Child Training and Attorney H. E. Mielke on Pending Legislation. A group of boys sang—"When we all Grow up to be Twenty-One." Other pleasing numbers were a piano solo by Miss Jane Rush, a vocal solo by Mr. O. Swee, a vocal duet by Hulda and Myrtle Ronning, a piano duet by Marjory and Leona Ristvedt and a group of hymns by the High School chorus. At the close refreshments were served and a neat sum realized for membership dues.

A most interesting medal contest was held by the Napoleon L. T. L. with Elsie and Christina Grenz, Shirley Wagner, Doris Towle, Alice Timm and Iverne Heien competing. The medal was awarded to Alice Timm. Piano numbers were by Mrs. Davenport and Jerry, Byron Hochalter, and Iverne Heien, a violin solo by Lansing Davenport and a vocal solo by Joy Nelson. LuVerne Sheldon, L. T. L. president, led devotions. Rev. Roy McClure, who has given much help in the work, pronounced the benediction. Ninth district has now five silver medalists who will compete for a gold medal at the district convention.

Cando held an inspirational meeting March 27 with Judge and Mrs. Grimson as guests, the Judge speaking on the prohibition laws of the state and Mrs. Grimson on her visit to Iceland. A large group of children sang "Advance—Not Retreat" and Ray Pollock and Wayne Peterson sang "The Old Rugged Cross." A generous offering was received. The many friends of Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, local and district president, will be glad to know she is recovering from her illness.

Minot held essay contests in Junior High School and College. Silver and gold medal contests have been held under the direction of Miss Elsie Cook and Mrs. Mildred T. Sauer. A gold medal contest will be held at State Teachers' College with Miss Cook and the Misses Winstead as hostesses.

Treasurer's Report

March 24-April 27

Dues—Ryder \$11.90, Mandan 4.90, Bottineau 5.60, Sharon .70, Epping 2.10, Fargo 4.90, Makoti 2.80, Christine 5.60, Bismarck 2.10, Stanley 7.00, Rock Lake 7.00, Gilby 3.50, Fargo 1.40, Bucyrus 1.40, Grand Forks 8.40, do L. T. L. 2.00, Hatton 2.80, Van Hook 7.70.

Budget—Underwood 60c, Edgeley \$2.00, Mandan 1.00, Bottineau 12.00, Epping 2.00, Fargo 6.85, Bismarck 14.00, Benedict 2.00, Fargo 3.00, Bucyrus 10.00, Grand Forks 15.00.

Miscellaneous—13 Dist. Convention Fee 1931-32 \$5.00.

Following is the list of those who had the dues of their last years membership paid by April 1st: Sheyenne, Douglas, Makoti, Minot, Parshall, Plaza, Crosby, Reeder, Portland, Prosper, Sharon, Fairdale, Nekoma.

Unions who had complete budget paid by April First: Cando, Devils Lake, Edmore, Egeland, Minnewaukan, Sheyenne, Makoti, Crosby, Stady-Zahl, Reeder, Cooperstown, Dickey, Fargo Scan, Finley, Portland, Prosper, Gilby, Christine.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins.

In Memoriam

"The golden gate was open
And a gentle Voice said 'Come',
And with farewells yet unspoken
They gladly entered Home."

On March 23, from her home in Berwyn, Maryland, Emir Best Boughton, daughter of our Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best, who preceded her, and wife of Mr. LeRoy W. Boughton, formerly of Fargo, passed peacefully away, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Boughton was graduated from the University of Minnesota where later, she taught, also at Fargo and at Bottineau. From 1902 to 1908, Mrs. Boughton served as secretary and assistant secretary of the Young Woman's Branch of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. and was greatly beloved by the entire membership. Her winsome personality and beautiful character won for her a host of friends who deeply regret her departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Boughton spent three years in the Philippines in educational work. While teaching at the Agricultural College, Fargo, Mrs. Boughton organized the Alpha chapter of the Phi Upsilon Omicron sorority. The sincere sympathy of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. is expressed to Mr. Boughton and Betty and Donald; to her sisters, Miss Sarah Best of Toledo, Ohio and Miss Ina Best, Fargo, and her brother, Mr. William Hall Best of West Newton, Massachusetts.

April 26, Mrs. Mazie Stevens was suddenly called to her heavenly home. For many years she lived at Northwood but more recently at Devils Lake. Mrs. Stevens was officially connected with the State Anti-Tuberculosis Society and held several important offices in the N. D. W. C. T. U. Her interest in public affairs was constant and constructive and she will be greatly missed. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Mr. J. E. Stevens and family.

Mrs. Campbell's Appeal

Dear White Ribboners:

In the Union Signal of April 15, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo, corresponding secretary of the National W. C. T. U. has a stirring article—"Get into The Membership Campaign" to which I would like to give my hearty endorsement. We parents who have fought the good fight must carry the work forward, as Mrs. De Yo expresses it, "Gird up our loins anew." The battle must be fought, some-

where, some time. Why will the next generation be more able than we of to-day who are so familiar with every vicious alibi of the wets? Nothing could be more fatal than to let the liquor traffic get re-intrenched in the appetites and capital of our people. We have lost because of those who have become lax through varied other interests. It will be through their awakening that America will come back. No need to wait for any greater evidence than we have. The liquor traffic is not the proverbial "calf" which will hang itself. It is rather the "roaring lion." We have witnessed its ravages all too often to be misled. Strong men have fallen before it. They are falling now. Mothers! To Arms! This should be our forward cry. If Christ is risen indeed, let it be in America through us, at this time. May this Easter season mark this re-awakening!

The department literature will be in the hands of the district president this year to be distributed at the district conventions as an economy measure. Heretofore I have mailed it to each union separately. The aim of the department is education and activity of its membership in government. This is becoming increasingly more vital each year if our democracy is to stand. Many of our present problems are due to a poorly informed voting public. In our Plan of Work a fine outline of study is arranged. Many should avail themselves of the opportunities suggested.

In conclusion, let me urge that you take the membership campaign to heart. The cost is little at such a time as this when the highest representatives of our nation would pour the wealth and virtue of our country into the brewery vats. We must not permit it.

Respectfully yours,
MRS. GEO. CAMPBELL.

Minot, N. D.

The Old Beer Schedule

In an editorial in May Christian Herald, Dr. Dan Poling says: "The fact that many of the popular brands of pre-Prohibition days, which certainly produced sodden drunkenness, contained a lower alcoholic content than 3.2 per cent, seems lost upon this patriotic majority of the present Congress. Here is the old popular schedule: Pabst Blue Ribbon, 2.9; Soxsetti Bohemian, 2.5; Schlitz Pale, 3.1; Cream City Pilsner, 3.3; Blatz, 3.5.

Now let Congress declare the depression a myth, unemployment, a fairy tale, and we shall all wake up to find two cars in the garage and two chickens in the pot!

Prohibition has been charged with producing a nation of hypocrites. But when has the United States witnessed crasser hypocrisy than this associated with the present beer bill? Non-intoxicating, but to be taxed! Non-intoxicating, but requiring special control! Non-intoxicating, but snatched from the mouths of children by the same Senate that joins in the original fiat!

Milwaukee brewers first promised jobs to forty thousand unemployed, then to thirty thousand; finally to five thousand; and on March 24th when the writer was in that city, the brewers were displaying signs that read, "No men wanted."

What about the million jobs assured by a St. Louis brewer? And how shrunken is the one billion dollars of revenue prophesied by former U. S. Senator Bingham of Connecticut! One hundred and twenty-five million dollars seems to be the present high figure. Why are brewers already shouting loudly for protection from racketeers? Were we not assured that legal beer would eliminate lawlessness?"

Policy of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Adopted unanimously by the Executive Committee of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Session at Valley City, April 7, 1933.

We are unalterably opposed to the repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Prohibition may not be a perfect plan, yet at its worst it is better than any plan that has yet been tried, and its results are infinitely better than the conditions which existed in pre-prohibition days.

The constantly reiterated charge that as much, or more, liquor is consumed today as in 1914, is false, according to investigations of the Government itself, which reveals a net decline in the consumption of alcoholic liquors of more than 60% as compared with 1914.

The adoption of the 21st Amendment which will repeal the 18th Amendment means the return of the open saloon with no protection to dry states. The fact that the Administration and party leaders in Congress were opposed to amendments to prevent the return of the open saloon and to protect dry states, and that these amendments were voted down, shows that party platform pledges were intended only as a bait for dry votes.

We regret the fact that United States senators and congressmen who hitherto have voted dry—and these include present members from North Dakota—were caught in this mob-hysteria and voted for an amendment which permits the return of the saloon and offers no protection to dry states.

We believe the President's beer bill, dictated by the brewers, who sat with the committee, is contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States.

We maintain that the wet millionaires who seek to put their income and corporation taxes on the backs of the poor, through the sale of beer, and who themselves have helped to bring this country to the verge of financial ruin, are not safe leaders to follow.

We have not forgotten the unpatriotic and disloyal attitude of the brewers in the critical strain of the Great War; nor have we forgotten the strangle-hold they secured on city, state and national government in pre-prohibition days. Law-breakers are not safe law-makers.

The legalization of the sale of beer by Congress and by the States will again place the brewers in the seat of power, and will bring back at least 90% of the old saloon business, with its consequent poverty, crime, and suffering. The answer to the people's cry for bread and for honest work is BEEF, to further impoverish them!

North Dakota's Beer Bill

We unhesitatingly condemn the beer bill passed by the recent Legislature, as one of the most iniquitous and dangerous measures ever passed by a North Dakota Legislature.

The bill provides that every city, town and village in the state having a regular police department or a paid police force of even one man may have a beer store, and towns of more than 5,000 population may have two stores. It is not put to a vote of the people of the village, town or city, but the governing board—trustees, council or commission—decides the matter, hires the manager and assistant manager, has a monopoly

of the business, and receives the revenue from it.

The outlying farm communities will have no voice in the matter, but will suffer from the beer stores and get no revenue from them. It will be a bone of contention between the country districts and the towns and will also cause a perennial conflict in every village, town and city of the state.

The beer bill has the provisions that sale must not be made to minors, must not be made on Sundays or legal holidays, or before 9 A. M. or after 9 P. M. on week days. Such laws were openly disregarded in saloon days. Does anyone believe they will be honored now when the town board is interested in the revenue from sales?

There is no limit to the amount that can be purchased at one time. The purchaser is required to sign his name and address and to give a receipt for every package purchased. This record is open to inspection, NOT to the public or to the States Attorney, whose duty it is to enforce the law, but ONLY to members of the governing board of the municipality, who are interested in the revenue from the sales made.

Beer is not consumed on the premises, and possession is illegal except in a HOME or on the way home. Beer cannot be seized in automobiles for it cannot be proved that a man is not on his way home. This means—automobiles stocked with beer at dances, wild joy-rides, with the shame, suffering and accidents that are bound to follow. Homes will be legal drinking resorts, and many North Dakota children will be compelled to witness the drunken orgies that will follow. Hotel rooms will also be legal drinking places and it will be difficult for hotel keepers to maintain decent, moral conditions.

The bill is an invitation and a promise of safety to bootleggers and blind-piggers; they can purchase any amount of liquor from the municipal store, put a bed in a rented shack and call it home. Legal possession of beer will serve as a cover for possession of hard liquors.

This law repeals every conflicting statute and is so framed that its enforcement will be almost impossible. The penalty may seem strong, but it is weaker than that of our present prohibition law.

We believe it is a suicidal policy to close the high schools or grade schools, turning thousands of children into the streets with nothing to do, and to open municipal beer stores.

This beer bill was not printed for distribution; the people of the state did not know what was being put over, and one wonders if the members of the Legislature, who voted for it, realized its implications. For all these, and many other reasons, we believe the bill should be referred, and the people of the state given an opportunity to speak on this question.

The effect of alcohol, whether in wine, beer, or whiskey can not be repealed.

Our educational program is undefeatable, and we propose to continue it with renewed vigor.

We refuse to retreat; we refuse to surrender; we refuse to go back to the jungle. In the power of that Name which is above every other name, we go forward in this holy war "For God, and home, and native land."

Mandan distributed 400 anti-tobacco blotters in the public schools. We regret that the local president, Mrs. Grant Palmer and her husband are leaving Mandan. We welcome Mrs. Anna Stark as the new president.

Loyal Temperance Legion Alphabet

When I examined the contents of my mother's desk I found the following L. T. L. suggestions, given in alphabetical order:

Are you anxious to save the boys and girls in your town from becoming drunkards?

Begin now to get them pledged for total abstinence.

Could you see the splendid results in the future, from seed-sowing in youth, you would not delay.

Do you wish to create temperance sentiment in your community and increase the membership in your union?

Every boy and girl, youth and maiden, can help you get it.

For the children carry more influence into the home than it is possible for a stranger to do.

Great things are being accomplished in some towns by the children and young people.

How and by what means?

Inquire of your state secretary.

Just a postal to her will bring a quick reply.

Knowing how to begin is very important.

Loyal Temperance Legions are the life saving stations of our nation.

Many a young man has become a drunkard because your union did not have a legion.

Now is the time to save the children of today; tomorrow they will be out from under your influence.

Open your home once a week for them if no other place can be found.

Plenty of saloons and gambling places have tried to draw them in; build over against them.

Quick, now or your opportunity will be gone forever.

Rescue some mother's boy from a drunkard's grave and some father's daughter from a life of shame.

Shall the excuse, "No leader," be the barrier to this work any longer?

Though art the woman, make it your first business to get a legion in your town.

Under no circumstances allow your unions to be childless any longer.

Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Write to state secretary for instructions and literature.

Xterminate the saloon by growing prohibitionists.

Yield not to temptation that this is someone else's work.

Zeal, love, perseverance and a burning desire to save the children and young people put into motion, will bring great results.

This is as true today as it was when first written.

HARRIET P. CROCKETT,

L. T. L. Secretary for N. Y. State.

How To Find An L. T. L. Leader

A suggestion for the local organization of W. C. T. U.:

Do you want a Loyal Temperance Legion? YES.

Do you have an organization leader for the L. T. L.? NO.

Do you want an L. T. L. leader? YES.

Do you want to know how to find one? Appoint a committee to locate a leader; study the educational and activities program of the L. T. L. and present to women who would be of value in children's work. The Committee will assist the leader with the enlistment of children for the L. T. L. membership. Try this plan, it works!

The Robin's Cold Water Song

I asked a sweet robin one morning in May

Who sang in the apple tree over the way

What 'twas he was singing so gaily about,

For I'd tried a long time but I could not find out.

"Why I'm sure," he replied. "You can not guess wrong;

Don't you know I am singing a cold water song?

Cold water,—that's the first word of my lay,

And then don't you hear how I warble away?

"I've just come from dipping my beak in the spring

And spraying my coat with a splash of my wing.

Be sure to remember when hearing my song

That birds to the Cold Water Army belong."

A GILT EDGE INVESTMENT

THE DIVIDENDS ARE ASSURED

Be an investor! Invest time, thought and enthusiasm in the

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP!

The assured returns will be preferred information, inspiration, ideas and plans, a deeper understanding of the value of work, and a more thorough preparation for the sale of its ideals.

Do you want to be

A more capable officer of the W. C. T. U. or Y. P. B.

A more effective leader of young people

A more understanding leader of children

A more convincing speaker

A more successful organizer

Invest in the Training School for Leadership.

This School will open with a social gathering at "Rest Cottage," Evanston, Illinois, Thursday evening July 6th, immediately following the National Convention at Milwaukee, and close Wednesday afternoon July 12th.

Discussion periods on vital subjects, special features and personal conferences with National leaders, will fill the days. It will prove a "gilt-edge investment." You cannot afford to miss it. There will be no registration fee. The only financial outlay will be for living expense, at a nominal rate. If you will attend the Training School, write to the National Young People's Branch, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, indicating your special interest:

General work of W. C. T. U. or Y. P. B.

Leadership of Y. P. B.

Leadership of L. T. L.

Field Work.

INVEST NOW FOR THE FUTURE!

One of London's wet newspapers recently had a leading article on the beer question in which it remarked, "What this country most needs now is prosperous industries and a cheerful and hopeful population. The present (high) price of beer is one of the chief causes of the stifling depression which is taking the heart out of our national energy."

God pity the nation that depends upon beer to put heart into the souls of its citizens!—Union Signal.

Mrs. Lillie B. Smith, former state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, who has spent the winter with relatives in California, will soon return to her home in Thompson.

"Whoever was the first brewer brought a plague into Germany. I have been praying to God He would destroy the brewery business."—Martin Luther.

Has your union gained its six new members?

Child Welfare and Health

Even in pre-historic age, when people lived in caves with an animal skin covering the doorway, there was a family life with the parents striving to better conditions for their children and the children exerting themselves to please their parents. Our present civilization, with more sanitary homes and greater culture and refinement, is the outgrowth of this spirit. Modern inventions have brought attractions that have divided the attention of parents and children between the home and the outside world. One of our objectives is to again make home life the chief center of interest to parents and children.

Here are suggestions: 1. Occupy leisure time that might be spent away from home with music, games, an occasional party, family gatherings, including less fortunate friends. 2. Have household tasks for each member of the family. 3. Revive the family arts—for girls: crocheting, knitting, cooking, baking, sewing;—for boys: carpentry and use of tools; gardening. 4. Revive christianity in the home, going back to our fathers' and mothers' type of simple Christian faith. Our new National director of Child Welfare, Mrs. Alvin Sherbine, quotes from the Children's Charter: "Every child should have a dwelling place, safe, sanitary and wholesome, with reasonable provision for privacy, free from conditions which would thwart its development; a home environment, harmonious and enriching. To build this type of home demands the best creative faculties of men and women."

Home making, in this sense, becomes one of the fine arts. We must create and foster the true home desire; exemplify the beauty of Christian ideals in home life; show that alcohol as a beverage is the mortal enemy of everything that enriches the true grandeur of the home.

In state work, we have these important goals: 1. Child Welfare program in at least one local meeting annually. 2. Consecration service, with at least six white ribbon recruits to each union. 3. Book review on one or more books listed on "Mother's Book Shelf." 4. Legislative committee to study state and national laws relating to children; attend juvenile court. 5. Mother's Day program in each union, church or community center. 6. Enlist at least six young mothers annually in each local union. 7. Secure helps from the State Health department and the Children's Bureau at Washington, D. C. and study protective measures for women and children in our state. Last but not least, observe the children in your community. The more lowly born or handicapped have the greater need of a helping hand. True greatness is not measured by the world's applause but rather by the service one renders to humanity. In times like these, when our whole national life is affected, we must keep a watchful eye on the children in this great country of ours.

MRS. R. A. SPRAGUE,
Grand Forks, N. D. Director.

Lakota—Mrs. N. H. Mork entertained the local union and Rev. C. B. Ingebrigtson spoke on "Patriotism."

Mrs. W. R. Reitan gave two vocal numbers and Miss Ruth Swanson, a reading. Articles on Child Health were read by members. Mrs. L. A. Haatved and Mrs. Val Roberts were assisting hostesses.

Northwood held a joint meeting with the local temperance society when an address was given by Mr. J. I. Carter of the Anti-Saloon League. Essay, poster and medal contests are being carried on in the public schools.

For what must I calmly wait
And trust the path I cannot see—
That God is good sufficeth me.
—Whittier.

God send us men, with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need
These are the bulwarks of the state.

To reach the port of heaven we
must sometimes sail with the wind
and sometimes against it; but we
must sail and not drift nor lie at
anchor.

Are you wearing a Boole button for
a new member gained? If not, why
not?

CASH AND CARRY
(Not Groceries, But)
POSTERS

Through the efforts of an interested friend these posters will be offered at the startling price of

Fifty Posters for One Dollar
Six different texts—attractive in three colors on white paper

A remarkable opportunity for W. C. T. U. leaders to get all the dry groups interested in flooding the country with inexpensive posters.

W. C. T. U. groups can buy in large quantities and sell in sets of six and make a profit for their own treasuries.

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THE UNION SIGNAL
Offers a plan of Work from
May 1st to October 31st

Aim: To revive hope, to establish confidence, to keep the faith.

Method: At least one in six of the membership, all officers and leaders subscribing to the Union Signal.

Six-month subscription to new subscribers for 50c. Eleven six-month subscriptions to new subscribers for \$5.00. This club must be sent in at one time with remittance to pay for same.

N. B. Awards must be claimed with order as we cannot enter into correspondence on these short term subscriptions.

The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill.

THE YOUNG CRUSADER
Offers a plan of Work from
May 1st to October 31st

Aim: To foster in the young mind a taste for good reading.

Method: To place before the boy and girl healthful programs, rhymes, and stories that will establish good mental habits and high ideals.

30 subscribers—to states with twenty-three unions becoming responsible for a club of ten Young Crusaders.

30 subscriptions—to state with twenty-five unions becoming responsible for a club of ten Young Crusaders.

25 subscriptions—to states with twenty unions becoming responsible for a club of ten Young Crusaders.

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When sending a club, state plainly: That it is a prize club.

The name of the union to which it is to be credited.

The full name and address of the sender.

The full name and address of the person or persons to whom the Crusaders are to be sent.

Note: Clubs sent in previous to May 1st, 1933, cannot be counted in this contest.

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