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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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I'M NOT JUST FEBRUARY

I'm not just February
 With winds that blow
 All day, and piled-up snow;
 I'm Washington and Lincoln, too,
 Who kept our country's flag for you.
 I'm Valentine of airy grace,
 With golden hearts and hearts of lace,
 And pretty cards that people send,
 Quite as a secret, to a friend.
 Though I'm short of days, and small,
 I'm quite a big month, after all.
 —Annette Wyne in New York Woman's Temperance Work.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Comrades:

These first few weeks of 1940 have been busy ones but, dear co-workers, let us never be too busy to carry on the work of our organization. Let us learn to put first things first.

Every union should have its work well under way by this time. Remember if you are to be a Hold Fast union, dues for all old members must reach your state treasurer before March 1st. This is a fine way to show your desire to cooperate with your state officers.

One of the plans made at the National convention, was to hold Regional Conferences throughout the nation. We are grouped with Minnesota and the conference will be held in Grand Forks early in March. Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, National corresponding secretary, will conduct this conference assisted by Miss Martha Cooper, General Secretary of YTC, and the two state presidents. It will be a great privilege to welcome these two national leaders to our state and also to extend the glad hand of fellowship to the Minnesota comrades. It will seem like a home-coming to me as it was in that state I received my early training for this work. The Conference will be open to any interested member and it is hoped that a large number will plan to attend.

You have the plans now for the work outlined by our National leaders following a vote of the National convention body, last September in Rochester, N. Y. May I urge that you carry out these plans as far as possible. Enlist the help of Christian friends and remember that through this plan, we may create public sentiment for some real action against present conditions.

What are you doing to increase our membership? Are you carrying out the slogan, "Every member win a member and be a Home Protector?"

RAISE YOUR BUDGET and that means EVERY union in the state. You are all home-makers and I am sure you would find it very difficult to maintain your home standard, if, after a reduction in income, the bread winner should come up several hundred dollars short at the end of the year. The state is greatly handicapped when there is a shortage of funds



MISS MARTHA COOPER
 National Y. T. C. Secretary

so please meet your obligations this year.

Department work should be in full swing now. Let each union work at least three departments best suited for its own community. How about a speech contest? This is an excellent time to get one into the making. Let us have more contests, as we reach our young people through the contest work.

Thirty states in our nation raised their quota to the National Temperance Education Fund and are known as Gold Star states. North Dakota did not raise its full quota of \$5,000.00—we are still short \$1375.39. We have 31 Gold Star unions but we also have 38 unions who have not raised their full quota. Some of these unions are large—some are small—so it would hardly be fair to divide the unpaid balance equally among them. If each of the 38 unions would be guided by their conscience and assume a sum suitable to their membership and really put effort behind it, we could finish our task this year. A simpler way would be for each member in the state to raise one dollar for this fund this year. North Dakota has had a splendid record in the past, and it should be to our interest to uphold this record.

In reading the annual report of the National WCTU of 1906, I found this item in the report of Mary E. Hopper, organizer: "The first of May found me in North Dakota, where I commenced a term of two months field work in the state of no saloons. "Why go from Chicago with its 7,000 saloons to a prohibition state to do temperance work." This question was asked me to which my answer was: "I am here to enlist sympathy and help, from those who are safe and secure, for Chicago and every other beleaguered city in license states." Day after day the rain fell and yet the people are so awake to the bene-



MRS. ANNA MARDEN DeYO
 Cor. Sec. National W. C. T. U.

fits of prohibition that they did not stay at home and so generously contributed that at the close of two months of field work I had paid all expenses including my salary and sent \$86.72 to the state treasurer."

We are no longer "safe and secure" in North Dakota or in any of our states. There is greater need for temperance work today than ever before in our history, so surely I have not asked too much from any one. Let

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A BUSINESSMAN'S TRIBUTE To Frances E. Willard

A prophetess God sent to men—
 Her memory shall endure;
 Her strength was as the strength of
 ten,
 Because her heart was pure.

She came with all of woman's grace,
 With elegance and truth,
 With courage unsurpassed to face
 The foe of age and youth.

Not on a flaming battlefield
 Nor where a sea fight rang
 The conflict raged. The foe concealed
 Coiled, struck with poison fang.

This is the enemy of men,
 Of body, mind and soul;
 Its mission to destroy, I ken,
 Is known from pole to pole.

She organized to do God's will
 The world's brave womanhood;
 In all the nations, pulsing still,
 Is felt her power for good.

At Washington in Hall of Fame,
 Her statue gleams in marble white;
 Through years to come it will pro-
 claim
 Her noble service for the Right.

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—Pliny A. Wiley, Wichita, Kans.

UNIONS ATTENTION!
 ANNUAL MESSAGE
**"WHAT THE LOCAL
 UNION CAN DO"**
 Bertha Rachel Palmer
 National Director of Alcohol
 Education
MARCH 1940

NATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

For Minnesota and North Dakota

An important meeting, of much interest to all of us, will be the Regional conference to be held at Grand Forks, March 4-6, beginning with a dinner meeting the evening of the 4th. We will be honored with the presence of two National workers—Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, corresponding secretary, and Miss Martha Cooper, Secretary Youth's Temperance Council.

Our Minnesota comrades will also be with us and appearing on the program will be the state president of Minnesota, Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker; the vice president, Mrs. Harriet G. Northfield, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Verva F. Stanway; the recording secretary, Mrs. Josephine Raff and the treasurer, Mrs. Clara Lindstrom. Other Minnesota members taking part will be the L.T.L. Sec. Mrs. Frances Poston, the Y.T.C. secretary, Mrs. Maymie A. Ford; and Mmes. Alice May Stuart, Tenstrike;

*Alma Levins, Crookston; Minnie Styrlund, Warren.

It is expected that the general officers of North Dakota, the state secretaries, district presidents and all members who can possibly come, will attend. Delegates are to be entertained for room and breakfast and names should be sent early to the chairman of entertainment committee, Mrs. Morris Williams, 524½ 5th St. N., Grand Forks.

This conference is one of a series being held over the nation with national officers and secretaries as guest speakers. The keynote is Home Protection which is the theme of the National Membership campaign for this year. A program of much interest is being prepared. Each state will arrange for an executive meeting of its members during the conference. Let us rally to meet our national leaders and Minnesota comrades at Grand Forks. The conference will close Wednesday at noon, March 6th. North Dakota must do its part.

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EVANGELISTIC DEPT.

Man's Relation to the Sabbath

From an article by A. Lee Hale, reprinted by permission by our National Publishing House, we quote the following:

"Man's relation to the Sabbath is not incidental but fundamental. The day may be lightly esteemed and flippantly regarded but the consequences of such an attitude cannot be evaded. God wrote the sabbatical commandment into the sacred canons because He had first wrought the sabbatical need into created souls. The fourth commandment is not an arbitrary pronouncement of an outmoded deity to superstitious souls of the past but is an eternal announcement of an ever-living Father to needy children of all ages. To regard lightly the Sabbath is lightly to regard God. It is to lose the sense of the sovereignty of God. When God's day means nothing, God Himself means nothing.

The whole question centers in this: Who is the Lord of the Sabbath? Is it the church? Is it the state? Is it the man? Is it selfish interest and desires? To the Christian there is but one answer: Jesus Christ is Lord. On the Sabbath Christ deserves even more peculiar exaltation. Christ should be made in truth Lord of the Sabbath, and all conflicting agencies should be put down. Therefore the Christian should stand forever against any act or conduct or condition that tends to destroy the sense or privilege of sabbatical reverence and worship.

Three things especially militate against the day: commercialism, pleasure-seeking, legalized amusements. More and more the stores in town and country are opening for business on Sunday, selling anything from a gallon of gas to a bottle of beer. No longer do men pay homage to the golden calf while God speaks through smoking Sinai, but all too frequently they fall down before the golden eagle while God speaks through sabbatical quietude. God's people everywhere ought to desist from buying and selling on the Sabbath and seek to create the right sabbatical attitude in each community.

The spirit prevailing among many is that the Sabbath is simply a holiday and as such they use it. Their favorite sport, a pleasure trip, the lure of the road, the call of some amusement, the urge to lazy lounging,—many are the things that tend to drown the call to worship and to destroy the sense of reverence. Legalized amusements stand in direct opposition to the Sabbath. Is the day simply a holiday or is it a holy-day? If man is the potential child of God, then these places of amusement are damning his birthright when they call him to this same forgetfulness. Commercialized amusements engender a spirit contrary to reverence, and therefore are detrimental to Sabbath observance.

God has not changed. Right has not

PERSONAL MENTION

CONGRATULATIONS!— Into the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holard, our associate Y.T.C. Secretary, on January 7th, a little white ribbon recruit was welcomed—Roy Wilder Holard. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy parents and to our vice president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, the proud grandma!

L.T.L. AT VALLEY CITY.—Mrs. B. A. Burns, who carried on the L.T.L. work so successfully for several years while she lived at Sheldon, has now undertaken to do the same for Valley City and we are sure that under her leadership the work will succeed.

MISS HILDA WINSTED, matron at Pioneer Hall, State Teachers College, Minot, served a silver tea to the local union when the Christmas program was rendered. Edith Colton played Christmas carols on the violin; Virgene Hunt read a cutting from Dickens' Christmas Carol; Dorothy Erb gave a medal contest oration and Paul Krueger sang.

PARK RIVER'S December meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Nypen of the Lutheran church on the subject of Peace. Mrs. Nypen assists with her music. Park River orders Topical Programs for all their members.

MRS. FRANK BEASLEY, our beloved recording secretary, with her husband, is spending some time in California, visiting relatives. Before leaving Mrs. Beasley presented to the library at Langdon copies of "The Story of Fifty Years," and "Pioneer Girl."

MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING, our state president, spoke at meetings of the Gilby and Grafton unions recently, and **MRS. KATE S. WILDER,** vice president, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Grand Forks union at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. Ross Hicks when she presented and explained the Lillian Stevens' Legislative Fund. Mrs. Chas. Allen led devotions and Mrs. Jas. Robertson sang. Visitors were present from the Scandinavian union.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN union met at Luther Hall, Mrs. Iver Fossum, local president, presiding. Mrs. Jessie Potter, president Fargo union, conducted devotions. Enjoyable music was furnished by Mrs. A. C. Bruns-vold and Lloyd Jensen. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling gave an interesting report of the National convention at Rochester, N. Y., which was much enjoyed. There was a large attendance. Mmes. Bessie Abbott and Myrtle Johnson were hostesses.

SAWYER observed Temperance Day in Schools by meeting Jan. 16,—a few days previous to the "third Friday," that the teachers present as

changed. The people who today break laws of the eternal God are tomorrow broken upon those laws. Within the last twenty years there has been a distinct moral retrogression in our nation. International co-operation has lessened, crime has increased, dishonest officials have been legion, anti-gambling laws have been liberalized in a great many states, Sabbath laws have been modified or nullified, and laws restraining the sale of alcoholic beverages have been repealed or modified or nullified. Our nation is headed toward one of two things: an utter moral and political collapse or a revival of godliness. We trust and believe that in the providence of God the revival will come. Toward this end, the people called Christians ought to give themselves to the worship and reverence of God, especially upon this His holy Sabbath day."

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT'S PRINCIPLES

George Washington was an advanced temperance advocate for his day; his name was given to one of the great temperance movements when the Washington Society of total abstainers was formed. From Dr. Benjamin Rush, Washington's medical aide in the Continental Army, came the first scientific ideas resulting in the modern view of alcohol as a narcotic poison.

In Washington's time people drank more whisky, rum or wine than water; largely because water supplies were lacking. But Washington deplored the result, and one of his letters speaks of liquor as "the source of all evil and the ruin of half the workmen in the country."

Washington was an abstemious man in a day of universal heavy drinking. His views on the liquor question were well known and are clear. He believed firmly that once the drink habit had a man in its grasp, the only remedy and the only safety was to take a solemn pledge to abstain from intoxicating drinks of every kind. So well known was Washington's idea of pledge signing, that in Baltimore, Md., in 1840, six men realizing they were drinking too much, signed a pledge in a bar room and called themselves "Washingtonians." The movement spread until half a million men signed this Washingtonian Pledge.

LINCOLN AND THE SALOON

Some years ago at a Lincoln meeting among the old soldiers of a Michigan city, one of the battle-worn veterans gave the following testimony: "We have heard what Lincoln has done for all of us; I want to tell what he did for me. I was a private in one of the Western regiments that arrived first in Washington after the call for 75,000. We were marching through the city amid great crowds of cheering people, and then, after going into camp, were given leave to see the town.

"Like many others of our boys, the saloon or tavern was the first thing we hit. With my comrades I was just about to go into the door of one of these places, when a hand was laid upon my arm, and looking up, there was President Lincoln from his great height above me, a mere lad, regarding me with those kindly eyes and pleasant smile.

"I almost dropped with surprise and bashfulness, but he held out his hand, and as I took it he shook hands in strong western fashion and said, 'I don't like to see our uniform going into these places.' That was all he said. He turned immediately and walked away; and we passed on. We would not have gone into that tavern for all the wealth of Washington City."—The Pentecostal Herald.

guests, might be supplied with teaching material. Meeting at the home of Mrs. Mabel Britton, Rev. A. T. Hensen conducted the worship service and the local president, Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, who presided, gave a talk on Home Protection. Mrs. M. Daniels, vice president, presented the legislative program for the year; local directors gave papers for their respective departments—Mrs. S. D. Briar on Christian Citizenship; Mrs. S. I. Henkle on Alcohol Education; Mrs. L. Finseth on Social Morality; the Lillian Stevens Fund by Mrs. Maude Larkin. Temperance material was presented to teachers by the secretary, Mrs. C. F. Beighlie. Miss Winnie Jean Larette gave a reading and appeared in a piano duet with Mrs. A. T. Hansen. A male quartette consisting of Messrs. John Pitkin, Conrad Hedahl, S. D. Briar and Emil Holm furnished choice numbers with Mrs. J. S. Streeper at the piano. A silver offering was received for the budget.

THE COR. SEC.'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:

I'm longing for reports of more Home Protectors and Home Defenders. Since last month the names of these Home Protectors have been received:

Mrs. Chas. Kepler, Bottineau
Mrs. Minnie Lillevold, Fargo Scandinavian.
Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth, Grand Forks Scandinavian.
Mrs. Sophie Swarstad, Grand Forks Scandinavian.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher.
The name of Mrs. Stolberg should have appeared on our list as our first Home Protector of the year. We apologize for the omission. Ray has a Home Protector whose name has not been received.

We gladly welcome these but why do we not hear from the rest of you? Time is swiftly passing and soon the campaign will be over. Let us work while we may.

Now I want to mention something new and worthwhile in which you will be interested. Have you heard of the

NEW SLIDE FILMS

for classroom work in grade schools which have recently been completed as a part of the progressive program of the National W.C.T.U. for visual education? These are just what we have been waiting for and consist of three films: "The Chance of a Life Time," "A Tower of Strength" and "Dollars and Sense." The first demonstrates how children may go safely through traffic. Any child will easily grasp the fundamental safety rules presented for his own practice. The second slide relates to health and has a conclusive caption which drives home an important point,—No Alcohol—Plenty of Milk, Fruit and Vegetables." The third film illustrates in a simple and convincing way that the waste of money in gambling often causes sacrifice of those things which are held to be of most value in life.

A projector to exhibit these slides is necessary and may be ordered through the National W.C.T.U. where the slide-films may also be obtained at \$2.00 a strip or roll. These are not moving pictures but are like the old stereopticon slides, only they are film and not glass, and must be shown by a special slide projector. Winter is a good time for these slides, which may also be shown at the P.T.A.

You will receive more information soon.

Hopefully yours,
Barbara H. Wylie.

SYMPATHY TO BEREAVED COMRADES

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Walter R. Reed and family whose much esteemed husband was called to the Heavenly Home Jan. 16. Mrs. Reed will now make her home in Fargo. She will be remembered as our gifted state musical director for a number of years.

And to Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff, president of the Drayton union, and author of a W.C.T.U. column in the weekly paper of that town, whose husband passed on to the Higher Life, following a stroke.

To Mrs. Helen H. Porter, Fargo, and family, we express sympathy in the call to the Better Land of her sister, Mrs. J. O. Smith, of Seattle, formerly of Casselton, where she was active in the work of the W.C.T.U. and for several years an efficient state director. Her sweet voice was heard in song at several state conventions.

"I think that God is proud of those who bear
A sorrow bravely. Proud indeed of them
Who walk straight through the dark
to find Him there,

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TREASURER'S REPORT

DUES: Calvin, 8; Park River, 5; Hettinger, 1; Grand Forks, 11; Grand Forks Scandinavian, 10; Makoti, 4; Fortuna, 6; Benedict, 5; Sawyer, 14; Parshall, 9; Rock Lake, 6; Bottineau, 3; Minot, 6; Bismarck, 9; Larimore, 14; Steele, 7; Epping, 9; Jamestown, 18; Stady-Zahl, 10; Ray, 3; Rugby, 8; Manvel, 3.

Memorial Member, Dr. S. A. Zimmerman.

BUDGET IN FULL: Calvin, Fortuna, Parshall, Underwood, Ray, Larimore.

BUDGET IN PART: Park River, \$5.00; Edgeley, \$5.00; Grand Forks, 50 cents; Grand Forks Scandinavian, \$10.00; Makoti, \$3.00; Flasher, \$1.00; West Fairview, \$1.50; Minot, \$15.00; Bismarck, \$10.00; McKenzie, \$4.40; Jamestown, \$2.50.

STATE REPORTS: Calvin 3; Makoti, 2; Fortuna, 3; Sawyer, 2; Flasher, 2.

Dear Treasurers:

A few weeks are left, before March 1st, for your union to become a Hold Fast union—paying for as many members as you paid for last year. Let us make the best possible use of our time and make our Hold Fast list of unions larger than ever.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer.
1341, 11th Ave. No.,
 Fargo, N. Dak.

MEDAL OR SPEECH CONTESTS

Dear W.C.T.U. Sisters:

My "home work" this week has been folding leaflets and filling envelopes, ready to go out to local presidents, as names of local contest directors are not given in directory. May I hear from any of you who are local or district directors? I will be glad to send literature or any helps desired. I also send to district presidents, hoping they may present and encourage the work. I wonder if this material will bring to any of you the thoughts and prayers that are in my heart as I place the leaflets in the envelopes and notice the address. So many of you I have met at conventions and I am thinking of the little after-school meetings we had. How interested and enthusiastic you were and how hopeful I was! Some of you have stayed by your determination to hold contests—others have not been heard from yet.

Many whom I have not met personally, write of their contests, so we are old friends and I hope to continue hearing from you. The new workers, whose names I studied with interest, are heartily welcomed into this department of the W.C.T.U. work.

In the new Plan of Work for this year, you will notice that this is no longer the Medal Contest department but the department of Speech Contests. This new name is more in line with modern methods. Will you all, dear sisters, study the literature of this department, apply what you can of it, and report every contest you hold? May I report at least one contest from each local union in the state this year?

MINOT district made a good beginning, holding a contest Nov. 11 when Lois Werner of Ryder won the medal. Entrants were from Ryder, Sawyer and Minot. NORTHWOOD is getting ready for a contest in the near future.

Yours for service,
Mrs. J. N. Wallestad.

Wheelock, N. Dak.

"I used to pray often, 'Lord, have compassion on a lost world.' At last He said to me: 'I have had compassion; it is now for you to have compassion—I gave my heart, give yours.'"—A. J. Gordon.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. G. E. Norris, State Director

This department, through its numerous channels, will cooperate with organizations as a whole, trying to bring the harmony of peace from the chaos now existing in more than half of the world. Greed, hatred and selfishness are dominating, but only for a time. The power of love, with all its beautiful attributes, is stronger than the opposing forces brought against it.

We are part of a great, Christian army, striving to keep the best we have of civilization. Our weapons of defense are those principles given us years ago and preserved down through the ages. "Love never fail-eth."

Our National director, Mrs. W. Harold Sloan, tells us the purpose of our department is to make alcohol education a vital part of the whole program now being carried on. To this end we cooperate with public schools, Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and wherever a channel for work is open to us. Though progress may seem slow, it is not always given to us to know, and God keeps the books. Eternity will tell all.

Our Plan of Work is now available at our state headquarters, also at the home of your director, address below. When ordering other material, it will be well to address Headquarters but a letter to your director is always appreciated, either a request for help or telling of work done.

The opposing forces were never busier. We must be on the alert to counteract their influence. February 4 is Temperance Sunday. Send for helps,—a fine approach to any Sunday school. Other means of creating interest would be through posters, exhibits, pageants, and last but not least, our time-honored contests. These afford an opportunity for memorizing Bible verses, always a shield against temptation. Christ used them when tempted.

Yours for a successful year,

Mrs. G. E. Norris.
311, 9th Ave. So.,
 Fargo, N. Dak.

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.

DO WE NEED IT TODAY?

"A revival of religion is a period of serious and even anxious inquiry among impenitent sinners; what they shall do to be saved, and of ardent prayer, deep solicitude and special effort among Christians to grow in grace, and advance the cause and the kingdom of the Redeemer by rousing the attention of careless sinners, and leading them to seek the Lord and their own eternal salvation. It is a season when pure and undefiled religion is rapidly increasing, and extending its benign influence, when sinners are flocking to Jesus 'as doves to their windows; and saints are rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory.' A revival of religion does not consist in a single conversion, or a mere increase of religious meetings, or religious conversation, or religious discussion and excitement; but in a state of general anxiety and deep solicitude on the subject of religion, followed by an increase of personal holiness and many hopeful conversions unto God."—Journal of the American Education Society, 1840.

The more rapid rate of the heart after drinking alcohol has been ascribed to the removal of the inhibitory influence on the heart-rate usually exerted by the brain through the nerves to the heart.—Alcohol and Man.—Haven Emerson.

LETTER FROM MRS. ZIMMERMAN

Kind Friends:

First, may I take this opportunity to thank all those who were so thoughtful, at the time of the passing of my dear husband, and sent such beautiful and helpful messages of love and sympathy? All these were such a comfort to our sorrowing hearts.

And this is a New Year. Now let us make it all new by doing different acts for every one we hear about who may need our aid. Let us not put it off any longer but go into the by-ways and seek out that lonely heart or that neglected one who needs a word of cheer. Please go in the name of Christ and our organization, taking a glass of jelly or jam as a calling card and tuck under your arm a copy of our Union Signal or some timely leaflets of which our headquarters have so many.

What about that present day "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch?" She, too, will appreciate your calling upon her, giving something her children can read and showing your interest, adding the heartening words she needs and justly deserves. Perchance you have a geranium slip you can spare or a vine in water. Then what about brightening a gloomy church in winter by a few bulbs or begonias that will bloom when the church needs a brightening touch? Wrap well in newspaper or box that the cold may not strike them. It is often claimed that liquor places are made attractive and alluring. Why not dress up our churches that the youth especially will feel that cheery welcome? Unfortunately there are all too many occupying seats in our halls. Can you not send them some worthwhile reading or wholesome games? May we all "Scatter sunshine hope as the roses do fragrance."

"God needs me in my place, with my gifts, to carry His blessing to some nearby blind, blighted or besotted soul—And I must tithe my time." "There isn't much that I can do, But I can share my bread with you, And I can share my joy with you, And sometimes share a sorrow too As on our way we go."

Wishing each one of you true joy in His work,

Lulu Wylie Zimmerman,
Director Flower Mission and Relief,
Valley City, N. Dak.

CHILD WELFARE AND HEALTH

Mrs. T. M. Wold, Stanley, our new state director, writes:
Dear White Ribboners, and especially Mothers with small children:

For this child I prayed and Jehovah hath given me my petition which I asked of Him; therefore also I have granted him to Jehovah; as long as he liveth he is granted to Jehovah. (1 Samuel 1: 27-28).

The right of every little child is to be well born; to be prayed for long before birth; to be brought to Christ in baptism; to be taught to pray as soon as he can talk; to be taught by stories, pictures, books and music that his earthly home is to prepare him for the perfect Home in heaven.

The 1940 Plan of Work is being mailed to all the local presidents this week. Please study it carefully and I do so hope that every union in North Dakota will sponsor a consecration service for white ribbon recruits preferably some time during the month of May. Invite mothers and their young children. The purpose of such a meeting is to interest mothers in teaching their children the principles of temperance and purity, and each mother taking part pledges herself so to train her child.

The child is not bound by the pledge, of course, but the white ribbon is tied on its wrist as a reminder

THE UNION SIGNAL

Dear White Ribboners:

The Union Signal Plan of Work was given in the last issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin, with an appeal for a wider circulation of this publication in our state.

It is the earnest desire of your Circulation Promoter that every local president will begin at once (if you have not already done so) to prepare for The Union Signal Day, in March, that it may be a real affair this year, and prove to be "the fortunate forties" for our Circulation Department.

Every local union should have a promoter who is a consecrated Union Signal enthusiast and a spiritual force, that would make it possible to push our subscription list toward the goal. I was disappointed to note the last report from National listed Union Signal loss for the month of December. This ought not be the case, and it is my hope and prayer that our subscription campaign will bring us successfully toward the mark, set in the Plan of Work.

Since funds are low in the state, will each individual union order its own Plan of Work together with helps and free circulation campaign supplies, at once. Will you do your part in getting your members and friends to subscribe, telling them how this Journal of Social Welfare will save them time, money, and effort.

May we purpose to set a precedent in the faith of Mark 9: 23 and in the confidence that prompted Robert E. Speer's admonition:

"There is nothing true and right that cannot be done,

There is no wrong that cannot be torn out,

There is no right that cannot be built in,

If only we go forth in the strength of Christ."

Yours in loving service of Christ,
Mrs. A. V. Sheppard,
Circulation Promoter.

MRS. A. J. McINNES was hostess to the Fargo union when the subject of PRAYER was considered. Mrs. Harold A. Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Webster and Mrs. C. H. Gibbons took part in the program. Mrs. Gibbons giving impressive and definite answers to prayer. The union voted to become a Light Line union.

SYMPATHY—

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And kneel in faith to touch His garment's hem.

Oh, proud of them who lift their heads to shake

The tears away from eyes that have grown dim;

Who tighten quivering lips and turn to take

The only road they find that leads to Him.

How proud He must be of them! He who knows

All sorrow, and how hard grief is to bear;

I think He sees them coming, and He goes

With outstretched Arms and Hands to meet them there,

And with a look—a touch on hand or head,

Each finds his own heart strangely comforted."

—Grace Noll Crowell.

to the mother of her promise and of the fact that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is always ready to help her in teaching her little one. May all mothers be able to say with Hannah of old: "For this child I prayed—for this child I am praying; for this child I will continue to pray."

White ribbon recruit pledge cards are available at state headquarters at Fargo, also birthday cards for the children. Send for other literature on this department of Child Welfare and Health.

IS THIS TEMPERANCE?

Reports from all over the country are piling up a case against the liquor traffic that points the way either to its drastic curtailment or to its total elimination.

The repealists promised us temperance. What are we getting?

Abuse of the drinking privilege is particularly prevalent in Los Angeles, according to Chief of Police Hohmann. Our people are being so aroused by its dangerous excesses, he says, that a return to prohibition is threatened.

A heavy task is imposed on the Los Angeles police, which all decent citizens resent, by the indiscriminate granting of liquor licenses. Chief Hohmann reports that while during 1926 only 10 per cent of the Police Department was required to handle drunk cases, the record in 1939 shows that 60 per cent of the department was kept busy disposing of drunks.

Apart from the moral degradation disclosed by these figures the police protection of the whole city is obviously weakened by the special call thus made on our peace officers. The latter, far too few at best to deal adequately with the metropolitan crime problem, cannot reasonably be expected to do so when the time of more than half of them is taken up dealing with sots too brainless to be called criminals.

What such increasing diversion of the city's normal protection against crime concretely means is indicated by Police Department figures showing the rise in number of felonies in 1939 as against the year preceding. Robberies increased from 1774 in 1938 to 1825 last year; burglaries from 8449 to 9177; thefts from person from 1129 to 1282; attacks on women from 313 to 329; assaults from 495 to 565, and so on.

Nor is that all. Much if not most of our disgraceful record of traffic casualties is due to drunk driving and drunk walking. On the Saturday before Christmas there were 400 traffic accidents attributed to drunk driving, a large majority of the total reported. All of the receiving hospitals were jammed with the victims. Many of the celebrants were of tender age. Our women, too, are figuring in these shameful statistics as they were never known to do either in prohibition days or in the previous wet era.

Los Angeles itself is helpless to right the evil so long as liquor permits are in control of the State. Local option and a reduction in the number of beer halls and cocktail bars would help to curb the situation. Unless the present "liberal" liquor laws are changed another wave of prohibition sentiment may be expected to place California on the dry list again.

In other States and cities moral forces are taking an ever more active part in combating the growing evils of what is becoming a practically unrestricted control of the liquor traffic in wet areas. The ghastly record of drunken driving is arousing the nation. In two-thirds of the local option elections held in chartered communities since repeal the electorate has voted dry.

In California hundreds of districts are having saloons forced upon them by the State against the wishes of a large majority of the residents.

This cannot continue. Sa: Francisco's scoff that in the northern city the Christmas traffic fatalities were caused by wet pavements, not wet parties, may be taken at its jest value. It is certain that in the country as a whole the present drinking trend is not leading us to temperance, but it may drive us to adopting prohibition.—Los Angeles Times.

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

DR. DANIEL A. POLING Says:

"Recently, in an address before the National Parole Conference in Washington, D. C., President Roosevelt made one of his few references to Prohibition since Repeal. He said:

"And let us not forget the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. You know, and I know, what a toll that took from this country through the flouting of law by thousands of otherwise respectable people as well as through the activities of bootleggers and racketeers who flourished during the Prohibition years. It was undoubtedly the greatest source of revenue for organized crime that this Nation has ever known."

"The President said that with a genial smile. But may not the American people reasonably require more? In 1933 President Roosevelt said: 'By no possibility, at any time or under any circumstances, shall that institution, the saloon, or its equivalent, be allowed to return to American life.'

"Well, what are the facts as of 1939? Taprooms, bars, retail places of liquor sale, by whatever name known, in an excess of 600,000 cover the nation. Never in pre-prohibition years were there half as many saloons. Now that the President has said as much as he did say to the Parole Conference, what more will he say? To this hour the one specific contribution that he has made to the solution of the new liquor problem—the one solution, with which I am acquainted—is his refusal or failure to veto the bill which opened places of retail liquor sale in Washington, D.C.

"Let us give those political leaders and their allies who led the nation into Repeal full credit. They overthrew the Eighteenth Amendment. They united vast forces, recruited from both the upper and the under-worlds, in a successful onslaught against the so-called 'Noble Experiment.'" They made many and vast promises—but they did not promise barmaids. Of their promises, after six years, it may be written down for all to read, and for no one successfully to challenge that not a promise has been kept—but they did not promise barmaids. Repeal has not balanced the budget. Repeal has not eliminated the bootlegger, nor the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors. Repeal has not yet provided a billion, or nearly a billion, dollars of revenue. Repeal has not eliminated the gunman. And under Repeal, juvenile delinquency and crime have increased. Repeal has not reduced slaughter on the highways. Repeal has not solved the problem of unemployment, or contributed largely toward its solution. But Repeal has more than doubled the record, the all-time record, for the number of places retailing liquor in the United States of America. If the saloon has not returned, then what has come upon us is frequently unspeakably worse than the saloon of pre-Prohibition days."

The above I clipped from an editorial in The Christian Herald for July by Mr. Poling, the editor.

I was pleased to find myself in such good company!

—Rose Upton Bascom.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER—

(Continued from page one)

us ask the Giver of every good and perfect gift, to help us to arouse the Christian people of our state to their responsibilities, that they may join with us in the battle.

With devout faith in the righteousness of our cause, let us continue to fight the forces of evil.

Yours in loving service,

BESSIE M. DARLING.

Grand Forks, N. D.

P. S. Has your school a slide-film projector? We are considering films furnished by National W. C. T. U. Please send a postal in reply.—B.M.D.

WHAT DID THESE GREAT MEN THINK?

February is the birthday month of three great men. None will dispute the fact that the positive traits of character possessed by Washington, Lincoln and Edison entitles them to be called great. The biographies of these men are read, studied and taught—they are examples for "Young America." With analytical minds, keen, far-visions insight and untiring zeal, they made history. Their names have been handed down to posterity and have become the symbol of worth-while achievement in every American home.

Yes, they were great men, these three sons of February! What did they think? Let us turn back the pages of history and let them speak for themselves:

"I shall not close this letter," wrote Washington to one of his overseers, "without exhorting you to refrain from spirituous liquors. They will prove your ruin if you do not consider how little a drunken man differs from a beast. Don't let this be your case. Show yourself to be more of a man and a Christian than to yield to so intolerable a vice, which cannot, I am certain (to the greatest lover of liquor), give more pleasure to sip in the poison (for it is no better) than the consequence of it in bad behavior at the moment, and the more serious evils produced by it afterwards, must give pain."

Abraham Lincoln speaks: "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will aggravate the evil. There must be no attempt to regulate the cancer; it must be eradicated; not a root must be left behind, for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink."

Thomas A. Edison speaks: "I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine."

This is what they, these three great thinking men, thought—the soldier, the humanitarian, the scientist.

—Exchange

THE HIGH COST OF LOW LIVING

How do Americans spend their money? J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, puts our annual expenditure for crime at fifteen billion dollars. That is more than we spend on any one essential, except food. Other major items, as shown by a table which has been going the rounds of the press, place our expenditures for 1937 at:

\$6,500,000,000 for gambling
6,000,000,000 for liquor
5,000,000,000 for travel
3,000,000,000 for medical care
2,600,000,000 for education
1,500,000,000 for tobacco
1,000,000,000 for cosmetics
788,000,000 for armaments
550,000,000 for religious purposes

This is a total of \$42,991,000,000, of which \$29,000,000,000, or a little over two-thirds, goes for crime, gambling, liquor and tobacco, all of which, to say the least, is for non-essentials.

That statement staggers belief. It seems, and perhaps is, incredible. Hoover's statement on the cost of crime is probably essentially correct. There are abundant government figures to support it. The figures on gambling, however, are probably based on estimates, with inadequate data. The cost of taxed liquor can be computed from taxes paid, and there has been only a small addition to cover the bootleg, although government authorities have frequently stated that the volume of illicit intoxicants equals the legal. The amount spent for to-

PROTESTS ARE EFFECTIVE

Those who have protested to various publications about the great lineage of liquor advertising carried will likely get much satisfaction in reading some of such offending periodicals.

In the November issue of Circulation, a journal devoted to newspaper management, is a report on the gains and losses in newsstand sales of various magazines, etc., for the current year compared with the same period for last year.

Conspicuous in the list of those suffering considerable losses is Liberty, showing a drop of 16.9 per cent loss.

The picture magazine, Look, is down for an 18.9 per cent loss.

More objectionable than all others, to many people, is the magazine Esquire, which sustains a loss in its newsstand sales of 31.1 per cent.

Certainly this should bring much encouragement to those who are interested in clean literature. The fight is winning; let it go forward more determined than ever.

—The Union Worker

"Must there not be a moment in the life of every man, where impression ends and action begins? When vision becomes interpretation? When 'I ought' becomes 'I will'? Pity the man who is 'ever learning' of his brother's need, and yet never 'coming to the knowledge of the truth' that he is his brother's keeper."—E. E. Grimwood.

bacco, computed on tax receipts, should be accurate. To allow five billion dollars as the possible margin of error would seem to be generous. This would leave 24 billion dollars per year, or two billions per month, or \$666,666,666 per day spent by Americans for sin, shame and sorrow.

These ugly facts prove the high cost of low living.—By W. G. Calderwood, American Facts Bureau.

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