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VOTE DRY FOR HIM

He is such a little laddie as he stands by his mother's knee
A little life unfolding, we must answer for what he'll be;
Shall he follow the great broad highway that leatheth the downward way
Or climb where it's steep and narrow? This is for us to say.
In the years that lie beyond us, the world that is to be,
Will depend upon how we have helped or neglected such as he.

MRS. ANDERSON'S APPEAL

Dear Comrades:

The thought that should be uppermost in the mind of every white ribboner and in fact every good citizen of North Dakota is how to make certain the repeal of the hard liquor law in the election this fall. When we consider the moral havoc the legal sale of liquor is bringing to our young people, this should be our prayer, morning, noon and night.

Let us remember first of all that the president and officers of the state W.C.T.U. cannot win this election; that the officers of the Consolidated Dries cannot win this election but that this election CAN be won by YOU. I mean the individual and collective YOU—every member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, every member of the church of Jesus Christ.

Of course you will go to the polls on election day no matter what happens—and you will vote right—but that is not enough. You may not be able to make eloquent campaign speeches or write convincing letters to the press, but you are able to do the most effective work that can be done in a campaign and that is the hand to hand work, talking with neighbors, friends and the people with whom you come in contact. Give these people the facts, don't let them be humbugged by the false propaganda of the wets.

Remind them that not one promise made by the advocates of the repeal of prohibition has been fulfilled. Where is the prosperity we were promised? More people are drinking than ever before and they are drinking more liquor than ever before but it doesn't seem to make them or any one else prosperous except the brewers, distillers and liquor dealers. The promised revival of business has proved to be a recession. The American Business Men's Research Foundation, in an open letter to the President and Congress, declares that the present recession in business is due to the enormous diversion of trade from legitimate business to the liquor business and that the net loss of fifteen and one-half billion dollars from other business since repeal, seems to prove that today we are suffering from a Whiskey Depression.

What about the promise of lowered taxes which seems to deceive more voters than any other proposition? Taxes are steadily mounting and the future looks darker than today. The

liquor revenue which was promised to solve financial problems of state and nation has proved to be a boomerang. What good does liquor revenue do the business man, the farmer, the taxpayer? The business man sees his business decline because the money that would otherwise be spent for his goods is now spent for liquor. The farmer finds that money which under prohibition was spent for milk, butter, eggs, meat and wheat products is now spent for drink.

A recent government survey in fifty-nine leading cities shows a twenty-seven per cent under normal consumption of milk, which means not only a loss to the farmer but a greater loss to the nation in under-nourished children. The taxpayer finds his taxes increased in spite of the revenue. The victims of the liquor business must be cared for and accidents and crimes caused by drink take heavy toll of the taxpayer's money.

The Los Angeles Times, in a recent issue, told the taxpayers of California what liquor is costing them. Every time the bartender rings up a 25 cent drink, it costs the taxpayer five cents. Every third policeman in the city is necessary only to take care of drink's results. Did you notice how many towns in North Dakota put on extra policemen as soon as the hard liquor law went into effect? The promise that "Liquor control laws" would banish the bootlegger was a huge joke for the bootlegger. His business is flourishing. Many liquor authorities estimate that from 40 to 60 percent of liquor sold is bootleg. The federal government employs more men to enforce "Liquor control laws" than it did to enforce prohibition.

In spite of all the work done for safety on the highways, auto accidents are steadily increasing. Forty thousand Americans were killed last year and 1,221,000 were seriously injured. David Lawrence, a distinguished columnist, in his U. S. News of Washington, July 1937, stated that after a thorough survey of traffic accidents throughout the country that "the number of persons killed or injured in the United States in auto accidents involving drivers who had been drinking doubled between 1933 and 1936."

One of the most serious aspects of the relief problem, and there are many, is the diversion of relief funds to the purchase of liquor. Authoritative investigators in the state of New York found that people on relief spent \$45,500,000 of government relief funds in a single year for liquor. This indicates that over the country at large billions of relief funds go into the saloon keeper's tills. North Dakota saloon keepers have gotten their share. What about the family of the drinker? Isn't it about time to stop all this? Let us promise ourselves—and God—that with His help WE WILL.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.



Miss Helen Louise Byrnes, Evans-ton, Ill., national secretary Youth's Temperance Council, guest speaker at state convention at Bismarck Sept. 22-25. Miss Byrnes has a charming personality, is a dynamic speaker and a general favorite in North D.kota.

NO FENCE IN MORAL ISSUES

"Some people say that they are on the fence; but there is no fence in any moral issue. Jesus Christ tore down the fence, pulled up the posts, filled up the holes, leveled the dirt and burned the wood when He said, 'He that is not for Me is against Me.'"

"Those people who say they are on the fence probably would not have the courage to climb up on the fence if there were a fence. They would be more likely to crawl into a hole under the fence."

—Mary Harris Armor, Georgia.

AMONG OUR FOLKS

Pleasant callers at the state office recently were Mrs. Fred M. Wanner on her return from the west; Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Minneapolis, former state vice president; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot, president Minot district; Sue M. Herrington, state secretary Y.T.C. and Mr. Dwight H. Potter, printer of our Bulletin.

In the shady grove at Arvilla, Grand Forks District annual picnic and institute were held August 2nd. With a large attendance of women and children. Presiding was Mrs. Darling, district president. Mrs. (Rev.) Njaa led morning devotions, the Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance departments were considered and discussion followed. Mrs. Herman Lintz, Larimore, led the noonite prayer.

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IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

"It's nothing to me," the mother said,
"I have no fear that my boy will tread
The downward path of sin and shame
And crush my heart and darken his name."

It was something to her when her only son
From the path of right was early won
And madly cast in the flowing bowl
A ruined body and a shipwrecked soul.

"It's nothing to me" the young man cried,
In his eyes was a flash of scorn and pride,
"I heed not the dreadful things you tell,
I can rule myself, I know full well."

It was something to him when in prison he lay
The victim of drink, life ebbing away,
At the thought of his wretched child and wife
And the mournful wreck of his wasted life.

"It's nothing to me" the voter said,
"The party loss is my greatest dread"
Then he gave his vote for the liquor trade
Though hearts were crushed and drunkards made.

It was something to him in after life
When his daughter became a drunkard's wife,
And her hungry children cried for bread
And trembled to hear their father's tread.

—Emma Root Ansonage.

PRIZE WINNERS IN POSTER CONTEST

The committee in charge makes the following report:
Seventh and eighth grade, Violet Betts and Howard Jacobson, Oberon—Tie.

Fifth and sixth grades; First, Lorraine Bilden, Northwood; Second, Roger Miller and Lorraine Winginger, Jamestown.

Third and Fourth grades; First Shirley Demo and Vivian Maag, Jamestown; Second, Shirley Tomlinson, Oberon.

Honorable Mention; Elaine Haga and Blanche Halvorson, Northwood; Pearl Nielson, Oberon; Muriel Torfin, Jamestown and Lois Jean Bergem, Crosby.

Posters submitted were good and some exceptionally so, but if poster contests is to be continued as a state project, we feel more schools should participate.

"Make it right to sell whiskey and it cannot be proven that anything else is wrong."

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THIS MOMENT

He's helping me now—this moment
Though I may not see it or hear;
Perhaps by a friend far distant—
Perhaps by a stranger near;
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by the printed Word;
In ways that I know and know not
I have the help of the Lord.

He's keeping me now—this moment
However I need it most;
Perhaps by a single angel,
Perhaps by a mighty host;
Perhaps by the chain that frets me
Or the walls that shut me in;
In ways that I know and know not—
He keeps me from harm and sin.

He's guiding me now—this moment,
In pathway easy or hard;
Perhaps by a door wide open,
Perhaps by a door fast barred;
Perhaps by a joy withholden,
Perhaps by a gladness given;
In ways that I know and know not,
He's leading me up to Heaven.

He's using me now—this moment,
And whether I go or stand;
Perhaps by a plan accomplished,
Perhaps when He stays my hand;
Perhaps by a word in season,
Perhaps by a silent prayer
In ways that I know and know not,
His labor of love I share.
—Author Unknown

ATTENTION FATHERS

Rain was falling in Seattle the night before Thanksgiving, and a woman waited for the bus on a corner where a young newsboy cared for his regular stand. In the hurry of evening travel a man, very evidently laboring under the load of intoxication, passed by. The young newsboy turned to the woman, saying: "They ought to close up all places selling drinks about two weeks before every Thanksgiving."

The woman replied, "Why not two weeks afterward, as well?"

"That's all right, too," sang out the newsboy.

"Well, now that we've gone that far, why not close them up altogether?" added the woman.

The young man replied: "It's all right with me! Say, if my father ever drank, my mother would surely get after him strong! But do you know, I've never seen my father in any way under the influence of drink. And believe me, I'm proud of him!"

How the woman wished the father of that young man could have heard the ringing voice with its pride in his always sober father! Had that father been a man ever tempted to take the smallest drink, the pride of that voice would forever protect him from indulging in the slightest use of any intoxicants. And how grateful that father can be that he has given that young man the glorious memory of a father whom he has never seen under the influence of drink!

Again: Attention, fathers!

—The Union Signal.

YOUTH SPEAKS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Declaring that youth and youth alone would have the temerity to attempt the task of responding to such gracious welcomes, Mrs. Smith called upon Miss Lucille E. Hinshaw, the charming young state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction in Oklahoma, for this word and of course it was most graciously done. Speaking to the subject,—Miss Hinshaw said:

"As our National W.C.T.U. meets in this progressive city, we come working, planning, thinking of building projects of greater significance even than the bridging of your Golden Gate.

"America's greatest asset, any nation's greatest asset, is its boys and girls. We are here, working together, planning, building, and carrying on a program which will make for a better citizenship tomorrow; a stronger, a more righteous, United States of America, and a better world.

"We, the youth of the United States, are eager for fine character, good health and happy homes. Intelligent living and efficiency in work are our standards.

"Liquor was brought back in the name of recovery. But we have not recovered. Repeal was urged to balance the budget, but it is more unbalanced than ever before. We see men and women striving to bring back prosperity; material recovery. But more than that, we need moral and spiritual prosperity. We need a moral recovery in our court-houses, in our law offices, in our industries, homes, newspapers, magazines, motion pictures, pleasure resorts, and in the hearts of our citizens. Repeal is not going to fail; it has already failed. Repeal was a sell-out to the flesh alone. Not one town, city or state has benefited.

Barmaids or Coeds?

"Before 1920, barmaids were unknown in the United States. The Philadelphia Inquirer, last year, reported 1,350,000 young women employed in liquor-selling places as barmaids and hostesses. Three times as many young women being educated in the barrooms as in our colleges.

"There are 437,000 legalized liquor stores in the United States today and only 245,000 churches, which means that we have almost twice as many saloons as churches in a Christian nation.

"The young people of America resent and object to 'being made the goat' in a game of highly lucrative swindling—a traffic not just in merchandise and money but in lives and souls of men, women, boys, girls, and even little children.

"The right-thinking youth of the United States are not thinking in terms of the clubhouse, cabaret or hip flask. Our thoughts are of a higher order. In these preparatory days we are planning for the building of a better United States of America, a better world. We will be ready to answer when we are called to our 'watch at the wheel.'

"We will remold public sentiment, we will awaken civic pride; reenshrine national honor, regenerate self-respect. We will help direct youth; use our voices, radios, the press and every conceivable righteous device in this Warfare of Right.

"We invite you to join with us during these few days of planning and in forming the greatest structure of tomorrow, — a righteous foundation — on which the boys and girls, and the youth of today, can build, a better United States of America, a more righteous world, free from the liquor traffic and all its many associated evils." — The Union Signal.

COME TO BISMARCK

In preparation for the 49th annual convention of the North Dakota W.C.T.U. to be held in the McCabe Methodist Episcopal Church, Bismarck Sept. 22-25, our comrades there have appointed the following committees: General Arrangements, Mrs. P. O. Sathre; Entertainment, Mrs. Leona Sjoblom; Reception, Mrs. O. E. Erickson; Music, Mrs. J. L. Hughes; Banquet, Mrs. Geo. M. Register; Decorations, Mrs. R. S. Enge; Post Office, Mrs. C. G. Boise; Ushers, Mrs. Jack Vantine.

The state executive committee will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Thursday evening, with the state president presiding, the usual banquet will be served by the ladies of the church. To addresses of welcome by representative citizens, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, state vice president will make response. We shall be happy to have with us during the convention, our honor guest, Miss Byrnes, who will speak briefly on "Messies" and our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who will give her Personal Recollections of Miss Willard.

Friday evening will be National Convention night when Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, national director Institutes and Mrs. Wanner will give highlights of the San Francisco convention which they attended. Saturday evening will be devoted to a program by Youth's Temperance Council with our state secretary, Miss Sue M. Herrington presiding. Our associate secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Holland will be one of the speakers. Young people from Zahl Y.T.C. with their efficient leader, Mrs. Ellen C. Berg, will assist as will also young people from Bismarck. Miss Helen Louise Byrnes, convention guest, will be welcomed as she gives the main address of the evening, speaking on "Today's Arena." To say that the music of the convention will be in charge of Mrs. J. L. Hughes insures its success.

The convention will close Sunday evening with an inspirational address by Miss Byrnes. Let us make every effort to attend that we may gain fresh information and inspiration for the tasks just ahead.

Send names for entertainment to Mrs. Leona Sjoblom, chairman entertainment committee, not later than September 15 and earlier if possible. In addition to the convention, Bismarck offers many attractions and if you have not seen our new State Capitol, that alone will be well worth the trip.

FRANCES WILLARD'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

The Supreme Need of this Hour is Christians Voting as they Pray.

"A political party whose platform is based on constitutional and statutory prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in the State and Nation is a necessity."

"We have seen, however, that ENFORCEMENT can only be secured by the election of officers who will ENFORCE. Hence this involves a party committed by the hopes and ambitions hardly less than by its principles to the successful working of the law."

"Existing parties cannot in the very nature of the case take up this question. Not to this end were they born, not for this cause did they come into the world. Upon this issue the voters are irrevocably divided. Party enclosures must be broken down that men who think and vote alike may clasp hands in a political fraternity where the issues of TODAY outrank those of yesterday and tomorrow.

"They enslave their children's children Who make compromise with sin."

THE COR. SEC.'S CORNER

Dear Comrades in a Common Cause:

We are depending on you to help us win in the campaign to repeal our hard liquor law. You have never failed us and you will not now. Mrs. Anderson has shown us in her letter on front page how much depends upon each of us individually. Some of you have asked for letters to give to your newspapers. Why not collect data from this issue of the Bulletin and write a personal letter to your editor? Later we shall send letters to all the newspapers that will publish them but your letters will count for more. We must all be informed and ready with facts with which to refute false propaganda.

Our greatest menace is not the noisy wet who shouts for revenue and says the present hard liquor law is well controlled. It is the smug, self-satisfied citizen who is not disturbed by present conditions, who says we must let well enough alone, the liquor traffic has not affected him or his family so why should HE care? He doesn't know that the saloons are dragging our young people down and creating appetites that will be hard to break. He doesn't know nor care that North Dakota spent last year for liquor \$10,500,000 and twice that amount would be nearer the truth because the bootlegger still flourishes. He doesn't know that \$21,278,925 was spent for relief in our state last year and he sees no relation between this vast sum and the amount spent for liquor. He disparages prohibition and he does not know that the Brewers own Hand Book for 1911, while North Dakota was enjoying the benefits of prohibition, gave the amounts of liquor used by each state in the union for that year. While some of the states under license used 25.25 gals. per capita, North Dakota used 1.52 gals. per capita. Compare this with the present amount used and tell it abroad that the people may know the truth.

See figures in address of our national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, (4th page of this paper) for amount spent in the nation since repeal of prohibition—an amount equal to \$427 for every person in the United States.

The annual report blanks were sent to each union early in August. Please see that they are returned promptly. Mayville has already reported. If any have failed to receive them, please notify us.

Yours for continued cooperation,
Barbara H. Wylie.

FOR ME

Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a rabble cry,
A man went forth to die,
For me!

Thorn-crowned his blessed head,
Blood-stained his every tread,
Cross-laden on he sped,
For me!

Pierced glow his hands and feet,
Three hours o'er him did beat
Fierce rays of noon-tide heat,
For me!

Thus wert Thou made all mine,
Lord make me wholly thine,
Give grace and strength divine,
To me!

In thought and word and deed,
Thy will to do; oh! lend my feet
E'en though they bleed,
To Thee!

—Author Unknown.

A fifty million dollar liquor ring has just been discovered in New York. How is that for bootlegging under repeal?

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 18, to August 15, 1938

DUES—Parshall 4; Jamestown 5; Sheldon 2; Dickey 2; West Fairview 10; Grand Forks 9; Fairmount 2; Fargo 5. Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Willard, \$1.00.

L.T.L.—Edinburg 20 members, and \$5.00 which makes them a Light Line Legion.

BUDGET—Parshall comp. \$11.00; Jamestown \$1.50; West Fairview \$10.00; Sharon comp. \$7.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Sheldon \$13.15; Prosper \$21.00; Dickey \$5.00; Fargo Scan. \$30.00; Sharon \$4.00; Oberon \$9.00; Grand Forks \$15.00; Fairmount \$2.00; Richland District \$17.00; Underwood \$8.35; Northeast District \$20.00; Mrs. Katherine B. Mufgrid, Bowsmont \$1.00; Grand Forks District \$5.00; Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Flasher, \$3.00; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, \$10.00, for Memorial Mr. Catherwood. Three more unions are Gold Star unions—Sheldon, Prosper and Oberon.

Dear Treasurers:—

As you know, the state treasurer's books will close Sept. 8th and we must make haste or we shall not be able to report a NET gain in membership as we have hoped to do. We have 326 new members but all our old members have not paid dues at this date. We are in an intensive campaign to repeal the hard liquor law and need money. Dues and budget from each union will help greatly. Please let us hear from you before September 8.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer.
1341-11th Ave. No.,
Fargo, N. Dak.

LOYAL

TEMPERANCE LEGION

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Secretary

The National convention with its L. T.L. conferences is over and plans have been made for the coming year. Miss Lenadd Wiggins, national secretary, sends us this message: "May God's guidance be with you. This is the ideal time to reorganize our work, study the Plan of Work, order the new song sheets, leaflets and other helps, start at the beginning of the school year and see how many boys and girls can be reached."

New materials will be on hand at our state convention which we hope you will examine and choose what is best suited to your need. Reports have been called for and we wait anxiously to see how near we have come to our goal of a doubled membership this year. Be sure that dues are sent to state treasurer before the books close Sept. 8. Here are some yells from the new song sheet:

See, See, What shall I see?

I see that beer is not good for me.

A diller, a dollar, a wise little scholar
In school has learned a lot;
He used to think that beer was food
And now he knows it's not.

To market, to market, but not to buy
beer,
For no one can fool me, I keep my
head clear.

Whoever you are, be noble;
Whatever you do, do well;
Wherever you go be loyal,
To the pledge of the L.T.L.

What price revenue, my brothers,
When the children have to pay?
Beer may yield its vaunted millions
But the children have to pay.
Every gain in beer taxation
Means but added deprivation
For the children of the nation—
Yes, the children have to pay.

What a man stands for is too often
nullified by what he falls for.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Medical observers say that it takes one-fifth of a second for persons to react to what they see or hear. With alcohol in the system, even in small quantities, these reactions, it is found, are slowed down to at least two-fifths of a second,—which means that even the casual drinker, who drives at 60 miles per hour, goes 35 feet in an emergency before he starts to think about doing something. A lot of things can, and do, happen in those 35 feet.

Drinking does a lot of other things. It makes the usually careful person race a train, turn a corner at high speed, dodge in and out of traffic, fail to obey traffic signals, and take many other unnecessary hazards.

The number of highway accidents has been doubled, and in some places tripled, since repeal of national prohibition. . . . Washington reported 50 per cent more drunken drivers; Detroit 169 per cent; Worcester, Mass. 57 per cent; Grand Rapids, Mich., 72 per cent; Portland, Oregon, 45 per cent.

In May, this year, the licenses of 167 intoxicated and dangerous drivers were revoked by the Minnesota Highway department, and 57 licenses were suspended. Since the Minnesota driver's license bureau was established, up to June 1st, this year, 550 drivers' licenses had been revoked, and 4,322 suspended—4,168 were ordered revoked for intoxication.

Many cases of drunken driving escape punishment by court action under the cloak of "careless driving."

Reports from Indiana state that traffic deaths in that state increased from 1,196 in 1935 to 1,345 in 1936. That revocation for drunken driving numbered 838 in 1935 and 1,231 in 1936.

Lincoln, Nebraska, arrests for drunkenness increased 63 per cent, automobile accidents 73 per cent, drunken driving 569 per cent since repeal.

Chicago, Colorado and Virginia put first offenders in jail. In Wyoming a driver who drinks gets anywhere from 1 to 14 years in jail. Pennsylvania rules that drivers can lose their license on suspicion of drinking.

One of the main obstacles against enforcement of laws against drunken driving is because one judge aims to close every loop hole through which drink wrecks its havoc on the highway; while another judge just across the line in the next county will parley with the issue as a necessary evil sanctioned by the people who voted for repeal.

The hodge-podge laws, producing conflict between state and municipality, help politicians, it is said, to build up vote-getting machines of great importance by "fixing" cases for those who drink on the highway. This can last just as long as the facts about drunken drivers and drunken pedestrians are kept submerged.

—Wm. Mitchell in The Citizens Monitor, Fargo.

AMONG OUR FOLKS—

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Then followed a fine picnic dinner and a social hour.

For the afternoon session Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks, led devotions. Mmes. R. L. Thoreson and R. Mutchler, Northwood, spoke on Exhibits and Fairs; Mrs. Jagd, Grand Forks and Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Gibby on Publicity and Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood on Alcohol Education and Medical Temperance. An offering was received for the National Temperance Education Fund.

Stady-Zahl sponsored a picnic and temperance program at Stady July 31, the president, Mrs. P. J. Foss, presiding. Rev. Mr. Rundstrom led devo-

THE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Anything that protects the children from abuse appeals to me. The Child Labor Amendment has its good points, but it seems to me we are straining at a gnat when we have already swallowed a camel—the liquor traffic, or should I say, the traffic has swallowed us?

Here is a case in point. Recently three little girls stood before Judge Edelman of Chicago, and begged with tears in their eyes that their father be not put in jail for intoxication. Testimony from several social workers revealed that these three and four younger children were neglected because both parents drank.

"Father doesn't drink so much," said the oldest child, a 12-year-old Mary, "but Mother does. He comes home from work and finds the fire out. He has to build the fire and get supper." Both parents were sentenced—the mother to a year in a Reformatory and the father for a year in the House of Correction for contributing to the children's dependency. (With a saloon on every hand, fumes of liquor on the very air and that thirst that will not be denied what chance have those two souls to let liquor alone?) Union Signal, Evanston, Illinois.

Now there is a bill for the taxpayer to settle. Food, clothing, shelter and care for a family of nine for a year at least. That's the time the traffic swallowed any revenue that might have gone to the state. How can we be so short-sighted?

James Roosevelt has come up from Washington to urge the ratification of this amendment. Considering such scenes as the above, wouldn't it be wiser and far kinder of President Roosevelt to urge an amendment to do away with such child abuse, far worse than labor and all too common under Repeal? Since President Roosevelt in his speech of acceptance in 1932, said: "I am for Repeal 100 per cent," it would seem quite fitting for him to lead in this matter, and end what devastates the home, wrecks character and PUTS children to work when father or mother or both drink.

The poor children are between the upper and nether grindstones—drunk parents on the one hand and the traffic on the other. Sir Edgar Sanders warned the English brewers of which he is the head, of the need of millions of youth to drink their beer. "Get them and get them young," he urged, "or the trade will go down." American brewers are no less mercenary. Their aim is to get 56,000,000 youths to drink the 50,000,000 barrels of beer they hope to brew in the next five years. Bosh? Get some liquor trade publication and read it. Tap and Tavern is one I can mention and Brewers Journal is another. There are plenty to choose from.

Candidate Roosevelt said in that same speech of acceptance: "Prohibition is doomed from this hour." Yes, Prohibition was doomed from that hour, and with it the dear children, DON'T FORGET THAT!

Rose Upton Bascom.

tions. LaVon Loo spoke on the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion and members of the L.T.L. followed with songs and short talks. A Y.T.C. quartet composed of Betty Jean Robinson, Opal Bratsberg, LaVon Loo and Bernice Thorstad sang several numbers with Mrs. Rundstrom at the piano; Helpful talks were given by Rev. Rundstrom and Student Pastor Michaelson of the Baptist Church; by Orin Anderson on Gambling and on liquor advertising by Aimee Gunlixson. A paper on Marihuana written by Berger Raauum was read by Mrs. Ellen C. Berg, leader of young people's work and an offering was received for the education fund.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Colorful and impressive was the opening session of the 64th Convention on Thursday evening, August 4, when the National President, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Governor Frank F. Merriam, Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, San Francisco; National Officers; Mrs. Louise J. Taft, state hostess and president, State Presidents, carrying their respective State Flags, many of them which were presented by their own Governors, marched in processional to the great platform to participate in welcomes to women from all parts of the country.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS. Climaxing a year of unusual activity, the outstanding event of the evening was the brilliant address of the National President, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith—in "A DOOR OPENED." Mrs. Smith said in part, "The record of the liquor traffic in the five years since repeal is already becoming a matter of concern to millions of American Citizens heretofore indifferent to the problem." Termining the re-established liquor traffic a near-billion dollar investment and quoting official figures to show that it was distributing its alcoholic wares through 437,508 places, she said, "The makers and dispensers of beverage alcohol have taken from the people of the United States during the past 63 months, more than \$13,250,000,000—an average of more than \$427 for every family in the Nation. During the past year alone, it has diverted more than \$3,500,000,000 from retail merchants. It has returned to the Federal Government less than 17 cents out of every dollar and to the states and local governments, less than 9 cents additional. She called attention to the increase in venereal diseases since repeal of prohibition. She outlined a definite educational campaign to combat these evils.

MARCHING ORDERS. Twelve Recommendations, proposed by the President, approved by the Official Board and adopted by the Convention, are to be considered as solemn obligations upon the National, State and Local Unions, to be carried into effect in 1938-1939. They are: 1. Completion of the Five-Point Program by a round-up of the special goals. 2. Closer co-ordination by the 10,000 Local Unions with the State and National programs. 3. Holding guest meetings twice a year. 4. Re-enlist every woman who has previously held membership, observing Roll Call the second week in November. 5. Obtain closer co-operation of other interested groups by forming "Good Citizenship Councils." 6. Stressing the necessity for TRAINED LEADERSHIP. Recommending that the State W.C.T.U. interest the Boards of Education in the employment of a trained Alcohol Education teacher, to serve in Teachers' Colleges, Normal Schools and Institutes. 7. Greater support of the official organs, "The Union Signal," and "The Young Crusader." 8. More careful study and greater use of W.C.T.U. literature. 9. National observance of Temperance Week, asking ministers to arrange for a week's series of evening meetings. 10. Each State is urged to prepare an exhibit of Literature and the visual devices to be shipped to local groups. The expense

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Park River union held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. David Ford in the country, with a good attendance even though in harvest time. The topic for the day was Gambling and the president, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross led the discussion.

The victory of life is to make sweet music on one string.

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may be chargeable to the portion of the N.T.E.F. budgeted for exhibits. Distribution to be completed by February 17th. 11. Recommending a simple plan for the completion of the NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATIONAL FUND. 12. All members are asked to wear the emblem of the organization—the White Ribbon, during the Centenary year.

LEGISLATION PROGRAM. Presented by Dr. Izora Scott, National Director of Legislation, Washington, D. C. The W. C. T. U. will oppose as heretofore bills that will no doubt be introduced to allow sale of alcoholic beverages to Indians on reservations and to repeal the old Anti-Canteen Law; bills to create Federal Lotteries and legalized gambling. It will be work for National Prohibition of the liquor traffic which the W.C.T.U. has always supported, if introduced again in Congress by resolution to amend the Constitution. It will continue to oppose child-labor in any form. Will continue to support the Matthew M. Neely Bill to prohibit block booking and blind selling of motion picture films. It will favor Bills to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages. The organization will continue to urge legislation on behalf of one standard of purity for men and women; equal right of all to freedom of opinion and speech; a living wage and an eight hour day; Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration; justice versus greed of gain; total abstinence from alcoholic drinks and discouragement of the use and traffic of same.

Dr. Scott emphasizes the need for unity of purpose in a legislation program and urges the women as representing organizations, not to give endorsements to legislation unless approved by the National W.C.T.U.

MEMBERSHIP GAINS. Mrs Anna Marden DeYo, National Corresponding Secretary, received applause in the "Building the Bridge Program" when she announced that the United Nation wide had reported in since November 1st, 29,525 new members*, with 895 new organizations, 338 Unions, 173 new Youth's Temperance Councils, and 384 Loyal Temperance Legions.

WILLARD MEMORIAL PLAQUE. On sacred ground where Frances E. Willard stood in 1883 and caught the vision of a world organization, the convention delegates witnessed the unveiling of a bronze plaque, a gift to the city of San Francisco by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, California North. Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Mrs. Ella A. Boole and Mrs. Louise J. Taft officiated at the unveiling. Duncan S. Mathewson in behalf of the Municipality of San Francisco received it, highly lauding Miss Willard and her achievements and expressing the hope that the bronze plaque would endure forever. Inscribed on the plaque were the words: "Frances E. Willard is inspired by San Francisco in 1883 became the first world organizer of women. Standing here she said: 'We are one world of tempted humanity.'"

"THE UNCROWNED QUEEN"—a dramatic monologue, covering seven incidents of Frances E. Willard's life, thrilled the audience Friday night. It was given by Miss Janet Bolton, of Riverside, California, who impersonated Miss Willard in wearing costumes of the period. It is planned to have a dramatic reader in every state in presenting "The Uncrowned Queen" as a herald for the Willard Centenary Celebration, Rochester, N. Y. in 1939.

YOUTH CHALLENGES AMERICA. Young people from 21 states came forward to proclaim to the

world that they stand ready to press forward to greater heights. Showing a tremendous growth in membership, with New York leading, having exceeded its objective of 60 new Councils, Miss Virginia Colvin of New York City, thrilled the convention when she told of how the young people had formed caravans touring the state with the challenge: "Why Have You Not a Youth's Temperance Council in Your Town?"

Miss Helen L. Byrnes, Evanston, Ill., General Secretary, Youth's Temperance Council, reported 173 new Councils to date this year. Virginia and West Virginia are second and third in this great development. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Texas, Minnesota are also making strides in the organization of youth. Everywhere the slogan is "Agitate, educate, organize."

YOUTH ON THE AIR. Participating in a Symposium, directed by Miss Byrnes with Miss Colvin, Miss Beatrice Moorehead, California (north); Miss Minnie Crovelli, New Jersey, Ernest Hickok, Idaho, Robert Marriott, New York and others, the problems peculiar to young people of the present day were discussed. Crime, gambling, war, narcotics, and the beverage alcohol were given as the major ones.

The following dramatic pledge to the Nation was broadcast: "We will give our young lives to carry on the work so nobly begun by the leaders of the past. We will link adult brains with young blood and in the power of the Christ, we will win. We dare to crusade for decency and right living in this twentieth century."

Throughout the entire convention the voice of youth was heard.

QUESTION BEE. The work among children was presented by Miss Lenadell Wiggins, General Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion on Friday afternoon August 5th, with Miss Lily Grace Matheson, enquirer. This brought to the audience a world of information of the Loyal Temperance Legion's activities. Appearing on the platform were Miss Margaret Cooper, Ohio; Miss Palmer, Idaho; Miss Ada Beth Groom, Illinois; Miss Minnie Crovelli, New Jersey and others. 384 new Loyal Temperance Legions organized this year show the increased interest in the work among the children.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE FUND.

Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, national treasurer, announced that when the national officers and delegates had left Evanston aboard the "White Ribbon Special Train," the National Temperance Fund had climbed to \$600,000. THIS IS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, NOT FOR LEGISLATIVE WORK. Pennsylvania has the most gold star unions. Gold star States are: Hawaii, Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas, North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

NEW FILM IS SHOWN. Convention delegates and friends viewed for the first time on Tuesday night, August 9, the new W.C.T.U. film "Pay Off." It portrays the social and economic, as well as the scientific side of the alcohol problem. The new film supplements "The Beneficent Reprobate," already seen by more than a million persons. The films are available for representation throughout the United States.

FRUIT JUICE HOUR. Here was an innovation that pleased the palate. Delicious California fruit juices were served from tea-wagons by young men and women of the Y.T.C., dressed in Spanish costumes. Miss Norma Bentley, talented young soloist, parodied "I Love You California," singing "Come Drink Fruit Juice for we know it's good for you."

CONSECRATION CEREMONY. Ten young mothers consecrated their

little ones to the Temperance Cause on Monday afternoon when the national president tied white ribbons on their arms. The youngest was two months old.

WORLD NIGHT. Mrs. Ella A. Boole world president, gave the convention a spectacular and inspirational evening when she presented 4 White Ribbon Missionaries—crusaders—and representatives from 25 foreign lands. They carried their national flags and were dressed in native costumes. Mrs. Boole gave flashes on around the world activities and announced that the next WORLD CONVENTION will be in London, England. The tentative date is June 13-18, 1940.

SOCIAL EVENTS. Following the unveiling of the plaque of Frances Willard on Saturday afternoon, August 6, a Reception and Tea in the Palace of the Legion of Honor, given to San Francisco by Mrs. Adolph Spreckles and the late Mr. Spreckles, in memory of the men who gave their lives in the world war, was an attractive affair. Some seven hundred were in attendance. The Willard Plaque is placed opposite this magnificent building on Inspiration Point. California W.C.T.U. (north) State Directors entertained the National Directors at a breakfast on August 3. A dinner was given to the National Officers by the state officers. State Presidents' dinners, luncheons and teas, played an important part in the program. The Annual Dinner took place on August 10, presided over by the National president with the First Lady of the State as honor guest. The scheme of building the bridge was carried out. Recognition was given the master builder of each state by Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, chairman of the membership campaign.

A boat-ride on the famous San Francisco Bay, viewing Treasure Island, where the 1939 Fair takes place; the two great bridges standing out against the sky-line, added attractiveness to the convention days.

APPRECIATION. Gratitude for the Union Signal, the official organ, the Research and Publicity Bureau, the splendid newspaper cooperation, the courtesies of the Local Committee, music, The Whitcomb Hotel, etc., were expressed by the Convention.

SPIRITUAL SIDE. 40 pulpits were occupied in the Bay area on Sunday and the ministers contributed to the program each day, one morning conducting a ministerial hour.

HEARD BY THE ONLOOKER. Judge Harry H. Porter, chief justice Municipal Court, Evanston, Illinois—"Alcohol is the direct cause of a minimum of 60 per cent of traffic deaths and injuries." Judge Porter and James A. Killip effectively demonstrated the use of the drunkmeter in combatting the careless and reckless auto driving.

Bishop G. A. Miller, M. E. Church for Central and South America, 1924-36—"And it was said—"Repeal Prohibition and the Saloon will not come Back"—That came from the White House—More shame on the White House.—Force always defeats itself in the end, unless it becomes a moral and not a physical force. A numerical minority can be a moral majority. Progress has always been led by organized minorities."

N.J.L. Pieper, Federal Bureau of Investigation, personal representative of J. Edgar Hoover—"Our youth in crime problem is tremendous. Think of this: 700,000 boys and girls criminals today. Over 16 per cent of our criminals are under 21. But isn't it rather the failure of the parents who have neglected their duties in training. There must be discipline if we are going to have character. Unless we have character we are going to continue to have crime."

Dr. E. Guy Talbott—"The overwhelming majorities of the peoples

and nations of the world today want to live in peace. If civilization is to survive the principles of the Prince of Peace must be restored."

Governor Frank F. Merriam, of California—"We hope that out of this convention will come an influence that will spread not only in California, but reach throughout America and even to all nations of the world."

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, of San Francisco—"Surely, an organization, such as yours, sincerely devoted to helping forward the coming of Christ in all departments of life cannot fail to impress and to command the respect of all whose lives have been guided into similar paths."

The Rev. Frank E. Knudsen, president of the San Francisco Church Federation, was vigorously applauded when he said, "The time has come for the Church to do some purging of its own membership in regard to this monstrosity of our social order (Liquor). To profess to follow Jesus Christ and then indulge personally or permit property to be used for liquor purposes is certainly assuming a great deal more than the Gospel permits."

Dr. A. C. Roberts, president of the San Francisco State College—"May your coming aid us in our teaching in the schools; may our teaching in the schools buttress and support you in your battle for the improvement of the lot of all."

Mrs. Duncan S. Robinson, president California Federation of Women's Clubs—"We must have faith in the fundamentals, as had your Frances Willard, which have brought humanity thus far and recapture—somehow—the spiritual foundations which will determine our highest national and world welfare."

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