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"LET US GO EVEN UNTO BETHLEHEM"

Our feet may never tread its streets,
 Our eyes may never see
 The little town beneath the stars
 That holds for you and me
 The cradled Christ Who is the hope
 Of all Eternity.

But the miles between can not delay
 Our pilgrimage tonight;
 The lack of coins can not prevent
 Our spirit's eager flight.
 A star leads out across the East
 And hangs there, still and white.

Oh, Comrades on my pilgrimage,
 Come—it is time to start
 Our high adventuring, to find
 A small town set apart
 That holds the Savior of the world
 Within its starlit heart.

—Grace Nell Crowell

CHEERING MESSAGE FROM MRS. SMITH

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, our national president, very busy with arrangements for the World's convention in June, yet found time to send us this message of hope and cheer:

"I am just as in earnest in wanting you to know our appreciation of your struggles as when they were crowned with victory. . . . You know how tenderly our hearts were bearing you in prayer to the Father that He would give you grace to bear whatever the result was and He doesn't fail. Isn't it wonderful that we have such an assurance of the righteousness of our cause and the ultimate victory that we can take these apparent discouragements without losing faith?"

Never has a letter come into my office these election days without the forward look in it, just as there is in yours. So say to the women that we understand, that we appreciate the endeavor and we rejoice with them in the victory that is to come.

We marvel at your courage and rejoice in it. We know your heads are high and a smile is on your face, and if you could know this minute the real thoughts in the minds of your opponents, you would know they are afraid! With love to all the comrades, affectionately yours.

DISHEARTENED? NO!

What seems like blackest night
 Is but that shadow hour before the dawn.

Our faith in God, and Home, and Native 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 cannot fail,

Our bugle-call shall never sound retreat.

(Excerpt from Mrs. DeYo's Report.)

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear White Ribboners :

"Then I went down to the potter's house And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel." Jer. 18:3,4.

Many of us are feeling defeat but Jeremiah tells us that God, working in human personality, sometimes fails to achieve His original design through faults inherent in human clay, "so He made it again, another vessel." Let us be thankful to God for His infinite patience and the many examples of overcomers that He has given us. Moses seemed at first to have failed; Simon Peter failed too and Paul moved against almost insurmountable barriers but he pressed on, saying: "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark" and in the same letter he says: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." So let us take courage from these and other overcomers and press on.

Already there are hopeful signs. Some who have not before shown any special interest have asked for help in Sunday School and public school and many express a new concern over present conditions. This is the time to secure new members. Undoubtedly our legislature will act upon this hard liquor bill. Speak now to your legislators, use your influence in restricting and controlling the number of places selling liquor. I wish to thank the many pastors and school superintendents who have helped so faithfully, and you dear women who entertained so kindly and made such good contacts for me during the past two months. Work is always a blessing.

Is yours a Hold Fast union? It will not be easier to collect dues while people are alarmed and thinking that something should be done. This is also a ripe time to collect dues from those who have dropped out as well as to gain new members. But there can be no net gain in our membership unless you collect dues from every old member. You will see the new national membership plan repeated in this issue. Surely each one of us may become a Courier, many may be an Envoy and we shall be proud to have Ambassadors: Let us see who will be our World Citizen. We are to "tell the world" the number of new members gained at the World's convention in Washington, D. C., June 3-8, 1937, and we do want to be proud of our number.

But, more than all, we must band together to educate and inspire our women and men to bring back prohibition to our beloved state for the sake of our children and young people. Let us make our meetings worthwhile, have a live, working union.

Plan now for a World's W.C.T.U. program in December, afternoon or evening, secure programs for World's Day from State Headquarters. Bring at least a penny each which will be sent to the National treasury to help entertain guests from other lands. Exclusive of the United States, 52 countries are listed in the world's organization and Norway sends OUR state guest, Mrs. Katchen Kornelius.

I hope that each union is working to gain honorary members and that you hold at least one social evening with them as guests, having them help with the program. Also strive to gain members among teachers. The slogan of each union should be—An L.T.L. and Y.T.C., at least, ar L.T.L. Miss Wiggins gives these startling facts in her leaflet—"Millions;" The United States has 12 millions of children from eight to twelve years of age who will become voters in 13 years and less. If each could be listed in L.T.L. we would easily rule alcohol out of our nation." The tragedy to me is that we could organize in every school if we could only get a leader.

In raising our Centenary Fund, we can place before the people a program that will arouse Christians to their civic duties, the need for spiritual rebuilding, for national preparedness for peace, and intensify the interest in alcohol education.

With faith and courage we will press on. We shall not fail. Jacob Riis said, "Some defeats are only installments to victory." The men who dug the Panama Canal had a song:

"Got any rivers you say are un-crossable?

Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?"

We specialize in the wholly impossible.

Doing the tasks no others can do."

The above makes me think of you blessed women, who through these recent four years of hard battling, have fought so bravely. We have "our backs to the wall but are not defeated yet," so gain new members, reclaim the old, be informed, inform others, confer with your legislators and "press on." "God is might" and He is on our side, if we pray and work.

Yours with love and for the up-grade,
 Mrs. Fred. M. Wanner,
 Jamestown, N. D.

Sing, Christmas bells!

Say to the earth this is the morn
 Whereon our Savior-King was born;

Sing to all men—the bond and free,
 The rich, the poor, the high, the low,

The little child that sports in glee,—
 The aged folks that tottering

go,—
 Proclaim the morn
 That Christ is born

That saveth them and saveth me.
 —Eugene Field

THE HEART'S STORY

I will not doubt though all my ships
 at sea
 Come drifting home with broken
 masts and sails.

I will believe the hand that never fails
 From seeming evil, worketh good for
 me.

And though I weep because these
 sails are tattered,
 Still will I cry, while my best hopes
 lie shattered,

"I trust in Thee."

I will not doubt though all my prayers
 return

Unanswered from the still, white
 realms above.

I will believe it is an All-wise Love
 Which has refused the things for
 which I yearn.

And though at times I cannot keep
 from grieving

Yet the pure ardor of my fixed be-
 lieving

Undimmed shall burn.

(This poem was given to members of the executive committee at the Cleveland convention, 1934, by the national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith.)

WHEN MINORITIES WON

During the one hundred and twenty
 years that Noah spent in building the
 ark, he was very much in the minority.
 But he won.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt
 by his brethren, he was in a decided
 minority. But he won.

When Moses appeared before Pharaoh
 and demanded the freedom of
 the Israelites, he too, was very much
 in the minority. But he won.

When Joshua crumbled the walls
 of Jericho, with the blasts from a
 handful of ram's horns, he was in the
 minority. But he won.

When Gideon and his 300 follow-
 ers, with their broken pitchers and
 smoky lamps put the Midianite hosts
 to flight they were an insignificant
 minority. But they won.

When Elijah brought down fire
 from heaven, and put the prophets of
 Baal to shame he was in a notable
 minority. But he won.

When Sampson crushed the temple
 and destroyed his enemies, he was
 very much in the minority. But he
 won.

When David, ridiculed and laughed
 at by his brothers, went out to meet
 the giant Goliath, in size he was in a
 decided minority. But he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by
 the Roman Soldiers he was a conspic-
 uous minority. But he won.

When Luther nailed his theses on
 the door of the cathedral, he was a
 lonesome minority. But he won.

—Chas. E. Stokes



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WHAT NEXT ?

(A timely message from our honorable president.)

Frances Willard once said that the reason people of North Dakota adopted prohibition was that they could see the sky at the end of every street. Black clouds have recently obscured the sky view and the people have the power, if they so elect, to vote a curse upon themselves and their children. But we are thankful that by the same token, they have the power to correct their mistakes. This they do when the clouds pass by and they again have the clear sky-view of life. Unfortunately this cannot avert the suffering which must follow such a costly mistake as the repeal of the prohibition law which for nearly half a century had blessed and protected the state.

The North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union was a dominant factor, not only in securing prohibition but also in the long fight to maintain it. We have a record to be proud of. We can also take a just pride in the generation of splendid men and women who grew up under the prohibition regime of North Dakota, many of whom have gone out over the world to be church, civic and temperance leaders. The W.C.T.U. has done a great work and was never more needed than at this crucial time.

If only those who wish to drink were the victims of this business it would not so vitally concern us. But the liquor business today frankly admits that as the tobacco companies, by advertising, have carried out to an alarming degree their proposition to "put a cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child," so they expect, by the use of millions, in most alluring advertising, to make drinking smart and popular, especially among women and youth. They are already succeeding so well that men are complaining that they have to fight their way through groups of women and high school girls to get to the bar.

It is not pleasant to think we shall soon have such scenes in North Dakota. We must face the fact that the liquor business today means drunken mothers as well as drunken fathers and that the children of these homes are the most pitiful victims.

This is not the time to sit down and weep. It is the time to stand up in God's name and fight. I know the courage and faith of North Dakota white ribboners and I know you will not fail. The temperance forces will undoubtedly ask for a local option provision passed by the legislature. Write or see the Senator and Representatives from your district and ask them to work and vote for such a measure that the counties and towns which desire to remain dry may do so. It seems to me this is tremendously important just now.

Our Willard Centenary Educational Fund should be raised as soon as possible in order that our great educational program may be fully carried out in our state. Our wonderful Five-Year Five-Point program was surely given us for such a time as this. If every union will carry out this program, not in one point only but in all five points, we shall see a great revival of spiritual power and of results accomplished.

Are we willing to make any effort or sacrifice to save the children and young people of our state? If we are, we can have a Loyal Temperance Legion, we can enroll white ribbon recruits, we can put alcohol education into the schools and into our young people's church societies. We have lost a battle but with undaunted faith and courage we will continue the fight until North Dakota and the United

"COURAGE IS OUR WORD"

Dear, Faithful Comrades:

It is a comfort to know that none of us are responsible for the calamity which befell our state November 3 when she sold her prohibition birthright for a sum of money. In spite of this, we had the largest dry vote in our history—121,311 according to latest unofficial figures. The wet majority was composed of those who were either bought or deceived by false propaganda. A radio speaker from Bismarck admitted he was not "speaking from a moral or social standpoint" (how could he?) "but from the economic," and promised great reduction in taxes and even the repeal of the Sales Tax!

Large dailies, at the eleventh hour, advised the people to "Vote Yes for Liquor Control" (as though liquor ever had been controlled) and to "Vote No for the bootleggers" (as though this infamous bill were not the best for the bootlegger ever proposed). Our tax-burdened people, who did not think it through fell before this misrepresentation. We are convinced that the thoughtful people of North Dakota do not want hard liquor now any more than they did in previous elections. Those who voted "Yes" must share the responsibility for conditions which are sure to follow.

Reports from all parts of the state indicate our members never worked harder in any campaign. Space forbids personal reference to those activities—we mention the work of the Bismarck union because it is different and unique. From the State Headquarters, thousands of leaflets explaining the bill and telling the people how to vote dry, with thousands of buttons for the children, were distributed through the local unions and other agencies. A fine publicity campaign was carried on through friendly newspapers and their number is increasing.

We give credit to the Minot Daily News in which appeared a strong editorial against the bill. There may have been others we did not see. Much appreciation is expressed for the fearless stand taken by the Jamestown Sun, the Valley City Times-Record and some weeklies in their fight against the liquor traffic.

Are we discouraged? Not at all. We are perplexed but not in despair. We know the Source of our strength.

"This is my Father's word,
Oh, let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong be e'er strong,
GOD IS THE RULER YET."

This is but a temporary set-back. North Dakota will come back again. To this end we must double our diligence for the sake of our children and young people. Some are disposed to blame the young people who became voters since last election for this defeat. We rather resent this charge. We have more faith in the young people of North Dakota. However that may be, let us arouse ourselves and do our duty so well that those who come of age at next election may vote this evil thing out.

The doom of the liquor traffic is pronounced. God's Word says plainly "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and stablisheth a city by iniquity." Evil carries within itself the seed of its own destruction. The greatest friend of truth is time—and

States are redeemed from this curse.

We are fighting under the leadership of One who said: "All power in heaven and in earth is given unto Me," and, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the days." We cannot fail.

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson

WHAT ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

Dear White Ribbon Sisters of North Dakota:

We are picking ourselves up and brushing off the dust of our recent defeat in one battle. It is a pity that it takes such a thing to wake us up but already many people who have in the past been a bit afraid of us and our stand are looking our way. I believe a large number of women who have been negligent about keeping up dues and membership will come to life under the terrible breath of "King Alcohol."

Let me ask for a more concentrated effort from our young people this year. The liquor interests are leveling their powerful guns on them. Wherever possible, I shall be more than glad to assist in organizing a Youth's Temperance Council. Let us ask God for that woman who can and will assume responsibility as councillor and older sister. No sacrifice is too great if we save even one for temperance. They must be informed. I know of no better way. Can we not also cooperate with young people's Christian organizations in many places? If we go in the Master's Name, I am sure He will bless us.

There are fine, wholesome young people to whom our program and the challenge of our Christ will appeal. The odds against them are greater than in any age in American history. If the young people of our day are not what they ought to be it is the fault of us who are older. Only a few weeks ago, in one of the larger towns of North Dakota, I was served for meals in the better cafes where no beer was sold. I was horrified to see women who were grandmothers or old enough to be, smoking cigarettes at the table, showing not the least embarrassment at smoking in full view of others. Evidently it was not their first offense.

We must preach and practice genuine Christianity and prove God's power to answer prayer. It may be we shall have to return to the methods of our crusading mothers and grandmothers. Let us not flinch. These precious young lives are worth every thing we can do. Christ gave His all for us. Again, won't you do something for the young people within the reach of your local union? Not because I or any one else asks it but because they too are those for whom Christ died. Let us go forward in His Name together.

Yours in the Master's service,
Sue M. Herrington,
State Sec. Y.T.C.
Benedict, N. D.

"It isn't the wreath in the window,
It isn't the shining tree,
Or the children rapt and waiting,
Bring Christmas to you and me."

"It's the marvelous self forgetting;
It's the thought we are sending far;
It's our hearts aglow, uplifted;
It's a wonderful, guiding star."

we can wait. We agree with Edwin Markham that:

"Defeat may serve as well as victory
To shake the soul and let glory out.
When the great oak is straining in
The wind

The boughs drink in new beauty, and
The trunk
Sends down a deeper root in the
windward side.

Only the soul that knows the mighty grief
Can know the mighty rapture. Sorrows come
To stretch out spaces in the heart for joy."

—Barbara H. Wylie

"Nothing is ever settled until it is settled right."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 14—Nov. 14, 1936

DUES—Grand Forks \$ can. 4; Fairdale 9; New Rockford 6; Grand Forks 11; Edinburg 4; Wyndmere 5; Fargo 37; Bismarck 15.

WILLARD MEMBERS—Mrs. I. Fenne, Mrs. A. L. Porter, Leonard. BUDGET—Parshall complete \$16.00; Edinburg \$4.00; Fargo \$30.00.

WILLARD CENTENARY—Fairdale \$3.85; Wyndmere \$6.00; Grand Forks \$2.50; Edinburg \$4.20; Northwood paid in full \$4.00.

PLEDGED—Northwest District \$5.00.

UNIONS WHO HAVE PAID IN FULL THEIR APPORTIONMENT TO THE FRANCES WILLARD CENTENARY EDUCATIONAL FUND:—Sheldon, Grand Forks Scandinavian, Larimore, Bottineau, Gilby, Northwood and the James Valley District.

Wouldn't you like to have the name of your union or district appear on this honor roll? The apportionment was a sum equal to \$1.50 for each one of your 1934 membership. While the time limit is 1939, the work can proceed much more quickly and effectively if we pay soon. Who will be the next?

The State Reports for this year will be sent very soon. They contain much information and inspiration and one meeting of your union might be set aside for a study of the Report. The price is 25 cents, the same as last year.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. E. Reed, Treasurer
1341-11th Ave. No.,
Fargo, N. D.

BISMARCK'S PROHIBITION PARADE

Of unusual interest was the parade staged by the Bismarck W.C.T.U. and L.T.L. October 31st. The poster committee, of which Mrs. Chas. Liessman was chairman, mounted pictures of children, appealing to people to "Vote No for their sake." Some 150 children marched or rode. In the procession were doll buggies, scooters, dogs, a Shetland pony, wagons, bicycles, cars and a truck loaned by the International Harvester Co.

Major Herbert Smith of the Salvation Army used an amplifier in his car while the Evangelical minister, Rev. Wm. Lemke, did the announcing. Music was also played in the car. Rev. F. E. Logee marched in the parade and Rev. O. S. Rindahl took some children in his car. Large banners made by the manual training class of the Junior high school attracted much attention. Three teachers were judges and cash prizes were awarded, the first to Paul Vogel with his sleek, black dog hitched to a wagon, displaying the signs, "My dog drinks milk, not whiskey," a milk bottle with the words, "Use This" and below, a whiskey bottle, with the words "Not This."

William Patterson, on his Shetland pony, won second prize, displaying a skull and crossbones, warning drivers to drive carefully. Third prize went to Robert Ayers, hauling a wrecked wagon, his sign stating "John Barleycorn caused this wreck—Vote No." Alton Bohn and Charles Miller received honorable mention.

Mrs. J. L. Hughes, chairman parade committee writes: "Even though we lost this time, we surely published our sentiments. If the children could have voted, the result would have been different."

DRY PAPER DEMANDS LOCAL OPTION RIGHT

The Minneapolis Daily Star, which accepts no beer or other liquor advertising, demands the right of householders to exclude liquor stores from residential districts.—Exchange.

MORE INSTITUTES NEEDED

Dear Co-Workers:

I come to you this year as your new state director of Institutes, and again ask for your splendid cooperation and help.

An institute serves as a School of Instruction where members and others interested in total abstinence may increase their knowledge and improve their methods of work, to the end that the use of alcohol as a beverage be abolished. Institutes will help increase the membership in a local union, gain new subscribers for the Union Signal and the Young Crusader and inspire more members to take an active part in the departmental work of the union.

An institute must have at least two sessions and three departments of our work presented. Institutes should be held the year around but more frequently at the season when people can attend. Open air institutes held in a park or wooded lot are preferable for summer months. Invite families and friends to come and enjoy the program.

Great care should be emphasized in the preparation of the program. Each speaker should prepare her topic, give it in her own words either orally or written. Materials can be secured from our W.C.T.U. Headquarters at Fargo. Invite young people to help with programs.

Invite the interested public through the press and make the meeting place an attractive one with flowers and posters. Open the meeting promptly on scheduled time and have a well prepared and interesting program. Hold discussions, giving every one a chance to ask questions. An offering should be planned for and taken at afternoon and evening sessions, since it gives to many who can do nothing else the opportunity to help our cause.

A great stigma has been placed upon the fair name of North Dakota through its recent election. We can all help to wipe out that stigma and by the Grace of God, we will. Through the department of Institutes we can hasten this day if every one will cooperate and strive to increase the quality and number of institutes held each year. Will you do your part?

Yours in loving service,
Bessie Darling

WHERE THERE'S DRINK, THERE'S DANGER

Write it over every gate,
On the church and halls of state,
On the hearts of every band,
In the laws of every land,—
Where there's drink there's danger.
Write it on our ships that sail
Borne along by storm and gale;
Write it large in letters plain
Over every land and main,—
Where there's drink there's danger.
Write it on the ships that fly;
Write it, pilots, sailing high;
Write it on the airplane's wing,
Let each "zoom" this warning bring,—
Where there's drink there's danger.
Write it on the motor car,
Speeding, racing everywhere;
See the wrecks in morgue and jail;
Write lest others, too, shall fail,—
Where there's drink, there's danger.
Keep it in the nation's laws,
It shall be a holy cause;
Write it clear on every heart,
Let it be of life a part,—
Where there's drink, there's danger.
—White Ribbon Review

WHAT ABOUT CRIME?

There are now 1,000 more federal prisoners than at any time in the nation's history. Liquor is crowding the prisons.—National Voice.

A CHAIN OF FELLOWSHIP

From Iowa comes the slogan: "Be Wise and Legionize." Our national secretary, Miss Lenadell Wiggins, writes that the L.T.L. secretaries are linked together, state by state, with a chain of fellowship and with the consciousness that each one is a part of a great national endeavor for total abstinence. So the legions in our state line up in the same chain of fellowship and purpose. A line radiates from national office to state and local legions and this line should be a two-way service. We are asked to keep the out-going and in-coming lines busy this year via the United States mail service.

Our major objectives are: To educate through the L.T.L.; to double the number of legions; to double the number of dues-paying members; to have every W.C.T.U. sponsor an L.T.L. We must know our program. Through this program we are working for the development of character, majoring in training for total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages and other narcotics. Stories, songs, slogans, projects and object lessons form the basis of the lesson plan.

To double means as much again. Multiply by two in all our legions this year is our goal. There are 12 million children in our country from 8 to 12 years of age. If they learn the truth about alcohol now, when they are old enough to vote they will make our country a safe place in which we live. Let's begin where we are, become familiar with our plans, study the program, know materials available and promote that program.

"Be modern, be modern,
Don't live in seventy-six;
Today we know that alcohol
And health don't mix."
Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
State L.T.L. Sec.

RE-ENLISTMENT SONG

We worked with God through fifty years
Strong drink to overthrow;
Though oft beset by doubts and fears
We never could let go.
The seed we watered with our tears,
We found great joy in pain,—
We worked with God through fifty years,
And now enlist again.

God took our feeble hands in His
And gave to us His might;
He needs in such a time as this
Stout hearts for Him to fight.
He heard our weak and rambling prayers,
His answers sent like rain;—
And now enlist again.

We see the travail of our soul
And we are satisfied;
The land we love has been made whole,
Though wrong this boon denied,
The clouds of sin God's sunshine clears,
Joy cometh after pain;—
We worked with God through fifty years,
And now enlist again.

Right must prevail in all the world,
Wrong cannot long endure;
God's banner, long ago unfurled,
Must wave o'er vic-tory sure.
Though sinners mock, and Satan sneers,
Their power is sure to wane—
We worked with God through fifty years,
And now enlist again.

—Lena S. Sanders, of Virginia.
(Tune "Varina" known as "There Is a Land of Pure Delight").

Liquor advertising was prohibited after February 1 in Alberta, Canada, on the ground that it was "ridiculously false to scientific fact," and increased drinking and all of its evils.

IN MEMORIAM

"In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Mrs. Carrie M. Evans, formerly of Minto, N. D., always very active in our work, was called to the Better Land on October 19th, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Sanderson, Atlanta, Georgia. A comrade beloved and well known, especially in the Northeast district, we tenderly cherish the memory of her beautiful life.

Mrs. George Weaver, a member at Edgeley, passed away at York, Pa., when on a visit to her old home.

Sympathy is expressed for the relatives of these dear ones; also to Mrs. H. E. Sox, Edgeley and to Mrs. J. S. Fleming, Grand Forks, in the Home-going of their husbands.

THE SIGNAL LIGHTS

By Edgar A. Guest

"It was well you stopped when the red light flashed," she said as we drove along,
"For an officer stood on the corner there, in charge of the traffic throng."
And I smiled, and said to my daughter fair as we waited on the spot,
"I always stop when the red light shows, be an officer there or not."
Then she sat in thought as we drove along, and suddenly she said,
"There ought to be lights for us all through life—the amber, the green and the red."
"What a help 'twould be if a red light flashed when danger and shame were near,
"And we all might wait until the green light came to show that the road was clear."

"My dear," said I, "we have tried to light life's road for your feet to fare,
"And we pray you'll stop when the red light glows, though none of us may be there.
"We have tried to teach you the signs of wrong and the way to a life serene.
"So stop when your conscience post shows red, and go when it flashes green."

COURAGE

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face.
It's nothing against you to fall down flat.
But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;
It's how did you fight and why?
And though you be done to death, What then?
If you battled the best you could;
If you played your part in the world of men,
Why the Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only, how did you die?
—By S. Carruth, Summit, Miss.

IN MEMORY OF HIM

Let your Christmas be—
"A time when old friends meet and greet;
A time when love grows e'en more sweet;
A time when we forgive, forget,
In memory of the Child who yet makes Christmas."

COMMENTS BY OUR FRIENDS

"We have lost a major battle in the fight against liquor but that does not settle the war. Time is on our side. Liquor is its own worst enemy. What it inevitably does to men, to health and to happiness, to public safety and well-being corrupts its own foundations. Perhaps a period of Babylonian captivity in the alien land of liquor is necessary to teach a misguided people what is for their own best good. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Let us pray that the bitter lesson need not be too long extended or too costly. Now more than ever need we watch over our own, teach our children the imperatives of total abstinence, practice it ourselves, and with penitence for our slackness where we have been slack, and renewed consecration and faith in the triumph of Right as God is God, gird ourselves afresh for the long, stern struggle."

—Rev. Henry L. Weiss, Pastor
First Methodist Church, Fargo

"We ought to use every endeavor to make community and social environment as good as possible for boys and girls. But it is more important that parents, churches and schools use their best endeavors to train boys and girls so that they will behave decently no matter how bad the environment may be.

You can't make an empty sack to stand up. Neither can you by means of good environment make a young man or woman live aright and decently who has never been taught a right code and right habits and character.

We lament that it is true, but true it is, that for a long while to come boys and girls in an average American community will have to grow up where there will be open saloon doors. Social customs may long continue to prevail that are hostile to temperance, self-control and decent sex relations. Since it is in such an environment that most boys and girls will have to grow up, mere common sense ought to tell parents, churches and schools that their most important function is to teach and train boys and girls in such a way that they will form right habits and characters, and so will be able to cope with the hostile environment."

—Rev. Daniel Heitmeyer, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Fargo

Asked to publish hard liquor advertisements, Mr. Percy M. Hansen, editor *Jamestown Sun*, replied: "The *Sun* has decided against publishing hard liquor advertisements of any nature" and gave, editorially, the following reasons:—The drinking of hard liquor is not beneficial to any one; it might encourage young people to drink; for every dollar spent on hard liquor there will be at least 80 cents less for the necessities of life. Not more than 20 percent of the money that goes over the bar stays in the hands of the local dealer. The small amount of money that will go into taxes will not offset the loss in legitimate trade. If the liquor laws are properly enforced, most of the revenue will be used in enforcement." We take off our hat to Mr. Hansen. May we have more editors who cannot be bought!

"I have been thinking of the national convention at Columbus in 1923 where I had my first glimpse of so many of the great women in our work. I saw the original Crusaders march upon the platform, old, bent, workworn but still full of courage. I heard Mrs. Colvin, now national vice president, in a splendid speech, say something like this, 'I thought when

NEW MEMBERSHIP PLANS

These plans were fully given in the November Bulletin. A Courier is one who secures one or more new members. An Envoy secures five or more, an Ambassador of Good Will is one who secures ten or more and the World Citizen is the one who secures the largest number of new members in her state. We are happy to report the following:

ENVOY—Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown.

COURIERS—Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Fargo; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo; Mrs. Arthur Schneider, Davenport; Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo; Mrs. W. M. Herrington, Benedict; Mrs. J. J. Larsen, Benedict.

Who will be the next?

CONSOLIDATED DRY'S ESSAY CONTEST

A very practical and worthwhile part of the valuable, educational program carried on by the Consolidated Drys during the recent campaign was an essay contest in which the young people from 9 to 14 years of age were asked to compete, the subject assigned being "Why My Mother and Father Should Vote Against Hard Liquor." The response was fine and hundreds of essays were submitted. The judges decided as follows:

First, Aileen McAdam, Hannah; second, Harold Bjorlo, Williston; third, Eloise Ensinger, Jud; fourth, Donna Jean Lloyd, Fessenden. The following received Honorable Mention: Gale LeRoy Fenne, Leonard; George Eastburn, Bartlett; Doris Marie Johnson, Maza; Barbara Jane Weiss, Fargo; Homer Steidl, Fargo; Joyce Ellingson, Epping.

We shall have the pleasure of publishing some of these essays later but below is submitted the first prize winner.

"WHY MY PARENTS SHOULD VOTE DRY"

(By Aileen McAdam)

"My father and mother should vote against hard liquor because it has proved one of the worst evils of the human race. This is because it has caused a great number of automobile accidents, many unhappy lives, considerable poverty and many deaths. Hard liquor injures industry and promotes crime. It wrecks many homes and is the cause of much insanity.

They should vote against hard liquor because it destroys the youth of the Nation. It stunts growth and prevents them from keeping high ideals.

When hard liquor is sold legally, it has a bad effect on politics. Often the dealer in liquor indirectly influences the officials of a town or city. Sometimes justice is dealt out according to the moods of a liquor dealer.

Furthermore, North Dakota entered the Union as a Dry State and my parents should want it to remain that way."

I saw the Crusaders in their march. Who are we to complain? If it should become necessary, we can begin all over again and then not have as hard a task as they had." So, while I am sorry we lost the election, I am ready to begin again. Though we may have worked until our nerves and muscles were at the breaking point, almost; though our treasury is low and our numbers too few, we will carry on, while God gives us strength. May it be His will that many of the younger women who have not cared greatly about our work may be aroused to its vast importance and step into the line!"

—Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, Recording secretary State W.C.T.U. and president of the dry Northeast district.

FAKE PUBLICITY OF REPEALISTS

The liquor interests are attempting to give the public the idea that the legalized liquor traffic is proving a boon to sobriety and happiness, as compared with the prohibition era. They have just issued a survey under the title "Drunkenness Decreasing Under Repeal," which says: "From every angle that human life and safety is affected by alcohol, statistics show decided improvement since the legalization of beer and repeal of the 18th amendment."

But the survey, instead of covering the national area, restricts its content to a single state, New York, and, within that state, to a group of cities which includes the notorious wet centers of New York City and Buffalo.

A study of police records shows them to be far more unreliable in their classification of offenses due to liquor than are the records of traffic accidents, which in recent months have revealed clear evidence that thousands of cases of automobile fatalities in which liquor really played a part have been credited to a dozen other causes such as speeding, reckless driving, inattention, carelessness, passing stop signals, etc.

For years, as is well known, figures for drunkenness in territory under dry laws in the hands of wet administrators, have been expanded to the limit by official instructions to nab and jail every tipsy citizen, while under the license regime directly opposite instructions, and in addition camouflaging drunk arrests under disorderly conduct, vagrancy, etc., have shrunk these totals to any desired minimum.

NEWS ITEMS

We congratulate Mmes. Bessie M. Darling, Frank Beasley and C. W. Lee, presidents of the Grand Forks, Northeast and Northwest districts respectively on their three dry districts at the recent election. Only for the 300 wet majority in Fargo, Fargo district also would have been dry. Minot, and James-Valley districts were two-thirds dry and Ransom-LaMoure half-dry. Bottineau county is also in the dry column. Nineteen counties in all voted against hard liquor.

New Rockford union entertained members from Minnewaukan and Sheyenne when Mmes. C. E. Soderholm, H. G. Hudson and Alice Rager gave interesting reports from the state convention.

A national honor came to our friends at Northwood who were awarded second place for their Willard Centenary exhibit, the work of R. L. Thoreson. This union is also sponsoring an essay and poster contest.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child a good example; to a father, deference; to a mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

—F. M. Balfour

THE STAR

There were many stars in the sky that night—
And many stars still gleam—
But the Wise Men saw one star most bright,
And followed its leading beam.
There are many stars in our sky this night—
And the wise men journey still—
Will they find the star that out-shines all light,
And shows the Eternal will?
—Eleanor Scott Sharples, in *Friends Intelligencer*.

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