



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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Peace On Earth

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head
There is no Peace on Earth, I said,
For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to men.
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
God is not dead nor doth He sleep,
The wrong shall fall
The Right prevail
With Peace on Earth, Good Will to men.

—Longfellow.

Personal Messages to You

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, our new National President, writes: "It was most kind of your state organization to send me greetings and I should have been very happy to have replied to the convention, had it been possible. Will you tender my thanks to the unions for their remembrance and the strength and pleasure it will be to me to know that I can so certainly depend upon the loyalty and cooperation and service of the W. C. T. U. comrades in our nation. Our national officers have just returned to their homes after busy days. We took for our slogan—"We will not quit till the liquor traffic quits"—a homely phrase but it will mean much."

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, honorary president, sends this message:

WAIT

"If but one message I may leave behind
One single word of courage for my kind,
It would be this—Oh, brother, sister, friend,
Whatever life may bring, whatever God may send,
No matter whether clouds lift soon or late,
Take heart and wait.
Wespair may tangle darkly at your feet,
Your faith be dimmed, and hope, once cool and sweet,
Be lost; but suddenly, above a hill,
A heavenly lamp, set on a heavenly sill
Will shine for you and point the way to go,
How well I know.
For I have waited through the dark and I
Have seen a star rise in the blackest sky
Repeatedly—it has not failed me yet,
And I have learned God never will forget

To light His lamp. If we but wait for it,
It will be lit."

Grace Crowell, one of the best beloved of our modern poets and one whose lines have brought courage and the balm of healing to many hearts, is author of the above poem.

In these days when dark clouds hang low, when adverse winds are blowing, when discordant voices are smiting our ears, when disasters have come upon us that seemed impossible, it lifts our souls to be reminded that "God never will forget to light His lamp. If we but wait for it, it will be lit."

This short Anglo Saxon word, "Wait," is pregnant with meaning. Patient tarrying, expecting, watching, praying, and serving are all wrapped up in it. It does not mean sleepy inaction, with listless folded hands, or indifference or discouragement. It does mean a watchful, expectant tarrying, filled with active service and prayer.

Take your concordance and see how often and in what a diversity of ways "wait" is used in God's Word. As we read the passages, we are thrilled to discover just what we need in the present emergency. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart." "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Waiting in this sense means a replenishing of physical, mental and spiritual forces, that makes greater activity a necessity and a joy. As we wait in expectant service we not only watch for God to light His lamp, but we listen for the still small voice and light and guidance will come.

From my brother's home in Indiana I used to watch the old Court House clock, and one day I climbed the steep stairway to look at the works in their great glass case. What a puzzle and a jumble it seemed to be! Some wheels were turning forward and some backward. How could it measure time? And yet because I had looked into the face of the clock and heard the bell tolling the hours, I knew that which seemed haphazard was orderly, that which seemed confusion and backward turning was necessary to accomplish its purpose. A master-mind was back of it.

God's plans for the redemption of the world may be delayed but can not be overthrown. The Eighteenth Amendment has been repealed, the Disarmament Conference seems a failure, but God's hour will eventually strike.

God made man a free moral agent. Because of this, if man elects to learn his lessons of life through suffering and sorrow, trial and error, even God can not prevent it. The ultimate results are sure and to

hasten the day—it is ours to help bring the light through our educational program—to "pray as though all depended upon God and to work as though all depended upon us." We must loyally carry out the plans of our leaders in the great drive for teaching the truth about alcohol and for increasing our membership. And so we "wait" until God lights His lamp.

The Secretaries say:

Dear Sisters: In these days when we all need encouragement, I have been reading James Russell Lowell's poem, "The Present Crisis," written when the slavery issue was demanding settlement. We know the result of that though it took time and heart-breaking sacrifice. Let us keep in mind these words from the poem: "Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word; Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,— Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

Elizabeth C. Beasley.
Rec. Secy.

"I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" said Jesus to Peter. Don't you think He is also praying for us, these heart-breaking days? "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." I would be discouraged if I did not know God. Because I do, I am kept calm and quiet for I believe that "God nothing does, or SUFFERS TO BE DONE, but thou wouldst do the same. Couldst thou but see the end from the beginning, as does He." God could have stopped all this but He does not work that way. He does not cumber people against their will. There must have been no other way to convince the people of the error of their ways. It will take a few years of this debauch to open the eyes of the indifferent. No law can be properly enforced without sufficient public opinion back of it and public opinion is being created every day against the liquor traffic.

Barbara H. Wylie, Cor. Sec.

Mrs. Campbell's Appeal

Dear White Ribboners: As The Union Signal is a part of the Citizenship department's reading course, your director makes this appeal in behalf of an increased subscription list. In these days of the highly commercialized and propagandized press, it behooves us to look well into what is being delivered at our door for the family to read. We have often felt repelled and alarmed over much that we get and reflect wistfully on those good old days when, of necessity, our parental home was favored with only a few choice magazines and the county paper.

At Christmas

A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;
Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,
And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.
He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas, man is bigger and is better in his part;
He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.
And the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for a while
And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.
Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

If I had to paint a picture of a man, I think I'd wait
Till he'd fought his selfish battles and put aside his hate.
I'd not catch him at his labors when his thoughts are all of self.
On the long days and the dreary when he's striving for himself,
I'd not take him when he's sneering, when he's scornful or depressed.
But I'd look for him at Christmas, when he's shining at his best.
—Edgar Guest.

We are again pressed with economy measures and should look well to our needs and see to it that we eliminate the unworthy first. In so doing, we should give added support to the worthy. In the Union Signal, we have an economically priced weekly that is unsurpassed in its courageous attack on evil and restful in its support of righteousness.

I realize this letter is to friends of our official paper to whom it needs no introduction, but I want to emphasize that our own membership cannot afford to drop it, if we afford any magazines. As subscribers, we should extend this appeal to others who are interested in the cause but who feel they cannot take on the membership of another organization. Your director has two such subscriptions on hand at this time. We might make our enlarged list dedicatory to our new national president, Mrs. Smith, who is also the new editor-in-chief of The Union Signal. Thank you.

Cordially,
Mrs. Geo. Campbell.

Both Fargo unions are holding their meetings just before Thanksgiving in the Florence Crittenton Home, with appropriate programs and practical gifts to the Home.

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Mrs. Clark's Message

Dear Co-Workers: In the 1934 Plan of Work to be known as the Endless Chain of Knowledge, every W. C. T. U. woman will have a personal responsibility. Let us begin by giving The Union Signal and Young Crusader to our friends as a Christmas and New Years remembrance that will last all the year. The combination offer is \$1.25.

Union Signally yours,
Mrs. Geo. F. Clark.

Last Call!

The Crusade Crucible campaign will close December 23, 1933, the 60th anniversary of the Hillsboro Woman's Crusade.

If any individual has not yet gathered together her gold and sterling silver fragments, or any union has not forwarded such packages, will you please attend to it at once and forward promptly to The Crusade Crucible Committee, 401 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Be sure each package bears the sender's name and address, so credit can be given to the state.

On January 1st the final division of funds will be made between the state and the National organizations. Margaret C. Munns.

Jamestown and Linton observed World's Temperance Sunday by having a pledge-signing campaign in Sunday schools. Jamestown printed their own pledge cards and Linton presented a temperance roll which was signed by all the pupils who were old enough. The red, white and blue Sunday School pledge cards may be obtained from the State W. C. T. U. Headquarters at Fargo for 30 cents per 100.

Keep your courage up, and conversely it will keep you up.—L. L. Eames.

Our President's Letter

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

Three cheers for North and South Carolina! Theirs is a great honor—that of standing firmly against repeal. The wets have seemingly won, but, dear women, don't forget that "Nothing is ever settled until it is settled right." We are told that "In the world ye shall have tribulation but BE OF GOOD CHEER—I have overcome the world."

In a letter recently received from our World's W. C. T. U. president, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, she says: "We are passing through a crisis in the United States. The repeal of the 18th amendment will not help us out of our difficulties but it will create new problems and, just as a great fire sometimes destroys a college building, when it is rebuilt, it is a larger and better plant; so out of repeal, we hope and pray, there may come a better solution of the temperance reform, because of more general support."

Public opinion has undergone a marked change. It is a change produced by the manner in which local governing bodies have already been dealing with the beer business. Unfairness and an almost total lack of regard for the public interest have been noted in nearly all the states since Congress approved of 3.2 beer. Ten years of continual cartooning of the drays, the caricature of them as "prejudiced, narrow, intolerant, and unyielding fanatics" have made an impression on the average man. Our present need is to educate the generation which has grown up since the saloon was closed, as to what the saloon did, especially when it is claimed that only under prohibition have young girls taken to drinking.

We need to place before them such news items as this, from the Chicago Tribune, June 1, 1914: "A three month's survey shows that 14,000 women and girls frequented, every twenty-four hours, the back rooms of the saloons on Madison and North Clark Streets and Cottage Grove Avenue." The saloon was the gathering place for youth. From the Chicago Tribune, Jan. 2, 1911, we quote: "One of the first places (saloons) visited after one o'clock was Geo. Silver's place at 126 Randolph Street. There were 400 young men and girls in the place and nearly every one was drunk."

We need to educate the rising generation as to what alcohol, intemperance and moderate drinking will do. In the church and public schools we need to stress the facts by scientific instruction. We need, all over our splendid state, a temperance crusade which shall aim at changing men's hearts and desires. So let us each be up and doing for the work is ours and we have so many promises for those who overcome. "Lo, I am with you always." "Be strong and courageous."

Read again and again our splendid membership plans in the November Bulletin. "Work like sixty and win your six!" You can do it if you make up your mind that you can. There never was a more strategic time to ask women and men to join us. People are now remembering the misconduct of local agencies and that politics will again, to a large extent, be mixed up in this new, old liquor problem. A state liquor authority will have as extensive powers as any branch of state government and more money than any to spend and to account for. Politics and liquor have always mixed and right now in each precinct, every man and woman should begin a campaign to elect only men and women for both houses of the legislature who favor temperance.

The past month was dues-paying month but if you did not get your

dues in, rush the dues collecting the first of this month. Christmas will soon be with us and what better Christmas present could we give to our state work than a rush of dues into our state treasury? Remember, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" and so follow up that dollar with earnest work for the cause.

See that excerpts from The Union Signal, the White Ribbon Bulletin or other sources, are rewritten and given to local papers. Show them that you want to see temperance news and truths in your paper and then thank them for printing the same. With Marshal Foch we may say: "My back is against the wall—the situation is excellent—and I shall advance." Remember it is "For God and Home and Every Land." Let us pray without ceasing but remember Paul said that faith without works is dead.

Yours with love,
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

An Overcomer

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, first vice president of the Fargo Scandinavian union and a life member of the State W. C. T. U. had for several years the proud distinction of winning twenty new members each year. Even in these more difficult days she has continued to win some. Possibly she has more new members to her credit than any other woman in the state. Always she did more than her share in raising the budget but rarely have we seen such brave and heroic service as she has rendered this year. Unable longer to go out, from her sick room she has telephoned friends in the business world and has secured \$42 for the budget of this large union. What an example to all of us to be more diligent for "the cause that needs assistance!"

Promoted

"I know not when I go or where
From this familiar scene,
But He is here and He is there
And all the way between.
And when I pass from all I know
To that dim, vast unknown,
Though late I stay or soon I go
I shall not go alone."

The sincere sympathy of our sisterhood is extended to Mrs. Geo. A. McGregor, Fargo, state director of Religious Education, who was called to California by the illness and death of her mother.

Hillsboro union is bereaved in the Home-going of Mrs. Theo. Jahr, a faithful member, and sends a contribution in her memory.

Mrs. Phebe Ann Thatcher passed away at her home in Guelph, aged nearly 83 years. Mrs. C. B. Maddock wrote a loving tribute to her friend, closing with these words: "We miss the handclasp that she gave The smile she always wore, Her loving voice we'll hear no more 'Till we meet on yonder shore."

West Fairview Was First

To West Fairview union goes the honor of holding the first institute, reported to us, at Englevale, in the Methodist church, November 3rd. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, state L. T. L. secretary will have the honor guest, and Mrs. Paul Hanson, district president, presided. A business session and discussion of Scientific Temperance Instruction comprised the morning program which commenced at 10 o'clock.

At noon, a chicken dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Nina Porter by members of the W. C. T. U. A silver offering was received. In the afternoon, the local president, Mrs.

Cecil Coit presided. Discussions on various phases of the work occupied the time and many visitors were present who appeared much interested. A lunch was served in the late afternoon.

A snow storm was in progress but, nothing daunted, these brave women who lived at West Fairview, drove out to bring their husbands and children to the evening meeting, encountering some unpleasant experiences with their cars. However, there was a good crowd at the meeting the main feature of which was a silver medal contest in charge of Mrs. Nettie Waldo, leader of the L. T. L. and daughter of Mrs. Porter. Carol Hanson, daughter of the district president, won the medal with the selection—"New Shoes." Mrs. Bordwell making the presentation. The other five contestants will compete again in the near future at West Fairview. This community has enough silver medalists to hold a gold medal contest at the district convention. Miss Evelyn Osterdahl gave two violin solos and Miss Ellen Dalos sang a pleasing number. Members of the L. T. L. gave a song and rally cries.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Duden and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hanson drove over from Lisbon and gave valuable assistance on the program.

Second District Institute

At New Rockford, Nov. 17, the Second district held a most successful institute in the Congregational church, with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, National and state directors as speaker and Mrs. C. E. Soderholm, district president, presiding. Mrs. N. P. Peterson conducted devotions and Mrs. H. G. Hudson led the flag salute. Mrs. Wilder outlined the purpose of the Institute. Mrs. Belle Baldwin, Oberon, spoke on "America Needed the W. C. T. U. in 1874" and Mrs. Fred Davies on "America Needs the W. C. T. U. in 1934."

"Going Forward via Departments" was presented by Mrs. C. G. Owens for Child Welfare, Mrs. H. R. Eastman for Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mmes. H. R. Harris and Wm. Schwoebel for Narcotics and Mrs. N. B. Garnaas for Sunday School work. The local union served a free luncheon and dinner to all in attendance. At the luncheon, Supt. Swanson and Miss Ackerman of the high school, the Chief of Police, the states attorney and sheriff of Eddy county were present and spoke briefly.

Mrs. J. A. Graham, Oberon, led devotions at the afternoon session. Vocal solos were by Misses Dorothy Culp and Ardis Soderholm and Miss Vannie Hall gave a reading. Mrs. Wilder spoke on "The Call to the Women of To-day." At the evening session, Rev. H. R. Harris of the Congregational church led the worship period. High school students furnished vocal and instrumental music and a clever play was put on by the young people. Mrs. K. Ericson spoke on Our Work and Its Needs and a generous offering was received. Mrs. Knott sang a solo. The address of the evening by Mrs. Wilder was full of practical suggestions and was much appreciated. Two hundred and seventeen persons were in attendance during the day and three new members were secured.

Which district will be next?

Fargo union raised \$50.00 for its budget by a rummage sale, though all articles were very cheap and many people helped in consequence. This union has begun the essay contest work in grades and junior high schools. Five hundred essays were written last year.

Treasurer's Report

Sept. 30-Nov. 18

Dues—Mandan, \$2.80; Mayville, 5.60; Napoleon, 6.30; Ray, .70; Ege-land, 4.90; Fairdale, 2.10; Fargo, 37.10; Dickinson, 6.30; Bismarck, 5.60; Wheelock, 1.40; Minot, 6.30; Carrington, 3.50; Beulah, 7.00; Powers Lake, 2.80; Upham, .70; Park River, 7.00; Grenora, 2.10; Williston, 1.40; Rock Lake, .70; Mrs. Jennie G. Dy-sart, Esmond, Willard, 1.00; Mrs. Dan Beck, Grandin, Willard, 1.00; Van Hook Y. P. B. 2.00; Powers Lake Y. P. B. .50; Fairdale L. T. L. .50;

Budget—Hettinger \$4.00; Plaza, 6.75; Napoleon, 6.00; Oberon, 13.00; Stady-Zahl, complete, 25.00; Dickin-son, 2.00; Hillsboro, 2.00; Upham, 2.00; Fargo, 90.00.

Miscellaneous—\$6.60; Crusade Cru- cible, 2.80; Medal contest dept. 5.60; Convention collections, 47.49.

Dear Treasurers: Thank you for responding so promptly to my re-quest for revised list of your mem-ber-ship. We need these to keep our White Ribbon Bulletin list correct to date. We trust that the names we have regretfully dropped may soon be restored. Let us all do our best to hold those we have and bring the others back, as well as to get new members.

Let me remind you that all money received in this new W. C. T. U. year, since the books closed just before the state convention, must be credited on this year's account. We cannot go backward.

Mrs. R. B. Reed,
Treasurer.

Program for January 16

Noontime Luncheon to be preceded by a Worker's Conference.

Devotions—Prayer—the Founda-tion Then and Now.

Address—The Continuing Need for the W. C. T. U.

Symposium—The Program of the New Crusade:

- (1) Alcohol Education.
 - (2) The Citizen's Responsibility.
 - (3) Challenge to Youth.
- Address—The Lillian Stevens Fund.
Offering

Four pages of the December 16th Union Signal will contain material to help in carrying out this program. A reprint of these pages will be sent the states for each local union. Addition-al reprints may be secured at National Headquarters at 50c per 100.

Recommendations for Immediate Action

The Woman's Christian Temper-ance Union fills a need that no other organization supplies. It approaches social service problems from the Christian and temperance viewpoint. Its history demonstrates the practicability of its work and its entire or-ganization stands ready for continued action in the present crisis.

The Woman's Christian Temper-ance Union was not organized primar-ily to secure the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment, but to work for the abolition of the liquor traffic. The repeal of the amendment there-fore is only an incident in the life of the organization. The basic principle underlying prohibition is the nature and effects of alcohol—a habit form-ing, narcotic poison.

We recommend for immediate use the following program of action:

- (1) Show the fallacy of moderation as opposed to total abstinence.
- (2) Work for the retention of all prohibition laws now in force.
- (3) Work for every form of prohibi-tion from local to the largest unit obtainable.
- (4) Arrange mass meetings for the

discussion of the immediate dangers which confront us. Institute a pledge-signing campaign at these meetings.

(5) Scientific Temperance Instruc-tion in the public schools must be safeguarded against the erroneous teaching of the "harmlessness" of the moderate use of alcohol.

(6) Since in many places the liquor traffic is already bidding for the children by gifts of beer, every local union should safeguard the children by the organization of a Loy-al Temperance Legion.

(7) The voice of youth should be the medium for bringing to the peo-ple through Medal Contests the truth concerning the effects of alcohol.

(8) Arrange for judicious distribu-tion of up-to-date literature.

(9) Arrange window exhibits show-ing the amount of food and clothing which may be purchased for the equi-valent of three beers a day over a period of one month, or one year.

(10) Inaugurate a Letter-to-the-Editor campaign, calling attention to the changed conditions under repeal; accidents due to drunken drivers; dis-order; crowded jails, and the increas-ed number of arrests for drunken-ness.

(11) Since the W. C. T. U. was or-ganized to unite the Christian Wom-anhood of the nation against the drink habit and the liquor traffic, every possible effort must be made to increase the membership.

(12) The strength and power of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is prayer. We will continue to pray.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith,
Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin,
Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo,
Mrs. Margaret C. Munns,
Mrs. Sara H. Hoge,
Mrs. Nelle G. Burger.

What Authorities Say About Beer

"There isn't a thought in a hogs-head of beer."—Theodore Roosevelt.

"The beer drunkard makes a most terrible spectacle."—Commander Ev-angeline Booth.

"Brewers make more trouble than all the saloons put together."—For-mer Judge McFarlane, Pittsburgh Criminal Courts.

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

"The prevalent use of beer is de-plorable. Beer drinking makes men stupid, lazy and incapable. It is the cause of all the radical pot politics that men talk over it."—Chancellor Bismarck.

"Nothing is more erroneous from the physician's standpoint, than to think of diminishing the destructive effects of alcoholism by substituting beer for other alcoholic drinks."—Prof. Strumpel, Breslau, Germany.

"Thousands and thousands of men who take their daily pint are rendered stupid and silly and dissolute by beer. The brutalizing effect of beer alcoholism is shown most clearly by the fact that in Germany crimes of personal violence, particularly dan-gerous bodily injuries, occur most frequently in Bavaria where there is the highest consumption of beer."—Dr. Hugo Hoppe, Koenigsburg, Ger-many, Famous nerve Specialist.

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The Fargo Y. P. B. met at the home of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder for the November meeting. An interesting program appropriate to Armistice day was given and a social time fol-lowed. The young people are en-thusiastically planning a membership campaign.

Our New Y. P. B. Secretary's Letter

Dear Comrades:

The news has gone around the world that the 18th Amendment has been repealed, and those interested in the sale of liquor are rejoicing. I am sure if the full story of how repeal was accomplished is ever written, it will constitute the blackest chapter in our nation's history. However, re-grets accomplish nothing; only as those regrets become action can we secure results. Where do we go from here? We climb back, like the snail in the well, no matter how far we slip!

One thing we know only too well—the years of continued wet propa-ganda have had their effect, and many of our young people have ac-cepted the statements as truth. Why should they not believe? Sheltered by the law of North Dakota and the 18th Amendment, they have not seen the deadly effects of liquor as we have. Now they have seen prohibi-tion discredited and repealed; must they learn, as some of us have, in the school of bitter experience? I believe the present situation to be the most critical that the country has ever known, for never has there been such a volume of liquor publicity, nor such an effort made to get the young women to drink. "Ladies Invited" is an ever-present sign on city beer par-lors. We must teach total abstinence at every opportunity.

We are thankful that not all our young folks are deceived by this mocking enemy; in every community there are some wiser ones, who with your help will be as light in a dark place. Will you not seek them out—you, who know who they are—and join hands with them in this time of need? There are numbers of ways of making contact with them, but one way is through their own organiza-tions. Get a tactful speaker a place on the programs of the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, Luther League,—all young people's societies and organized groups, and Sunday-school classes. Organize a Young People's Branch wherever possible, but whether you organize or not, carry the teachings to them. It is our privilege to give them a knowl-edge of the noble ideals and the kindly, comradely spirit of our union, as well as the facts about alcohol.

The new manuals of the Young People's Branch are here; I will gladly furnish them to you who will use them. Be watchful for opportunities. It was a special privilege to have Miss Helen L. Byrnes, National Gen-eral Secretary of this work, at the Fargo convention. Our Associate Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wilder, now a busy teacher in the Jamestown public schools, is doing "what her hand findeth to do." Recently, on Temper-ance Sunday, she spoke to the Jamestown L. T. L., holding the attention of the children for forty minutes, after which she went back and taught her class in Sunday School. If those of you who are near Jamestown can make engagements for her at a time which she can accept, she will gladly help you in any way she can. If I can be of use, please write to me, though I am not free to go far from home now.

Oh, friends, let us keep this in our minds and hearts. Let us not say "It's too bad—some one ought to do that work in our community"—and then forget it again till disaster comes. Who knows the next victim of the Dragon Drink? Perhaps our own nearest and dearest may be in the path of a beer-fuddled young driver. Will you not pray with me, every day, that we ourselves may lose

no opportunity to help our young peo-ple to follow the path of right?

Yours in hope and faith,
Elizabeth C. Beasley,
Secretary Young People's Branch,
Fairdale, N. D.

For the Sake of the Boys and Girls

"Tremble, King Alcohol, We shall grow up!" This rally cry must be taught again to the boys and girls of our land just as it was a few years ago. Let us repeat it at our meet-ings, make it into posters, write stories and songs about its meaning and in every possible way, let it ring from coast to coast. The children of the world are fast taking up this cry and it will bring results that we trust will be permanent.

"When by lesson, song and story, the great truth concerning total abstinence is deeply implanted in the brain and heart of every boy and girl, we shall reap the harvest of a nation redeemed from the alcohol curse." These are the words of the sainted Anna Gordon, a special friend of boys and girls.

The Northwood L. T. L. won both the national prizes last year—a beautiful little silk flag for meeting requirements as a Vanguard legion, and a box of paper dolls with bright-ly colored costumes for sending the largest amount of money to the Anna Gordon Missionary Fund. The dolls were featured and dressed like chil-dren of many lands and will help the legioners to feel better acquainted with the little folks across the sea.

Englevalde and West Fairview were first to earn certificates by passing a satisfactory examination after com-pleting the first book of our Study Course. Bismarck is taking up the legion work in a very extensive way this month and we wish them success and a happy year of work. The Jamestown L. T. L. had Miss Betty Wilder as speaker on World's Tem-perance Sunday and enjoyed her good stories so much. We hope she will come again and tell us more about those little messengers in our fingers and arms. All agreed Miss Wilder is a splendid story teller.

How many read the story in a re-cent Crusader, which is the one to be rewritten in competing for the prize this year? A North Dakota legioner won second place last year. Let's try for first this time! We should all have our large thermometers in use just now and we are anxious to know how the points are progressing. Mrs. Nettie Waldo, leader of the Engle-va-le L. T. L., is working on a series of medal contests with a gold medal contest as the objective. The Fair-dale legion made a number of book-lets and cards for the disabled veter-ans and these were on display at the state convention.

Try this round to the tune of "Row, row, row your boat."

"Work, work, work for us Everywhere you go, Surely, surely, surely, surely Booze will have to go."

Here is a new rally cry:

What do we hear? Legal beer?
Not for us, never fear!
We've signed the pledge,
Yes Siree!
We're living for Eternity.

The making of beer wastes food,
The buying of beer wastes money,
The drinking of beer wastes health
Will we drink beer? Will you drink beer?

No! No! No!
Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
L. T. L. Secy.

There is one thing that is stronger than armies, and that is an idea whose time has come.—Victor Hugo.

Neglecting the Better Part

James E. Cox, Ph. D.; Head of English Dept., University North Dakota.

Education should do more than furnish the child with knowledge and the power to use that knowledge in the work of life. It should also impart to the child a love of truth and beauty, and a devotion to those ideals that glorify living and that make for the building of character.

The public school of America are functioning efficiently in the first instance. What are they doing in the second instance?

And what if the American school system should succeed in the first and fail in the second instance? Knowledge without ideals, power without vision—this is what led to the downfall of German culture, and the blasting of the peace of the world.

That the Bible is the source and fountain head of all our highest ideals and noblest aspirations, both as individuals and as a nation, all freely admit. That the Bible contains the noblest pieces of literature the world has ever produced, is the testimony of scholars everywhere. That the Bible has influenced the thought and conduct of men through the ages more profoundly than any other force or power, history attests. And that American culture must be built upon the principles of the Book if it is to survive, no one denies. Yet the Bible is denied a place in the work of the public education generally. Why? Because people are more jealous of their sectarian beliefs than they are of the ever-living truth.

The Bible is not a sectarian book; it is a book of principles. For instance, it teaches that there is but one God. It declares that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. It insists upon national as well as individual morality. It holds out the possibility of the forgiveness of sin. In short, the Bible sets forth those basic moral and ethical principles that underlie and uphold all the permanent values of human experience. These principles ought to be inwrought and interwoven in the education of every American child.

Moreover, the great literature of the Bible is incapable of sectarian interpretation. The parable of the Good Samaritan, the Sermon on the Mount, the Ten Commandments, the Trial of Job, the fourteenth chapter of John, and scores of other classic passages are so profoundly true that they have gained universal acceptance. It is only when the Bible is dragged down to the theological and sectarian level that men begin to differ. As a book of moral and ethical principles, as a compendium of the world's choicest literature, as a sublime expression of the profoundest hopes and aspirations of the human heart, as a repository of man's experience of God—the Bible makes the same fundamental appeal to all. And every American child is entitled as a part of his public education to this sort of knowledge and appreciation of the Book.

Opponents of Bible instruction in the public schools claim that the proposal involves necessarily an infringement of religious liberty. But such objectors have in mind the treatment of the Bible on the sectarian and controversial level. No one proposes this. What is desired is that the child shall be grounded in the fundamental truths of Holy Writ, leaving his theological views to be formed by home and church.

Of course, here and there a teacher will give Bible instructions a sectarian slant, but this is an offense against the office of teaching, and not against the principle of Bible instruction. Occasionally teachers give their instruction in political science a partisan bias, but no one argues this fact in favor of barring all instruc-

tion in political science. The teachers of America generally can be trusted to teach the Bible in a non-sectarian way just as we now trust them generally to teach political and social science in a non-partisan way. If the time ever comes that the teachers of America cannot be trusted with religious truth, or political truth, or economic truth, or any kind of truth, the end of American culture is at hand.

If the matter of moral and ethical ideals is so important in education, and if the Bible is the sole source of such idealism, and if the teachers of America can generally be trusted with the truth, then in the name of common sense—not to speak of education and patriotism, ought we not to include a proper amount of Bible instruction in the curriculum of our public school.

If not, what shall we gain, individually and as a nation, if we neglect the better part?

(The School Law of North Dakota states that the Bible "may, at the option of the teacher, be read in school without sectarian comment, not to exceed ten minutes daily." Ed.)

How About Your Schools?

Are the children being taught the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human system? Scientific instruction along this line is required by the state law and was never more needed. Have your teachers taken up the essay contest work? Other children are receiving its benefits—why not yours? Local prizes may be simple and inexpensive but the prize is secondary to the benefit derived. Winning the coveted place brings its own reward in the skill and knowledge acquired in the striving. The State W. C. T. U. continues to award cash prizes as follows:

In senior—junior high school classes, on the topic: "Social Hazards Run by the Drinker"—Award \$10.00. Sophomore—freshmen classes—Topic, "Habit-Forming Drugs a Menace to Health," award—\$8.00. In schools having a senior high and a junior high—the topics are: Senior—"Total Abstinence as an Asset to the Business Man or Woman." Junior—"Shall the Automobile Driver Drink Beer?"

Seventh and Eighth Grades: "Why is Rule G. (of the American Railway Association) Necessary?" Award \$6.00.

Fifth and Sixth Grades: Topic—"Saving Money by Abstaining from Cigarettes." Award—\$5.00. Fourth grade: "Why Beer is Not a Good Drink for Children." Award—\$4.00. References and helps for these essays will be sent free but we shall appreciate it if you will enclose stamps for postage.

While Mrs. J. S. Fattler, state director of this department, is temporarily out of the state, supplies are being handled from the State Headquarters at Fargo. It is desirable that this work be taken up as early in the school term as possible. Encourage your teachers to do it. May we hear from you?

Medal Contest Department

Dear Comrades: Those who attended state convention in Fargo need no urging to keep up courage and carry on. All through the convention the slogan seemed—"Be Not Discouraged" and Rev. H. L. Weiss, in his inspiring convention sermon, let us as his text, "Be of good cheer." Let us in our medal contest work be more diligent than ever before and hopefully spread the truth that "The effects of alcohol cannot be repealed."

Our 1934 plans have just arrived and I pass on some of the high

points. Our national director says: "Even though workers are tremendously handicapped through bank failures, unemployment in the household, facing the herculean task of making one dollar do the work of fifty, and keeping up the family morale, here is the word for an hour like this: "They helped every one his neighbor and EVERY ONE said to his brother, 'Be of good cheer' (Isaiah 41, 6). "And they went every one straight forward" (Ezekiel 1, 12)."

L. T. L. workers will rejoice that a new series of medals is now provided for juniors from six to twelve years of age. Each medal consists of a main medal with provision for the addition of first, second and third bars as they are won. After completion of the junior series, the medalist is eligible to compete for the W. C. T. U. series. Best of all, these medals are cheaper than those now in use. Two new reciters are ready—Nos. 16 and 17, the former with juvenile selections only.

Bible medal contests are stressed, for classes in public school, church school and Daily Vacation Bible schools. An adult Bible class may furnish a medal for children or a Bible medal contest may be entertaining and profitable for a church supper. Begin now to prepare your report for the end of the year by taking note of how many people attend the contest, how many new members gained, amount of money raised and any unusual features. Several contests have already been held this year and more are in course of preparation.

May I hear from all of you?

Yours for service,

Mrs. J. N. Wallestad,

Whelock, N. D.

Light Line Unions Needed

The World's W. C. T. U. Convention will be held in the House of Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden, July 21-25, 1934. Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President World's W. C. T. U., is busy in preparation for this important gathering and hopes the financial situation in our country may improve that the United States may be well represented.

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, our National Treasurer, is also treasurer for the World's W. C. T. U. and writes that funds are greatly needed for the maintenance of the work in those countries that are struggling so bravely to keep the temperance banner afloat. To this end, Mrs. Munns calls on us to push the project of Light Line unions.

Last year only two unions in our state met the requirements, viz: \$5.00 to the World's W. C. T. U. and a Union Signal subscription to a foreign missionary. Can we not do better this year? By helping others we help ourselves. Mrs. Munns adds: "Will you not urge the unions to have a temperance and missions program with all church missionary societies as guests and allow them to share with our members in the Light Line gift rather than taking the money from the all-too-slim treasury?"

Let's do it!

Christmas for the Veterans

Our new state director of Soldiers and Sailors work writes: Dear Co-workers: Christmas will soon be here. It is the time when cheer and good will should be uppermost. Let us think of those who are ill and unable to be out among us and to enjoy the good things of life. I have specially in mind our ex-service men confined in the Veterans Hospital at Fargo. The government supplies the necessary articles of clothing during

their stay in the hospital but they do enjoy home-made candy and will be glad to get Christmas cards and stamps to send to their friends.

Other items like sewing supplies, writing tablets, envelopes, pencils, note books, calendars, toothpaste, shaving soap, puzzles, scrapbooks, and any good reading matter, will be appreciated. There are fifty-two men confined in the hospital at this writing. I urge the unions to remember these boys. It will gladden their hearts and you will be doing much good. Kindly report to the undersigned anything you may do along this line.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. O. Sathre,
State Director.

600 Ave D, Bismarck, N. D.
November 20, 1933.

Stady-Zahl was the first union to pay its entire budget. The money was raised by a food sale, at which time a fine program was presented.

When generous acts bloom from unselfish thought; the Lord is with us though we know it not.—Lucy Larcom.

THE UNION SIGNAL PLAN OF WORK FOR 1934

To be known as the ENDLESS CHAIN OF KNOWLEDGE.

Each of the six state groups will be assigned a color.

The color for each group will be determined by a draw in the Circulation Department of National Headquarters.

The links of the chain will be uniform in size and each will represent a subscription to the Union Signal.

The links may be obtained through the local, county, or state director of the Union Signal.

Every member of the W. C. T. U. may have a personal part in forging this chain by subscribing to the Union Signal.

To become a part of this plan, the date, name of local union, name and address of the subscriber must be written on a link.

No link will be accepted without an order for a Union Signal subscription.

Each group will be given credit for subscriptions sent in from its respective state from January 1, 1934, to October 1, 1934.

The links must be returned promptly to this department so they may be interlinked in to the chain of knowledge.

The completed chain of each group will be taken to national convention in Cleveland, and used in a forceful demonstration.

The success of the demonstration will depend entirely upon the work accomplished during the year.

The plan is competitive as each group should try to have the longest chain.

The map plan will be continued for an exhibit for state and national conventions 1934.

Note: The Union Signal and Young Crusader for Christmas gifts.

The Young Crusader

Answers the question, "What shall I give my young friends?" With its charming stories and peppy anecdotes and with Scamp and Humpy always on the job with their fulsome understanding of child life, this Christmas number promises to excel all precedent, both in appearance and value.

Christmas Combination Salad

Here is a golden opportunity to buy wisely and economically. You may have a year's subscription to both the Union Signal and Young Crusader in a combination order for \$1.25, the only restriction being that both subscriptions must come in at the same time at that rate.

Save worry! Save work! Save car fare! Save wear and tear by mailing direct from your desk an order for a Union Signal and Young Crusader for one year for \$1.25.

Address—Union Signal and Young Crusader, Evanston, Illinois.