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A Little Parable for Mothers

By Temple Bailey

The Young Mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked.

And her guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the Young Mother was happy and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good and the Young Mother cried: "Nothing will ever be better than this."

Then night came, and storm, and the path was dark and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid for you are near and no harm can come." And the Mother said: "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children Courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary and the Mother was weary, but at times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them Courage. Today I have given them Strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil—the children groped and stumbled and the Mother said: "Look up! Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said: "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with Courage. And when the way was hard they helped their Mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and Golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey, and now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone—and their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even

PROMOTED PIONEER MOTHERS



MRS. J. M. JOHNSON



MRS. GEORGE F. CLARK

These two dear friends "were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided." Both stricken with a malignant disease from which they suffered severely for many weary months, yet bravely heroically did they "endure as seeing Him who is invisible." On the afternoon of April 13, Mrs. Clark slipped quietly away to the Better Land and twelve hours later, early in the morning of the 14th Mrs. Johnson joined her in the heavenly Home. Well known and loved throughout the state, they were loyal and earnest supporters of the principles and program of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Both were primarily good mothers.

Mrs. Clark for thirteen years was the faithful promoter of The Union Signal and Young Crusader. Never did she miss an opportunity to tell their worth in the great work of temperance and prohibition to which she was devoted during her long and useful life. In the home, the church and community, her helpful influence was felt. Her children and grandchildren "arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Mrs. Johnson, as vice president of the Fargo Scandinavian union, was a power for good in that large union. Her winsome friendliness and persuasive personality made her appeal irresistible and for several years she reported a gain of twenty new members. When failing health confined her to her room, she used the telephone in the interest of the work she lived. She was especially thoughtful for those in trouble and many a sick or shut-in friend was cheered by her flowers and messages. Her children cherish the precious memory of a loving and devoted mother.

Beautiful and appropriate services were held for these two dear ones.

Mrs. Clark was borne to rest by her grandsons, while at Mrs. Johnson's request, resident state officers and officers of the Fargo Unions served as honorary pallbearers. To the families and friends of these beloved comrades, the North Dakota W. C. T. U. extends affectionate sympathy.

"We will not think of them as gone far from our earthly sight, But living, loving as of old, in God's own realms of light."

when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence."

Cleveland Six HONOR ROLL

Mrs. E. M. Strom, Grand Forks.
Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo.
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown.
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo.

Thousands of Egyptian children are being given a thorough temperance education under W. C. T. U. auspices.

Send Them Onward With A Smile

Do not worry, little mother,
If there're tracks upon the floor;
Years go by—you'll soon be wishing
You could see those tracks once more.

There won't be much satisfaction,
Looking back along the way,
Though we kept our house all shining,
If we scolded every day.

Yes, I know that little garments,
Sadly torn and out of place,
Make it hard for tired mothers—
Hard to wear a smiling face.
But they'll leave the home nest shortly.

Some may fly to foreign lands;
Then your house will be in order,
But you'll sit with folded hands.

So let's all enjoy each minute
Of these lovely childhood days;
Just forget the dust that gathers,
Just enjoy their childish plays,
Yesterday they were but babies,

Now they're with us for a while,
But tomorrow they'll be gone—
Send them onward with a smile.

—Lena G. Fitch.

A Man's Mother

In childhood's hour the little troubled heart
She soothes with kisses and the grief and pain
Of bodily hurts, and answers the long train
Of childish questions by her mother-art.

In youth she holds the sympathetic part
Of counsellor and friend and keeps from stain
The pure young soul about to sail the main

For which no one but Mother holds the chart.
But blessed thrice and infinitely more
Is he who reaches manhood's long rich day

To have his mother still and know her worth;
With understanding love from out the store
Of his maturity he can repay
In fullest part the love that gave him birth.

—Wilson Willard Staver.

Our Sympathy To Mrs. Wanner

Our state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, will be lovingly remembered by all white ribboners in the passing to life eternal of her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Walker, to be with whom she went to Seattle last October. Mr. Walker was a fine Christian gentleman and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was called Home March 29th, after months of suffering, borne with splendid fortitude.

The Endless Chain of Knowledge

Of course you want your name on North Dakota's golden chain to be exhibited at the National convention at Cleveland in November. When your Union Signal subscription is due, if you have not a sufficient number of links in your union, send in your renewal promptly to the North Dakota W. C. T. U. Headquarters at Fargo and your name will be written on a golden-colored link and sent with your renewal to The Union Signal office at Evanston, Ill. Please note when your subscription expires and send it in before that date for you cannot afford to miss a single copy these days.

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MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 13

The Challenge

Florence Jane Owens

"How dreadful!" we say as the newspaper headlines flash us one distressing announcement after another. Burglaries, murders, kidnappings and hold-ups tell pitiful stories of misdirected energy. In the pursuit of happiness misery has been multiplied and all because of an aggregation of mistakes. What a pity!

Is there anything we can do about it? We can help the next generation to make fewer mistakes. How? By giving little boys and girls the opportunity to understand the fundamental principles of wholesome living, now, on their own age level. The kindergarten will help them. The kindergartner has studied children. She knows what is needed in the environment even to the extent of offsetting already budding "headline" characteristics. Most of us are beginning to realize this and so we say, "Good," when we hear that a new class has been opened.

But should we be satisfied with saying, "How dreadful!" with regard to crime, and "Good!" when we hear of a kindergartner being opened? Not if there are children in our own community who are not provided with pregrade classes. Why not take the initiative? Help is obtainable. The National Kindergarten Association, 8 West Fortieth Street, New York City, is always ready to lend posters, or a program for a meeting, to furnish leaflets for distribution and to explain to anyone how to proceed. There is no charge for the service. Not only is every shocking headline a challenge to us but so is every unheralded failure, for it is more than possible that a year in kindergartner might have prevented it.

At Bethel Lutheran church, Grand Forks, members of the Sixteenth district held a successful institute, the district president, Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood, presiding. Mrs. J. P. Reiton led devotions. Mrs. Emma Lunseth presented the department of Evangelistic work and Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Gilby, spoke on Religious Education. These addresses were followed by discussion. The Grand Forks unions entertained at lunch. At the afternoon session, Mrs. Sheppard led devotions and Mrs. E. M. Strom, president of Grand Forks Scandinavian union, who is a "Cleveland Six" gave a report of the Regional Conference at Jamestown. Mmes. Geo. Black, Rasmus Lunseth, E. A. Stoulsland, J. W. Scott and Frances Waggar sang Union Signal songs and Miss Waggar spoke on the merits of the paper. Mrs. S. O. Nelson gave a fine address on The New Crusade. Prof. John Howard, assisted by Mrs. Howard, rendered violin solos; Misses Doris Rechter and Virginia Best sang a duet; Prof. Windahl sang two sacred songs and Mary Margaret French played piano numbers.

The President's Letter

Dear Comrades:

As I start to write this letter, words of the welcome Home call to hear Mrs. J. M. Johnson who has suffered so long; and the day before I heard that our dear and faithful Union Signal promoter, Mrs. Geo. F. Clark, had slipped into the Great Beyond. Each of these dear women was an earnest, faithful Christian temperance worker, and has gone to her reward. Who will rise up and take their places? May God strengthen, comfort and guide the loved ones of each of these dear comrades! Mrs. Johnson won more members for the W. C. T. U. than any one woman that I have known. We trust and hope that her example may be an incentive to many others at this critical and strategic time.

We now have two more on the Cleveland Six honor roll—Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie and myself. Who will be the next? Just now, when even dry, indifferent people are awaking to the serious menace that beer and all alcoholic beverages are fast becoming, is a good time to win them to join us in a concentrated, organized effort to combat these forces of evil. Ask your friends, your neighbors, and enlist the young people as members of your union if you feel that you cannot organize a Y. P. B. Their 50 cent dues count just the same as those of the W. C. T. U., as ten cents in each case are sent to National treasurer. We need their help, their enthusiasm and their influence.

A number of us feel like saying, "I 'old you so!" Even wet papers are frankly admitting what is happening in regard to the liquor traffic. In the Chicago Tribune we read recently of a drive by state and federal officers—"to rid the city of illegal booze." You remember there was to be nothing of that after repeal. The article said: "Children have shocked their parents by boasting of their ability to buy a shot for a nickel at candy stores, in liquor-filled candies. The Mayor of Chicago is said to be giving full cooperation to the officials in their effort to stamp out the sale of un-taxed liquor. This is a different attitude from that taken by the Mayor and two of his predecessors regarding the enforcement of Prohibition. The Chicago Herald Examiner has been printing many stories indicating that liquor dealers are corrupting school children and are paying no attention to laws forbidding the sale of liquor near school houses. They report drunkenness on the increase, saying many more drunks are seen upon the streets, and upon railroad trains than under prohibition, and many more automobile accidents due to intoxicated drivers. Harrisburg, Penn., Statistical Report says: "A gain of 47 per cent is found in accidents caused by intoxicated drivers while intoxicated pedestrians participated in 111 per cent more accidents this year than in 1933."

The editor of the Daily News, St. Paul, recently published some startling facts in regard to conditions now existing in our neighboring city and state. Two reporters were detailed to visit St. Peter's Street, St. Paul and brought back reports which were given in a recent issue of The Union Signal. "Liquor was served to youngsters of any age—no questions asked. One girl, not over 15, had a crying jag. Women of the street came in, time after time, and accosted men at tables. They would ask the men to dance and then would disappear with them. The management seemed to welcome this. When midnight came, every one seemed too busy to notice the time. Vile stories were told aloud. The dancing became obscene.

Policemen came in, paying no attention to conditions nor overtime selling of liquor. Such places abound in St. Paul. Perhaps parents who are apathetic may be interested in some of our city's night spots. Perhaps they may realize that the well-being of their own children is menaced by dens of iniquity open to all."

I am told that we in North Dakota do not need to go out of our own state to see very similar conditions. Some of us attended the meeting of the Consolidated Drys at Valley City April 5 where the two hard liquor bills that are to be voted on at the June primary election were thoroughly discussed. Read the analysis of these bills in another column. Be informed! This discussion brought home to each of us the serious menace of these bills to the welfare of our children, young people and to all the citizens of our beloved state. Can we not profit by the present alarming conditions and those above quoted? Must we drink of the bitter dregs ourselves?

I was much pleased with the interest at the Valley City conference and that the state was so well represented. We are expecting much enthusiastic and constructive work to result therefrom. The personal work will count most so let each of us be "instant in season and out of season," urging all with whom we come in contact, from now until the primary election June 27, to talk and Vote No on both liquor bills.

We are to observe Child Health Day May 1st and National Youth's Week April 28 to May 5. Helen Byrnes recently said: "The millions of youth will do one of two things—they will owe us a debt of gratitude for service rendered in their behalf, in making the nation safe for them and will themselves answer the call to carry on for a liquor-less and warless nation; or—they will be reaping the consequences that come from a period of boozing and debauchery."

Let us be "up and doing," with earnest prayer for success and guidance in its accomplishment, for we are promised that "We shall reap if we faint not."

Loyally yours,
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner
Jamestown, April 16, 1934.

News Notes

The Fifteenth and Twentieth districts are holding their convention May 3, at Sharon and Christine, respectively.

Mmes. Julia D. Nelson, F. A. Landblom, O. H. Kjolrie, E. S. Erdahl and E. H. Steffard of the Fargo Scandinavian union drove to Christine to attend the regular meeting of that union, Mrs. Kjolrie giving an address.

Mayville sponsored the project of a quilt, patterned after the grand prize quilt displayed at the Century of Progress and realized a good sum of money. Essay contests in schools created much interest. Prize essays were read at a P. T. A. meeting when the Rev. A. M. West spoke impressively on the subject—"You can't Repeat the Effects of Alcohol."

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, Makoti, state director Social Morality, was a welcome speaker at a meeting of the Parshall union, at the home of the president, Mrs. E. O. Lerberg. Literature was distributed and Mrs. Erick Johnson appointed local director of the department.

"Nobody uses alcohol as a food for man or animals"—Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago.

National Workers Coming

Mrs. Josephine E. Sizer, former president Minnesota W. C. T. U., well known and loved in our state, will spend the month of May in North Dakota, beginning at Fairmount May 1st. Working in the eastern part of the state, she will visit Wahpeton, speak at the Twentieth district convention May 3 at Christine, stop over at Hunter and spend Sunday, May 6 at Mayville. Hatton comes next and then at Larimore May 8 Mrs. Sizer attends the Sixteenth district convention. Continuing northward, Grafton and Drayton will be visited and the Seventeenth district convention held at Bowesmont, May 11. Other convention dates are, First district at Egeland May 15 and Fourth at Benedict May 17. Second district will meet at Carrington May 18 with other dates to be settled later. Proceeding westward, Mrs. Sizer will next work in Montana.

Miss Mary B. Ervin, of Xenia, Ohio, comes to help us in the campaign against the hard liquor bills and will be with us May 23-June 24. Miss Ervin has been in North Dakota before and did excellent work. She is a popular speaker with young and old and has traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. Her messages are clear, concise and convincing. She will visit our larger towns and speak at special gatherings. Miss Ervin will be a welcome guest during her month of campaign work.

Miss Aubra Dair Williams, representing the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, will be here June 16-28 and will speak in summer schools at State Teachers' Colleges. Through the kind cooperation of Mr. Arthur E. Thompson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Presidents of our State Colleges, this program has been arranged. Miss Williams is a specialist in the work of Alcohol Education and will interest any group. Her dates are as follows: Ellendale, June 19, Valley City, June 20, Dickinson, June 21, Mayville, June 25 and Minot, June 27.

Please Report

Dear Local President:

At the close of the special membership campaign which closes Mother's Day, will you or your secretary or treasurer please report to me the number of new members gained by your union from October 1 to May 13? If you will kindly do this, the expense of writing each one of you to obtain this information will be obviated.

Are you a Cleveland Six? You may be if you try. Some of us who do not consider ourselves "good sellers" have won this distinction. Why not you? There is still time. After May 13 and until the close of our W. C. T. U. year, you may become a Cleveland Six, may wear the beautiful many-colored badge and receive state and national recognition. However, after the close of the special campaign, the state will not be eligible to certain honors accorded those who won the six new members before Mother's Day. See the membership leaflet in explanation. This is a personal appeal to YOU, dear officer. Please report one or more members gained.

Cordially yours,
Barbara H. Wylie.

The New Zealand W. C. T. U. has recently helped to establish children's courts and conducts a home for orphan children.

Treasurer's Report

March 19-April 19

DUES—Fargo Scand. \$28.00; Dickinson 4.20; Sheldon 3.50; Stady-Zahl 7.0; New Rockford 2.10; Christine 4.90; Fargo 1.40; Jamestown 7.00; Grand Forks Scand. 10.50; Wyndmere 2.10; Calvin 7.00; Edinburg 3.50; Bismarck 4.20; Epping 4.20; Ellendale 5.60; Park River 2.10; Willard members, Mrs. Oscar Boyd, Pingree; Mrs. Chris Bettler, Pingree.

BUDGET—Minnewaukan, complete \$6.00; Alamo comp. 10.00; Dickinson 2.00; Sheldon 7.00; Parshall comp. 14.00; Hillsboro 1.20; Grand Forks Scand. comp. 11.50; Underwood comp. 12.00; Calvin 11.00; Bismarck 12.00; Edgeley; 2.00; Ellendale 10.00; Park River comp. 11.25.

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.
1341, 11th Ave. No., Fargo, N. D.

I Belong To The Young People's Branch

TO IDENTIFY myself with an organization whose purpose is: "To unite the young people of the community, state and nation in a christian citizenship program, to build for total abstinence for the individual and sobriety for the nation."

TO PLEDGE myself, and to endeavor to enlist others, to total abstinence from alcohol and other narcotics, and to help make such total abstinence the universal habit of our land.

TO HAVE a part in publishing the facts in relation to the evil effects of alcohol upon the individual and upon the nation.

TO CREATE sentiment in favor of the making, observing and enforcing of laws that protect humanity.

TO HELP enlist young people of home, church, school and society to work for the betterment of the community and to execute a program of awakened interest in and responsibility for citizenship.

TO COOPERATE with every worthy agency working for the welfare of society and the defense of humanity against evils of all kinds.

TO BE AFFILIATED with an organization of young people whose Christian principles are worthy to be promulgated in any community.

—The National W. C. T. U.

His Last Sentence

In his last speech, which was delivered in Philadelphia, John B. Gough's final sentence was, "Young man, keep a clean record."

These words of the temperance orator have weight because as he spoke them he remembered his own young manhood when such a strong appetite for liquor possessed him that he always had to be guarded and on guard. All his life he had to fight this tiger. Is it any wonder that he advised young men to keep a clean record? Those who do not yield to temptation conserve their strength; then it can be used a hundred per cent in serving God.

PROSPERITY—AT LEAST FOR KEELEY INSTITUTE

January and February, 1934, registered respectively 55% and 38% increases in the number of patients at Keeley Institute, Dwight, Illinois, compared for January and February, 1933, according to figures furnished by Secretary Martin Nelson, of the Institute.

A street parade of a thousand children with temperance banners was a feature of the recent W. C. T. U. convention in India.

"Kill The Hard Liquor Bills"

This was the slogan of the North Dakota Consolidated Drys who held their annual meeting at Valley City in April, with 125 delegates from all parts of the state. Included in the organization are the churches, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Federation of Women's Clubs the Parent-Teachers Association, the Gideons and the North Dakota Council of Religious Education. The chief objective at present is to defeat the two initiated measures to be voted on at the June primary election which would repeal all the prohibitor laws on our statute books but one and would raise the alcoholic content of beer to 5.5 per cent. See analysis in another column. Definite plans for a state wide campaign were adopted.

Appearing on the afternoon program were Miss M. Beatrice Johnstone, state president P. T. A., who spoke on "Alcohol and the Home;" Mrs. O. A. Stevens, Fargo, representing Mrs. John Knauf, president of the State Federation; Dr. David Stoeve, State Superintendent Lutheran churches; Rev. C. A. Armstrong, who outlined the plans for the campaign; Dr. James E. Cox and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who analyzed the two hard liquor bills.

Following the dinner, served by the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner presided at the evening meeting. Rev. J. E. Webber, pastor Presbyterian church, Jamestown, brought a challenge to the church. Mr. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary Masonic Grand Lodge, gave a stirring address on "Liquor and Citizenship." He said in part: "Should these hard liquor bills pass, it would mean the debauching of our civic life and the undermining of our citizenry. We must vote against these measures which are primarily for the benefit of those who want financial profit. Nor must we work for their defeat alone but must endeavor to send men to the next legislature who will know what they are there for."

Prof. B. C. Tighe, principal of the Central High School, Fargo, speaking on "Alcohol and the Public Schools" said: "Alcohol has contributed nothing to the onward march of society." Using a chart made by a high school boy, Mr. Tighe demonstrated how alcohol attacks the higher brain cells first. Quoted statistics to show that 99 per cent of drunkards form the habit before they are twenty-one and only eight per cent after they are thirty years of age. As president of the Interscholastic Athletic Association, Mr. Tighe spoke of the opposition of school men to liquor and tobacco in athletics. "The home, the church, the school must contribute to the building of character but only a minority of homes today are fit for children to be raised in" said Mr. Tighe. The schools must resume their obligation and teach the evils of alcohol, if necessary setting aside algebra and Latin that temperance may be taught, the speaker said, and denounced the pernicious plan to finance the education of our children through the sale of liquor.

Officers elected were: President, Dr. James E. Cox, University North Dakota; Vice President, Rev. Henry L. Weiss, Fargo; Secretary, Rev. G. O. Parish, Valley City and Treasurer, Prof. W. B. Thomas, Jamestown College, Jamestown.

"Twenty-five per cent of current motion picture productions are a menace to the nation's youth."—Mrs. August Belmont, at the luncheon of Motion Picture Research Council, New York City.

Know The Truth!

Dear White Ribboners:

As the unions will soon be meeting in their various district conventions I am sending samples of the Citizenship literature to the district presidents. Possibly no department is more important at this time than that of Christian Citizenship. Our concern and thought have never been so acutely directed towards our government as at the present time.

The Citizenship Plan sheet gives this introductory challenge: "Know the Truth," "Bear Witness to the Truth." Through Christian Citizenship effort is made to inculcate the principles of the Sermon on the Mount into government in all its branches. We believe that "Righteousness exalteth a nation" and we cannot but recognize that as a nation we have gone far astray from such principles of practical government today. We cannot fail to recognize that the nullification and repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment marked a departure from the cause of righteousness in government.

Even more serious than the liquor deluge which we now are suffering is the reality that a majority of the people should be of such character and status as to have no greater vision or responsibility. Is it not an expose of the open gate to all profligate vandalism? Never has there been greater need for a patriotism which would know and dare to bear witness to the truth.

Though Dr. Wirt is not within our acquaintance, we admired his statement that "If some one must be sacrificed to awaken the people, it might just as well be me." Any "booming" he is now suffering is the American way of crucifixion. Who does not feel that our America is directed towards a great fall? Possibly it will take the farm control and butter and sugar tax adjustment program to awaken the people, with greater drunkenness and increased accidental mortality statistics. Let us enter more deeply into the study of government, applying the principles of the Sermon on the Mount.

Cordially,

Mrs. Geo. Campbell.

Good Times and Bob

Kenneth, Gerry and Bob were passing a lunch-stand, on their way to school. And Gerry seeing a new sign, read it slowly aloud:

"**BEER—SOLD—HERE.**"

"Yes, they're selling it lots of places now," said Kenneth. "But I don't believe in it; it hurts people."

Gerry swelled up importantly. "Well, my uncle's a lawyer,—he knows,—an' he says this beer's not bad like bootleg stuff; it's not even intoxicating."

Kenneth looked uncertain.

"And I heard him say," went on the other, "that it's helping bring good times back—the tax, you know."

Kenneth did not know. In fact he hadn't heard much about it, except that a tax had been put on beer.

As he hesitated, Gerry asked: "You want good times, don't you?"

"Of course." Money had been too scarce in Kenneth's home not to be sure of that.

"Well, then—"

The third boy, Bob, a little behind the rest, had been taking no part in the talk. But now, coming closer, he suddenly spoke up:

"You say beer brings good times? H'm, 'tain't bringin' good times to our house."

The other boys, surprised into silence, listened closely as he went on, "Daddy's got a good job now, you know, running a truck. And Mother was awful pleased over it,—thought

now we'd have plenty, and could pay up our old bills. But Dad got to stopping sometimes for a glass of beer. Heard him tell a neighbor he needed it when he was working hard.

"But pretty soon," went on the boy, "it must have been more'n a glass. Anyhow, he got to coming home acting sorta strange. And he didn't have much money left for groceries in' things, let alone the old bills. Mother's afraid he'll lose his job, too. She's awful worried."

His voice took on a bitter tone. "And that's why I can't get the new bicycle Dad promised me."

The others nodded soberly. "That's rotten luck," Gerry sympathized.

But Bob was not through. "You think beer's not intoxicating?" he reminded Gerry. "Huh, don't you b'lieve it. It's intoxicating for Dad, all right. Last night he came home—drunk."

The terrible memory brought a quiver to the boy's lips.

The other two walked on thoughtfully. Gerry had no more arguments for beer, and Kenneth knew now that those first arguments were all wrong.

Finally Bob looked up. "They can talk all they please," he finished feelingly, "about beer bringing good times. 'Taint bringing good times for us."

By Agnes Valentine, in The Young Crusader.

The Second Quarterly Temperance Lesson

Dear Co-Workers:

The second National Quarterly Observance of "Temperance Day" in the Sunday School has been set for May 13th.

Since this is Mothers Day, it would perhaps be more fitting to observe the Sunday preceding or following that date, that not only during the worship hour but in the class session definite instruction may be given on temperance.

A leaflet including Primary and Junior, Intermediate and Senior, and Young People and Adult worship services, has been sent to all County Children's Superintendents of the North Dakota Council of Christian Education and District W. C. T. U. Directors of Religious Education, as an announcement of the date, in an effort to contact every school in the state.

Material to be used for that day may be secured through the above Children's Workers or direct from Fargo. In addition to the leaflet outlining the worship services, there may be secured, free upon request, graded stories, material for discussion, a short playlet or pageant "It's Your Country," in which seven young people and a group of children may participate, and other material.

Will you ascertain if your school is planning such an observance during the month of May. It is imperative that Christian people do more thinking and planning to rid our country of this dreadful evil which is in the midst of our youth today. We need your assistance.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. George A. McGregor,
Director of Religious Education,
Fargo, N. D.

"As the women of the Woman's Crusade, 60 years ago, pledged persistent and united effort to suppress the liquor traffic and stood ready for united effort at any renewal of the traffic, so today the Christian women of this nation pledge persistent, determined and united effort to continue the work which they began until ultimate victory is achieved."—Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Vice-President-at-Large, National W. C. T. U.

Digest of the Two Hard Liquor Bills to be Voted on at the Primary Election June 27, 1934

Prepared by
Elizabeth Preston Anderson

1. **The First Initiated Bill:** The hard liquor bill sponsored by Mr. Stone and his associates in Section 1 of Title No. 1 "prohibits saloons" and provides that intoxicating liquor may be served at tables only, or to registered hotel guests in their private rooms. Established drug stores may sell in original packages to be consumed off the premises. Every restaurant or hotel that takes out a license will be a drinking place; every drug store that takes out a license will be a dispensary. The alcoholic content of beer is increased from 3.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent.

Section 3 of Title No. 5 under the caption, "Local Authorities May Limit Number of 'On Sale' Licenses." "The legislative body of any municipality may by ordinance limit the number of 'on sale' licenses for each 500 population." Numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5, provide the "limit" for cities of larger population. The joker is in the words "not less." The minimum number of licenses every town must have is limited, but the only limit to the maximum number is the blue sky. In other words, every town must have a certain number of licenses, but may have any number in excess of that. There is no local option. The people have no voice in the matter. A county or town may be overwhelmingly dry in sentiment but that will avail nothing.

Title No. 6 fixes license fees and taxation. "On Sale" licenses—by the drink for restaurants and hotels—\$300; "Off Sale" licenses—in containers or bottles by drug stores, \$300; club "On Sale" licenses, \$100; railway company licenses, \$300; wholesalers licenses, \$500. Stamp tax on vinous liquors containing more than 10 per cent of alcohol by weight, 20 cents per wine gallon, all alcoholic beverages containing more than 5.5 per cent alcohol by weight, 40 cents per wine gallon. Half the license money goes back to the municipality and half is put into the Liquor Revenue Fund. Of the stamp tax sales, 30 per cent goes to the municipality, 30 per cent to the county, and 40 per cent to the Liquor Revenue Fund.

Out of this Liquor Revenue Fund is paid salary of the Liquor Control Commissioner, \$3,600, a secretary and five inspectors, \$1,800, and office employees (not to exceed five) \$1,200 each, traveling expenses of the Commissioner and his subordinates, equipment of the office, printing, stamps and application blanks, and all necessary administration and enforcement expenses. After all this is paid and the State Treasurer—twice a year, June 1 and December 1—has set aside a surplus of \$5,000, or \$10,000 a year, the unexpended balance, if any, is transferred to the Equalization Fund for Schools of the State.

Renewal. The bill repeals about one hundred laws now on our statute books, wiping out all existing laws pertaining to intoxicating liquor except the recently enacted beer law and the law against drunken driving.

Among the laws repealed are the following: The basic prohibition statute; the law defining intoxicating liquors; the law defining bootlegging; the law prohibiting the sale of liquor to paupers; the law forbidding the treating of minors; the law forbidding publishing of liquor advertisements; the law giving to one injured by an intoxicated person the right to sue the person causing the intoxication.

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cripples enforcement by repealing also the following laws: The States Attorney's Subpoena law which enables states attorneys to use the subpoena for investigative purposes in order to obtain evidence on the basis of which to initiate a prosecution; the law requiring the Attorney General to prosecute on failure of a state attorney; the law authorizing seizure of illegally possessed liquor without waiting to obtain a warrant; the law authorizing the closing of blind pigs through the use of the injunction, thus destroying one of the most effective weapons against the illegal liquor traffic. The sweeping character of this repeal legislation would make the sale of hard liquor as unrestricted and unregulated as the sale of milk except for the restrictions and regulations contained in the measure.

Penalty. Section 2 of Title No. 10 providing the penalty for first offense is a fine not to exceed \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment; for second or subsequent offenses, a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed one year or both such fine and imprisonment. The joker is in the words "not to exceed," thus limiting the maximum penalty, but not the minimum penalty. A sympathetic judge under this provision may fine the offender for the fifth or the fiftieth offense one dollar or imprison him for one hour.

II. **The Second Initiated Bill:** The "Local Option-Anti-Monopoly Bill" provides that "any person, partnership, association, civic or commercial club may sell hard liquor by the glass." This permits saloons of any kind, everywhere.

The license fees are as follows: Retail state license, \$50; Railroads, \$500; wholesale state license, \$500; distillery, no license; half the products used must be grown in the state; municipal retail license not less than \$100 or more than \$500. Stamp tax on vinous liquors same as in first measure except that all vinous liquors containing 10 per cent of alcohol more or less is taxed ten cents only, per wine gallon. The Liquor Revenue Fund every three months, is divided, 50 per cent paid to the school districts. Out of the remaining 50 per cent the expenses of administration of the law are paid and the balance, if any, remains the property of the state. The administration is placed in the hands of the Beer Commissioner, unless the Legislature makes other provision.

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The biggest "joker" in this bill is the local option feature. It does not apply to wholesale houses or to distilleries. It provides that upon petition of a majority of the voters of a municipality an election may be held as to "whether the sale shall continue." This makes it necessary for a town to have the sale of liquor first before it can vote on the question. There is no provision for a dry town to vote to continue dry. The intent of this bill, as well as of the first measure, is that every town in North Dakota must have the sale of hard liquor.

This bill provides for the widest possible sale of hard liquor by every one, restricted only to the "business district" of a municipality, which district is defined by the governing board of a municipality. \$1,000 is appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.

Repeat. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this bill are repealed.

Penalty. The first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment. The sec-

ond or two hundredth offense is still a misdemeanor with the same penalty except that the license may be revoked.

If these were good measures the penalties would make them worthless. These bills are not in the interests of better moral or financial conditions. They contain many "jokers" and are cunningly worded to deceive the voter. A most vicious and reprehensible feature of both bills is the attempt to link the sale of hard liquor with the schools of our state. We believe all good citizens, whatever their views on the beverage sale of alcohol, will when they understand these iniquitous measures, rally to the polls June 27 and protect the children and youth of our state by voting "NO" on both hard liquor bills.

The Influence of One Good Mother

In the life of Susannah Wesley we have fulfilled the prophecy of Proverbs 31:10 and 25-31, which is an excellent scripture lesson for Mother's Day. Back of the career of every great man lies the life and the influence of a good mother. Back of the career and the life of John Wesley stands in wondrous beauty the life of his sainted mother, Susannah Wesley.

It is interesting to study the home life of this good woman. The center of her home life was her Bible and her God. With all the cares of motherhood—for she had nineteen children—she still had regular hours for the teaching and training of her children. She alone was their teacher until they were ten years old. She held regular school sessions from 9 till 12 in the morning and 2 till 5 in the afternoon. School was opened and closed with song. It is said that she was a strict disciplinarian; a child never received a thing for which it cried and at the early age of one year the children were taught to cry softly in order that they would not disturb the rest of the household. Meals she served at regular hours and the children were not permitted to eat between meals. She had a family altar. The household assembled for evening prayer and worship and the children went to bed at 8:00 o'clock. In addition to all this, each week she spent an hour alone with each child in religious conversation and prayer.

The influence of Susannah Wesley aroused the enmity of ruffians. On one occasion they attempted to burn the rectory but failed. Later they did succeed in burning it to the ground. The rectory was used as the school, the church and the home. Still she did not lose faith or courage.

The home and the woman about whom I am speaking existed and lived 250 years ago, and, strange to say, today we are speaking of and thinking about that home. How tremendous the influence of Susannah Wesley to span these 250 years! Thus every home and every mother has some sort of influence that lives through the centuries. Suppose there had been 1000 homes of the Susannah Wesley type in England 250 years ago and each home wielded as much influence as her home did and does. Do you not think that the world would be a lot better than it is today?

The need in America today is Christian homes of the Susannah Wesley type. We must rebuild the family altars. History proves that the foundation of our Christian civilization is the family. All the elements and conditions required to build and develop an honorable, upright life are found or should be found in the home. There is taught the first lessons of obedience to constituted authority. Susannah Wesley has proven that the real home enshrines love, service and devotion to the Christian ideal.

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