

THE FRANCES E. WILLARD CENTENARY YEAR.  
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## FRANCES WILLARD

'Tis enshrined in the hearts of the nation,  
Engraved on the tablets of fame;  
Oh, we hold it in loved veneration—  
That peerless, unperishable name,—  
Frances Willard, the pride and the glory  
Of each true loyal heart in the land;  
'Twill be honored in song and in story  
As long as the nation shall stand.

Through the unending course of the ages  
Her glorious work will endure;  
Forever, on history's pages,  
Her name and her fame are secure;  
And the hosts neath the white ribbon banner  
Shall go forward with hearts lifted high,  
Marching on 'till the last foe is conquered,  
Fighting on 'till the whole world is dry.

—Exchange

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:  
A happy, healthy and useful new year to you and yours! Days are just not long enough to permit us to do all that we would like to do so we must learn to "put first things first." The time set for our Roll Call is over and we hope it was a success. Now we are out for new members and making very special plans for the celebration of Frances Willard's heavenly birthday—Feb. 17—and for the completion of our Temperance Education Fund. Remember this: There is money for the things that we most desire. Are these desires for ourselves or, as the Master taught us, for others? I trust that when this letter arrives your plans will be well under way as The Union Signal of January 14 is full of helpful information.

Mrs. DeYo says in her splendid letter—"February 17 is a Memorial." Let us make it also a thank-offering day for the beautiful life of Frances Willard, a day when local unions will study her character, her work, that she may live on in generations yet to come. Have some one who understands the Temperance Education Fund present it asking an offering and giving an opportunity for special gifts. Let us in the local union, district and state, go over the top. We can, if we all get behind the work and push. Not only will this help the National W.C.T.U. but our own beloved state and we hope to be able to bring into the state this spring a trained worker.

Don't be discouraged if you or your union can't do big things—we would never have the dollars if we did not first get the pennies. Each one can pray and do some work and get at least one Willard-Anderson member. If we only do those two things—we shall make great gains in our temperance work.



FRANCES WILLARD

I trust that each union has sent in one or more petitions to Washington, D.C. in regard to Liquor Advertising bill. If not, please refer to your last Bulletin for form and, if you wish, paste it on a petition roll, circulate and send names at once to committee at Washington—131 B St. S. E. If you have not already done so, please write personal letters to our Senators, Frazier and Nye; and our Representatives Burdick and Lemke, asking them to support all temperance legislation when it comes to them. Also write our representatives in the Legislature at Bismarck urging them to do their best to curb the evils of the liquor traffic in our state. Please be ready to circulate petitions if necessary, or to send messages to the legislature when requested.

Send to our state headquarters for catalogue of publications and Hand Book, enclosing five cents for the latter, which contains much valuable information. Study it and be sure to have a drill on W.C.T.U. Catechism at one meeting. We all need this education and inspiration. Send for the leaflet—"Steps to Prosperity" from the broadcast by Roger Babson Nov. 28. Its distribution will inform our friends and help to gain new members. Be ready with speaker or helps for Temperance Sunday Feb. 19.

Wear your white ribbon bow wherever you go—a silent speaker for our work. Keep your Bulletin ready for reference; read The Union Signal or the one in your library or school; get temperance news in local paper; study the standards of efficiency in last state report and, thus equipped, you will be surprised at the work you can accomplish.

As Frances Willard said in our Declaration of Principles, "We declare our purpose to educate the young; to form a better public sentiment; to reform as far as possible, by religious, ethical and scientific means, the drink-

ing classes; to seek the transforming power of Divine grace for ourselves and for all for whom we work; that they and we may willfully transcend no law of pure and wholesome living; and, finally, we pledge ourselves to labor and to pray that all these principles, founded upon the gospel of Christ, may be worked out into the customs of society and the laws of the land."

As Margaret Sangster says:  
"It isn't the things we do, dear,  
But the things that we leave undone,  
That give us a bit of a heartache  
At the setting of the sun."

May God give us the strength, wisdom and tact to do the things that He would have us do.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.  
Jamestown, N. Dak.

P. S. Bills pending in the legislature aim to put the state into the liquor business. Please write your senator and representatives at once protesting against such action.

## LET SOMETHING GOOD BE SAID

(This is the motto over the fireplace in Frances Willard's den)

When over the fair fame of friend or foe  
The shadow of disgrace shall fall; instead  
Of words of blame, or proof of thus and so,  
Let something good be said.

Forget not that no fellow-being yet  
May fall so low but love may lift his head;

Even the cheek of shame with tears is wet  
If something good be said.

No generous heart may vainly turn aside  
In ways of sympathy, no soul so dead  
But may awaken strong and glorified,  
If something good be said.

And so I charge ye, by the thorny crown,  
And by the cross on which the Saviour bled,  
And by your own soul's hope of fair renown,  
Let something good be said.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

## THINK IT OVER

Can you tell the fascinating story of Frances Willard in such a way that people will readily understand why we commemorate her Centenary?

—Pennsylvania Bulletin.

A little over five years ago beer came back. It created many jobs for bartenders, bar maids, gamblers, madams, tease girls and others. By diverting capital and expenditures from other industries it wiped out several times as many jobs as it created.

## THE BADGE RESTORED

(Dedicated to Mother Omlie)  
"I used to wear it on each dress and coat—

A tiny, silent messenger of right—  
For who could tell what storm-tossed soul might note

That little knot of ribbon, snowy white?

Then somehow my concern for it grew less;

I do not know, today, just when or how

I lost the vision of its usefulness;—  
It slipped my mind too often, until now

With feelings that are very close to tears,

I know I've scarcely worn our badge for years.

How could I so forget the things she taught?

The knot of ribbon Frances Willard wore

Has symbolized to all the world the thought

Of Temperance and Mother-love. And more,

It honors every wearer, for it gives A story of devotion to the last;—

Of selfless labor for a cause that lives  
And will live when our little day is past.

Now this white bow is on my dress to stay,

And it will go where I go, every day."  
—Elvabeth Wilcox Beasley.

## FRANCES WILLARD'S UNFAILING AND INFECTIOUS OPTIMISM

Not alone to those who devote themselves to the holy cause of temperance, but to all those who would serve humanity, and lead the world to Christ and light, does the life of Frances Willard become a message of inspiration.

Frances Willard's mission and message were to call the Christian, American womanhood of this age up to its noblest rights, its highest ideals, its most self-sacrificing ministry of love, its grandest possibilities of power and usefulness. Hence all reforms, all charities, all missions, controlled by the new womanhood have felt, and will ever feel, the charm and inspiration of Frances Willard's life and character.

One of the characteristics and chief glories of that splendid life was its unflinching and infectious optimism. Frances Willard never lost faith in the ultimate triumph of the temperance reform. Her faith in God and justice, in humanity and right, filled her heart with the prophecy of victory.

—Bishop Frank M. Bristol.

I steadier step

When I recall

That if I slip

THOU DOST NOT FALL.

—Arthur Hugh Clough.

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### THE KING'S BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

It was a stormy night in winter when two men came hurrying into a little station in the Highland Railway to catch the train for Edinburg. Both men were just in time to see the rear lights of the last car as it pulled out of the station.

One of them was a nearby farmer. Turning to the station agent, he said, "Last train tonight, su?" "Last train tonight," was the curt reply. With a half audible expression of disgust, he turned up his coat collar, plunged into the storm and trudged off home. He was only going down to the Capitol on some private business of his own; no one was seriously inconvenienced but himself.

Note the other man. He came in a carriage. He is a peer of the realm. He is a member of His Majesty's Privy Council. "Did I understand you, Sir, that that was the last train tonight?" "Last train tonight, my Lord." "Have me a special from Aberdeen at once, please. I want to catch the morning express at Edinburg in order to be in London tomorrow evening in time for an important meeting of the Council."

See the station master jump to the ticker and in fifteen minutes there is a special on its way from Aberdeen to pick up one man at a wayside station so that he can catch his train for London, and the British Empire pays the bill. Why? The best of reasons why. His errand to London is not his own business at all, but the business of the Empire. Hence the resources of the Empire are at his command.

God gives no promises to a selfish, self-centered life. If your plans begin and end with yourself, it looks as if you would have to get along the best way you can. But if you are making your supreme end the hallowing of His great name, the coming of His everlasting Kingdom and the doing of His holy will, He could charter a million suns out of yonder sky and hitch every one of them to your little chariot!

Talk about "getting into the swim"—this is the swim, this is the way to launch your tiny craft on the current of God's Niagara and to have behind you the resistless might of the Eternal!

—From Christ's Mound of Prayer.  
—James Allen Francis, D. D.

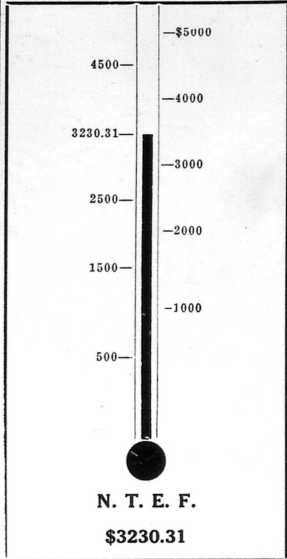
### THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

Again we have come to that month which is favored above all others as the birthmonth of so many famous people. We of the W.C.T.U. remember it especially as marking what we like to call "the heavenly birthday" of our own Frances E. Willard. If there is one lesson above all others that comes to us from a consideration of these great ones of earth, it is this: their lives were as a light shining against clouds of darkness, making a rainbow

## For The Honor of North Dakota

Let Us Finish Our Quota of The National Temperance Education Fund By August of This Year

Our National Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, who is also National Chairman for this fund urges us to



Plan The Work And Work The Plan Mrs. Munns says: "The time for the completion of the million-dollar National Temperance Education Fund draws nearer with each setting sun. Let us not put off the intensive campaign until a more propitious time for that time may never come. Keep in mind the swiftly passing days and prepare at once for effective action. Here are the steps to take:

- (1) Ask philanthropic people to put this fund into their budgets for 1939. Ask largely—there is great need of temperance education. Have you the faith to ask for \$100 gifts or larger?
- (2) Prepare publicity for the papers of your community. Let it be known for what the money is spent. Keep news items before the people during the first half of

promise for a better world. Through the days of revolution, when the American colonies were trying to hold their own against one of the greatest military powers in the world, Washington's steadfast determination and unflinching courage shone like a beacon. In the time of civil war, it was Lincoln's humanity, his sense of humor, his love of justice that lightened the dark clouds that covered the North.

Is it not of some significance that even today when the wet tide is running strong Frances E. Willard can still be chosen in a popular contest as one of the twelve greatest women that America has produced? Does it not show that the light which she kindled in the hearts of American women more than half a century ago still lives on? We may continue to have faith that our country maintains a hold on righteousness and that if clouds are dark and heavy now, they may yet roll away.

Ours is the task to keep alive the spirit of Frances Willard and the Crusade Mothers. Even if not called to lead, every member of the W.C.T.U. can hold high the warm light of friendliness and tact and unswerving allegiance to a righteous cause, the same light that Frances Willard, in

February. (3) On Friday, February 17, have a luncheon or mass meeting with a program that is snappy, attractive, inspiring, compelling "We endorse these suggestions and believe this date—Feb. 17—may help us to make a great gain for the fund. It is suggested that in the larger towns several group meetings may be held when tea or coffee may be served and friends and neighbors invited, when the fund may be explained and an offering taken. In the smaller unions, one meeting or tea may be advisable.

(4) Mrs. Munns requests that on Sunday, Feb. 19, we ask every minister in the community to speak of the Centenary of Frances Willard and the educational work of our organization. Send to state headquarters for a package of helps for every minister who will help. (Price of package—10c). Take an offering if permissible. On Monday-through-Friday of that week, have a canvass for funds and try to complete your quota that week. Take pledges payable July 31 from those who cannot pay cash. Mrs. Munns concludes: "Thorough preparation, concentrated enthusiasm, determination to succeed, faith in God's promises, will bring the victory."

Last month we reported four Gold Star Districts—Grand Forks, James-Valley, Bismarck and Richland. We give here the quota, amount paid and balance due for each district:

District	Quota	Paid	Bal.
Devils Lake	\$237.00	\$ 67.71	\$169.29
New R'ck'rd	174.00	113.00	61.00
Bottineau	48.00	42.00	6.00
Minot	468.00	253.33	214.67
Northwest	429.00	251.90	177.10
Dickinson	162.00		162.00
Hettinger	60.00	32.53	27.47
Rans-m-L'M're	234.00	160.00	74.00
Ellendale	108.00	25.00	83.00
Fargo	1224.00	692.95	531.05
Northeast	465.00	316.75	148.25

These balances may look large but divided among the unions can be met. You see that a few districts are near their goal. Those who have most can help those who suffered in crop failures last year. Let us not be discouraged but do our best.

Barbara H. Wylie,  
State Chairman Fund.  
January 18, 1939.

her gracious womanhood, held out to a dark world. Let us advance, secure in the power of God, to that brighter day which He in his limitless mercy will surely cause to shine on the children of men.

### OUR STATE PRESIDENT BEREAVED

Our entire membership will sympathize with Mrs. Wanner in the Home-going of her only brother, Mr. Dan A. Scott, on Dec. 28, from his home in Ritzville, Wash. Mr. Scott was a Christian gentleman of exemplary character, interested and active in every good cause. He had represented his district in the state Senate and House and was director of conservation and development in the cabinet of Governor Hart. He was responsible for the framing of much constructive legislation.

Steele union is mourning the passing of one of its most faithful members, Mrs. Mathilda Wamsley, a member for many years. After several weeks of illness, she was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hope Altes, Osage, Iowa, from which she passed to the heavenly Home, Nov. 27. Our sympathy goes out to all the

friends. "Love's light leads heavenward, from gates left ajar."

Our beloved comrade, Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood, is bereaved in the passing of her husband, Jan. 18 and our understanding sympathy is extended to her. Mr. Nelson had been ill for a number of years, but bore his affliction with patience and Christian fortitude.

There are stars that go out in the darkness  
But whose silvery light shineth on;  
There are roses whose perfume still lingers  
When the blossoms are faded and gone.

There are hearts full of light and of sweetness,  
When no longer their life current flows;  
Still their goodness lives on with the living  
Like the souls of the star and the rose.

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

SAWYER observed their annual meeting by serving a fine supper to which each member contributed, their guests being husbands of members and teachers of public schools. The following interesting program was rendered: Devotions, Rev. W. F. McKay. Mrs. M. Reinholdt, local president, spoke on the Need for continuing the W.C.T.U. Mrs. S. D. Brier spoke on Christian Citizenship; Mrs. M. Daniel's topic was Our Young People; Mrs. C. Beighlie discussed What Every Parent Should Know About Alcohol; Mrs. Joe Streep gave Some Convincing Facts About Alcohol; Mrs. C. Lurette spoke on Marihuana; Rev. and Mrs. McKay sang a duet and a trio consisting of Mrs. Streep, Miss Lurette and S. D. Brier rendered several numbers. Mrs. M. Larkin, local treasurer, presented the Stevens Legislative fund and an offering was taken. Teachers were presented with temperance material.

FLASHER, our new and only union in Morton county, is going ahead under the able leadership of Mrs. Philip Stolberg, local president, who has written a strong letter to the local paper, calling on mothers and fathers of the community to wake up and do something about the terrible conditions caused by liquor. Mrs. Stolberg is also contacting people in adjacent towns, trying to interest them in the welfare of their children and to organize some temperance work. "Go thou, and do likewise."

Dear Comrades: PLEASE send me the names of those who WIN new members but NOT the names of the Willard-Anderson members yet. We will get those when they pay their dues and we enter their names on the Bulletin subscription list. Several have sent names of new members but we want the winner's name just now.

### THE END IS NOT YET

That the present situation in Europe is serious we would not deny. But it is not half as serious as the situation in Europe when Napoleon was laying the continent at his feet. There is the famous story of William Pitt, the younger, who, on hearing of the battle of Austerlitz in 1805, pointed to a map of Europe on the wall and said: "Roll up that map. We shall not need it for another dozen years." Pitt soon died, broken-hearted and in despair, while Napoleon rode on from triumph to triumph. But the scales of destiny were from the beginning weighted against the French Emperor, as, at this moment, they are weighted against the German Fuehrer. Just now the skies are dark. Hit-

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 15, 1938, to Jan. 16, 1939.  
**DUES** Parish 8; Larimore 2; Calvin 15; Oberon 2; Plaza 1; Carlington 5; Upham 2; Bismarck 8; Makoti 7; Fargo 4; Fargo Scan. 32; Gilby 12; Wyndmere 4; Stanley 11; Stady-Zahl 10; Jamestown 4; Grafton 19; Crosby 18; Northwood 14; Steele 11; Grand Forks 3; Lisbon 1; Stady-Zahl L.T.L. 10.

**BUDGET**—Larimore comp. \$36.00; Calvin comp. \$15.00; Oberon comp. \$14.00; Bismarck \$8.50; Makoti comp. \$15.00; Fargo Scan. comp. \$50.00; Fargo \$15.00; Stady-Zahl comp. \$22.00; Reeder comp. \$10.00; Grafton \$10.00; Grand Forks \$10.00.

**NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND**—Jamestown \$2.30; Lisbon Willard members \$1.00.

**STATE REPORTS**—Larimore 3; Fargo Scan. 3; Gilby 3; Grafton 4.

**DISTRICT PLEDGE**—Northwest District \$5.00.

### Dear Treasurers:

While we are stressing the National Temperance Education Fund, let us not forget that all of our work is dependent on the payment of dues and budget. From the 70 cents per member you send to state treasurer we send 10 cents to national treasurer; from which the national treasurer sends one penny to World's treasurer. Thus every paid member belongs to local, state, national and world's W.C.T.U. Let us all appreciate the honor and pay our dues.

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer  
 1341 11th Ave. North,  
 Fargo, N. D.

## FLOWER MISSION SUGGESTIONS

My Dear Lovers of Flowers:

Frances Willard fondly thought—"Flowers were made for folks." Because of her love for others and her desire to always lend a helping hand, she conceived the idea of a Flower Mission department of this splendid organization.

The ministry of flowers may lead to material as well as spiritual improvement, for what can better express the love of God for His creatures than the beauty, fragrance and purity of a flower? In the winter, we may plan to have a few bulbs that will blossom as the months progress; or we may have slips of foliage or geraniums we have taken in in the fall before the frost came. Then when you know of a shut-in or one bent low in grief, you may bring cheer to their lonely hearts.

Any ivy or sweet potato vine may bring sunshine into a drab life. Artificial flowers are also brightening and why not take along a glass of jelly? When making your jams and jellies, why not have a "Helpful Shelf" whereon to place little glasses of this and that to be referred to whenever you know of some one sick or sad? If you are feeling "low" yourself, it will help you to take a glass from this same shelf and go visit some one more desolate than yourself. You might tie a Flower Mission card on your glass or jar.

As further memorial to Miss Willard, urge the planting of peony bulbs which can be secured from Mr. Ralph J. Darling of Grand Forks, the husband of our state vice president. Perhaps roses may be planted on the lawn of a hospital, library or church.

Let us continue to remember her on her heavenly birthday, Feb. 17, and on the following Sunday place flowers or plants in your church repeating the request you may have made last year, that the pastor say a few words in memory of this wonderful personage, raised up by God.

On Mother's Day, leave a flower or text card or both for the new mothers in hospitals or in homes. Our W.

C.T.U. has cards appropriate for such occasions. Perhaps on that Sunday you will place a special flower or plant in church in memory of some member who has helped the cause of temperance in your community. Bear in mind this department also includes relief work of any kind.

Yours for more accomplished in this year of 1939,

Lulu Wylie Zimmerman,  
 Director.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Zimmerman has been appointed as State Keywoman for the Willard Centenary Celebration. Write her for plans and suggestions during this year.)

## PUBLICITY NEEDED

Dear Co-Workers:

It was very gratifying to receive so many good reports of publicity work done in 1938. I hope that during 1939 every union will carry on, with ever increasing zeal, an active press department.

The Willard Centenary year gives us a great opportunity for promoting our work. In giving our local papers reports of our meetings let us incorporate with the news item some of the statements made or read by the various members; statements showing the menace liquor is to the daily life of our people.

This year current events give us almost unlimited possibilities for showing how business and community activities are handicapped by the traffic in alcoholic beverages.

In spite of the "set-back" we had in last fall's election we are convinced that there is a growing sentiment adverse to liquor trade activities. The more facts we can bring before the people upon the relation of liquor to traffic accidents, lawlessness, crime and poverty, the greater is our opportunity for creating sentiment in favor of temperance.

The National Publicity Bureau of Evanston, Ill., is eager to be of service and assistance to us in meeting liquor attacks and exposing misleading statements and advertising. We are asked to feel free to write the bureau at any time regarding any problems we may have.

The Plan of Work and W.C.T.U. Objectives for 1939 give us much valuable help and information. Whether your union has a press director or not may I ask that each union study these leaflets and embrace every opportunity for the publicizing of temperance truths.

Nellie M. Cross.

## A WORLD-WIDE WELCOME

As the church bells rang in the New Year, millions of men and women were expected to drink a toast, with milk or fruit-juices, "To the ever living memory of Frances E. Willard." State presidents and leaders in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada were invited to join in the gesture.

Thus was the great Centenary year ushered in and hundreds of commemorative services are being planned throughout the eventful year by women's organizations for which Miss Willard pioneered or of which she was a member during her nineteenth century fight for women's rights. These include peace groups, the D.A.R., Business and Professional Women, Alpha Phi sorority, educators, temperance groups and church organizations.

The North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union welcomes the historic centenary year while we join with our comrades round the world in its sacred observance.

B. H. W.

This is the seed-time: God alone Beholds the end of what is sown; Beyond our vision weak and dim, The harvest time is hid with Him. Whittier.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. G. E. Norris, State Director

We are now in the last year of the Willard Centenary and therefore welcome any opportunity that will give us a part in the accomplishment of this great work. We have developed an extensive program of Religious Education which represents one point in the Centenary Star. May we now consider a financial contribution to the Temperance Education Fund?

Through spiritual channels—church, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, public schools (where teachers will cooperate), we would touch the lives of boys and girls and help to make them clean, intelligent citizens of the future. One method will be to use extensively the material provided for the four temperance Sundays of this year, the first of which comes Feb. 19, for which our national director, Mrs. Harold Sloan, has provided some splendid helps. Write to Mrs. Norris for them.

Since sharing and giving is a part of every child's religious education, let him give something on each of these Sundays for the Temperance Education fund. One cent from each child and five cents from each adult would add materially to the fund and gladden the hearts of those who are carrying the responsibility.

We, who would bring back the ideals of our state by legislation, realize the great responsibility falling on youth; to win one child through religious education means more for the cause than to change the views of two adults, though we must work for both. Write me for S. S. helps for Feb. 19 in plenty of time. Send all collections through your local WCTU treasurer but where there is no local union, send direct to the state treasurer, Mrs. R. B. Reed, Fargo.

My winter address is 910, 7th. St. So., Fargo, North Dakota.

## DRUNKEN DRIVING

Nassau County Holds Breath and Says It With Symbols

After a series of postmortem examinations, Nassau County, N.Y. officials learned that 40 per cent of auto drivers' deaths in 1938 were partly due to intoxication. The alarmed officials decided to find out the full extent of drunken driving. So last Saturday night county policemen and doctors stationed themselves and a trailer-laboratory on the Jericho Turnpike between 11 p. m. and 4 a. m.

Stopping motorists at random, they asked the drivers to puff 2,000 cubic centimeters of their breath into toy balloons. Then the air was passed through the Drunk-O-Meter (Newsweek, Nov. 8, 1937), an apparatus containing a solution of potassium permanganate and sulphuric acid. In contact with alcohol the liquid would change color from a purplish red to a dark brown.

After 101 drivers, including four women, had obligingly blown up the test balloons, the investigators tallied their score cards. These showed that 58 had tossed down a few snifters and 35 had enough under their belts to reduce their maximum coordination to the point where they were in danger of "—And Sudden Death."

—Newsweek, Jan. 16.

Cast all your care on God!  
 THAT ANCHOR HOLDS!

Tennyson.

## THE END—

(Continued from page two)  
 ler will, in all probability, gain a mastery of the European continent which may match that of his great predecessor. But that this tyrant can in the end triumph, or even survive, is as impossible as that gravitation may cease to hold the stars. Hitler will go

## "LET US DISHONOR WAR"

Today, force is called violence, and begins to be judged; war is arraigned. Civilization, upon the complaint of the human race, orders the trial, and draws up the great criminal indictment of conquerors and captains. This witness, History, is summoned. The reality appears. The factitious brilliancy is dissipated. In many cases the hero is a species of assassin. The peoples begin to comprehend that increasing the magnitude of a crime cannot be its diminution; that, if to kill is a crime, to kill many cannot be an extenuating circumstance; that, if to steal is a shame, to invade cannot be a glory; that "Te Deums" do not count for much in this matter; that homicide is homicide; that bloodshed is bloodshed; that it serves nothing to call oneself Caesar or Napoleon; and that, in the eyes of the eternal God, the figure of a murderer is not changed because, instead of a gallows cap, there is placed upon his head an emperor's crown. Ah! let us proclaim absolute truths. Let us dishonor war. No; glorious war does not exist. No; it is not good, and it is not useful, to make corpses. No; it cannot be that life travails for death. No; oh, mothers, that surround me, it cannot be that war, the robber, should continue to take from you your children. No; it cannot be that women should bear children in pain, that men should be born, that people should plow and sow, that the farmer should fertilize the fields, and the workmen enrich the city, that industry should produce marvels, that genius should produce prodigies, that the vast human activity should in presence of the starry sky, multiply efforts and creations, all to result in that frightful international exposition which is called a field of battle!

—Victor Hugo's Oration on Voltaire,  
 Delivered May 30, 1878.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL L.T.L. SECRETARIES

L.T.L. Secretaries who are planning to follow the "second unit" for the L.T.L. lesson course this year please note the following.

Due to an unavoidable delay in getting a supply of the books "Inside Information" and "The Three Partners" it is necessary to make a change in the outline for the "Second Unit" of the lesson course (see L.T.L. Plan of Work page one).

Secretaries who have the book "Inside Information" proceed with the course as outlined. Secretaries who do not have the book "Inside Information" may make use of the materials listed for the "Third Unit" or use the following materials.

"That Awful Ethel" (pressly) .....15c  
 "To Help You" (lessons about to bacco and profanity) .....10c  
 "Pioneering" (lessons about citizenship) ..... 2c  
 Or other lesson leaflets.

If ordered at one time a package containing the materials listed may be obtained for 30 cents. When ordering from National W.C.T.U. Publishing House ask for package of L.T.L. Unit Materials.

the way of all the bandit-conquerors before him. No power on earth can, and no power in heaven will, save him. The only question is how long he may endure, and by what accident of fortune he may fall. Napoleon lasted ten years after Pitt surrendered. It is conceivable that Hitler may last longer. But his doom is already sealed. The tragedy is that the mills of God grind so slowly and devour such myriads of innocent and helpless victims. The price, O Lord! Why must such price be paid?

—Unity—Chicago.  
 (Copied from "Our Dumb Animals")

## MARIHUANA—THE WANTON WEED

A young girl sat worrying over her studies at a party in a Chicago apartment. Suddenly, as she was thinking the solution of her problem came to her. Without hesitancy she walked to the window and stepped out, plunging to her death on the sidewalk below. The papers all called it suicide—actually it was murder, the killer—an inveterate criminal known under the aliases of Ganja in India, Dagma in South Africa, Kif in Morocco, Hashish in Persia and Marihuana in the United States and Mexico.

Marihuana known to the botanist as cannabis sativa is a harmless looking weed which most of you have probably seen without realizing it. This weed grows any place its seeds may be dropped. It can be found in backyards, vacant lots, along roadsides and in cultivated plots. Until recently Marihuana also known as Indian hemp has served only useful purposes in the United States. The fiber is used in the manufacture of rope, hats, and certain grade of paper. An oil from the seed of the plant is used in paints, soap, and linoleum.

The use of Marihuana as a drug was introduced very recently into the United States by Mexican laborers. This use, however, has been known since earliest times. Herodotus wrote of it in his histories and Homer referred to it in his poems. In the year 1090 a religious and military order terrorized all of Persia. To inspire themselves to do violent and bloody deeds the members of this organization were all confirmed users of Hashish. We derive our modern word assassin from the Arabic Hashishi used to designate these murderers.

The rise of the drug as a national menace has come about within very recent years. In 1931 the Marihuana file of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics was less than two inches thick—today the reports fill countless cabinets.

Perhaps some of you have heard the song:

"Have you seen  
That funny reefer man  
He says he swam to China.  
Any time he takes a notion  
He can walk across the ocean."

Many young people did hear it and pondered over the word "reefer." They soon learned that it was the name of a cigarette which when smoked could make one accomplish the impossible. They found that it made experts out of mediocre musicians, that poor students who smoked it could discuss weighty problems with clarity. They discovered that it gives one an inexplicable feeling of exhilaration, making it possible for one to be active for hours without feeling fatigued.

Marihuana, however, is a two-headed monster and it is only after the victim stands hypnotized by the power of the first that the second head suddenly rears itself. It is then, too late, that the addict realizes that Marihuana is unpredictable and that it can subordinate his will to its own.

The effects of Marihuana proceed slowly and last long. In the first stage the user feels unnaturally light-hearted. Later his emotions are exaggerated, his intellect stimulated. During the third stage he has no realization of time or space. A minute may seem like an hour to him and an hour like a minute.

A man at the wheel of a car during this period is even more of a menace than the drunken driver. Eighty miles an hour seems like twenty to him. He has no judgment of distance—consequently he often leaves a trail of fatal accidents in his wake.

In later stages all sounds become distorted, ideas become fixed and are derived from slightest stimuli. Emotions become uncontrollable. The addict may suddenly be convulsed with

laughter or just as quickly made delirient and desperate.

It is during these latter stages that many heinous and atrocious crimes are committed without the knowledge of their perpetrator. The recent wave of sex crimes is believed by many to have been due to the use of the reefer.

Taken at random from the many cases to be found in the files of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics are these examples of crimes in which Marihuana was directly to blame:

In Columbus, Ohio, a young man was sentenced to the electric chair for the robbing and unprovoked killing of a hotel clerk. His defense was that he was under the influence of Marihuana at the time he committed these crimes. The judge refused to accept this as an extenuating circumstance and served notice on all addicts of this drug that they cannot hope to escape punishment for crimes committed while under its influence.

Henry Barnes on witness stand for first degree murder testified that he and his companion had each smoked three Marihuana cigarettes and consequently had not realized what they were doing when they killed a man in a hold-up. They both received life imprisonment.

A gang of seven young men, all under twenty years of age, who for more than two months terrorized central Ohio with a series of thirty-eight stick-ups, were arrested in Columbus, on robbery charges. They confessed that they had operated while "high" on Marihuana.

In Los Angeles a boy of seventeen killed a policeman, who had been a great friend of his.

This is what Marihuana can do for you. It can make you a thief, kidnapper, or murderer.

Right now you are possibly thinking, "This is nothing for me to worry about. It's all right for the fellow who lives on the other side of the tracks to consider it but this problem will never touch me."

Police records say differently. They show that Marihuana users constitute a new class, and an entirely new type of narcotic abuse.

This may sound trite but it is nevertheless true—Marihuana has become increasingly a youth problem. Thrill-mad youth has found another outlet for its energies, another solution of its problems. Today it is estimated that at least 35,000 young men and young women in the United States have succumbed to the wiles of the Marihuana peddler.

There are literally thousands of these peddlers. The next tramp you meet on the street may try to sell you this drug. The next time you stop at a hot-dog stand the proprietor may ask you if you want a free cigarette or piece of candy. Oh yes! it is not only the smoker who may be the victim. Every one of you is a potential addict! Besides being smoked Marihuana is mixed with the ingredients of candy, gum and tea.

What is the solution to this problem?

Laws have been passed by the national government and nearly all the state governments—yet the habit continues to spread like wild-fire. As one writer has put it, "Attempts at control are like amateurish efforts at damming a stream. Once you stop a leak in one place the water breaks through in a dozen more."

Education is only part of the solution. One may have the evil effects of the use of Marihuana repeated continually, but the ultimate decision can only be made by the individual.

Because of its low price, because of the ease with which it may be obtained, because attempts at control have proved ineffective,—the solution of this problem lies squarely on our shoulders—you and I, the youth of America, must solve it!

We cannot allow this drug to continue to eat away the foundation of society. This drug which removes all good and natural inhibitions, which destroys social and moral codes set up by centuries of civilization. We must not allow a mental or moral laziness or a natural curiosity over its peculiar effects influence our attitude toward the wanton criminal! We must awake to its dangers, snap out of our indifference, and assist in every way possible in the stamping out of this cowardly assassin of youth!

(Editor's Note: This splendid article by Robert H. Johnson, 1033 4th St. No., Fargo, won first place in the Freshman-Sophomore oratorical contest in Concordia College, Dec. 1938. It is sent by our new state director of Medical Temperance, Mrs. O. H. Kjolrie, Fargo, for special use in Anti-Narcotic week, the last week in February.)

## KEELEY INSTITUTE MARKS RECORD INCREASE

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Liquor's strengthened grip upon our country is strikingly shown by the report of Keeley Institute for inebriates at Dwight, Illinois, in a press interview by Martin Nelson, Secretary, as 1938 draws to a close.

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Mr. Nelson is quoted as blaming prohibition for the recent great increase of alcoholism among women and of attributing the total increase to "The Country's improved financial condition" as well as the open saloon and the ease with which liquor may be had.

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1933-1937 inclusive: 3,691 cases, annual average 738, repeal.

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