



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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**LET ME KEEP LENT**

Let me keep Lent,  
 Let me not kneel and pray,  
 Forgo some trifle every day  
 Fast . . . and take Sacrament  
 And then  
 Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient  
 grudge, deny  
 The very Lord Whom I would glorify.  
 Let me keep Lent,  
 Let my heart grow in grace,  
 Let Thy light shine till my illumined  
 face  
 Will be a testament, read by all men,  
 That hate is buried, self-crucified, new  
 born  
 The spirit that shall rise on Easter  
 morn.  
 —Elizabeth Badley Read.

**THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Co-Workers:  
 When this reaches you, it will be  
 almost time for our Regional Confer-  
 ence. I hope we may have a good  
 attendance from our state to greet  
 our National guests, Mrs. Anna Mar-  
 den DeYo and Miss Martha S. Cooper;  
 also our co-workers from Min-  
 nesota. In this issue you will find  
 the program in detail. These confer-  
 ences — twenty-five in all — have  
 been planned to magnify the local  
 union and meetings are open to all  
 our members and interested friends.  
 It is hoped that through these meet-  
 ings we may strengthen the local  
 union which is, in reality, the working  
 power of our organization. We need  
 stronger local unions and more of  
 them. COME and take part in this  
 conference that you may be inspired  
 to do greater work in your own com-  
 munity.

A mid-year state executive meeting  
 will be held immediately after the  
 close of the conference. All mem-  
 bers are urged to be present. The  
 state executive committee is com-  
 posed of the official board, the trust-  
 ees, the general secretaries of the  
 Y. T. C. and L. T. L., department  
 directors, organizers, field workers  
 and historian.

This is the sixth issue of our Bul-  
 letin since state convention. How  
 many are trying to reach the goals  
 outlined in my January letter? Six  
 more precious months lie before us  
 in this fiscal year — six months in  
 which to secure and train new mem-  
 bers; to collect all dues; to raise  
 state budget; to observe Red Letter  
 days with appropriate and interesting  
 programs; secure subscriptions to  
 Union Signal and Young Crusader;  
 hold local and district insti-  
 tutes; organize new unions, Y.  
 T. C.'s and L. T. L.'s and last,  
 but by no means least help  
 raise funds to complete our National  
 Temperance Education Fund. This  
 is the King's work so let us carry  
 on, Remember that since repeat—  
 "There's a greater task now calling—  
 Carry on, Carry on! Catch a vision  
 soul-enthralling, Carry on! Carry on!"  
 (Continued on page three)

**COME!**

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**TO THE NATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

In First Methodist Church, Grand Forks, March 4-6, 1940.

To meet and welcome our National Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo  
 And our General Y.T.C. Sec'y, Miss Martha S. Cooper, Evanston, Ill.  
 Also Our Comrades from Minnesota, their State Officers and Members.

Beginning Monday evening with an informal dinner Mrs. T. Ross Hicks  
 will say our state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling will preside, welcoming  
 the delegates and guests. Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker, Minneapolis, president  
 Minn. WCTU will reply. The keynote address "Mobilization for Home Pro-  
 tection" will be given by Mrs. DeYo. Special music by a Girls Trio from  
 Central High School will be directed by Mr. Arthur Seith.

TUESDAY A. M., Mrs. DeYo presiding, Mrs. Alf Christensen will lead  
 devotions. In a membership Symposium, Mrs. Clara Lindstrom, treas-  
 urer, Minn. WCTU, will discuss the November Roll Call and Mrs. Robt. E. Reed,  
 treasurer N. D., will speak of the Hold Fast campaign.

The National Membership Plan will be explained by Mrs. Barbara H.  
 Wylie, Cor. Sec. North Dakota; while Minnesota's Cor. Sec., Mrs. Verva F.  
 Stanway, Minneapolis, will lead an open forum on Winning Members. M. S.  
 G. T. Anderson, Grand Forks, will sing.

Miss Martha Cooper and state secretaries will speak on "V.H.A.  
 YOUTH CAN DO." A Round Table Training Class on Duties of Officer  
 will be conducted by Mrs. DeYo. Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks, will  
 voice the noontide prayer.

TUESDAY P. M., Presiding will be Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, State  
 Vice President. Devotions will be led by Mrs. Alice May Stuart, presiden-  
 District 9 North Minnesota. Mrs. DeYo will give an address.

A vocal duet by Misses Selma Sandbeck and Alphonse Hanson, Grand  
 Forks, will follow.

3:10 P. M.—With Mrs. DeYo again in the chair, short addresses will be given  
 by Miss Cooper for the Youth's Temperance Council and by the L.T.L.  
 Secretary of Minnesota W.C.T.U., Mrs. Maymie Ford, St. Paul. Mrs.  
 Harriet G. Northfield, Minneapolis, Vice President Minnesota W.C.T.U.,  
 will conduct an open forum on "Organization." "The Challenge of the  
 Local Union," with Mrs. DeYo leading, will be participated in by all  
 local presidents in attendance.

6:00 P. M.—Supper. State Conferences in separate rooms.

7:45 P. M.—Mrs. DeYo presiding.  
 Devotions, Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, president Fargo W. C. T. U.  
 Mrs. Alma Levins, Crookston, Peace Director Minn. W.C.T.U., will re-  
 port on the Conference for Cause and Cure of War at Washington which  
 she attended. Clayton Mundt of the University, a baritone, will sing.  
 Address: Our Multiplying Problems — Mrs. DeYo. Miss Minnie Kon-  
 ner, Robert Robart and Leo Haesle will give an instrumental number.  
 The closing prayer will be by Mrs. Eva Cruzen, Minnesota W. C. T. U.

WEDNESDAY—9:00 A. M. Mrs. DeYo presiding. Devotions led by Mrs. Ann  
 E. Head. State Liquor Legislative Problems, led by Mrs. Bessie M. Dar-  
 ling, President North Dakota W. C. T. U., Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker,  
 President Minnesota W. C. T. U. Open Forum, Progress of Local Un-  
 ion Survey, every local president taking part. Offering. Vocal Solo,  
 Mrs. Sigfrid Carlson. Round Table, Education for Total Abstinence,  
 by State Officers. Visual Education, Mrs. Josephine Raff. Rec. Sec'y  
 Minnesota W. C. T. U. Literature, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Vice President  
 Director, Minnesota. General Discussion, What This Conference Has  
 North Dakota W. C. T. U. Pledge Signing, Mrs. Minnie Styrlund, Pres-  
 Meant to Me. Prayer Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Gilby.

"God be With You Till We Meet Again."

Adjournment

The following local conference committees have been appointed by  
 Grand Forks unions: Entertainment, Mrs. Morris Williams and Mrs. C. M.  
 Carlson; Transportation, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard and Mrs. Alf Christenson;  
 Music, Mrs. W. J. Mitchell and Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth; Banquet, Mrs. Martin  
 Christianson and Mrs. Dave Ferguson. Names were to be sent for enter-  
 tainment to Mrs. Morris Williams, 524 1/2 Fifth St. North.

**IT WAS FOR ME!**

Under an eastern sky  
 Amid a rabble cry,  
 A Man went forth to die,  
 For me!

Thorn-crowned His blessed head,  
 Blood-stained His every tread,  
 Cross-laden, on He sped  
 For Me!

Pierced glow His hands and feet  
 Three hours o'er Him did beat—  
 Fierce rays of noon-tide heat,  
 For Me!

Thus wert Thou made all mine,  
 Lord, make me wholly Thine,  
 Give grace and strength divine  
 To Me!

In thought and word and deed  
 Thy will to do, Oh, lead my feet  
 Even though they bleed  
 To Thee!

—Anonymous.

**CHINESE CHRISTIANS**

The spirit of Chinese Christians in  
 the midst of the war with Japan is  
 reflected by a sermon preached in  
 Beijing by an American missionary.  
 He urged five principles to be follow-  
 ed by Chinese Christians in these dif-  
 ficult times. They are:

1. I will not abandon myself to hate.
2. I will not allow myself to lie.
3. I will not allow myself to become callous.
4. I will not allow myself to blame God for what is happening.
5. I will not abandon my faith in the Kingdom of God.

Many Chinese are following these  
 principles. There was, for instance,  
 an intrepid Chinese woman doctor in  
 a war-battered city. Some Japanese  
 soldiers fell wounded in the street  
 near the gate of her hospital. The  
 Chinese nurses were in a panic and  
 reluctant to do anything, but the doctor  
 ordered: "Take them in at once.  
 We will dress their wounds and keep  
 them until their own people can at-  
 tend to them."

The Christian nurses at once saw  
 the point of doing this kindness to  
 enemies and they were happy when  
 the doctor later said to the whole  
 group: "We must keep our spirits  
 high. We cannot descend to mere  
 hating and a desire for revenge upon  
 all the Japanese people. If we do  
 keep our spirits high, we can never  
 be overcome."

—Classmate.

**MARCH**

The stormy March has come at last,  
 With wind, and clouds, and chang-  
 ing skies;

I hear the rushing of the blast  
 That through the snowy valley flies.  
 —William Cullen Bryant.

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### ALIVE FOREVERMORE!

A modern writer speaks the following words through the lips of the Roman centurion, to Mary, at the foot of the Cross on Calvary where she is mourning the death of her son and the end of her hopes. "He's alive, I tell you . . . I can't kill Him . . . All the Empires can't kill Him. How shall hate destroy the power that possesses and rules the earth? I tell you, woman, this dead son of yours, disfigured, spat upon, has built a kingdom this day that can never die. The living glory of Him rules it. The earth is His and He made it. Something has happened up here on this hill today to shake all our kingdoms of blood and fear to the dust.

"The earth is His and He made it. The meek, the terrible meek, the fierce, agonizing meek, are about to enter into their inheritance. . . . It will take a new kind of soldier to serve in His kingdom. A new kind of duty; . . . I can see the end of war in this some day. . . . There shall be no more sin, no pain, no loss, no death. Only life. Only God."

### CALVARY AND EASTER

A song of sunshine through the rain  
Of Spring across the snow;  
A balm to heal the hurt of pain,  
A peace surpassing woe;  
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,  
And be ye glad of heart,  
For Calvary and Easter day  
Were just three days apart.

With shudder of despair and loss  
The world's deep heart is wrung;  
As lifted high upon His cross  
The Lord of Glory hung;  
When rocks were rent and ghastly forms

Stole forth in street and mart;  
But Calvary and Easter day—  
Earth's blackest day and whitest day—

Were just three days apart.

—Susan Coolidge.

### MARCH IS UNION SIGNAL MONTH

Let us all boost subscriptions to The Union Signal and Young Crusader and send in a large order for this month. See special offers on 4th page. Let no local president or department director be without the help of The Union Signal. Every minister should have a copy, also every teacher. Subscribe! Subscribe!! Subscribe!!!

### THE D. D.'S

Drinking Dulls the Driver's Dread of Danger.

Does Drinking Dull the Driver's Dread of Danger?

If Drinking Dulls the Driver's Dread of Danger,

What Dreadful Dangers Dog the Drinking Driver.

—Reproduced from poster of  
Egypt W. C. T. U.

### THREE INTERESTING INSTITUTES

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state vice president and national director Institutes, conducted institutes at Bismarck, Jamestown and Valley City, Feb. 13-15. At Bismarck meeting in the Salvation Army Citadel Adjutant Miller brought greetings. Mrs. P. O. Sathre, local president, introduced the institute leader and Mrs. C. G. Boise led devotions. Two sessions were held with an attendance of 56. One new member was secured and two subscriptions to The Union Signal. A white ribbon recruit, dedicated by Mrs. Wilder, was Jennifer Anne Rindahl, representing the 4th generation of W. C. T. U. members.

Others assisting on the program were Miss Sue M. Herrington, McKenzie, Mrs. J. L. Hughes, Miss Allen of the State Department, while Mrs. Wilder discussed various topics. Mrs. Opie S. Rindahl furnished music. A pot-luck luncheon was served at noon. Steele and McKenzie unions were represented. Worthy of special mention is Mrs. Peter Dalenberg of Steele who "hitch-hiked" to Bismarck. Missing the bus as it passed her on the highway near her home, she began to walk but soon was picked up by a motorist who took her as far as Sterling. Walking another mile, a friendly truck-driver brought her within a mile or so of Bismarck when she walked into the institute, welcomed and cheered by the members. Across the way we all send a cheer to brave Mrs. Dalenberg for her interest and perseverance. It sounds like a story of the early Crusaders.

Next day, at Jamestown, in the Congregational church, two sessions were held when Mrs. Geo. Thomas conducted an impressive worship service, founded on the 46th Psalm. Introducing the Institute leader was Mrs. Ray Baldwin, local president. Mrs. Alex C. Burr, spoke on Child Welfare. Mrs. Myrtle Bordwell on The Problems of Youth. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction, spoke on the work of her department, emphasizing the new slide films recommended by the National W. C. T. U. Mrs. Wilder led in various discussions presenting working plans for local unions, women's work for Peace, etc. Musical numbers included vocal duets by Mrs. N. E. McCoy and Miss Adeline Melon; Mmes. L. E. Grattan and Clyde Crandall; and Mmes. Edgar Stohler and McCoy. Rachel Janisch sang "All Around the World." Mrs. D. L. Draper voiced the noontide prayer. A cooperative lunch followed. Mrs. J. Way Huey led the afternoon devotions.

At Valley City Mrs. E. G. Ranum, vice president, in the absence of the president introduced the Institute leader. Afternoon and evening sessions were held, the latter being combined with the Lenten prayer service, attended by 40 persons with Rev. C. M. Brown speaking on Stewardship of Time. Taking part in discussions were Mmes. Mary Zetterberg, C. E. Stowell, Thos. Nugent, Lulu W. Zimmerman, Glenn A. Shelby and others. Mrs. Nyhus sang twice accompanying herself on the zither. Mrs. Zetterberg was hostess at luncheon at 4:30 P. M. Two new members were gained, also subscriptions to Union Signal and Young Crusader. A generous offering was received.

It seems to us these institutes are very much worthwhile and we hope other unions will follow the examples here given.

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.

### PERSONAL MENTION

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. William Frederick Honey, formerly of Park River and fondly remembered by our older members, was called to her heavenly Home from Gresham, Oregon, where she has resided for the past 28 years. While here, Mrs. Honey was very active in the work of the W. C. T. U. and devoted to every good work. Her kind and gracious Christian character endeared her to her many friends whose sympathy is now extended to Mr. Honey to her son John K. Honey of Portland and her daughter Mrs. Mark Nickerson of Gresham, Ore. "Forever near us, though unseen The dear, immortal spirits tread For all the boundless universe Is life. There are no dead."

MRS. DARLING, State President, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Northwood union with members from Hatton also present. Mrs. Edith Simonson presided and Rev. L. O. Lassenon conducted devotions. Others taking part in the program were Mmes. O. J. Oswald, Ralph Bakken, Geo. Nordahl, L. J. Bilden, Olaf Olson, S. O. Nelson, J. Ringstad. Music included assembly singing and others taking part were; Kathleen Oswald, Mrs. Colborn Hvidson, jr., Lois Flugckvam, Dorothy Aaserude, Mrs. T. M. Anderson, Mrs. Horace Webster and Myrtle Uglem. Serving refreshments were Mmes. S. H. Njaa, Ralph Thoreson, Olaf Olson, A. E. Kappe-dal, Ole T. Stenmo and Ellen and Hilda Anderson.

MINOT union met with Mrs. C. A. Waldron, with Mrs. John Bradley, vice president, presiding in the absence of the president Mrs. C. F. Truax. "Education in Citizenship" was the program theme. Mrs. Geo. C. Saunderson led devotions; Mrs. L. M. Ellithorpe arranged special music; Mrs. Arthur Christenson and Mrs. Bradley spoke on the Stevens Legislative fund; Mrs. Geo. Campbell presented a Study in Government; and Mrs. C. B. Davis spoke on Educating Toward Citizenship Morale.

PRINTED PROGRAM — We are in receipt of a very neat printed program from the Crosby union. Topics for the year are outlined. The covers are blue and tied with the white ribbon.

MRS. J. M. HOLCOMB, formerly of Jamestown, and still a member there, sends us from her present home in Seattle an article entitled "Drunkenness is Main Cause of Divorce," quoting Superior Court James T. Lawler who declared from the bench that "drunkenness seems to be the main cause of divorce" in King county. "When husbands get drunk," the Judge said, "they are of no value to their wives, to themselves or to any one else."

FIGURES—The research department of the National W. C. T. U. has published figures showing that the cost of liquor to the United States since repeal is \$25,364,509,062. This exceeds relief costs by TEN BILLION DOLLARS and comes within fifteen billion of the total national debt. Deduct revenue and labor costs, and you find that the net cost to the nation of the liquor traffic has been \$20,864,509,062. That's a pretty stiff bill in any man's money," says The Christian Herald, editorially.

REV. MAGNUS BERGLUND of the Calvary Baptist Church, Fargo, spoke on Sabbath Observance at a recent meeting of the Fargo Scandinavian union. A trio consisting of Mmes. P. C. Sorenson, Enoch Lindbloom and Merle Olson sang several

### THE COR. SEC. SAYS:

Dear Comrades:

Before we write you again, Easter will be here. May the joy of the blessed season and the knowledge of His resurrection power cheer you on your way and encourage you to attempt greater things for Christ and His kingdom through this work to which He has called us! We can do all things through Him who is "Our Refuge and Strength," a very present help" at all times.

Speaking of the Membership Campaign are you getting any new members? I often wonder what's the matter with North Dakota that we do not advance faster in our state work. I read of workers in other states securing 10, 20 or even 30 new members each; many Home Protectors, Home Defenders and even Guardians of the Home or Advocates of the Home. We have none of the latter — and we're calling all district presidents to ask why. We have two Home Defenders reported (each securing five members) — the state treasurer and the writer. Since last month we have reported as Home Protectors: Mrs. G. E. Norris, Fargo; Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, and Mrs. August Hanscn, Fargo Scandinavian. We congratulate these and "May their tribe increase" before the campaign closes.

Conference at Grand Forks  
The National Regional Conference at Grand Forks now claims our attention and we are hoping for good weather and a large attendance. We all need fresh inspiration in our work. It will be delightful and helpful to join our comrades in this conference to consider matters of mutual interest. We will all want to meet again our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, known and loved in North Dakota; and our new general secretary of Y. T. C., Miss Martha Cooper. We hope many young people may hear her message. Before this we hope you have sent names for entertainment to Mrs. Morris Williams.

Hoping to meet many of you at Grand Forks and Loyally yours,  
Barbara H. Wylie.

### "THIS TRASH MUST GO!"

So says Attorney General Alvin C. Strutz in a campaign to clear the news stands of smutty and pernicious magazines. He urged ministers of the state to "back your local officials in enforcement" of laws prohibiting sale and display of obscene material. "I am very much interested in the morals and welfare of our boys and girls and I am confident that the vast majority of our people do not want the minds of our boys and girls steeped with filthy and obscene material," says the Attorney General.

So says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who speaks for every decent-minded citizen when he says "There is no place in America for the filthy magazine. THIS TRASH MUST GO!" This is the title of a very strong article in the February number of the Reader's Digest to which we call attention.

So says the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which through its department of Christian Citizenship and its general program for purity, has always promoted clean literature. Let us now do our best to cooperate with this excellent movement in the interest of our young people. Why not write the Attorney General our endorsement of his timely warning?

—B. H. W.

numbers.

The high school at Edinburg is showing the motion picture "The Pay-Off," Feb. 21. On Feb. 16-17 the "Beneficent Reprobate" was shown at Standing Rock Agency by Supt. L. C. Lippert.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

from Jan. 15, 1940 to Feb. 15, 1940

DUES—Flasher 5; Sheldon 8; Fargo 7; Park River 3; Edinburg 6; Larimore 2; Rock Lake 1; Grand Forks 2; Stanley 3; Benedict 1; Valley City 11; New Rockford 7; Sawyer 2; Ray 4; Hannah 1; Bismarck 7; Pembina 8; Cando 1.

MEMORIAL MEMBERS—Mr. H. O. Breckenridge; Mrs. H. O. Breckenridge.

BUDGET IN FULL—Reader; Dickery; Flasher.

BUDGET IN PART—Sheldon \$1.00; Edinburg 80c; Grand Forks \$10.00; Benedict \$5.00; Bismarck \$8.00; Sawyer \$11.00; Park River \$5.00. STATE REPORTS—Reader 1. DISTRICT PLEDGE—Northwest District \$5.00.

Dear Treasurers:

I trust you are all hard at work getting in dues and budget. Those of you who make a gain in membership by the first of May will be known as Fruitful Unions.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.  
1341 11th Ave. No., Fargo, N. D.

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

A thoughtful editorial in the February number of that excellent publication, "Our Dumb Animals" (Boston,) reminds us that: "Over and over again, during the years of recorded history, men—yes, and wise men at that—have despaired of the future, convinced that civilization and all that it has stood for was about to crash in ruins over a world doomed to sink back into barbarism.

"Over against such a despairing outlook we set the faith of men and women of the world who, in spite of all that might warrant such despair, have believed that this is God's world and that even the wrath of man shall yet praise Him, that god shall be the final goal of ill and that goal—"the one far-off, divine event, to which the whole creation moves."

"Whatever happens to-day or tomorrow in Europe, civilization will renew itself and humanity move once more into a better day. Both religion and history warrant such a faith. There has been quite widely published the following which confirms our statement that these are not the only days when men have lost hope for the world. Perhaps all our readers have not seen these quotations:

"In 1783, William Pitt, British Prime Minister: 'There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair.' Archbishop Wilberforce, in the early 1800's: 'I dare not marry. The future is so dark and unsettled.' Lord Shaftesbury, in 1848: 'Nothing can save the British Empire from shipwreck.' Disraeli, in 1849: 'In industry, commerce and agriculture, there is no hope.' The Duke of Wellington, in 1851, shortly before he died: 'I thank God I will be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering around.'"

## CIGARETTE IN BED KINDLES FIRE KILLING 5

William Hoffman of New York, after having three bottles of beer, went to bed smoking a cigarette, so he told Fire Marshall Brophy, when questioned as to the cause of fire originating in his room. He fell asleep and the cigarette ignited the mattress, with the result that three women, a baby, and a man were burned to death and another man lost his life in a dive from his window in an effort to escape the flames. Strangely enough the man who was the cause of all this disaster escaped injury. The smoke woke him and he had time to run to the street.—Chicago Tribune.

## YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

### A PRAYER OF YOUTH

Take us on the Quest of Beauty,  
Poet Seer of Galilee,  
Making all our dreams creative  
Through their fellowship with Thee.

Take us on the Quest of Knowledge,  
Clearest Thinker man has known.  
Make our minds sincere and patient,  
Satisfied by Truth alone.

Take us on the Quest for Service,  
Kingly Servant of man's need.  
Let us work with Thee for others  
Anywhere Thy purpose leads.

All along our Quests' far pathways,  
Christ our leader and our guide,  
Make us conscious of Thy presence  
Walking always at our side.

—Eleanor B. Stock.

### A SOLILOQUY

I am a Christian youth in action.  
I hold the conviction that faith without works is dead.

I am intent on realizing a new and more dynamic personality in Christ Jesus.

I try to imitate Him who went about doing good.

I wish to be informed concerning current economic, political and social conditions and events.

I cherish high ideals for home life.  
I am doing my part in helping to improve my church.

I am the desire to rid my community of poverty, ignorance, disease, intemperance, disregard of traffic regulations, poor housing, political corruption, crime, unemployment and other evils.

I am Christian patriotism actively participating in civic life.

I am conscientious objection to war as a method of settling international disputes.

I am the avowed enemy of communism that fosters class suspicion and strife, materialism and secularism.

I shall do all in my power to conserve, for Kingdom purposes, the leisure time and cultural, avocational resources which this modern age has produced.

I strive to unite my devotions and my practical efforts toward building a new world.

—Selected.

"Oh, March that blusters and March that blows,  
What color under your footsteps grows?

Beauty you summon from winter's snows,  
And you are the pathway that leads to the rose.

—Celia Thaxter.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

(Continued from page one)

We must soon begin to plan for our district conventions. Let each district work out its plans early that suitable dates may be arranged. The National W. C. T. U. has prepared a new set of alcohol education slide films and we, in the state, would like to know how many of our schools have slide projectors. Will local presidents make a survey of their schools and send information to Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown, our S. T. I. state director? This should be done at once.

Our daily papers and radios keep the war situation in foreign lands constantly before us. Our hearts go out in sympathy to those war-torn countries. Let us pray fervently and frequently for more tolerance and brotherly love between nations, that it may ultimately result in world peace. Within the borders of our own land we have an enemy to fight —

## SIMPLE SIMON TO DATE

Simple Simon went a-fishing  
For to get a whale  
And all the water he did get  
Was in his mother's pail.

Exactly what we did in 1932. We went fishing for to get revenue in a pail of booze. We caught a whale, but instead of revenue, expenses. Massachusetts arrested 94,885 drunks in 1934 and had 5,000 delirium tremens patients in 1937. The head of Bowery Missions in New York says drunkenness has increased 300 per cent and New York papers report 1,000 delirium tremens patients come to Bellevue hospital every month. These are fair samples of conditions all over the country.

Recently headlines in The Boston Herald announced that Massachusetts aims to cure these victims. A law provides that all Massachusetts hospitals must admit and care for all such delirium tremens cases. Delirium tremens is a nerve disease, I gather, is the conclusion after great expense, deliberation, searching of hospital records and study by nerve specialists. PSHAW!

I am no nerve specialist, doctor or even a chemist, but I have learned that alcohol is a poison. I even know that different poisons affect the human body in different ways. All these effects are well known. No mistaking them. It is all as simple as that.

No specialist needed when a human being is found tormented by snakes so that he writhes in horrors untold. It isn't a case of nerves, but alcohol poison which the Encyclopedia Britannica says "Primarily affects the brain."

Boston found in 1937 her D. T. patients were costing her \$350,000 annually. In ten months the cost had risen to \$500,000 and that at approximately \$75.00 a patient. At that rate New York's D. T. patients take \$9,000,000 out of her license income.

Hospitalization is one way to dispense of D. T. patients. There is a better, cheaper and more humane way. No police, no hospitalization, no ambulances needed. It has been tested through fourteen years with success. Bellevue's D. T. ward after 1920 was made into a children's ward.

The old Washington Home for soaks and D. T. cases in Chicago since 1860 died a natural death after the coming of prohibition.

Hibbing, Minn., when a wide open lumbering town had 70 saloons on one street, D. T. customers the saloonists disposed of in a "snake corner." There alone in the cold and dark the poor wretches shrieked and writhed with the snakes, unaided and alone till death sometimes ended their misery. No "Snake rooms" were needed after 1920. And now for a price — revenue — we again have these sufferers.

Mrs. Robert A. Lovatt, once an ardent advocate of repeal, finally came to this conclusion: "Prohibition came because of the saloon. . . and now after 14 years (without them) to go back to the saloon is to acknowledge ourselves as the stupidest people of the world." Stupid and heartless!

—Contributed.

the liquor traffic. Abraham Lincoln said, "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction, and all attempts to regulate it will only 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."

We know this has proved true many times through the ages. We must establish a sober nation before we can hope for a restoration of security and prosperity. Therefore I

## TRIBUTES TO OUR STATE

### I LOVE MY STATE

My state—I search in vain for words  
Her virtue to define;  
But this I know, with heart aglow,  
I love this state of mine.

My state! Oh Father, shed Thy light  
Upon this state of mine,  
Win her to Thee, that she may be  
Not only mine but Thine.

Oh, may her laws be just and right,  
Her people strong and fine,  
May all her ways be righteous ways—  
This lovely state of mine!

—Exchange.

### OUR STATE CAPITOL

It's beautiful, it's beautiful,  
Our capitol so grand!  
It towers high among the hills  
The fairest in the land.  
Our eyes behold the beauty  
Of marble, wood and stone,  
The best from countries far and near,  
Art's acme — but no dome!

God grant the laws enacted here  
May stand the test of time!  
Be fashioned by The Golden Rule  
Suppress, correct dark crime.  
Bring back the heritage, we pray,  
Of purity and right—  
Ideals our fathers battled for—  
So precious in His sight!

—Mrs. G. E. Norris.

Fargo, N. D.

### "There's Something In Dakota"

from James W. Foley's Famous Poem

Not a foot has touched its prairies  
Is longing to return,  
Not an eye has seen the sunset on its  
western heavens burn  
But looks back in hungry yearning,  
with the memory grown dim,  
And the zephyr of its prairies breathes  
the cadence of a hymn  
That is sweet and full of promise as  
the "Beulah Land" we knew  
When we used to sit together in the  
queer old-fashioned pew,  
And at eventide the glory of the sun  
and sky and sod  
Bids me bare my head in homage  
and in gratitude to God.

Yes, I love you, dearly love you, with  
a heart that's true as steel,  
For there's something in Dakota,  
makes you live and breathe and  
feel;  
Makes you bigger broader better;  
makes you know the worth of  
toll;  
Makes you free as are her prairies  
and as noble as her soil;  
Makes you kingly as a man; makes  
you manly as a king;  
And there's something in the grandeur  
of her season's sweep and  
swing  
That casts off the fretting fetters of  
your East and marks you blest  
With the vigor of the prairies—with  
the freedom of the West!

appeal to you again to carry out the  
plans sent you recently which if carried  
out, may help create public sentiment  
for some action against present  
conditions.

"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."

I have been greatly pleased with  
the fine way you have all responded  
to the many demands made upon you  
and I fully realize that many of our  
unions are laboring under great  
difficulties. Be of good cheer! We  
are gaining ground little by little. We  
know that Right is Might—in time  
it will prevail.

Yours in loving service,  
Bessie M. Darling.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

**A Radio Address by Mr. Archie B. O'Connor, Director of Safety, State Highway Patrol, December 21, 1939.**

At this season of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men" the North Dakota Highway Patrol wishes to express its appreciation to the citizens of North Dakota for their splendid support during the year now drawing to a close, and to wish for all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy year in 1940.

The greatest happiness man knows comes within the home and around the family fireside. The North Dakota Highway Patrol has as its main objective to assist in retaining that happiness by means of keeping the family together.

Always children appear to be the first consideration but children alone cannot be happy unless also gathered around the family fireside may be found Dad and Mother. Therefore, the work of our patrol is all-comprehensive as regards safety. We feel that for one member of the family to enjoy Christmas, as well as life, to its fullest extent every day of the year, the family should be intact so far as possible. At this time, however, we should and may well give a bit of extra thought to the heavy Christmas traffic.

It would indeed be nice if all trips could be so planned that an additional hour or two could be allowed for the journey. Such arrangements may mean the saving of yourself or the occupants of your car—or even the loved ones in another household. So far as North Dakota is concerned our department's program coincides well with the national program of one of our nation's leading organizations—engineering, enforcement and education.

As regards engineering our state has made rapid strides and I may casually mention that in this connection we have this year constructed 7 overhauls and underpasses, these eliminating 7 grade crossings and 6 other grade crossings have been done away by relocation of highways. More than 200 miles of hard surfaced roads have been built in 1939 and in the past six years about 2200 miles of such highways have been constructed. Thousands of additional dollars have been expended for highway safety such as guard rails, warning signals, elimination of curves and other elements intended to preserve life and lighten the burden of drivers.

Enforcement of traffic laws is very necessary, but through our enforcement we strive first in education along these lines. The average citizen always wishes to do right and day in and day out we issue warnings rather than tags, knowing that cooperation is, in most cases at least, given us gladly. Where such cooperation is not given, we must of necessity take whatever measures become necessary.

We should not lose sight of the fact that in 1938 there were 32,000 automobile fatalities in the United States, classing pedestrians with those killed by cars. Of that number 13,000 were pedestrians and about 5,000 of the total number killed were children. Of the latter group 500 were riding bicycles. I well realize that statistics such as these are always cold and uninteresting, but they are important. Let me also call attention to the fact that three-fourths of all the fatal accidents happen between 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the morning, a period when but one-third of the traffic is on the highway. Night-time traffic accidents have actually increased 27 percent in recent years while day-time accidents have actually decreased 30 percent. More drivers are killed by reason of going to sleep while at the wheel than from any other cause.

The next greatest offender is the drunken driver. Thirty-three per cent of traffic fatalities are caused by drunken drivers, looking at it from a national point. In North Dakota, however, the drunken driver is our greatest problem. Of all the accidents recorded in our State thus far in 1939 about 60 per cent are proven to be directly connected with drivers under the influence of liquor. All people have their own ideas of celebration and observance of holidays, but with the statistics given above it could not be amiss to repeat "if you have been drinking, don't drive; and while preparing for a drive, don't drink."

We have been fortunate in North Dakota this year in the reduction of fatalities due to motor vehicle accidents prior to December 1, 1939. On July 1, 1939 North Dakota ranked first in the United States in the reduction of fatalities based on the number of miles traveled. On December 1, 1939, we ranked second in the United States in the reduction of fatalities. Then comes the month of December, 1939. From the records of the National Safety Council we learn that the month of December equals the month of July in fatalities. During July, traffic is at its heaviest and we observe a national holiday creating more traffic than any other month of the year. During this month of December more hours of darkness prevail and I wish to repeat that night-time accidents have increased by 27 per cent.

Those of us who have driven throughout the state the past few days well realize that the icy condition of our streets and highways presents a very serious traffic condition both to motorists and pedestrians, and the relative short days place many of us in the class of night-drivers.

During the rush of Christmas shopping pedestrians and motorists alike cause traffic jams. We enter the Christmas spirit in full and possibly our law enforcement officers may become a little more lenient. These and many other causes contribute to the annual toll of lives needlessly sacrificed each day on streets and highways.

Quoting from the National Safety Bulletin, "Bad weather plus more hours of darkness, plus the holiday rush equals the year's highest traffic toll. This year let's change the formula — Careful driving plus careful walking equals a safe and happy Christmas season."

This formula can be followed and needless accidents be avoided if each one of us makes a special effort to help and everyone can help. How?

**Public Officials:** By keeping streets and highways free from ice and snow through prompt and persistent use of snow removal equipment, and by keeping streets well-lighted, by encouraging citizens to use extra caution and courtesy when walking and driving.

**Police Chiefs:** By strengthening traffic forces — by putting officers at night clubs and other public places to dissuade drinking drivers from taking the wheel and drinking pedestrians from roaming the streets— by resisting the natural inclination to be lenient toward offenders because of the Christmas spirit.

**Parents:** By urging sons and daughters not to ride with drinking drivers — by setting a good example for their children in this respect.

**Motorists:** By driving more slowly and carefully to offset slippery pavement, less visibility, extra rush and excitement — by keeping tire chains easily accessible and using them when roads are slippery — by keeping brakes, headlamps, windshield wipers, and other parts of cars in good working order — by not driving when drinking — by remembering

## WET BLATHER

By Ethel Hubler

Comes now a 12-page booklet issued by the Distilled Spirits Institute, Washington, D.C., titled "Facts vs. Fancies," in which the liquorists pretend to show the Drys are liars on all counts. As a piece of blather it is up to about the usual standard of

## EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Dear White Ribboners:

A packet of literature for this department has been mailed to every local president, every district president and to our state president, with a silent prayer that the material will be used and not laid away. Our National director, Mrs. Heaton, has resigned and left no plan of work but that need not hinder the work in any way and the following objectives may be helpful:

1. An inspiring worship service included in the program of each W. C. T. U. meeting.
2. The continual observance of the Nootide Hour of Prayer and the establishment of a family altar in the home of every W. C. T. U. member.
3. The observance of the Lord's Day in a way which balances worship and rest with creative activities that stimulate true Christian living.
4. An emphasis on tithing as God's plan of finance, including the W. C. T. U. in this systematic proportionate giving.
5. An emphasis on the wearing of the white ribbon as the symbol of the spiritual significance of the organization.
6. An evangelistic spirit evidenced by Gospel Temperance Meetings, careful distribution of gospels and tracts, Bible classes and prayer meetings, and a personal interest in the unsaved.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. C. E. Erickson.

## FILL A CHAIR Anna Durham Methvin

Because you can't talk at the meeting  
Is no reason for not being there.  
You can help and encourage the others

If only you'll just fill a chair.  
The speaker needs someone to listen,  
Or else she just can't say her  
The audience is quite as important  
As the speaker, my dear, any day.

You say you can't lead. Well no matter

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

A split in the ranks—don't you see?  
If there were no followers leaders

Would soon lose their jobs, so beware

And forget about leading. Be present  
You can help if you just fill a chair.

that a little courtesy often saves a life.

Pedestrians: Use extra care in crossing streets and highways and remember that danger from automobiles is increased when darkness or slippery pavements prevail.

Yes, everyone can help.

(Editor's Note: Christmas is behind us but we appreciate the privilege of printing this wise and timely warning by Mr. O'Connor. While complete figures for 1939 are not available, Mr. O'Connor recently received notice that North Dakota tied for fourth place in the nation, with a reduction of 10% in fatalities. In percentage of accidents attributable to liquor, we shall have more definite information when the report is completed.)

the propaganda produced by the liquor interests.

"Never Liquor Crimes"—The reports in the daily newspapers prove that there are more liquor crimes every year.

"Fewer Traffic Deaths"—Commissioner Reilly of the California Liquor Control Board says otherwise.

"Fewer Drunkenness Arrests"—Chief of Police Arthur C. Hohmann of Los Angeles says it takes 60 per cent of his force to take care of the drunks in his city, and that doesn't take into account the number of drunks who are taken care of by their friends, and therefore not arrested.

"Fewer Alcohol Deaths"—Again read your dailies for "poison alcohol" deaths under repeal.

"Revenue"—But they failed to say that it costs one western city of a million and a half population, \$51.33 for every person arrested on a drunk charge. Whew!  
"Wet blather."

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