

"We Will Not Quit 'Till the Liquor Traffic Quits."



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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However the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes
With fluttering flags and prancing
nags
And echoing roll of drums;
Still Truth proclaims this motto,
In letters of living light—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppres-
sor
May grind the weak in the dust,
And the voices of fame, with one ac-
claim,
May call him great and just;
Let those who applaud take warning,
And keep this motto in sight—
Nothing is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take
courage,
Tho' the enemy seems to have won,
Tho' his ranks are strong, if he be in
the wrong,
The battle is not yet done;
For sure as the morning follows
The darkest hour of the night,
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

OUR PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

We have had another battle and
lost a skirmish, but—we placed a
wedge—we had the wets frightened,
and we did much temperance educa-
tional work. False propaganda hood-
winked many of our people who were
sincere but did not read the law care-
fully, and voted the usual "No" in-
stead of the needed "Yes." We need
more constructive education for our
adults and a keener awakening of our
professing Christian people as to their
responsibility. During these hard
times, the plea of the wets to license
liquor to pay taxes deceived many
people who should have known that
"money paid for booze can't buy
shoes."

"Ye have need of patience that af-
ter ye have done the will of God, ye
might receive the promise." Heb.
10:36. How much we all need patience!
The writer says we should be care-
ful FIRST to do the will of God—
then we may expect to receive the
promise, if we are patient. "Nothing
is ever settled until it is settled right"
and we know that we have God and
Right on our side. We have been
tried, nearly discouraged, but God has
promised. He is faithful and we must
just trust and be of good courage.
There is much for each one of us
to do.

I am hoping that every member
has entered into the work of the No-
vember Roll Call, asking every for-
mer member to re-enlist, collecting
dues for old members, holding a guest
day with good program to welcome
active and honorary members. Then

Christmas Greetings

FOR unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given; and
the government shall be up-
on His shoulder; and His Name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor, The
mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the
Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

May the peace which Jesus prom-
ised be in each heart and home at this
happy season.

THE STATE OFFICERS.

we shall be ready to gain new mem-
bers and organize Willard Centenary
unions. Every new member gained
this year will go down in W.C.T.U.
history as a Frances E. Willard mem-
ber.

Let us each strive to gain at least
one such new member. The new mem-
bership plans are simple and attrac-
tive and copies have been sent each
local union and all members of the
executive committee. Let us make
this new year a literature year, dis-
tributing it at every opportunity and
sending it in letters. Our national pa-
pers, The Union Signal and Young
Crusader, are more interesting and
informative than ever and make excel-
lent and worthwhile Christmas
gifts. Let each union place copies of
these papers, with one book, as its
goal, in the high school. The book—
"Illusion's End"—is attractive and
equally interesting for old and young.
It may now be secured for 60 cents.

We are making plans for the cele-
bration of our Golden Jubilee next
September. If you have any new ideas
for such a celebration, please send
them in to our State Headquarters.
Our recent campaign has shown us
most forcibly how necessary it is to
educate adults in temperance truths,
so let us try to get more articles in
our local papers, thanking the editors
who give us such space. Write our
state office for catalogue of publica-
tions, and information in regard to
the monologue—The Uncrowned
Queen—and the new motion picture
"The Pay-Off," which can be secured
for schools, P.T.A.'s, C.C.C. Camps,
etc., from the YMCA Motion Picture
Film Bureau, 19 South LaSalle St.,
Chicago for only transportation
charges, the same as the "Beneficent

Reprobate." Urge your schools hav-
ing movie machines to secure one or
both.

On Nov. 28, from 2:15 to 2:30 P
M., over the Red Network of N.B.C.
Roger W. Babson, economist, statis-
tician and analyst, will broadcast for
us. Invite a group in to hear him,
then discuss it and write thanking
Mr. Babson at Babson Park, Mass.

If you get this notice in time and
can arrange it, please send a card
also to the National Broadcasting Co.
RCA Building, Radio City, N. Y., care
Miss Cuthbert, telling her how many
listened in, if you had notice of speech
in paper, and a word of appreciation
for a place on the program—"Let's
Talk It Over." Our national radio di-
rector, Mrs. Helen Hewitt Green,
Cleveland, Ohio, asks us to drop her a
card also. WE MUST GET ON THE
AIR MORE OFTEN.

Let us take courage, this Thank-
sgiving time. The Pilgrim fathers and
mothers didn't find it easy in those
pioneer days, but they steadfastly laid
the foundations of a great Christian
nation. We still have much for which
to be thankful, and, knowing the kind
of person Jesus was and what He
meant the Kingdom of God to be, we
must press on for we never can be
satisfied with the kind of men and
women we have been.

Thank God for the educational pro-
gram and the ballot. May we be faith-
ful followers of our Pilgrim Fathers
who blazed a trail for us, not dis-
couraged by seeming failures, until
we too obtain the victory promised
every cause under the leadership of
our Father. Thank God for pioneers
and crusaders, all along the line, and
may He make us worthy of their

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THESE BE THE GIFTS

For the sake of the little Child of
Bethlehem
Who came to show compassion and to
bring
The Bread of Life to every hungry
heart,
The Living Water to each thirsty
thing;
Let us be kind to-day, as He is kind,
Let us be thoughtful of the hurt and
sad,
Let us live simply, as He lived, and
Oh,
Let us walk now and let us be glad!
For the sake of one small Child we
must be strong
And brave to follow where His foot-
steps lead;
Across a darkened land, along strange
roads
Through briars and storms to meet
a hurt world's need,
These be the gifts to bring the gentle
Christ:
This be the gold and the incense we
should take:
Our adoration, reverence and love,
Our lives, and freely spend them for
His sake.

—Grace Noll Crowell

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you
have done for other people and to re-
member what other people have done
for you?—to ignore what the world
owes you and to think of what you
owe the world?—to put your rights
in the background and your chances
to do a little more than your duty in
the foreground; to see that your fel-
low men are just as real as you are
and to try to look beyond their faces
to their hearts, hungry for joy; to
own that probably the only good rea-
son for your existence is not what you
are going to get out of life but what
you are going to give to life; to close
your book of complaints against the
management of the universe and to
look around you for a place where you
can sow a few seeds of happiness.
Are you willing to do these things
even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.
Are you willing to believe that Love
is the strongest thing in the world—
stronger than hate, stronger than
evil, stronger than death? And that
the blessed Life which began in Beth-
lehem nearly two thousand years ago
is the Image and brightness of the
Eternal Love? Then you can keep
Christmas—and if you keep it for a
day, why not always?

And you can never keep it alone!
—From Uncle Toby's Christmas
Book, by Henry Van Dyke.

We regret that names of Grand
Forks unions, both banner unions,
were through a mistake omitted from
list in the printed report.

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EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE

(To be used for devotions in December meetings.)

Peace

Christ's Bequest to His Followers: Companionship and Peace. Luke 2: 8-14; John 14:21-27; Matt. 28:18-20.

When a person dies many people think, and some say, "Did he leave any property? To whom did he give it?" We expect the things that person had to be bequeathed to the persons or institutions having the chief place in the donor's heart. When Jesus was trying to prepare His disciples for His death He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."

Elbert Hubbard said, "There is no devil except fear." Jesus came to take fear from the hearts of His followers. When the angels stood by the shepherds on the Judean hills to announce the birth of our Savior the first words spoken were, "Be not afraid. I bring you good tidings. Unto you a Savior is born." When the multitude appeared singing the heavenly music they said, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth, peace among men in whom he is well pleased."

The secret of peace, the absence of fear, is known to those, "in whom He is well pleased." These are they who DO His Will. When the shepherds had seen the Babe, they made known the saying which was spoken to them about the Child.

Oh, that I had some words that could stamp indelibly in your minds and hearts this truth, "What the world needs, what every human being needs, is Jesus." Even a glimpse of Him changes sin into righteousness, and sorrow into gladness. Those who know Him and are conscious of His companionship have peace, the peace that the world—those who know Him not—can never know.

The only way to remove the evils of drunkenness, and the even greater evil—selfishness—that causes the drink traffic, the only way to remove sin—the breeder of war and all evils—is to obey the divine command, make disciples of all nations, teach all people to observe all things whatsoever He commands. His very last words were a promise of companionship. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Could any White Ribboner ask for more than the companionship and peace of Jesus? This is His bequest to those who do His Will. May He be born anew in every one of our hearts this Christmas season!—Palmetto White Ribbon.

Less than one-fourth of the voters, or 24.8 per cent, approved the repeal of prohibition. The other 75.2 per cent are beginning to wake up.—Clip sheet.

OUR DEFERRED VICTORY

"We have lost a battle but we'll win the war." We have enlisted for its duration and will not quit until the liquor traffic quits. Cooperating with the Consolidated Drys with Mr. H. H. Parish of Minneapolis as executive director, we put on a splendid educational campaign all over the state which cannot fail to have its effect.

It was Wellington who said: "The next dreadful thing to a battle lost is a battle won." Do you remember our large dry majority at the primary election and the haste with which our people signed the petitions to submit this measure to the voters? Can it be that that victory made some of us over-confident? Certain it is that

The Wets Were Frightened

They employed the same old tactics. They spent money without measure. They bought up the state press with the exception of some praiseworthy exceptions. With blaring broadcasts they deceived the people, giving no authority for the same until compelled to do so by order of the Federal Radio Commission. They electioneered on election day. They sent their representative to interview the legislative committee of the State Teachers' Association in session at Fargo, urging their support; but our educators took a firm stand and unanimously passed the following:

Strong Resolution

"The North Dakota Education Association deeply deplores the temptations and examples presented by the liquor problem and its traffic. For this reason it recommends the adoption of the proposed measure to repeal the present liquor law and also recommends the enactment of adequate legislation to protect all the people from illegal traffic in liquor. It also recommends that schools continue to educate the youth of North Dakota in regard to the physiological, social and economic results of the use of intoxicating liquors."

Confusion As To Vote

In our many campaigns in the past, to vote dry we voted "No." This time it was different. We aimed to repeal a law already in existence and to vote dry was to vote "Yes." The title of the law—Liquor CONTROL Act—was confusing to many temperance people who were not sufficiently informed and who said they did not wish to repeal a CONTROL law. As though there ever were such a thing—as well try to control a prairie fire or a nest of rattle snakes! There is no doubt that many who intended to vote dry were misled into voting wet.

The Church Not Awake

While many ministers and church members worked with all their might against the greatest enemy of the home, the church and the school, others were indifferent and "while men slept, the enemy sowed tares among the wheat." We have approximately 245,000 church members in North Dakota, of which number possibly one-third are not yet of voting age. Unofficial figures give our dry vote as 98,592. Where were the others? It is very evident many failed to vote on election day.

Those who voted for the retention of hard liquor and those who did not vote at all will be equally responsible for the evils which will result from the operation of this law until we vote it out. There is no need for discouragement. If this campaign has shown the people of the state the character of the enemy, it will have been worth while.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are here;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies amid her worshippers."

—E. H. W.

THE CORR. SEC'S. CORNER

Dear Comrades:

Three cheers for you who worked so hard and so earnestly in the recent campaign to repeal hard liquor! "No endeavor is in vain, the reward is in the doing" and it is a fine chance to get some truths across to the people. The result has shown us how much harder we need to work for the sake of our children and young people, many of whom were as disappointed as we were. We must strengthen and extend our educational program in schools, Sunday Schools P.T.A.'s and everywhere. Education may be a slow process but it is sure. Money and misrepresentation figured largely in the campaign. Unofficial figures give the following counties as voting dry: Benson, Divide, Griggs, Steele and Traill.

W. C. T. U. Strongest Ally

Working with the Consolidated Drys, our organization was its strongest ally. In the field for some time before election were our three state officers, Mrs. Wanner, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Beasley; while in the Northwest district, Miss LaVon Loo of Zahl, visited every union, speaking and singing in schools and churches, interviewing people in homes and business places. NORTHWEST DISTRICT VOTED DRY. We are indebted to Mrs. F. J. Bignall of Sanborn who drove Mrs. Wanner to many of the places. Schools were also visited, with fine cooperation from teachers.

From this office the newspapers of the state were contacted three times—twice with letters from Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson and Mrs. Rose Upton Bascom, and once with the leaflet—"Attention North Dakota Voters" by Mr. Parish, the L.T.C. showing how many strong enforcement laws would remain if the hard liquor law were repealed. WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME IF YOUR PAPER PRINTED ANY OF THESE? Numerous letters "To the Editor" were written for the Mailbag or Open Forum, most of which never appeared. All honor to those editors who withstood the bold attacks of the wets and could not be bought! We know of some of them and would be glad to get the names of others.

Membership Plans and State Reports
These were sent to the president of each local union and to each member of the state executive committee with Institute Plan of Work about the middle of November. Have a quiz on the State Report and increase knowledge of our work. The membership plans are attractive and awards are given in another column. Topical programs for 1939 will be sent as soon as received in December. We have given much time and attention to the campaign just closed. We must now focus our thought directly on our own program. Dues must be collected, the budget paid and the Temperance Education Fund raised.

Mrs. Anderson's Offer

Who wants one of Mrs. Anderson's beautiful souvenir spoons? She generously offers to present one of these as a Golden Jubilee prize as follows: To the one securing the largest number of W.C.T.U. members; to the one securing the largest number of Y.T.C. members; to the one securing the largest number of L.T.L. members; to the one securing the largest number of honor members—the minimum in each case being ten members. To the district president putting into her district the largest number new organizations—W.C.T.U.; Y.T.C.; L.T.L.; or Iota Sigma, the minimum being five. The Jubilee goals are: 500 new members; every union a Hold Fast union; a new union in every district; ten new Y.T.C.'s and a doubled L.T.L. membership.

These goals are not impossible. Let

PERSONAL MENTION

Our Scandinavian union at Fargo is bereaved in the passing of Mrs. H. H. Berg, a loyal and devoted member for many years. To Mrs. E. H. Steffard of the same union, our sympathy is expressed in the sudden call of her husband to the Better Land.

October 18, Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. C. A. Landgren drove to Carrington and re-organized the union, with Mrs. Paul Seibold, president, Mrs. Chas. D. Brown, secretary and Mrs. D. B. Kreps, treasurer. At the same time, Darris Kyle Seibold was dedicated as a white ribbon recruit.

October 28, Mrs. Philip Stolberg organized at Flasher a union of eight members with the following officers: President, Mrs. Stolberg, vice president, Mrs. Naomi Bollinger, Sec. and treasurer, Mrs. Anna Hansen. Kind greetings and best wishes for this the first new union of this year!

Mrs. J. A. Youngman, district president, was guest speaker, with others from Dickey, at a meeting of Edgeley union at the home of Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth. The local president, Mrs. C. A. Pruett, was welcomed after several months' absence. A report of the state convention was given by Mrs. Youngman. A solo by Mrs. Marvel Ganung with Mrs. Florence Carlson at the piano, was enjoyed. A luncheon was served by the hostess.

LARIMORE union has been "in labors more abundant." They held an indoor picnic in the City Hall which was much enjoyed by 45 children. At the local Fall Festival and County 4-H Club Achievement Day, they had a booth which was the center of interest for young and old. Nineteen posters showing the evils of liquor were on display and hundreds of leaflets distributed. Members took turns in presiding at the booth.

Mrs. P. J. Foss, president Stady-Zahl union, writes most impressive articles for The Lutheran Visitor of which we have received a very interesting number. Before election she sent this ringing message to the voters: "We plead with you to cast your vote so that we can repeal the hard liquor law. Do not believe any of the articles in many of our daily papers warning us not to vote for repeal since conditions will be so much worse than now. THAT IS ALL WET PROPAGANDA. I could quote page after page that would prove to you that to kill the hard liquor law will make it better than now, not worse, providing that the state, county and local officers will do their duty and enforce the law." No wonder Divide county and Northwest district went dry!

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state president, was a guest of the Fargo Scandinavian union, when she gave a very interesting report of the National convention at San Francisco. Later at the Fargo union, she presented and explained the Plan of Work for this year. Mrs. F. A. Landblom presided.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, national director Institutes, was guest speaker at the Fargo union when she held the close attention of the members with her report of National convention. November Roll Call was presented and the treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Pile, was kept busy writing receipts. Mrs. J. H. Potter is president.

BISMARCK young people staged a parade the Saturday before election, under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Hughes, Mrs. Thelma Leissman Vantine and others. Carrying large posters and banners they urged those who wished to vote dry to vote "Yes." Returning to the hall they were serv-

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us all get busy in earnest and with work and prayer we shall win.

Yours with love and hope,
Barbara H. Wylie

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 15 to November 15, 1933
DUES—Grand Forks 2; Oberon 8; Fortuna 7; Park River 13; Nekoma 9; Sheldon 6; Minnewaukan 5; New Rockford 9; Fargo 17; Bismarck 8; Underwood 20; Jamestown 13.

WILLARD MEMBERS—Leonard 2; Starkweather 1; Christine 4; Beach 1.
BUDGET—West Fairview comp. \$10.00; Nekoma comp. \$11.00; Sheldon \$5.00; Sanborn comp. \$9.00; Fargo \$3.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Grand Forks \$1.00; West Fairview \$6.00; Edinburg \$2.00; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Memorial Fred H. Wilder, \$10.00; Underwood \$2.00; Jamestown \$1.00.

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Grand Forks District \$15.00.

Dear Treasurers:-

I hope you have all observed the November Roll Call. Now we may turn our attention to the National Temperance Education Fund. North Dakota's quota is \$5,000.00. We have raised \$3,197.05. You can see that we still have quite a sum to raise this year. Our president recommends that every member make a gift and secure five other gifts for this fund. Will you not try to do this promptly?

I wish you all a Merry Christmas. Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.
1341 11th Ave. N.O.
Fargo, N. D.

KEELEY INSTITUTE

Martin Nelson, secretary of the Keeley Institute, Dwight, Illinois, the nation's most famous institution for the care of alcohol's victims, in a statement in September, 1937, says:

"The number of patients taking treatments for alcoholism at our institute during the first six months of this year shows an increase of 111 per cent over the corresponding period in 1933. Last year's total was the largest number of patients we have treated in any twelve-month period since 1907, and from present indications a new high figure will be established this year. During 1933 our patients came from twenty states. Last year they registered from thirty-two, as well as from the District of Columbia, Philippine Islands, and Canada, or an increase of 60 per cent in states."
—White Ribbon Ensign.

TOBACCO MAY CUT YEARS OFF LIFE SPAN

Tobacco smoking tables, based on case history of 6,813 persons, show that smoking is associated with a definite impairment of longevity, according to Dr. Raymond Pearl, biologist of Johns Hopkins University. These life tables, which are the first to be made, indicate that smoking, even in moderation, in some cases, shortens life.

Dr. Pearl's figures covered only those persons liable to die of heart disease and blood vessel complications. The impairment to long life, it was shown, is proportionate to the habitual amount of tobacco usage in smoking, being great for heavy smokers, and less for moderate smokers.

As for alcohol, Dr. Pearl stated that heavy indulgence "definitely and considerably impairs life expectations," the New York Times lately reported.

"When America's keenest minds are using the newspapers, magazines, movies, and radio to entice youth to drink whisky, smoke more cigars, and make heroes of criminals; these youths should hear the other side of the argument from someone."
—ROGER BABSON.

THE RAINBOW OF PROMISE

This beautiful figure is used to designate our membership campaign during the centenary year of France: E. Willard. Our national corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo says:

Our Rainbow of Promise is as definite, as certain and as significant as ever that promise of old,
"And the bow shall be in the cloud as an everlasting covenant."

Just so surely does the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, led by the hand of God through all the active, virile years of its history, vision the Rainbow of Promise for the abolition of the liquor traffic, with an unwavering faith that again there shall be re-enacted the history which the Psalmist drew upon for his vivid word picture, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found." (Psalm 27:35, 36)

Sunshine and storms have fallen upon our pathway through the years, but we have walked with the full assurance that victory cometh, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The campaign extends from November 1, 1933 to August 1, 1939 and the National aim is 50,000 new members. Every one who joins will be known as a Frances E. Willard member and it has been suggested that we in North Dakota, who are celebrating our Golden Jubilee and the fiftieth year of Mrs. Anderson's magnificent service in our state, may call our new members Willard-Anderson members. This will not interfere with the personnel of those who win new members and who are to be known as follows:

Willard Statesmen, State Membership Director; Willard Builder, One who secures from one to four new members; Award—Two Rainbow Ribbons (red and orange); Willard Educator, One who secures five new members; Awards—Four rainbow ribbons (adding yellow and green to the red and orange already received) Name listed in The Union Signal; Willard Patriot, One who secures ten new members; Awards—Seven Rainbow Ribbons (adding blue, indigo and violet to the four already received, to make the full spectrum) Name listed in The Union Signal; Willard Leader, One who secures the largest number of members in the state; Awards—Group picture of Miss Willard, Miss Gordon, and "Saint Courageous"; Name listed in The Union Signal; Willard Victor, One who secures the most members secured by any one person in the United States; Awards—Distinguished Service Award, Recognition at National Convention; Willard Counsellor, A County President, or District President, whose county shall (a) organize at least one new Union, (b) have ten per cent of all its Unions making an increase in membership, and who shall (c) have made a personal visit to each organization in her county, Unions, Councils, and Legions; Awards—A pin with rainbow colors, Name listed in The Union Signal.

N.B. A standing rule is that no salaried officer or worker shall be eligible for the award of Willard Leader.

The Alexander Film Company of Colorado Springs has abandoned beer accounts, thus sacrificing an annual net volume exceeding \$50,000, as they advertise in more than 6,000 cities. They are the largest producers of these advertising films, and one of the very few which refuse to accept advertising campaigns for alcoholic beverages. May others follow in their train.

I HATE WAR

Mrs. W. G. Cram of Nashville, State Director of the Department of International Relations, furnished for publication in the Open Door, the following article entitled:

I Hate War

In a late issue of the Religious Digest appears the statement below from Dan Poling as set out in the Christian Herald:

I hate war because I know its folly—I have watched it waste the substance of the world.

I hate it with terror—the terror of one who has known the sting of its torture and the frenzy of its fear.

I hate it with disillusionment—the disillusionment of one who has gathered up its bloody fragments and remembered its broken promises.

I hate it with agony—the agony of one who has sons to be numbered and daughters to be offered should its guns grow hungry again.

I hate it for the crimson bubbles on all the seas, for the poisoned breath it gives to the winds of the world and for its fences of skulls that girdle the globe.

I hate it for the men it maims—bodies mutilated, eyes blinded, limbs severed, faces shut up forever behind masks.

I hate it because of the child it orphan and the wife it widows.

I hate it because of the evil passions it unleashes to feed upon the innocent.

I hate war—but I believe; believe that the song of the angels above Bethlehem is a prophecy; believe that right is ultimate might; believe in the Fatherhood of God, in the brotherhood of man, and have cast the anchor of my faith behind the Prince of Peace.

I hate war and I believe. And because I both hate and believe, I hear the trumpet of the dawn when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks, and when men shall learn war—no more forever.

PERSONAL MENTION—

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ed hot cocoa and cakes. Since they drew the attention of the wets their parade was declared a success.

Mrs. Alice B. Phelps, a life time member of the Grafton union and a life member of the state W. C. T. U. for the last thirty years, was called to her heavenly Home Nov. 15. A woman of rare gifts and graces, she was loyal to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and gave it her best service. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and family.

Mrs. Frank Beasley, president Northeast district, presided at a district institute at Grafton Nov. 17. Rev. A. E. Place led devotions. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Bessie Darling and Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks; Miss Mae Halcrow, Bowsmont and Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, state director Publicity. At noon, a potluck lunch was enjoyed. Four departments and The Union Signal were considered, each followed by discussion.

At Edmore, Nov. 3, Mrs. Beasley attended a rally at which Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Zellar and their son Jimmie gave valuable assistance. Rev. M. A. Braaten sang, accompanied by Mrs. Braaten, local president. The high school glee club sang and the other students were in attendance. A solo by Miss Myrtle Viegler and an address by Mrs. Beasley completed the program.

J. Edgar Hoover says we have four times as many bootleg stills as under prohibition.

ARE WE A WET NATION?

YES! The United States of America owns and operates a distillery in the Virgin Islands.

In 1932 candidate Roosevelt declared: "I am for repeal 100 per cent. Prohibition is doomed from this hour." LIFE for January 24 confirms that opinion.

In 1934 the first lady of the land flew to the Virgin Islands to assist in the organization of our distillery.

During the campaign of 1936, the Democratic National Committee sent out this message through the Business Men's League for Franklin D. Roosevelt: "We know definitely he (President Roosevelt) would oppose prohibition." Signed: Benjamin Miller, Chairman Alcoholic Beverage Division, N. J.

Since we are in the distillery business it is quite appropriate and consistent that we send one who will really represent us—Mr. Joseph F. Kennedy—who is reliably credited with being agent for huge whisky concerns in England. "For though he was on pleasure bent he had a frugal mind."

Our Secretary of the Interior—Harold Ickes—is chairman of the board of directors of our distillery which is flooding us with rum—"Our own make."

We again have liquors in the White House and our National Capitol.

Washington, our National Capital, supports 1874 saloons or their equivalent.

By June, 1937, we had 39 ethyl alcohol manufactories, 439 distilleries, 753 breweries, 20,429 wholesale liquor dealers, 38 wholesalers of wine, 300 importers of liquors, 470,734 places licensed for sale of alcoholic beverages and 16,142 stills were raided. How many others escaped notice no one can tell.

In the past four years, the traffic has spent \$95,000,000 in advertising.

In the past five years, an average of \$427 for every family in the nation was spent for alcoholic beverages. At that rate, we spent \$3.50 for education and \$40 for booze.

While the traffic gets \$2.00, our teachers get \$1.00.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

"I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the union to be dissolved; I do not expect the house to fall; but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other."

Abraham Lincoln

We have 470,734 places dispensing booze and 245,000 churches dispensing the gospel.

Which wins?

Rose Upton Bascom

"The cocktail habit is the most bedraggled feather in the nation's cap."
—Dame Beatrix Lyall, D. B. T., J. P.

MEDAL CONTEST DEPT.

Dear White Ribboners:

We face another new year to plan, act and accomplish. Perhaps we have been encouraged by former success to go on to still higher aims or perhaps we have learned from former mistakes how to present our work in a better way.

The defeat of our initiated measure in the recent election shows that many, many people still need education and information for in voting they "knew not what they did."

I can assure you that the medal contest still is one of the best ways to get people together. And after all

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LIQUOR BIGGEST PROBLEM TODAY

Monetary Cost Is Billions, But Social Effect Can't Be Estimated

From American Business Men's Research Foundation

The liquor traffic, as it exists at the present time in the United States is itself today the liquor problem. Statistically, the situation is about as follows:

Capital investment in liquor traffic (1938) (approximately), \$1,000,000,000.

Federally registered sales outlets in 48 states (1938), 447,984.

Total consumption of all liquors (distilled, malt and vinous in United States, 1937), gallons *1,939,869,030. (Per capital consumption, 15.6 gallons.)

Total amount spent at retail for alcoholic beverages in United States in 1937, *\$3,602,555,708. (Report survey by Media Records, Inc., made public October, 1938.)

Estimated total diversion of liquor traffic from retail business of United States, April, 1933, to October, 1938, 66 months (since re-legalization of beer, 90 per cent of liquor traffic, gallonage), \$15,000,000,000.

Indirect cost to state and society in United States annually more than \$1,000,000,000 (liquor-bred crime, accidents, premature deaths, inefficiency, lowered living conditions, etc.).

Social Effect Menacing

What can not be statistically presented is the steadily growing menace of the liquor traffic's sinister influence upon every aspect of daily life, social, educational, business and political.

The complete picture of the liquor traffic today should include an appraisal of its system of retail sales allotment—all the more profitable because it is once more operating with full sanction and protection of the government.

The traffic is again openly ensnaring thousands of youth into alcoholic addiction.

Invading every home in the United States through expenditure of upward of \$30,000,000 annually with propaganda clothed in the smooth deception of advertising experts.

Paying back to the federal government less than 17 cents, and local and state governments scarcely 9 cents additional, out of every dollar the traffic receives from its victims.

Returning to farmer and producer a percentage of their gross intake far smaller than does any other industry.

Rewarding labor, skilled and unskilled, with wages that are of questionable benefit, earned in the promotion of a traffic and trade in a socially harmful, normally destructive and economically wasteful product.

*Though these figures vary somewhat from the foundation's estimated totals, we submit them here as the authorized findings of this nationally recognized research organization in the publishing field.

—The Spokesman-Review, Spokane

PRESIDENT'S LETTER—

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leadership and example.

Robert Browning eulogizes: "One who never turned his back but marched breast forward, Never doubted clouds would break, Never dreamed, though Right were worsted, wrong would triumph, Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better— Sleep to wake."

Most cordially,
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

By Mrs. Henry W. Peabody

We are glad of our Watchman in Washington and his clear reports in PROGRESS. He has asked me to write regarding my impressions of the present situation. I see in perspective, after a trip to India and a month in England,—

Broken Promises

After ten years as Chairman of the Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement, I have observed that the promises made by the President and his Prime Minister, Mr. Farley, have not been kept. As we view the situation at present, we note the following conditions which are worse than those before Prohibition and infinitely worse than conditions under the 18th Amendment.

Disregard for the Constitution of the United States had begun before National Repeal was voted through by illegal means—"Conventions, so-called, neither representative nor deliberative," to quote Chief Justice Pattangall of the Supreme Court of Maine. The State of Massachusetts in 1930 defied the Constitution by a referendum vote to manufacture and transport liquor distinctly forbidden by the 18th Amendment. Some who preferred not to continue to support an outlaw State were ridiculed by the press which had sold its freedom for the promise of enormous revenues through liquor advertising. These facts are stated in my book, "Kidnaping the Constitution," published in 1933, but not favorably reviewed by the wet press. President Hoover elected on the Prohibition issue yielded to pressure and recommended repealing the 18th Amendment, but was not permitted that privilege, since President Roosevelt was even more emphatic in his opposition to the Constitutional law, and made larger concessions.

Worse Than the First

As we survey present conditions, what do we find?

1. CRIME IS RAMPANT. The bill we paid last year, according to J. Edgar Hoover, was 15 billion dollars, the highest ever.

2. GAMBLING soars far above banking or stock market and brings no reprofr from the Government.

3. MURDER ON THE HIGHWAY, from drunken driving or drinking drivers, since one need not be drunk to fail to co-ordinate. It is demonstrated that one bottle of beer will endanger safety.

4. BOOTLEGGING, which was to be eliminated by legalized liquor, is beyond anything known in any period before or during Prohibition, according to the Department of Justice.

5. SALOONS, which President Roosevelt assured the nation would never be allowed to return, numbered 170,000 before the 18th Amendment, and were practically driven out during Prohibition, but now after Repeal, we are told they number 500,000. No one can estimate the number of speak-easies which continue.

Advertising liquor is the great business of press, magazines and radio, so bringing into homes the attractions and arguments for liquor, especially beer, with no warning whatever as to its danger.

Such papers as the Gannett chain are of great value and prove that papers which refuse liquor ads are the prosperous ones, having never skipped a dividend during the depression. Mr. Gannett also believes in the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Frank Knox of Chicago Daily News, refused two million lines of liquor advertisements in 1935, and yet his paper prospered.

6. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: These were to improve with the return.

of the liquor tax. Why, with all the liquor and all the taxes do we face the worst depression we have ever known? A drinking taxi driver is dangerous, but drinking pilots of our Ship of State imperil us financially, morally and socially.

Recommendations

We present the tables prepared by the Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement, showing the gains during the Prohibition Era, given not by temperance societies, but by experts. Will not President Roosevelt appoint a commission to compile new tables showing the financial gains resulting from Repeal. The American Business Men's Research Foundation has facts, not theories, and has understanding leaders who could do this work. Let us ask for a Federal Commission to show the scientific effects of alcohol on the moral, civic, industrial and political life of the nation.

7. YOUTH: We cannot hold young people responsible for the breaking down of moral conditions. The head of a famous school said, "They prayed for us when we went away to school, now we pray for all boys who go home for week-ends." For our boys and girls, we might well demand not Prohibition, but Abolition. We did not prohibit slavery in the United States, but abolished it. There is a worse slavery today with the attraction of girls to add to the danger and horror of saloons. They are worse than the public houses I saw in England and Scotland.

I am not a pessimist. I believe the shame and disgrace of the nation today will open the eyes of those who could not or would not see what they were doing. A lowering of Government morale means lowered decency and safety. It includes vile literature and movies. The cowardice of many churches and the lack of conscience or brains in college will overcome. By whom? Not by pious grandmothers or moderate drinking parents or broadminded theorists or an impotent government; but by Youth, who will see at last after War Prohibition and the 18th Amendment, the menace of the legalized traffic in liquor. Youth will fight for freedom, not in Europe, but here in their own country. Freedom from corrupt government in city, state and nation, a corrupt social life; indecent art and literature. We may live to see the return to decency and morality. It will come through an awakened conscience, a reformed Congress, and a government loyal to the Supreme Law, the Law of God. The Constitution of these United States was made by Godly men—it must not be broken down by the ungodly.

A Catholic Bishop Speaks

May I close with these forceful words of Bishop Cassidy, of Fall River, one of the great leaders of the Catholic Church who met increasing attacks against the 18th Amendment in 1928 as follows: "Prohibition is a great success. Not a complete success, if the measure of that success be absolute extermination of the liquor evil; for if the measure of success be absolute enforcement, then no law is a success, and all laws are failures. The extinction of the saloon by Prohibition in the cities in which I move has been a blessing, and a benediction that no lover of truth, no lover of humanity, no lover of souls would knowingly attempt to deny, decay or diminish. My life has been largely spent with and for the common, everyday, natural, decent, God-fearing people who largely earn their bread by poorly-paid toil and labor."

Such people will restore the safeguards of the nation by electing to office men and women who will not barter the safety and welfare of the nation for alcohol or political ends. The women of America have failed.

"No nation can rise above its women." May God forgive and lead them back to His ideals. Not resolutions, but a feminine revolution may save this nation.

—From "Progress," Nov. 1938.

MEDAL CONTEST—

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we must reach the people with our message.

We now have a series of ten reciters, new and up-to-date. Number Ten was just printed this year. A few selections from the old series may still be used but care must be taken to use only those that are up-to-date in content and meet the present requirement as to length. The approval of the National Director is required before using any of the old selections or any reading not found in the W. C. T. U. reciters. Length of selections should be 400 to 600 words for Juniors and 750 to 1000 words for Seniors.

When the new plans and leaflets come to you, please study them carefully and adapt them to your locality as far as possible. Write to me if you need information, also if you wish to order reciters or medals, and do please remember always to report each contest held so it can be placed in the state record book under correct date. Then at the end of the year your report should tally with the entries made during the year.

All together now! Will you help our state to attain its goal of 85 medal contests this year? Thanks to all of you who say "I will" and may God bless and guide you in the work!

Yours for service,
Mrs. J. N. Wallestad

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