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## "Prayer Time"

The while she darns her children's socks,  
She prays for little stumbling feet;  
Each folded pair within the box  
Fits faith's bright sandals, sure and fleet.

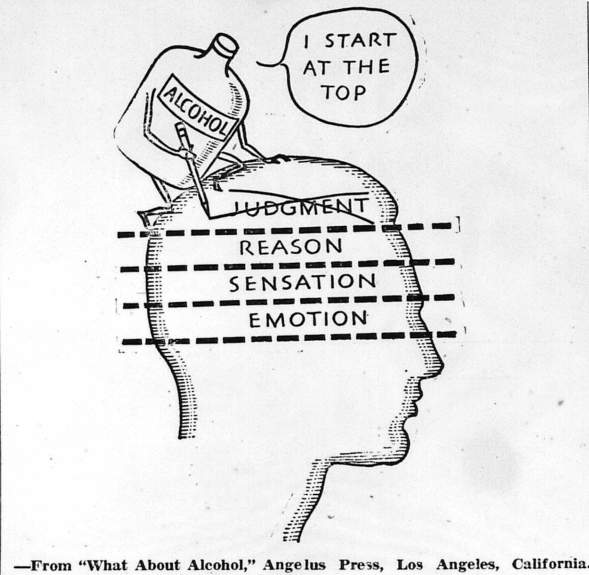
While washing out, with mother pains,  
Small dusty suits and frocks and slips,  
She prays that God may cleanse the stains  
From little hearts and hands and lips.

And when she breaks the fragrant bread,  
Or pours each portion in its cup,  
For grace to keep their spirits fed,  
Her Mother-heart is lifted up.

O busy ones, whose souls grow faint,  
Whose tasks seem longer than the day,  
It doesn't take a cloistered saint  
To find a little time to pray!  
—Ruby Weyburn Tobias.

## Mrs. Wanner's Message

Dear Co-Workers:  
These hot, busy days tempt us to slacken the ropes along many lines but I am urging you, dear women, to remember that the Devil's cohorts never slacken their lines and we must not forget that we are told to be "instant in season and out of season."  
Our National convention time draws near—Sept. 6-12—and the national slogan is: "Every state a contributing state to the Willard Centenary Fund by National convention time." Most of our district conventions voted to accept the amount apportioned to them by the official board—but we have not had many results as yet. Under the treasurer's report you will see the contributions to date. Will you not, from each union, send in to state treasurer at least a small contribution? You know one snowflake melts, it is only when there are many that they count. So ask for larger gifts whenever possible but do send in the smaller ones. This is an emergency forced upon us by repeal. We must do all in our power to meet the situation.  
Don't tell me there is no money. At our county fair last week, in one day there were over 12,000 entrance tickets sold and much money changed hands on Midway. We still have money for what we most desire. Don't forget that the National W. C. T. U. gets only one-fourth of all Centenary money raised—three-fourth remain in the state to help carry out the Five Point Plan. As our National President says: "Our times demand daring" so launch out, with faith, and we need not fear results. Our feet must be shod with prayer—then we shall succeed. This is a splendid time to gather in new mem-



bers and reclaim old ones. The present need will appeal to women who have never been interested before. Keep in mind the projects of the Centenary plan—Alcohol Education, through Teacher Training, Youth Education, Adult Education, Reference Library, Motion Pictures, Radio, Exhibits, Literature and Posters. Send to State Headquarters for booklet describing these projects.

### How Raise Our Quota?

How shall we raise the \$2,500 which is North Dakota's quota? By proportionate giving by our own members. By asking friends of the total abstinence cause. By sales of shares of stock in Alcohol Education. By presenting our cause to church and missionary groups, giving them the opportunity to help in this great educational movement. The need is great—the opportunity is ours. With our fine crop prospects, is there any better way to show our gratitude to our Heavenly Father than by helping this great forward movement for our young people and older people as well?

### Delegates to National Convention

The national convention will meet before our state convention, which is at Minot Sept. 26-29, so the state officers must appoint delegates. The distance to Atlantic City is great but the attractions are greater and excursion rates are reasonable. Bus fares are attractive and the railroads offer rates of a fare and a third on the certificate plan. If any of you can go, please send names to State Headquarters as soon as possible and certificates will be sent you. The

state officers are ex-officio delegates and we are entitled to four others. The registration fee of \$2.00 entitles each delegate to a seat, a program, badge and song book. The fee for visitors is \$1.00. Hotel Dennis, official headquarters, is one of the finest on the Boardwalk and has always been under dry management. By several sharing a room, the cost will be but little more than a less expensive hotel and there are many eating places conveniently near.

A different route may be taken on return trip and rates are available for other members of the delegate's family. If identification card is presented when you purchase your ticket. We are hoping for several delegates. Watch The Union Signal for further details.

Dr. Izora Scott, our legislative representative at Washington, calls attention to the Kenney Lottery Bill now in a House committee and asks that letters be sent our representatives against the passage of such an atrocious measure should it come before the House for a vote. Watch The Union Signal for further suggestions on this and other important measures.

We are grateful to Mother National and to Miss Bertha R. Palmer for her recent work in our summer schools and are hopeful for big results. Mrs. Wilder and I very much enjoyed our contacts with you dear women and fully appreciate your many acts of kindness. In closing, let me pass on to you this excerpt from one of our other state papers: **What Makes Life Worth While:**

"Oh, it's just the little homely things, the unobtrusive, friendly things, the won't-you-let-me help you things, that make our pathway light! And it's just the jolly, joking things, the never-mind-the-trouble things, the laugh-with-me-it's-funny things, that make the world seem bright! For all the countless famous things, the every-day-encountered things, the just-because-I-love-you things, that make us happy quite. So here's to all the little things, the done-and-then-forgotten things, those—Oh, it's simply nothing things that make life worth the fight!"

Most loyally yours,  
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.  
Jamestown, N. D.

## Proposed School in Alcohol Education

**Dates:** September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1935, (immediately before National W. C. T. U. Convention.)  
**Place:** Atlantic City, New Jersey.  
**Tuition fees:** None.  
**Course:** Seven lessons, presented by Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, author of the "Syllabus."

She will discuss—The new approach to Alcohol Education, Tested Methods of Presentation, Latest Authentic Data, the setting up of an Alcohol Education Exhibit and the development of a continuing program of education.

Special Invitation is extended to those who have had some previous training; to leaders of young people and children; to department directors whose work is allied to Alcohol Education; to teachers, religious and secular; to S. T. I. directors; to lecturers; to executives who must plan for the promotion of the educational program; to all who desire to be informed on this vital subject.

At least twenty persons must signify intention of attending to justify holding the school. If you would like to come, write to

Miss Winona R. Jewell,  
National W. C. T. U.  
1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

## A Fence at the Top

It takes \$300 of the tax payers' money to keep a boy in jail one year, and \$90 to keep him in school one year, according to the United Presbyterian.

Not all who go to the public school keep out of jail but the idle boys and girls furnish most of the delinquents. Two-thirds of all arrests for crime in this country involve persons between the ages of 16 and 24. The age of 19 is the most perilous period.

The school is cheaper than the jail. A fence at the top of the precipice is better than an ambulance at its foot.

Have you paid your dues?

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### Call For State Convention

The forty-sixth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to meet at Minot, North Dakota, September 26-29, 1935. The state executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 26 at 2:00 p. m.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of the Young People's Branch and Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of state paper, department directors, organizers and field workers, the historian and the musical director. The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from every local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 L. T. L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. The Y. P. B. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W. C. T. U. but the delegates must be young women.

It is suggested that delegates arrange automobile parties for driving to Minot. THE STATE TREASURER'S BOOKS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner,  
President.  
Barbara H. Wylie,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### Bad News for Women Smokers

The growing popularity of smoking among women is responsible for an increase of cancer of the mouth, says Dr. Walter Gray Crump, professor of surgery for Flower Hospital, New York City, and an authority on cancer research. Dr. Crump, speaking at the annual convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the first week in June, explained that a few years ago cancer of the mouth among women was unknown but that today it is equally common among both sexes. Hot foods and drinks are the chief cause of cancer of the stomach, representing one-third of all cancers, he said, and he also criticized tight corsets and other underclothing as causes of cancer.—The Union Signal.

State treasurer's books close September 12.

Dr. Harvey Wiley, former food and drug expert, said: "Visible intoxication is not essential to intoxication. When a person gets drunk, the first glass he drinks is just as much responsible for his condition as the last one."

Genius is eternal patience.—Michael Angelo.

### That Hard Liquor Bill

The North Dakota Consolidated Drys, of which the State W. C. T. U. is an active part, circulated petitions to refer to the people the hard liquor bill passed by the last legislature. Though only 7000 signatures were required, more than 16,000 were secured and petitions filed with the Secretary of State. The bill is thereby prevented from going into effect July 1st of this year and the vote on it postponed until the primary election in June 1936.

We are thankful to Governor Welford for this extension of time as the vote might have been taken at the special election July 15. However, in the interim, we must not fold our hands and wait but continue our educational program, and, as Dr. James E. Cox, President of the Consolidated Drys, says: "We must now spend one year in effective, educational and organizational work."

The Associated Press had this to say: "North Dakota's fifth (recent) attempt to obtain hard liquor legally will languish at the sidelines, forced 'to the bench' by referendum action. Consideration by the voters next year of the referred liquor measure will mark the first time in the state's history that such a proposal has come before the people as a referred measure passed by its legislature. In the past, every such attempt has been by initiative petition."

Our W. C. T. U. comrades were most active in securing signatures for the petitions and we thank those who helped and appreciate their splendid cooperation.

### Miss Palmer's Worthwhile Work

On her first visit to her home state since she left it three years ago, Miss Bertha R. Palmer was warmly welcomed by a host of friends who are thankful for the nation-wide work she is doing in Alcohol Education and proud of the honors that are coming to her thereby.

Beginning at Fargo June 16, Miss Palmer spoke at a union service in the Methodist Episcopal church, to an interested and appreciative congregation. Using blackboard, chart and kit, as she did everywhere, she pointed out that alcohol is a racial, narcotic poison, that it has many uses OUTSIDE the body, in art, industry and mechanics; but that INSIDE the body, it works destruction, attacking the higher functions of the brain first, as shown in illustration on front page.

Monday morning, Miss Palmer addressed the students of the Interstate Business College, holding their closest attention for an hour, and later answering many questions. In the afternoon, a pleasant reception was tendered Miss Palmer in the Y. W. C. A. Club rooms. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fate sang, accompanied by Mrs. G. W. Moon, who also gave several piano numbers. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder presided at the tea table. Miss Palmer explained her work.

At Mayville State Teachers College to students and faculty, three lessons were given and the faculty held a reception. A visit was made to the University and a group there addressed in Woodworth Hall.

At Minot State Teachers College, students and faculty were reached and three lessons presented. A student reception was held. At Bismarck, enroute to the State College at Dickinson, Miss Palmer spoke in the Evangelical church and to the Methodist Sunday School. At Dickinson, four lessons were given, students and faculty present. At Valley City State College the faculty and summer school students again attended the classes while three teaching

periods were given and health classes addressed. Miss Palmer also spoke to the Epworth League Institute at Chautauqua Park. Returning to Bismarck, her former home, to pack up her books and other things, she was the honored guest at many social functions, and on Sunday, spoke in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

While completing her work in summer schools at Ellendale, where she also gave three lessons, Miss Palmer spoke on Sunday in the Methodist churches at Ellendale and Guelph. She is a fine exponent of the admonition to "Enter every open door." She was with us a little more than two weeks but reached nearly 2500 people, sold many copies of the Syllabus in Alcohol Education and interested most of the State Colleges in ordering the complete set of reference books on this important subject.

Before leaving the state she writes: "It has been a wonderfully happy time for me. I have enjoyed every minute of the time. Never have I seen the state look better—it is BEAUTIFUL—if only we escape hail, rust, grasshoppers and early frost! The only change I see is beer signs. They make my heart ache. It was interesting to hear some who were opposed to prohibition, saying 'It is AWFUL. The liquor business must be wiped out just as they wiped out slavery. They won't obey any law—they break the liberal laws we have now.'" And then she adds: "I wonder sometimes where our vaunted intelligence really is."

We are grateful to National for this extraordinary help in our work for Alcohol Education and hope Miss Palmer may come back again.

"Better loved ye canna be—  
Will ye no come back again?"  
B. H. W.

### Mrs. Wanner Visits Northwest District

Beginning at Stanley, where she was guest speaker at the district convention June 6 and 7, Mrs. Wanner made a worthwhile trip through the greater part of the Northwest district. A report of the fine convention is found elsewhere. Driving to Crosby with their delegation, Mrs. Wanner was entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Erickson. Sunday she spoke to the Sunday School in the morning and in the evening gave an address in the Presbyterian church. Monday afternoon she met with the union.

Monday evening Mrs. Wanner was entertained at a chicken dinner in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lee at Stady, having driven over from Crosby with Mrs. Lee and a friend. Mrs. Ada Claybough, president of the Grenora union, then called for Mrs. Wanner and took her to Grenora for an evening meeting. At the union meeting next afternoon, a new member was gained and two little white ribbon recruits dedicated. Speaking at Zahl to a large and appreciative audience, a new honorary member was gained.

At Alamo next evening, Mrs. Wanner found the union there very much alive. Members from Wildrose came over to the meeting in the Lutheran Free church. The L. T. L. children sang several numbers and Mrs. A. M. Hegre, a vocal solo. At the Junior Medal Contest, Barbara Pehrson, daughter of our state vice president, won the medal with the reading, "Just Like Me." Mrs. Wanner spoke on "America's Menace." After the meeting the union served lunch.

At Powers Lake, Mrs. Wanner spoke to two groups of Bible School students and later to an audience in the church, dedicating three white ribbon recruits. At Ray, a good meeting was held with several men

in attendance, the ladies serving a cooperative lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Maides drove Mrs. Wanner to Wheelock and from there, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wallestad took her to Epping where an evening meeting was held with a good audience, in spite of the rain, which was always welcome. At Williston, the local president, Mrs. L. E. Hennigar, entertained the local union and some guests in her home, to meet our state president. A new member was gained and plans made for reviving the L. T. L.

Mrs. Wanner writes: "I enjoyed meeting all these dear women and many of their families, trusting that we shall all work for Alcohol Education with greater enthusiasm. At every place I enjoyed cordial hospitality and feel that with the return of good crops, our women will take up the Frances Willard Centenary plans and that we shall meet our quota."

### Mrs. Beasley, State Secretary, Writes

On a recent visit to Denver, it was my privilege to attend a Youth Rally at Boulder, Sunday July 7, closing the Y. P. B. Conference of the Colorado W. C. T. U. Miss Winona R. Jewell, executive secretary National Y. P. B. had arranged the conference and was present. Mrs. Bertha Ragatz, Colorado's state secretary, presided. The general theme of the conference was summed up in Nehemiah 2:20—"The God of Heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build." Besides meetings, the excellent program included a hike, a picnic lunch and a sunrise prayer service up on the mountain.

Xylophone numbers by a young lady, a vocal duet and a trio, and flute and piano number by two young men, furnished a variety of fine music. Scripture and prayer were given by members of the local Christian Endeavor and Epworth League. Miss Mary Patton of Denver discussed the Constitution and how youth faces it today. She compared it to the backbone, necessary to preserve the balance of the body, no matter how styles of outer garments may change.

Miss Dorothy Hampton spoke on how youth looks on Economics, stating they are not willing to accept things as they are but want to change wrong conditions, not discarding old methods until something better is found. They are not interested in temporary antidotes but wish to build for the future. In spite of imperfections, she considered the 18th Amendment the finest economic measure ever enacted.

Vernon Creese, Longmont, showed the reaction of enlightened youth to the question of alcoholic beverages, illustrating his talk with stories from current state papers and closing with a strong appeal for total abstinence. It gave the listeners new hope to realize that such keen-minded young folks as these are coming to deal with the problems of the future.

Miss Jewell explained a fine exhibit called Science and Alcohol, which showed the effect of the poison on various forms of plant and animal life. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Adrianna Hungerford, president Colorado W. C. T. U., invited delegates and visitors to the W. C. T. U. cottage near by, for refreshments. Our National treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, was among those present.

North Dakota has equally fine young people. Cannot we, too, have a similarly helpful conference next year?

Many die of alcoholism who have never been drunk.

Have you paid your dues?

## Treasurer's Report

May 24-July 15, 1935

**DUES**—(Number of members) Hatton, 8; Steele, 7; Sheldon, 10; Fargo, 5; Bowesmont, 1; Reeder, 11; Dickey, 8; Oberon, 2; Larimore, 3; Lisbon Iota Sigma, 5; Bottineau, 3; Jamestown, 14; Mayville, 8; Lisbon, 1; Grand Forks, 9; Park River, 3; Fargo Scan, 31; Velva, 7; Minot, 6; Mrs. Andrew A. Mundy, Willard member. L. T. L.—Hatton, 75; Sheldon, 3; Larimore, 5; Stadore-Zahl, 17; Y. P. B.—Fargo, 9.

**BUDGET**—Sheldon, \$2.70; Dickinson, 5.00; Carrington, 5.00; Mayville, 11.00; Lisbon, .30; Bismarck comp, 20.00; Hillsboro, 2.00; Gilby, comp, 6.00; Grand Forks, 10.00; Park River comp, 3.00.

**DISTRICT PLEDGES**—1st district, \$10.00; 2nd, 5.00; 4th, 10.00; 5th, 10.00; 9th, 5.00; 10th, 5.00; 11th, 5.00; 12th, 5.00; 13th, 10.00; 15th, 10.00; 16th, 20.00; 17th, 10.00; 20th, 10.00.

**WILLARD CENTENARY EDUCATIONAL FUND**—Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, \$10.00; North Dakota Council of Religious Education, \$10.00.

**FIELD COLLECTIONS**—Miss Shaner, \$129.95; Mrs. Wilder, 14.00; Mrs. Wanner, 18.87.

**STATE REPORTS**—Prosper, 3; Dickey, 2; Larimore, 3.

**MISCELLANEOUS**—Life member Mrs. Lewis Hanson, Fairdale, \$10.00; Anna Gordon Missionary fund, Sheldon, 1.00; Medal Contest Department, 11.00; sale of Syllabus, 17.80.

Dear Treasurers:

You will have my letter about dues and budget and I know you will do your very best to meet these obligations before the books close Sept. 12. You have been so loyal in the past—you will not fail us now.

I have been asked to explain the Willard Centenary Fund. The National plan for the most extensive Alcohol Education program ever undertaken, will cost about \$500,000 and will culminate with the centenary of Miss Willard in 1939. During the five year period—one year of which will soon be gone—this money is to be raised by the states and our quota is \$2500.

We cannot wait until the close of the period or the big projects proposed cannot be undertaken. These include, radio addresses, motion pictures, charts and exhibits of various kinds, literature, reference library, teacher training, youth and adult education. With our present membership, our quota means about \$1.50 for each member for the 5-year period or 30 cents a member each year. But we must not try to pay it that way—we must have a larger vision.

Some of our members have paid \$10.00 each. At this rate, 250 such payments would meet the obligation. We are to send one-fourth to National and retain the other three-fourths to carry on these projects in our own state. We are very anxious to make a remittance to National before Sept. 1 so please do your best to send something, either from the union or from friends of the cause outside of our membership, which is most desirable. While you do this, please remember **OUR STATE BOOKS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12.**

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. E. Reed, Treasurer.  
1116 3rd. Ave. So., Fargo.

## District Conventions

**THE NORTHWEST**—This district, formerly the Fifth—held its 22nd annual convention at Stanley, June 6 and 7, the president, Mrs. John Pehrson, Alamo, presiding. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, as guest speaker, was most helpful during the meeting. Her main addresses were entitled, "The Challenge" and "Amer-

ica's Menace." Mrs. C. N. Cottingham, local president, welcomed the delegates and Mrs. O. T. Nelson of Powers Lake, responded. An impressive part of the program was "Why I am a Temperance Worker," told in three-minute talks by a delegate from each union. Mrs. H. H. Olson, Ray, conducted the memorial service.

Mrs. Bolvin Jensen, Powers Lake, was awarded the medal in a Matrons' contest, her selection being entitled, "Patsy." Other contestants were Mrs. G. W. Marshall and Mrs. C. P. Amsbaugh, Grenora and Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Powers Lake, two of the ladies being past sixty years of age. Mrs. Odin Richardson and Mrs. J. N. Dickman, Grenora, contributed vocal duets and Miss Juellen Burton a solo. Piano numbers by Frances Holden, Williston, Miss A. Remillard, Epping, and James Cottingham, Stanley and a violin solo by Elizabeth Olson, were enjoyed. Martha Sonie and Lucille Johnson, Ray, gave readings. A girls' trio sang. Rev. E. S. Tollefson conducted devotions and helped in the program. Six banner unions were reported.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. John Pehrson, Alamo; vice president, Mrs. C. W. Lee, Stady; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Geo. Stockman, Alamo; recording secretary, Mrs. L. E. Hennigar, Williston; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Phelps, Crosby; honorary president, Mrs. H. H. Olson, Ray. The hostess union entertained the delegates at luncheon and served coffee at the close of the afternoon session.

**BISMARCK**—Steele entertained this district—the old Eleventh—in the Presbyterian church, May 23, with Mrs. Ella C. Boise, district president, presiding and Miss Roena E. Shaner, national organizer, as guest speaker. Rev. H. R. Lhirley conducted devotions. Mrs. H. M. Smith gave the address of welcome to which Mrs. Lawrence Madland, McKenzie, responded. Mrs. E. O. Erickson, Bismarck, stressed the value of the institute. The memorial service was in charge of Mrs. Mary Calkins, Steele. At the noon luncheon, brief talks were followed by informal discussion.

The afternoon session opened with devotions by Mrs. R. L. Phelps, Steele. Mrs. Charles Liessman emphasized the need for temperance teaching in public and church schools. Mrs. G. M. Register discussed the problem of Taxes. Mrs. Herbert Brown explained why the hard liquor bill was referred. Two L. T. L. girls from Bismarck, directed by Mrs. Gideon Hampe, presented an interesting dialogue. Musical numbers were furnished by Mmes. Grover and Morrison and the high school Glee Club, directed by Miss Onerheim, while the high school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Odegaard, entertained with several numbers.

Mrs. Ella C. Boise, who has served long and faithfully as district president, declined re-election and was succeeded by Mrs. P. D. Wood of Steele; Mrs. Boise was elected vice president; Mrs. Andrew Haibeck, Steele, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. M. Register, Bismarck, recording secretary and Mrs. S. E. Clizbe, McKenzie, treasurer.

**COOPER-JAMES-VALLEY** District.—The 26th Tri-County Convention of the W. C. T. U. comprising Barnes-Griggs and Stutsman counties, met in the First Lutheran church at Cooperstown, May 21, 1935. We were honored by having our state President, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Miss Roena Shaner, National organizer and lecturer with us. The district president, Mrs. S. A. Zimmerman, presided.

An excellent exhibit of posters on alcoholism, made by the public school children of Cooperstown, under the

direction of Mrs. T. P. Overby, were displayed about the church. Superintendent A. M. Paulson of the Cooperstown schools gave a very strong address on "How Can the W. C. T. U. Better Cooperate With the Schools?" "Narcotics and their Bootlegging" was ably discussed by Mr. Jay Katz of Valley City. Mrs. Anna Holm of Valley City, who recently attended the National Peace Conference in Chicago, discussed "Peace" and told of the many efforts being put forth to bring about world peace. Mrs. I. O. Jacobson gave an interesting talk on "Temperance and Missions." Rev. L. C. Cooley also assisted with the program.

The outstanding feature of the convention was the address by Miss Shaner on, "Emergency Educational Program of W. C. T. U." The many splendid ideas and timely suggestions she gave, showed the breadth and extent of this program called the Willard Centenary.

The Cooperstown High School, under the direction of Miss Ruth Hilborn, gave several very fine musical numbers. A pipe organ and piano duet by Mrs. A. M. Paulson and Miss Dorothy Melgard was greatly enjoyed by the convention.

Much credit for the successful Convention is due Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Jacobson of the First Lutheran Church and Mrs. P. T. Overby who arranged for the meeting. Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Bordwell were also very helpful throughout the session.—Dora M. Large, Secretary.

## Medal Contests

Josephine M. Buhl,  
National Director

At a conference of Medal Contest workers held at our last National W. C. T. U. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, a goal for Medal Contests for this year was established. Each state is asked to hold as many contests this year as they had dues paying Unions last year. Using this as a basis, the goal for the state of North Dakota is 85 contests.

Your state Director, Mrs. Wallestad, is very anxious to reach the goal for your state, but it is impossible for her to do so unless the Medal Contest Certificates are mailed to her. Enclosed with each Medal you buy, is a certificate that should be filled out promptly and sent to your STATE DIRECTOR. Whether you buy the Medal from National or State Headquarters, the certificate must be sent to your State Director.

Please help your State Director to reach the goal for your state by sending your Medal Certificate in promptly as that is the only way she will know the exact number of contests held.

Florida is the first state to reach their goal. Will your state be next?

## Wise Words From A New Friend

Mrs. Walter W. Seymour, of Chicago, newly elected vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, says: "The American home needs a return of the culture and refinement of yesterday, a return of chivalry and courtesy. The new home must be built upon honor and respect. Smoking and drinking are not conducive to refined womanhood and the return of liquor has brought a loose and demoralized life. The adults are much to blame."

—From the Chicago Tribune in The Union Signal.

The nation that spends its money on champagne before it provides milk enough for its babies is silly, stupid, and will go to the bad.—Bernard Shaw.

## What the Country is Thinking on the Liquor Question

Deets Pickett

Basing the opinion upon observation of speakers and on advice from various sections of the country, the following seems to be just about the state of the country's thought on the present liquor situation:

1. Drunkenness is greatly increased, especially in places of public resort.

2. The custom of drinking is increasing very rapidly, although consumption is not as yet anything like as large as it was before prohibition.

3. The use of liquor by women and girls is increasing by leaps and bounds. The cocktail rooms of the hotels are packed in the afternoons and the evenings, and five-sixths of the occupants are women.

4. People are seriously alarmed on account of the increasing number of automobile accidents due to drinking. Almost every community has its tale of horror.

5. There is serious dissatisfaction because of the waste of relief funds in saloons and similar places of liquor sale.

6. Bootlegging may have decreased in a few communities; in the country as a whole it seems to have increased since repeal. Probably the sale of illicit liquors is greater both in cities and rural districts; any improvement seems to be appearing in the small towns. The real feeling of indignation exists because of the character of liquor advertising, particularly of whiskey advertising. Undoubtedly a country-wide movement will soon be underway against radio advertising of beer and whiskey advertising of any nature.

In sum: the general sentiment of the country seems to be that conditions are much worse since repeal and will inevitably be still worse as months go by. But this sentiment has not yet reached the point of militancy. A great many people who voted for repeal are now prepared to vote for the return of prohibition. Still others who voted for repeal speak vaguely of some system eliminating profits and promotional features. There is a great deal more activity in educational work, both in the churches and in the schools.

—From Kentucky White Ribbon.

## The Right is Sure to Win

Mrs. Annie D. Fitcher, Linton, sends us a clipping from a 1911 periodical stating that the Brewers' Association had raised a million dollars to fight Woman's Suffrage through paid editorials in newspapers and magazines. Yet equal suffrage won and in like manner, in spite of the sixteen million dollars being spent for liquor advertising, prohibition will win in the end. We quote from "The Voice":

"The wine and liquor industry is spending sixteen million dollars this year for advertising" said Mr. Maurice Mermer, advertising director of a convention of the National Liquor Dealers' Association in New York. Sixteen million dollars to teach men, women and children how to drink.

Sixteen million dollars to promote drunken driving.

Sixteen million dollars to promote poverty and crime.

Sixteen million dollars for the campaign of intemperance education. The success of temperance education must wait upon prohibition of intemperance education."

State treasurer's books close September 12.

## Y. P. B. Column

### THE BUILDERS

All are architects of Fate,  
Working in these walls of Time;  
Some with massive deeds and great,  
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

For the structure that we raise,  
Time is with materials filled;  
Our to-days and yesterdays  
Are the blocks with which we build.

In the elder days of Art  
Builders wrought with greatest care  
Each minute and unseen part:  
For the Gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,  
Both the unseen and the seen;  
Make the house, where Gods may  
dwell  
Beautiful, entire and clean.  
—Longfellow.

### A FINE EXAMPLE

One of our splendid young men, a member of the Young People's Branch, recently requested a copy of the triple pledge that he might sign it, saying he had been tempted to smoke, that he did not want to begin the practice and wanted a pledge to stabilize his resolve. Similar reasons for pledge signing have been given by Abraham Lincoln, William Jennings Bryan and other great men, who also signed for the sake of their example.

Joy Elmer Morgan, Editor of the National Education Association Journal, makes the following ten counts against the cigaret:

1. IT IS COSTLY. The people of the United States spend more for tobacco than for their marvelous free public schools.

2. IT IS WASTEFUL. One who begins at twenty to spend \$2.50 a week on tobacco would save \$25,000 by the time he is 65 were he to invest his money at 6 per cent compound interest.

3. IT IS A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE. It leads young people into careless company.

4. IT BREAKS DOWN IDEALS. It is helping to reduce our American standard of womanhood to the lower level of less advanced countries.

5. IT IS MONEY MAD. Cigaret makers have had to be restrained by the Government from publishing untrue statements in our newspapers and magazines.

6. IT IS SELFISH. Cigaret-makers are using the powerful art of psychology to spread the habit among ignorant and helpless people throughout the world.

7. IT IS UNSAFE. It causes fires, accidents and gasoline explosions.

8. IT IS ESPECIALLY BAD for indoor workers whose supply of fresh air, sunshine and exercise is often limited.

9. IT CAUSES FAILURE. It slowly destroys that small margin of superior excellence required by the exacting conditions of today's life.

10. IT IS THE ENEMY OF PROGRESS. It eats up the surplus of money and health, that small but all-important margin that carries one man or one race beyond another.

### Here and There With Our Folks

The name of Miss Margaret Campbell, Ryder, is added to the list of Cleaners formerly reported.

Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood, on retiring from the presidency of Grand Forks district, was presented with a pearl pin as an expression of the love and esteem of her white ribbon comrades.

We regret to learn that Miss Agnes

Jorstad, the capable leader of the Stady-Zahl L. T. L. has removed to Billings, Montana. Miss Jorstad has done very fine work with the children which we hope she may continue in our neighboring state.

We enjoyed a pleasant call from our former state vice president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke and her children, Ruth, Robert and Jean, who were driving through from Minneapolis to spend the vacation in the old home at Ryder.

The Grand Forks unions had a booth at their Fair, exhibiting posters and distributing literature to many callers who expressed renewed interest in the work because of the havoc wrought by beer.

Most heartily do we welcome our new union at Velva, organized in the spring by Miss Susie Herrington and Mrs. J. J. Larsen of Benedict. Twenty-three members are reported. Already they have placed temperance material in Vacation Bible Schools. Mrs. C. B. Prine is president, Mrs. Jacob Fix, secretary and Mrs. Oren Mills, treasurer.

Grand Forks Scandinavian union held a public meeting in Bethel Lutheran church with Miss Clara Jones, of the Fargo House of Mercy, giving an address to mothers. Miss Jones also spoke at the Lutheran Bible School.

On a recent program at Fairdale, the L. T. L. gave five numbers, including a playlet—"The Two Babies." They have 15 white ribbon recruits.

Northwood sponsored essay and poster contests in which 100 took part. They were divided into three groups and five prizes awarded each group. Before essays were written, Prof. W. E. Lillo of Larimore addressed the pupils.

From the Gospel Pencil Company, 1153 5th Ave. New York, we have received samples of two attractive lead pencils, on one of which is printed the full text of John 3: 16, and on the other the Ten Commandments. We shall be glad to order for any who may be interested in spreading the Gospel in this unique way. Prices are 10 and 20 cents.

Members of the Young People's Branch assisted in the Flower Mission program of the Fargo W. C. T. U. at the Plymouth Congregational church, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, first vice president, presiding. Mrs. Clarence E. Parr led devotions. The parlor was gay with many bright, spring flowers which were later distributed by the local director, Mrs. W. J. Thompson. Miss Eva Moore read "The Story of Jennie Cassedy"; Miss Elizabeth Wilder, "A Rose Behind the Bars"; Miss Jessie Hill gave a reading for Flag Day and Miss Mavis Jensen read impressively—"The Going of the White Swan." During the social hour which followed, refreshments were served by ladies of the church.

### Birds and Babies

A circular treating on the proper care of pet birds says: "If a canary be kept it should have a large cage and be let out each day to fly about the room. As smoke laden air is a great torture to them and injures their health they should be carefully protected from it."

Women smokers, or those with husbands who smoke about the house would thus be banned from keeping these sweet singers.

If smoke is injurious to the throats of birds, what about its effect upon the tender membrane of a baby's throat?

To find his place and fill it is success for a man.—Phillip Brooks.

## The Spiritual Life

### IN STRESS OF BUSINESS

I met my Lord one evening  
When a weary day was done,  
And the heat and hurt of conflict  
Faded like the setting sun.

Yes, I met Him there at evening  
As He promised that I would,  
And my weariness and worry  
Vanished sweetly where I stood.

But I wondered as I met Him,  
At the closing of that day,  
Felt the healing of His Presence  
In His wonder-working way.

Oh, I wondered, and heart-aching,  
As I heard His evening song,  
How it was I'd missed the Presence  
Of my Lord the whole day long.

Then I heard His kindly answer  
But it pierced the soul of me—  
"When, my son, in all this day time,  
Have I had one word from thee?"

Since that hour I see the Presence,  
Waiting ever at my side,  
Waiting for some recognition,  
For the word so oft denied.

So I think I know why sometimes  
His dear Presence seems so dim—  
Just because, in press of business,  
I so rarely talk with Him!

—Ralph S. Cushman.

### THE QUIET HOUR

Mrs. Alvin Sherbine

These are the days that test the faith and the courage of many, many mothers. Think of the thousands of mothers in our land who are compelled to live in crowded, cramped little rooms with the multitude of household duties and cares that always fall on mothers' shoulders! Perhaps the little house is full of children who are often boisterous and sometimes, even in play, bring anxiety to a mother's heart. This happens even with the best and dearest of children. There you will seldom find a short quiet hour for the mother, and never a little place in all the house where she can be alone and free from turmoil and interruption.

We once read of a mother, in a home of poverty and care, yet with a soul that was at peace with God and with the world. In the evening time, at twilight, there were a few moments when she would glide away by herself, away from the clashing domestic machinery of the crowded home—and the children became quiet and wondered.

This mother would quietly steal away into the soothing peace under the first faint glimmering of the evening stars. She couldn't go far,—she was too tired,—just a short stroll into the open where she could be alone. Here she met and talked face to face with the Creator of all beauty, grandeur and peace, and He listened. Soon she would return filled with hope, praise and a deeper love of toil, children, home and life. The burdens and the irritating cares had sunk into the silence of the evening. They were assuaged in the bosom of a sympathetic God. Then and there a new hope filled her heart.

It must have been such precious moments of silent communion that inspired Phoebe H. Brown to write:

"I love to steal a while away  
From every cumbering care  
And spend the hours of setting day  
In humble, grateful prayer."

The need of the world is peace and quiet. The children need the silent, sublime influence of a mother whose heart is filled with hope and thanksgiving and is at peace with humanity and with humanity's God. Countless conflicts and confusions now destroy the harmony and the peace of God's world. Intemperance claims its toll.

Will the mothers of America, in silent prayer and communion with God, ask that America and the world be made safe and beautiful for His children?—The Natl. W. C. T. U.

## Comrades Bereaved

"The good are better made by ill,  
As odors crushed are sweeter still."

With sympathy sincere we remember our dear comrades who, in recent weeks, have been called to "walk through the valley of the shadow" and to see their beloved cross over to the Other Side:

Mr. Fred W. Warren, husband of our Anna M. Warren, Portland, and father of Mrs. Martin Johnson, Larimore, went recently to the reward of a strong and consistent Christian life.

Mr. C. E. Leslie, a true friend of the temperance cause, who stood firmly for the best things during his long and useful life at Hillsboro. Mrs. Leslie is the loved local president.

Mr. J. F. McGrann, once of Fargo and Minot but more recently of Minneapolis, a well known business man, was called suddenly while, with Mrs. McGrann, he was visiting in Fargo.

Mrs. Frances Wheeler Stewart, a loyal white ribboner of the Preston union at Southam, was called Home after a lingering illness.

"Deem not that they are blest alone  
Whose days a peaceful tenor keep;  
The anointed Son of God makes known  
A blessing for the eyes that weep."

Have you paid your dues?

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