



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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**Victory**

(Tune: Sweet By and By)  
Annie Wittenmyer

The Lord is our refuge and strength,  
His promises never can fail;  
We've learned the sweet lesson at length,  
His grace over sin can prevail.

**Chorus:**

In the sweet by and by,  
We'll conquer the demon of rum;  
In the sweet by and by,  
The Kingdom of Heaven will come.

Oh, the wonderful power of His love,  
Bending low to humanity's need,  
Every soul, may His faithfulness prove,  
Every slave by His mercy be freed.

We are an invincible band,  
With God and with Truth on our side  
No foe can our efforts withstand,  
In vain they resist and deride.

We follow our heavenly King,  
His cross is our banner and shield;  
Our all to the conflict we bring,  
To conquer or die on the field.

**The President's Letter**

**Dear Comrades:**

There is so much that I desire to pass on to you from the wonderful inspirational convention held in Cleveland. The very most impressive thing to me was the entire lack of discouragement and the undoubted determination of each and every one to work for the abolition of the liquor traffic, local, state and national. "Alcohol Education" is to be our slogan and great objective. Each union should lead out in a community movement that boards of education shall provide adequately for carrying out school laws requiring the teaching of the effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the furnishing of help, scientifically and pedagogically accurate, to teachers.

The National President recommends a five point program for five years, culminating in 1939, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Frances E. Willard. Recommendations in full will appear in the Union Signal but I will briefly mention them here:

1. Deepening of the spiritual life of the union and of individual members. Regular prayer meetings, in addition to the meetings of the Union, are urged.

2. Opposal of Liquor by a dual program:

A. Alcohol Education. B. Abolition of liquor traffic.

3. A campaign for character building—also dual.

A. Demonstrate the appeal of religion, science and health for clean living. B. Abolishment or restraint of character destroying agencies by expression of public sentiment we call

Law. (Gambling, motion pictures and social evils.)

4. Citizenship. A. Better understanding of the mechanics of government and the relation of the voter to the functions of government,—by study classes in schools and in organizations of every sort. Interest ministers, teachers and lecturers in an effort to bring conviction to the apathetic voters that great responsibility for the present serious situation rests upon them. B. Young Voters. Recognition services with preliminary programs are urged. The dignity of citizenship must be made appealing and impressive.

5. Peace. A. Organize community study classes for the coming months with reference to the progress of the investigation of the munitions industry, the appropriations for military and naval purposes and the continuing costs of past wars. B. Attend meetings of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, particularly Marathon Round Tables and other groups with which we are affiliated and cooperate in such programs. These form a working basis for each union.

The spiritual tone of the whole convention was wonderful. I am visiting on the way home but shall soon be with you. May God strengthen and guide us in the work that is challenging us and we give Him hearty thanks for the victory at the recent election.

Yours with love,  
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

**The Right To Drink Versus Other Rights**

People talk about the right to drink liquor. What about the right to be safe on the streets? What about the rights of the people to quiet and decency in the neighborhood? What about the right of children to have food and clothes? What about the right of wives to have security and courtesy? What about the right of industry to have workmen who are sober and dependable? What about the right of government to have citizens and officers who are free from the evil and corrupting influences of the liquor traffic? The breakdown of city government today is the natural fruit of the old saloon days when the liquor forces were the dominant political power in our great centers of population. Let the leaders of our city life look ahead to a nobler day when our cities shall be made fit to live in.

Joy Elmer Morgan.

And did you know that in the Japan diet building in Tokyo, an ordinance prohibits wine? Alcohol is prohibited in the diet of Tokyo and welcomed back on Capitol Hill in Washington—and we are supposed to be a Christian nation!—Southern California White Ribbon.

**A Prayer For America**

From "Prayers of the Social Awakening."

By Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch  
O Lord, we praise Thy holy name, for Thou hast made bare Thine arm in sight of all nations and done wonders; but still we cry to Thee in the weary struggle of our people against the power of drink.

Remember, Lord, the strong men who were led astray and blighted in the flower of their youth!

Remember the aged who have brought their grey hairs to a dishonored grave!

Remember the homes that have been made desolate of joy, the wifely love that has been outraged in its sanctuary, the little children who have learned to despise where once they loved.

Remember, O Thou Great Avenger of Sin, and make this nation to remember.

May those who now entrap the feet of the weak and make their living by the degradation of men thrust away their shameful gains and stand clear; but if their conscience is silenced by profit, do Thou grant Thy people the indomitable strength of faith to make an end of it.

May all the great churches of our land shake off those who seek the shelter of religion for that which damns, and stand with level front against their common foe.

May all those who still soothe their souls with half-truths, saying, "Peace! Peace!" where there can be no peace, learn to see through Thy stern eyes and come to the help of Jehovah against the mighty.

Help us to cast down the men in high places who use the people's powers to beat back the people's hands from the wrong they fain would crush.

O God, bring nigh the day when all our men shall face their daily task with minds undrugged and with tempered passions; when the unseemly mirth of drink shall seem a shame to all who hear and see; when the trade that debauches women, and when all this black remnant of savagery, shall haunt the memory of a new generation but as an evil dream of the night.

For this accept our vows, O Lord, and grant Thine aid.

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**HAPPY DAYS**

At no time under prohibition were so many Federal agents at work, and at no time under prohibition were bootleggers so happy and so prosperous.—Raymond T. Moley, in "Today." May 12, 1934.

If you think it costs a lot of money to enforce prohibition in this country, look at what it costs to violate it.—Newcastle News.

**Gifts**

They brought their gifts to please a baby King:  
Their fragrant incense and their glittering gold.

What gifts can I put in His hands to-day

For Him to love and hold?  
What can I offer from my heart's full cup

To please a Christ grown-up?

What can I give Thee, Master? and I hear

His voice in answer: "Inasmuch as ye

Have done it unto one of the least of these,

Ye have done it unto me."

Each thought for others, each small kindness shown,  
He claims them for His own.

They are such selfless gifts He asks of the little

common deeds of every day;

Small services my hands can find to do—

The words my tongue can say.  
Strange gifts, it seems, to lay before a King,

Yet all He bids me bring.  
—Grace Noll Crowell.

**They Said HE Was "Impractical"**

He preached a gospel which men called too idealistic.

He said: "Love your enemies." Practical men have scoffed at His teaching. They have said:

"In a competitive world you must be armed to fight your enemies. That is the safe way, the inexpensive way."

Practical men made and ran the World War.

Do you know how much the World War cost?

Its total cost to all participants was equivalent to \$20,000 for every hour since Jesus of Nazareth was born.

The next war will be far more costly. It will probably result in the wreck of civilization.

Practical men have had their way for many generations.

It would be worth while to try HIS way.

It couldn't be more expensive.  
—New York Christian Advocate.

**HOW DO I KNOW?**

How do I know, you ask, that in the end

God's power will conquer all, and through

Eternity His love grow master of Our souls? Need I have proof?

I tell you, sir, between a world of chaos

And a world where God works on Through moments men call time,

there lies a choice,  
And I choose God.

—Selected.

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## Salute To The Temperance Flag

"I pledge allegiance to my flag, the emblem of temperance, self-control, pure thoughts, clean habits, the white flag that surrenders to nothing but purity and truth, and to none but God whose temples we are."

"Society to be really Christian must not stop with effort to regenerate the individual; but must remove the causes no matter at what cost to itself—or abdicate as Christians."—E. Stanley Jones.

## From The Director of Organization

Dear Comrades:

We are rejoicing because we again held our state prohibition laws at the November election. Most sincerely do we thank the Lord and our good people for this great victory. It was gratefully mentioned many times at the National convention. Kansas and North Dakota stood firm. Let us show our gratitude by renewed consecration to the cause we love, by strengthening our work through increased membership and greater activity.

We are exceedingly anxious that every district president try to organize a local union within her territory as early as possible. To this end I personally make the following

### SPECIAL OFFER

One of the beautiful, devotional books by Dr. S. D. Gordon of New York City will be presented to the district president or other worker who first reports a new union or Young People's Branch. Dues for five members must be paid before a union can be considered organized. A re-organization (where a union did not pay dues the past year) will be considered new this year. Can you not think of places where such organizations will be possible? We must waken up and attempt the seeming impossible, trusting in Him who never fails us. Who will be the first? "The steps of faith fall on the seeming void

And find the Rock beneath."

### A NATIONAL AWARD

We were proud to receive at the national convention a small silk flag for increased membership in the Y. P. B. But we were almost ashamed because our increase had been so small. Membership in the Y. P. B. is naturally a changing condition. The young people come and go as they leave home for school or work, but if we can impress them with our principles for even one year, we have done something, and if we fail to do this, we have not done our full duty by them.

The liquor traffic is bidding for them these days—we must get them first. How about the young people in your community?

### THE UNION SIGNAL

It cheered our hearts to see a gain in Union Signal and Young Crusader subscriptions in North Dakota for the past month. To maintain this standard, please look at the label on your paper and try to renew at least three weeks before it expires, thus saving a notice from the national office and a delay in receiving your paper.

If you are not a subscriber, it is not too late to send 10 cents for the three special numbers which report the great convention at Cleveland. Every union should try to reach the Union Signal goal—one subscription for every six members. Unions which have not reached this quota may obtain sample copies by addressing The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill., or the State Headquarters at Fargo. Only by being correctly informed can we do effective work. How about a subscription as a Christmas gift to that shut-in friend of yours?

### SUNDAY MOVIES

It was most aggravating to lose our law against Sunday Movies by such a small margin. Possibly if we had all worked a little harder we might have won. I am reliably informed that our local theatre men in most cases were opposed to the measure. The greed of the big, outside corporations motivated the fight.

We are deeply grateful to you, dear comrades, for your earnest work in the campaign against the repeal of state prohibition. Splendid cooperation was given and we thank you one

and all. May the Christmas season inspire you with a new realization that Jesus is alive and that all power is His, in Heaven and on earth.

Affectionately yours,  
Barbara H. Wylie.

## General Recommendations

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith,  
National President

EXHIBITS—To aid in all the projects of the W. C. T. U., Visual Education must be increasingly stressed. At every convention of every sort where arrangements can be made, the social welfare program of the W. C. T. U. should be shown by factual representation, not organization emphasis.

Definite assistance in preparing such exhibits can be promised by the National organization to States and the States should assist smaller units. A fund is needed for the large national exhibits. Eight exhibits of national scope and eleven exhibits to be used in state gatherings have been prepared this year, with great profit it was thought.

RADIO—In addition to elimination of liquor advertising efforts should be made to secure time from friendly stations for regular informative programs on the five points and any other departments. Many smaller stations are now extending such courtesies.

Special Days to be Observed:

December 9th, Peace Day (or any day that week).

January 10th, Day of Prayer for the Temperance Cause all round the world.

January 16th, Temperance Education Day.

February 17th, Frances Willard Day.

September 28th, close of the first year of the Centenary period.

PLEDGE—The total abstinence pledge is the basic principle of the W. C. T. U. A definite campaign for pledge signing should be systematically planned and carried out.

### Declaration of Purpose

"That I may give my best service to home and country, I promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquor in any form."

Particular plans should be made for presentation to all Youth groups.

YOUTH—The most important division of the W. C. T. U. work is the appeal to Youth. Organization of both Branches by every Union is urged. In addition to this, cooperation with other Youth groups should be arranged. In plans to carry out these Recommendations, there should be a division for Youth to execute.

COOPERATION—The W. C. T. U. should make itself a felt force, by leading out in cooperative action for betterment of community or other interests. Cooperation is necessary for the success of legislative or enforcement or character building programs. Cooperative campaigns should finance themselves. The money raised for the W. C. T. U. work should not be diverted to other organizations.

PROTESTS—These are effective if properly planned and presented. In most cases the protest should be personal as citizens, but to be effective there must be large numbers. In such planning the W. C. T. U., or better in most cases, a cooperating group can direct.

They are slaves who fear to speak

For the fallen and the weak;  
They are slaves who will not choose,  
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,  
Rather than in silence shrink  
From the truth they needs must think;

They are slaves who dare not be

In the right with two or three.

—Lowell

## Publicity

Dear Comrades:

As I have been out of our state for most of our W. C. T. U. year I have not functioned as publicity director, but I have had a wonderful time as organizer and lecturer in California, north and south and in Idaho.

Our year is almost over and I am writing now to urge you to report promptly, for I know that you have been active if I have not and that you have much to report, especially those of you who have been getting the National Press sheets, please send me your reports to the above address so they will reach me before October first as I leave for California at that time.

The National Publicity department wishes to check upon the names of publicity women in Oregon; will all those who are getting the press sheets please drop me a card with your name and address.

There has never been a time when we needed publicity more than right now.

The enemy is on the defensive and we should be alert in keeping before the public their failure to keep any promises made during the drive for the over-throw of prohibition, the increase in drunkenness, drunken driving and all forms of evil that go with the traffic in alcohol make the best argument for return to prohibition. Remember that we are pledged to keep up the fight and must "never quit till the liquor traffic quits."

Yours In His Name,

Necia E. Buck.

—In Oregon White Ribbon Review.

## New Reciters For Medal Contests

Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, Director

We have several new reciters to add to our working material in this department—Approved Selections, Nos. 1 and 2, the latter for juniors. These are the usual price, only 20 cents each. Such selections may be used for readings in public meetings other than medal contests. When the new plans for this year arrive, they will be sent to all unions. If you do not receive yours, please let me know, telling me of your plans in this department, which, like other departments, seems to carry on in spite of tribulations which beset us on every hand.

Many unions are already deep in the work and we hope others may soon follow. Let us study our local conditions and make plans accordingly. It seems very important to begin early and hold silver or junior medal contests before Christmas, if possible, as so many things claim our attention after the holidays. By holding enough silver medal contests early, we will insure a sufficient number of contestants for gold medal contests, which are often in demand for district conventions.

Many of you have used the junior medal which is for children under twelve years of age. I hope more of you will take up this part of the work this year. My apologies to Fourth district for an omission in last year's report. Four gold medals were given in the state—two in Fourth district, one at Minot and one at district convention at Benedict. Those at Fifth and Sixteenth district conventions were mentioned in the report.

Please send me a report every time you hold a contest and if you have neglected to do so, send new names, ages and addresses of any former medal winners. Let us determine we will do more and better work in this department this year than ever before.

The secret of success is constancy of purpose.—Disraeli.

## Treasurer's Report

Oct. 1-Nov. 17.

DUES—Cando, 1; Gilby, 1; Hettinger, 4; Linton, 6; Egeland, 2; Grand Forks Scan, 40; Napoleon, 12; Steele, 5; Fargo, 12; Ray, 2; Bucyrus, 9; Upham, 3; Powers Lake, 4; Fairdale, 9; Mrs. Carrie M. Evans, Mrs. J. N. Loach, Mrs. I. Fenne, Willard members; Bismarck L. T. L., 50; Fairdale, 17.

BUDGET—Cando, \$ .30; Hettinger, 2.20; Grand Forks Scan, 2.00; Stady-Zahl, 17.00; Dickey, 8.00; Napoleon complete, 12.00; Makoti complete, 16.00; Ray, 10.00.

Dear Treasurers:—If you have not already done so, will you please send me a list of all who paid dues last year? I hope every member is receiving the White Ribbon Bulletin.

If you only knew how much the early payment of dues helps the work, you would strain every nerve to get them in. The publication of 300 copies of annual State Report makes a heavy demand on our treasury. We have decided to sell these at 20 cents a copy this year, and three copies sent you are for the local president, secretary and treasurer. In any event, do not return the books but study them and use as a quiz in local union meeting.

We have won another dry victory and must continue to carry on with greater earnestness. The fall is the logical time for payment of dues. See points for banner unions, if dues and budget are paid before Jan. 1st. Already two unions have paid budget in full. We need money to extend our Alcohol Education work. Will you do your best to help?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. E. Reed, Treas.

1116 3rd Ave. So., Fargo, N. D.

## Leisure

I shall attend to my little errands of love

Early, this year,  
So that the brief days before Christmas may be

Unhindered and clear  
Of the fever of hurry. The breathless rushing that I

Have known in the past  
Shall not possess me. I shall be calm in my soul

And ready at last  
For Christmas: "The Mass of the Christ." I kneel

And call out His name;  
I shall take time to watch the beautiful light

Of candle's flame;  
I shall have leisure—I shall go out alone

From my roof and my door;  
I shall not miss the silver silence of stars

As I have before;  
And, oh, perhaps—If I stand there very still,

I shall hear what the clamor of living has kept from me;  
The angel's song.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

## Flower Mission and Relief

Mrs. E. C. Watkins, our new state director, writes:

Dear Sisters:

The blessed Christmas season is again with us. At this time our hearts and minds are especially turned to the activities that will bring happiness and comfort to others. Our state offers great opportunities for relief work along many different lines. Food, clothing and sympathy are along the line of work for our department. Will you, as members of our unions over the state, function through your local director of Flower Mission and Relief and look into the needs of the families who are so lacking in the things that make for

happiness and comfort at this time of the year?

Our CCC camps are located in different places over the state. We have men and boys working in these camps who are away from their families and homes. What can we do for them? Every human being is endowed with a soul—this soul has a natural thirst for God. True, an attempt to satisfy this thirst has in many cases led them far from the real satisfaction which the Christ of the Bible came to teach us. Will it be possible to arrange through your ministers to have religious services in these camps at a convenient hour on Sunday? Our Fargo ministers have arranged services in our camp here and they find the services are greatly appreciated by these men. Look into this matter for the camp nearest to you, will you?

These camps will be glad also to have a "cookie jar" or any other reminder of our interest in them. Our camps are located at the following places: No. 1783, Fargo; No. 2767, Medora; Nos. 2771, 2772, Watford City; Fort Lincoln, Headquarters Detachment.

Let's take advantage of these opportunities afforded us through such situations and others that may confront you. Not only by doing so will we follow the teachings of Him who was called "The Lily of the Valley" and "The Rose of Sharon," whose mission on earth brought cheer and comfort, but we have the promise from Holy Writ—"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; and the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

May we feel the presence of the Christ in this joyous season!

Lovingly,

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

615 10th St. So., Fargo, N. D.

## "What Is Consecration?"

"And what is consecration? It is livingston dead on his knees in prayer in the jungles of Africa. It is Frances Willard, footsore and weary, walking the streets of Chicago, after she had refused a well salaried position in order to cast her lot with the unpopular 'fanatics.' It is the company of brave Hindoo women who in silence stood before the liquor shops in the attitude of prayer and went to jail because they continued to protest against the drink evil. With such determination and consecration, we cannot fail, and because the Woman's Christian Temperance Union throughout the world fights under the banner of King Emmanuel, with determination, education, organization and consecration, we know that victory is assured."—Mary Harris Armor.

## "That Make For War"

A farm lad in one of the central states listened to a church-school teacher explaining how playing with toy pistols and toy soldiers prepared one mentally for an interest in war and crime. He asked many questions, and among all the answers which he did not understand one thing impressed him deeply: that the manufacture of war playthings served two purposes: profit for the manufacturer and a subtle preparation for war.

A year or so later the boy went shopping with his mother for supplies for his first year in high school. As they were about to enter a store he stopped and looked at the sign, then turning to his mother he said: "Mother, this store sells toy soldiers and toy submarines and bombing planes. I cannot buy here."

The mother, somewhat surprised said, "Why, son, we are not buying toys."

But the boy replied, "Mother, I am boycotting all stores that sell toys that make for war."—Exchange.

## National W. C. T. U. Resolutions

The National Convention resolutions commend and urge the following: Legislation requiring total abstinence for air pilots, train operators, automobile drivers, etc.; more thorough and private study courses in public schools on effects of alcohol and other habit forming drugs, and more active cooperation to this end by all medical, welfare, health and civic organizations; continued protest against the matter of repeal of the 18th amendment; continued campaign to abolish the liquor traffic and pending the achievement of that objective to work for the largest possible liquor-free units; protest against liquor advertising in violation of state laws and in violation of the ethics of home and family life; oppose present organized efforts to legalize all forms of gambling and urge community action in that regard; favor legislation that will prevent blind selling and block booking in the movie industry and that will provide for federal supervision at the source to secure clean production of films; appeal for continuation of representative government and refusal of one branch-of government to delegate its power to another; call for support of the political party which will itself pledge enactment of laws for reduction of the liquor business; urge the establishment of family altars as conserving the future of the American home; reaffirm support of child labor amendment and hope for speedy ratification; pledges cooperation with other national women's organizations in the promotion of social service projects, inaugurated by the Consumer's Council of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, so far as they correspond with the W. C. T. U. policy; join with the National Committee on Education by Radio and other agencies seeking to induce the government to withhold at least 25% of licenses from private corporations for use of educational and non-social programs, and asks the Federal Communications Commission to bar from radio programs advertisements of liquor, tobacco and other things unsuitable for children; call for the strengthening of the membership and authority of the Permanent Court of International Justice, for the safeguarding of the security of nations under the General Treaty for Renunciation of War; call for treaty which will reduce and limit armaments and shall provide for the removal of the menace of air warfare and for drastic control of the munitions industry.

The Resolutions also demand of the Administration the fulfillment of its promise for the protection of dry states; and protest against the employment of girls and women as bar maids in liquor stores.

Concluding, the Resolutions announce that members of the organization set for themselves "a definite five year task to culminate in the observance of the centenary of the birth of Frances E. Willard. "We pledge ourselves to labor and to pray that the principles set forth by her, founded upon the Gospel of Christ, may be worked out into the customs of society and the laws of the land."

## News Notes

Fargo Scandinavian union was the first large union to pay budget in full this new year.

Since the state convention, Mrs. Wm. Suckow of Bismarck has secured six new members.

Miss Norma Hegge writes of plans to organize a Y. P. B. of older members of the Hatton L. T. L. which has grown so large.

Fairdale L. T. L. put up "Vote No"

posters before election. Recently they gave a party with program to their mothers and members of 24 members.

Fairdale union had two guest speakers at last meeting, Mrs. Bessie Ordahl and Mrs. Laurhammer of Edinburg, the former speaking on L. T. L. work and the latter on Religious Education. The local president, Mrs. J. S. Fatidar, reports on each meeting.

Mrs. Rose Upton Bascom of Framingham, Mass., formerly of North Dakota, is still deeply interested in the welfare of our state and wrote to several state papers impressive letters against repeal which appeared in Mail Bags of those papers, stating the deplorable conditions in the east since repeal. We thank Mrs. Bascom and appreciate her interest.

Mrs. Fred M. Warner, state president, was very active in the lead before the November election, speaking at several meetings in Steele and organizing an L. T. L. with 46 pledged members. On one occasion she addressed a farmers' meeting where over 1200 were in attendance, showing why we should vote "No" on both initiated measures.

Minot showed great activity before election. Paid ads in newspapers, radio broadcasts, platform speeches and literature distribution were included in their aggressive program.

Ray voted down the repeal measure two to one and gave a good majority against Sunday Movies.

Mrs. J. N. Wallis, tor Medal Contest, reported the state convention to the unions at Ray and Epping.

Fargo held a rummage sale to help pay the budget. Both Fargo unions held meetings at the Crittenton Home before Thanksgiving, bringing substantial gifts.

Northwood held a very enthusiastic rally before election with Dr. James E. Cox, president Consolidated Drys as speaker. An offering of \$160 was sent to aid the dry organization.

The two Grand Forks unions held a "Neighborhood meeting" Oct. 26 at the Bethel church with members of Gilby union as guests. Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, president of the visiting union, gave a splendid report of the Bismarck convention. Rev. Charles Wheelchel spoke on "Comradeship." Mrs. G. C. Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Lunseth, entertained with musical numbers. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess unions. Before election, a rally was held in the Baptist church with Dr. Cox as speaker, and a special prayer service at the home of Mrs. J. P. Reiton.

## I Am Christmas

I am Christmas.

People tell me that my origin runs far back into a heathen festival. My roots, they say, lie in pagan life.

So be it!

I accept the charge and glory in it. For my pagan practice has been redeemed at the touch of Christ.

My heathen ancestry was never the same again, once His Name and Spirit blessed it.

And such is my mission, always, to the soul.

I touch self-seeking and it gives place to good will.

I touch the warlike plans of men and they hide their battlements with holly, knowing that they are out of harmony with His spirit.

I touch hard faces and make them tender.

I touch saddened children and make them laugh.

I touch the cynic and give Him faith.

I touch people like you—and they are not the same again.

I am Christmas.

—R. P. Hayward.

## The Cleveland Convention

In Cleveland, the city of its birth, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union celebrated its sixtieth anniversary Nov. 10-15. With headquarters at the Statler Hotel, the convention met in the Commodious Euclid Avenue Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. Ralph Walker being a most genial host. A spirit of optimism and courageous determination characterized the hundreds of delegates from all parts of the United States.

Attending from North Dakota were Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, honorary president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, national director Institutes and the state corresponding secretary. Mrs. Wanner represented the state in the executive committee and spoke at a suburban Congregational church Sunday morning. Mrs. Anderson was appointed evangelist, thus becoming a member of the executive committee. Mrs. Wilder, as chairman of the Board of Directors, gave a good account of herself and represented our state in the very effective Union Signal exhibit. The National corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, chose as her committee on credentials the corresponding secretaries of Kansas, Illinois and North Dakota, the latter also serving as distributing teller in the election of officers.

We from North Dakota were justly proud of Miss Bertha R. Palmer, now National director of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, as she conducted a school of Alcohol Education before hundreds of interested delegates, presenting a new program of practical study of the subject that will be more fully inaugurated throughout the country this year. With Miss Palmer and Mrs. E. W. Blackwell of Chicago, formerly of Cooperstown, the North Dakota delegates spent a pleasant luncheon hour.

**CONSECRATION.**—A most inspiring prayer and consecration service, led by Mrs. Mary Harris Armor of Georgia, national evangelistic director marked the opening session of the great convention. "If you are a coward and afraid, you'd better get more religion" said Mrs. Armor. "No matter how many battles we may lose, because HE is almighty, WE WILL WIN. They shall fight against us but they shall not prevail. Why? Because Congress is with us? Because the President is with us? OH, NO! Because the Lord God Almighty is with us. I'll stake my soul's salvation on it that God answers prayer."

Dr. S. D. Gordon, New York City, famous and beloved author of many devotional books, gave a noontide series of Quiet Talks which were most uplifting. "Jesus is the most mother-hearted man this old world has ever known" said Dr. Gordon. "All the world is hungry for Jesus. No one ever saw His face and forgot. Oh, that the whole church might see His face today! The reason He lingered those forty days after His resurrection was to teach us that He is with us ALL THE DAYS—all the bright days, all the dark days, all the prohibition days, all the repeal days. The Master is here and is saying to each one of us—I know you—I love you—I died for you. There's one by your side—you may not see Him, but He's there. Slip your hand in His and let Him lead you!"

**THE KEYNOTE.**—The keynote of the convention was the message of the national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, and you who are the fortunate readers of The Union Signal will get most of it in the interesting convention numbers. It was a comprehensive and reliable resume of the past eleven months of repeal, showing that every promise of the repealists

had been shattered, that in the wake of legalized liquor were developing rapidly the twin evils of other days—legalized gambling and lotteries, and white slavery and prostitution under political protection.

"The 18th amendment may be destroyed by political influence but neither a political party platform nor a proclamation of a President can repeal the effects of alcohol. Therefore, beverage alcohol will sometime be abolished." "Of this we may be sure. Prohibition of beverage alcohol is right. It is the law of the body; the law of the mind; the law of God for the soul and the nation; the law of industry; the law of economics; the law of social decency; the law of the survival of civilization."

**RADIO BROADCASTS.**—Mrs. Smith's radio message, over a coast to coast network, was heard by eager listeners all over the nation. "The substantial majority again registered for prohibition in Kansas and North Dakota is ample proof that a whole citizenship may be permanently impressed with the conserving and practical value of a state prohibitory law, honestly administered and enforced." When the news of North Dakota's dry victory was announced by Mrs. Wanner in the executive committee, the doxology was heartily sung. In this connection we are happy to quote from the Bismarck Tribune of recent date: "In unmistakable manner the people of North Dakota have expressed opposition to the unbridled sale of liquor in this state." Radio broadcasts at the convention were also given, through courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company, by Mrs. Mary Harris Armor and Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President World's W. C. T. U.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.**—The early morning prayer service was a spiritual uplift. The convention sermon by the pastor of the church, Dr. Ralph Walker, was a splendid review of The Great Moral and Patriotic Crusaders of History." Naming many of those worthies, Dr. Walker added: "But the real fighting is being done today by men and women whose names may never be known in public." Special tribute was paid to "that spiritual sister of yours, Frances E. Willard."

Outstanding speakers at the convention were specialists in their line. Sunday afternoon, a great Armistice Day Peace rally was addressed by Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, Rochester, N. Y., a noted lecturer on international affairs. In the evening, Dr. W. L. Stidger, Boston University School of Theology, followed with a powerful plea for immediate action against the liquor traffic, declaring, "The twin fight of the future is against the old order of war and alcohol. War and booze belong together. We dare not look back. We must kill that old order."

**GROWTH.**—In her annual report, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, National corresponding secretary, said that 500 new members per week had been gained the past year. New membership plans for the year ahead were given in the November Bulletin. Please read them again and see if you cannot at once be a Gleaner and gain one new member or a Ruth, with five new members. A very delightful social affair was a breakfast given by Mrs. DeYo to the state corresponding secretaries in Hotel Statler. Some secretaries reported new unions already organized this year. North Dakota had no such sheaves to bring but will you please make haste, dear comrades, and gather them in?

**NEW POLITICAL MOVE.**—Dr. Milton Conover, Professor of Government at Yale University, President of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, declared that the national elections of November 1934 were emphatic proof of the need of a new political movement which prop-

erly sponsored, should become one of the two major organizations in the nation's politics. "Hereafter petty personal interests, sinister designs of profiteers and others must be eliminated from the picture, and all issues, present and future, must more and more come to be measured by one principle of the general welfare."

**PUBLICITY.**—We were pleased to meet Mr. Fred D. L. Squires, Research-Publicity Counsel for the National W. C. T. U. a brother of the late Dr. Vernon P. Squires of the University of North Dakota, who has spent some time in our state and is familiar with its problems. Mr. Squires sent out much publicity from the convention and held several conferences with press workers. Cleveland papers gave us generous mention.

"Hoisting the Movies out of the Gutter" was the subject of a very informing address by Mrs. Marguerite Harmon Bro of Chicago, an expert on the question. Mr. Henry M. Pringle, Washington, D. C., in an able address, spoke of "Gambling in the United States and Its Menace."

**MUSIC.**—The song leader was Mrs. Annie Laurie Cunyus, Collegeville, Ga., widely known musician and niece of the southern evangelist, Sam Jones. Mrs. J. Powell Jones, Cleveland, was organist and Miss Lily Grace Matheson, Wisconsin, accompanist. The vocal and instrumental numbers throughout were of a very high order. We cannot name all who entertained us but a colored gentleman, Mr. Luther King of Cleveland, accompanied by his wife, inspired our hearts by his touching spirituals. It is of interest too, that in the group selections by A Cappella Choir of Heights High School, a former Fargo boy, Ross Taber, had a leading part. The young people's chorus furnished lively music for the convention dinner.

**EVENING MEETINGS.**—On Anniversary Night, pageantry in colorful fashion, recalled the scenes of the first national W. C. T. U. convention, held in the Second Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Nov. 1874. Mrs. Flora Kays Hanson, director Exhibits and Fairs, who prepared and directed the pageant, was the reader. Minutes of that first convention, still intact, were read. Young People's night was a delightful occasion and inspired us with hope for the future as we saw the devotion and ability of these young people. Miss Helen Byrnes presided and Virginia Colvin, New York, daughter of our vice president, Mrs. D. L. Colvin, led devotions. Don Wittmeyer, New York Y. P. B., spoke on "Adventurous Building." It was heart-warming to have young men with us, members of the Y. P. B.'s of New York, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and to hear them sing: "Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me."

Athur Barnard, a brilliant young lawyer of Chicago, in a rousing address, said he was amazed at the equanimity with which some people regarded the 21st amendment. If the 18th amendment was a "noble experiment," may we not call the 21st an "ignoble experiment?" A democratic government has failed to control the liquor traffic. We are not trying to make people good by law but to keep people from being bad so they will not perform abnormal acts that are bad. No compromise with beer—the alcohol in beer makes it habit-forming. A dry Congress voted repeal. Trouble was they had no backbone. Our real fight is for legislation to outlaw the liquor traffic. The American people must prove to the world that they do want prohibition and that they want it enforced. The country looks today to the temperance forces.

On World's W. C. T. U. night, with Mrs. Boole presiding, interesting pic-

tures of the World's convention in Stockholm were shown. "Every world's convention is an adventure in world friendship," said Mrs. Boole. "The peace of the world will not come through battleships but through friendships." Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith spoke of the World's W. C. T. U. Through the Eyes of a Tourist; Miss Byrnes explained young people's work and Miss Mary Ervin, children's work abroad. Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Treasurer World's W. C. T. U., spoke of our world missionaries and their work.

The convention dinner, in the ballroom of the Statler Hotel, was a brilliant affair. Before the witty toastmistress, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, stood a huge birthday cake with its sixty candles, the gift of the hotel management. Pep songs by the young people enlivened the occasion and anniversary felicitations were presented by prominent Cleveland citizens. In the closing address, Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, in an impassioned appeal, urged us to "Launch out into the deep." "We're going to dry clean this United States,—we are going to make this a saloonless nation. Then we can truly sing, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty—of thee I sing.'" Barbara H. Wylie.

To see a little farther and to point the way;  
To be a little stronger and to lift on the way;  
To be a little richer and to ease the way;  
That is the great privilege and duty—  
Born of God through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.—Chester B. Emerson.

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