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### Always Shining

By John Oxenham

Not once since the world began  
Has the sun ever once stopped shining.  
His face very often we could not see,  
And we grumbled about his inconsistency,  
But the clouds were really to blame,  
Not he,  
For behind them he was shining.  
And so behind life's darkest clouds  
God's love is always shining.  
We veil it at times with our faithless fears  
And darken it at times with our foolish tears;  
But in time the atmosphere always clears,  
For His love is always shining.

### Sunday Movies

On November 6 the question of legalizing Sunday Movies will again be on the ballot. Over and over again the people of North Dakota have voted down this proposition. It seems strange that the motion picture interests should initiate this measure at a time when the whole Christian world is stirred as never before over the KIND of pictures which are being shown six days of the week. People are awakening to the fact that there is a very direct relationship between the crime and sex stuff portrayed by the movies and the appalling wave of crime and immorality which threatens to engulf our civilization.

The Child Welfare committee of the League of Nations analyzed 250 films and found in them "97 murders, 51 cases of adultery, 19 seductions, 22 abductions and 45 suicides." Educators tell us that what a child sees affects him more profoundly than what he hears. The average American school child attends the movies once or twice a week; practically every child in the United States is exposed to this baneful influence.

Attempts to clean up the movies thus far have not been successful. This is probably due to the fact that the motion picture industry is owned by a few giant corporations. They buy up great strings of local theaters and compel them to take the pictures which they manufacture. The local theatre manager must not only buy his pictures in blocks, the good with the bad, but he must also buy them before they are produced, knowing nothing about them. These systems of buying up local theatres, block booking and blind booking, place the local exhibitors at the mercy of these corporations. THESE CORPORATIONS DO NOT EVEN PAY TAXES IN NORTH DAKOTA.

The repeated attempt to increase the revenues of this business by Sunday shows, thus commercializing the American Sabbath, is awakening the people still more to the dangerous

aspects of the motion picture industry. Very appropriately this measure and the bill repealing all prohibition enforcement and regulatory liquor laws, which will permit any one to sell any kind of hard liquor, at any time, anywhere, will be voted on at the same time. They are closely related and both begotten by selfishness and greed.

Those who wish to protect our children and youth and to preserve the moral integrity of our state will go to the polls November 6 and vote "NO" on both the Sunday Movies and the wide open repeal bill.  
—Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

### New Plans In Alcohol Education

Cutlines and Aids for Alcohol Education and Plans for Recognition of

senting brief statements of the social program of our organization.

While the old form of essay contest has been discontinued, the poster contest is advocated by the state W. C. T. U. and prizes for posters will be awarded as formerly. It is hoped that the new plans for achievement projects may reach every pupil. Write: Mrs. Fattlar today.

### A WARNING TO GIRLS

Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming made the following statement based upon Government reports:  
"The cigarette habit indulged in by women tends to cause nervousness and insomnia. If American women generally contract the habit, as reports now indicate they are doing, the entire American nation will suffer. The physical tone of the whole

### Thanksgiving

For all things beautiful and good and true;  
For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;  
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will  
That chastened, tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;  
For things unnumbered, that we take of right,  
And value first whene'er they are withheld;  
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;  
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;  
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;  
For vision of the Worker in the work;  
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere;  
We thank Thee, Lord.  
—John Oxenham.

### A Call To Prayer!

The national W. C. T. U. issues a call to prayer for October 30, in preparation for its 60th anniversary Convention in the city of its birth—Cleveland, Ohio. Special prayer is asked for home and childhood; for elections Nov. 6, that state prohibition laws may be retained; for election of law-abiding, high-charactered statement; for the intelligent participation of our citizenry; for our Nation in all its needs and for the National convention, that it may be "a Pentecost of power, sending the organization out, prepared of God to overcome the evil of drink."

If this notice reaches you in time, we trust you will join with comrades all over the nation in this observance. In any case, let us be much in prayer all these days, with special reference to November 1, the day designated at our state convention for prayer for our own state.

### Welcome, New Leaders!

We are glad to welcome Mrs. John Pehrson, Alamo, as our new state vice president, Mrs. H. J. Perry, Hillsboro, as associate L. T. L. secretary, Mrs. E. C. Watkins, Fargo, as director Flower Mission and Relief work and Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, as Publicity director. The circulation of The Union Signal will be promoted from State Headquarters. We bespeak for these new leaders your hearty cooperation.

The capacity of RECEIVING pleasure from COMMON THINGS is one of the SECRETS of a HAPPY LIFE.

All liquids seek the lowest level; alcohol takes the drinker with it.

Master or servant? Keep alcohol in its place.

## Help Get Out The Vote

Initiated Bills For

## Prohibition Repeal & Sunday Movies

Must be Defeated

## VOTE "NO" ON BOTH MEASURES

## NOVEMBER 6

Let Us Work, Pray and Vote

Achievement Projects have been prepared by the national director, Miss Bertha R. Palmer, and take the place of the former Subjects and Suggestions for Essay contests. The plan is meeting with general approval while a few regret the passing of cash prizes. The plan must be worked to get results. These outlines, together with the Syllabus on which they are founded, are in the hands of the state director of this department, Mrs. J.S. Fattlar, Fairdale. The leaflets are free but the Syllabus is 20 cents. Each teacher should be provided with a copy of the Syllabus.

1. Study the Plan. Find answers to the questions which occur to you.
2. Put outlines in hands of teachers. Discuss the need for this work and the incentives.
3. Find what reference material is available. Provide the Union Signal for use of teachers.
4. Keep in touch with the work done and report instances of success or constructive criticism.

National Education week is Nov. 5-11. Call on your school superintendent and offer to cooperate by pre-

nation will be lowered. This is one of the most evil influences in American life to-day. The number of American women who are smoking cigarettes is amazing. The habit harms a woman more than it does a man. The woman's nervous system is more highly organized than the man's. The reaction, therefore, is more intense, ruining her complexion, causing it to become gradually yellow and ashen."

### FIGHT ON!

"First and last I am a soldier in the great conflict against sorrow and sin and shame. In the front line of this warfare I have given all my life. It is here that I shall render my last service, and after years of experience, I think I know the difference between a winning and a losing fight. The fight against drink can only end in one way, and that way is victory."—Evangeline Booth.

Alcohol joys are brief—the results often long and lasting.

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### THE REAL PUNCH

An English brewery has been using a poster which shows a stalwart young man holding a glass of beer in one hand while the other arm is drawn back, with clenched fist, as if to strike a blow. The caption is, **THE BEER WITH A PUNCH IN IT.**

Two poorly dressed women stopped to look at it, and one read aloud slowly, "The-beer-with-a-punch-in-it." The other, whose face was bruised and scarred, said wearily, "Don't I know it!"

—Adapted from The British Temperance Advocate

## The President's Annual Address

(Concluded)

During recent World's convention many sister countries told of help received from our prohibition and grieved over the repeal—not only for us but for what our loss meant to them.

We must teach our youth "the glorious intoxication of the real wines of life"—of reading, out-door sports and adventures, of courageous attacks upon social evils, of clean, wholesome friendship, of loyal love of intellectual discovery, of constant partnership with God, in making the world a part of the Kingdom of Heaven—then they will not feel the need of artificial wines to fill them with false joys. We need to say "do" more often than "don't." We need to keep our nerves and bodies at tip-top efficiency at all times. The demands of a new day require that we abstain. Athletics help our young people to learn that their bodies and minds must be kept clean and fit. Roy S. Smith—before writing his helpful book on "John Barleycorn, Public Enemy"—wrote to a large number of our most famous coaches, asking their opinions in regard to alcohol and athletics. Every coach disapproved of its use. The well known coach, Alonza Stagg, (for so many years Chicago U coach) said "most social drinking is a matter of lack of courage to think for himself. People have not the back-bone to stand their ground and refuse. I think that that cowardice is more shameful than drinking itself." Throw this challenge to our young people. It is hard to stand "dare to be a Daniel," but if we make the right appeal, in the right manner, our young people and children will stand for the temperance cause. So much depends on us. Are you informed? Are you reading our Union Signal? Are you ready to meet the wet propaganda with facts? Do you know that during the twelve years of Prohibition, taking no account of the case in which alcoholism was a major contributory cause of death, the reduced death rate resulting from alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver, resulted in the saving of 90,000 lives, nearly three-fourths the number of American soldiers who were killed in action, or died of diseases or wounds, during the World War? Measured in destruction of American lives, the return of legal liquor will equal a World War, every seventeen years.

The Internal Revenue Records for the city of Washington, show that for the month of May, 1933, 15,605 bbls. of beer were sold in our nation's capital. The tax of \$5.00 per bbl. brought payment of \$78,025, which fact the papers freely broadcast. But—they didn't mention that the retailers collected approximately \$546,175 from consumers. Thus, for every dollar paid in by brewer to balance our nation's budget—\$7.00 was paid out by the drinker to balance his budget. Not so good. The Good Book says "no man liveth to himself alone." The Washington Daily Times (Wet) carried this item, "the station houses of the police courts of District were jammed when a new time record for arrests was rolled up, over the week end. 525 Washington citizens found themselves in custody. Of this number 211 were charged with drunkenness." Crime and drunkenness to offset \$75,025 in taxes! The commercial results also were startling. The money that was spent for beer, in Washington, for that one month—would have paid for 300,000 lbs. of ham or bacon at 15 cents per lb.; 10,000 bu. of potatoes at \$1.00 per bu.; 40,000 doz. eggs at 21 cents per doz.; half a million loaves of bread at 7 cents per loaf; 100,000 cans of fruit

and vegetables at 22 cents per can; and 50,000 cans of fish at 25 cents per can. That totals \$132,900 loss to farmers, grocers and canneries. There still would be money left to buy half a million qts. of milk at 11 cents per qt.; 100,000 lbs. butter at 25 cents per lb. and 40,000 baskets vegetables at 75 cents per basket, which totals \$110,000 spent with brewer instead of with dairymen and truck farmer. But—there still would be money left for 5000 pairs shoes at \$5 per pair; 2000 men's suits at \$25 per suit; 5000 women's dresses at \$12; 10,000 hats at \$3.00; 150,000 doz. oranges at 30 cents per doz.; 300,000 gallons gasoline at 14 cents—making \$252,000 or a total of \$494,900 for the three groups. That still leaves \$51,275 of the \$546,175 spent for beer—to be spent for jack-knives, theatre tickets, kitchen utensils, shirts, soda water, magazines, chewing gum, neckties, candy, tennis balls and other necessities and frivolities—all spent on beer in the city of Washington, in ONE month. More than a half a million dollars in a single month, going to Boozee Barons and their agents, instead of to farmers, merchants and to workers in Washington and vicinity. These are startling but accurate figures. We need to "Stop! Look! and Listen!" Henry Ford was right when he said, "the liquor business makes a few people very rich and a good many people very poor." And again, as I said, in our own beloved state, the Wets are not satisfied to sell beer, WHICH sales take from desirable business—but, are trying, at coming election to initiate a bill that will open wide the gates and flood our state with all kinds of liquor. Christian temperance men and women of North Dakota—we MUST stand together, get out the voters, and say "God helping me—They shall not pass."

### Sabbath

Since the Ten Commandments were given us, one of which says "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," Christians have felt the need for one day of rest and inspiration. In these days of commercialism, pleasure-seeking, legalized amusements, stores more and more open on Sunday, selling anything from gas to beer, it is hard to find the Sabbath quiet. God's people, everywhere, ought to desist from buying or selling on the Lord's Day, and ought to create a greater respect for Sabbath worship, quiet and rest. Legalized amusements stand in direct opposition to God's Word—as He told Moses, "For ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you."

Is our Sabbath now a holy day or a holiday? Commercialized amusements engender a spirit contrary to reverence, and therefore are detrimental to Sabbath observance. Let us work and pray that we may keep our state from legalized Sunday movies. We are glad that our Catholic, Jewish and Protestant friends are rallying to our support for better movies, for which our W. C. T. U. has been working, for years. We are encouraged to feel that this cooperation will soon and effectively bring home to moving picture producers their responsibility for taking immediate steps to elevate the moral standards of pictures.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, meeting in Little Rock, Ark., in May, cheered and strengthened us by the very strong and decided resolutions which they passed—"strongly opposing the saloon under any name and favoring instruction in the public school of the country calling attention to the evil effects of beverage alcohol" and "we work for the Federal legislation which will prevent the continuation of these practices (movie blind buying and block system) and to secure a more careful selection and treatment of subject

material used in process of production." We believe that the Wets have over-stepped, in their wet propaganda, and advertising, until they have aroused opposing interest and action among many groups of men and women all over our nation. Certainly the P. T. A. and W. C. T. U. should work together closely—having one common background—Mother love. Frances Willard said, "Mother love can work magic, but organized mother love can work miracles."

Two dangerous, outstanding forces, in use by liquor interests of today, are the advertising campaigns, which are directed toward women and children, and the establishment of a psychology that there "is no harm in wine and beer." We must not forget that all the warnings were against wine and beer, in the Old Testament—as distillation was unknown until 1100 years after Christ. "We will NOT quit—until the Liquor Traffic quits."

### Peace

The W. C. T. U. was a pioneer in Peace, as it was Frances Willard who said, "The time to work for Peace is when there is no war." Our department for Peace was adopted before 1892. A world-wide "Peace Day" was recommended by Mrs. Boole and adopted at the recent World's Convention—date to be decided upon by the executive committee. It is only by thinking Peace, working, talking and praying for Peace that arbitration will ever take the place of armaments and Christian countries be truly Christ-like. Cardinal Mercier said, "alcohol kills more men than war—but war, at least kills them honorably." "To make plenty of work for some of these fine young physicians, who have recently graduated and are finding rather hard sledding—start the epidemic of small-pox as it once was in our country. Why should we use anti-toxin to save life and the spread of diphtheria? That would make work for hospitals, nurses, doctors, druggists and undertakers. The pure food laws, also, might be done away with, narcotic laws also allowing "dope peddlers" to have more work. Come to think of it, there are a lot of laws, if repealed, would make more work, everyone of them as logical, as to repeal the prohibition law to make more work."

We still believe that "Prohibition is the best method yet tried." Repeal has made our work harder and emboldened the West—we have lost a skirmish, but "No question is settled until it is settled right." It can never be considered right for any government to license a wrong.

It will be a big task to lift the moral purpose of the people, to enable the nation to constitutionally and permanently banish the liquor traffic,—but, IT IS AN OBJECTIVE WORTH WORKING FOR! It will challenge and develop the best that is in us.

The future of civilization is at stake. With our splendid educational program—for the children and youth, the W. C. T. U. of our State will work against alcohol and all its attending evils, with the same faith, courage and devotion that was shown by our Crusade mothers—just 60 years ago.

"Carpenter of Nazareth,  
Builder of life divine,  
Who shapest man to God's own law,  
Thyself the fair Design,  
Build us a tower of Christ-like height,

That we the land may view,  
And see like Thee our noblest work,  
Our Father's work to do.  
O thou who dost the vision send  
And givest each his task,  
And with the task sufficient strength,  
Show us Thy will, we ask;  
Give us a conscience bold and good,  
Give us a purpose true,  
That it may be our highest joy  
Our Father's work to do."

## Treasurer's Report For Year 1933-1934

Mrs. R. B. Reed	
Balance in bank Sept. 30, 1933	\$ 51.56
Bonds	2,000.00
Cash in savings account	290.31
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$2,341.87</b>
Receipts	
Women's dues	\$1,115.80
Willard dues	19.00
Y. P. B. dues	6.00
L. T. L. dues	21.00
<b>Total dues</b>	<b>\$1,161.80</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$1,169.59</b>
L. L. Unions	15.00
District pledges	80.00
Convention fees	71.00
Field collections	141.40
Convention collections	47.49
Mid-year collections	10.74
Memorial members	20.00
State reports sold	9.50
W. R. B. subscriptions	.50
Anna Gordon Mis. fund	3.00
Medals	24.90
Interest received on bonds	100.00
Interest received on savings	11.01
Interest accrued on savings	3.29
Miscellaneous receipts	172.38
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$5,383.47</b>
Disbursements	
Headquarters expense	\$1,049.56
White Ribbon Bulletin	482.29
Literature	112.19
Postage	118.02
Bank charges	14.69
Printing & supplies	218.75
Field work	313.13
National Women's dues	162.00
Y. P. B. dues	1.70
L. T. L. dues	10.50
Light Line unions	15.00
Expenses State Mid-year convention	47.65
Appropriations for state officers	462.50
Prizes, Efficiency Superintendents, Essays	77.10
Medals	33.38
Refund memorial member	5.00
Willard Memorial	68.00
Stevens legislative	34.00
World's L. T. L. missionary fund	3.00
Miscellaneous	84.06
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$3,312.52</b>
Balance in Bank	317.66
Bonds	1,500.00
Balance in savings acct.	253.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,070.95</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$5,383.47</b>

North Dakota W. C. T. U.

I have examined the books of your treasurer and find them in balance. I have reconciled bank statements with books and with treasurer's report and find the same correct.

Respectfully,  
Geo. T. Standish, Auditor.  
Fargo, N. D., Oct. 2, 1934.

## The Year In Review

Excerpts from the Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Our loyal members have worked bravely during the year—one of the most difficult in our history. A few have asked, "What's the use? Why continue?" forgetting that we enlisted for the period of the war against the liquor traffic. As followers of those who, sixty years ago, "kneled in the snow and the sleet" before saloons, to start this great Crusade, we are more than ever determined "We will not quit till the liquor traffic quits."

Reviewing field work by state and national workers and cooperation with Consolidated Drys, the 14 dis-

trict conventions were reported and three new district presidents welcomed, Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot, Mrs. J. A. Youngman, Dickey and Miss Effie Walch, Reeder. "We greatly regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mielke and their family to Minneapolis. Mrs. Mielke was for 15 years the president of the Fourth district and for the past year our state vice president. She has been a constant inspiration and help to us all."

The honor of a "Cleveland Six" was won by ten women—Mmes. E. M. Strom, Grand Forks; Kate S. Wilder and Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo; Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown; P. J. Foss, Stady-Zahl; Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Sheldon; C. F. Truax, Minot; Gladys Pearson, Glover; H. E. Mielke, Ryder and F. W. Gress, Underwood. One hundred and thirteen new members were reported in all. Sympathy was expressed for the state L. T. L. secretary, Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, in the recent Home-going of her husband.

A report on the White Ribbon Bulletin and the observance of special days followed and the report continued: "Alcohol Education, for old and young, is our watchword. We must tell every one what alcohol is and what it does. Instruction on this subject was given by competent teachers at the young people's institutes of the various churches this summer. Miss Palmer's Syllabus in Alcohol Education was the text book. This valuable publication has been placed in many schools and colleges and is much in demand." Department work was mentioned. "Our new department of Religious Education includes work in Sunday Schools, and week day Bible schools, as well as Bible reading in the public schools. Mrs. Geo. A. McGregor, director of this department, holds a similar position with the North Dakota Council of Religious Education and has very actively promoted the work. All state directors have done some work in their different departments and make their own reports.

Then followed a list of special achievements by the different unions which will be given in the State Report.

**Banner Unions:** Alamo, Crosby, Devils Lake, Dickey, Fargo, Fargo Scandinavian, Gilby, Grand Forks, Hatton, Makoti, Minot, Northwood, Parshall, Preston, Prosper, Sheldon and Stady-Zahl.

**Banner Districts:** Fourth, Fifth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth. The Thirteenth and Sixteenth tied for the loving cup, all unions in each district reporting to the corresponding secretary before state convention. Grand Forks Scandinavian union made the largest increase in membership and Jamestown the largest increase per cent. These unions each received three prize subscriptions to the Union Signal. Van Hook had the largest paid Y. P. B. membership and Northwood the largest L. T. L. membership. The latter was given six prize Young Crusaders.

Twenty-seven unions have reached their Union Signal quota—one-sixth of the members subscribing. Fifteen unions have no Union Signal subscribers. Forty-one unions paid complete budget and forty-one were hold-fast unions. Of the latter, twenty-one made some gain in membership.

B. H. W.

## SHALL I?

The voice of Experience says, "You can get all the real joy of life without alcoholic indulgence." The voice of Medical Science says, "You must abstain if you would realize the highest degree of mental and physical efficiency." The voice of Conscience emphatically says, "You ought to abstain for the sake of others."

Courtenay C. Weeks,  
The Tribune, Capetown.

## A Newspaper Turns Temperance Bigot

To those who are watching the figures, there is appalling meaning in the mounting statistics of arrests for drunken driving throughout the country. At the convention of the International association of chiefs of police, held in Washington last week, records revealed that such arrests have increased, since repeal, 25 per cent in New York, 37 per cent in Massachusetts, 300 per cent in Philadelphia, 27 per cent in Trenton, 42 per cent in Washington, and 479 per cent in Los Angeles. At the same time, however, there comes from Independence, Kansas, an account of the unorthodox but highly effective method which the newspaper in that city is using to rid its streets of drunken drivers. When a citizen of Independence is arrested for drunken driving his first thought is likely to be an appeal to the local paper, the Independence Reporter, to keep the matter out of its columns. Whereupon the editor places before the favor-seeking driver this pledge:

The undersigned, having been arrested for drunkenness and fined in the police court of Independence, wishes to have no mention made of the incident in the Daily Reporter. In case no mention is made of this incident we promise to do our best to leave liquor alone, and in event that we do not and we get into police court again for reason of "breaking over," then the Reporter has our consent in advance to publish a news story concerning the same, as well as to mention the particulars of the case which caused us to sign this pledge, and likewise the fact that we signed it.

More than a hundred citizens of Independence have signed this pledge up to date. Only three have broken it. In all three cases the newspaper kept its word, and the full story was given to the community. So far, the manager of the paper informs Editor & Publisher, "we have not had a kick-back." May there be other editors who are willing to run the risk of interfering with the personal liberty of some of their readers and advertisers for the sake of protecting their community against this new destruction that wasteth at noonday, and during most of the other 24 hours as well?

—Christian Century.

## Red Cross Adapts Case Work to Emergency Conditions

Officers and staff workers of the American Red Cross are instructed in methods of case work adapted to meet the needs for family relief during the emergency period which at present taxes all social service facilities to their utmost capacity for service.

A definition of case work is given by J. Blain Gwin, who is assistant director of Civilian Home Service for the Red Cross, and who is well known as a lecturer and social service worker.

"Good case work has for its purpose the development of the capacity of the individual to handle his own problems. It is social work with special emphasis on the needs of families in their homes. The most efficient relief workers use case work methods, but the purpose of case work goes deeper than the distribution of relief. Case workers have developed through long experience methods of dealing with people which enable them to find a way through their difficulties and move ahead in their own stream."

Red Cross workers, both volunteer and paid, have placed their knowledge

and experience at the service of unemployed committees and public relief agencies during the entire period of unemployment. They have helped to develop in the public an understanding of the need for adequate relief funds and for efficiency in relief administration. Red Cross workers have been found to be specially helpful in many communities because they have had a close association with people in all parts of their counties who are dealing with family relief problems. They have continued their use of case work methods, but have helped to adapt them to the emergency situation.

Civilian home service, like all other phases of the Red Cross program, is financed from the membership dues which are paid in each year during the membership roll call, which opens on Armistice Day.

## "That Kindergarten"

A postman, his face wreathed in smiles, recently entered the private office of the Executive Secretary of the National Kindergarten Association.

"Did you teach at the kindergarten on Court Street, Brooklyn, Miss Locke?" he asked eagerly.

"No. It was Mrs. Ada M. Locke that taught the Court Street kindergarten," she answered in surprise, "but I collected the money that opened it and that supported it during its early years."

"I went to that kindergarten," he said happily, "and so did my brother and sister."

Time passes swiftly. The boy of five is soon the grown up man. At five his attitudes and habits are forming. His elders have the opportunity then, to decide for him whether the influences to which he is subjected shall be in favor of strength or weakness, of honesty or criminality.

The mother and father can help both son and daughter in the home, if they will take the trouble to learn how. It is an art in which one is not born well-skilled; earnest application is necessary. The kindergarten has spent much time preparing herself to understand children of kindergarten age, and so, anyone living in a community where no class has been established will confer lasting benefits by working to get one opened. Advice, with regard to procedure, and attractive educational and publicity material on the subject can always be obtained without charge from Mrs. Roe Momyer, Larimore, North Dakota. Why not start the project at once? Some day you may be much gladened to have an honest man say to you: "I went to that kindergarten!"

—Florence Jane Ovens.

## WE CHALLENGE THE WETS!

We Challenge the Wets to solve the liquor problem with anything better than total abstinence.

We Challenge the Wets to produce a better educational program than the facts concerning alcohol as divulged by science.

We Challenge the Wets to substitute something better than law observance.

We Challenge them to produce a program of liquor regulation which liquor men will obey and which can be guaranteed as a remedy for drunkenness, vice, lawlessness, corruption, and waste.

For 13 years the wets have sneered at prohibition: What Have They to Offer?

ONE man who WILL is worth more than TEN who MUST.

## New Membership Plans

Adopted at State Convention

### Membership Campaign—1935 Seedtime and Harvest

**Surveying the Field**—"He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. II Cor. 9:6.

Preparing the Soil, February 17-18 inclusive. (Distribution of literature). Sowing and Reaping. The months of March, April and May. The Song of the Reapers. "Go You Forth and Seed be Sowing" "Go Work in My Vineyard" or "Sowing the Seed." The Harvest. An Increased Membership. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Isaiah 54:2.

### Harvesters

**Gleaner**—A white-ribboner who secures one or more new members.

**Ruth**—A white-ribboner who secures five new members.

**Naomi**—A white ribboner who organizes an Iota Sigma WCTU or Young People's Branch.

### Fruitful Unions

Any union paying dues by June first on a larger number of members than the previous year, shall be known as a Fruitful Union and given Honorable Mention in the Annual Report and listed in the Union Signal.

### Iota Sigma

The Greek initial letters of two Greek words meaning: To prevail with sound mind.

**What it is**—An Iota Sigma WCTU is made up of the younger women in the community—not the young people who belong in the Young People's Branch—but the older group of young married, business and professional women. These younger women will do more active work if they can have an organization of their own.

**Membership Requirements**—Regular WCTU Requirements—Total Abstinence Pledge and Dues.

**Organization**—Secure Organizer's Packet from National WCTU, Evanston, Illinois (50c).

**Meetings**—Time (Luncheon, afternoon or evening), place, and number of meetings a month, to be decided by the members.

At one of the first meetings of the Iota Sigma, departments will be selected. The following are especially recommended for groups of Iota Sigma age:

Christian Citizenship.

Child Welfare.

Evangelistic.

Parliamentary Usage.

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

A specific program will be built and work promoted more efficiently through directors, each of whom will "major" in the interest and work of a department.

A program chairman should be appointed, who with her committee, will plan interesting meetings. (See Topical Program in Packet.)

**Equipment** for an Iota Sigma should consist of:

**Union Signal**—A Journal of Social Welfare—Weekly, \$1.00 per year.

**Monthly Budget of Publications**—Newest leaflets by mail at your door. \$1.00 per year.

**Song Sheets**—Songs for general use. Nominal price.

**Catalog of Publications** lists necessary equipment for entire program and procedure. Plays, literature and books listed which give valuable material for programs.

Moderate drinking is slow poison, and slow poison is surest.

## A Challenge to Culture

By Dr. W. Wofford T. Duncan

Women are the centers of social culture. If women are not refined men will not be. The aesthetic life centers about womankind. Every form of life which desires elevation seeks the patronage of women. When, a few years ago, some women were induced to attend a prize fight, the fact was heralded far and wide. It was a piece of propaganda by which the promoters sought to remove the reproach of vulgarity which normally attaches to that type of sport. So in a higher realm cocoonation has been regarded as a means of developing an atmosphere of refinement in collegiate life which might not attach to an institution in which the student body was made up exclusively of men.

Now comes the liquor traffic. It has been under the ban for many years. To patronize speakeasies and to drink bootleg liquor, however popularized, has been regarded as coarse, and cultured women jeopardized their reputation for refinement when they participated in drinking parties. Now that the business has emerged from illegality, it is seeking to regain whatever of respectability it had when drinking was practically without restriction, but it cannot reach the realm of respectability in social life unless it shall capture the approval of women. They have it in their power to say whether this business, which all history shows to have been disreputable, shall be encouraged in circles of social refinement.

A drunken woman represents zero in the social thermometer. No woman who makes any pretense to culture would think for a moment of apologizing for such a spectacle. Yet is it the part of culture to provide for that which inevitably leads to some degree of intoxication among ladies? Of course the answer will be that moderate drinking among women is entirely consistent with culture, but let us see. What does alcohol do? It does that which leads some people to believe it is a necessary accompaniment of social enjoyment. It tends to remove formality from among the guests. The reticent lose their self-consciousness. The nontalkative discover new powers of conversation. The bashful become leaders, and the serious enter into the gaiety of the occasion with good cheer. All this seems very desirable, and hostesses come to think that alcohol is their ally in promoting sociability and in making their function a social success.

There is, however, another side to the picture. Let us ask what has happened to the guests since they partook of the alcoholic punch? Has a healthy stimulation of their mental and social powers taken place and are they more truly cultured ladies and gentlemen than they were? Nothing of the kind. Science tells us that alcohol attacks the so-called "inhibitions," the natural restraints which lead people to act more circumspectly in a social group than they would if they were individually alone. These inhibitions are precisely the faculties which people of refinement cultivate. The difference between a cultured person and one who is crude and socially "impossible" is just the difference between one whose inhibitions are culturally controlling him and one in whom they are not.

Now alcohol attacks and dulls these cultural agencies in the nature of man and lets his lower nature of crudeness and vulgarity take control. That increase of conversational ability which alcohol seems to produce is really not such at all. It is simply garrulousness. The removal of bashfulness is not due to a healthy conquest of self-consciousness, but it is

## The Package of Seeds

By Edgar A. Guest

I paid a dime for a package of seeds  
And the clerk tossed them out with a flip.

"We've got 'em assorted for every man's needs,"

He said with a smile on his lip,  
"Pansies and poppies and asters and peas!

Ten cents a package! And pick as you please!"

Now, seeds are just dimes to the man in the store,  
And the dimes are the things that he needs;

And I've been to buy them in seasons before,  
But have thought of them merely as seeds;

But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time,  
"You have purchased a miracle here for a dime!"

"You've a dime's worth of power which no man could create,  
You've a dime's worth of life in your hand!

You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate,  
Which the wisest can not understand.

In this bright little package, now isn't it odd?

You've a dime's worth of something known only to God!"

These are seeds, but the plants and the blossoms are here,

With their petals of various hues;  
In these little pellets, so dry and so queer,

There is power which no chemist can fuse.

Here is one of God's miracles soon to unfold,

Thus for ten cents an ounce is Divinity sold!

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due to a release of propensities inconsistent with the spirit of polite society. There is no social culture without a normal functioning of the inhibitive faculty,—self-control. Alcohol not only diminishes the efficiency of that faculty, but weakens its refining influence, in proportion to the amount of alcohol imbibed.

It is hardly necessary to argue that in every social gathering where liquor is freely served there are some who will drink to excess. These have suffered a complete paralysis of their inhibitive faculties. All of those fine things which social etiquette has been so careful to impart to the debutante are utterly disregarded. The company may condone or even applaud the hilarious speech and gestures of such persons, but every really cultured nature instinctively experiences a positive revulsion. If then you have those who too freely imbibe and those who have imbibed slightly you simply have in varying degrees a release of crudity which is positively antagonistic to cultural refinement. It is impossible to have genuine culture and supply your guests with the arch foe of culture.

Drinking parties, of course, are tolerated and even promoted by people who lay claim to social culture. Such people are usually prompted by the good-natured clamor of gay young people to whom the serious aspects of life do not appeal. Women of refinement who are also intelligently informed and who desire to promote true culture among the younger set will increasingly come to banish liquor from their side-board and beverage alcohol from the land.  
—National W. C. T. U.

## Wreckers

I watched them tearing a building down,

A gang of men in a busy town.

With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled,  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"

He gave a laugh and said: "No indeed!

Just common labor is all I need.  
I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken a year to do."

And I thought to myself as I went my way,

Which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?

Am I shaping my deed to a well-made plan,

Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,

Content with the labor of tearing down?

Much alcohol, much injury; less alcohol, a little injury; no alcohol, no injury.

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