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THE CHRISTMAS SYMBOL

Only a manger, cold and bare,
Only a maiden mild,
Only some shepherds kneeling there,
Watching a little child;
And yet that maiden's arms enfold
The King of Heaven above;
And in the Christ-Child we behold
The Lord of Life and Love.

Only an altar high and fair,
Only a white-robed priest,
Only Christ's children kneeling there
Keeping the Christmas feast;
And yet beneath the outward sign
The inward Grace is given,—
His Presence, who is Lord Divine
And King of earth and Heaven.
—Author Unknown.

OUR PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:
I am writing you as I am out in the field, trying to promote our work. It has been my privilege the last few weeks to meet many of the rank and file—our local women. Words cannot express my deep appreciation of them, their many courtesies, their fine hospitality, their ready response to my requests and the many other ways in which they have shown their friendliness. I am heartily in accord with the statement made by Frances Willard on her last Sunday afternoon,—"There have never been such women as our white-ribboners."

However, I am realizing as never before, the great need for personal work all over our state, especially in unorganized counties. I am hereby appealing to the district presidents at this time. Will you each try this year to do some field work in your own district? You understand conditions there better than your state officers do and you can sow the seed for new organizations. We MUST TRY to form new unions in those districts that are now unorganized. For lack of finances we are unable to keep a worker in the field all the time; but district presidents can do the ground work at much less expense.

If you did not collect dues for all old members in November, will you not try to have them all paid to state treasurer by Jan. 1st? Thus you will be a Hold Fast union. It is the failure to collect dues from all old members that is directly responsible for our loss in membership at the end of the year. In another column you will find the new Membership plan—the Home Protection plan. If every member would first—pay her own dues; then—second, secure one new member, what a Home Protecting band we would be, in our own state!

We can do it, if we will, for there are still many women waiting to be asked to join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

When this reaches you, we will be approaching that greatest of all holidays—Christmas Day. With hearts filled with joy and gratitude for the gift of the Saviour, Jesus, let us, thru

**Peace on Earth—
to Men of Good Will**



The following pertinent message comes to all of us from the President of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union—Mrs. Ella A. Boole:

"FOR more than fifty years, the policy of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been to work for Peace when there was no war.

This Centenary Year we are living in a war-torn world. We still believe the hearts of women are the same everywhere, as they give husbands, sons and daughters, too, at the call of war.

Moreover, war has changed and civilians, women and children, are in danger of poison gas, bombing and the destruction of property—while fear is everywhere. Even civilization is threatened.

For the White Ribboners of the world we have loving sympathy. We plead for protection for all women and children.

LET EACH LOCAL UNION set aside a day in December to pray to the God of Nations—for lasting peace, for deliverance from fear, for an end of war—for a rule of reason and not of force—that the prophecy may be fulfilled—"There shall be no war."

Let us pray together in the Christmas month, when we are talking about Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men. There is strength in united prayer: and only thus can the tide of war be stayed."



our Flower Mission department, bring joy to all who are sick, shut-in and less fortunate than we. May we earnestly pray that peace and good will may come to all mankind!

Let us turn our attention to the children and youth of our state. We need Loyal Temperance Legions in our local unions. Little Shirley Wolf of Rochester, N. Y., appealed to the delegates at the National convention for "Your guidance while we are learning how to live. We must make our own future but you can help us to prepare for it." How are we helping the children of North Dakota to prepare for their future? The liquor interests are bidding for our youth that they may have more drinkers to drink more alcohol. Let us fight it to the finish by teaching our young folks that sound bodies, sound minds and good characters are present day objectives. Let us be mindful of the fact that these young people are the citizens, the voters, the law makers, the law enforcers of tomorrow. Let us get busy and organize Loyal Temperance Legions and Youth's Temperance Councils.

"We have no more need to be afraid of the step just ahead than we have to be afraid of the one just behind us" said Frances Willard, and that applies to us at this time. Together we can win. With faith, hope and cour-

age we will march forward. Our goal is a state, nation and world free from the curse of the liquor traffic. We are in a new W.C.T.U. year—let us work together to make it a BIG year. Discouragement has no place in our work for we know our cause is just and in good time, Right will prevail. "The year goes wrong and tares grow strong.

Hope starves without a crumb; But God's time is our harvest time And that is sure to come." With loving greetings to all, Grand Forks, N. D.

"Blessed are the happiness makers; blessed are they who know how to shine on one's gloom with their cheer."—Henry Ward Beecher.

Being asked "Is it difficult to be without sight?" Helen Keller gave an answer that one may ponder. "It is a lot worse to have eyes and not see" she said.

Force may subdue, but love gains, and he who forgives first wins the laurel.—William Penn.

God is near to help and bless; be not weary, onward press.—Frances Ridley Havergal.

FOLLOWING THE STAR

It was the eve of Christmas
The snow lay deep and white,
I sat beside my window
And looked into the night.
I heard the church bells ringing,
I saw the bright star shine,
And childhood came again to me,
With all its dream divine.
Then as I listened to the bells
And watched the skies afar,
Out of the East majestic
There rose one radiant star,
And every other star grew pale
Before that heavenly glow;
It seemed to bid me follow
And I could not choose but go.

From street to street it led me,
By many a mansion fair;
It shone through dingy casements
On many a garret bare.
From highway on to highway,
Through alleys dark and cold
And where it shone the darkness
Was flooded all with gold.
Sad hearts forgot their sorrow,
Rough hearts grew soft and mild,
And many little children
Turned in their sleep and smiled,
While many a homeless wanderer
Uplifted patient eyes,
Seeming to see a home at last
Beyond those starry skies.

And then methought earth faded,
I rose as borne on wings,
Beyond the waste of ruined lives,
The press of human things;
Above the toil and shadow,
Above the wrent and woe
My old self and its darkness seemed
Left on the earth below.
And onward, upward shone the star
Until it seemed to me
It flashed upon the golden gates
And o'er the crystal sea.
And then the gates rolled backwards,
I stood where angels trod,
It was the Star of Bethlehem
Had led me up to God.
—Anonymous.

"Follow with reverent steps the great Example Of Him, Whose holy work was doing good; So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple— Each loving life a psalm of gratitude."—Whittier.

We were happy to receive at the National convention an award for our state L.T.L. for making a gain in membership during the five-year period. Congratulations!

"What this world needs is a great religious revival. Prosperity will return only as righteousness and justice supplant unrighteousness and injustice." —Roger W. Babson.

A nation is made great by the moral fibre and character of its citizens; nations die when these weaken. —Herbert Hoover.

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The meaning of Christmas! How rarely the realization of the deep significance of this day steals over our hearts! The consciousness of the meaning of Christ's birth may come while one is jostling among the crowds of shoppers; that thrill may sweep over one when suddenly awakened by the voices of carolers on the midnight air; the glory of the "unspeakable gift" may captivate one when a present for a loved one is being tenderly wrapped; or the realization of the purpose of the Savior's incarnation may burst upon one when sitting quietly in the house of God among dear, familiar friends. No matter how or when this glimpse into the meaning of Christmas comes, the whole holiday season is colored by it and given life and purpose.

My earnest prayer is that we shall make Christ the center of all our Christmas activities, and as we do, we can be sure that this will be the most joyful Christmas we have ever known. Let us make the most of this season to remind the world of the true significance of the birth of Christ.

Joyfully in Him.

Ada Beth Heaton,
National Director.

IF JESUS CAME

By William Steward Gordon

If Jesus came to Germany
In nineteen thirty-nine,
And taught his law of brotherhood
Above the shouts of kine;
They'd rob him of his seamless robe—
To them a Jewish tramp—
And drive him into exile
Or a concentration camp.

If Jesus came to Tokyo
To plead a peace for all,
He'd die with other victims
Lined up against a wall.
If Jesus came to Russia
And preached the truth of God,
He'd tread the same Siberia
Which other saints have trod.

If Jesus came to Washington,
Hard by the White House gate,
They'd say that his beatitudes
Were sadly out of date.
They'd want to scrap the Golden Rule
For a more elastic plan,
And brand him with the cynic's ban—
"A crazy Puritan!"

The only place in all the world
For such a king as he
Is in the loyal hearts of men
From every land and sea.

The Jew and Greek, the white and black
May Grace his diadem.
Then let us make our hearts a throne,
Our homes a Bethlehem!
—Christian Advocate.

Live truly and thy life shall be a
great and noble creed.—Emerson.

AN APPEAL FOR THE BIBLE

Dona E. Harbord

"I'd like to see the Bible placed
Where the Bible used to be,
Upon the top of teacher's desk
For my child to see;
I'd like to hear the teacher say,
As my teacher used to do;
"Before we work or play, today,
I want to read to you."

"I'd like to see the teacher stand
Before the class again,
And lift with reverent care the Book
That makes God's purpose plain;
And ere the youngsters went to work
I'd like to hear her voice
Repeat those words of truth and faith
That make one's soul rejoice."

"I'd like to see her face light up
At each resplendent word,
And watch the children's souls shine
out
At the message they had heard;
Yes, I'd like to see the Bible placed
Where the Bible used to be;
I'd like to hear it read aloud
In the school room of the free."

THE BIBLE

Not since the Reformation has there been greater need for Bible reading and Bible teaching than there is today.

Bible teaching in the Sunday Schools is of great value if done by those who will bring enthusiasm and succeed in arousing the interest of those in the class.

Is the Bible read aloud once a day in your home? Never have time, did you say? Well, when do the members of your family hear the reading of the Bible? O yes, I hear you say, "some selected verses are read aloud at Sunday School" and if we are in the church service of course we hear our pastor read the scripture lesson.

Why not read the Bible for five or eight minutes at the table after one meal a day? Assign the reading to a different child or person for each time. Beginning at the Book of Matt., 2nd chapter — reading daily, thus completing one Book before reading from another.

If each member who can read has a Bible passed to him and he learns to find the place and look on and reads when the reading is assigned to him he will be getting interest in the Bible and its teaching.

—Indiana "Message."

ONE REALM IN WHICH ALL DICTATORS are POWERLESS

An arresting full page editorial on "The New Country," in a recent issue of the United States News of Washington, D. C., received nationwide attention. Its brilliant editor, David Lawrence, urged humanity in his time of "international darkness, brute force, and a new idolatrous worship of the state, to set aside five minutes at noon each day for a week to mass prayer, as a demonstration of moral force throughout the world." He urged upon the spokesmen of the church that "they teach us anew the language of prayer which we have forgotten in our era of creature comforts."

And in the homely terms of a simple faith, to teach us "how to ask Divine Providence to help us sacrifice, and even suffer, so that mankind by its regeneration may destroy this new form of idolatry and substitute therefor an unrenouncing worship of the merciful God." It is something new when a secular newspaper calls upon the church to summon the world to prayer! —Baptist Missions Magazine, Feb. 1939. — The Outlook.

Friendship is a sheltering tree.
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOME

Liquor as a home wrecker is becoming so familiar that it is incumbent upon the W.C.T.U. to intensify its work of educating the youth of America to temperance. Children in court are an everyday sight. Judges tell us that more sex crimes and crimes of violence are being committed today than ever before and that the two great contributing causes are liquor and broken homes—and liquor is the root of seventy-five per cent of the broken homes in America today.

The liquor traffic's bold bid for women patrons is no longer a novelty. We have read again and again such statements as this, "Picture your beer in attractive surroundings. Show the housewives how to serve beer. Give her Dutch Lunch menus. Make it easy for her to use your product so her family and guests will enjoy it. Instill into every advertisement enough appetite appeal to make their mouths water."

But what have you done about it? This year in our membership work we are to gird on our armor for the protection of the home against the inroads of the liquor traffic.

New Members

HOME PROTECTOR. The woman who secures from one to four new members.

HOME DEFENDER. The woman who secures five new members.

GUARDIAN OF THE HOME. The woman who secures ten new members.
ADVOCATE OF THE HOME. The County 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 Leagues.

CHIEFTAIN OF THE HOME. The woman who secures the largest number of new members in the state.

CHAMPION OF THE HOME. The woman who secures the most members in the United States.

Let us arise and build for the protection of the home. "Everyone in his watch, and everyone over against his own home."—Nehemiah 7:3.

HOME PROTECTION WORKERS

Having gained FIVE new members this year,—Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Fargo, is listed as a Home Defender.

These having gained one or more (under five) are Home Protectors: Mrs. C. A. Landgren (3); Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. Ray Baldwin, Jamestown; Mrs. A. J. McInnes, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo (2).

In reporting names of new members, please give also the names of those who gained them.

War is democracy's greatest enemy.
—Admiral Byrd.

It is of the essence of war that the evils that you seek to destroy by it are not destroyed, but enter into your own lives and souls.

—Oswald Garrison Villard.

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

We are most of us very lonely in this world; you, who have any who love you, cling to them and thank God.

We make friends by being a friend.
—Leigh Mitchell Hodges.

COR. SEC.'S CORNER

Our state president, Mrs. Bessie F. Darling, has completed a successful itinerary of three weeks, getting acquainted with a part of her constituency. She visited the members in Richland county, Ellendale, Ransom, LaMoure, James - Valley and New Rockford districts, contacting the women, reporting the National convention, securing new members, speaking in schools when time was opportune, illustrating her talk with an exhibit. We appreciate the kind reception given Mrs. Darling by our women and by the ministers and school people.

Any union desiring the services of our state president, Mrs. Darling, our vice president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder or of the secretaries Mrs. E. S. Bordwell and Mrs. Thelma Leissman Vantine, may do so by paying the expenses of travel and providing entertainment.

God Work by Gideons

We greatly commend the work of the Gideons in placing the Bible, not only in hotel rooms as formerly, but in public schools and other public places. Our North Dakota School Law reads as follows: (Sec. 1338). "The Bible shall not be deemed a sectarian book. It shall not be excluded from any public school. It may, at the option of the teacher, be read in school without sectarian comment, or to exceed ten minutes daily. No pupil shall be required to read it or to be present in the school room during the reading thereof, contrary to the wishes of his parents or guardians or other person having him in charge."

Call for Prayer

Please note the call to prayer by our World's W.C.T.U. president, Mrs. Beole. While we may not be able to observe a uniform date, special attention may be called to this at our December meetings. Prayer is our strongest weapon in these days of world disturbances. Though we may be able to help in no other way, we can pray. We know by past experience that Prayer changes things.

"Tis Heaven alone that is given away;
It is only God may be had for the asking."

As we again approach the happy Christmas time, may "the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" — the Prince of Peace.

—B. H. W.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As state director of this department, Mrs. G. E. Norris calls our attention to the purpose of the department which is to abolish the liquor traffic by deepening the spiritual life of the nation. Its aim is to reach the members of every church and Sunday School with a program of religious education which includes knowledge of the nature and effects of alcohol.

Suggestions for work are here given: Cooperate with your own Sunday School teachers in outlining a temperance program to meet your needs. Prepare playlets or other special features to be given, in general church school assemblies.

Ask your pastor to include temperance sermons in his preaching program. Promote pledge signing and encourage the making of posters. Plan special programs for temperance Sundays. A church which presents a program of temperance instruction in each department at least four times a year will be known as a "Cathedral of Light." Will your church be a Cathedral of Light this year?

"I resolved that I would permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him."—Booker T. Washington.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DUES—Fargo 78; Flasher 5; Minot 5; Jamestown 10; Grand Forks Scan. 7; Ray 2; Christine 6; Wahpeton 1; Hankinson 3; Wilton 1; Makoti 11; Hettinger 3; Northwood 11; Park River 10; Fairmount 7.

BUDGET PAID IN FULL—Fargo Scandinavian; Northwood.

BUDGET IN PART—Fargo \$40.00; Jamestown \$6.00; Grand Forks Scandinavian \$26.25; Ray \$10.00; Edgeley 25 cents; Plaza \$1.00; Makoti \$11.00; Grand Forks \$11.00; Park River \$5.00. N. T. E. F.—Fargo 50c; Grand Forks Scandinavian \$2.00; Benedict, \$1.50.

STATE REPORTS — Fargo 2; Grand Forks Scan. 2; Gilby 3; Northwood 3; Grand Forks 4; Park River 2. Dear Treasurers:

Reports indicate that many of you have been busy with the November Roll Call. Did you notice on page 4 of the State Report that observance of the Roll Call counts 10 on the schedule for Banner unions? Budget paid before Jan. 1st counts 30 towards this goal. Notice by the report above that two unions—Fargo Scandinavian and Northwood—have already paid budget in full and others have made a good start in that direction. This has helped greatly in getting the wheels turning at the first of the year.

We appreciate all you are doing along this and every line and extend best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.

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Fargo, N. D.

IN MEMORIAM

"You have been down by some great lake and you have seen how the ship goes out and out and sinks and sinks and after a while you say—"It is gone." But, No, it is not gone. That good ship had a captain and there was a hand on the helm. You did not notice that vanishing, artificial horizon. That was simply the place where your sight failed. And so the beautiful life barque speeds over the rippling seas of eternity." "There shall be no more death."

Mrs. Geo. Aylesworth beloved member of the Grand Forks union, in late September was called to her heavenly Home. Mrs. A. M. Landgren, a faithful member of the Underwood union, was called away Oct. 23, and will be greatly missed.

The sympathy of white ribboners is extended to the friends and relatives of these dear comrades.

The sympathy of our entire membership will be expressed to Mrs. Lulu Zimmerman of Valley City in the passing of her husband, Dr. S. A. Zimmerman, a life member of the N. Dak. W.C.T.U., well known and respected throughout the state.

SCARING DUCKS OR KILLING WOLVES

Natives of central Asia hunt wild-fowl with huge, old-fashioned, bill-mouthed shotguns, too long to handle in ordinary fashion. A man ties his gun at the prow of his little boat, pointing forward, and paddles quietly through the reeds until he is close to a flock of ducks feeding in shallow water. Then he aims the boat—rather than the gun—in the general direction, and bangs away. Shot fly all over the landscape. If a duck gets in front of one, it is killed. The other birds are only startled, and soon return to their feeding. Naturally, most of the pellets are "distributed" too widely to be of any use, and so are wasted.

Some travelers in Russia were attacked by wolves. They had rifles, but their supply of ammunition was

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LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Mr. E. S. Bordwell, Secretary

In our country today there are some 130 millions of people, 30 millions of whom are still under fourteen years of age. Seven and one-half millions are 8, 9 and 10 years of age; four and one-half millions are 11 and 12 years of age, making twelve millions of young citizens today who will have the privilege of voting and holding office in just thirteen years.

In less than a quarter of a century these young citizens will be entering places of responsibility,—teaching in our schools, manning our churches, entering the professions and holding administrative offices. It will be too late then to decide what kind of citizens they will be. Now is our time to help develop character, to cultivate those principles necessary for good citizenship.

The forces of evil are always alert with cunningly devised approaches to give the thinking mind a wrong slant, to weaken resistance to vice and to lower standards of honor. A true understanding of values is the basis of character building and Christian citizenship is the result of right thinking and good habits established in youth.

The Loyal Temperance Legion has a workable program, suitable for use in church schools, public schools and other organizations, in which through story, song, demonstration and experiment, great truths are presented which cannot fail to influence the lives of the children. Public Enemy No. 1 in our country today is the liquor traffic and our boys and girls and older young people are its victims. We believe total abstinence is the only way to deal with this menace. The teaching of reasons for total abstinence and the blessings which follow it should have a large place in the programs of our church schools, public schools, Scout groups and all other junior organizations. We can't reach all of the 12 million boys and girls who are now our greatest concern but we can reach some of them.

Let us do our best to send out these children permeated with high standards of true citizenship. Young people being the chief victims of the liquor traffic, if they become its chief opponents, there can be no question as to the outcome. Let us see to it that in our own communities this program of Alcohol Education is made possible to our boys and girls.

"He is such a little laddie, as he stands by his mother's knee,
A little life unfolding—we must answer for what he will be;
Shall he follow the great, broad highway that leadeth the downward way
Or climb where it's steep and narrow—
—This is for us to say.

In the years that lie beyond us—the world that is to be—
Will depend on how we have helped or neglected—such as he!

MISS O'DOUGHERTY'S WORK

During her month's work in our state, Miss Hortense O'Dougherty, special worker in the field of Alcohol Education, visited 13 towns, 12 counties, 7 colleges, held 62 meetings with an attendance of 2260; taught 20 college classes with an attendance of 1000; 22 high school classes with an attendance of 1095; held 43 conferences with schoolmen; interviewed educators at the University, Mayville, Grand Forks, Minot, Dickinson, Valley City, Jamestown, Agricultural College, Fargo, Larimore, Devils Lake, Rugby, Stanley, Williston, and Bismarck. General approval of her work has been given by those from whom we have heard.

DIST. PRESIDENTS BUSY

MRS. A. C. OLSON, president Devils Lake district, visited the Rock Lake union, giving a report of the state convention to a large and interested group.

MRS. J. H. PHELPS, president Northwest district, and members of the Fortuna union, were guests at a meeting of the Stady-Zahl union in the home of the president, Mrs. P. J. Foss. Mrs. Clifton Anderson, Fortuna, conducted devotions and Mrs. R. E. Taylor reported the state convention. Mrs. Phelps presided and assisted in program. A Christmas party is being planned, with husbands and children as guests.

MRS. C. F. TRUAX, president Minot district, has spent some time in the field, visiting her unions. Mrs. Truax is also Radio director and every Sunday afternoon at 1:15 broadcasts an appropriate message over KLPK, which has been highly commended.

MRS. J. H. POTTER, president Fargo district, visited the Hillsboro union as guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Flaestad where a meeting was held with members of Mayville union invited. A large group was present to listen to the interesting program. A return meeting at Mayville is planned for a later date.

MRS. LULU W. ZIMMERMAN, resident James-Valley district, reports a meeting at the home of the local vice president, Mrs. E. G. Ranum, when reports of state conventions were presented. Following a recommendation at convention, a social next meeting filled to capacity the hospitable home of the long-time, faithful secretary, Mrs. F. P. Stowell. At the close of the pleasant evening, refreshments were served.

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. E. F. ROACH, president New Rockford district, has removed from Shevener to New Rockford. MRS. F. C. THOMAS, formerly of Edgeley, is now making her home at Claremont, Minnesota.

MRS. E. S. BORDWELL, Jamestown, state L.T.L. secretary, gave a temperance talk to a Townsend group at a regular meeting.

FLASHER L.T.L. under the leadership of Miss Verna Elsworth, will present the first Medal contest of the season on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19. At the National convention, the name of this department was changed to Speech Contest.

MRS. KATE S. WILDER gave an animated and interesting report of the National convention at Rochester, N. Y. when the Fargo union met with Mrs. L. A. Runnestrand. Mrs. W. J. Hutchenson led helpful devotions. After refreshments, the hostess sang two numbers the last one being original, as to words and music. The November Roll Call was bringing results.

MRS. ANNA M. FORSBERG, the honored and oldest member of the Fargo Scandinavian union, was hostess to the dues-paying meeting when an enjoyable program with special music was presented. A social hour with refreshments followed. Mrs. Iver Fossum is the newly elected president.

THE CLASS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING in the senior high school at Minot, as a part of the Willard Centenary program, broadcast a dialogue, representing scenes in the life of Miss Willard when she began her temperance work. The scenes were cleverly impersonated by members of the class.

TEMPERANCE SONGS OF LONG AGO

By Mae Halcrow, Bowersmont

The Temperance music of 50 years ago was strong in its appeal to the thoughtful and thoughtless as well. We can remember the stirring campaign songs before North Dakota was admitted to Statehood. One chorus that made people think ran like this:

"They were both rum votes,
And they favored the license plan,
One was cast by a jolly old brewer,
And one by a Sunday School man?"
The last line being sung as though it had a question mark after it AS IT SHOULD.

To vote as you pray was stressed a great deal and the following song carried the same idea:—
"Christian do you pray for the land's release,

That the thralldom and the curse of the liquor power may cease?
Then vote as you pray and we'll live to see the day
When this soul-destroying curse shall be swept away."

"If I Were A Voice" was a solo arranged and sung by Mrs. Alice J. Harris of Boston, National Director of Music for the W.C.T.U. This solo was requested at nearly every state and National convention.

Another solo much in favor was "Will It Pay." The first verse was as follows:—

"Out from the hearth the children go,
Fair as the sunshine, pure as the snow,
A licensed wrong on the crowded street

Waits for the coming of the guileless feet.

Child of the rich and child of the poor,
Pass to their wreck through the dram shop's door.

Oh say, will they ever come back as they go

Fair as the sunshine, pure as the snow?"

When I first belonged to this organization in 1890 I was a charter member of the Nowesta Y.W.C.T.U. in a country community about 35 miles north of Grafton, and about 12 miles northwest of Drayton. It might be of interest to say that it was in this same "Y" that Louise Crummy began her temperance career while teacher in the Nowesta school. A few years later as Louise Crummy McKinney she held positions in the state organization, besides being President of her District while residing near Cando.

Later she moved to Alberta, Canada, and while there was elected a member of the Provincial Parliament and at the World's W.C.T.U. convention held in Toronto a few years ago was elected Vice President of the World's W.C.T.U. only a few days before she passed to the Higher Life. Miss Crummy was active in holding Gospel Temperance meetings. These were usually held on a Sunday evening, and those taking part were just folks from the neighborhood. Sometimes the minister would be present when not required to be at another charge, but the chief part of the program was given by local people. Music had a prominent place. We remember a meeting of this kind in the old Nowesta school house. A globe stood in a corner of the school and before the meeting began Barbara Halcrow Wylie wound a white ribbon around it and tied a bow. This act was commented upon by one of the speakers, Rev. John Scott, a retired Methodist preacher, who said that to him it meant "Purity encircling the world."

A song popular in W.C.T.U. ranks was, "There are bands of ribbon white around the world." It made a splendid mixed quartette and in memory I can still hear the clear tenor notes of

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ROCHESTER CONVENTION

(As all of you, unfortunately, do not get The Union Signal, we present the following interesting report by our beloved National Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo.—Ed.)

The sixty-fifth annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was a history-making meeting.

The processional on the opening night was a gala scene with its long lines of white-robed women and its imposing array of state flags. Led by the trumpeter and following the Color Bearers, who carried Old Glory and the Christian Flag, the General Officers, guests and Branch Secretaries walked in step down the central aisle of Rochester's Convention Hall between a double row of State Presidents, each with her state flag held proudly aloft.

President Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith gave her annual address at this opening session and as always it was replete with valuable data on the liquor problem. It was a session well calculated to whet one's appetite for the high point of the convention which was to come next day.

September 28, 1939

The Centenary day dawned clear and bright. Promptly at 9 o'clock the city busses of Rochester were removed from traffic and were expeditiously filled with the waiting women and on their way over the 18 mile drive to Churchville — birthplace of Frances Willard. Between 30 and 40 of these busses were filled, beside great numbers of private automobiles were in the line which, headed by an escort of State Troopers, made its way to Churchville. The villages en route were all out to do us honor. Schools were dismissed in honor of the occasion. Even Chesbrough Seminary was out en masse, students carrying flags lined the streets and the faculty came to greet us.

You will read about the program elsewhere, but it was a day long to be remembered.

No less history-making was the convention dinner on the evening of this Centenary day. It overflowed the capacity of the Hotel Seneca and necessitated engaging the Hotel Powers. Their ball room was filled and 150 women had to go to the regular dining room for their dinner and come later to the ball room for the program. At the Powers Mrs. Nelle G. Burger was the Toastmistress and "a good time was had by all," the speakers coming from the Seneca to repeat their addresses to this great crowd.

I must not take time to go through the program but each session was replete with worth while features.

As usual the work of the young people was outstanding. They had an enthusiastic and well attended rally on Saturday afternoon and that night gave a splendid program at the Convention Hall, the main address being given by the Rev. Martin Green of Atlanta, Georgia, who has been a faithful Y.T.C. worker through the years.

You will be interested to learn that on Mrs. Martha Coorer has fallen the mantle of our beloved Helen Byrnes as General Secretary of the Youth's Temperance Council. Miss Cooper is a daughter of the rarsboro, her father being a Methodist minister in Cambridge, Ohio. She is a college graduate and has already given, as you know, one year of W.C.T.U. work as Field Secretary.

The outstanding feature of Sunday was the great address on Sunday night by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, now from the Boston Area of the Methodist church. "A Date With the World" proved to be a thought-provoking appeal for Christian participation in human welfare.

World's Night was as ever colorful and inspiring. Every number was of special interest but Miss Mary Campbell, just back from Palestine, and Mrs. Loretta Hoyman, sailing in less than two weeks for Egypt and with a "mandate" over Palestine and Irak, brought to us a new sense of how the work on the other side of the world is forging ahead.

The closing program on Tuesday night brought three messages—a general appeal given by the Rev. Sam Morriss; the urge of Youth by Miss Mildred Yates of Massachusetts, a Y. T.C. girl of charm and ability; lastly Mrs. Nelle G. Burger gave the challenge to the W.C.T.U. and in a stirring patriotic appeal held aloft Old Glory and summoned every White-ribboner to a greater consecration and effort "For God — and Home — and Native Land." On this high note came the close of the convention.

There was much over which we may rejoice. 32,644 new members were reported from the Membership Campaign. 936 new organizations were reported. 30 Gold Star states received handsome gold stars to surmount their state flags and had a prominent place in the N.T.E.F. pageant.

The President's Recommendations called for a survey by the Unions into the local conditions brought on by the legalization of liquor. She offered to send, on request, information on how this is to be carried out. It is hoped that every local union will see in this a great opportunity to acquaint its community with the incontrovertible facts concerning the effects of repeal, not in some remote, far away place, but right at home.

It was a great meeting and from it we go forth inspired by the life of our great Leader, Frances Willard, to do even better work for the Master.
—Anna Marden De Yo.

"The world over, to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."—Emerson.

"My whole wish is to see the world at peace, and the inhabitants of it as a band of brothers, striving which should contribute most to the happiness of mankind."—George Washington.

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THE SEEING EYE

The blind — groping through life—a man with vision, Braille by name, created the raised-letter system making it possible for the hand of the blind to trace the words. Then came "The Seeing Eye," trained dogs, servants of the sightless eyes, leading them through the maze of city streets warding off dangers.

In many instances, physical blindness can not be avoided, but intellectual blindness is avoidable. Physical blindness is, largely, a handicap of the adult generation. Blindness to that which affects and wrecks the physical body is youth's handicap.

Youth in the present social order is blind to many dangers. These young people are blind to the dangers of the gambling evil. To their mind, taking a chance is "just fun."

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—Helen L. Byrnes.

PROMOTE THE YOUNG CRUSADER

"We must go among children with our temperance work. Great temptations lie in wait for them,—they ought to know it; mighty weapons will be hurled against them when they emerge from the sheltering fortress of home,—they ought not to go forth unarmed."—Frances E. Willard.

The children,—these are our responsibility to defend; these must be our care to develop to the best of which we are able, since they are the prey of the liquor advertisers who seek them as a future market.

You want your child and your child's playmates to know the truth,—teach them the facts of alcohol thru the columns of the Young Crusader; they will also enjoy the stories, poems and articles found in this very inexpensive, yet attractive magazine, written in such a manner that they can understand, and leading them on the columns of The Young Crusader; to the important knowledge of temperance and religious educational training.

It has been suggested by the manager of our Circulation Department that The Young Crusader be put into every child's hands before less helpful influences crowd in.

The Young Crusader would be a welcome Christmas gift for a young reader, a gift that would last thruout the year, bringing each month much enjoyment and cheer.

Each union in the state should present one school with a nine-months subscription, or have a gift club of ten.

Yearly subscriptions, 35c; Nine months' subscriptions, 25c; Clubs of ten \$3.00. Order from The Young Crusader, Evanston, Ill.

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He'll come to the home and remove what is best,
And leave his mark, ever after.
Florence E. Marshall.
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KILLING DUCKS—

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low; they dared not waste a shot. So they stood close together, back to back, facing outward. As the wolves circled about them, each man chose a beast directly before him, took careful aim, — and killed it. Every cartridge "distributed" meant a dead wolf. When several of the creatures had been killed, the others grew discouraged and slunk away.

Can you apply these illustrations to "distribution" of W.C.T.U. leaflets and pamphlets? Then remember Frances Willard's recommendation of "careful circulation of temperance literature." Finally, stress the importance of the first point in the program of the Department of Literature, — STUDY, both of our printed material and of the people who need it.

In other words, definite aim is necessary in working for abolition of the liquor traffic as well as in killing wolves!

TEMPERANCE SONGS—

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George B. Wylie, an honorary member of the "Y."

Another song so often used at the opening of our meetings was:—
"All round the world the ribbon white is twined, and we sang it to the tune of "Old Black Joe." We sang then as we do now;—

"It's coming, it's coming, the morn for which we pray,
We'll take the world for Christ's own Kingdom,
Some glad day."

In September 1898 when the convention met in Park River a memorial service was held for Frances Willard. At this service a ladies' quartette sang a number composed especially for Miss Willard, with her sentiments predominating and the words should be an inspiration to us all, even now. The chorus was:—
"She gives us marching orders,
Press on, and on, and on!
Till the blights of human homes
Are all dissolved and gone."

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