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THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained, Fresh from the hand of God. Each day, a precious pearl to you is given That you must string upon the silver thread of life. Once strung can never be unthreaded but stays An undying record of your faith and skill. Each golden, minute link you then must weld into the chain of hours That is no stronger than its weakest link. Into your hands is given all the wealth and power To make your life just what you will. I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months Of soothing rain and sunshine golden; The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber. All that I have I give with love unspoken. All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!

—J. D. Templeton.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:
Happy New Year Greetings to you all! 1939 is now behind us and the opportunities we had and did not grasp must all be forgotten. We are in a brand new year and what we make of it will depend largely on ourselves. The opportunities for temperance reform work are many and we should strive to enter every open door as did our sainted leader, Frances Willard.
I have outlined Ten goals that every local union should strive to attain this year, namely:
(1) Dues for all old members by March 1.
(2) Every union a Holdfast Union.
(3) Every member secure one new member.
(4) Hold 12 regular meetings with prepared programs.
(5) Pay State budget in full and meet district obligations.
(6) Hold at least one institute or help with a district institute.
(7) One subscription to Union Signal for every six members.
(8) An L.T.L. or a Y.T.C. or both in each union.
(9) Work at least three departments.
(10) Organize one new union in each district.
These goals are not impossible, no matter how small or large the union may be. Will you do your part?
One of the largest unions in our state has paid its budget in full and paid dues for more than 75 percent of their old members. That is a splendid achievement for the first three months of the year. What one union has done another can, at least, try to do.
An urgent call has come from Dr. Izora Scott, our legislative Director (Continued on page two)

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS — YOUNG AND OLD:
White Ribbon Recruits, Loyal Legioners, Members of
Youth's Temperance Council, Active and
Honorary W.C.T.U. Members

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May we all unite to make this a year of progress, peace, promotion of prohibition and prosperity for our beloved cause.

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

"Lo! I am with you, all the days."

THE STATE OFFICERS.

in Washington, D. C., asking us to write our U. S. Senators and urge their support of Senate Bill 517, which would prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages on the radio.
Get influential men and women to help convince our senators they ought to support this bill. Do this AT ONCE as bill will be called soon after Congress convenes on Jan. 3. Write our Senators, Hon. Gerald P. Nye and Hon. Lynn J. Frazier addressing them at Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D. C. After Congress convenes read carefully the Washington Letter in the Union Signal, that you may be informed. When Dr. Scott sends out an S. O. S. for your assistance follow her instructions and act at once. You get this information once a week through the Union Signal but I can reach you only once a month through our State paper.
How many of our unions plan to start a Temperance shelf in their public libraries? Several started one last year and no doubt will add a book or two this year. Many books on temperance, prohibition in America or lives of temperance leaders, could be secured as gifts and I am sure every public library would be glad to give you a shelf known as The WCTU Book Shelf. Remember you need not start with a large number of books but add some each year. In smaller towns where there is no public library, it could be put into public school or church. Let us do some thing along this line.
This is the year that we magnify the local union. At the national convention in Rochester, a certain state president told of the success of the church vice president plan in her state.
The plan is to choose a vice president from each church who secures the names of all the women in her church and she calls on each one extending an invitation to join the WCTU. If the list is too long she

may secure helpers but the plan is to reach every church woman. In some places luncheons may be given and a certain number invited to attend. Not many Christian women could be overlooked in such a survey. Why not try it in your union? Every church woman should be interested in Home Protection. Alas, we find so many who have not yet realized the "Sin of doing nothing about the liquor traffic." We can educate, agitate and organize but we must enter into that "lan whole heartedly with a burning desire to succeed." This can not be done by our own strength but in God, all things are possible.
May this New Year bring many blessings to each and every one of you! —comfort and guidance to those who mourn, health and strength to those who are ill, peace and good will to our world and divine guidance, faith hope and wisdom to each and every one.
Yours in loving service,
Bessie M. Darling.

A WORLD RULED BY CRIMINALS

If modern dictators be the dictators spoken of in Revelations 17, the new world-order is to be produced by criminals committing all power to a super-criminal. Mr. George Seldes says (Sawdust Caesar, p 16):—"Lenin, Kemal, Pilsudski, in fact, most of the modern dictators, have a long police record; but with Mussolini almost every year is marked by a deed of violence." His chief rival is Stalin. Mr. John Gunther writes (Inside Europe, p 435):—"Both Hitler and Mussolini have seen the inside of jails; but Stalin was much more a real jailbird." "Criminals, endowed with colossal power, will create the new world-state," comments Dawn.—Pentecostal Herald.

WHERE THOU STANDEST

The place where thou standest is holy ground—
This thought strikes anew, with wonder profound;
Is the site where this moment MY feet I place
One that is filled with His holy grace?
In palace or hovel, indoor or out,
Will the arms of God compass me about?—
Swift answer comes in small voice, yet clear,
"The Presence of God is ever here."
You know all the earth was by God's hand made,
And there's never a spot from sea to glade
But what is holy; and you, God's child,
Are bidden to keep it undefiled."
Violette M. Verry.

OUR RADIO DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:
Season's greetings! Happiness, health and prosperity for you and yours throughout the coming year! While our minds are filled with holiday thoughts, the Radio brings us a wealth of other information and we must not neglect opportunities that knock at our doors.
Ours is an educational program. It is the purpose of our National Department of Radio to bring to our radio audience the best thought of the nation on subjects relating to the purpose and principle of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
I wonder how many of you heard the programs given over KLPM at Minot every Sunday afternoon at 1:15 for the past seven weeks. We cannot all have access to a broadcasting station but we can all form listening groups and tell others about the broadcast. If you know of any broadcast in the state in the interests of our work, please inform me that I may have it for our reports. We are deeply grateful to KLPM for their kindness and cooperation in these Sunday broadcasts.
Yours in the Master's service,
Mattie Truax,
308—3rd St. S. E. Minot, N. D.
Hon. Wm. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, speaking on Moral Re-Armament at Chapel Hill, N. C., said: "A Nation's first line of defense is the character of her citizens and the inspiration of her leaders. A country rich in land, in trade, in tradition, but poor in faith, declines. A country rich in faith is rich in everything. Restore faith to a nation and you restore strength. Restore faith and you restore greatness. For character is wealth and faith is power."

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EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Mrs. C. E. Erickson, State Director

HOW TO HELP PLAN DEVOTIONAL PERIODS—

A devotional period, in a WCTU meeting, should be a HELPFUL period; but to make it truly helpful, we must give time and thought in advance and really PLAN it. Our Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a CHRISTIAN organization. Through the years its work has been carried on by Christian women who knew God and believed in prayer. Our great leader, Frances E. Willard, said: "Prayer is the simple expression of our needs to a source of help."

To give a helpful devotional service, we must know God, know His Word, believe in Him, and through faith and prayer, receive from Him guidance for our planning. Our first duty, then, in preparing helpful devotions is to PRAY. Next we should pray for God's help in choosing the right passage for the occasion. Different times and circumstances demand different messages. Our textbooks, the Bible, contains something suitable for any kind of a meeting, since it is for all people, for all time, and for all conditions.

If we need comfort because things look discouraging, or because, we have, apparently, lost a battle, we may be guided to read the 103rd Psalm, especially the 13th and 14th verses.—"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."

You may want a message of cheer because of some hard task you have been called to do, and choose to read from the 91st Psalm, especially the 11th verse.—"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways," or the 15th verse, "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; Or you may read Psalm 121.—"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

For encouragement and inspiration you may be led to choose II Timothy 3, realizing that in spite of perilous times the same Word which reveals these terrible conditions also says, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ," and "My grace is sufficient." Sometimes we need a text to instruct. All Scripture is given for one of four purposes,—as doctrine, reproof, correction or instruction (II Timothy 3:16). As Christian women we must be instructed in the Word if we are to help others. Read Psalm 119:130.—"The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

Distressing economic and moral conditions in the world today,—the prevalence of war and crime, the increasing menace of liquor,—make us realize that God's Word is being fulfilled before our eyes; but Jesus said, "See that ye not be troubled" (St. Matthew 24:6). Look above the storm

clouds; do not let outward conditions disturb your inner peace. God is still the Eternal One and "underneath are the everlasting arms."

"To know what to do is WISDOM; To know how to do it is SKILL; To do it, as it should be done, is SERVICE."

(National WCTU Publishing House, Evanston, Ill.)

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Introducing our new state director, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, who says:

Dear Co-Workers:

May the New Year bring you health, happiness and added inspiration for work for the Master! As your new director of this department I bring you personal greetings from our National director, Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer whose five sessions of alcohol education school I attended, preceding the Rochester National convention. We both hope that our state will make great progress in this department this year, because of our new and better opportunities for gaining and giving scientific temperance instruction.

You will have received our new leaflets and more may be had by sending to me or to our State Headquarters. Plans for posters should be made early. Each local director should have the latest catalogue of publications that she may see what literature is new and worthwhile. Let us also watch The Union Signal for latest literature helps. Why not make this an information year?

Cooperate with your teachers as temperance education should start with talks in First grade, continuing in other forms right through College and all of life. Teachers are often handicapped by not having temperance material and this is where each union may step in. Don't forget our slogan for this year — "A temperance shelf in the library of each school, village and city in our state." A subscription to The Young Crusader and to our splendid Union Signal for your school, will provide them with up-to-date and interesting material which may be kept on file for reference. Cooperate with your P.T.A. and try to have at least one temperance speaker on its program, each year.

Miss Palmer's new Plan of Work stresses studies by unions of "What Alcohol is and What it Does," and "Temperance and Changing Liquor Situation;" that each one will be able to interest people socially, in clubs, churches, study groups, young people's groups, such as Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H clubs, etc.

Miss Palmer's plan is — "Every union a study group; organize an L.T.L. one or more; organize a Y.T.C. one or more; organize an Iota Sigma, one or more; sponsor library project, exhibits, visual education." Let us remember always that our children and young people are our country's greatest asset and we must safeguard them against the curse of liquor.

The brewers' slogan — "Catch 'em Young" should stir us to greater action so that we, with scientific temperance instruction, shall "Catch 'em" first. Teach them that alcohol spells defeat in all sports, in scholarship, in health and chances for good positions, that it is not a tonic, a blood builder or valuable food, but is an expensive, dangerous, efficiency-destroying, habit-forming narcotic. Teach them from the kindergarten up that the only solution for the liquor is total abstinence.

Study well the Plan of Work, choose what you think you can put into action, and with prayer and work we shall make progress in scientific temperance instruction, for youth and adults, this coming year.

With love to all—

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

WHY NOT HAVE AN INSTITUTE

Dear Local Unions in North Dakota:—

Of course you have learned by this time that the National W.C.T.U. has decided to place special emphasis this year on building up the LOCAL UNIONS. Among the means for doing this is the suggestion that more INSTITUTES be held. I am quite sure that no better way to increase interest in our work has been found than the holding of well planned and well advertised Institutes. We have been remiss in our state about this important part of W.C.T.U. work. It is possible that this is one reason that some of our local unions do not prosper as they might. The program prepared for Institutes this year has set aside nearly an hour for a Quiz on the National Handbook. Since Quizzes are so popular today this feature of our program has met with enthusiastic response from the directors of other states. They write that the women are surprised to find how little they really did know of the W.C.T.U. organization. A paper from Green Cove Springs, Fla., containing notes from Penney Farms reports two Institutes; one held in Green Cove Springs at which our own Bertha R. Palmer was the honored guest and spent her rest day with Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson and other N. Dak. friends at Penney Farms Memorial Home Community. At the Penney Farms Institute Mrs. Anderson introduced the speakers and conducted the Quiz. Sides were chosen and scores kept; the Quiz thus conducted proving both instructive and amusing.

A clever playlet called "But Why —?" is new and takes about ten minutes and three women characters. If you present this playlet at one of your local meetings, it may inspire your members to try an Institute. I will be happy to send one copy of the playlet and one of the program and a Plan of Work to any union requesting them. Larger orders must be sent to Headquarters. When it is possible for me to do so, I will be glad to come and help you with your Institutes if you will pay the traveling expense and entertain me while in your town. May we all get the Institute vision!

A Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous W.C.T.U. New Year to every Local Union.

Loyally,

Kate S. Wilder
State Director,
712 Fourth St. So.,
Fargo, N. Dak.

OUR PUBLICITY DIRECTOR WRITES

Dear Friends:

The increased interest shown in publicity work this past year has been very encouraging and as "We learn by doing" I am hoping that more and greater work can be done this year.

If every woman who believes in the temperance work would use her influence to inculcate Alcohol Education in every activity with which she is connected — the school, the church societies, social life — much could be done toward molding public opinion against the drink evil.

Those financially interested in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors are carrying on a ceaseless propaganda to promote the knowledge and use of their products. They realize that the dry organizations are carrying on a relentless war against them. "Tap and Tavern" says, "Now is the time for all good men in the liquor industry to roll up their sleeves and go into action."

Let us, too, go into action and publicize through all the means at our command the mental, moral, physical and financial degeneration brought on by the use of beverage

COR. SEC'S CORNER

A happy New Year to you all, dear Comrades! In our work it will only be so if we each do our level best. Are we really in earnest about our work? Are we trying to strengthen it by securing new members? The Woman's Christian Temperance Union may be compared to a Voice, crying in the wilderness of intemperance and crime, pleading for total abstinence and purity; it is the only woman's organization with these objectives. Every member gained strengthens the organization in its future work.

You have received the Membership Plans in which our Mrs. DeYo makes Home Protection the object of our campaign this year. She urges us, under this battle cry, "to focus the attention of the people not only on the Home but on the children within that Home from which the liquor traffic seeks to divert attention by its attempt to magnify "revenue," "jobs" and the like." So, in the interest of the home and the children, I want to throw out a challenge to every one of our members. It is this:

EVERY MEMBER GAIN ANOTHER MEMBER!

When you get that new member, please send me your name, and you will be listed as a Home Protector and will receive a beautiful white satin bookmark. Those who gain five new members are called Home Defenders and receive a lovely button and their names recorded in The Union Signal. Since last report the names of only three Home Protectors have been reported. They are: Mrs. Martin Johnson, Larimore; Mrs. Jas. O. Welden, Benedict; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo; Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Grand Forks; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks. To every district president comes this challenge:

ORGANIZE AT LEAST ONE NEW UNION!

Who will be first to do this? When you do organize, visit every organization in your district, and have ten per cent of all your unions making an increase in membership, you will be an ADVOCATE OF THE HOME, receiving a special souvenir award and your name listed in The Union Signal. How many Advocates of the Home shall we have this year?

Mrs. DeYo has a splendid plan for the children. She suggests Home Loyal Temperance Legions whereby any mother who will have a legion in her home with her own children and their playmates meeting once or twice a month. In this way a number of neighborhood Legions can be held all through the town and the children receive the instruction they so much need. The writer carried on one year ago when living in a smaller town and we all enjoyed it. One of our Willard members Mrs. C. J. Kuehl of Wilton, is carrying on this work in her S. S. class.

CAMPAIGN DATES — Nov. 1, 1939—May 12, 1940.

This campaign closes on Mother's Day, May 12, but please don't wait but get right to work and let us hear from you. The test of your loyalty to any cause is what we are willing to do for it. There are women every— (Continued on page three)

alcohol.

About once a month the Research Department of the National W.C.T.U. sends me the latest findings on the alcohol question. If local publicity directors will send me their names and addresses I will try to forward copies of these reports to them promptly. Our Union Signal and White Ribbon Bulletin are also helpful tools with which to work in educating and informing public opinion.

Sincerely yours,
Nellie M. Cross,
Park River, North Dakota.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 15, to Dec. 15, 1939.

DUES— Dickey 8; Minot 1; Bismarck 9; Valley City 16; Hannah 8; Fargo Scan, 31; Flasher 3; Benedict 2; Ray 1; Stanley 11; Larimore 5; Edgeley 10; Grenora 4; Drayton 9; McKenzie 2; Grafton 9; Northwood 10; Oberon 9; Fargo 6; Nekoma 11; Sanborn 1; Lisbon 3; Bottineau 12.

BUDGET PAID IN FULL— Fargo; Prosper.

BUDGET IN PART— Dickey \$5.00; Bismarck \$5.00; Valley City \$35.00; Larimore \$2.50; Edgeley \$1.00; Sheldon \$1.00; McKenzie \$1.60; Grafton \$20.00; Glover \$6.00; Nekoma \$11.00; Calvin \$1.00; Sheyenne \$7.00.

STATE REPORTS— Minot 3; Valley City 3; Hannah 2; Larimore 3; Drayton 2; Oberon 2; Nekoma 3; Stanley 2; Reeder 2.

DISTRICT PLEDGE— Minot District \$5.00; Hettinger District \$8.00; Ransom-LaMoure District \$6.00.

Dear Treasurers:—

When necessary to send postage stamps send 3c, 2c, or 1c stamps. Stamps of larger denomination are difficult to dispose of. The post-office will not take them, and the bank will not cash them either.

We feel grateful to those who observed the November Roll-Call, and who sent in funds so promptly.

Two more unions have paid budget in full—Fargo and Prosper. Why do you not all try to do the same?

And now a word about the Hold Fast unions. You have until March first to become Hold Fast. Why not consider it? Wouldn't it be proud to have every union in the state a Hold Fast union!

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.
1341 11th Ave. North
Fargo, N. D.

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

Thelma Liessman Vant'ne, Sec'y

Greetings to all our Y. T. C. and W.C.T.U. members! It is a privilege to include greetings from our new General Y.T.C. Secretary, Miss Martha Cooper, who has sent me "Stemming the Tide"—the program and Plan of Work for 1940. Her greetings were from the National convention held in Rochester. North Dakota made some gain in this work during the past year and we appreciate your help in this direction.

We must accept a new challenge and give the best that is in us to this splendid work during the coming year. Recently, in some papers from Georgia, I noticed articles concerning "Sobriety at Grid Games." It was stated that the police department would not tolerate drinking at the coming, outstanding football games and the action was commended "to eject drunken persons from the stadium, for a football game is no place for those who are not sober." When a complaint was made about excessive drinking at the games, the Chief of Police went to bat with the spectators and the "Black Maria" stood outside to carry away those who indulged in brazen exhibitions of drinking." Comments were made about those who pull out bottles and attempt to drink in public, "This is a practice that will not be tolerated. Football fans go to the stadium to see the game and they are entitled to the privilege of witnessing it without interference from inebriates."

This gives us food for thought and need not be applied only to ball games. It is unusual to have the support of the police department as well as of the editors." Thank you all for your help during the past year and may the New Year be a blessed one for you and for this great cause! A happy new year to you all!

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell Secretary

The new L.T.L. project for this year—"Heralds of Temperance." Boys and girls, by keeping their L.T.L. pledge, are proclaiming a message of temperance and may be known as Heralds of Temperance. Herald's Guide—"Christ is our Leader and Guide." Herald's Duty—"A Herald proclaims or announces a truth." Herald's Challenge: "To tell the truth we must learn the truth." "The L.T.L. teaches the truth about alcohol."

One of the objectives of the W.C.T.U. is "Every union sponsoring an L.T.L." The main difficulty is in finding leaders. The Home legion helps solve the problem. Mothers, older sisters and mother-hearted women, members of the Y.T.C. and even grandmothers who are qualified may become leaders of a Home Legion. These legions may be supervised by local or district secretary. Outdoor meetings are popular in warm weather. Children are always ready for this organization and they should not be denied its teaching. Our campaign is from Nov. 1, 1939 to July 1, 1940.

Mrs. Grace Franklin, leader of the Larimore L.T.L. reports three assistants. Meeting in the city hall, they pay 50 cents for each time. The program opens with devotions, with pictures to explain the Bible reading. Then follows a temperance story or playlet. Games are enjoyed for which there is ample room in the hall. To the Christmas party each member was to bring a guest. There are two groups and we plan for a third. One group of 16 has Elaine Fredyland as president. Stanley Nicol, vice president and Cleo Christenson, secretary and treasurer. For the group of 25, Donna Melarvie is president, Virginia Nicol, vice president and Duley Gilderhus, sec. and treasurer.

AT THE CROSSROADS

THE BOY— Our greatest asset, biggest problem, bow of promise and fondest hopes. In fact he represents the future of our nation.

He stood at the crossroads all alone;
The sunlight in his face.
He had no thought for an evil course;
He was set for a manly race,
But a road led east and a road led west

And he did not know which was the best,
So he took the wrong road and it led him down,
And he lost the goal and the victor's crown.

He was caught at last in an evil snare,
Because no one stood at the crossroads there,
To tell him the way to go.

Another day the self-same place,
One with high hopes stood.
He, too, was set for a manly race;
He was seeking a way that was good.
And one was there who the way did know,

And that one showed him the way to go.
So he turned away from the road leading down,
And he won the race and the victor's crown.

He walks today on a highway fair,
Because one stood at the crossroads there,
And showed him the way to go.
He is some Mother's boy.

COR. SEC'S. CORNER—

(Continued from page two) where waiting to be asked to join. We never know how long we may have a chance to work. "The King's business requireth haste."
Yours for advancement all along the line,
Barbara H. Wylie

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. NELLIE M. CROSS, Park River accompanied by Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood reported the state convention to members of the Edinburg union, at a meeting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer.

MRS. H. B. WALCH of Reeder, was a pleasant caller at the Headquarters office recently. Mrs. Walch is conducting an L.T.L. which meets every two weeks and the children are very enthusiastic. By the sale of home-made candy at a meeting of the Farmer's Union, all expenses of the Legion were met.

MRS. P. J. FOSS, Appam, president Stady-Zahl union, who has been receiving treatment at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, for a fractured knee-cap, the result of an automobile collision with a drunken driver, is in the hospital at Williston for further treatment. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Foss in this accident. Mr. Foss accompanied his wife to Fargo.

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE AND MISS EVA PENNER were speakers at the November meeting of the Reeder union in the home of Miss Effie Walch. Mrs. Frisbie spoke on work for the children and Miss Penner, a returned missionary from India, on temperance work in that country where the people are too apt to associate the liquor traffic with our Christian country.

MRS. ELIZABETH HILL, one of the oldest and most highly respected members of the Fargo union, with her daughter Jessie, entertained the union at its December meeting when a Peace program was presented by Mrs. Norman Tenneson, assisted by Mrs. Paul Jones and Mrs. Philip Vogel, who discussed—"How to Keep the United States Out of War." Mrs. L. A. Runnestrand sang—"The Angel's Message" and Miss Hill read, "The Christmas Rose." There was a large attendance.

GRAND FORKS SCANDINAVIAN union met Nov. 24 in the home of Mrs. J. H. Espeland, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling presiding, by request. Mrs. O. T. Ness furnished delightful vocal numbers. Mrs. Wylie spoke on the November Roll Call and presented the new Membership plans. Mrs. Alf Christensen was assisting hostess.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN union met with Mrs. Minnie Lillevoid when Rev. S. A. Berge, pastor First Lutheran Church, was the able speaker. Christmas music was furnished by Miss Evelyn Johnson and A. Ness.

HELEN JOYCE BOLLINGER won the medal at the Speech contest under the auspices of the Flasher L.T.L. of which Miss Verna Ellsworth is leader. The other contestants received copies of The Young Crusader. Three boys and two girls participated.

FOR THE MOTION PICTURES—Beneficent Reprobate or The Pay-Off, the following requests have been received: Calvin W.C.T.U. for Oct. 28, 1939; Devils Lake and Mott Schools, Oct. 11; New England Schools, Dec. 6; Northwood Schools, Dec. 21; Carrington High School, Jan. 29, 1940; Senior High School, Minot, Feb. 5-7; Fairmount Public Schools, Feb. 27; Belmont School, Grand Forks, April 5; Public Schools, Jamestown, April 19, 1940.

PROMOTED—Mrs. Daniel E. Miller, beloved member of the Fargo union, was called to her heavenly Home Dec. 13. Mrs. Miller was active in church and missionary work and her beautiful Christian life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT

Dear White Ribboners:

We seem to be on the threshold of a very eventful year in the United States—events coming to a climax. Much may be said as to the issues which constitute this climax. This is to be a Presidential election year of far-reaching significance. It is expedient that in our civic responsibilities we should be most concerned in the matter of facts versus misleading propaganda in what is likely to be a most intensive campaign.

It has been difficult to keep informed in regard to the issues which will be of strategic weight to the party now in power in Washington, coming up again for endorsement, but it seems that our women have reason to mistrust an Administration that has handled the liquor and the financial questions of the country so badly.

In the Union Signal of June 10, 1939, Dr. Izora Scott, our legislative representative at Washington, gives a very fine outline of the President's Reorganization Plans. It would be well to make that article a program feature early in the year. We can thus get an understanding of what the opposing parties mean in their campaigns.

In the Arms Embargo Act we see a sinister relation to the recent intensive armament expansion program for our Army and Navy. What has become of the World Peace idealism through the generous trade of our home production markets with the Communistic countries in which the government primarily profits from the trade? This Peace and "Good Neighbor" market agreement is to be continued, despite the contradictory armament reinforcement. We should give this considerable thought. It seems to me similar to legalizing liquor to use up the surplus grain, and with the other hand plowing it under. There is much confusion we need to have clarified that we may be intelligent voters. We have been hearing much about our liberties when possibly it is our duty that should be emphasized and the spotlight of interest in European affairs be diverted to possible similar trends within our own country. As ever, the Citizenship department has its challenges for the New Year.

With every good wish,
Your Director,
Mrs. Geo. Campbell.

WE BREAK NEW SEAS TODAY

Each man is Captain of his Soul,
And each man his own Crew,
But the Pilot knows the Unknown Seas
And He will bring us through.
We break new seas today—

Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters,
And, from the vast uncharted waste in front,
Thy mystic circles leap
To greet our prow with mightiest possibilities,
Bringing us—What?

Dread Shoals and shifting banks?
And calms and storms?
And clouds and biting gales?
And wreck and loss?
And valiant fighting times?
And, maybe, death!—and so, the Larger Life!

For, should the Pilot deem it best
To cut the voyage short,
He sees beyond the sky-line, and
He'll bring us into Port!

—John Oxenham.

"All who joy would win must share it; happiness was born a twin."

A SHAMEFUL 'PROFESSION'

Ethel Hubler

Did you ever ask your boys and girls what they are going to be when they become men and women—what line of business they are going to follow? A high school boy, 16, wants to be a civil engineer, another the same age has decided on the law profession, another is going to be a "sound man" in the moving picture industry. A little girl, Mary, 9, says when she grows up she's going to be a mother, "just like mother," and her cousin, Norma, 11, is going to be the best nurse that ever worked in a hospital. Another promising young man, 13 years, is going into the printing business. Another boy, 11, who said he heard a talk in his Sunday school against whiskey had made his mind up to be President of the United States when he grew up, so that "I can close up all these whiskey places."

Not one, thus far, to whom the question was asked by this writer, has expressed a desire to receive a college education that he might be a liquor salesman, a saloonkeeper, a brewer, a distiller, or even the manager of a cocktail lounge or a bartender. A liquor journal, the Illinois Package Liquor Review, in its current issue asks the pertinent question, "Just what has brought this industry to the sad point where some of its most important people speak apologetically of their connection with it." It describes the experience of an executive of a major distillery who couldn't keep his own school-age daughter from lying whenever anyone asked her what her father did for a living.

This attitude toward the booze business has always prevailed and always will, because it lives and thrives on the downfall of its patrons. The liquor business is thus in a class by itself. It is a body and soul destroying business. It will ever be thus, because of the nature of its product. Bread and meat and potatoes are body builders. Liquor is not only a destroyer of the body but a heartbreaker and crime producer. It tears down everything it touches.

This liquor journal in Illinois wants to remove the stigma from the liquor trade. It tells us that the "average liquor man today is well educated and intelligent," and urges "all university men now engaged in the liquor industry to band themselves together into a Liquor Men's University Club with the object in mind of raising the level of the industry and counteracting vicious and discreditable propaganda."

We have met in our lives some people whom we call optimists, but this man who has undertaken to remove the "stench" the "smell"—from the booze business we'd like to label "America's Optimist Number 1." More power to you, Mr. Booze Editor. Round-up your college men, your university graduates, You'll need all of them, for as you say in your closing paragraph "it would serve to attract to our industry more of the type of persons which our industry is going to need if it is to survive as a well-regulated, privately-owned, legal industry."

Yes, you are right, something will have to be done from the inside if the industry is to survive with the people voting as they are wherever elections are called, in order to rid their communities of the liquor nuisance. It was William McKinley who said that the liquor trade is the most degrading and ruinous of all human pursuits. That will be some reputation to live down. But it will take more than a "Liquor Men's University Club" to do it, we predict.

The Worst King

When old King Alcohol rules a man He makes the man his slave; But I refuse this drug to use—I'll be nobody's knave!

AS OTHERS SEE US

OLD AGE PENSIONS VIA LIQUOR PROFITS

An editorial in a recent Boston paper commended North Dakota for voting against increasing the old age pension. Unfortunately that was not the question. The very spacious offer by the traffic to finance an old age pension from the profits! (?) of the sale of alcoholic beverages was the same question that has trapped many a voter and state. North Dakota didn't bite.

At the expense of \$100,000 the state was compelled to vote on a phase of the liquor problem. This time on municipal liquor stores, for the benefit (?) of old age.

The "Consolidated Drys" of the state which is made up of all political parties and faiths sent out that circular from which I quote.

"The temperance people of this state oppose municipal liquor stores because of our profound respect for old age and our moral and religious convictions.

WE DO NOT oppose properly financed old age pensions.

WE DO oppose this plan for these very pungent reasons.

It holds out false hopes to old age. It seems to offer security from the profits of a very secure business. Not so long ago, you must recall, this business was wiped out by the voters of America. Who can tell how soon this may happen again?

We oppose this bill because it offers new encouragement to drink. It suggests our children and grand children should drink in order to provide an old age pension for parents and grandparents.

We are convinced no new encouragement to drink should be offered to any group. Should this bill pass, every time a move was made to restrict or destroy the traffic we would find ourselves not only fighting the traffic but old age pension as well.

We, the voters of North Dakota do not wish to mortgage the state to the liquor interests."

After five years of dust storms, drought and grasshoppers North Dakota turned down this offer by a vote of 170,584 to 41,818.

Of such stuff are North Dakotans made!

Rose Upton Bascom

BOWESMONT union is bereaved in the Home-going Dec. 10 of Mrs. Wm. Stinson a faithful member, and one time secretary of the the union, interested in temperance and every good cause. To the relatives and friends we extend sincere symp. thy. "There shall be no more death."

Birds of a Feather

Birds of a feather flock together, Whiskey, wine and beer,— For alcohol is in them all— The facts are very clear.

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With this Union Signal planned for wider appeal than ever, (and one-fourth of our present circulation is among business and professional men and women) a definite, organized campaign should be carried on to bring the paper before schools, churches, and non-antagonistic organizations; into offices, libraries; reception rooms; and into the homes of non-members as well as members. The other issues each month will be devoted more largely to W.C.T.U. interests and will prove essential to informed, active, powerful membership. Every prospective and non-subscribing member should be supplied with a sample copy of The Union Signal and the Young Crusader and urged to subscribe."

No woman should try to be president of a local union who does not read The Union Signal and in North Dakota, no woman is eligible as a state director who is not a subscriber. RECOGNITION WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO next August for: Local unions doubling their subscriptions; Local unions securing 10 or more subscriptions outside of the membership. Their names will be recorded in The Signal. Individuals sending five or more yearly subscriptions in one order will also be honored.

Crcsby Union has held interesting meetings. There was a large attendance at the home of the president, Mrs. C. E. Erickson in Oct. when Mrs. J. H. Phelps, district president, and Mrs. Erickson reported the state convention. Mrs. S. D. Sorgen was hostess for the Nov. meeting when the program was devoted to the golden anniversary of the state and the W. C. T. U. and the centenary of Frances E. Willard. Mrs. Anderson's Story of Fifty Years was read by a group of members and much enjoyed. Mrs. Hanmer was honored as the only pioneer daughter present. Mr. Sorgen sang "A Song for Pioneers" written by Mrs. Beasley. Books were donated to the Willard Memorial book shelf. The November Roll Call was observed and those present paid dues. At the December meeting in the home of Mrs. H. Saterlie, the State Report was studied and plans made for the work of the new year. The Union Signal was donated to the library as a Christmas gift.

"GOBLINS"

"Once there was a woman who did not pay her dues And as she sat her down to read the Evening News, Her husband heard her holler and her kiddies heard her yell, But just what happened then and there —no one can tell. They sought her in the kitchen and they sought her in the street, They sought her in the garden and they sought her in the wheat, But all they ever found was excuses she had made, An' the goblins'll get you if your dues ain't paid."

—Exchange

"Every morning seems to say There's something happy on the way— And God sends love to you."

OLD YEAR MEMORIES

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us,
The worrying things that caused our souls to fret;
The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us
Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us,
The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet;
The pride with which some lofty one disdains us
Let us forget.

Let us forget our brother's fault and failing,
The yielding to temptation that beset;
That he perchance, though grief be unavailing
Can not forget.

But blessings manifold, past all deserving,
Kind words and helpful deeds, a countless throng,
The fault overcome, the rectitude unswerving,
Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true and gracious,
Whatever of right has triumphed over wrong,
What love of God of man has rendered precious,
Let us remember long.

So pondering well the lessons it has brought us,
We tenderly may bid the year "Good-by."
Holding in memory the good it brought us,
Letting the evil die.
Susan H. Gammons.

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Mrs. A. V. Sheppard entertained members of the Grand Forks Scandinavian L. T. L. at a Christmas party in her home, Miss Mildred Rude, leader, and Mrs. Nick LeRud assisting. Stories and carols furnished entertainment. Twenty guests were present.