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THE GLORY OF GOING ON

By Alice Parker Hall
 True soldiers never know defeat—
 But e'en when Victory seems most
 sweet,
 The enemy is lurking near
 To claim the trophies—bought so
 dear.
 Know no defeat when fighting wrong.
 True Christians, in life's warfare
 strong,
 For led by faith, they see the dawn,
 And know the glory of going on.
 A New Crusade we face today—
 A Crusade of Courage—to work and
 pray
 As did the Crusaders of long ago,
 When they knelt and prayed, in sleet
 and snow,
 For the men who were wrecking
 heart and home
 For those who drank of the poison
 they sold,
 That they might add to their coffers
 of gold.
 From those spirited-filled women God
 started a flame
 That swept o'er the earth, and with it
 there came
 A spiritual awakening in the hearts
 of men,
 As He touched their lives by His pow-
 er again.
 Today, just as then, He is still on His
 throne,
 Ready to hear the prayers of His
 own;
 So let us go forward, led by His
 Hand,
 "For God and Home and Every
 Land."

MRS. DE YO'S MESSAGE

National Corresponding Secretary
 Congratulates North Dakota
 Comrades
 "The miracle has happened," and
 North Dakota has kept her law. It
 seems almost too good to be true, but
 prayers of thankfulness well up in
 our hearts that you have accomplished
 the impossible. With all your ter-
 rible winter, your crop failures, your
 droughts and seemingly everything
 against you, the dauntless spirit of
 North Dakota has once again with in-
 dimitable courage and unflinching pa-
 tience rolled up a victory at the polls
 which gives notice to the liquor traf-
 fic, "They Shall Not Pass!"
 I salute the white ribboners of
 North Dakota who for the seventh
 time in four years have fought a good
 fight and have kept the faith. I wish
 I might have been in the state and
 learned how you did it. Quietly and
 with no blare of trumpets you worked
 for few outside the state knew that a
 campaign was going on. But when the
 testing time—election day—ar-
 rived, you "came up to the help of the
 Lord against the mighty."
 Dear Comrades: Mrs. DeYo's kind
 words and her confidence in us come
 as a challenge at this time. As you



MRS. IDA B. WISE SMITH
 President National W. C. T. U.

know, petitions have been filed for an
 initiated wet measure to be voted on
 at the fall election November 3. It is
 the hope of the wets to wear us out
 until we shall become discouraged and
 quit fighting. They do not know the
 dries of North Dakota. We have
 held these precious prohibition laws
 for 47 years against all attacks and
 with God's help we shall not lose
 them now. Our dry majority at the
 June election was 27,495. It is true
 our state is drouth-stricken and our
 people hard pressed, but shall we sur-
 render to the element, that for greed
 of gain, would ruin our state, wreck
 our homes and curse our children?
 Can we improve conditions by legaliz-
 ing more liquor? Can the same money
 buy beer and bread or booze and
 shoes?
 We must not fail our dear ones; we
 must not fail the good citizens of the
 state; we must not fail our national
 officers and, above all, we must not
 fail our divine Leader who has com-
 mitted to us this sacred trust. Will
 you each covenant to stand in your
 place and do your best that Right
 may triumph at the polls November 3?
 Quoting from Mrs. DeYo's report:
 "Disheartened? No!
 What seems like blackest night
 Is but that shadow hour before the
 dawn.
 Our faith in God and Home and Na-
 tive Land
 Still gives us impetus to carry on;
 With ardor burning like a living flame
 We'll fight Rum's forces—owning no
 defeat;
 While trusting in the One who can-
 not fail,
 Our bugle call shall never sound re-
 treat."
 B. H. W.

THE STATE CONVENTION

We shall be royally entertained by
 the two Grand Forks unions when we
 meet for our forty-seventh annual
 convention in the United Lutheran
 Church September 17-20. Mrs. Ida
 B. Wise Smith, National President,
 will be gladly welcomed as guest of
 honor and convention speaker. Mrs.
 Fred M. Wanner, state president, will
 preside at all sessions. We shall also
 have the helpful presence of our hon-
 orary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Pres-
 ton Anderson, who will assist in the
 program.
 The executive committee meets on
 September 17 at 2:30 P. M. That eve-
 ning at 6:30, the usual banquet will
 follow. Mrs. Smith will speak Fri-
 day night and Saturday will be young
 people's night. The convention will
 close at noon Sunday, the 20th. The
 following committees have been cho-
 sen for the convention:
 General arrangements: Mrs. Bessie
 M. Darling, district president.
 Entertainment: Mrs. H. O. Hermanson;
 Mrs. Edith Salt.
 Reception: Mmes. J. S. Fleming;
 A. V. Sheppard and J. P. Reiton.
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 Rasmus Lunseth.
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 R. H. Eaton.
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 Mrs. G. E. Teige.
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 G. A. Aylesworth.
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 Mrs. M. J. Quarum.
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 Frances M. Wagar.
 Those expecting to attend should
 send names for entertainment to Mrs.
 H. O. Hermanson, 1006 Walnut
 Street, by September 10.

YOUTHFUL CAMPAIGNER

After George Fate, aged eleven, son
 of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fate, Fargo,
 saw the motion picture, "Ten Nights
 in a Bar Room," he was so impressed
 that he wanted to do something to
 help in the campaign preceding the
 primary election. Accordingly he cut
 150 cards out of paper and on each
 one he printed by hand:
 "Vote 'No' On Municipal Control
 Bill."
 Then he went out to distribute
 them. Don't you suppose that every
 one who received such a card went
 to the polls? Would that we all were
 so enthusiastic! We would surely win
 our fight November 3.
 And having thus CHOSEN our
 COURSE, let us RENEW our TRUST
 in GOD, and GO FORWARD WITH-
 OUT FEAR and with MANLY
 HEARTS.
 —Lincoln

THE WATER LILY

"O star on the breast of the river!
 O marvel of bloom and grace!
 Did you fall right down from heaven,
 Out of the sweetest place?
 You are white as the thoughts of an
 angel,
 Your heart is steeped in the sun;
 Did you grow in the golden city,
 My pure and radiant one?
 "Nay, nay, I fell not out of heaven;
 None gave me my saintly white;
 It slowly grew from the darkness,
 Down in the dreary night.
 From the ooze of the silent river,
 I won my glory and grace,
 White souls fall not, O my sweet
 poet,
 They rise—to the sweetest place."

POOR LOSERS

(Tri-County (Fordville) Sun)
 As a bunch of poor losers the
 booze element of this state takes the
 prize. Six times during as many
 years the voters have refused to per-
 mit the sale of hard liquor in North
 Dakota, the latest time in the recent
 primary election when the electorate
 with a comfortable margin turned
 down a law passed by a recent legis-
 lature in defiance of the wish of the
 people. Six times the booze element
 has gone to the mat and been counted
 out, but they are back again for more.
 Petitions are said to be in circulation
 to place another measure on the bal-
 lot in the November election placing
 North Dakota among the states that
 would tolerate the curse of legalizing
 liquor traffic.
 To be successful in saddling this
 extra election cost upon the state it
 is necessary to obtain only 10,000 sig-
 natures, another evidence that our in-
 itiative and referendum laws are sad-
 ly in need of alteration.
 The proposed measure has poor
 prospects of meeting with any better
 fate than those preceding it.
 —Red River Valley Leader

THE CONSTITUTION

William Grant Burleigh
 Grayson, Kentucky
 I am the Constitution.
 I am the accumulated wisdom of
 the sages.
 The century plant of the ages.
 I am the dream of the philosopher,
 The acme of statesmanship.
 I am the beacon light of progress.
 The foe of reaction.
 I am the palladium of liberty.
 The protector of the weak.
 I am the guardian of civilization.
 The cornerstone of righteous gov-
 ernment.
 He who yields to my authority
 shall be honored.
 He who despises me shall be sham-
 ed.
 I command respect and obedience—
 I am the Constitution.

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THE ANSWER

When for a purpose
I had prayed and prayed and prayed
Until my words seemed worn and bare

With arduous use,
And I had knocked and asked and knocked
And asked again,
And all my fervor and persistence
brought no hope,
I paused to give my weary brain a rest

And ceased by anxious human cry.
In that still moment,
After self had tried and failed,
There came a glorious vision of God's power,
And, lo, my prayer was answered in that hour.

—Lowell Fillmore

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

Greetings to one and all! The fact that our state convention is only a little over a month away reminds us that we must hurry and rush the belated dues, budget money and Centenary fund to our state treasurer before the books close Sept. 3—two weeks before we are to meet at Grand Forks, September 17-20. Let us be able to start the new year with a clean slate.

We are to be especially honored by the presence of our gracious and honored national president, Mrs. Ida B. Smith, for a part of the time. Grand Forks is always hospitable and we hope that a large and representative delegation will give Mrs. Smith a most cordial welcome. We shall also be honored by having with us our beloved honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, and our Institute director, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, who will bring to us echoes of the Tulsa convention and will conduct classes in department work. Each local union is entitled to send its president, one delegate at large and one for every thirty paid members. The L. T. L. is entitled to one delegate for every fifty paid members.

Alcohol Education

For three weeks Miss Dora H. Young worked in our summer schools, meeting teachers and school officials and teaching the scientific approach to the alcohol question. Miss Young attended the National Training school in Evanston last winter and by personal charm and educational equipment is well able to be a leader in this work. She was well received everywhere.

Miss Bertha R. Palmer spoke at the University of North Dakota before school principals and superintendents and others interested. She also was instructor for several days at the summer school for ministers and their wives at Jamestown. We are very thankful for these first class instructors and for the fact that Hon. Arthur E. Thompson, State superintendent of schools, who has cooperated with us so well, is including in the Course of Study for public schools an outline in scientific temperance instruction. This is a forward and helpful step. We must interest ourselves in this work in our local schools and see that it receives proper attention.

A New Motion Picture

One of our dreams is about to be realized. The National W. C. T. U. will release September 10 a three reel film—"Ethyl Alcohol"—which has been carefully supervised by our national officers and Miss Palmer. It is made by the Burton Holmes Film Co. This project was authorized by the Tulsa convention. The picture will be handled by the National Y. M. C. A. who is equipped for such service as the National W. C. T. U. is not. It may be some time before the picture reaches our state but we are glad to know it is at work in the country. Such pictures are expensive and the state W. C. T. U. has already contributed its share towards the great enterprise, from the Centenary money you have contributed.

Another Wet Bill

Another challenge confronts God's followers in the filing of a recent bill for the sale of hard liquor with the Secretary of State. I am confident that if each voter who believes in temperance will feel his responsibility and go to the polls on November 3rd and vote "No" on this bill, we shall again roll up a big majority against it. The greatest menace to any good cause is the indifference of those who really do believe in it. Let us become informed ourselves, inform others and work as never before to get out the vote on election day. Pray we must

but remember: "Faith without works is dead."

As usual, we place much confidence in our splendid ministers who, with their ready-made congregations, will arouse the people to the seriousness of their responsibility and opportunity in this, another fight against legalized hard liquor. This bill would allow any resident of North Dakota, except minors, incompetents and Indians, to engage in wholesale or retail sale of hard liquors. It provides for a license fee of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1000 and suggests taxes to be levied on different kinds of liquor. An appeal is made for the help that this license money will bring to the state in revenue, apparently forgetting that alcohol is just as poisonous when sold by a bootlegger, saloon-keeper, government or state. Legalizing it is the remedy of the wets—abolishing it, the remedy of the drys.

Liquor is a menace at any time but just now, with so many out of work, with the depression caused by drouth and when every penny should go for the worthwhile things of life—those which build up body, mind and character—surely no thoughtful person will feel that liquor is needed. Beer is a blot on our state—let it be a warning. It has cost much to collect licenses and to enforce attendant laws while drunkenness has increased to an alarming extent. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Who will profit most if this bill passes? Brewers, distillers and liquor dealers, while all legitimate business suffers. Why can't business men waken up and work to protect their business? As always, mothers and children suffer most. "Money spent for booze can't be spent for shoes." The nation is doing much for our young people in CCC camps, along educational and recreational lines. Let us leave no stone unturned to safeguard them from the temptation of legalized hard liquor.

Come to our convention! We have much to talk over and plan. We must prove to the wets that we are not discouraged, that—like the wasps—we are dangerous because organized; that we will fight for our children and our homes. He has promised that "We shall reap, if we faint not."

Hoping to see many of you at Grand Forks September 17-20 and with love to each of you dear, consecrated women,

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner
Jamestown, N. D., August 15, 1936

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Elizabeth Payton, mother of Mrs. Ella Ackert, Ellendale, and faithful member of the Glover union, entered life eternal one day before her ninety-first birthday.

Mrs. George Wertzler, secretary of the Ryder union, was called Home in the early summer and is greatly missed by many friends.

Miss Irene M. Beck, a beautiful young woman of rare gifts and graces, member of the Fargo union and secretary of the First Methodist Church, Fargo, was suddenly called July 12, to her rich reward in the Church Triumphant.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, president Grand Forks district, has been called to part with her mother, almost 80 years of age, a devoted Christian, a pioneer in her community who had lived a very full and useful life.

To friends and relatives of these dear ones, we extend sincere sympathy, rejoicing with them that:

"Life is ever lord of death,
And Love can never lose its own."

Suffering, accepted and vanquished, will give you a security which may become the most exquisite fruit of your life.
—Cardinal Mercier

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

The annual report blanks were sent to all unions August 4. Most of us would rather do things than have to tell about them but we hope the reports will be filled and returned promptly that we all—state directors included—may be able to compile our annual reports. At this date—August 15—Glover and Hannah unions have already reported. I am still offering a prize to the union with the largest number of honorary members so be sure to answer that question on your report blank.

Our state president, Mrs. Wanner, with Mrs. Wilder and the corresponding secretary enjoyed a very pleasant visit early this month with Rev. and Mrs. James Anderson at Oak Lodge, their lovely summer home near Shoreham. Mrs. Anderson had invited all the state officers and we regretted that the others were not able to attend.

Plans were discussed for the state convention and for the campaign ahead this fall. We are glad that our honorary president will attend and assist in the state convention this year. We took a little time off for boating and swimming but business occupied most of our time.

Be sure to send names for entertainment at Grand Forks to Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, 1006 Walnut Street, joint chairman with Mrs. Edith Salt, of the entertainment committee.

PERSONALS

Hattie Obenchain won the silver medal at a contest sponsored by the Glover W. C. T. U. June 16.

Mrs. C. H. Tibbetts, treasurer of the Powers Lake union, is a Gleaner whose name should have been reported previously. Mrs. J. P. Reiton and Mrs. Edith Salt, Grand Forks union, are also Gleaners.

In spite of drouth, Crosby union maintains its interest and activity. Two members were honored—the president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson on her birthday, at a luncheon and handkerchief shower; and Mrs. G. C. Gilbertson, who at a surprise party, was presented with a gift of silver.

"The Christian work of the world is done by a few—God asks that some be done by you."—The Union Signal.

Money is a universal passport to every place except Heaven and a universal provider for everything except happiness.

Suffering is a choice instrument for shaping character, and without its touch the most delicate chiseling on the vessel would be impossible.
—Ian MacLaren

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know. —Charles Kingsley.

From the Tulsa Tribune comes the request that "persons who intend to mix liquor with automobiles in Memorial Day celebrations kindly leave typed obituaries and photographs or one column cuts with the city editor before beginning the day's observance. The clearing of the accident stories thus will be facilitated for the city news staff. Automobiles already have claimed 16 lives in Tulsa this year."

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 25-August 14, 1936

DUES—Fargo Scandinavian 14; Steele 1; Northwood 1; Cando 5; Glover 5; Grand Forks 9; Hansboro 5; Steele L. T. L. 50.

BUDGET—Grand Forks \$15.00; Wyndmere comp. \$4.00; Oberon comp. \$18.00; Northwood comp. \$13.00; Grand Forks Scandinavian \$7.00; Steele \$9.00; Ray comp. \$2.00; Glover \$5.00.

WILLARD CENTENARY FUND—Larimore paid in full \$8.50; Northwood \$13.00; Calvin \$10.00; Hatton \$10.00; Grenora \$4.80; Reeder \$5.00; Glover \$3.00; Grand Forks \$1.00.

OVER THE TOP FOR CENTENARY: Sheldon; Grand Forks Scandinavian; James Valley District; Larimore.

Dear Treasurers:

This is an S. O. S. and last minute call. We are sorry to hurry you but the early date of our state convention—September 17—20—makes immediate action necessary because the treasurer's books must close September 3rd. We know financial conditions are difficult but we also know the great need for strengthening our ranks against the latest onslaught of the wets. We need money for literature, publicity and other expenses in the campaign ahead of us this fall.

Have all your members paid dues? If so, have you paid budget, in part or in whole? And if dues and budget are paid, how about something for the Centenary Fund? We have many uses for the latter. Please let us hear from you as early as possible that we may come up to our convention at Grand Forks with all obligations met.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.
1341, 11th Ave. N.,
Fargo, N. D.

THE STEELE L. T. L. PARADE

Outstanding among campaign activities to hold our state prohibition laws at the primary election was the work of the Steele L. T. L. under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Schosow (Margery Wood), daughter of Mrs. Pearl G. Wood, district president. The forty members notified all other little folks and their parents to join the parade and baby show. First, second and third prizes were offered for the most attractive float, the first place being won by a little boy who pushed his baby niece in a wheel barrow in which yellow crepe paper was frilled to look like a rosebud.

A dozen L. T. L. boys with bicycles decorated and carrying "Vote No" banners, formed a flying brigade ahead of the parade. A little girl with the American flag came next, with the L. T. L. banner and a big sign—"Municipal Control—No"—following. Next came little folks on tricycles, or pushing doll buggies or hauling little wagons, all carrying signs, banners or pets. The L. T. L. made paper caps for all the children and a member of the W. C. T. U. made white sashes for the girls. Nearly one hundred children joined the parade and the people "sat up and took notice." Mrs. Schosow's children—Frank Wayne Jr. carrying the stars and stripes, Patricia, with the "Vote No" banner and baby Joan wheeling her dolls, were in the procession. "A little child shall lead them."

Not to be outdone by the children, the Steele W. C. T. U. made large posters for all business places on one of which were pasted all available pictures of babies in the community, with attractive lettering—"Vote No for Us." Another carried the request—"For Youth's Sake Please Vote

L. T. L. COLUMN

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Secretary

We all enjoy reading about the fine things at the National convention and wished we might have been there. Miss Wiggins told us about the beautiful flower festa for L. T. L. leaders when two baskets, filled with 461 white daisies, represented the new legions this year. L. T. L. girls from Florida and Pennsylvania, carried the baskets. Our new legions were represented by some of those daisies.

Our national secretary says that more definite organization of materials for teaching will be prepared this year, with helpful outlines. "Guides to L. T. L. Lesson Planning" will be provided (price 10 cents) stressing four sections: Alcohol; Tobacco; Profanity; Citizenship. These outlines allow creative expression and development for the local leader but are definite enough for the busy leader who has not much time for preparation. Songs, projects and object lessons are suggested for each meeting. We will follow the general plans given in Manual and Plan of Work. The Guide provides help for special teaching periods.

You may now secure a paper pattern for making a stuffed, two-humped camel for 15 cents. Order pattern number C 8163 from Aunt Martha, Box 166, Kansas City, Missouri. These camels stand 12 inches high. Each legion should have a "Humpty" camel.

Next month come reports. It would be fine if each legion would send a full and complete report of work for the past year. Get dues in to state treasurer before the books close September 3 and report to me not later than the 10th that I may be able to make out my report on time. We welcome the new legion at Hillsboro with Mrs. H. J. Perry as leader.

"One penny a month will pay your dues and leave two cents for the legion to use."

HOW ABOUT YOUR UNION SIGNAL

In her July letter, Mrs. N. Agnes Werts, executive secretary of circulation department of the Union Signal calls attention to the fact that our state lot six on Union Signal while we gained 12 on Young Crusader. Mrs. Werts adds: "I have always believed and am more convinced every month that the expirations are about the most important things with which we have to deal. Many believe that when a splendid order is sent in, the subscriptions are pure "saving grace" but fail to consider the expirations."

Mrs. V. E. Pehrsson, treasurer Fargo Scandinavian W. C. T. U. at considerable self-sacrifice, recently secured a list of 15 subscriptions, most of them new. "Go, thou, and do likewise."

WORSHIP

A man becomes very much like that thing or being which he worships. If a man worships himself—he can be other than selfish? If a man worships power—will he be less a tyrant? If a man worships things will he be less acquisitive? Or if a man worships truth, shall he not be more truthful? If a man worships righteousness, shall he not be more righteous? And if a man worships a heavenly Father full of compassion, purity, and love, shall he not become more compassionate, pure and lovable?

Against Liquor." These practical ideas may be followed by others before the fall election November 3 when we shall again have to vote on the liquor question.

WOMEN PRAY TO KEEP OUT SALOON

From "Edith Johnson's Column," in the Daily Oklahoman, Monday, June 15, 1936, on the editorial page.

Taking it to the Lord in prayer, 700 women meeting in Tulsa to petition God to keep saloons out of Oklahoma, are going back to the ways of our grandmothers, the first Crusaders for temperance in this country, whose prayers and pleadings prepared the way for the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Those early Crusaders for temperance had no sound trucks and no radio. They held no conventions—women's conventions had not been thought of in their day, nor had they ever heard of the world ballyhoo.

In groups of three or four or six or eight—I happen to know because my maternal grandmother was one of them—they left their home duties for a few hours at a time to sing hymns and pray in front of the town saloons. They were quiet, modest women, many of them ladies, as they were called in that day.

Nor did they pray in order to make an impression. They were sincere believers in the power of prayer—quite like many of the women who are meeting in Tulsa and who say, "We expect and believe that God will answer our prayers for keeping saloons out of Oklahoma."

Those grandmothers of ours were so full of zeal that they paid no attention to weather conditions. In winter they knelt on cold or wet pavements and in summer they prayed and sang under a blazing sun. Not a few of them suffered physically from exposure to the elements. But neither discomfort nor illness stopped them for they were zealots. There were too many husbands, too many sons drinking, men in their own families, or men in the families of their acquaintances and friends.

Just as those dignified, devoted and dutiful wives and mothers of the sixties and seventies touched the hearts of many of their townspeople, so the women of Oklahoma who are praying to God that the initiative petition for liquor repeal will be voted down on July 28 will touch the hearts of many Oklahomans who otherwise would not think very seriously one way or the other about repeal and its results. Who knows that God using those whose hearts are touched as well as those of definite conviction, will not answer the prayers of the women in Tulsa, and the women in other groups who are certain to meet elsewhere before election day.

One of the most impressive features of the Tulsa meeting and of the present campaign against the Henshaw repeal bill is the youth movement. Pretty young girls and clear-eyed young men are lending a hand in Oklahoma's battle to keep out hard liquor—some of them have come from the farthestmost states of the nation, from 28 states, in all.

Several months ago a group of young people on the campus of the University of Oklahoma banded together, not only for the purpose of mustering all the support they could and throwing it against the Henshaw measure, but in order to create campus sentiment against excessive drinking—there is some of that in every college and university.

They have moral courage. Otherwise, they would not have made so unpopular a gesture, and some of them have experienced no little social snubbing.

They can take it, however, take it so well that some of them marched on to Tulsa. And they also will take their share of jibes when they go home this week.

Sentiment in this state is growing in opposition to the Henshaw bill, not

only because it has been so written as to provide unprecedented opportunities for the misuse of power, but because there are thousands of women and an increasing number of young people who do not want to see a saloon on every corner, cocktail bars in all of the hotels, and drug stores selling liquors to all comers.

It does seem as if those early Crusaders, brave enough to step out in a time when women were supposed to stay at home, were still marching on.

—Union Signal
(Let us join them! Enlist our young people! Ed.)

THOSE WONDERFUL WOMEN

In the long fight ahead of us against the American booze plague, one group will not be silent; it will not quit, and it will make fewer mistakes in strategy than any other.

That's the W. C. T. U., the dependable, sensible, determined, devoted women of the churches, united against the general enemy.

These women are realistic. They do not fool themselves about the present situation and its menace to their country. They do not forget that the one completely-kept promise of the repealists in 1932 has let loose a torrent of liquor on a people whose moral letdown has been encouraged and illustrated by these same repealists.

But they know, these women, that a destroyer can but destroy; he can't build, and they see the time coming when he will know and curse his own helplessness in the midst of the wreckage.

So they are taking what their president, Mrs. Ida E. Wise Smith, called at the national convention "The Long View." Listen to the deep good sense of this openeyed leader, spoken at Tulsa, Okla.:

The acid test of any principle or plan is the way it appears through the lens of the "Long View." This is particularly true in the age-long struggle with beverage alcohol.

The only dependable test and gauge of the future of the temperance movement is not what appears on the surface at any particular time, but the vital amazing contrasts which the progress of centuries afford

It is not practical here to record the steps by which we have progressed from a century ago when beverage alcohol pervaded our social order with little more than a ripple of opposition.

In recent months, some people have said that all progress of the temperance movement in the last hundred years has been wiped out because of the legalization of alcoholic drinks.

How little such persons know of the real facts! By the test of the "Long view" we shall find not only a vast deal of concrete and constructive progress socially, scientifically, industrially, and morally as compared with the past, but we shall discover a clear, a positive basis for our faith that the years just before us, wisely used, will bring a new era of far-reaching progress which no propaganda of misrepresentation or political alliance with liquor and corruption can permanently prevent or defeat.

Some agencies of the church's struggle against the liquor power have lost much of their former usefulness. Some anti-booze groups have wasted much time and strength in empty jealousies and bickerings.

But the W. C. T. U. stands steady! Untouched by evil report, unweakened by faction, discouraged by the size of the task; asking no subsidies, moved by the most unselfish Christian purposes, it is today the saloon's one unweakened, unified, singlepurpose, and aggressive enemy.

Help these women? Better say, try to keep from hindering them!
—The Christian Advocate

REPEAL IS THE PRESIDENT'S FORGOTTEN ACHIEVEMENT

Strangely enough, until recently no one seemed to notice a curious omission in the catalog of President Roosevelt's achievements as recited at Philadelphia. A keynote speech, a nominating speech, fifty-three seconding speeches and a speech of acceptance gave opportunity, one might think, to remind the country of every performance that could be expected to appeal to its admiration and gratitude and, in answer to invidious critics, to cite every fulfillment of a platform promise of 1932. And yet not one of these speakers, all rehearsing the record of the administration, mentioned the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. There was a platform promise fulfilled. There was an achievement the results of which, it was predicted, would be a budget-balancing flow of revenue into the treasury, the end of bootlegging and all other demoralizing activities in connection with liquor, and the permanent banishment of the saloon. It cannot have been forgotten that repeal was a very important issue in 1932—so important that Governor Smith came very near being chosen as the candidate, since it was his issue before Mr. Roosevelt made it his. But Mr. Roosevelt did make it his, though he was only the stepfather of repeal and no one can deny that he showed as much devotion to it as if it had been his own child. Immediately upon the change of administration steps were taken to bring about repeal. By December of that year the democratic achievement had been fully consummated. When the record of his administration is made up for history this achievement cannot be ignored. Why should it be ignored for campaign purposes?

—The Christian Century

GET OFF THE SIDELINES

By Ethel Hubler,

Editor, The National Voice

"The situation throughout America is bad and getting worse. I do not see that there is anything we can do about it. I'm just sitting on the sidelines and watching the procession go by." A Methodist brother made that statement to me recently. Being a Methodist myself, I'm almost ashamed to quote this man, especially when the wets have inferred on more than one occasion that the Methodist Church was the mother of prohibition.

This man is not alone in his attitude. There are others who say: "Let's wait awhile before we put on an active campaign." "Let's wait awhile before we start on alcohol education program." "Let's wait awhile before we buy any more time on the radio to give out the truth."

While some of our dry patriots are talking in this manner, I open the current number of the Brewer's Journal, on the front page, and again read the slogan of the beer man; "Beer, the temperance beverage of the nation." The temperance beverage! They know just as well as I do that the 3.2 beer we now have is a greater per cent than the three popular beers of the old days.

While the "what's-the-users," and the "let's-wait-awhile" folks keep on talking, another page of this same wet journal announces in large bold face type, "Beer Marches On." How it's marching! And it can't march on without more boys and girls acquiring the habit. It can't "march on" without more automobile accidents. It can't "march on" without more babies getting along on less milk. It can't "march on" without more murders being committed. It can't

"march on" without the alcohol cure hospitals becoming filled to overflowing. It can't "march on" without the breaking of thousands of hearts and disrupting of homes. Still, some say, "Let's sit on the sidelines and watch the procession go by until things get worse!"

Oh, the procession! The procession! It is getting ever larger and longer, while "beer marches on!" How much will it take to make these sideline sitters budge? How long are they going to remain sitting on the sidelines?

OLYMPIC GAMES COMMITTEE SELECTS GERMAN W. C. T. U. AS HOSTESS OF WOMEN ATHLETES

From the National W. C. T. U. Evanston, Illinois

Commissioned by the Olympic Games Committee as the official hostesses, to care for and "mother" the 435 sports women coming from all ends of the earth for the occasion, Frau Anna Klara Fischer, President of the "Deutscher Frauenbund fur Alkoholfreie Kultur," writing from Berlin sends a vivid picture of the important duties assigned to this German National branch of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union in connection with the world-famous event.

In a letter received at National W. C. T. U. headquarters, Evanston, Frau Fischer writes that while "the customary Olympic village has been built for the sports men, no woman is permitted to enter the village which lies a distance of fourteen kilometers from the Reichssportsfeld, the central arena for all the sports contests.

"But," continues Frau Fischer, "our country has to provide also for 435 sportswomen and they will be our guests in a hostel situated right at the Reichssportsfeld. This large new building has just been finished and contains about five hundred rooms.

"The responsibility of acting as hostess mothers for these guests has been placed in the hands of about one hundred German white ribboners, directed by their president, myself. All of us, of course, serve as honorary hostesses (without salary). Each group of ten or fifteen sportswomen will have a German 'mother' who knows their language and who will surround them with thoughtful kindness . . .

"Our indefatigable and diligent sisters will do their best in the kitchens and three dozen 'white ribbon girls'—home daughters, students, high school girls, business women, doctors, and others—will be ready to serve in the dining rooms the meals their mothers and aunts have prepared. Each of them will always serve the same group of sportswomen, who will sit at tables marked with little national flags . . . It is our utmost desire to give our guests good home care, good food, and a spirit of friendliness, so they may feel that our country is well meaning and strives for peace and friendship . . .

"Why have we been put in charge of this wonderful and much envied task? We are not rich women. We are only a comparatively small number. There are many groups of women who are richer, more important, with much, much larger numbers! But we are known for our experience and successful results with non-alcoholic restaurants; we are known as women performing real service, not only with good words but with good deeds . . ."

If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes, and let him know that you love him, ere life's evening tinge his brow with sunset glow.

LEGALIZED LIQUOR MULTIPLIES BOTH DRINKERS AND ALCOHOL ADDICTS

From American Business Men's Research Foundation, 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

CHICAGO, Special—By striking coincidence, just what the legalizing of liquor traffic is doing to youth and adults alike is disclosed in two reports in the widely separated fields of insurance and medical practice, made public the same day, May 20.

Liquor's Growing Toll of Youth
Among applicants for policies under 30 years of age, but rejected because of their excessive use of alcohol, the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company of Minneapolis reports an increase of 13% over last year, and 183% since 1932. Among accepted applicants under 30 years of age, an increase of 17% in the number of moderate and occasional drinkers the last year and of 178% since 1932 was noted, with the comment: "Alcoholic excesses are the largest single cause of rejections among applicants under the age of 45."

Drink Cure Patients Set New Record

An increase of 24% in the number of victims of alcoholism applying for treatment in the first four months of 1936 was reported by Mr. Martin Nelson, Secretary of Keeley Institute, Dwight, Illinois. He said registration was 51% greater "since repeal." Mr. Nelson admitted that legalizing liquor was "a factor of importance" but attributed the increase somewhat to "returning national prosperity."

However, a study of official annual figures of Keeley Institute for the past 30 years shows:

Average yearly registration first three years of prohibition, 1920-1-2, was 272 patients.

Average yearly registration first three years of repeal, was 673 patients (including 8 months of legal beer only.) This is an increase of 176% since repeal.

If the 21% increase, January to April just past, is maintained for the year, 1936 will show 946 patients,—a high mark for exactly 30 years. By another coincidence the record for 1907 was also 946 patients.

WHERE THE FIGHT IS STRONG

It is great to be out where the fight is strong,

To be where the heaviest troops belong,

And to fight there for Go dand man! Oh, it seams the face, and it tries the brain,

It strains the arm till one's friend is pain,

In the fight for God and man—

But it's great to be out where the fight is strong,

To be where the heaviest troops belong,

And to fight there for God and man!

—Maltbie B. Babcock

OUR PRAYER

"Do not pray for easy lives; Pray to be stronger men.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers;

Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle,

But you shall be a miracle. Every day you will marvel at yourself,

At the richness of life which has come to you."

—Phillips Brooks.

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them.

—R. Tagore

LINES TO A GOLDFINCH

O Goldfinch, perched on a sunflower gay,

What is the song I hear you say, Robed in your jacket of black and gold

What is the message that you've been told?

With your cheery note and your saucy nod

What is the message you bring from God?

Perhaps today you speak to me Of little things, I never see.

Gold of bird and gold of flower Blend today in a golden hour,

O God, my Father, I'll never see A goldfinch brave without thot of Thee.

Summer of 1936—Drought on the prairie but the western goldfinch feeds upon the sunflower seeds in my garden . . .

—Rev. Ellis L. Jackson

Bismarck, N. Dak.

August 17, 1936

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