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A LITTLE COUNTRY TOWN

I love a little country town,
I love its flowers and trees,
I love its quiet peacefulness
Its birds and humming bees;
I love its kindly women folk,
I love its girls and boys;
Its sturdy men who understand
My sorrows and my joys.
I love its blue sky overhead,
Its air that's clean and sweet,
I love the laughter and the tramp
Of small town children's feet;
In little country towns I find
The will to do and dare;
I love a little country town
Because I found God there.

—Joyce Allen.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings from the far west where I am spending my vacation and on my way to the National W. C. T. U. convention in San Francisco. How grateful we all are for the victory at the primary election which separated dancing and the sale of liquor, and I am sure each union has hastened the signing of petitions to initiate a measure aiming to repeal the hard liquor law at the November election. We are encouraged by our recent majority to believe we shall win in the fall if each one does her bit. We are fighting for our children and our homes and we know that "with God and right" means might.

We must be up and doing as we know liquor is easily available everywhere and we are told there is an average of one liquor selling place for every 295 persons in the United States. The widely known survey by Dr. Paul Studenski of New York University, which showed that 83 per cent. of the entire group drank and but 17 per cent. were abstainers, shows the extent of the social pressure and its results in New York. We regret to learn that this condition exists in most of our larger educational institutions, tempting our young people to drink as they have never before been tempted. This situation, as the Union Signal says, presents a tremendous challenge to church, school and home. Had the churches in North Dakota stood by our prohibition law, we never would have lost it.

Reliable data shows that almost as many young people with no religious affiliation were opposed to drinking as those in the Protestant group and more than in any other religious group. Evidently our schools have not taught the facts concerning the nature and effects of alcoholic beverages convincingly enough as a fourth of the young women and more than a third of the young men began drinking during school years, at or before 16 years of age. We need and must have more homes where the menace of alcohol and nicotine will be faithfully

taught. The "dead drunk" seldom endangers any life except his own. It is the man not ordinarily considered drunk yet who is under the influence of alcohol sufficiently to have his faculties impaired who is of most danger as far as the lives of his fellow men are concerned. God help us that by teaching and example we may convince our young people that total abstinence is the only safe rule.

We must continue to work for our National Temperance Education Fund, to gain new members and to plan for our Golden Jubilee anniversary. The Union Signal is full of inspirational information and will prove helpful with your programs and in work of every kind. I shall try to bring back to you as much as I can of the inspiration and enthusiastic plans of the National convention, and, as always, shall be wishing that each dear member were enjoying it with me. I hope that many who do not take The Union Signal will take advantage of the special offer of the three national convention numbers for only 10 cents. Address The Union Signal, Evanston, Ill.

Loving sympathy goes out to the new president of the Bottineau district, Mrs. Raymond W. McLees, and her daughter, in the passing of the husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are much with all you dear workers and may "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

With love,

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner,
Seattle, Washington.

IN MEMORIAM

Early in the spring time, Mrs. Kate Campbell, Ryder, known and loved among us for many years, was called Home. As president of the local union she most faithfully performed her duties while health permitted, creating a sentiment for total abstinence and righteousness which will live on. A devoted Christian mother to whom others looked for counsel, she is greatly missed. To her daughter, Miss Margaret Campbell, who carries on the work laid down by her mother, our sincere sympathy is expressed. "Her life was a sheaf at its ripeness Of golden grain;
Its wealth had the glory of sunlight
And sobbing of rain.
Ah, who shall contend with the Master

For whom it was grown,
That now, in its day of completeness,
He gathers His own?
Or who, to earth's duty and sadness,
Would call the great soul from the gladness
That Heaven makes known?"

With deep regret we learn of the passing of Prof. Raymond W. McLees, head of the School of Forestry at Bottineau, a man of integrity of character and high educational ability. To Mrs. McLees and little daughter our heartfelt sympathy is extended.

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

The forty-ninth annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to meet in Bismarck, September 22-25, 1938. The state officers will meet Sept. 22 at 2:00 P. M. and the executive committee at three o'clock.

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 and field workers.

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 8. The convention will be held in the McCabe Methodist Episcopal church and Miss Helen Louise Byrnes will be welcomed as guest speaker. Plan to attend and make the convention a great success.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner,

President.

Barbara H. Wylie,

Corresponding Secretary.

FOLLOW THE RULES —THEY WORK!

A minister once met a free-thinker who twitted him for putting faith in the Bible, since the authorship of some parts is the subject of question and debate.

"Look here," said the minister, "who wrote the multiplication table?" "I don't know," confessed the skeptic.

"What a man you are!" said the minister. "You believe it and you use it, and yet you don't know who wrote it."

This placed the skeptic in some difficulty, but thinking he saw a way out of the difficulty, he replied, "But the multiplication table works!"

"Doubtless," was the triumphant retort of the preacher, "and so does the Bible."

Biblical rules work in life problems just as well as the multiplication table in arithmetic problems when followed correctly.

—Herbert Spough
in the Charlotte, N. C., News

THREE GATES

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold—

Three narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"

Then "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways
three,

Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

—From the Arabian.

THANKING ALL OUR HELPERS

We are very happy to report that at this writing (July 21) petitions asking that a measure to repeal the hard liquor law be placed on the ballot for the November election have been received with more than 22,000 signatures.

Before the necessary date for filing, it may be we shall have reached 25,000 signatures.

This is an indication of the great interest on the part of our people for the repeal of this vicious law which has brought so much harm to our state. We shall have much to do before November 8 if we are to win, as the opposition is strong and we must never take anything for granted.

In our work we have copies of the statement in June Bulletin as to the \$10,500,000 spent last year for hard liquor and what worthwhile necessities might have been purchased with that amount of money. Business men tell us that estimate is too low and twice that amount would be nearer the truth because of bootleg liquor. In this connection, North Dakota spent for relief last year the immense sum of \$21,278,935. Can you see any relation between these sums?

We thank and greatly appreciate the efforts of all who helped circulate these petitions and know that our own beloved comrades were not found wanting.

TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS

Special attention is called to two new publications recently issued by our National W. C. T. U. Publishing House at Evanston, Ill.—"Illusion's End" by Clay Mobley, a graphic, thrilling story of the disillusionment brought about by actual experience after repeal. One copy of this fascinating cloth bound book will be given with 10 yearly subscriptions to the Union Signal.

The other is "Top Form," a new booklet prepared under the direction of the Scholastic Coach magazine. Twenty-four pages, illustrated in colors. \$1.20 per dozen, 15 cents each.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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AT LAST

I used to pray to a God in the sky,
To an austere God, remote and apart,
Striving to reach Him with my cry,
And all the while in my waiting heart
God was there, and I did not know
That safe in the shadows, cool and dim,
Like Mary of Bethany, long ago,
I, too, could talk with Him.

All the while in my heart a guest
Waiting for me to understand,
That there in the quietness I could rest
And hear His voice and touch His hand!
Closer than breathing, or hands or feet,
I have found Him at last—now with lifted eyes
I wait by His side, and His voice is sweet.
And His words are kind and wise.
—Grace Noll Crowell.
(American Mother of 1938)

WE ARE ALL REJOICING

The official figures on the measure separating liquor from dance halls give 109,619 votes for the measure and 77,046 against it, leaving the dry majority 32,573. For this we are devoutly thankful and only hope that now the law will be properly enforced.

Petitions to place a measure on the ballot at the November 8 election will be filed with the Secretary of State before you read this. These petitions have been signed by more than 22,500 voters and indicate the great interest in the repeal of the hard liquor law at which the measure is aimed. Only 10,000 signatures were necessary.

There is always great danger after any victory that we should "rest on our oars" and do nothing more. The opposition will be strong and no doubt the distillers will furnish money for their side of the campaign. We must be up and doing from now until the vote is taken and our organization will support every effort of the Consolidated Drys of which we are a part.

Our white ribboners have been very active in both the activities mentioned above and we know you will not fail us in the campaign in which we are now engaged, to rid the state of hard liquor.

"AS SURE AS HISTORY REPEATS A REVOLT IS DUE"

Harry Emerson Fosdick
Once more we face the liquor traffic, everywhere anti-social, not to say criminal in its consequences.

We are not in the status quo ante. We are in worse status by far, and this loose, tipsy, cocktail party generation cannot be the last word in the story of alcoholism.

As sure as history repeats itself, a revolt is due.

PERSONAL MENTION

On May 23, to brighten the home of Prof. and Mrs. Virgil A. Reed, Parshall, came baby Naomi, and congratulations and best wishes are extended. Mrs. Reed is associate state L. T. L. secretary.

On July 20, at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Fred H. Wilder, Fargo, Miss Elizabeth Wilder, associate Y. T. C. secretary, and Mr. Roy Albert Holland of Grand Forks were married. Mr. and Mrs. Holland will make their home in Bismarck and all white ribboners will wish them much happiness.

Our folks at Grand Forks are busy even during the summer months. Both unions have held enjoyable picnic and on August 2 Grand Forks district will meet at Arvilla for the annual picnic and institute. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling is the active and resourceful leader.

Stady-Zahl held a Peace rally June 4 at the Free Lutheran church with Mr. Morris Erickson, Jamestown, as speaker. More than 100 were in attendance and lunch was served at the close. The Flower Mission program was given at the home of Mrs. G. Rundstrom and a joint picnic with Y. T. C. and L. T. L. is planned for July 31.

With deep regret we learn of the removal of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Larsen of Benedict to Olivet, Illinois, where their only son lives. Mrs. Larsen has been the very successful president of the local union at Benedict and also recording secretary for the Minot district, and will be greatly missed. We wish them health and happiness in their new home.

WANTED: DECLAMATIONS

For use in Recitation Contests
Sponsored by the W. C. T. U.

Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Ada Mohn-Landis of Reading, Pa., the National W. C. T. U. conducts annual prize contests to secure original material suitable for platform readings, which has never before been published.

The general theme of the 1938 contest is: THE VALUE OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AS RELATED TO—Business Efficiency, Citizenship, Health, Safety (in Traffic and Elsewhere), Social Life, Spiritual Life, Success in Sports and Athletics. The theme is to be developed along any one of these lines.

Prizes are offered for senior declamations for use by adults and youths; and for junior declamations for use by children under high school age but not for small children.

Last year twelve states participated receiving prizes. First prize is \$40.00 and second \$10.00. The contest will close March 31, 1939. Write our State Headquarters for rules and regulations.

"Railroad engineers, machinists, factory workers, construction corps,—all endanger life when they subject brain and body to the depressing effects of alcohol." Spread the knowledge of what alcohol is and what it does.

"Every day the liquor traffic is taking out of the pockets of its victimized patrons more than \$10,000,000." The National W. C. T. U. is asking for \$1,000,000 for Temperance Education.

The way to break the liquor habit is never to start. Alcohol Education shows the reason why!

MINOT DIST. CONVENTION

May 20 in the Methodist Church, Velva, Minot district met in convention with eight of the nine unions represented. Mrs. C. F. Truax, district president, presided and Mrs. Pearl Prine, Velva, led opening devotions. The state president Mrs. Fred M. Wanner was guest speaker. A vocal trio consisting of Misses Martha Mabus, Freida Bechtold and Mrs. Prine sang sweetly "A Beautiful Life." Reports of the unions were interesting and all showed a spirit of aggressiveness. Parshall was reported as a Gold Star union.

Opening the afternoon session the convention sang "What the World Needs is Jesus," led by Mrs. Prine with Mrs. J. J. Larsen accompanist. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie led devotions stressing the topic of Builders. At the memorial service Mrs. Truax read the scripture with comment and Mrs. Wanner offered prayer. A very informative address on "Control of Venereal Diseases" by Dr. Ethel Little of the State Teachers College, Minot, was followed by an open forum.

The convention was honored in having present a second cousin of Frances Willard in the person of Mrs. Julia Kramer who was introduced and given the white ribbon cheer. Mrs. F. W. Bishop, Benedict, gave a helpful talk on the Menace of Marihuana and Mrs. Wanner spoke on "Our Goals." The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church served dinner and supper in the church dining room. Mrs. Wanner gave the evening address to a large and appreciative audience.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot; Vice president, Mrs. Geo. Moyer, Burlington; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot; Recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Larsen, Benedict; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Dwelle, Minot.

The district remains a light line district. Benedict invited the next convention.

MINOT DISTRICT HAS BOOTH AT FAIR

Our enterprising comrades of the Minot district, led by their active president Mrs. C. F. Truax, had a booth at the Minot Fair, about which Mrs. Truax writes: "It was quite a success and we secured 325 signatures to the petitions, many from surrounding towns. It gave me an opportunity to talk to a number about our work. I found a lot of interest shown and never saw so many ready to sign for repeal of hard liquor as they are now. We had quite a display of posters which attracted a lot of attention and gave out 800 new leaflets as well as a quantity we had on hand—25 different kinds at least. Some posters were home-made. I had a quantity of Union Signals and the National Voice.

"One man told me he had voted for liquor but was very sorry for it now and would be glad to sign and his wife wanted a petition to circulate. I was at the booth most of the time and several ladies helped me in the afternoon. This booth was offered to us in a good location, all decorated in red, white and blue. The unions of the district will help with the expense. There was a beer stand not far from us. I don't know if we hurt them or not—at least they SAW US. So many would stop and read the posters. It was all worth while."

Minot union met with Mrs. Ed Livingston and Mrs. H. J. Nelson for an extra summer meeting and had a very pleasant time.

One hundred a day are killed in automobile accidents. Of these from 25 to 50 per cent. are caused by the use of alcohol. The general public needs Alcohol Education.

LETTER FROM MRS. DAY

Dear Co-Workers:

During the summer I have had an opportunity to observe conditions and to hear much earnest discussion along the line of temperance and the efforts being made for the cause. I had the privilege of listening to Dr. Ralph Jenner, of the Anti-Saloon League of Indiana, in an address entitled "Streamlining Our Social Order." He named War, Slavery and Drink as the key evils of the world. It was a very fine address.

In our own America, intemperance is the one of primary interest. It is at the root of much of the disease, accidental death, poverty and crime; and before we may even approach the ideal social order, we must solve this problem. A few years since, while driving through the sheltered valleys of Glacier Park, I noted the beauty of the tall, symmetrical trees and marvelled at their straight trunks, towering heavenward. In just a short distance, coming into the wind-swept mountain passes, trees of the same variety, contending with adverse gales, were gnarled and bent into grotesque forms, serving some purpose, no doubt, but their beauty and symmetry were destroyed. They had never reached their natural development in size, form or usefulness as they might have done with protection.

I have often been impressed with the similarity of the growing trees to the growth of our American youth. As long as they are exposed to gales of suggestion through false ideas and ideals, through motion pictures, fiction and advertisement, how can we expect them to escape? Some can and will, but human beings are as the trees of the forest, some are by nature stronger and can withstand adverse influences while many cannot. Happily I believe a reaction has come and the earnest efforts of those working in our beloved cause are bringing results.

As we pray "Thy kingdom come," let us earnestly work to do our part in bringing in God's kingdom on earth. We can do this by working for laws to prevent the propaganda of the liquor interests, by the presentation of higher ideals and by spreading the truth as to social evils. Let us go forward!

With kind greetings to all our workers,

Mrs. Flora Day.
Indianapolis, July 18.

MAKE ME A LAVISH SPENDER

Lord, make me a lavish spender!
Grant that I become reckless in spending good will.

May I never stop to reckon things up in giving away smiles and cheerful greetings and all other evidences of a merry and courageous heart.

Grant that I be recklessly generous in the times I place my hand on a brother's shoulder as a symbol of encouragement and faith.

Make me a prodigal indeed when it comes to scattering broadcast my appreciations.

Save me from hoarding my enthusiasms.

Enable me to spend lavishly of my time for another's need and of my hope for his despair.

Make me a miser only in hoarding my griefs, in holding fast to my disappointments, in keeping for myself alone my own doubts.

Grant unto me, such faith in life, such love for people, and such certainty of Thyself that I will freely spend all that I am upon the world about me.

In the name of Him who shed abroad freely the light of His inner self.—Percy R. Hayward (Courtesy A. A. E., Dallas, Texas.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 25 to July 18, 1938

DUES—Fargo 12; Larimore 12; Grand Forks 5; Minot 6; Sheldon 10; Wymdiers 1; Devils Lake 1; Dickinson 9; Guelph 7; Hettinger 1; Cando 5; Bottineau 3; Fargo Scan. 43; Ray 1; Bismarck 1; Steele 2; Underwood 3; Willard members Wheelock 1; Fairdale 1.

L. T. L.—Larimore 30; Underwood 3; Washburn 35; Dickinson 15; Bismarck 35.

BUDGET—Fargo \$10.00; Bucyrus comp. \$7.00; Hettinger 80c; Cando \$6.50; Grand Forks comp. \$21.00; Bottineau comp. \$15.40; Upham \$3.00; Bismarck \$3.00; Edgeley \$2.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Fairmount \$10.00 Sheldon \$3.00; Fargo \$5.00; McKenzie \$1.90; Edinburg \$7.60; Drayton \$8.70; Grand Forks \$5.00; Nekoma \$1.25; Calvin \$15.00; Northeast District \$5.00; Ray \$15.00; Plaza \$3.00; Upham \$7.00; Mrs. I. Fenne, Leonard \$5.00; Stady-Zahl \$10.00; Steele \$2.00; Oberon \$18.00; Park River \$10.00; Abercrombie \$7.00; Reeder \$13.00. (Gold Star unions since last report: Edinburg, Nekoma, Calvin, Reeder.)

CONVENTION FEES—G r a n d Forks Dist. \$10.00; Ellendale Dist. \$5.00; Minot Dist. \$10.00; New Rockford Dist. \$5.00; Northwest Dist. \$5.00; Bismarck Dist. \$2.25; Northeast Dist. \$10.00; Devils Lake Dist. \$7.00.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT PLEDGE—\$10.00.

LIGHT LINE DISTRICT—Minot District \$5.00.

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer.
1341 11th Ave. No.,
Fargo, North Dakota.

"WON'T HURT ANYONE"

We drank, my husband and I, "but not to excess" and "only because the others in our crowd did." We weren't hurting anyone," it "was nobody's business," and besides, we didn't have the habit—we could quit whenever we "wanted to."

But the other week I woke up one morning with an awful hangover, and later in the day I heard our small Bobby tell the neighbor on the other side of the hedge, "My mother went to a party last night, and this morning she was sick."

I didn't hear what Mrs. Green answered, but I'm almost sure I know what she thought. And what will Bobby think when he gets old enough to know what made "my mother" sick? Was it true we weren't hurting anyone?

Bob and I talked it over, and we've already found out that the other statements in the first paragraph aren't true, either. It isn't easy to quit—we crave the drinks worse than we ever dreamed we would. And it was somebody's business,—the business of those who depend on us for their living and for the formation of their ideals. But—we've also found that it isn't true that "everybody who is anybody" does. We've met a lot of interesting people who either have never used liquor or, like ourselves, have found that it doesn't pay.

—Capper's Weekly.

LOYALTY—A COMPARISON

A Loyal Christian

Reads the Bible and tries to understand it and do what it says.

Encourages others to read the Bible and make use of what they learn from it.

A Loyal W. C. T. U. Member

Reads W.C.T.U. literature and tries to understand it and carry out its suggestions.

Encourages others to read and use W. C. T. U. literature.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Northeast district met in convention at Park River June 16 and highly appreciated arrangements for their entertainment made by Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, local president and her assistants. Reports were received from eight unions and delegates were present from seven. Reports and the memorial service occupied the forenoon. In the afternoon, after devotions beautifully conducted by Mrs. A. E. Place of Grafton, the Rainbow Questionnaire showed the accomplishments of each union in the ribbons worn by the president. Fairdale took the largest number.

Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff, Drayton, gave a short talk on Temperance Teaching in Sunday School. Rev. A. E. Place, Walsh county chairman Consolidated Drys, spoke briefly. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, state vice president, was a mine of information explaining the Jubilee goals, the importance of our literature and periodicals, and giving a splendid talk on the value of institutes.

Young people furnished special music, Shirley White playing a piano solo and a group of eight little girls singing "Little Brain Cells." All district officers were re-elected, Mrs. Darling conducting the election with great efficiency. Rev. A. E. Place, Grafton, led evening devotions. A playlet "The Quest and the Cup" by a few young people, was much enjoyed. A duet by Muriel Ford and Nellis Gillespie followed. First place in the silver medal contest was won by Ina Claire Maide of Park River. Mrs. Darling gave the address of the evening, speaking on "The Task Ahead." The report of the resolutions committee was accepted and a generous offering was received. Grafton invited the next convention.

Mrs. Frank Beasley is the very efficient district president who presided.

CONTAMINATION OF BEER GLASSES

Dr. N. N. Ashley, city health officer of Oakland, Calif., warned beverage drinkers, particularly partakers of beer and wine, of unsanitary conditions existing in many of the city's taverns and bars.

"We found many places where beer glasses were rinsed after serving patrons, and the same rinse water was used over and over," said Dr. Ashley.

When our lips come in contact with the mouth secretions left on a glass by a previous user, we stand a good chance of picking up disease germs. The mere washing of glasses is not enough. Most places do wash their glasses, but few disinfect them, and that is what must be done if the glass is to be safe for use.

The department has been quietly conducting its survey of public dishwashing methods in Oakland for the past several weeks, according to Dr. Ashley. In some eating places the bacteria count of rinse water was exceedingly high, and in many of the bars it was the same.

"The rinse waters were so contaminated in some instances," the Doctor reported, "that the bacterial count of 'clean' glasses was actually higher than that of unwashed glasses."

—The National Voice.

WHAT IS MARIHUANA?

Its nature, and its scope?

A drug that crazes those who puff this habit-forming dope. It's made of hemp, the selfsame hemp that makes the hangman's rope!

Florence Marshall.

The drinker thinks that alcohol is a stimulant; the thinker knows that alcohol is a narcotic.

ARE YOU A "CHARLIE MCCARTHY"?

By Ethel Hubler

Are you letting the wets do your thinking for you?

Are you repeating parrot-like the wet mis-statements going the rounds? The one, for instance, about "prohibition increasing crime," when national prohibition actually cut down crime thirty-seven per cent. The greatest crime producer of this age and all others has been the legalized liquor traffic. A Kentucky orator, Andrew W. Johnson, tells of a county in that state, where during a period of years there were twenty-two murders, and nineteen out of the twenty-two were caused by drink. Drink was the great crime producer in the old days, and it is today. Don't be a Charlie McCarthy!

ARE you a Charlie McCarthy? Did the wets put the lie into your mouth that "repeal would create new jobs?" Did you ever stop to think, or are you doing your own thinking, as to what KIND of jobs might be created by the booze business . . . did you . . . for instance, here's the story of a girl who worked at one of the wets' new jobs. This girl, Nina, worked in a taxi-dance hall at Oakland, getting five cents a dance. It was not as remunerative as she hoped. She was blue. She had a few drinks. She accepted the attentions of a man, whose advances she rebuffed. The policeman found her at daybreak wading into the Pacific Ocean, taking the suicide route. "Crating" jobs? Ask yourself the next time you repeat that wet sob about repeal jobs . . . what KIND of a job . . . Don't be a Charlie McCarthy.

Are you a Charlie McCarthy? Have you been saying over and over that the booze business is a respectable business, that women can take it right along with the men, that all they need is to drink moderately and learn their capacity? Have you?

When Bishop Ralph Cushman declared at a great public gathering recently, "the greatest peril confronting this country is what is happening to our womanhood, women now surpass men as drunkards," he spoke the truth.

Are you a Charlie McCarthy? Have the wets been telling you to go around saying that under repeal, the courts won't be cluttered up so much, the "judges won't have so much work to do?" Have they? What are the facts as we face them today? The total commitments to Federal prisons have leaped to 24,501, or more than three times the figures of dry 1927. Commitments for liquor law violations have rocketed to 12,754, or more than six times above the days of prohibition. Don't let them fool you.

—The National Voice.
Los Angeles, Calif.

GOING BLIND?

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.—Hebrews 4:1-13.

A stranger passing, one Sunday, through a mining district in Pennsylvania, asked a boy why there were so many mules in the fields that day. The boy replied, "These mules are worked in the mines during the week and are brought up into the light on Sunday so as to prevent them from going blind."

This is a most enlightening illustration. What would happen if our Sundays were taken from us? Sunday should be a day of strength to our spiritual eyesight, so that we may see Jesus as Lord of the Sabbath and our Christian duty to a needy world. The light may not always be pleasant, yet we need it if we are to keep from going blind.

—Jos. M. Henderson
in Christian Advocate.

BREWERS' NEMESIS

(Because of his fine work we dedicate this verse to Samuel N. Morris of Del Rio, Texas.)

When, in the liquor brewing vats, the ferment starts, then come the rats, those hungry denizens that seek a level where the taunt and reek of ghastly smells and putrid breath spring off decay and lurking death.

Then come the rats, ordained by birth, to serve as sewers on the earth; to creep and crawl midst ugly things; to nip and slip, with slimp springs midst filth; to gorge upon its spew, they come—to save men from the brew!

But, rats, (two legged rats) are there, to salvage slop for mankind fair; to fend off nature's first assault against the brewers of the malt!

So, rats with four legs die amid the scum-girt vats; the brewers bid their own rats poison off the slave that comes, guised in slime to save;

True, hundreds may in large tanks drown, and in that manner, go to town—in barrels, after beer is strained, with flavor a la rat retained;

Men guzzle this—and turn to rats (the kind that work about the vats.)

And, if I were to have my choice, were given chance to lift my voice, I'd thank my Maker that he made the rats four legged, that essayed to stop the brew, before it swept its way to homes where women wept; where children wailed for clothes and food, and gin-soaked fathers came home stewed;

Oh, I would rather be the rat that creeps beneath the foulest vat, than he who runs the rotten trade that ruins man, debauches maid!

And when before the King's white throne, God gathers unto Him, His own, the Quadruped may know His grace, but Hell will be too good a place for him who made the rotten brew that stole the souls of men he knew!

—C. A. Waldron,
Minot, N. D.

THOUGHTS

Every time you take your car out of the garage you bet your life against the liquor traffic.

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

—Exchange.

"Remember that alcohol belongs in the radiator of your car and not in the lining of your stomach," said Eddie Cantor.

"Take care of the children and the country will take care of itself"—His Majesty, King George VI.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friends.

Mrs. Grace Nell Crowell, American mother for 1938, is opposed to both drinking and smoking. "Drink never improved anybody and girls are so much sweeter without tobacco" Mrs. Crowell said, in a newspaper interview on Mother's Day. She ended the interview by quoting from one of her own poems:

"Since I have had a son I cannot see Another's son hurt needlessly, All mothers' sons are mine."

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,

When gilded sin doth walk about the streets;

For "At the last it biteth like a serpent"

Poisoned are the stolen sweets.

Oh, parents, guard the feet of inexperience,

Too prone to wander in the paths of sin;

Oh, shut the door of love against temptation,

Are all the children in?"

HOW CANADA HANDLES LIQUOR SALES

Facts About Government Control

Canada is often quoted as a shining example of the success of government control of the liquor business. It is thought by many earnest people that under such a system, (1). Sales of liquor will diminish, (2). the evil social results will disappear, (3). the traffic will cease to be a national menace.

With a sincere desire to learn the true conditions in Canada a carefully prepared inquiry was sent to a prominent publicist, Mr. Walter P. Davison of Toronto. The accuracy of his researches is evidenced by their frequent appearance in the Christian Science Monitor. The substance of his comprehensive survey, in reply to the inquiry, is given below, insofar as it is related to certain important points.

The policy of liquor control in Canada under the government became effective throughout most of the Dominion between 1921 and 1930. Prince Edward Island is the only province still adhering to Prohibition.

A Continuous Increase in Consumption of alcoholic beverages has been the most significant result of the monopoly system, reports Mr. Davison, until in 1937 the Dominion's drink bill was estimated at \$175,000,000 for a population of 11,245,000.

The Canadian Relief Bill has grown in proportion. During these years, 1931 to 1937, all forms of government relief cost the people \$750,000,000. The total drink bill for the same period amounted to not less than \$765,000,000.

The poor have not benefited by Government Control!

Beer in Canada. Consumption of beer has grown from 41,000,000 gallons in the fiscal year ending March 1934, to 60,500,000 gallons for that of 1937, an increase of 50 per cent.; while the population of Canada grew but 5 per cent. during the same time.

Spirits in Canada. The consumption of distilled liquor is recorded as 1,587,669 gallons in 1934, and 3,018,233 gallons in 1937, a practically 100 per cent. increase.

From this survey, made on the basis of government figures, it seems evident that consumption of alcohol has not been diminished by government monopoly and that the needy have received no help from the system.

The effect upon crime, drunkenness, corrupt politics and the highway death toll was equally marked, while the great hope to remove private profit from the liquor traffic has not been realized.

—Educational Press Bureau.

THE CHURCH OUT OF POLITICS

In the last days of prohibition when repeal was being urged to decrease crime, lower taxes, stop the young people from drinking, prevent drunkenness and lessen the prevalence of athlete's foot, the churches were subjected to strong criticism for "taking part in politics." They got out of politics; the country got repeal. We got higher taxes, more crime, more accidents, a continuing depression and, perhaps more athlete's foot. Today the radio blares liquor advertising in the vicinity of churches and the children of Christian families are subjected to vast advertising promotion of the liquor habit.

It is time for the church to put its elbow on its knee and its chin in its hand and begin to think a bit. A suggestion for the first thought, "We don't have to take it any longer than we want to."

"Death rides the highway, when drink takes the wheel." Drivers need Alcohol Education.

INCREASED DRUNKENNESS SEEN IN F.B.I. STATEMENT

Rejection of Insurance Application Shows Trend of Indulgence Among Youth

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has just released a report which shows a per capita increase of 100.5% in arrests for drunkenness comparing 1932, the last year before the introduction of beer, and 1937, the last year of record under repeal. That means that over-indulgence in alcohol has increased twice as fast as the population. And that in turn, means alarming increase of drinking among young people, for it is generally recognized that personal habits are pretty well fixed, generally speaking, at age 35. But if proof of that fact is needed, insurance statistics afford conclusive evidence, at least so far as the alcohol habit is concerned. The Northwestern National Life Insurance Company kept a comprehensive test record and found that since repeal there has been an increase of 183 per cent. in rejections of applicants for life insurance on account of alcohol indulgence among applicants under age 30. For ages between 30 and 45 the increase of rejections for excessive drinking dropped to 17 per cent., and for applicants over 45 to only 12 per cent.

Both police officers and students recognize that these figures on the increase of drunkenness fail to reveal the whole truth because this offense has become so prevalent as to tax the capacity of the city jails, so that there is room only for the more aggravated cases. Plain drunks, who are making no public disturbance, who formerly would have been hustled to the "bull pen" and booked on the police blotter, and thus be recorded in the FBI report, are now intrusted to friends with an admonition to get them home, or placed on a homework bound street car or taxi with a warning to take themselves out of circulation until their jag has worn off.

Alarming as the figures of the FBI are, they understate the facts. —The Spotlight.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

"There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;

There is a place where thou canst say "Arise,"
To dying captives bound in chains of might;

There is a place where thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold, and free it for the Lord;

There is a place upon some distant shore,
Where thou canst send the worker or the word;

There is a place where God's resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea;

There is a place, a simple trysting place,
Where God, Himself descends and fights for thee.

Where is that blessed place? Dost thou ask where?
Oh, soul, it is the secret place of prayer!"

Life gets so choked by busy living,
Kindness so lost in fussy giving, that love slips by unseen.—L. R.B.

"For unwearied patience and unchanging tenderness, the love of a true mother stands next to the love of our Father in Heaven."

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." —Isaiah.

"WHAT PRICE REVENUE?"

When rumbblings of a liquor bill
Came floating through the air,
My poor heart most stopped beating
And gave up in despair;
Until I heard a strange account
Of a brand new magic brew;
It's not for making people drunk—
It's just for revenue!

Its advocates are temperance men—
They loudly so acclaim,
They would not tempt the precious youth

To lives of sin and shame;
Their object is to liberalize
The law for me and you;
It's not to make men drunken sots—
It's just for revenue!

So do not fear, my anxious friend,
Lest that fond son, your pride,
Be wrested from his moorings
And carried with the tide;
This liquor won't intoxicate
The way it used to do—
It's not for blighting youthful souls—
It's just for revenue!

The budget must be balanced—
You've oft heard that refrain,
No matter what the cost in tears,
In heartache, grief and pain;
Just sacrifice your fondest hope
And see the system through,
It's not for breaking mothers' hearts
It's just for revenue!

If just one bright-eyed lad should fall
Before this tragic plan,
And fail to reach that cherished goal
Of God's design for man,
Become a slave to appetite and baser evils too,
But pardon me, I most forgot—
It's just for revenue!

But just suppose that guileless lad
Thus bartered for were mine,
And I had set my heart on him
As on a gift divine;
I'd lift some flaming torch aloft
And pierce the heavens through,
And write in blazing tongues of fire:
"What price for revenue?"

—From the W. C. T. U. of Stewartville, Minn.

"THANKS, I DON'T DRINK" SAYS FLYER CORRIGAN!

By H. Phelps Gates

"Thanks, I don't drink; just give me a glass of water."

These were almost the first words of Douglas Corrigan, 31-year-old flying mechanic, who startled the world by hopping over the Atlantic in his antique \$900 "aerial jolopy."

One of the first pictures of the young flyer to be radiced to America and published in the metropolitan press showed him drinking water after he had refused a glass of Irish whiskey.

"My nephew neither smokes nor drinks," declared Dr. S. Fraser Langford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Santa Monica, Calif., in whose home young Corrigan lives. "I've heard him say on more than one occasion, 'Water's good enough for me. Liquor and flying don't mix.' Douglas has lived a clean life and belongs to a Protestant church. He knew that he had to have a clear head to be a good flyer, and that was his life's ambition." Dr. Langford said in an interview with the National Voice. "I hope his flight will help teach the youth of this land the value of clean living and total abstinence."

Corrigan took off from Floyd Bennett Field, New York, presumably for the west coast. His arrival in Dublin was the first news anyone had that he was not on his way to California.

Still dressed in his greasy flying togs, Corrigan met Eamon De Valera. "As long as you choose to stay in

this country," the Irish premier told him, "you shall be an honored guest of Eire."

In Ireland, Corrigan seemed to be more proud of his plane than of his achievement. "She's in grand condition after that hop," he said. "I think she could take me around the world." —The National Voice.

A COCKTAIL

"After many days" an acquaintance said to one who always abstained, "I'd like to know why you never take cocktails. You do not look like a fanatic. They won't hurt you, you know." The abstainer smiled and asked, "Do you know the chief ingredient in rum?" "Why—no; it's just rum, isn't it?" The abstainer then quietly explained that rum is more than half alcohol, and the flavors and essences are also more than half alcohol. The questioner was amazed and asked several questions. She admitted that she did not like it, and it always gave her a queer feeling; but it seemed to make everyone jolly, so she drank it,—"but after hearing what you have told me—well—!" This was a case of taking cocktails because the drinker was ignorant of what is in them. Adults need Alcohol Education.

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