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Mrs. Fred M. Wanner

In this forty-sixth annual convention, again we come together to take an inventory and a prospectus. We are most happy to meet in this progressive, beautiful city of Minot, whose noted activities and progressive civic life should be an incentive and an inspiration to us in our great work. Seven years ago we met here and had a most enjoyable and worthwhile convention and we are glad to accept your cordial hospitality again.

These are challenging days. The national situation has gone through many changes, faced many problems, as has our own state, and there are few of these problems that are not, in some way, complicated by the liquor business. Perhaps the most appallingly outstanding fact that we, who are interested in taxes must face, is, that the United States has, during the past two years, expended \$14,000,000,000, while collections amounted to \$7,000,000,000, and the federal debt has risen to \$32,060,646,422. Reduced to individual responsibility, it amounts to \$253.58 for each man, woman and child in our country.

Opposite this is written the \$3,000,000,000 drink bill of the United States (not including illicit liquors) for 1934. One third more should be added for indirect costs. The actual expenditures for legal liquor will amount to \$97.29 per family. This expenditure was authorized that the government might receive revenue for its support. This amounts to \$14.97 per family. Doesn't this seem senseless—each family spending \$97.29 for something which is harmful—that the government may have \$14.97 revenue? Would it not be better to pay \$14.97 directly to the government and have the \$82.32 for food, shoes and clothing? Arthur Brisbane said: "If Satan is a reality, he must grin when he sees a highly civilized nation relying partly for its expenses on alcohol."

Bootlegging After Repeal

Congress has appropriated \$30,000,000 to block foreign bootleggers, under repeal, and it is proposed to build 183 boats at a cost of \$27,013,000 to combat bootlegging. According to congressional appropriations, it is now costing \$632,000 per year more to fight bootlegging, since repeal, than for the average cost of enforcing Prohibition. Rum Row has become such a menace that it is proposed to push the twelve mile limit out fifty miles, making it a sixty-two mile limit.

The most startling fact is that the federal and, in many cases, the state governments, have not only licensed but have become partners in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. In the election next June, our own state has a challenge to every Christian, every lover of safety for our young people, when we are to decide whether we want our state to



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derive its revenue from the sale of hard liquor or not. The passing of Senate Bill 175 by a small majority made us hope that our acting Governor would veto it, because the people at three recent elections had said they did not want hard liquor. It is the old, old saying, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Remember, we lost the prohibition law because people did not use their privilege of the ballot, and the only way we can save our state is by rolling up the largest number of votes ever cast in North Dakota. We CAN and we MUST win.

The Seattle Star worked for repeal but later said: "Don't laugh when the W. C. T. U. says Prohibition is coming back within five years—there is more than a little common sense in the prediction. We repealed prohibition, promising we would control liquor, and now—saloons run wide open, liquor is sold to minors; the liquor fellows are 'killing the goose that laid their golden eggs' and, if no further effort is made to enforce the law, it is a mighty good bet that Prohibition is coming back with a vengeance." Must we lose our splendid boys and girls to satisfy the greed of the brewer and liquor dealer?

We were promised that repeal would provide work for those needing it and never in our history have there been so many receiving aid. The American Federation of Labor estimates that in November 1933, just before repeal, there were 11,030,000 unemployed while in November 1934 with repeal almost a year old, the number had increased by 420,000. When booze comes in it may give employment in new jobs but it takes men out of jobs in dairies, producing milk, on farms producing beef, bread, butter and other milk products; in grocery and general stores, clothing stores, etc. It is a mathematical fact that money spent for beer cannot be spent for clothing, food or family

luxuries. This means that some clothing salesmen, some grocery, dry goods, furniture, radio and other salesmen, must be starved out and some houses must close.

Moderation

A ten year program is announced by a group of prominent men and women in the east, to teach moderate drinking as opposed to total abstinence. Educators, social-minded citizens, prominent in humanitarian and religious movements, openly exclaimed against any such fallacious program, proclaiming total abstinence as the only safe course.

The Northwestern Life Insurance Company recently reported an increase in the number of Applicants below the age of 30, who were rejected on account of drinking habits, 149 per cent. The number of persons under thirty using liquor has increased 138 per cent as against a general increase of only 74 per cent. Legal liquor is thus shown to be particularly dangerous in its effect upon youth. Since repeal, Keeley Institutes, many of which were closed or used for other purposes, report an increase of 75 per cent in cases treated. The Cleveland Plaindealer reports that since repeal, the enrollment at national institutions for alcoholic diseases has broken all previous records.

Accidents

"If this keeps up, we shall have Prohibition back in two years" said Judge Sheffler, confronted with 200 accidents in the Chicago Safety Court. After repeal, deaths from automobile wrecks increased 77 per cent in the United States, according to Div. Vital Statistics. Since repeal, arrests of drunken drivers have increased in Washington, D. C., 250 per cent; in Los Angeles, 490 per cent; in Cincinnati, 380 per cent; in Philadelphia, 300 per cent; Danville, Va., 235 per cent. (Police Surgeon, Dr. Theron Kilmer.)

Much of the blame for present social conditions was well placed by Mrs. Walter Seymour, first vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, at a recent convention, when she said: "The American home needs a return of the culture and refinement of yesterday, a return of courtesy and chivalry. 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."

Liquor advertising today, with its social appeal, the determination to cultivate what the president of the Brewers' Association called—"Our new market—women," have brought our country face to face with the problem of drinking mothers, as well as drinking fathers. Women crowd bars of regular saloons, serve as bartenders, serve liquor to young people in their homes; leave their children to court death and disaster while they hold drunken carousals. The story is

a sordid one. God give us Christian homes with family altars that we may be in reality a Christian nation.

Liquor or Milk?

Since repeal, consumption of milk has decreased 185,348,000 gallons in the United States (U. S. Bureau of Agriculture). Under the 18th amendment, the increase in milk consumption was twenty six gallons per person, while the decrease in beer consumption was seventeen gallons per person (A. A. P. A.) To feed the extra cows to produce the increased milk, under the 18th amendment regime, it required 74,000,000 bushels of grain, which is 41,000,000 bushels more than the liquor business used. (L. J. Tabor, Master National Grange.) The soft drink business increased 307 per cent. Since repeal, it has decreased 50 per cent. Under prohibition, the ice cream business increased 281 per cent. (Statistics Abstract U. S. 1914-1932 Dairy Products.) Which is better business and health proposition?

Gambling And Lotteries

The gambling business is growing apace in the United States. Thirty states have legalized horse racing and nineteen, gambling. Slot machines lure the children. One police investigator testified that he put in 400 nickles before he had one returned. Damon Runyon, noted sports writer, furnishes a scathing denunciation of gambling today and predicts that the pendulum will swing back in a few years, adding: "It is bad in principle and worse in practice to encourage gambling and it can't last." We must watch our laws, educate as to the nature and effect and the program of enforcement of such protection as we already have, the prevention of permissive laws being passed and the passage and enforcement of such laws as are needed for the protection of society. Heywood Brown, the columnist, finds, "tendencies afoot which genuinely shock me." He had written many lines disclaiming that he was a Puritan, but uses a double column, syndicated article, to warn against lotteries.

Press Propaganda

There are two ways by which this may be met. One is stopping subscription, the other, personal protest. Do not think it is not worth while. If all the subscribers to a magazine who object to liquor advertising, would write the management, it is more than likely there would be results. It will ease your own conscience, anyway. We do so much need money for counter-advertising. After repeal, the president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment said: "A great debt is due the liberal press of the nation which has been a great factor of overwhelming force in accomplishment of repeal." Senator Capper of Kansas has introduced a bill which we are glad to sponsor. It would protect the nation from advertising of liquors. We

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must plan wisely and well to secure its passage in the next Congress. Write or speak to your Congressman about it.

Youth

It is an appalling thing for a nation when four million youth are forced into a life of idleness. With temptations on every hand, how can they escape? Roger Babson says that "Unless these millions are absorbed into industry, revolution will be the result." The head resident of a social settlement in a congested section of Chicago reveals some startling results of the legalization of liquor. "It has become a major problem with us. There is a marked difference in the attitude of young people towards drinking. Night life has become a sinister thing since liquor has come back. Girls work as barmaids and hostesses in saloons. Many of these have come from the country or small towns."

About 300,000 youths are now in CCC camps and soon there will be 600,000. The sale of beer in these camps is at option of commanding officer. Many of these do not permit it. Others do, bringing forth the old canteen arguments—"the profits of the sale will supply men with luxuries that the government does not provide." The camps were established for the purpose of rebuilding the younger generation. Appeals have come to our National headquarters asking aid in procuring better conditions, as saloons are often opened just outside the camps, with the usual vice accompaniments and results. Mother love announces to the world a campaign to abolish the canteen in CCC camps. Our National W. C. T. U. president calls to action all who care for the well-being of youth. Our hearts yearn and prayers ascend for the youth of our nation and of all the world, and our hope is that they will choose the things that will make life most worth while. The strength of idealism which youth requires, as it faces its peculiar temptations and

fighters for manhood and womanhood, can be supplied only by fathers and mothers in whom strength and wisdom reside.

In the big Beauty Parade which we saw recently on the Board Walk in Atlantic City was one beautiful float with young girls drinking liquor (with many bottles of various kinds of liquor on the float,) and when it passed by, a group of young people shouted, "Down with booze, we want shoes" and sang "Alcohol is just what it used to be." Our National president said, "We HAVE fought liquor—we WILL fight liquor." Abraham Lincoln said, "Liquor may have defenders but has no defense."

Do you know what the liquor papers of the nation are saying? "Are the dries downhearted? The W. C. T. U. keeps after beer and lambastes it more than hard liquor." Jacob Ruppert, president of the U. S. Brewers, said, "We brewers used to launch a national fight against professional prohibitionists—in eight or ten states there is already danger of drifting back towards prohibition unless a concerted fight is made against it. If we do not start right now we will live to regret it, so don't go out thinking all is sunshine, because we have a hard fight ahead of us."

A member of congress is reported as saying, "Unless the liquor interests take warning they will have one foot on a banana peel and the other in the grave." He criticized liquor advertising, designed to popularize drinking, and said, "More and more, young men and women are being attracted to the use of liquor, with increased drinking among housewives." Another New York Congressman said, "If the situation that exists today is what we must have as a consequence of legal liquor, as for me give me prohibition." And he too was one of the prohibition opponents. Clarence Darrow, able opponent of prohibition, is unhappy about conditions. He feels that the wets are going to extremes and said "If these conditions continue, prohibition will be back as fast as it went away."

Senator Sheppard, the father of the 18th Amendment, has not lost courage. He made his usual prohibition speech on January 16 and has a "Sheppard Resolution" in the hands of the Judiciary Committee which greatly strengthens the text of the 18th Amendment. Senator Guyer, Kansas, has introduced a bill to re-enact the Sheppard Prohibition Act. This provides for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, gift, purchase, or possession of any spirituous, vinous, malt, fermented, and all alcoholic liquors whatsoever, for beverage purposes in the District of Columbia. This is for the protection of youth who live in our nation's capital and youth from all our states who go there seeking employment. Write or speak to your senators, asking them to support these bills. These are gleams in the darkness and we take courage.

The Five Year Five Point Program

Last year's national convention adopted a five year-five point program, ending in November 1939, the 100th birthday anniversary of Frances E. Willard. Our national treasurer reported that every state had responded. Some states, like our own, had other campaigns on, in the spring, but all are now at work on the wonderful plan.

First: Deepening the spiritual life of the union and of each individual member. Roger Babson recently said: "The first need of today is a spiritual revival." May each one of us pray in the words of one of old—"Oh Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me." Prayer is a weapon that our opponents do not have, and let us not forget that our great work was born in prayer.

Second. Alcohol Education. Un-

doubtedly our opponents will try to place text books and school instruction on a "moderate basis" and we must place our splendid comprehensive program into every school in our beloved state and nation. One of the outstanding features of our recent National convention was the unanimous adoption of the plan to set aside \$1200 of our Centenary Fund for expenses of four women, chosen by general officers, and Miss Bertha R. Palmer, who are to come to Rest Cottage for the first three months of the coming year, to be taught how to teach "Alcohol Education." They are then to be available for work in the states, teaching teachers how to teach Alcohol Education. States that finance an applicant may also send to this school but I understand the number for the first school is to be limited to ten, while the school is in the experimental stage. To me, this was the outstanding plan of the whole convention.

Horace Mann, father of the public schools of this country, so early saw the necessity for teaching and strongly spoke, "If temperance prevails, then education can prevail. If temperance fails, then education must fail."

Third: Character building. The Bible, Science and Police Courts agree as to the relation of drink to impurity. Social evils follow closely in the wake of alcoholic liquors and present conditions show an alarming increase in social evils since repeal. Self control, judgment, all yield to the influence of the effect of alcohol. Gladstone once said: "There are four scourges of humanity—war, famine, pestilence and drink." An eminent physician has recently said: "There are four scourges—tuberculosis, syphilis, alcoholism and war." Education and legislation must join hands. Education, scientific and religious, must be stressed to young and old. The W. C. T. U. must cooperate in bringing these facts before the people, remembering that only "The pure in heart shall see God," and "He that defileth the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Character building is a big task as there are so many factors in connection, but our Heavenly Father can and will give plans and strength.

Fourth. Christian Citizenship. As our national president said "Our country is passing through a crisis. Representative government is on trial. Financial security is tottering; economic privilege for the masses is problematic. Government problems multiply. The liquor traffic complicates every such problem. It introduces elements of insecurity in home, business and government. Education is the remedy for the individual but it can't touch business, only law can. How will that law come? Many say "they" must secure it. But remember that "they" means you, individually and collectively. We need a baptism of individual responsibility in political life." Joseph Folk once said: "It is one thing to be against wrong—it is quite another thing to fight wrong." Good citizens need to become more aggressive. We need to show our colors. Prayer is necessary but is not enough. We must "Be doers of the Word" also. Too many do not use the power of the ballot. Unless there is an awakening among Christian citizens, our Constitution and nation are endangered. Let us awake and act. We have a greater responsibility because we are Christians.

Fifth: Peace. Righteousness and education are the only things that will bring peace, for peace is the result of righteous relations between men, the foundations of which are laid in religion. Edward Everett said "Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. If we retrench the wages of the school master, we must raise those of the recruiting sergeant." Three million

children have been deprived of schooling this year because of lack of funds. The appropriation for the year 1936 for the office of Education was \$251,720. Yet the appropriation for forage, only, for army horses is \$602,317. Eight million children are on federal relief rolls. Miss Lenroot reports increased sickness and death among them but the army is granted \$341,348,261 for purely military purposes. For the Navy it is \$98,400,000—a total of almost one billion dollars.

For Social Security, \$98,400,000 is appropriated. The United States leads the nations in an armament race. Militarism predominates in our nation but if we all awake to our responsibility, Christian citizens can stand by the Kellogg-Briand Pact and, with courage and action, can help remake our nation. All these points are to be stressed in our Five Point Plan and the sooner we raise our quota of \$2500 in the national sum of \$500,000 asked for its promotion, the sooner will our state be reaping the benefits. The brewers' are out for a \$16,000,000 fund for advertising alone and the Council of Moderation has a ten year program.

Billboards everywhere, the press and the radio are educating children, youth and adults to the merits of drink, only that manufacturers, brewers and liquor dealers may be made rich, while we are asking for \$500,000 that we may spiritually stimulate the citizenship, provide alcohol education, strengthen character building, arouse responsibility for Christian citizenship and promote the peace of the world. One fourth of this sum is to go to the National W. C. T. U. to carry out projects which the states cannot do, the three fourths to be used in the states.

Many in our state have already responded to the call. Some of the money was paid for the services of Miss Bertha R. Palmer when she attended our state summer schools, holding classes with the teachers and teaching how to teach Alcohol Education. Some money was paid for copies of the Syllabus in Alcohol Education and as the money comes into our treasury, we plan to use it in a program for public education, including books, literature, posters, exhibits, movies, visual education, through electrical devices, chemical experiments and other exhibits.

Our slogan should be: "The Syllabus in Alcohol Education in every school in North Dakota." I am very anxious that we may soon be able to secure "Dr. Wise" and send him around to each of our local unions, carrying alcohol education to every one who reads. Our own state is in danger and our own nation, and they will not be delivered from danger until Christian fathers and mothers arise in their might. May we all join in saying prayerfully and earnestly: "Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies."

We re-affirm our belief in total abstinence and prohibition and pledge ourselves to work, in the coming year, as we have never worked before, remembering that "The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people."

"Teach us, Lord, Thy plan and purpose,
So that we may build aright,
That the house that we are building
May be pleasing in Thy sight.
Give us grace that we may ever
Seek and follow out Thy plan;
Work not for ourselves, but others,
Building for our fellow men."

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—Lowell.

Whatever else you do with a worry, don't pass it on.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner

On Friday, Sept. 6, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Atlantic City, was filled with delegates and visitors while Mary Harris ARMOR led the "service of song, prayer, praise, worship and dedication" which carried us all to the mountain top with Christ and set the spiritual keynote which continued throughout the whole convention. Dear Dr. Gordon was with us again, at noon each day, and the half hour with him took us close to the Master. He would say: "Do you hear Him, do you feel Him?—He is right there by your side." As some one said "It is worth the trip just to hear Dr. Gordon explain God's word and to hear him talk and pray."

We had been in business sessions since Wednesday afternoon and it rained continuously until Friday afternoon. When the sun broke through we stopped business, rose and sang the Doxology. The huge hall was almost filled that evening when, after an organ recital, presided by the Legionaires and Drum Corps, the national officers, speakers and state residents marched to their places. The presidents were dressed in white, each carrying the large silk flag of her state. After the usual greetings, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith gave a most masterly address. I hope you have each read it in the Union Signal and will keep the copy for reference.

The title of the address—"The Way and Various Steps of the Way" was dramatized behind a silken curtain with beautiful colored lights, by young people in effective costumes, giving beautiful selections from prose or poetry.

We met in the city auditorium, said to be the largest in the world, the main room seating 4000—by the ballroom, where we met Drum Corps, but about one third of it was screened off. The acoustic properties were fine. The Commercial Club paid a pipe organ specialist who rendered especially fine music on a wonderful organ. The song leader was good and all the music of a very high order. Taps were sounded each evening. Through the windows we could see the ever-changing ocean and continually hear its roar as we watched the highest tides that have swept the eastern shores in many months. The auditorium was beautifully decorated and fresh flowers brought every day. The 48 states, Santo Domingo and Porto Rico were all represented.

We heard many fine addresses from noted people, most of which you will find in The Union Signal. To me the most inspiring was that of Mrs. Nellie Burger—"Frances Willard, We are Here." At its close, she called Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith to her side as the leader of the challenging program through which the W. C. T. U. is keeping faith with Frances Willard; she called her co-officers to accept their responsibility; Miss Helen Byrnes to marshal the young people and Miss Lenadell Wiggins, the L. T. L.; Mrs. Ella A. Boole to send the message around the world; and finally brought the entire audience to its feet in a universal call to service.

One afternoon we stopped long enough to take a ride in roller chairs along the noted Board Walk, the ocean rolling on one side and tourists, amusement places, gambling dives, shops of every kind, eating places and great hotels on the other.

Over three hundred chairs were in procession—possibly the largest number of women who had ever taken the ride together. This was almost our only relaxation during an earnest and inspiring convention.

The closing scene was most impressive. Mrs. Smith, with Bible in hand, stood under a tall lighted candle, reading and giving a short message; while Miss Byrnes, on the other side, offered prayer. Responding to an earnest invitation, forty-two young women came forward, lighting their candles at the larger one and forming in circles, consecrated themselves to Christian temperance service, while their state officer or mother stood with them. After the prayer of dedication, we all sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the sixty-first national convention closed.

THE STATE CONVENTION

In Minot, the "Magic City," the forty-sixth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held Sept. 26-29. Fair weather, genial hospitality, a large attendance of earnest, interested women and men (for Andrew Catherwood, John Wallestad, C. W. Lee and others were there) insured success from the start. An honored life member, whose presence inspired us, was Mrs. Jean McNaughton Stevens, now of Minnewaukan. Miss Edith Carey, Bottineau, another faithful pioneer, celebrated her birthday anniversary while there, on Miss Willard's birthday, and was honored by the convention. Mrs. C. A. Waldron was organist, Mrs. H. E. Dierenfeld, accompanist and Mrs. J. H. Mackley, song leader. The convention theme was "Educate." The executive committee held a business session the first afternoon.

The Banquet

The opening event was the banquet, held in the dining room of the convention church, the Vincent Methodist and presided over by the state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown, in her own happy manner. Rev. I. E. Dierenfeld, pastor Presbyterian church, voiced the invocation. Mr. J. A. Patterson, Mayor, welcoming the delegates on behalf of the city, said he had attended many conventions, but this was different and wished the whole City Council had been there. The pastor of the church, Rev. N. Everett Hanson, gave a welcome for the nineteen churches of the city: Supt. L. A. White for the city schools representing 4000 young people and Mrs. C. F. Truax, as president of local and district unions. A very appropriate response was made by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, president of the Grand Forks district. Prof. Carl L. Nelson, Director Voice at State Teachers College, entertained with delightful solos.

Dr. Daniel Heitmeier, pastor First Baptist church, Fargo, brought a cordial message of cooperation from the North Dakota Conference of the Baptist church, then in session in Minot, and followed with a stirring address on the liquor situation in state and nation. Enumerating the many broken promises of the repealists, Dr. Heitmeier was still persuaded that to have continued the policy of the 18th Amendment would have been the best way to mitigate the evils of the liquor traffic. Rev. C. A. Armstrong pronounced the benediction.

Friday Morning, Sept. 27

At 9 o'clock, the presiding officer, Mrs. Wanner, called the convention to order. From the opening consecration service, conducted by Miss Sue Herrington, pastor of the Methodist church at Benedict, to the closing hour, a spiritual atmosphere of earnest devotion was discernible. It was evident the delegates believed in their cause and were anxious to promote it more successfully. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, led the salute to the flag and Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby, led in the reading of the Crusade Psalm. The president's recommendations adopted by the convention deserve our thoughtful consideration as a working basis. The reports of the officers and branch secretaries were encouraging and were received with a rising vote of thanks. We were especially glad to note increase in L. T. L. membership, reported by Mrs. Bordwell.

During the memorial service, conducted by the state president, Mrs. J. H. Mackley sang sweetly—"Land of the Unsetting Sun." As the names of promoted comrades and friends were read, a basket of beautiful flowers was placed in their memory. At noon, the ladies of the church served a very nice lunch in the dining room.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, Mrs. Geo. Mowry, Larimore, offered prayer. The district presidents, twelve of whom were present, gave brief and encouraging reports of their work. Mrs. Frank H. Peters, Minot, sang a solo. The state directors, using the convention theme, showed how to educate through the work of their various departments, making good speeches. In a very enthusiastic and inspiring address, Mrs. Wilder gave the highlights of

the national convention at Atlantic City which she attended as national director Institutes. The convention hostesses, introduced by their general chairman, Mrs. C. F. Truax, were thanked and given the white ribbon salute.

Rev. C. A. Armstrong of the North Dakota Council of Religious Education was introduced and spoke of the close relation between our work and that of this organization. Friday evening, Mrs. Clarence W. Lee led devotions. A play of unusual interest, directed by Miss Elizabeth DeFrate, Minot, was cleverly put on by local talent and was much enjoyed. An event of every convention is the annual address of the president, Mrs. John Pehrson, vice president, presided while Mrs. Wanner read the splendid message which appears in this paper. Rev. and Mrs. Marcus S. Lewis of the Bethany Lutheran church, sang a duet. Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, president James Valley district, made the collection speech.

Saturday, Sept. 28

At 8:30 a. m. the state directors held a conference in charge of Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, of the Social Morality department, while the district presidents held a conference with Mrs. C. E. Soderholm of the New Rockford district, presiding. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell had an interesting session at another hour with L. T. L. workers.

Opening the convention, prayer was offered by Mrs. Arthur H. Maides of Ray and Mrs. Pearl G. Wood, president Bismarck district, led in the flag salute. By this time, the guest of honor, Miss Maude M. Aldrich, Oregon, national director of the department of Motion Pictures, had arrived and was introduced and given the white ribbon salute to which she fittingly replied by bringing a greeting to the convention from her friend and ours, Mrs. Fred Honey, formerly of Park River, now of Gresham, Oregon.

The state directors concluded their department addresses, convincing us all of the possibility of more constructive and worthwhile work. An open forum on the Willard Centenary Educational Fund explained the reason for the fund, how and when it may be raised and brought out the fact that our women are already interested and working towards raising our state quota. The credentials committee reported seventy voting delegates as well as many visitors. All officers were unanimously re-elected. We are happy to announce the appointment of Miss Sue Herrington, Benedict, as secretary of Youth's Temperance Council—the new name for the Young People's Branch.

Saturday afternoon, "This is my Father's World" was sung and Mrs. Elias Porter, president Devils Lake district, offered prayer. A symposium—Local Officers in Review—What They Should and Should Not Do—was participated in by Mrs. Odin Nelson, Powers Lake, for the president; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder for the vice president; Mrs. Frank Beasley for the secretary and Mrs. Robert B. Reed for the treasurer, and many helpful hints were brought out. The convention sang a peppy Union Signal song and Miss Aldrich spoke for the official papers. The committee reported thirteen subscriptions to The Union Signal and thirty to The Young Crusader.

Mrs. Erling S. Monnes, Minot, sang a sacred solo. Ruths, Gleaners and Harvesters were recognized while the convention sang—"Bringing in the Sheaves." One hundred thirty-two new members were reported. A very thoughtful and illuminating address on Present Prospects for Peace was given by Miss Eleanor Forsee of the High School faculty.

Saturday evening was Young People's night and Mrs. Beasley presided. Mrs. Bordwell led devotions. Selections by the Girls' Glee Club of the College High School, directed by Miss White, were enjoyed. A Pearl medal contest, of unusual interest, was in charge of the state director, Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, and the medal was awarded to Miss Marie Jacobson of Ray. Others contesting were: Helen Chislock, Minot; Donald Carlson, Ray; Donald Hanchett, Rydner; Gladys Brusegaard and Jean Middleton, Gilby. Miss Aldrich presented the medal to the winner and gifts to the others.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Early Sunday morning Mrs. Pehrson conducted a quiet, helpful prayer service through which we all met "Around one common-mercy seat." The regular church service followed, conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. Everett Hanson. The choir, directed by Prof. Nelson, with Mrs. C. A. Waldron at the organ, sang a choice selection. Dr. Hanson introduced the state president, Mrs. Wanner, who presented the speaker of the morning, Miss Maude M. Aldrich. Taking as her text II Chron. 7:14: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land," the speaker showed impressively that conditions therein specified are necessary to national recovery today.

Sunday evening, at the union service, with Mrs. Wanner presiding, Rev. H. F. Widen of the Baptist church, offered prayer and Rev. H. E. Dierenfeld of the Presbyterian church read the Scripture lesson. Prof. C. L. Nelson sang a solo. Mrs. J. H. Mackley and Mr. Carsten Woll sang; "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" by Strainer. Miss Aldrich gave the address of the evening, discussing at length the present situation with regard to Motion pictures and giving some illuminating facts in regard to the false attempts made to improve them. She blamed the screen for much of the loose morals, sex perversion, immodesty in dress, intemperance in habits, and the prevalent use of the cigaret, and made a strong appeal for the support and passage of the Calkin Bill, now before Congress, claiming that this legislation will protect the children and youth of America.

Mrs. Pehrson, vice president, asked for the offering, a resolution of thanks to all who had made our convention a success, was read, the pastor pronounced the benediction and goodbyes were reluctantly said.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SIXTY- FIRST ANNUAL CON- VENTION

National W. C. T. U. Municipal Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J.
Sept. 6-12, 1935

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The 61st annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in the famous municipal auditorium at Atlantic City, N. J., September 6-12, was notable for six outstanding features:

1. A deep spiritual note of new confidence in a growing public acceptance of a nation-wide campaign of education on the alcohol question.

2. Nothing was more conspicuous throughout the convention than the prominent participation of young people, which crystallized in the officially approved change of title of the Young People's Branch, which is hereafter to be known as the Youth's Temperance Council.

3. An appraisal of the results of the first two years of the re-legalized liquor traffic, that has apparently shocked not only the specifically dry forces, but has aroused thousands of hitherto indifferent citizens, according to reports from all parts of the country.

4. Unanimous and enthusiastic election of the general officers and with few changes, of the entire official personnel of the National organization, branch secretaries, directors of departments, and field speakers and workers.

5. An attendance more than usually representative of the 10,500 local unions, in which every state, and in addition the District of Columbia and the new territorial organizations of Porto Rico and Santo Domingo, participated.

6. The dominant accent of the whole convention was perhaps best reflected in the continuous emphasis upon a comprehensive, thoroughly inclusive, educational program to embrace the scientific, social, citizenship and moral aspects of the alcohol question and the allied issues of peace, social morality, legalized gambling and better movies.

Election of Officers. By votes which in all cases were made unanimous, the general officers of the National W. C. T. U. were re-elected at the Wednesday morning session, as follows:

President, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, of Evanston, Ill.

Vice President, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, of New York City, N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, of Evanston, Ill.

Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, of Evanston, Ill.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nellie G. Burger, Springfield, Mo.

Honorary President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

School of Education. Preceding the convention a four days school on the nature and effects of alcohol was conducted under the immediate supervision of Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, director of the National Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the St. Denis Room, of the Dennis Hotel, from September 3-6 inclusive. Several hundred educators, social workers, women's club executives, Parent-Teacher Association leaders, from nearly forty states, physicians, and others attended, from all parts of the country.

The "text book" used was Miss Palmer's "Syllabus in Alcohol," the demand for which, during the past year and a half has been so great that more than 100,000 have been placed in the hands of teachers and others.

Speakers. In addition to the annual keynote address of the president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith of Evanston, Ill.,

and those of other prominent national leaders of the organization, the convention was stirred by platform messages from several nationally known leaders including United States Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota; Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, of Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Mrs. E. Stanley Jones of India; Wilbour E. Saunders, M. A., headmaster, The Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J.; Mrs. F. I. Johnson of New York, Dr. Harry E. Woolever of Washington, D. C.; Mme. Yoland Mero-Trion of New York.

Keynote Address. In her annual keynote address, Friday evening, September 6, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, appraised results of the first two years of legalized liquor, and announced that a five-year \$500,000 program of education on alcohol, from the physiological, social, industrial and political points of view, to culminate in 1939, the centenary of Frances Willard's birth, was already under way in every state in the Union, and would be pushed and expanded rapidly during the coming year.

Briefly, Mrs. Smith in her address, called the million women of the W. C. T. U., and their friends to the undertaking of a twelve-months program to—

1. **Extend basic youth and adult education on alcohol on a country-wide plan.**

2. **Launch a campaign to abolish beer canteen authorization in 2,000 CCC camps.**

3. **Enlist American youth on behalf of abstinence, clean living, and Christian citizenship.**

4. **Demand adequate protection for dry territory in line with paragraph 2, of Federal amendment No. 21.**

5. **To ban alcohol and drinking drivers from the nation's highways.**

6. **To enlist cooperation of churches, women's clubs, civic organizations, etc. against liquor advertising through press, radio, movies.**

7. **Attack and expose fallacies of Council for Moderation, Inc., and all apologists for use of liquor.**

8. **Fight legalized gambling and government lottery proposals.**

9. **Unqualifiedly oppose return of legalized and protected social evil.**

10. **Militantly battle for promotion of clean, higher class movie films.**

11. **Focus whole influence of National W. C. T. U. for peace and against war propaganda.**

Senator Nye Rakes War Profiteers.

In one of the greatest speeches ever delivered at a National W. C. T. U. Convention, the Honorable Gerald P. Nye, United States Senator from North Dakota, and Chairman of the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee, on Sunday afternoon, not only electrified the great audience which packed the convention auditorium, but achieved first page space in metropolitan papers by an absolutely fearless expose of what he declared to be deliberately planned war propaganda fomented and carried on simply for the enrichment of munition makers. Senator Nye's address was packed with firsthand evidence of his charges that military and armament interests in both this country and Japan are behind annual war scares, precipitated in the press each year just before the appropriations bills come up in each nation. Senator Nye predicted that there almost inevitably would be another great war into which the United States would be drawn unless it eliminated all profits from war. "The blue prints prepared during the last ten years for the next war as a basis for annual appropriations" declared Senator Nye, "do not call for a single battle on our own land, nor naval engagement in our own waters. They call for moving 3,000,000 of our young men across the sea, to engage in a war somewhere else. That is not

national defense. That is offense. We have increased our budget for war preparation 187 per cent since the last conflict. We are spending more money getting ready for war than any other nation on earth today."

Impressive Personal Dedication.

The whole convention seemed pervaded by a profound spirit of re-consecration to Christian service, especially to meet the present challenge of the re-legalized liquor traffic. At the initial session, Friday morning, September 6, called a **Worship Service**, Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, national director of Evangelism, suggested as the key text of the convention, Ephesians 3:20, the "He is able" verse of the New Testament, following the exposition of which, the entire audience, filling the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, rose en masse and together took a solemn vow of rededication to the temperance cause. Beginning Saturday, running throughout the convention, the impressive Sunday morning service with sermon by Rev. Dr. George Shaw Johnson of St. Paul's, the noon-hour meditations led by Dr. S. D. Gordon, author of the world-known series of "Quiet Talks" on Christian experiences, continued the influence of the worship service, which was also reflected in nearly every address and in all the conferences of the convention. Forty-eight W. C. T. U. speakers of national and state prominence addressed various churches in the Atlantic City area Sunday, September 8.

Youth Comes Into the Picture.

The Youth's Temperance Council, which is the new name adopted by the convention for the Young People's Branch, announced significant gains throughout the country according to the report made by Miss Helen L. Byrnes, General Secretary, who was unanimously re-elected to that office. The Loyal Temperance Legion, the children's branch, was also shown to be in thriving condition with no less than 28,719 dues-paying members and 63,716 boys and girls receiving benefit of the year's planned program according to Miss Lenadell Wiggins, re-elected General Secretary. The guest speaker on Youth's Night, Saturday, September 7, was Wilbour E. Saunders, M. A. headmaster, The Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J., who won his great audience by a brilliant address on the subject, "The Rules of the Game."

Notable Fund and Membership Gains.

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Evanston, Ill. National treasurer, declared that the states were rapidly responding with their quota for the \$500,000 Centenary Program Fund which up to September 1, included financial responses by unions in 44 states.

More than 900 new members every seven days for twenty-eight consecutive weeks have been recorded at National W. C. T. U. headquarters at Evanston, according to the report of Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, National corresponding secretary, in which Pennsylvania was first in total gains, New York second, and following, Ohio, Southern California, Iowa, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, Maine and Texas. More than 1600 individual W. C. T. U. members scattered through 47 states have to their credit the securing of at least five new members each so far during 1935.

Colorful Pageantry, bright with beautiful settings and dramatic surprise with countless inspirational vocal and instrumental selections, through all of which poured the rich music of the marvelous four manual Midmer-Losch organ, studded the entire week's program, triply climaxing Friday evening, with the historic professional of states; on Tuesday evening with the unique "Seed-time and Harvest" membership demonstration, which ultimately transformed the stage into a magnificent exhibit of

characteristic flower, fruit, grain and other varied products of the 48 states and the Island of Puerto Rico, as the laden delegations came to the platform to greet their president with these symbols of the year's progress; and again on World's Night with the Light Line Pageant impressively personifying the world-wide cooperation cementing the hearts of all temperance people round the globe. The successful achievement of all this pageantry was due in large measure to the genius of the national director of Exhibits, Mrs. Flora Kays Hanson of Evanston, Ill., to William H. Jackson, organist, Atlantic City; Mrs. Mary Boughton, song leader, Camden, N. J., and Mrs. Minola K. Abel, accompanist, Atlantic City.

Exhibits. The main corridors leading to the convention hall were filled with books, concretely and effectively illustrated and exhibiting the literature and plans of work of the various departments of the National W. C. T. U. among which, that on alcohol education, social morality, the Young People's Branches, medical temperance, religious education, and non-alcoholic fruit products, were attracting constant interest and attention.

Beverages. One of the most delightful and arresting features of the convention was the serving of a number of new and appetizingly thirst-quenching non-alcoholic beverages which were the secrets of forgotten but once widely famed fruit creations, under the deft supervision of the national director of Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products, Mrs. Blanch Pennington of Elizabeth, N. J. Metropolitan papers reproduced the recipes in generous measure as one of the most significant developments of the convention.

Spread of W. C. T. U. Literature. Report of Executive Secretary, Miss Jeannette Nichols of the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Illinois, showed that over 500 titles of up to date literature in the form of books and pamphlets are now in stock with an out-put of over 4,000,000 booklets and miscellaneous publications during the past 10 months.

Appreciation. It was the unanimous opinion of all present, whether delegates or visitors, that in appointments, convenience and kindly hospitality under the co-ordinating auspices of the Atlantic City officials, and the gracious hostesses of the New Jersey Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the convention proved an unalloyed inspiration throughout. The fairness and keen interest shown in the proceedings not only by the local press but by the Associated Press and metropolitan papers, and the splendid reports daily in that staunch "dry" international newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, evidenced a distinctly new trend of interest as to the immediate future plans of the White Ribbon movement.

JOHN B. GOUGH SAID:

We must fight this temperance battle out. I don't expect to fight many years longer, but I mean to speak as long as I can; and when I cannot speak loud, I will whisper; and when I cannot whisper, I will make motions—they say I am pretty good at that—and I will wave my hand against the damning thing that brought such misery to me for seven years of my life. It wasted and consumed and left in ashes the best part of my life, so that today I would cut that right hand off at the wrist if I could wipe out from my brain the recollection of those days of darkness and despair. I hate the drink, and I pray God to give me an increasing capacity to hate it. The temperance reform is going on all over the world.

To mourn a mischief that is past and gone, is the best way to bring fresh mischief on.—Shakespeare.