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## SOME GLAD DAY

(Tune: "Old Black Joe")

All round the world the ribbon white  
is twined;  
All round the world the glorious  
light has shined;  
All round the world our cause has  
right of way,  
We'll raise the anthem swell of vic-  
tory—some glad day.

Chorus:

It's coming, it's coming, the morn for  
which we pray;  
We'll take the world for Christ's own  
kingdom—some glad day!

All round the world where sounds  
the note of woe;  
There in God's strength our ribbon  
white shall go;  
Emblem of peace, of purity's bright  
ray,  
'Twill blind our sin-stained earth to  
heaven some glad day.

All round the world hosannas yet  
shall ring;  
All lands and climes the Savior's  
praise shall sing;  
No jarring note shall mar that raptu-  
rous lay;  
'Twill rise from all the sin-saved  
nations some glad day.

—Katherine Lent Stevenson

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sister Workers:

We who were privileged to attend the recent World's convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Washington D. C. certainly were enthused and inspired to do better work than we have ever done before. Contacts formed and plans of work talked over with our friends at home and abroad proved most worthwhile. There were 2796 registered delegates and visitors, many more in attendance at the convention which was held in the great Constitution Hall, June 2-8. There were 426 voting delegates and the hall was crowded for many of the outstanding programs.

Thirty-seven countries were represented including Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Brazil, Burma, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, England, Wales, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Ireland Ulster, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Mexico, New Foundland, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Pitcairn Island, Scotland, Siam, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, Jugoslavia, and 48 states and the District of Columbia of the United States mainland, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Acknowledging and honoring our Heavenly Father as the Leader of our great work, a deeply spiritual International Worship Service overflowed the auditorium in the Calvary Baptist church the afternoon of June 2nd, led by Mrs. Anna Brattstrom of Gefle, Sweden, World Superinten-



DR. ELLA ALEXANDER BOOLE  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Re-elected President World's  
W. C. T. U.

dent of Evangelism and Mrs. Josephine M. Buhl, Tulsa, Oklahoma, National director Evangelism for the U. S. A. The leading thought advanced by Mrs. Brattstrom was that the world needs to say and feel, as did David, "The Lord is my light and my salvation;" also that each Christian should live it and that such love knew no race nor distance barriers but included all lands and nations.

Mrs. Buhl proposed a pledge of re-consecration for the next three years and the meeting adopted as its theme song: "What the World Needs is Jesus" which was sung then and frequently in succeeding meetings. Testimonials were given from thirty nations followed by a season of prayer when often several in that vast audience were praying at the same time. Each of us received a spiritual uplift and an inspiration for the work ahead. A reception followed, given by the W. C. T. U. women of Washington, D. C. in the lower rooms of the beautiful church, allowing us an opportunity to become better acquainted with them and with delegates and visitors.

June 3rd, the convention was called to order by Dr. Ella A. Boole, International President, one of the most outstanding women of the convention, a statesman, tactful and forceful as presiding officer, beloved by all. In her address she said: "The fallacies of moderation as a cure for excess must be exposed. It is easier to prevent than to cure an appetite, therefore we must stress alcohol education with mothers who set an example in the home; with youth to enable them to establish right standards for health

and efficiency and with children that they may know what alcohol is and what it does. In promoting total abstinence the W. C. T. U. is promoting social service. Scientists, both European and American, are confirming the serious fact that beverage alcohol is playing a greater and greater part in race degeneration and undermining of child health and welfare."

Mrs. Boole proposed an appeal to the League of Nations urging that the Nutrition department of that body and medical schools throughout the world definitely include in their investigations a study of the effects of alcohol on nutrition as a serious but preventable cause of increasing maternal deaths. She reminded us that we now have the ballot and share the responsibility of the government; that organized mother love and womanhood, fired with zeal for a righteous cause, is a political power to reckon with, as some politicians have discovered. She urged us to include in our Centenary program which is to honor Frances Willard, an emphasis is on total abstinence, purity, peace, the enrollment of new members and of gifts for the maintenance of the movement.

Other recommendations included the setting apart of Thursday of the annual January week of prayer as a day to be devoted to the temperance cause, the date in 1938 being Jan. 6; the observance of Feb. 17 to be devoted to organization work; Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May; Peace Week, the second week in December and the continued observance of the world-wide noon tide prayer that we may have the courage everywhere to put our ideals into action.

There has never before been in attendance such an outstanding group of trained and energetic young people bent on fearlessly challenging the liquor problem in their own right. Early morning conferences increased daily until on June 7 came the climax, striking a note of confidence and determination to popularize the movement and win youth around the world to temperance standards. Young men and women in business and professional life from twenty-two states and from many other countries participated. Many arresting addresses were made—another temperance trailer was dedicated.

One evening was given to a colorful pageant—"Souls Courageous"—and the showing of the motion picture—Beneficent Reprobate. The pageant portrayed the growth of the W. C. T. U. movement from its beginning to the present day. The costumes worn by those representing Frances Willard and Anna Gordon were their own dresses and the pageant with its historic chapters and more than a hundred men, women and children actors, was shown without a single hitch.

The secretaries reported briefly the march of temperance in this and other nations. Australia specializes in

education through scientific exhibits, as does Scotland, Denmark and Czechoslovakia; Estonia in pledging thousands of parents never to offer their children intoxicating beverages; France, in special efforts to close beverage alcohol shops one day a week; Germany, in a widespread movement to popularize fruit drinks more than beer. Its president, Frau Anna Klara Fischer was appointed officially to act as hostess to the 500 women who participated in the worldwide Olympic games. Irish Free State W. C. T. U. aids in providing non-alcoholic drinks for workers and traders; in Latvia the government sponsors the work of the W. C. T. U. and the church heartily co-operates.

England through Parliamentary action influenced by the W. C. T. U. limited hours and sale of liquor under government control during Coronation activities. Africa is popularizing the use of grapes and raisins as food rather than in wine. Work in Canada is notable for the splendid co-operation of the Sunday Schools in temperance instruction. Miss Slack took us on this vivid trip around the world showing the wonderful progress made but many countries mentioned their disappointment and sorrow for us as well as the effect that our repeal had upon their work.

An outstanding program to me was held in the popular out-door Sylvan Theatre, a vast audience in attendance on Sunday afternoon, when Peace and Prohibition were discussed so ably under the shadow of the beautiful Washington monument. Senator Sheppard of Texas, Dr. Harry N. Holmes, New York City and Mrs. T. C. Gauntlett, Tokyo, Japan, each gave a splendid address. Senator Sheppard said: "War works with steel and flame, beverage alcohol with narcotic poison. No finer benefit could befall mankind than a union of the forces of peace and prohibition against war and alcoholic drinks. If prohibition was a good thing in war against human beings, why is it not a better thing in our war against poverty and crime and the other handicaps of civilization largely due to drink?" Crime has not diminished since repeal but rather is more rampant. It has failed to solve the age-old liquor control problem. Bootlegging has far from ceased. Two years after repeal the federal government seized 16,680 illegal stills. Best estimates of authorities indicate that from one-quarter to one-half of liquor consumed is still manufactured and sold outside of the law.

Dr. Holmes, among many good things said: "Let there ring out from this Washington convention a determination never quite reached before to put our wills against false concepts defying the only highway to happiness and security, with a firmer resolve to organize and work until law and conference take the place of ar-

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## CALL FOR STATE W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

The forty-eighth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to meet in Valley City September 23-26, 1937. The state officers will meet at 1:30 p. m. Thursday the 23rd and the executive committee at 2:30 p. m.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of Youth's Temperance Council and Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of state paper, department directors, organizers, field workers and historian.

The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from every local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 L. T. L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. The Y. T. C. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W. C. T. U. but the delegates must be young women.

The by-laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting which will be September 9. The hostess union extends a hearty welcome to all white-ribboners to attend and help make this 48th annual meeting a great success.

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

## VALLEY CITY PREPARES FOR STATE CONVENTION

In preparation for the state convention to be held in Valley City September 23-26, 1937, the following committees have been appointed:

General chairman: Mrs. C. E. Stow-ell.

Housing: Mmes. Lulu W. Zimmer-man and G. A. Shelby.

Music: Mrs. G. O. Parish.

Reception: Mmes. Marshall and Artherton, assisted by Boy Scouts.

Publicity: Miss Dora Large.

Pages: Mrs. T. E. Nugent.

Postmistress: Mrs. Frank Shearer.

Banquet: Mrs. E. R. Fritch.

We are to be favored with the presence of our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo as convention guest. Mrs. DeYo has a charming personality, is a pleasing and impressive speaker whose message we shall all be anxious to hear. Valley City is one of our most attractive cities and we always have a good time there. We are assured of cordial hospitality and kind cooperation in our work. Begin now to plan to attend.

We must go out and re-all our-selves to nature every day.—Thoreau.

## IN MEMORIAM

"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is  
won,

And thou art crowned at last."

In the passing of Mrs. Julia Davis Nelson July 15, the North Dakota W. C. T. U. has lost one of its best friends, a faithful and efficient pioneer in the temperance reform to which she gave earnest devotion during her long and useful life. From the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter F. Berg, Summer, Iowa, where she had been visiting for the past few months, Mrs. Nelson was called to her rich reward in the heavenly Home. A lingering illness, borne with patient resignation, compelled her to resign last year the presidency of the Fargo Scandinavian union which office she had faithfully filled since its organization in 1898.

In addition to the local work, Mrs. Nelson also served as state organizer for the W. C. T. U., vice president of the Fargo district and took an active interest in the work of all women's organizations. Respected and loved by a large circle of friends, her memory will be fondly cherished. The North Dakota W. C. T. U. would pay its tribute of love and appreciation to our long-time comrade, while to her daughters and other relatives we extend heartfelt sympathy.

### Mrs. Anderson's Tribute

"Mrs. Nelson was my staunch loyal friend and supporter during all the years of my presidency of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. She was a trusted leader and all her life true and faithful to our blessed cause. I thank God for her life of service and I pray her mantle may fall on many others.

She was one of the pioneers in our cause, devoted, heroic, never swerving from the line of duty. She never doubted that this was God's work and that He would carry it on to ultimate victory. May He give us many more such workers! In our sorrow we can still rejoice that she fought a good fight, kept the faith and is now enjoying her reward."

We mourn with Bottineau union and friends the Home-going of Mrs. J. L. Gorder as a result of an automobile accident July 5 near the farm to which she came as a pioneer in 1888 and where her family of ten children were raised. A woman of prayer and strong Christian character, her influence in the home and community was constantly felt. She was a Gold Star mother and made the pilgrimage to France that she might visit the grave of her son Arthur near Liverpool, England. Six of her seven remaining sons were pall-bearers. Her pastor spoke from the text—"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." To her husband, who is an honorary member, and her family, we express deep sympathy.

Ellendale has also been bereft in the passing of Mrs. D. W. Coleman, a faithful member.

Col. W. C. Treumann, an honorary member of the Grafton union, a strong temperance man, and well known throughout the state, passed away early this summer. Mrs. Treumann has been a member of the Grafton union 40 years.

### CONVENTION THEME SONG

"What the World Needs Is Jesus"  
What the world needs is Jesus,  
Just a glimpse of Him;  
Just the world needs is Jesus,  
Just a glimpse of Him;  
He'll bring joy and gladness,  
Take away sin and sadness;  
What the world needs is Jesus,  
Just a glimpse of Him.

## WHAT IS THE W. C. T. U. DOING, ANYWAY?

While on vacation this summer I was confronted with the above question for the hundredth time. One might as well ask, "What is the church doing? What are the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and other character-building organizations doing?" Work of the sentiment-building type is not visible to the naked eye and those who are not informed look in vain for a sign.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union needs no defense and this article is not so intended. But for the busy, honest inquirer let me state a few facts which you, dear comrades, may care to pass on. A prominent churchman, nationally known, recently said to me: "I take off my hat to the W. C. T. U.—the only temperance organization with a program that has kept steadily on through the years."

First let me say, the North Dakota W. C. T. U. was not to blame for the repeal of our prohibition law. God knows how we worked and prayed that it might be maintained. When repeal came we did not say—"What's the use?" nor sit down and fold our hands. We continued to do what Frances Willard recommended—to agitate and educate and finally we shall secure legislation to bring North Dakota back. In ways that the uninformed do not know, our women are creating sentiment through work with the children in the home, the school, the Loyal Temperance Legion and the Sunday school; using their influence with city commissioners and enforcement officers, always on the job if they are true white-ribboners knowing no defeat, no discouragement. In the N. D. Consolidated Drys, the W. C. T. U. is an important part.

Cooperating with the National W. C. T. U. we are raising a fund for temperance education. Conditions in our state in recent years have made this work very difficult but we shall win. With the money raised we have already had a broadcast for eight weeks from the Grand Forks station, (chosen because of its moderate price), a continued story entitled "Americans to the Rescue," and we expect this will also be given from the Minot station. The educational, scientific motion picture—Beneficent Reprobate—has been shown a number of times with good success. Road signs, calling attention to the danger of drunken driving, are being placed along highway No. 10 and in this practical piece of work the Highway Commission is lending cooperation.

Mr. Walter J. Brophy, Safety En-gineer, appreciates this help as we furnish the signs and he will see that they are placed.

For a month this summer Miss Dora H. Young, who has taken special work in our Training School at Evanston, has been giving lessons in Alcohol Education in our summer schools and in young people's church groups at Lake Metigoshe, Mouse River Loop, Jamestown and Valley City. Mr. Arthur E. Thompson, State superintendent of Public Instruction, presidents of our colleges and leaders of church groups have cooperated in this work while the State W. C. T. U. paid salary and expenses, all of which are met from the Temperance Education Fund, which you have been helping to raise. We are thankful for the work so efficiently done by Miss Young.

We are building for the future. May we have courage to continue as by faith we look down the years and see the victory—young people started in clean, temperate habits, parents, educators and legislators aroused to their responsibility, enforcement agencies doing their duty, citizens obeying the law and our beloved state

## RICHLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Meeting at Wyndmere May 25, the twentieth annual convention of the Richland district was held in the Methodist church, Mrs. Katherine Gardner, district president, presiding. Beautiful decorations included a picture of Frances E. Willard; a silver star on a blue background, representing the Centenary program; our own Stars and Stripes and the flag of Norway, the latter suggestive of North Dakota's guest country at the world's convention.

Rev. James A. Sanaker, Milnor, was guest of honor. The convention theme: "Go Forward: Educate" was evident in the program. The topics—"Alcohol Education" and "Safeguarding our Young Folks" were generally discussed. The assistance of Mrs. A. C. Malin of Antelope as accompanist at the piano was appreciated. A vocal solo by Mrs. W. C. Hanson, duet by Misses Lillian Stone and Oline Lillistol, accompanied by Helen Rustad, a male quartette and instrumental music by Joan Olson were all enjoyed as was also a poem by Doris Otterburn.

A dialogue, "Mother Union and Daughters," visualized pioneer temperance work in Richland county. Greetings were received from the city by Mayor Arnold Lein; from the local union by Mrs. Mary Anderson and from the district by Mrs. Gardner. Mrs. Minnie Matheson, Fairmount, responded. The address—"Booze, Bottles and Bologna"—by Rev. Mr. Sanaker made a very strong impression. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Katherine Gardner, Wyndmere; vice president, Mrs. F. H. Israelson, Christine; Cor. sec. Mrs. Marjorie Handricks, Wyndmere; Rec. sec. Mrs. Elsie Swanson, Fairmount; treasurer, Mrs. John Gunnell, Abercrombie. Resolutions adopted included loyalty to state and national plans; increased efforts to make programs interesting, varied and educational; efforts to increase membership and local unions; adoption of the five-point program; raising this year the Temperance Education Fund; acquaintance with liquor laws that we may aid enforcement; sponsoring a Youth's Temperance Council and a Loyal Temperance Legion; securing cooperation of churches and civic groups in temperance campaigns.

## WELCOME CO-OPERATION

We appreciate the action of the North Dakota district of the Norwegian Lutheran church of America when, at their recent conference, they marshalled for an aggressive drive against the liquor traffic. Rev. O. E. Westberg, Williston, Rev. S. A. Berger, Fargo and Rev. O. J. Lutness, Enderlin, were named a committee to direct district activities. A resolution urged citizens to bring to officials of their community the information that under North Dakota law the sale of beer and other intoxicating liquor is prohibited on Sunday; protested against sale of intoxicants after hours Sundays and holidays; called for a campaign of information as to injurious and demoralizing results of the liquor traffic and commended the work of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. and the Consolidated Drys.

This is the gospel of labor,  
Ring it, ye bells of the kirk.  
The Lord of Love comes down from above  
To live with the men who work.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

redeemed from the curse of the legalized liquor traffic. May God hasten the day! We shall soon face another vote on this question. Let us be ready! —Barbara H. Wylie

## TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, to July 15, 1937.

DUES—Hettinger 5; Napoleon 9; Sheyenne 4; Wyndmere 2; Grand Forks 3; Minot 5; Rugby 10; Sheldon 4; Ray 2; Glover 2; Makoti 5; Northwood 2; Dickinson 7; Dickey 2; Bottineau 2; Powers Lake 4; Cando 13; Oberon 1; Fargo Scan. 34; Carrington 18; Ray 2.

L. T. L.—Dickinson 15.

Y. T. C.—Stacy-Zahl 10.

WILLARD MEMBERS—Landa 5; Westhope 4; Lansford 2; Christine 1. BUDGET—Hettinger \$1.50; Stanley comp. \$2.00; Ray comp. \$1.00; Fargo comp. \$15.00; Dickinson \$8.00; Grand Forks \$5.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Jamestown \$5.00; Napoleon \$13.70; A friend \$6.00; Richland District \$2.00; Grand Forks \$4.00; Grand Forks Scan. \$10.00; Minot \$11.00; Minot District \$15.00; Rugby \$5.00; Ray \$5.00; Parshall \$29.65; Makoti \$10.00; Prosper \$10.50; Valley City \$5.00; Ray \$4.50.

STATE REPORTS—Wyndmere 2; Makoti 2; Hannah 2.

Dear Treasurers—I want to remind you again of the date Sept. 9th. That is the day the State Treasurer's books close. Will you please send in dues and budget quite soon, so as to be counted this year?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.  
1341 11th Ave. No.  
Fargo, N. D.

## THE PRESIDENT AND LIQUOR

In the days of King Ahasuerus there was "royal wine in abundance . . . And the drinking was according to the law." According to the law there is to be royal whiskey in abundance, with "Government House Rum" blown in the bottle, and Uncle Sam the official barkeeper.

Mr. President, this is not "extending the frontiers of social progress." It is a reversion to the Dark Ages, "when the heart of the king was merry with wine," and he commanded to bring Vashti, the queen, before the drunken revellers to show her personal charms.

You are taking the children out of legitimate industry and putting the government into the illegitimate whiskey industry to destroy them.

David Lawrence, in the United States News, says, "The Administration appears before the boys and girls of the Nation as sanctioning the use of rum . . . to drink liquor to help balance the budget."

Mr. President, you cannot get away with that. "Woe unto them which justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him." Government House Rum will bring upon your administration the judgment of heaven. You are taking the children out of the factory to "pass through the fire of Moloch." You'd better change the name of those islands from "Virgin" to Vicious. We suggest that the label on Government House Rum, in which the Administration has invested over two million dollars, with a member of the Cabinet a director on the distillery board, shall read, "Uncle Sam, Purveyor to His Majesty, the Devil."

—Twentieth Century Progress.

## HOT WEATHER DRINK

### HIGHLAND FRUIT JUICE

2 cupfuls grape juice.  
1/2 cupful orange juice  
1/4 cupful pineapple juice  
Juice of 2 lemons  
2 cupfuls water  
3/4 cupful sugar.  
Boil water and sugar 2 minutes. Cool, then add to fruit juices. Dilute to taste, serve over cracked ice.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Jamestown state L. T. L. secretary, who attended the World's convention, is visiting friends in Conneaut, Ohio and has been addressing local union meetings.

Through a mistake last month the name of Bismarck union was omitted from the list of those having Couriers. Mrs. Ella C. Boise deserves this recognition.

Cando union had a booth at Towner County fair and distributed literature, exhibiting posters. The Cando Herald is added to the list of newspapers that do not publish liquor advertisements.

Mrs. C. W. Lee, president Northwest district, and Mrs. Ellen Berg, director Y. T. C. made a tour of their district, visiting unions, creating fresh interest and reorganizing the union at wild rose. We deeply regret the anticipated removal of Mr. and Mrs. Lee to Chehalis, Wash., early in August. They have been among our most faithful workers and will be greatly missed yet we wish them health and happiness in their new home.

A beautiful program was put on by the Fairdale W. C. T. U. for the June meeting of the Ladies Aid society. Special music, playlets by L. T. L. and Y. T. C. talks by Mrs. Beasley, district president and Representative Mandus Hultstrand were all enjoyed. Mrs. Louis Hanson, director white ribbon recruits, had made a pretty arch with two gates, decorated with colored crepe paper and flowers, and two little girls dressed alike and carrying baskets of flowers, opened the gates for the mothers to pass through with the little ones singing "When He Cometh" at the close of the service. Twenty-one children were thus dedicated to the temperance cause by Mrs. Beasley. Why not try something similar in your union?

## "WHY THE LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION?"

His earth-days, parents brought their children to Jesus that His touch might enrich their lives. There was fullness of life for acceptance, but the parents' action opened the channel of blessing.

Dear comrades of the local unions, have you told the parents of your community about the richness of life which may come to their little ones through the Loyal Temperance Legion:

"Loyal"—true and brave and strong;

"Temperance"—pure in body, mind and soul;

"Legion"—all childhood! "Go tell!"

"Leaders? Pray them in, as I was prayed into the L. T. L. leadership, and so open life's door to some young woman."

—Ida B. Wise Smith.

## IS THIS YOUR FAULT?

The report from Union Signal headquarters this month is rather disconcerting. Our state lost 13 on Union Signal and 19 on Young Crusader. The lapse of subscriptions at the end of the school year will easily account for the Young Crusader but how about The Union Signal? Has your subscription expired? Please look on the date on your label and make sure. If you are a paid subscriber yourself, can you not secure a new subscriber? Reports of the World's convention have been most interesting. As the chart to the mariner so is the Union Signal to us on the voyage of life. Subscribe to-day. See special offers on last page.

## REPEAL AT ITS WORST

Over one and one-third million girls are working in liquor-selling places in this country; one roadhouse is sending word to high school students that on every Friday and Saturday night free beer will be given to any high school pupil who comes in and mentions the fact that he is a pupil of..... High School; liquor-selling places are deliberately being made attractive in order to entice the very best young people; quiet, decorum, comfort and maintained by strong armed men in order to deceive and convince the public that alcohol under control is desirable and harmless. This is the situation we face under repeal.

Recently I went with a reporter into the bars of four of the finest hotels in New York to see how control with capital "C" works, to see liquor drinking when it was considered respectable. I felt as if I was sitting on a volcano. We were told by the man in authority that they enforced quiet. No one would be allowed to remain who lifted his or her voice. They would not sell to one becoming affected. It is their intention and determination to keep the place respectable. What becomes of the patrons who are ushered out, sometimes forcibly, is no concern of the management. The place must be kept respectable to convince the public that liquor drinking can be made "respectable."

What I saw was, in my opinion, repeat at its worst. It is more insidious, more deceitful, more dangerous than where the cause and effect are permitted to be apparent. Where will these young people be three or four years from now after once the appetite is started? One will need to go to the garish-lighted, "lid is off," type of place to find them, if they have not already arrived at the police court or alcoholic ward. It would be far better to require a finished product be displayed at every drinking place if we are really considering the welfare of our future generation than to try to fool ourselves that the effect of a poison may be changed by swallowing it in a palace instead of a hovel, and then hiring a prizefighter to carry out the victims before others present may see the effect and be warned of the danger.—Editorial by Mamie W. Colvin, National vice president.

## DEVILS LAKE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Hansboro royally entertained the convention for this district June 17, the district president, Mrs. Elias Porter, Calvin, presiding. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, state vice president, assisted during the day and gave a strong address in the evening on "Our Goal." Special music added much to the program. All officers were re-elected.

## WINNERS IN POSTER CONTEST

Some very excellent posters were submitted this year, making it difficult for the judges to decide. However, we announce as follows:

Seventh and Eighth grades—Vernon O'Neil, Hannah

Sixth grade—Edgar Ortner, Jamestown

Fifth grade—Lorraine Winingar, Jamestown and Elaine Haga, Northwood

Fourth grade—Laurel Treleaven, Hannah

HONORABLE MENTION—Jerome Olson, Northwood; Jean Campbell, and Inez Nashold, Jamestown; Betty Miller, Lloyd Hannah, Howard McLean and Luverne Snider, Han-

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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bitrament of the sword." Mrs. Gauntlet, in perfect English, told of progress made in Japan towards peace and temperance.

On Saturday evening, June 5, 2500 dinner guests swamped the capacities of the prominent Washington hotels, the Willard, Raleigh and Washington—when each state group was hostess to one or more guests from other lands. Our guest was Miss Friedat of Norway who was dressed in native costume and proved a very charming and entertaining guest. She is a graduate nurse studying in Chicago and represented the President of Norway W. C. T. U. who was busy preparing for their convention.

Our own Mrs. Kate Wilder appeared to do our state honor on the membership demonstration program Friday afternoon. Many delightful social events occurred including a very pleasant party given to officers and delegates from other lands by the International committee of the National Woman's party at the Alva Belmont House; and several luncheons and breakfasts to state delegations by their respective senators and representatives.

Many notable guests were in attendance. We made new acquaintances and renewed many old ones. Mrs. Necia E. Buck, a prominent former North Dakota woman and now president of Oregon W. C. T. U. roomed with me and was one of fifty women chosen to speak on Sunday. Washington is perhaps our most historic city and many took advantage of the attractive sight-seeing trips. Yes, I could talk about it all by the hour but will close with the words of Frau Fischer of Germany who concluded her address by saying: "The theme of our work is the historic prayer of Frances E. Willard: Let us strive to make the whole world better and more home-like."

I have enjoyed a wonderful, delightful visit with friends and relatives, in Washington, D. C., New York, Jersey City, Chicago, Zion, Rio and Superior, but shall be glad to be home again, working with you to gain new members, work for our education fund and for "world purity, world prohibition and world peace."

With love to all,

Lydia S. Wanner (Mrs. Fred M.)

## GRAND FORKS DISTRICT PICNIC

Led by their progressive president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the members of the Grand Forks district enjoyed a picnic together July 20 which was followed by an interesting institute. Subjects considered were Evangelism and Sabbath Observance, Flower Mission and Relief and Christian Citizenship. All entered heartily into the discussions which followed. Mrs. Darling adds: "How I wish we could impress on all our unions the benefits of institutes. My district enjoys them so much." An offering of \$7.40 was received for the work.

## KIDDER CO. MEDAL CONTEST

At the Sunday School county convention in Kidder county July 12, eight contestants from different parts of the county participated in a medal contest according to W. C. T. U. rules. A large audience was in attendance and the judges awarded first place to Miss Phyllis Peterson of Driscoll.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Minneapolis, our former state vice president, was a pleasant caller at the headquarters office recently.

We must not forget to keep WORSHIP at the heart of life.—Henry T. Hodgkin.

## MORE HIGHLIGHTS OF WORLD'S CONVENTION

### Welcome Night and President Roosevelt's Message

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a personally signed message to Dr. Boole, president of the World Union, which was read by the Hon. Frances B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of the State, declared it "fitting" that the World Convention should plan a great Peace Rally as an outstanding feature of its session. "In the conflict of principles and policies, aspirations and ambitions which the world today witnesses," declared President Roosevelt, "the United States remains steadfast in its determination to pursue the ways of peace. We desire to be a good neighbor . . . and we are ready at all times to cooperate with all nations and peoples to make the spirit of peace a practical and a living fact. May God hasten the day when this spirit shall dominate the whole world."

Dr. John Studebaker, Federal Commissioner of Education in his greeting declared as a representative of education, "I salute the organization which has demonstrated throughout its history the unconquerable power of the teacher."

The Reverend Edwin Holt Hughes, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in an unusually impressive message declared, "The men who stormed against the alleged and real evils that belonged to the regime of National Prohibition cannot forever escape from the fearful evidence of their new era, and, against the terrible proofs to the contrary, declare it an improvement . . . The men who told us the saloon must not come back are now either utterly silent or hiding themselves behind general statements made purposely vague as a mechanism of escape . . . We welcome you here from the wide world because we believe that God has already welcomed you to His kingdom for a great task; because we believe that intemperance, and all the broods of evil that grow in its atmosphere, will one day have their protecting walls shaken down by your trumpets. Go ahead, and God be with you!"

In her welcome as president of the U. S. A. and hostess of the World Convention, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith said: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels' I could not fittingly welcome you tonight . . . We lament that we welcome you to a country where liquor has been re-legalized. Before God, my comrades, the W. C. T. U. of the United States did its best to prevent it. Now already the backward swing is perceptible and with our enlarged program which has met such cordial support, we hope that when you come to us in a future convention we may welcome you to a land free from the stain of liquor . . . What is the W. C. T. U.? Our founder said, 'It is an organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic, and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.' All these are in process of accomplishment but none are done. Therefore I welcome you with a challenge to greater need of activity than even years ago."

In response to these welcomes were brief but eloquent messages from Mrs. Evelyn Strang, Australia; Mrs. A. H. Chowrynpah, India; Mrs. Maskev Miller, South Africa; and Miss Flora Strout, Brazil.

### Music, Processions, Dramatic Art

#### Lent Atmosphere of Beauty

To Mrs. Ethel H. Reed, Director of Music, and her associates is due unqualified gratitude for the convention-long program of special music both vocal and instrumental, of impressive

processionals, organ recitals and various inspiring platform features, in which music play a part.

Tuesday evening was scheduled a marvelously colorful pageant, "Souls Courageous," written especially for the event by Marie Moore Forrest of Washington, distinguished dramatic director of the Sesqui-centennial celebration of the Federal Constitution, depicting historic chapters in the more than fifty years of the World's W.C.T.U.

A unique feature was the solo work of Suzanne Davis of Baltimore on the Theremin which, without keys or other means of contact, responded with lovely cello and flute-like tones, evoked by wierd finger manipulation of electrical currents.

### Impressive Tribute to Frances E. Willard

Thursday afternoon, June 3, before more than a hundred chosen delegates from other lands, Miss Agnes Slack, Honorary World W. C. T. U. Secretary, standing in Statuary Hall, in the Capitol of the U. S. A., placed upon the bust of Frances E. Willard, the only woman so honored in that historic room, an International Wreath made from sprays of evergreen of every shade and hue, coming from more than a score of member countries, and paid memorable tribute to the great world leader whose personal friend and associate she had been in the early years of the World movement. Every square foot of space of the immense steps to the Capitol entrance were filled with White Ribboners as they assembled for the event.

### Alcohol Education Conference

A brilliant demonstration of the way in which the truth about beverage alcohol can be effectively presented, not only to youth but to adults as well, was portrayed by Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, National Director of Alcohol Education for the U. S. A., in a series of five pre-convention conferences, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 31, June 1 and 2, at the Washington Hotel. Early arriving delegates and friends from many world Convention Highlights Cont. states and various other countries crowded the parlor assigned to the conference. Miss Palmer explained that the whole program of alcohol education might be stated in a single sentence, namely, the necessity of reaching 30,000,000 school children now studying under 1,000,000 teachers, the annual additions to which are graduating from 300 teacher training institutions. In two years time Miss Palmer has conferred with educational executives, teachers, principals and others interested in the subject, in 46 states of the union with extraordinary acceptance and favorable response.

### Congressman Brewster On "Education in Alcohol"

Monday eve. June 7, Hon. Ralph O. Brewster, Congressman from Maine, speaking before the convention, said: "The problem of control of the liquor traffic was not ended by repeal . . . Education is the one final answer to the age-old problem that we face as each individual comes to the conclusion that there is more joy in living without alcohol, the problem for him will be no more. The keener joy of Christian living is the only final argument for a different way of life. Conversion, not compulsion is the teaching of the humble Nazarene."

### Fraternal Greetings

Fraternal greetings were received from a host of organizations and individuals including Robert C. Lawson, Washington, D. C., president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Ruth Haller Ottawa of New York, president, National Council of Women of the U. S. A.; D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council of the U. S. A., British Women's To-

tal Abstinence Union; and United Kingdom Alliance of Great Britain, National Division of North American Sons of Temperance, and many others.

### A Panel Discussion On Alcohol And Transportation

On Monday, June 7, led by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of the U. S. A. and participated in by Mayor Macleod of England, Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer and others revealed wealth of evidence that, viewed even from this single standpoint, proved beverage alcohol to be an anachronism and a menace in our present mechanized civilization.

### Message To Queen Elizabeth of The British Empire

The Youth's Conference at the World's W. C. T. U. Convention sent to Queen Elizabeth of the British Empire a message of gratitude and appreciation on receipt of news that she had accepted the position of Patron of the Church of England Temperance Society: "We send you our heartiest good wishes and have the honor to be your loyal subjects and friends of many lands," the message concluded, bearing the signature of Rosamund Duff, of Toronto, Canada, World Y. Secretary.

### Election of Officers

By overwhelming vote and spontaneous acclaim the convention Monday morning reelected Dr. Ella A. Boole of Brooklyn, N. Y. President World's W. C. T. U. for the third consecutive term (Toronto, 1931; Stockholm, 1934); and Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, vice president, for the second time (Stockholm, 1934). The others elected were: second vice president, Mrs. Evelyn Strang, Turramurra, N. S. W., Australia, reelected; third vice president Mrs. Milda Kempels, Riga, Latvia, elected for the first time in place of Miss Dagmar Prior, Copenhagen, Denmark; honorary secretary, Miss Agnes E. Slack, London, England, reelected; honorary secretary, Mrs. W. T. G. Brown, Kingston, Ontario, reelected; honorary treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Evanston, Illinois, reelected.

### Three Nation-Wide World W. C. T. U. Convention Broadcasts

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 3, 4, and 5, distinguished representatives of the World's W. C. T. U. were afforded the opportunity of nation-wide hearings by courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia System, and the Mutual Chain, and on the initial day through the special kindness of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who gave up their regular period to the World Union program. These three far-reaching hook-ups were arranged by Mrs. Helen Hewitt Green, National W. C. T. U. Radio Director of the U. S. A. The three programs included the broadcasting of the convention address by Dr. Boole, World W. C. T. U. president and messages from World Union leaders from India, England, China, Siam, Estonia, Germany, South Africa, Japan, Australia and Sweden.

### United States in Convention Message

With Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, first vice president World's W. C. T. U. and vice president of the U. S. A. presiding, the leaders of this largest of all the World Union membership,

stirred the convention in a Friday afternoon, June 4, demonstration of progress, new members, and the steadily widening program of alcohol education and first hand contact with millions not before reached with the truth about alcohol. On a giant map of this country the steady growth of the movement in the United States was vividly portrayed under the direction of Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, Evanston, Corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, New York, national vice president of the W. C. T. U., surveyed the present situation of the United States, while Mrs. Nelle

G. Burger of Springfield, assisted by Mrs. Adah Hagler, Illinois, Mrs. Kate Wilder, North Dakota, visualized the current activities of the U. S. A. organization. The rapidly expanding popularity of the Youth's Temperance Council and of the younger group of the Loyal Temperance Legion were presented by Miss Helen Byrnes and Miss Lenadell Wiggins, respectively, national secretaries of these branches.

The Five-Year Frances Willard Centenary Program of Education to climax September 28, 1939, was described by Mrs. Smith, while the progress of the Million-Dollar National Temperance Education Fund was reported by Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, treasurer of the National W. C. T. U. and chairman of the Fund committee. Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer outlined the plan of the Alcohol Education Program.

### World Convention Delegates in Nearly Two Score Washington Churches

The leading churches of Washington and vicinity opened their pulpits Sunday, June 6, to nearly fifty prominent World W. C. T. U. officials and delegates.

This is my FATHER'S world, HE shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear HIM pass, HE speaks to me everywhere.—Maltrie D. Babcock.

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