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## FRANCES WILLARD

Born to bless, was Frances Willard—  
 Bless the age to which she came;  
 Thousands now, a century later,  
 Laud and glorify her name.

Born to lead her Christian sisters,  
 Shackled by the fear of rum,  
 To a higher, better standard  
 And to haste "God's Kingdom come."

Attributes of Christ, the Saviour—  
 Giving self—she labored long;  
 Striving, praying, guiding, helping,  
 Facing danger, fighting wrong.

Christian women, temperance workers  
 Unified to aid a cause;  
 Peace on earth, good will triumphant,  
 Saner, safer, better laws!

We would follow in her footsteps,  
 Sacrificing for the good;  
 A united band of workers—  
 Consecrated womanhood!

(Mrs. G. E.) Mattie Norris,  
 Fargo, N. D.

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:—

Another year has almost rolled around and we are looking forward with much pleasure to welcome you in Jamestown at our coming Jubilee convention, hoping each union will send a full delegation. Remember that the executive committee consists of the official board, trustees, general secretaries Y. T. C. and L. T. L., department directors, organizers, field workers and historian. The official board consists of the general officers, district presidents, honorary president, and will meet in the parlor of the First Methodist church at 1 P. M. Thursday September 7. The executive committee at 2 P. M. in the same place. Please come promptly.

The members of the convention are of two classes—ex-officio and elected. The former are state executive committee members, chairmen of standing committees, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers and presidents of local unions. Each local union and Y. T. C. is entitled to one delegate at large, one for every thirty dues-paid members; also one for every fifty L. T. L. members whose dues (10 cents each) have been paid to state treasury.

Let us make this the largest and most worthwhile convention that we have ever had. Our dear honorary president, Mrs. Anderson, will be with us and will give, at the banquet, a brief history of the fifty years of W. C. T. U. work in our state. This history, in pamphlet form, will be on sale at the convention for we feel sure



FRANCES E. WILLARD

"She knew the power of banded ill  
 But felt that Love was stronger still;  
 And organized for doing good  
 The world's united womanhood."

you will each want a copy and also some to send to friends.

There is much work to be done but we are planning for pleasure also. Jamestown entertained the first state convention in 1890. We hope to have several of the pioneers with us as special guests to be specially honored. We are planning a "Willardiana"—Frances Willard exhibit — so please send me, or bring, snapshots of your Willard memorial trees or any other memorials you have in your community. Please attend to this right away.

This is a good time to stress membership. The Christian women of North Dakota can change the whole situation regarding the liquor traffic if they will unite for that purpose—but it can't be done individually,—we must be organized. Dr. Roy L. Smith says: "The W. C. T. U. is the only organized group of women working for the abolition of the liquor traffic." We invite Christian women of every organization to come and help us make this state a safer, happier and better place in which to live. Have you asked your next door neighbor to join? "There is no failure except by ceasing to try." Come up to the convention with budget and National Temperance Education Fund paid if you CAN but come to the convention!

Mrs. Nelle G. Burger, national recording secretary, who will be our guest speaker, is an inspiration wherever she goes, and not only will you love her, as you did dear Helen Byrnes, but you will go home strengthened and encouraged. Come in time for the banquet at 6:30 Thurs-

day evening as many plans are being made for this special event. We hope all names of Willard-Anderson members are being sent to State Headquarters. We hope that better crops have helped you with the Temperance Education fund. We hope to make a big jump as books close. Rush reports in to all concerned, if you have not already done so.

Let us not forget in these hurried days, that we should be much in prayer—prayer for Peace in this turbulent world, and prayer that God will stop this awful wave of intemperance, and give us each the tact, wisdom and strength to "carry on."

Come to the convention to exchange ideas and plans, to give and to receive help in our great work. Have you made your protest against liquor advertising in your magazines, newspapers and other mediums of advertising—busses, road signs, etc? In many communities vigorous protests will end them. Do your part.

Read your Union Signal and be informed that you may inform others. "Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things that we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing."

But—

"The Go-getter works till he reaps what he sows for,  
 He fixes a goal and resolves when he sets it,  
 The way to a prize is to go, till he gets it."

May our Father help each one of us to do her duty!

With love to you all,  
 Mrs. Fred M. Wannier.

Jamestown, N. D.

## "DICKINSON'S ECHO—SIGNIFICANCE"

"The urban wits who poked fun at "Jurid Luren" forgot two facts. The Governor is literally the first citizen of Michigan. Without active campaigning he has been elected lieutenant governor seven times. In the last election he received more votes than the late Frank Fitzgerald who overwhelmed the Roosevelt-backed Frank Murphy.

Second; Dickinson's outspokenness on the liquor question is significantly coincidental with a surprising resurgence of national prohibition sentiment. More than 10,000 of the 40,000 incorporated communities in America are now dry; in recent dry-wet local elections, dries have won more than 50 percent. Propaganda—by press, radio, and movies — is carried out vigorously, mainly in rural districts. During the six years since repeal, the W. C. T. U. alone has poured more than \$700,000 into such work. It reported

## FRANCES E. WILLARD

If she were here today,  
 What would she say?  
 If she could know discouragements  
 we meet—

The lack of interest; the painful  
 dearth

Of money and of workers; weary feet  
 Too worn to march much longer here  
 on earth;

And tired souls that sicken with the  
 cry

Of "What's the use?"—and let their  
 chance go by—

If she could know how hard it is to-  
 day,

What would she say?

But wait—she knew all these when  
 she was here,  
 And did not have the vote to help  
 her fight;

If she could speak, it would be words  
 of cheer—

A stirring call to serve the cause of  
 right!

"Lo, I am with you always—"

She might say.

"Your labor may seem long, but time  
 is longer;

Go forward—there are hungry lambs  
 to feed!

Your help will come from Him; you  
 will be stronger

For He has promised to supply your  
 need.

No task—no workers in the world  
 compare

With these, whose blessed vision you  
 can share!"

Oh, things like these I know she  
 would say

If she were here today!

—Elizabeth Wilcox Beasley.

## SINO-JAPANESE HARMONY

"When two people of warring nations can stand on the same platform and ask their Saviour, the Prince of Peace, to lead them, what does war become but a foolhardy and sacrilegious blaspheming of human personality?"

One of the high points of the Unit-ing Conference (Methodist church) last April was the duet sung by Madame Yoshika Saito, a Japanese, and Li Jen-Kung, a Chinese. Together they sang, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." An audience of eight thousand people was overawed by the sim-

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34,000 new members in 1938 and claims an increase of 3,000 a month the first of this year — making an estimated total membership of more than 1,000,000. By 1948 they expect to be able to revive the prohibition issue." — (Newsweek, July 31, 1939.)

JAMESTOWN HEARTILY WELCOMES YOU!

Send Names For Entertainment To Mrs. John Schmitt, Chairman Committee

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### OUR RAINBOW OF PROMISE

Nelle G. Burger

A traveler tells that once, on ship-board, he noticed that practically all of the passengers were leaning over the rail, apparently watching something intently. Curious to learn what was attracting them, he, too, looked over the rail and beheld a following rainbow. In the beautiful, lacy foam and mist, in the wake of the ship, were the sparkling hues of a perfect rainbow. Born of the turbulent waves and spray it was a thing of beauty, grace and color.

The rainbow, perhaps the most beautiful natural phenomenon, is the child of storm and stress.

Its most perfect setting is the darkest background. It never shows against the brilliance of the sun but is born of clouds. To see this marvel YOU must FACE THE CLOUDS, but the light of the sun must be back of you. To revel in the glory of the rainbow, we must have experienced the storm clouds. The nearer the sun is to the horizon, the higher the arch of the rainbow and the more vivid the colors. The rainbow changes with every angle of vision.

There is a rainbow of promise for each of us, which today shines against a background of midnight darkness, war, liquor, gambling, paganism. If our souls could despair, this is the time. But against that background shines the rainbow of promise. "The ways of the wicked He turneth upside down."

The seven primary colors of the rainbow might be interpreted thus: violet, calmness; indigo, purposefulness; blue, heartfelt sincerity; green, life-giving; yellow, light-diffusing; orange, soul-quieting; red, aggressive activity.

On rare occasions, two perfect rainbows span the sky. Whenever we see this double glory, let it bring to us a message, reminding us of the Christian virtues needed in the battle against wrong,—the first, of courage, faith, trust, perseverance, vitality, sacrifice, and VICTORY; and the second, interest, blessing, grace, yearning, overcoming, responsibility, and VICTORY; for the final rainbow of promise is VICTORY.

So we face the storm-clouds of the present day with renewed courage. With the sunshine of God's presence back of us, we march fearlessly into the clouds,—and there we know, we shall find our Rainbow of Promise.

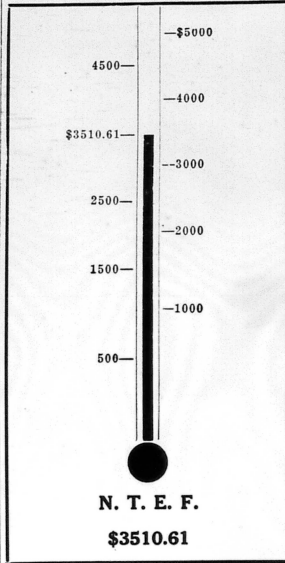
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If thou art worn and hard beset with sorrows thou wouldst fain forget, If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting, and thy soul from sleep, go to the woods and hills. No tears dim the sweet look that nature wears.

—Longfellow.

Take what is, trust what may be; that's life's true lesson.—Robert Browning.

## For The Honor Of North Dakota



Our National Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, who is also chairman of the National Temperance Education Fund, says: "The thermometer is rising but it is not yet 'hot' enough! The Gold Star unions are being re-

### A PIONEER PROMOTED

MRS. CARRIE E. MADISON, 89, well known to many of our members, was recently called from the home in Cando to her heavenly Home. An earnest Christian, she was devoted to the church and its interests. All her life

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ole Torkelson is credited with raising most of the N. T. E. F. for the Flasher union.

MRS. ANNA M. WARREN, formerly of Portland, N. D., was a pleasant caller at the state office last month. Very active in the work of the WCTU while in our state, Mrs. Warren is still interested and renewed her subscription to The White Ribbon Bulletin. Making her home now in Americus, Kansas, with a sister, Mrs. Warren was returning from an extensive trip to relatives on the west coast and elsewhere.

MRS. JESSAMINE S. BURGUM, Arthur, N. D., announces the publication of a new book of poems—"Dakota Ballads" and other poems. All books ordered from the author will be autographed. For sale in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot bookstores.

PARK RIVER union enjoyed a pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Lynden Nielson near Hoople. The local president, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, had arranged a good program. The history of the Park River union was read. Readings by Mrs. Shaw and Marjorie Cross were well rendered.

WYNDMERE local union held a Centenary program at the Methodist church, Mrs. Katherine Gardner in charge. Rev. J. A. Sanaker of Milnor was the principal speaker of the evening. Miss Clara Jung read a paper on Alcohol Education and Dorothy Johnson Dahl presented one on The Nation, the Church and the Home. Miss Janet Bailey, accompanied by

\*ported in a most encouraging manner." We are glad this is also true in our state for here are RAY, ROCK LAKE, BOTTINEAU, JAMESTOWN and UNDERWOOD—all GOLD STAR UNIONS—making thirty-one unions that have attained this distinction.

Mrs. Munns had set August 15 as the final date for the receipt of funds to be reported at National convention at Rochester, but she now adds another 30 days leeway. Final reports will be made up to September 15, if all funds collected can be in hands of state treasurer by Sept. 10 so she can reach National treasurer by the 15th. The national treasurer's report will be read at Rochester Sept. 29.

Mrs. Munns continues: "I want to thank each one of you for your splendid cooperation. It is a great task we have undertaken and it has meant hard work and not a little anxiety on the part of you state leaders. Be assured it is appreciated by those whom you have elected to manage your national organization. We are all working together for the bringing in of His kingdom. It is not for ourselves but for our country and our youth we have been interested. Shall we finish the task this year?"

### A CHANCE FOR CHOICE CHINA.

Our honorary president, Mrs. Anderson is making a generous offer for this fund. The beautiful plain white Haviland china which she received from the state W. C. T. U. as a wedding gift, will be on sale at the convention, with proceeds to be applied on this N. T. E. F. project.

she was interested in temperance work—for many years a faithful member of the North Dakota W. C. T. U.; and for several years (1902-1913) served as state director of Christian Citizenship. She has now claimed the promise: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

### THE BOOK OF STATES

In the May number of the Bulletin, attention was called to The Book of States, to be exhibited at the National Convention in Rochester, N. Y. Reports from local unions are now coming but if yours has not been sent, please hurry it in to our state headquarters, giving this information:

1. Have you one-sixth of the membership subscribing for The Union Signal (means name of union recorded in Book).
  2. Trio team—three officers subscribing (Red star in Book).
  3. Subscription paid for by union to public school, ministers, library, etc. (Green star).
  4. One or more Light Line union subscriptions. (Orange star).
  5. One or more clubs of ten subscriptions for Young Crusader (silver star in Book of States).
- Please hurry in your reports that North Dakota may have a page of beauty in this Book of States.

### A FEW INTERESTING FACTS

Fundamentally, the only real security is high spiritual and intellectual character. Industry, honesty, thrift, ability, courage and kindness are those vital factors which make any security program click. The moral fiber of the government reflects the moral fiber of the people. If the people do not have strong character, their government insurance and security are useless.—California News Bulletin.

Mrs. Oscar Jensen of Barney contributed vocal solos. Lunch was served at the close of the program.

## THE WILLARD CENTENARY

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union," says an editorial of May 5 in the Gloucester (Mass.) Times, "is this year finding a larger public than perhaps sometimes it has done by its backing of the one hundredth birthday celebration of one of its founders, Frances E. Willard." This ambitious program, reaching into every corner of North Dakota, is being conducted by the state W. C. T. U. for the Willard Centenary Celebration.

Developing goodwill toward the W. C. T. U. are the cooperative observances held by other organizations and groups during 1939, and particularly this anniversary month of September. Among these groups in North Dakota are, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Methodist church, member libraries of the American Library Association, collegiate and alumnae chapters of Alpha Phi, local Clubs of Business and Professional Women, and others.

Varied features mark the programs in honor of the memory of Miss Willard as a leader of woman's rights, temperance, peace, labor and other causes. Among these are those held at the location of Willard memorials, such as school buildings, fountains, homes for girls and similar places. Talks are being built around the Willard Centenary Souvenir Map, on which these memorials are shown, even in states which have no memorials, for the Map interests clubs and groups immensely. Likewise is this map being used in window displays of "Willardiana"—mementoes of Miss Willard and her period—and over Willard Centenary Bookshelves, arranged through the cooperation of local White Ribboners, in community and school libraries. In many instances, after being reviewed at an afternoon tea, copies of the new books, "Frances Willard of Evanston," and "Pioneer Girl," are being presented to libraries, as well as a set of books on alcohol education. Older members of the W. C. T. U., who feel they can part with their copy of "Glimpses of Fifty Years" and other Willard books, are donating these to libraries at special public ceremonies early this Centenary month. All these occasions are bringing forth a great deal of local publicity.

Carmine-touched white Willard peonies in additional hundreds are being planted during Willard Week, September 23-30, in honor of Miss Willard in places where peonies were not planted last fall or spring.

Either September 24 or October 1, Methodist ministers and ministers of other denominations, are, at the request of the General Conference and local White Ribboners, preaching a sermon on the value of the life of Frances Willard. Many "Pastor's Packets" have been ordered for the modest price of fifteen cents from the National W. C. T. U. Publishing House, Evanston, Illinois, to help the pastor in his preparation. Flowers for the church altar are being presented in honor of Miss Willard on one of these Sundays by local Unions which ask that this be mentioned in the church bulletin.

Pageantry of one or more types is being used, from original plays or style shows, depicting Frances Willard's life and her visits to North Dakota, to presentations of the dramatic monolog, "The Uncrowned Queen," by Mrs. Frank Beasley. Even puppets, made and manipulated by L. T. L. children, are acting out "Born to Lead," a play based upon the childhood of Frances Willard.

Innumerable newspaper articles have been appearing in local papers of the state, written by or about persons who knew Miss Willard or who are related to her or named for her.

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MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING

MRS. A. V. SHEPPARD

MRS. O. J. SWANSON

MRS. KATE S. WILDER

HAVING A GOOD TIME at the Grand Forks District Picnic and Institute! Left to right: Mrs. O. J. Swanson, president Grand Forks union; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, district president; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, national director Institutes; Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, president Grand Forks Scandinavian union. Appearing on the program were Mrs. Geo. Mowry, Larimore, who spoke on Evangelistic work and Sabbath Observance; Mrs. Otto Knapp, Grand Forks, whose subject was Religious Education; and Mrs. Allan Taylor, Larimore, who spoke about medal contests. Mrs. Wilder gave the principal address. A new member said: "There is so much more to the W. C. T. U. than I ever knew." INSTITUTES PAY.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

July 12 to August 15, 1939

**DUES**—Hettinger 1; Dickey 1; McKenzie 2; Fargo 5; Oberon 1; Park River 1; Grenora 2; Gilby 9; New Rockford 1; Grand Forks 2; Stady-Zahl 3; Rock Lake 3; Ray 2; Fargo Scan. 32; Jamestown 12; Drayton 9; Grand Forks Scan. 15; Northwood 9; Larimore 2.

**BUDGET**—McKenzie \$5.00; Park River comp. \$2.00; Grenora \$5.00; Rugby comp. \$12.00; Grand Forks \$17.00; Crosby comp. \$8.00; Wyndmere \$4.00; Edmore comp. \$20.00; Jamestown comp. \$30.00; Grand Forks Scan. comp. \$3.00; Bo'tineau comp. \$16.00.

**N T E F**—Flasher \$6.25; Rock Lake \$18.00; Jamestown \$3.50; Makoti \$5.00; West Fairview 70 cents; Hettinger District \$5.00; Grand Forks Scan. \$5.00; Underwood \$12.75; Mrs. Catherine Eyres 75c; Larimore 60c.

**DISTRICT PLEDGE**—Ellendale District \$7.50.

**LIGHT LINE DISTRICT**—Grand Forks District \$5.00.

Mrs. R. B. Reed,  
Treasurer.

1341, 11th Ave. North  
Fargo, North Dakota.

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

If you are going to the National Convention and have not already made your reservation, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.

Advance registration is necessary this year because of the Pilgrimage to Churchillville, the morning after the Convention opens. All those who have registered far enough in advance will be provided free transportation for that trip.

As always, the registration fee for DELEGATES is \$2.00 (which includes the Churchillville transportation).

ALL VISITORS who pay \$2.00 not only will have the trip free but will be assigned a definite reserved seat in the convention hall and will have other courtesies extended to them. A great many reservations have been received and seats for visitors are being assigned in the order in which the registrations arrive.

Send your registration fee NOW to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

**CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY DINNER.** Reservations for the Dinner should be made not later than September 15. Send your dinner reservation with check or money order to Miss Gertrude K. Marshall, 34 Park Avenue, Rochester, New York. (\$1.50 a plate)

Margaret C. Munns, Treasurer  
National W. C. T. U.

### FROM THE MEDICAL VIEWPOINT

"As doctors we must begin to think of promoting the cause of temperance. How often do we hear, when we are speaking of a certain man, 'A very bright man, but he drinks?' Of my classmates in college, so far as I know, none of those who drank steadily is now living, and of those who were addicts to even a very mild degree, from the time the addiction became manifest, none progressed or maintained his position. One of the greatest surgeons in the world, talking to me, said he had never known a surgeon if the first rank who was in the habit of using alcoholic drinks."—Dr. J. W. Mayo.

### A PROPHECY

In writing an editorial on a night club murder, a Massachusetts editor "Viewed with alarm the flouting of the established order of the community" and "gangland must be made to understand it exists on sufferance."

I sent this editorial to a prisoner I had visited years ago. Because liquor had played such a part in his early associations, I wanted to get the reaction of such a person. I give his reply. "Gangdom takes root and flourishes only in ground made fertile by active or passive support on the part of the community, (600,000 voted to repeal the Massachusetts's prohibition law) And all too well does the criminal know that he exists on sufferance. They hail with delight such crimes as another step to the return of liquor via the beer route and the greater license that the return of the saloon inevitably will bring, for with the return of even beer will come open prostitution and gambling. Criminals are for the return of liquor, wet propaganda to the contrary notwithstanding and with legislation to this end (repeal) will come the greatest era of wholesale crime this country has ever known. The criminal world is tensely expectant and is prepared to launch immediately into its millennium of crime." This could almost have been written in the past tense.

Al Capone's gains under prohibition gave the liquor forces an idea of what pickings would be theirs under repeal. They were not mistaken. \$13,250,000,000 in five years was their harvest, and the public swallowed the propaganda that the underworld was strong for prohibition!

In "Here's to Crime" by Courtney R. Cooper, I find corroboration of statistics I have found elsewhere. New York's annual cost of prostitution is \$12,000,000. It is estimated there are 400,000 cases of syphilis in different stages in that city. That means five per cent of the population is affected

### FILL A CHAIR

Annie Durham Methvin

Because you can't talk at the meeting Is no reason for not being there. You can help and encourage the others If only you'll just fill a chair. The speaker needs someone to listen, Or else she just can't say her say. The audience is quite as important As the speaker, my dear, any day. You say you can't lead. Well no matter

One leader's enough—or should be. More than one might cause strife, or division,

A split in the ranks—don't you see? If there were no followers, leaders Would soon lose their jobs, so beware! And forget about leading. Be present You can help if you just fill a chair.

### SINO-JAPANESE—

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licity and effectiveness of their testimony in music.

It was an occasion rich in symbolism and the harmony of their duet was full of meaning for international affairs. The Christian religion is one of the few remaining bonds between nations in the world. Christianity is prepared to lead the way to world unity. It knits men and women together through the age-old missionary impulse of "going and telling" its faith.

And it is given to every follower of Christ to have a song in his heart."—(Christian Advocate, Aug. 10, 1939.)

by it. Let me repeat it: "The more alcohol the more syphilis." New York State Liquor Authority. "Syphilis is responsible for 10 per cent of all insanity, 18 per cent of all diseases of the heart and blood vessels and cause of innumerable deaths of the newborn babe." Dr. Thomas Parran, Public Health Service of the United States. Mr. Cooper corroborates other statements. "America is on the worst gambling spree in its history." Can one doubt that? "A gross population—not including all rural districts—of 80,000,000 is dallying with \$6,000,000,000 in winnings and losings, of which all but about \$1,000,000,000 passes through the hands of the underworld, where much of it remains, of course." The answer? Repeal repeal. Give the enforcement to the G. men. J. Edgar Hoover understands fully the connection between alcohol and present conditions.

Liquor displays, daily paper advertisements, neon signs, beer trucks on the highways and drunks on the streets testify that Prohibition did prohibit.

Rose E. Upton Bascom,  
Framingham, Mass.  
A former North Dakotan.

### LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

THE ALCOHOL ALPHABET  
By Florence E. Marshall

Alcohol  
Makes strong men fall.

When men drink Beer  
Their thinking's queer.

Cider is made  
From fruit decayed.  
Try lemonade.

Doctors explain  
"Rum dulls the brain."

Easy to drink; but  
Better to think.

For health that's Fine,  
No beer, no wine!

Gin injures boys,  
Robs men of joys.

How much to drink?  
Thanks, none, I think!

I drink no ale.  
I'm strong, not frail.

Joy goes with health,  
Man's truest wealth.

Keep well; it's risky  
To drink whisky.

Let facts be told  
Where liquor's sold.

Motto for all:  
No alcohol.

Never begin  
With ale or gin.

He who thinks  
Takes Only healthful drinks.

Proclaim this truth:  
Wine steals ones youth.

Question the drink.  
Stop short and think!

Reason things through,  
Then rum's taboo.

See liquor's snare  
And you'll take care.

Who Trusts wine's aid  
Will be betrayed.

Use care and thought  
And don't be caught.

Know how alcohol acts.  
Verified facts

Whisky can make  
A lad's head ache.

X marks the place  
Where beer lost the race:  
The boy couldn't keep pace.

Youth should keep strong  
If they'd live long.

Zeal to be well  
Makes one excel.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

By Bertha Rachel Palmer

These rhymes are suggested as an easy way to remember the facts taught in a series of lessons on what alcohol is and what it does. The rhymes may be memorized or, better still, they may serve as examples for a class project to write an original alphabet (perhaps with illustrations). This would prove a fine exercise to integrate Alcohol Education with English.

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### WILLARD CENTENARY—

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Other talented members of Unions have been submitting articles on Frances Willard to statewide publications of their church or club, and it is pretty evident that North Dakota and the people therein are aware that 1939 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of a famous woman, Frances E. Willard, who soon will be honored by a stamp being issued by the Federal government.

## KISMET

(The following oration by Joseph Hefta, Nekoma, a junior in Jamestown College, won first place in the second annual Temperance Oratorical contest at the college in April, 1939. This contest has been established and made permanent by a special gift from Dr. M. D. Kneeland, and is carried on under the supervision of Dr. W. E. Lillo, head of the department of speech at Jamestown college.—Ed.)

Somewhere I read of an old Turk who was leisurely strolling down a country road one afternoon when he was hastily overtaken by several excited neighbors. "Your house is on fire," they shouted. The old Turk looked at them for a moment; then he turned his face to the ground, clasped his hands behind his back, slowly shook his head, and humbly replied:—"Kismet"—just one word—"It is the will of Fate." The old Turk walked calmly on, and his house burned to the ground.

Looking out today from the picture of this old Turk I have come to one definite conclusion: A man does not have to be a Mohammedan to let his house burn down; and millions of Americans instead of getting out the flames and calling for the fire department would sit down, go to sleep, and let the house burn down over their heads—with the same meek resignation:—"It is the will of Fate."

Today our house is burning. Every hour adds its toll of human lives and property, disintegrated and destroyed by the liquor traffic. The irrefutable fact is that these raging fires continue only upon the license of the American people.

Let us for a moment examine this flaming inferno of wanton destruction.

In the center of this inferno is crime. Every year we chalk up against the nation a crime bill of \$15,000,000,000 without considering the vast destruction of human lives and property, which our citizens must bear. Nowhere in the entire world can we find a nation that has subjected itself to such a tyranny. During 1938 we had 1,433,912 major crimes in America; and today we have more than 4,600,000 criminals running at large, preying upon society.

That liquor is a strong factor in a large part of this crime cannot be denied. Experiments show that the man who goes down the road eighty miles per hour to commit murder, or hastily draws his gun under the influence of liquor cannot be subjected to any laws, whether they be laws of man or laws of nature. His actions are impossible to predict or to govern. Thus, society cannot protect itself from him; nor can he from himself. Take the case of the drunken driver. During 1937, 39,000 Americans were ruthlessly murdered upon our public highways. According to the National Safety Council liquor was a contributing factor to sixty per cent of them.

Let us for a moment shift our attention to a more tragic phase of the crime problem. During 1937 we had an 11 per cent increase in juvenile delinquency, according to Department of Labor statistics. We have today 700,000 boys and girls in crime. According to Judge Baude of the Chicago Boys' Court 40 per cent of the youth coming into court are liquor addicts. When we consider the fact that from 48 to 83 per cent of the youth in our largest cities indulge in liquor, it is obvious that here we have a real youth problem. Ironically, enough, while our social welfare workers are trying their utmost to rescue youth from the gutter, this one big factor of liquor that continually disintegrates and destroys the character of our youth enjoys perfect grace upon the sovereignty of the American people.

Society cannot escape the charge that it has fostered this terrible des-

truction of human resources. How? By deliberately licensing 437,000 saloons to mold their characters—in a Christian nation where we have 245,000 churches. Yet when we are charged with this brutal crime against the future, we throw up our hands and feebly rationalize:—"It is the will of Fate."

Youth is today the only domesticated animal that is deliberately reared in the gutter. Consider the fact that 1,350,000 of our young women are today receiving their life training as barmaids in saloons—three times as many as we educate in our colleges. Into a future generation will be thus incorporated the hellish atmosphere of the saloon, which these women are today assimilating.

But not only does liquor rob youth of an opportunity to a free life; it enslaves all its patrons. In 1937 the citizens of just one state, North Dakota, spent \$10,500,000 on legal liquor and an estimated equal amount on bootleg liquor. Yet in that same year \$21,000,000 were spent on relief in the state. Almost all of this relief had to be pumped in by the Federal government because the citizens of North Dakota could not afford to carry the burden. Here is the situation:—In a state where we could afford to squander from ten to twenty million dollars for liquor in one year, one-third of us had to turn to outside authorities for food, clothing, and shelter. Not only that, but many citizens are base enough to use relief funds to purchase liquor. An incomplete survey in New York State, for instance, showed that at least \$45,000,000 of relief funds were squandered for liquor.

Conditions such as these point to a real crisis in character. Here in North Dakota we have hundreds of school districts without funds. During the coming year scores of them will have to close their doors. The budgets of our state institutions have been slashed unreasonably in an effort to balance our budget. For the first time in our history a state legislature had to adjourn with no possibility of matching expenditures with revenues. Such are the dire conditions that exist. But the people of North Dakota, instead of defending their legitimate institutions, have delegated their support to the illegitimate saloon keepers and the brewers and distillers outside the state.

Turning to the nation as a whole we are confronted with the same conditions. In five years of repeal the legal liquor interests have drained out of America \$13,250,000,000—\$110 for every man, woman and child. In addition to this must be reckoned the vast amount of bootleg traffic estimated to equal from 40 to 60 percent of the entire traffic.

Everywhere today we are confronted with the man who would betray himself, sacrifice his character and honor, sell the shirt on his back, and leave his wife and family in the street to starve in order to satisfy an unquenchable thirst for liquor.

When he finally awakens to the realities of his existence he sees no way out of his entanglements. Without the character then to face life he seeks release by indulging in more liquor. Bored with life he commits temporary suicide by bottling himself up in a vacuum where his subconscious mind is free to ride the waves of phantasy.

Now let us turn our attention to the ethics of the traffic. Immediately, we are challenged to point out one element in America so unscrupulous, so utterly lawless. Almost half of those committed to Federal penitentiaries today are violators of liquor laws. Today, six years after Repeal, 40 to 60 per cent of the traffic is still outside the laws. Today the Federal government has to employ 4,000 agents to curb illicit traffic—more than we ever employed during Pro-

hibition. Is it any wonder that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau bitterly acknowledged in 1936:—"Repeal has not even put a dent in the operations of the large scale moonshiners and bootleggers." Here we have a traffic that will never respect organized law and authority. How can the liquor traffic claim to be a legitimate business?

Let us examine its advertising program. Since Repeal liquor interests have spent more than \$75,000,000 in advertising. Its purpose? I quote one of its trade magazines:—"The leading purpose is to create new markets by turning abstainers into drinkers, chiefly women and young people." Its slogan? I quote again:—"Make Youth Liquor-conscious." How do they achieve it? Here are a few samples: Paraphrasing Lincoln's Gettysburg address as a liquor advertisement over nation-wide hook-ups; featuring Washington, John Adams, Penn, Jefferson, Macison and others, as brewers, distillers, sons or grandsons, friends or patrons of them; and captioning liquor ads with Santa Claus to attract little children. Sometime ago holiday ads appeared captioned: "Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men." As the vicious circle goes round and round thousands of youth begin their "hostly" march into the valley of destruction.

When will we sober up to this menace? On every hand we see defenceless youth fall easy prey to the ravaging effects of the liquor traffic. Luring pictures and elusive propaganda fill the literature they read and clutter up the billboards on vacant lots and roadsides. Streams of subtle advertising pierce the ether to invade the atmosphere of secluded firesides. In every town and hamlet youth is lured by brilliant neon signs that spout their hellish flames out to meet them. Against these disintegrating factors youth must battle, yet society damns them for going wrong.

The crying need of America is for men and women who have the character to stand up for something and to suffer persecution for it. Certainly, we could not enlist ourselves in a more worthwhile cause than the resurrection of youth. If repeal has taught us anything it is the fact that the liquor problem has not been eliminated. It does no good to stand and rationalize that it is the will of Fate. While we are idle, while we are sheltering ourselves in complacency, the lives of our youth are wasting away.

Some day soon this nation will have to shift to its helm a debauched, defenseless, slave generation. They will have to weather the storms and pilot the nation on a course that is fraught with more perils than ever before. Their characters will be tested and that test will determine the enduring quality of the nation itself. Most assuredly, if we permit the character of our youth to be molded in the saloon, then the nation of tomorrow will be the off-spring of the saloons of today.

We may choose to ignore these conditions, but we cannot escape the responsibilities that are ours in a democratic nation. In a land where we are the sovereign, we must also consider ourselves the conscience of that nation. If we then count ourselves men at all we must rise above our environment and in righteous indignation stamp out this damnable liquor traffic.

They are not dead who live  
In lives they leave behind;  
In those whom they have blessed  
They live a life again  
And shall live through the years,  
Eternal life, and grow  
Each day more beautiful,  
As time declares their good,  
Forgets the rest, and proves  
Their immortality.

—Hugh Robert Orr.

## BROKEN SHELL

Only a scrap from a sandy beach—  
Fragrant of gleaming shell;  
Tossed by the ocean beyond its reach,  
Left by a receding swell;  
Beaten and broken by wind and wave,  
Bleached in the summer air;  
Yet are its glorious colors brave,  
Loveliness lingers there.

Every life has its rainbow hues,  
Given from God above;  
Seen by the world in the ones who  
choose

To follow His law of love;  
Beaten and scarred by earth's storm  
and strife,

Tossed by its winds at will—  
Down to its ending goes such a life  
Gleaming with beauty still.

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