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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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PRAYER

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Where-
fore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and
day.
For what are men better than sheep
or goats
That nourish a blind life within the
brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands
of prayer
Both for themselves and those who
call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every
way
Bound by gold chains about the feet
of God.

—Alfred Tennyson
From "Idylls of the King."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

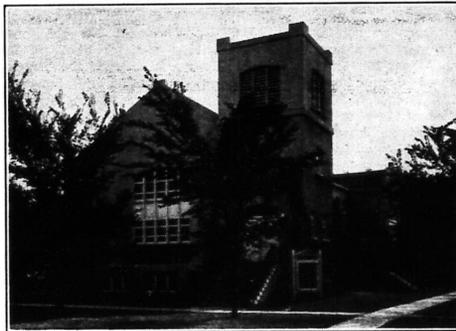
Dear Comrades:

Our fiscal year is rapidly drawing to a close and plans are now under way for our state convention to be held in Fargo Sept. 24-26 inclusive. Begin now to plan to attend this convention. We have a number of new district presidents this year who can receive inspiration and help for their new duties at this annual gathering; local unions will send their presidents that they may be better fitted for leadership in their communities. I am looking forward to meeting old and new friends of our cause there.

As soon as the annual report blanks reach you, call your local executive board together and fill out the report. When you have answered all questions write a brief report of local activities. Let your right hand know what your left hand is doing.

The National convention convenes in Chicago Aug. 9-14 inclusive and I plan to represent you there. It is not often that this great gathering meets so near to our state and I wish many of our members could attend.

We will soon welcome Miss Estelle Bozeman to our state. She comes from the sunny south to teach alcohol education to the teachers attending the summer sessions at Valley City and Minot colleges. Both colleges have asked for her services and are providing entertainment for her while in our midst. When your state officers planned for her coming, we asked all local unions to raise Honor Bright Dollars to finance this very important work. Now we find ourselves in the same position as a wage earner who has made definite plans for his family for a year and then finds that his income has been reduced. There has to be a readjustment and more sacrifices must be made. We had hoped to have Miss Bozeman for a longer time but so many have paid no heed to the "Honor Bright" campaign. How are we going to keep on employing these teachers if we have no special fund? It is the all important work at the present time if we wish to bring



The Calvary Evangelical Church, corner 3rd Ave. and 10th St. So., Fargo, where the 51st annual convention of the North Dakota W.C.T.U. will assemble Sept. 24-26. The pastor, Rev. R. R. Strutz, is heard over WDAY Sunday mornings. He is brother of Attorney-General Alvin C. Strutz, who has been fearlessly enforcing the laws against gambling, obscene literature, etc. We have several members in this church and will be cordially welcomed.

about a change in conditions at some future time.

Yesterday's mail brought a fine, encouraging letter from our National president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, and she enclosed her HONOR BRIGHT DOLLAR. She is to be our honored guest at our convention this year and present at the jubilee which we had planned to celebrate when our quota was to be completed. Are you going to disappoint her, as well as your own president?

Miss Bertha R. Palmer has sent her check of twenty-five dollars to help her beloved state of North Dakota finish our quota. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and appreciation for these gifts from our national officers.

Some of our local unions have done splendidly and our hats go off to Northwood—a Gold Star union that has sent in \$31.00 for its membership of 35 last year. This wide awake union has a wonderful interest in the youth of their city maintaining a fine LTL and a strong YTC. This may be the reason for their desire to promote the educational work, and for their fine cooperative spirit. Let others go out and do likewise! I have learned, in life's experiences, that where there is a will there is a way.

We have just celebrated "Independence Day", and we have every right to be proud of our citizenship. We have a nation of free people and there has been established here a government under which in peace and freedom the individual has had an opportunity to work out his own destiny and to be master of himself. A sound understanding of what our citizenship means must bring appreciation of the services of those who have labored

and fought and sacrificed to make liberty secure and progress a continuing movement.

Individually we are a very small unit but each one has certain duties to perform in this great drama of life. Let it not be said of us that we failed in the tests which we must face.

The repeal of the Eighteenth amendment brought back the liquor traffic in all its fury. We are now in the seventh year of repeal and we find that highway fatalities have increased every year. Fifty per cent and some authorities say over sixty per cent of these are caused by alcohol. More young people and women are drinking than ever before. Selling to minors and all kinds of violations of regulations are taking place. At least sixteen per cent of America's crime bill of fifteen billion dollars annually is caused solely by alcohol and 18.8 per cent or almost one of every five criminals are youngsters 20 years of age or under.

Federal agents who number twice as many as during prohibition, seized 12,058 illicit distilleries during 1939 or 51 illicit ones to every legal one in operation.

Are the Christian people of our nation mobilizing their forces to fight this greatest of all enemies within our borders? Are we meeting the test?

The late Senator Borah once said, "The fight against the liquor traffic is not for ten days or ten years—it is an eternal fight." Therefore we can not afford to rest but must work in season and out of season.

Our membership drive is over and we must seek now to interest these new members in our work. Make them feel at home in your meetings

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RIGHT THE DAY MUST WIN

Oh, it is hard to work for God
To rise and take his part,
Upon the battlefield of earth
And not sometimes lose heart!

He hides Himself so wondrously,
As though there were no God;
He is least seen when all the powers
Of ill are most abroad;

Or he deserts us in the hour,
The fight is all but lost;
And seems to leave us to ourselves
Just when we need Him most.

'T is not so, but so it looks;
And we lose courage then;
And doubts will come if God hath kept
His promises to men.

But Right is Right, since God is God:
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin!

—Frederick W. Faber.

CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

The fifty-first annual convention of the North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance Union is hereby called to meet in the Calvary Evangelical church, Fargo, September 24-26, 1940. The state officers will meet at 2 o'clock and the state executive committee at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Sept. 24.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents, or their alternates, the general secretaries of Youth's Temperance Council and Loyal Temperance Legion, editor of state paper, department directors, and field workers.

Membership of state convention includes the executive committee, the district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from every union and one for every 30 paid members; one L.T.L. delegate for every \$5.00 dues paid into state treasury, said delegates to be an L.T.L. leader. The Y.T.C. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W.C.T.U. but the delegates must be young women.

The by-laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks before the date of the annual meeting which means, this year, September 10. Our convention guest speaker will be Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, President National W.C.T.U., whose principal address will be given the evening of Sept. 25. Plan to attend all the sessions and help make the 51st. annual convention a great success. Send names for entertainment to the state corresponding secretary at Headquarters.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, President,
Barbara H. Wylie, Cor. Secretary.

A house is sanctified by love into a home.—L. H. Wood

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"MERCY TO A SHATTERED WORLD"

William Allen White, dean of American newspaper editors, long has been a Red Cross volunteer in his home state of Kansas. The following editorial has been written by him especially for the Red Cross war relief appeal and is made available for use by newspapers throughout the county.

By William Allen White

The American Red Cross is asking today for \$10,000,000 to aid the war-stricken families of Europe. Never before since man collected his family in domiciles has devastation wrecked so many homes as are now torn, plundered, and devastated in Europe. Poland, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Denmark—what a long procession of crushed and broken nations. A parade of captive peoples whose economy has been destroyed, whose food has been stolen, whose fuel has been taken to feed the German war god. Cold, hunger and disease are stalking across western Europe touching a million families with the black fingers of want and despair.

The only agency on earth to extend a helping hand to these ravaged people is the American Red Cross. If we of the United States are to maintain our leadership in what survives of civilization we must show through all the turmoil and terror the kindly, understanding heart and reveal the generous hand that has given us leadership in other ways and walks of life. The American Red Cross offers the only place where man can signal to the world that here in America kindness still rules, here men still love peace, here men are willing to give of their best to bring justice and mercy back into a shattered world.

This new campaign of the American Red Cross is the most civilized thing that has come to America in many a day.

AMERICA, LIKE THE PRIDGAL SON

"America, like the prodigal son, will come to its senses, forsake the husks, and return to its ideal. There are increasing evidences of an awakening of public consciousness on the harmful effects of the increasing use of alcoholic beverages. This is attested by election returns; newspaper polls of public opinion; the results of local option elections; the action of business groups, such as automobile manufacturers, in developing methods of promoting highway safety; and the new differential being given safe drivers by automobile insurance companies with the approval of state rate-making authorities."

"The ultimate solution of the problem, in my judgment, is the prohibition of the liquor traffic throughout the nation."

—Senator Morris Sheppard.

Two things stand like stone: kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own.—Abraham Lindsey Gordon.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS CONCLUDED

At Rock Lake, May 28, members of the Devils Lake district met in convention with Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president, as guest speaker, whose address and helpful suggestions were appreciated. The district president, Mrs. Frances E. Olson, Calvin, was detained at home with her little new daughter, Elaine Jean. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Wm. Logan, Calvin; Vice President, Mrs. F. Jahnke, Rock Lake; Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Porter, Calvin; Treasurer, Mrs. Verne Burkholder, Rock Lake.

Northeast District convention was held in the Lutheran church, Nekoma, May 29, the district president, Mrs. Frank Beasley, presiding, and Mrs. Bessie M. Darling again honor guest. The forenoon was occupied with reports from local unions, the L.T.L. and a memorial service. A noon luncheon was served.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer, Edinburg, led devotions. Mrs. Albert M. Herbson, Grafton, explained why we have a budget; while Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, spoke on How to Win a Local Option Campaign. A Symposium—"One thing we learned from the Local Liquor Survey" formed an interesting discussion. The singing by several local young people was enjoyed. The evening meal was served by the hostess union.

To open the evening session, a duet—"Dear Land of Home", was sung by Mrs. Andy Johnson and Miss Myrtle Gjerve. Rev. J. O. Dahle led devotions. Marjorie Hanson and Faye Sholey sang: "I'll Buy Dry." Mrs. Darling's strong address—"The Challenge" followed. "America" was sung and Rev. J. P. Sorlein of Langdon, pronounced the benediction. All officers were re-elected except the treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Upham, who, having served so faithfully for many years, declined reelection, and was succeeded by Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, as district treasurer.

Ellendale District convention was held at Glover June 4. Mrs. Bruce Scott, district president, presiding, and Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president, as special speaker. Rev. H. J. Gernhardt of Oakes gave a practical and helpful address. Vocal and instrumental music, furnished by Glover young people, was much enjoyed.

Mrs. O. E. Combellick, Ellendale, spoke on Safeguarding the Children, showing that the future of our civilization, and of our organization depends upon what we do for the children today. Mrs. Darling's address was full of helpful suggestions and was much appreciated. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. O. E. Combellick, Ellendale; Vice President, Mrs. J. O. Olson, Glover; Cor Sec. Mrs. R. G. Newton, Monango; Rec. Sec. Mrs. H. F. Toplin, Ellendale; Treasurer, Mrs. B. L. Smith, Ellendale.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we record the passing of our long-time friend and co-worker, Rev. F. L. Watkins, from the home of his son Albert, in Mandan. In 1895 Mr. Watkins entered the Methodist ministry rendering faithful and acceptable service until his retirement a few years ago. As superintendent of the North Dakota Enforcement League he gave outstanding service in the cause of prohibition enforcement, on several occasions risking his life in the performance of his duty. North Dakota never had a better enforcement officer. Fearless and daring he was wholly devoted to the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and in his decease our cause has lost a strong supporter and patriotic champion.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Ellsworth Gilseth, Grand Forks, won the pearl medal in a joint Speech contest at a district meeting at Warren. His selection was "the Fine Art of Drinking." Mrs. Darling and others attended the meeting.

Our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, and her husband, the Rev. Jas. Anderson, have returned from Penney Farms, Florida, to their summer home, Oak Lodge, near Shoreham, Minn. for the season.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, Jamestown, state L.T.L. Secretary, was a welcome caller at the Fargo office, enroute to Kewatin, Minn., to visit her son, Prof. Chas. Bordwell and family.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction department, was welcomed by Fargo friends as she stopped over enroute from a reunion with her sisters at Rio, Wisconsin, her old home. While visiting a sister at Zion, Ill., Mrs. Wanner addressed the high school of some 500 pupils and also spoke to the 700 members of the Zionist Sunday School.

Mrs. H. P. Halvorson was hostess to the Fargo Scandinavian W.C.T.U. when Mrs. Kate S. Wilder gave a welcome address to new members. The Flower Mission program was in charge of the director, Mrs. K. S. Erdahl. Mrs. Halvorson and Mrs. Josephine M. Jones sang and Quentin Lundquist furnished choice music on the violin. This enterprising union recently held their annual picnic in Oak Grove, with a good attendance.

Grand Forks met for their Flower Mission meeting in the home of the president, Mrs. O. J. Swanson. Mrs. Darling spoke on the work of the department. She also conducted a memorial service for Mrs. Geo. Aylesworth, a former faithful member. Ellsworth Gilseth gave his prize reading. Several guests were present. Mrs. Norris Williams assisted the hostess.

A union picnic at the home of Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Flasher, is planned in July for the W.C.T.U., L.T.L., Y. T. C., and Missionary Societies.

Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, Flower Mission director for the Fargo union, prepared a beautiful program for the June meeting, leading appropriate devotions. A playlet—"Say It With Flowers"—was presented by Mrs. Chas. Faust, assisted by Lucille Schelle, Leona Lew and Byron Lawrence. Charles Hobbs gave readings. A welcome visitor was Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson who spoke briefly. Mrs. D. C. Whitman was hostess.

Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker, President Minnesota W.C.T.U. was one of the speakers at the 50th anniversary of the Valley City State Teachers college, from which famous institution she was graduated 30 years ago. Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman served a tea in honor of Mrs. Baker.

The two Fargo unions and the Fargo Fortnightly Club each purchased one of the popular Slide Films—on Safety, Health and Character Building—and, with a projector borrowed from one of the Junior High Schools, these films were shown to the children of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, who were much impressed.

Local unions of Ray and Epping were entertained by Mrs. W. Cooper at her home—May 16. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Cooper formerly lived at Ray.

A correction:—The correct address for Roberts-Hill Hall in Fargo is 120

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COR. SEC.'S CORNER

Dear Comrades of Mine:

At this time I am reporting to our National Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, one hundred and eleven new members gained this year and am disappointed that it is not at least 200. This report is for the National convention but there is still time for you to increase the number before our state convention Sept. 24-26 at Fargo. Here are the names of those who gained new members and if your name should have been in the list, please let me know. I report the names in the order received:

HOME DEFENDERS: (Five or more members each)—

Mrs. Robert B. Reed and Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Fargo.

HOME PROTECTORS: (one or more members each)—

Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Flasher
Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown (3)

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown
Mrs. Ray Baldwin, Jamestown
Mrs. A. J. McInnes, Fargo
Mrs. Martin Johnson, Larimore (2)
Mrs. Jas. O. Welden, Benedict
Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo
Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Grand Forks (2)

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks

Mrs. Chas. Kepler, Bottineau
Mrs. Minnie Lillevold, Fargo Scan.
Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth, Grand Forks Scan. (2)
Mrs. Sonhje Swarstad, Grand Forks Scan.

Mrs. G. E. Norris, Fargo
Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale
Mrs. August Hanson, Fargo Scan.
Miss Edith Carley, Bottineau
Mrs. Florence Torkelson, Flasher
Mrs. C. E. Foderholm, Larimore
Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, Grand Forks
Mrs. Opie S. Rindahl, Bismarck
Mrs. John L. Bradley, Minot
Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot
Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Minot
Mrs. A. S. Dwellie, Minot
Mrs. Geo. H. Smith, Minot
Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Fargo Scan.
Mrs. Peder Fluvog, Fargo Scan.
Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Grand Forks Scan.

Mrs. H. Mynster, Grand Forks Scan. (3)

Mrs. A. Tranbem, Grand Forks Scan.

Mrs. H. A. Strutz, Grand Forks
Mrs. Peter Dunderland, Bottineau
Mrs. Elsie Best, Hoople
Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River

Miss Amelia Burbidge, Park River
Mrs. Josephine M. Jones, Fargo Scan.

Mrs. Ida Behlmer, Fargo

Mrs. O. J. Oswald, Northwood

Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood

Don't you want to join this splendid list of Home Defenders and Protectors before your W.C.T.U. year is over? There are those who have never been asked to join the white ribbon army and you may each win one before Sept. 1st. The report blanks will soon be sent to each local president to be passed on to each local director that she may report to the National director. While the National convention is being held early as is customary in election years, the National WCTU does not close until Oct. 31 and each national director wants to hear from her state directors before Oct. 15.

We hope you are all coming to Fargo for the state convention and be sure to let us know in time that we may have a room reserved for you. See Convention Call on first page.

Loyally yours,
Barbara H. Wylie

The same drink which makes a man an unsafe driver makes him feel that he is the very best driver in the world.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues—Grand Forks 14; Epping 1; Jamestown 10; Landa 2; Fargo Scan. 52; Sheldon 1; Dickey 2; Northwood 9; McKenzie 2; Rugby 3; Flasher 1; Larimore 4; Niagara 3; Fargo 1; Minot 3; Hettinger 1; Sharon 1; Underwood 8; Wheelock 1; Leonard 3; Williston 8; Valley City L.T.L. 26; Flasher L.T.L.; Benedict 1.

Budget In Full—Hannah; McKenzie; Stanley; Bismarck; Rugby; Sharon; Niagara; Rock Lake; Williston.

Budget In Part—Jamestown \$8.00; Bowsmont \$6.00; Minot \$15.00; Grand Forks \$10.50.

N.T.E.F.—Mrs. C. J. Kuehl \$2.00; Valley City, memorial to Mrs. F. P. Stowell \$5.00; Mrs. C. Mortenson \$1.00; Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie \$5.00; Flasher \$4.00; Stanley \$5.00; Larimore \$10.00; Fargo Scan. \$35.00; Mrs. Anna Gates \$1.00; Northwood \$31.00; Calvin \$16.00; Leonard \$3.00; Fargo \$4.03; Minot \$3.50; Minot District \$5.00; Hettinger \$6.00; Northwest District \$4.00; Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith \$1.00.

District Pledge—Devils Lake Dist. \$5.00; Ellendale Dist. 4.07; Northeast Dist. \$20.00.

Dear Treasurers:

I want to remind you that the State Treasurer's books will close on September 10th, which is two weeks before the state convention. Please send in dues and budget before that time. Each year a few unions send in their dues too late to be counted. I hope this will not occur this year. Remember the date, — Sept. 10.

These are the names of the Fruitful unions: Calvin, Bottineau, Parshall, Crosby, Epping, Stanley, Bucyrus, McKenzie, Fargo, Hannah, Park River, Flasher.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treas.
1341 11th Ave. No.
Fargo, N. Dak.

ANNUAL MEETING CONSOLIDATED DRYS

At Valley City, June 18, in the First Baptist Church, the North Dakota Consolidated Drys held their annual meeting, the president, Rev. Geo. O. Parish, Bis., in the chair. It was decided to present no initiated measures to the people this year, the state legislature being considered the law-making body and as such should be asked to assume responsibility in the matter of needed temperance legislation. The need for more strict law enforcement was emphasized and voters were urged to return to office all law-enforcement officers who have been honestly and fearlessly enforcing our laws.

The declaration further pointed out that in this day of broken treaties and broken nations, America must become a great law-abiding nation. Voters were urged to replace all lax law-enforcement officers with persons of high ideals who are committed to honest and fearless enforcement of our laws.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Geo. O. Parish, Bismarck; Vice President, Rev. O. J. Lutness, Enderlin; Secretary, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo; Treasurer, G. A. Hample, Bismarck. Members executive committee: Rev. C. A. Armstrong, Fargo; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks; Rev. D. D. Jansen, Jamestown; G. K. Ness, editor, Fordville. Appreciation of the services of Rev. Geo. Thomas of Jamestown, who has been secretary, was expressed, with regret that he is leaving the state. Mmes. Kate S. Wilder and Barbara H. Wylie represented the State W.C.T.U.

Write on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MRS. NORRIS

July 28 is the last Temperance Sunday before our W.C.T.U. year closes. We have still time to do one thing more for Religious Education. The helps prepared are especially good and may be obtained from your state director whose address is below. Have a poster contest, give a playlet or in some way let the boys and girls have a part. Then be sure to tell about it in your report to me for state convention at Fargo, that I may later send it to the National director. I hope you have kept a record of all you have done through the year that together we may have something worthwhile to report for Religious Education.

Have you used the new Slide Films or other temperance material in Daily Vacation Bible Schools or in Sunday Schools? Just how much Religious Education will help to bring about the abolition of the nefarious liquor traffic will depend upon the time and money spent right now in spreading our literature and reaching our young people. Those who control the curricula of their education should see that temperance has its place.

God grant the next generation may do much to bring this old world out of its present chaos, free from intemperance, one of the greatest contributors to the sins which spoil the beauty of "Our Father's World."

Mrs. G. E. Norris
311—9 Ave. So. Fargo

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 9-14, 1940, at Stevens Hotel Chicago

Registration is now open for delegates and visitors. Send to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, 1730 Chicago Ave, Evanston, Illinois, \$2.00 if you are a delegate, and \$1.00 if you are a visitor and want a definite seat for the entire convention. There will be free seats for visitors but the privileges given to registrants are well worth the price of registration and each one would wish to make a contribution anyway. Registration fees have replaced collections at National conventions except for Sunday meetings. An excellent program has been provided for the convention. See The Union Signal for details.

The pilgrimage to Evanston on Saturday, Aug. 10 will be complimentary from the Illinois hostess state to all who pay the registration fee. They need to know how many for whom to provide conveyances.

Dinner in Evanston will be served for 65¢ at the First Methodist Church where Miss Willard belonged and where the evening meeting will be held. Please make reservations for this dinner when you register, if you desire to attend. As only 600 can be accommodated, tickets will be reserved in order of receipt.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER—

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and in due time give them something to do.

Even though this is vacation time and there is a tendency to let down the work, let us not forget to gather in all unpaid dues and finish budgets so that we can wind up this year's business with all bills paid in full.

"Yesterday has slipped away; God has the tomorrow, Take today and do your part, As your part is given, That's the way to gladness, heart, That's the road to heaven."

Yours in Loving Service,
Bessie M. Darling
President

SYMPOSIUM ON SMOKING

Why smoke when it spoils your breath, your complexion, your digestion, your taste, the luster of your eyes, the color of your teeth, the shape of your lips, the smoothness of your skin, your finger nails, your voice, your natural fitness, your spiritual vision? It cannot help you in any way. It is offensive to others. It is expensive; the money could be used for so many better things.

With the exception of some things, the above can be said to men smokers, also. I speak from personal experience after using the stuff for a number of years. I know I am taking a stand against possibly 90 per cent. of the men, and perhaps 30 per cent of the women, but I challenge anyone to show and prove where I am wrong, or to prove in the least way, that not only smoking, but the use of the weed in any way, by any one, is beneficial. Tobacco is a close kin of liquor. They belong, with some other evils, in the same category.

Then, for the sake of decency, right living, good example and influence, leave the stuff alone. —E. A. Whitley, Louisiana.

Knute Rockne, former athletic director of Notre Dame University, is a member of the Boys and Girls Anti Cigarette League that the makers of a well known cigaret offered him \$2,000 to sign a testimonial to the effect that his athletes always used their brand because it did not hurt their wind.

Gene Tunney says: "Smoking is a foolish habit, unhealthful, dangerous and harmful. I have never smoked." Evidently the Tobacco Trust will be unable to buy his testimonials that the cigaret added power to his blows, a keener eye or steadier nerve to his fistic battles.

Connie Mack says: "No man or boy can expect to succeed and continue the use of cigarets."

Ty Cobb, who retired voluntarily as an outstanding leader in baseball says, "Too much cannot be said against the evils of cigaret smoking. It stiffens the brain, saps vitality, undermines one's health and lessens the moral fiber of the man. No boy, who hopes to be successful in any line, can afford to contract a habit that is so detrimental to his physical and moral development. The alert brain, the strong body and the moral stamina necessary for success in any line of endeavor are weakened and destroyed by the cigaret habit, and young men should realize its disastrous effects."

Does Charles Paddock, the world's fastest sprinter, dare to smoke? Could he have established his long string of world records if he had poisoned his system and weakened his heart with nicotine from the cigaret? Of course not.

Tobacco is an Indian weed
Why should we ever sow the seed?
It drains your pocket, taints your clothes
And makes a chimney of your nose.

ECONOMIST

Roger W. Babson, widely known evaluator of financial and spiritual life, said recently: "After repeal I realized the terrific danger of the commercialized liquor traffic. Not drinkers alone suffer, but the country and youth. Accessibility increases use. America's keenest minds are using the newspapers, magazines, movies and radio to entice youth to drink whiskey."

"DARE TO BE A DANIEL"

A young man, son of a president of a college, was leaving his home in America for Paris, to take up a special course of study in surgery. As he was saying "good-bye," the girl to whom he was engaged said softly, "Good-by, Charlie. Dare to be a Daniel."

Shortly after reaching France the young student was invited to a great doctor's house, to meet some of the leading surgeons of the city. At the dinner table a gentleman filled his glass with wine and, as a compliment to the youthful visitor, said, "Let us drink to the mothers, daughters, and sweethearts of America," at the same time telling a servant to fill the young man's glass with red wine.

Charlie wrote to his mother: "Mother," he said, "for the moment I was in agony. I would rather have faced a cannon. All had risen and in the hand of each was a glass of wine I had promised not to touch, taste, or handle. My head seemed to swim, and I was on the point of taking up the dreadful glass, when I clearly heard the words, 'Dare to be a Daniel.' They shot through my head like an electric flash. I filled another glass with water and rising said as well as I could for the great lump in my throat. I beg leave to say that to the mothers, daughters, and sweethearts of America the purity of this sparkling water illustrates the lives they aim to lead, and I ask permission to use it in their dear names. Every glass of wine was instantly put on the table, and the toast was drunk from glasses filled with water."

What a victory! And what lesson to each one of us to do what is right in every case. Whenever temptation comes, let us resolve to be true to our colors, as Charlie was, and perhaps by our faithfulness we may be the means of leading others to do right.—The American Boy.

WHO SHALL DRINK IT?

This is a report of an actual dialogue which took place between two American citizens the other day—one of them a business man, and the other a clergyman, to whom the business man spoke frankly, as one does to a good friend:

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "prohibition is a failure, and we may as well get used to the idea of having saloons once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why no," he replied. "You know I am a teetotaler."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No, that shall not be!"

"Would you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me nor pay their bills promptly."

"Will you want the engineer of your train to use it?"

"No, I admit I don't want to ride on a drunkard's train."

"Ah, then you want this liquor for the men whom you meet driving cars on the public highway."

"No, of course not; that is a danger to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me?"

"I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we're much better off without it."

Reformed Church Messenger.

Since repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment there have been 84 men, women and children killed every day in the highways by drinking drivers.

A NATIONAL QUESTION

Character Building in Public Schools

From Mr. Samuel Pearson, Late Honorary Secretary Citizens' Bible in Schools League, Brooklyn, Wellington, New Zealand, comes a most important message for our American schools which we gladly re-produce here. Mr. Pearson suggests that we all unite in electing Public Schools Boards and Boards of Education who will provide for daily Bible reading in public schools, the readings to include occasionally the Bible's warning against, and denunciations of, strong drink. Mr. Pearson's article follows:

The United States has the most expensive as well as the best materialistic system of national education in the world, but it has also a high juvenile crime rate, which contradicts Victor Hugo's statement that "when you open a school you close a goal." What is the reason of this? one asks. One educationalist, a B.A. of Aberdeen University, states that, "It is crass nonsense to say that a purely materialistic system of public instruction will give a complete education, because it neglects to develop the moral and spiritual instincts of the scholar." But what do the experts in education say? Many of the leading American University professors and teachers, also educationists of the older world, past and present, are agreed that a chief aim of education is to form character, and they say you cannot form character without teaching morals, and, they add, "you cannot teach definite morals without using the Bible ideals." These educationists add that "it is impossible to teach literature without using the Bible, as our classics, the speeches of our great men, and even leading articles in our newspapers are shot with quotations from the Bible to strengthen an argument." I also beg to quote a Scottish lawyer's opinion—A. J. Bathgate, LL.B. Edinburgh University, who has stated that: "You cannot teach morals without the Bible, if you try to do so in any other way the scholar may think, or say: "by what authority are you teaching us these things?" Mr. Bathgate adds that "the standard of morals, everywhere, is the Decalogue or Ten Commandments." Some young readers may say: "We believe in evolution, and some scientists say this world is millions of years old." But the Bible does not contradict that statement: the Bible says "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." When that beginning was we do not know. The leading evolutionists and rationalists have declared emphatically in favor of the use of the Bible in public schools in the books which follow their names, below: Professor Fairchild-Osborn, one of the outstanding living scientists of the present day, who is president of the Natural History Museum of New York City; Professor Hækel ("The Riddle of the Universe"), Professor Huxley (in his essay on School Boards); Professor Lecky ("Democracy and Liberty"), Bernard Shaw, Professor J. Gould. All these men favor the use of the Bible in the schools for its high morality and its value as a classic. Why are the public schools of America, on the whole, Godless? I know that about one-third of the States allow a brief daily reading of the Bible, but I could not get from any of the public instruction departments of these States a syllabus of Bible lessons to be followed daily; whereas in England almost every county provides its teachers with a bound copy of a Bible instruction syllabus for daily use, and almost every scholar has his own Bible, and has to learn the Ten Commandments in the English Board school half an hour is spent daily in Bible instruction and prayer and hymn singing: this has been carried out for the past 60 years with one result in recent years half

the English goals have been closed. Some States in America give credit in the schools for Bible work done outside school hours, but that only reaches a section of the scholars.

Leagues or representative committees to urge school boards to allow Bible reading in the schools are easily organized by ministers or those interested sending an invitation, or request, to all churches, women's organizations, patriotic societies, young men's Bible classes, and school boards, asking them to elect each a few delegates to meet other delegates on a given date in order to form a league to petition all local school boards to take a referendum of parents on the question of Bible reading in schools. All modern democracies, except Russia and many of the States in America, now provide for daily Bible reading in the public schools in the interests of character building and good citizenship.

Socialists affirm that Christ was the most perfect example of a Socialist, and they are right, because He taught that all men were brothers, and condemned war; Therefore it is every Socialist's duty to fight to get Christ's humanitarian teachings taught in the schools of every country. The argument that Bible in Schools means an alliance of church and State is not true because many countries which have no State church, like Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Germany provide for daily Bible reading in schools. The Pilgrim Fathers, who were persecuted by the State Church of England, provided for daily Bible reading in all public schools of New England.

A Jewish Journal in U.S.A. has been deploring the fact that the American Jew is not troubling about the religious education of Jewish children.

PERSONAL MENTION

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—St. St. South, a pleasant home in a very convenient location for women travelers and students. Write the Matron, Mrs. Pearl Truax.

Makoti union has been bereaved in the passing to life eternal of Mrs. Ben Grow, one of its most loyal and efficient workers, who was called Home on Sunday, May 12. Our sympathy is expressed to the relatives and members of the union. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Grand Forks district planned their annual picnic at Northwood July 16.

Northeast district met in the park at Park River July 11 — for an institute and picnic, Mrs. Beasley, district president, attending, with several local unions represented.

Dr. Irvine gave a practical talk on Narcotics, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross on Medal Contests, Mrs. Beasley on Religious Education, Mrs. Ordahl on L.T.L. work. A medical Temperance Play was put on by Shirley and Marjorie Cross, Vera Phair and Ruth Bennington. A picnic lunch was enjoyed.

In line with the proclamation by Gov. John Moses for Temperance Sunday, June 30, Crosby union observed the day by a program in which Rev. Mr. Sorgen gave a talk; Mrs. C. E. Erickson, a reading; Mrs. R. E. Taylor, new district president, spoke to a large group of young people of Luther League, in Glenwood church, 10 miles in the country.

We are glad to welcome Miss Nelle Osmun back in our midst again for a visit. Miss Osmun was a worker with us for years, being president of Central Union. Now she is engaged in our work in Long Beach, California. She is returning from the East,

CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT NEEDED

One of the first requisites the American people should demand of the man who becomes President of the United States in 1940 no matter what his party affiliation may be, is that he be a Christian in all that the word implies. He should not be one of these Sunday Christians or the kind that uses his church relations for show. He should be a man who daily lives to follow in the footsteps of his Master.

Oh, it's a fine thing—for show—to ride by a church and ask for prayers that he might be guided in administering the affairs of his nation, while on his way to inauguration. It's another thing, though, when that same man leads the liquor interests in establishing saloons throughout the land.

It's not long until the November 1940, elections but we want to put ourselves on record here and now. We want to see the next occupant of the White House be a man who is godly, who has the backbone to stand for the uplifting of the morals of our people, who has the courage to bar the serving of liquors at the White House, who, in fact, takes God into consideration in all of his acts, private and public.

We are not a fanatic, by any means, but we do firmly believe that the man who leads a nation should be on speaking terms with God. We believe that he should get his power of leadership from the Christ of Calvary. Any man who attempts to lead his people any other way is heading for disaster. If he thinks otherwise he might read and ponder over the lives of the kings of Old Testament days. And he also might read for his own convenience the books of the New Testament.

Billions have been spent, not on clothing, food and other things that are needed by the family, but on liquor since 1933—the year that Roosevelt became President—an editor of a well known daily newspaper told his Sunday school class Sunday before last: Can we stand that pace?

With the coming of liquor the moral fibre of our youth has broken down. We have more young boys and girls indulging in the orgies that go with the flowing of liquor than ever before in the history of our nation. The American home, which our mothers and fathers constructed and loved, is no more. The sanctity of it is a thing of the past.

America is heading for the rocks just as certain as the sun shall rise tomorrow unless we head back toward the path of righteousness. A nation that forgets God shall not live.

God give us a leader the next four years who will rise from his knees each morning to direct a nation during the day. —Winston-Salem (N.C.) Union Republican.—Ex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Those having posters for competition in state contest please send those that have won local prizes to Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Jamestown, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction.

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where she went with the body of her aunt, Mrs. Lyda Basset.—West Washington Bulletin. Miss Osmun was a former field-worker in North Dakota.

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IN MEMORIAM—

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pion. To Mrs. Watkins and the family, the North Dakota W.C.T.U. extends sincere sympathy.

From her home in Bismarck, Mrs. George M. Register has been called to the "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Devoted to her home, her community and her church, Mrs. Register was also a faithful member of the W.C.T.U. serving for many years as local corresponding secretary. We shall all miss her, but her memory is precious and our sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gebhardt of Larimore and to his wife and other relatives our sincere sympathy is expressed in the passing of Frederick E. Gebhardt, a prominent citizen, after a long illness.