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What Makes A Nation Great?

Alexander Blackburn

Not ranks of soldiers with flags unfurled,
Not armored ships that gird the world,
Not hoarded wealth nor busy mills,
Not cattle on a thousand hills,
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws,
Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause—
All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great.

That land is great which knows the Lord,
Whose songs are guided by His Word;
Where justice rules 'tween man and man,
Where love controls in art and plan;
Where, breathing in his native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—
Thus may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight—man's best estate!

—The Lutheran.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Bessie M. Darling

We are happy to celebrate the 51st annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota in Fargo, the metropolis of the state. In looking back into the history of the organization I find that the first state WCTU convention held in this city, was in 1897, eight years after its organization.

In her annual address of that year Elizabeth Preston (now Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson) spoke of the fire which almost destroyed the city in 1893 and of the disastrous flood of the spring of 1897. The streets were like rivers and men went back and forth to their businesses in boats.

Today there is no evidence of these tragic experiences. Fargo is a city of beautiful homes, fine churches, splendid schools and a friendly people. It has been the home of our Headquarters for more than twenty years and is the home of three of our general officers. It has two of the largest local unions in the state and we are indebted to them for the splendid hospitality that has been extended to us during this convention.

The last state convention held here was in 1933. At that time Mrs. Elizabeth P. Anderson voluntarily retired from office. She had served faithfully and loyally as state president for forty years. She was succeeded in office by Mrs. Fred M.



MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING

Wanner who had served as state vice president for sixteen years.

Regarding the history of our state organization I quote from the "The Story of Fifty Years," written by Mrs. E. P. Anderson:

"The history of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota is the story of a gallant fight. It is brimful of heroism, self sacrifice, courage and dauntless endeavor. The slogan of the early pioneers is the slogan of the workers today: "The Old Guard dies but never surrenders." Our covenant motto, "I am but one but I am one; I cannot do everything but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do," burns like vestal fires in the hearts of our women."

North Dakota has a splendid record. It was born into the union dry and it kept that splendid record for 47 years. This was due largely to the educational and organizing work done by the territorial and state Woman's Christian Temperance Union. These pioneer women marched forward with faith, hope and prayer for the protection of their homes and their loved ones. Banded together in "Organized Mother love," they pressed forward through the years and today as we face the present critical situations at home and abroad our hearts are filled with the spirit of the crusade hymn:

"Give to the winds thy fears;
Hope and be undismayed,
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head."

The sainted pioneer women who gave so generously of their time and talent for the cause of temperance and who were called to Higher service before the task was completed have left a heritage of undying faith, brotherly love and undaunted courage.

Today we are marching forward with faith in God and His power, love for our fellowmen and earnest endeavor to reach the ultimate goal—a state and nation free from the curse of the liquor traffic.

The world today is looking for democracy and democracy is looking for a square deal. One of the worst deals if not the worst, given to our nation is the liquor deal. Former Postmaster General James Farley, according to the Methodist Recorder is credited as having written, "We can look back with pride upon the end of the prohibition era as a major accomplishment."

A nationally known woman attorney recently deplored the growing custom of drinking by women in responsible places in our country. When asked what she thought would be the best way to change the situation she replied, "Get out the facts."

Getting out the facts always has been the practice of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union but in recent years they seem to have lost their power with the public. We need to acquaint ourselves with facts, to learn of the dangers that lie in the pathway of youth and to broadcast it that perchance some one may be saved.

Here are some interesting facts: The cost of liquor to the United States since repeal is \$25,364,509,602.00—that exceeds relief costs by ten billion dollars.

Our public debt was 13 billion dollars when the wets promised to pay off the national debt. Today in the seventh year of saloon revenue the national debt is forty billion dollars.

We are spending \$2,800,000,000.00 yearly for public education. Last year for every dollar spent for public education we paid \$2.50 for intoxicants and \$3.00 for gambling.

Our national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith in her annual address at the recent Chicago convention said, "The people of this nation must struggle with an enemy boring from within—a Fifth Column. It is not a totalitarian foe from the outside, but one entrenched behind millions of invested capital and behind federal and state laws written under its political pressure, threatening the security of our homes, the prosperity of our industries, the purity of politics and our very rights as a free people.

There is one saloon of the 1940 brand for every seventy-one families in the United States—For every church there are two saloons—For every three public schools there are five saloons at work educating for intemperance."

The first year after repeal, the milk consumption in the United States dropped 37,000,000 quarts, the second year 59,000,000 quarts and the third 69,000,000 quarts. The people of our nation spent more than twice as much for alcoholic beverages as they did for milk last year.

This is not only a loss to the farmer but also to the nation in undernourished children.

The liquor bill in America last year almost equaled 50 per cent of the nation's food bill.

Beer of 3.2 alcoholic content was promoted as a means of preventing the drinking of hard liquor. Now the public spends \$2,200,000,000.00 for beer annually which averages \$55 per family. This money has been diverted from legitimate business which has suffered by exactly that staggering sum.

Whisky in bond in the United States now totals 478 million gallons, nearly double the highest total before prohibition.

The per capita cost of liquor in 1939 for every man, woman and child was approximately \$24.64. Total national consumption of legally distilled spirits, beer and wine in 1939 was 1,822,086,306 gallons.

One of the promises made by the repealists was that there would be no bootleg liquor. Government officials were locating illicit stills in 1939 at the rate of 200 per week.

Not so long ago Representative Doughton (who is not a dry) told Congress that, "This is a bootlegger's paradise."

A widely read publication, "Business Week," recently said that 40 per cent of our national consumption of liquors is from illicit sources, although the government has increased its enforcement personnel by 2,000 men.

By these statistics we see how deeply entrenched the liquor business has become in a few short years. It is a business that seeks to enrich itself by creating a demand that only it can supply. Our newspapers and magazines are filled with their alluring advertisements. One of the young speakers on the youth's program at the recent National convention said: "The liquor traffic has increased to enormous size in the past few years. And why? Because liquor men have been working together with a common goal in mind—namely, to make their products look so attractive to the public that the people have lost sight of them as harmful alcoholic beverages and consider them just as a drink of which much of society is partaking. That is the result of organization and unity on the part of the liquor concerns throughout the country. It is that organized evil which we have been striving to controvert in the past year with organized good."

The Seagram Distillers Corporation, a Canada and United States concern of continent wide proportions, which in a recent year spent more than \$1,710,000 for magazine and newspaper advertising aimed especially at youth, has established a Seagram Scholarship foundation by means of which each year, ten high

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school boys and girls are being awarded annually \$250 towards a four year college course in any Indiana or Kentucky university.

The purpose of the Seagram Whiskey scholarship Foundation "is to offset venomous attacks upon the liquor industry as a corrupter of youth," according to a news feature description of the plan appearing in the November 6th issue of Beverage Retailers Weekly, New York, a publication known as the oldest newspaper of the Beer, Wine and Liquor industry.

We can readily see what a temptation such an offer would be to any poor girl or boy seeking an education.

An editorial in the Nashville Christian Advocate of November 10 has this to say, "But far more serious is the relationship to the liquor business which the acceptance of a scholarship from the Seagram Company involves. A student educated by a distillery corporation is in bondage to this anti-social business. By accepting this help he has identified himself with a business which he can not endorse from a moral point of view. The issue is more than working for a distillery bad as that is; it involves the surrender of one's principles to secure an education."

This is just another scheme to win the respect of the general public and especially the unsuspecting youth.

The Seagrams corporation's expenditures of \$10,000 a year in carrying out this project, generous as it may seem by itself, is never the less not a very large item when compared with the cost outlay of more than \$33,000 a week in advertising in a single recent year for which its expenditures have been publicly revealed.

This great onslaught of advertising by liquor interests seems to be directed chiefly at the young people and the women of our nation. The most distressing thing is that so many women are drinking today, young mothers of infants and mothers of teen age boys and girls. It is very difficult to make any person, man or woman, who can see no harm in a social glass, believe that there is any danger of becoming the hopeless drunkards that they have seen among the drinkers of another generation. This is however, becoming self-evident in many of our best homes.

A recent article on chivalry in a current magazine said, "The first thing to remember is that respect is the basis of chivalry; but how can man respect women as a class when a seeming majority of them do not seem to have any respect for themselves? When woman sallied forth as a beer guzzling, cigarette smoking pal of man, chivalry died.

We have looked to the women of our nation to hold high the standard of righteous living. Somehow this ideal that pointed the American woman's way of life for generations has been thrown to the winds. One

cannot be considered "smart" by many groups unless one drinks. Even church-going people who claim that they want to do something that counts, yet are indifferent to the Christian standard of conduct and apparently have forgotten that we are accountable for our influence as well as our conduct. It has been said that no nation can rise above its womanhood. Oh, American womanhood! Let us go back to the ideal that it is our duty to shape and mold our children into fine men and women and to so live that our lives will count for good and right influences!

In the nation there are 42,000,000 youth of 18 years or under; of these 10,000,000 are 16 to 18 years. Thirty million children from approximately as many families started school this month. These are our responsibility to shape and to mold into future citizens. Phillip Brooks said, "The future of the race marches forward on the feet of little children." Mother has these young lives in care and keeping and as Organized Mother Love we too have a responsibility in their training.

Liquor interests are bidding for the youth of our nation as a future market. According to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, more crimes were committed last year by the 19 year old than any other age and next in line was the 18 year old. Over 19 per cent of all persons arrested last year were under voting age. These individuals constitute 12 per cent of all murderers arrested, 29 per cent of all robbers, 46 per cent of all burglars and 54 per cent of all automobile thieves. Mr. Hoover has rightly placed the blame at the doorstep of the American home.

In the words of Rev. Victor Johnson, pastor of Logan Heights Baptist church, San Diego, California—"The present flow of alcoholic liquors through our land has made America unsafe for every age and class, especially for the youth of today. We expend billions to protect from foreign foe, millions for scientific and medical research to make us safe against disease.

"We ought to enter a militant struggle to make America safe for our youth." The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is carrying on a peaceful warfare to make America safe for all classes.

There is a brighter picture concerning the youth of today. In many schools of higher education, youth has taken a definite stand against the use of alcoholic beverages. The fraternities in many colleges have barred any student from membership if found guilty of bringing flasks into fraternity houses.

Beverage boards and milk bars have been established and we find them crowded with young boys and their dates after a school party. The Youth's Temperance Council of our own organization is steadily growing in our nation. These young people are training for future leadership. To see them in action as we did at the National convention in Rochester, N. Y., last fall and recently in Chicago, gave evidence to the facts that they are determined to reach the youth of our nation with the truth about alcohol—what it is and what it does—also that the surest way to a total abstinence pattern is through acceptance of the Christian way of life.

North Dakota needs Loyal Temperance Legions and Youth's Temperance Councils. Our slogan for the new year should be, "A youth's group in every local union."

Crime, disease and highway accidents go hand in hand with beverage alcohol. We find that when the saloon flourishes other evils grow in

proportion.

Crime has steadily increased since repeal and today it is costing our nation \$15,000,000,000 per year. Seven new federal prisons have been built and our prison population has reached an all time high of 152,000.

Our state must train and care for the mentally defective through life. A large proportion of these cases list one alcoholic parent or both.

Two great scourges that cause insanity are alcohol and syphilis. The alcoholic insane in our institutions today are crowding out patients that are there from other causes.

Health organizations are putting on a program of education for the wiping out of syphilis. Today we have a total of some six and a half million cases with new infections occurring at the rate of a million a year. This disease kills nearly a hundred thousand annually. The incidence of syphilis is 50 per cent greater than that of tuberculosis; 28 times that of typhoid and 50 per cent of infantile paralysis. Alcohol is often responsible for this deadly infection and its continued use makes cure difficult.

Highway accidents and deaths have steadily increased in spite of the fact that several agencies are putting on a safety program. Quoting from the radio address by Mr. Archie B. O'Connor, our own state director of safety, State Highway Patrol, on December 21, 1939: "In 1938 there were 32,600 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 were children. Of the latter group 500 were riding bicycles. Let me also call attention to the fact that three fourths of all the fatal accidents happened 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 per cent in recent years while day time accidents have decreased 30 per cent.

In North Dakota our greatest problem is the drinking driver. Of all 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."

These figures give only number of deaths while there are thousands every year that are so severely injured that they become hopeless cripples for life. Alcohol and gasoline do not mix because alcohol tends to destroy the necessary coordination of hand and eye and because liquor increases fast and reckless driving.

Many social evils that are flooding our nation today tend to break down the moral fibre of our nation. Gambling, salacious and indecent literature, sex crimes, cheap movies and public dance halls.

We do not say that the solution of the alcohol question would solve all other social problems but we can not hope for any social betterment while the question remains unsolved.

In the turmoil and strife of the world at the present time, what can be said about peace which is one of the major objectives of this organization. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to our comrades, our friends and our relatives in the war torn nations. May the God of Peace in His Infinite mercy guide and direct this world back to sobriety and peace. We realize full well the seriousness of the problems that face our nation today and also how they affect our individual lives, our homes and our organizations. God forbid that America enter another world war. In the face of these critical situations let us do our part as Christian citizens by remaining calm and striving in every way to main-

tain peace within our own borders; reaching out a friendly hand to all who need our help. Let us make firm the foundation of our faith and strive to write Christ's Golden Rule into the hearts and minds of future generations.

I have presented conditions as they are in our state and nation today—not as a discouragement—but as a challenge to every Christian woman in our state.

Hold high the torch; You did not light its glow;

'Twas given you from other hands you know;

'Tis only yours to keep it burning bright;

Yours to pass on when you no more need light.

We know these conditions can not long endure and that there are reasons now for rejoicing. Churches are awakening to their responsibilities, people are sick of this whole repeal mess, the pendulum is swinging back; about one fourth of our nation's communities are again dry.

"The chief cornerstone of the state is the hearthstone," therefore the Woman's Christian Temperance Union continues its peaceful warfare for Home Protection another year. Let us go into the highways and byways creating sentiment for total abstinence for the individual and prohibition the law of the land; Let us take the message to every Christian woman that has not realized, "the sin of doing nothing about the liquor traffic."

We must continue to strengthen our forces with new members, therefore, I call upon every member to go out and win someone for the cause of temperance this coming year.

The success of any organization depends upon its action.

We must be alert to every opportunity, entering every open door of service. In the early days of childhood let us bring the little ones into the White Ribbon Recruit Band and in the formative years give them the training of the Loyal Temperance Legion. As they are approaching manhood and womanhood band them into a Youth's Temperance Union as trained leaders.

Although our program is largely educational, let us not forget that it is first spiritual. We can not do all these things in our own strength but, "In Him who strengthened me." Therefore let us characterize our own lives and that of our local unions with a spiritual atmosphere that will produce a deeper consecration and greater devotion to the cause of Our Lord and Master.

May we continue to stress our educational work in home, church and school that our American home may be safe-guarded, the children taught the principles of right living that they may be able to discriminate against the things that will drag them down physically, mentally and spiritually.

Now, at the close of this year and as we stand at the threshold of a new year, I want to pay a tribute to my fellow officers, district presidents, state directors, state secretaries and the rank and file of our state, for your loyal devotion to the cause of temperance and for the faithful service you have rendered in carrying out the details of our work.

May I express my deep appreciation for the splendid cooperation and warm hospitality that you have extended to me this past year.

"In God's own might

We gird us for the coming fight;
And strong in Him whose cause is ours,

We grasp the weapons he has given.

The Light and Truth and Love of Heaven."

TREASURER'S REPORT For year 1939-1940

Balance in Bank August 24, 1939	\$ 217.94
Balance in Savings August 24, 1939	400.00
Balance accrued interest to August 24, 1939	12.88

\$ 630.82

RECEIPTS

Women's dues (1276 members)	\$ 893.20
Willard dues (49 members)	49.00
Y. T. C. dues (24 members)	12.00
L. T. L. dues (312 members)	31.20
Total dues	\$ 985.40
Budget	\$ 1013.97
District pledges	155.07
Convention collections	37.37
State reports sold	17.15
White Ribbon Bulletin subscriptions	2.00
Light Line	15.00
Medals	9.05
National Temperance Education Fund	544.89
Miscellaneous	221.21
Field work collections	26.36
Anna Gordon Missionary fund	5.00
Interest accrued on Savings during year	9.98

Total \$ 2057.05

Total \$ 3673.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Headquarters expense	\$ 1008.63
White Ribbon Bulletin	404.78
Literature and Medals	93.93
Postage	63.56
Exchange on checks	12.55
Printing and Supplies	155.24
National Women's dues	132.50
National Y. T. C. dues	2.40
National L. T. L. dues	15.60
Expenses National and state meetings	211.08
Appropriations state officers	510.00
Light line	15.00
Willard Memorial fund	72.00
Stevens Legislative fund	36.00
National Temperance Education fund	544.40
Expenses Efficiency Directors	41.30
Field work	60.96
Anna Gordon Missionary fund	5.00
Miscellaneous	52.41

\$ 3437.34

Balance in Bank Sept. 10, 1940	\$ 13.07
Balance Savings and accrued interest	222.86

235.93

Total \$ 3673.27

THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

At this 51st annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we rededicate ourselves to the first principles upon which this organization was built—Service of God, for Home and for Every Land. I present the following recommendations:

1—November Roll Call. That every union observe, "Roll Call" the second week in November. The local treasurer should call for volunteers to assist in this work—Form teams of two and call on all members for their dues, during that week. Strive to reach the goal—Every union a Hold-fast union.

2—Membership. A greater membership in our state would give greater strength to our work. That we adopt and carry out with enthusiasm the membership campaign plans sent us by our National corresponding secretary, Mrs. DeYo.

3—Organizations. We urge increased activity in forming new organizations—New local unions and districts, Y. T. C.'s and L. T. L.'s, and endeavor to reach the goal—one new union in each district and a youth's group in each union.

4—Alcohol Education.
(1) That we concur in the recommendation whereby the nation is divided into regions in each of which a trained Alcohol Education teacher shall serve, thus decreasing expense and increasing efficiency in the work. North Dakota has been placed in re-

gion 4 with five other states and is asked to employ such a teacher from four to six weeks each year.

(2) Publicize alcohol education by informing the public about the teaching program. Continue to recommend books and pamphlets from the "Annotated Reference List" for use in schools. Promote the "Temperance Library Shelf," in through posters xcinow shrdru xfi...

(3) Emphasize visual education through posters, exhibits, motion picture films for junior and senior high schools and slide films for grade children.

5—Literature and Official Papers.
(1) A more comprehensive use of our literature and a systematic distribution of the same, that our membership may be well informed.

(2) Every union endeavor to secure and hold its quota of subscriptions to the Union Signal (one for every six members) thus strive to reach the state's pledge of 229 subscriptions. Every home needs the Young Crusader for growing children to create a desire for total abstinence.

6—Cooperation. Cooperate with other service organizations interested in civic problems, thus affording opportunities to promote safety campaigns, narcotic education, indecent literature and gambling campaigns and alcoholic education.

7—N. T. E. F. We urge that the Honor Bright Dollar campaign be continued until our quota to the National Temperance Education Fund has been raised in full. One dollar for each member based on 1939 mem-

MRS. BORDWELL WRITES

Dear Co-workers and Friends
in L. T. L. Work:

The time has come for my last message through the Bulletin as secretary of Children's Work in the state.

These have been the happiest years of my life — It has been such a joy to work with the women all these years in this character-building program of teaching the children the value of clean living.

The association with these women in conventions, conferences and some times in the home communities, will always be gems in my memory.

I am very grateful for the privilege and opportunity that has been mine and for the cooperation of all who have found time in the busy days to carry on groups of legions all over our state.

Thank you all — I shall always be interested and am hoping that bigger, greater things will be done in years ahead.

I hoped so for a big year of achievement in following the splendid program outlined for us for carrying the temperance—or better yet, the total abstinence teaching in every community where a local union functioned.

Many fine things have been accomplished and many children have been enrolled as pledged and dues paid members.

May we go on and on — till the wretched work of the liquor traffic is driven from the world.

Sincerely,

MYRTLE L. BORDWELL

MARIJUANA

Washington.—Federal agents reported to the House Appropriations committee they had destroyed more than 10,000 acres of marijuana in the last fiscal year, but estimated at least another 445,000 acres still are devoted to production of the habit-forming narcotic.

Will people never learn that we are our brother's keeper?

bership will complete our quota. This should not curtail other financial obligation to the state or districts.

8—Department Work. Every union should work at least three departments. Carefully study the plan of work that the members have a better understanding of the scope of the work thus creating more interest.

9—Publicity. Continue cooperation with the Western Newspaper Union as begun last year. Endeavor to secure the financial support of persons outside our organization, to promote the project. Secure cooperation of editors of rural weekly papers.

10—Institutes. That every union hold an institute early in the year with district or state officer in charge. This affords an opportunity to reach local union leaders.

11—Budget. We urge that all unions look upon payment of budget as an obligation to both district and state and that payment of same be made early in the year that state work need not be curtailed.

12—Since the greatest force in our work has always been prayer, I recommend that greater emphasis may be put upon Bible study, meditation observance of noontide prayer and special prayer services, considering the work of the evangelistic department as the basis for all other work. We reaffirm our belief in personal declaration for total abstinence and urge all unions to stress pledge signing among children, youth and adults.

PRIZE LIQUOR ESSAY

Miss Thelma Arnette, age 17, a Lutheran girl of Knoxville, Tennessee, has been awarded the first prize in a contest on the subject, "Why I Think I never will Drink Intoxicating Liquors," participated in by youth from forty-two states, the Canal Zone, and several Canadian provinces.

Miss Arnette, the winner of first prize, is a sophomore in the University of Tennessee. Her winning essay follows:

"I am living in a day of far greater opportunities and advantages than my predecessors. The imperative need of my day is 'active minds' as clear as an Arctic night with intuitions as brilliant as the stars that stud it. Intoxicating liquors contain alcohol. Alcohol interferes with free association of ideas. So, for my mind's sake, I think I'll never drink intoxicating liquors.

Intoxication and work do not belong together, particularly if endurance, wideawakeness, attention, and exactness are required. A noted billionaire says: 'Alcohol is as destructive to industry as war.' Intoxicating liquors are a 'shortcut' to a disgraceful climax. So, for my work's sake, I think I'll never drink intoxicating liquors.

"There is yet to be found a disease for which alcohol is a cure, but it has undeniably caused thousands of cases of diseases. Its use is ruinous to the kidneys, liver, heart and smaller blood vessels, and gives rise to that common fatality, high blood pressure. Dr. I. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek Sanitarium, says: 'Alcohol increases liability to infectious diseases and prevents development of immunity.' So, for my body's sake, I think I'll never drink intoxicating liquors.

"Habit forming intoxicating liquors would assail my most sacred inheritance—the inalienable right to life, liberty and happiness. For they subtract 'life' from years—years from life.

"Briefly summarizing, I think I'll never drink intoxicating liquors because they contain alcohol and I'm convinced:

Alcohol slows apprehension . . . a depressant of voluntary attention; Lessens every worthwhile opportunity for a successful elevating life; Connected with such social evils as poverty, racial degeneracy, and crime;

Opposing influence to every worthy effort to promote decency and order;

Handicaps physical alertness, vitally impairing both work and health;

Overthrows liberty and happiness, deserving the title a 'heartless outlaw';

Literally, nothing to gain . . . Figuratively, everything to lose."

—The Lutheran Companion.

NEW CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, 1421 7th St. So., Fargo, N. D., is the new State Corresponding Secretary.

Address all correspondence and requests for literature to her. Complete directory will appear next month.

Roger W. Babson says: "The need of the hour is not more factories, not more railroads, not more armies or navies, but rather more education based on the teaching of Jesus. The prosperity of our country depends on the motives and purposes of the people. These motives and purposes are correctly directed only through religion."

THE FIFTY-FIRST CONVENTION

The city of Fargo and the weather man joined forces to make the fifty-first annual convention a pronounced success. Held in the comfortable Calvary Evangelical church, whose ladies fed the delegates at three delightful meals and looked after their comfort well, every session was full of interest. At the banquet Tuesday evening, Rev. R. R. Strutz gave the invocation. Beautiful corsages of chrysanthemums were presented by the Fargo unions to Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, National president; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, past president, and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, honorary president. Mrs. Anderson was toastmistress, and her funny stories and witty comments were delightful. She introduced Rev. R. R. Strutz, pastor of the convention church; Mayor Fred O. Olsen; Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, District and local president; and Mrs. Iver Fossum, president of Fargo Scandinavian union, all of whom welcomed the delegates in their official capacity. Response was made by Mrs. R. E. Taylor, of Fortuna, president of the Northwest district.

The theme of the year being "Home Protection," the responsibilities of the Home, the School and the Church were discussed respectively by Mrs. William Logan of Calvin, president of Devils Lake District; Dr. Caspar I. Nelson, president of the Fargo Board of Education, and Rev. Christian G. Olson, president of the Fargo Ministerial Association. Mrs. Smith, the guest of honor, was introduced and spoke briefly of the work accomplished through the National Temperance Education Fund, and of other activities and needs of our organization. Beautiful music was rendered through the evening. There were cello solos by Margaret Pomeroy, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Wharton; a violin solo by Quentin Lundquist, accompanied by Phyllis Lundquist; and vocal solos by Alma Olson and Lois McKenzie, whose accompanist was Estelle Wagner.

On behalf of the whole organization, Mrs. Anderson presented to Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, State Corresponding Secretary for thirty-five years, a book of letters of appreciation, which also contained a gift of money. Rev. James Anderson gave the closing prayer.

When the opening session of the convention was held next morning, the church auditorium was decorated with beautiful flowers furnished by local florists and Fargo women; around the walls posters were displayed, some made by school children and some from the National W. C. T. U. In the hall were tables of literature which were besieged by delegates at the intermissions. Mrs. Darling presided, and Mrs. C. E. Erickson, director of the Evangelistic department, led the devotional service in which a beautiful litany, "Our Father Which Art In Heaven" was used. Mrs. George S. Muir, president of Grand Forks District, led the flag salute, and following the old custom, the Crusade Psalm was read responsively, with Mrs. O. E. Erickson, president of Bismarck District as leader. Every session of the convention was begun with an uplifting devotional period, led by different women. Mrs. O. E. Combellick, president of Ellendale district, led the salute of the flag Thursday morning.

After Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie had given her final report as corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson moved its adoption, and spoke feelingly of their many years of close association in this work. Mrs. Ella C. Boise, Bismarck; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo; Mrs.

George E. Black and Mrs. Martin Christianson, Grand Forks were present, who had attended the convention at Grand Forks in 1905, where Mrs. Wylie was first elected. A Service of Remembrance for comrades and friends "promoted" during the year, was followed by the presentation of a vase of beautiful white flowers, in memory of those departed.

In the afternoon a playlet, "Maga-zine Recovery Act," was well given by Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Mrs. E. Simonsen, Mrs. K. Soreng, Mrs. Nick LeRude, Mrs. Otto Knapp and Mrs. H. Lindberg, all of the Grand Forks Scandinavian union. Roy Wilder Holland, baby son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holland, Y. T. C. secretary, and grandson of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state vice-president and national director of institutes, was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson and Mrs. Smith, the national president. Mrs. Wilder made her daughter a life member of the N. D. W. C. T. U.

At the District President's Hour, all twelve organized districts were reported, eleven by their presidents and the other by her authorized representative. Seven are new presidents this year, all women of fine abilities. They are:

Mrs. William Logan, Devils Lake district; Mrs. J. A. Graham, New Rockford district; Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Northwest district; Mrs. S. N. Engelstad, Hettinger district, who was absent because of illness; Mrs. O. E. Erickson, Bismarck district; Mrs. O. E. Combellick, Ellendale district, and Mrs. George S. Muir, of Grand Forks district.

Mrs. Smith gave a brief but interesting talk, showing copies of the trade papers of the organized liquor traffic with their comments upon the W. C. T. U. Echoes of the national convention were given by those who attended. Mrs. J. M. Scott of Gibby told "What I Enjoyed Most," which proved to be the Young People's night; Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot reported the great Peace meeting; Kate S. Wilder told us "Who was Who" at the convention, and Mrs. Darling devoted her time to "Summing Up."

Wednesday evening, in spite of the fact that the presidential candidate, Wendell L. Willkie spoke to thousands from a special train at the same hour, the convention church was well filled with those who came to hear Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith. In the course of her fine address, she spoke of the advertising which calls beer a temperance drink, and mentioned two different men she knew of, who were surprised to learn that beer contains alcohol. Mrs. Smith stressed the fact that food stores, milk drinkers and healthy, hungry consumers—not the liquor traffic—are the real allies of the North Dakota farmer. It is not true that the liquor industry helps his market greatly through buying his grain; the brewers use less than one per cent of the total acreage of farm products under cultivation. If a family spends 75c for meat, milk or other farm products, the farmer gets a good share of that amount back; but 75c spent for beer or a couple of highballs means only the fractional part of a mill, to farm income. She quoted an article by M. D. Munn, former president of the National Dairy Council, which appeared in the August 10, 1939 issue of the official organ of the National Grange. He said that if the American people would consume dairy products in the amount doctors, nurses and health specialists say is essential to well-being, it would require 65 billion pounds of milk in addition to present production. This would call for 15 million more cows, which in turn would need 63 billion more pounds

of silage, 27 billion more pounds of hay, 117 billion pounds more grain, and 3 million more farm people to accomplish the work thus created. The drinking of milk—not beer, wine or whiskey—will increase farm income. All too often now, the children's milk money is Dad's beer money.

At the election of officers Thursday, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie consented to continue as editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, and changes necessary to legalize this were made in the by-laws Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen of Fargo, was named corresponding secretary, and the other general officers were re-elected. Miss Emma Remmick of Steele was appointed Y. T. C. secretary, with Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holland of Grand Forks; and Miss Almira Lindgren of Valley City as associates. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie of Hettinger was named L. T. L. secretary, in place of Mrs. E. S. Bordwell who resigned after long and faithful service, to care for her aged father. Mrs. Rex Muir of Valley City is associate secretary.

Fine talks upon the work of their departments were given by the state directors present. These were Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance; Mrs. O. H. Kjolrie, Medical Temperance; Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Publicity; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Institutes; Mrs. G. E. Norris, Religious Education; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Radio; Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, Flower Mission and Relief; and Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, Social Morality and Motion Pictures. Mrs. A. V. Sheppard presented Our Official Papers, and 14 subscriptions for the Union Signal were received.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson spoke eloquently on the subject of "Finishing the N. T. E. F. with Honor Bright Dollars." Members of the convention who gave a dollar for this and pledged themselves to ask five others for a gift for this fund, each received four copies of Mrs. Anderson's history of the N. D. W. C. T. U. Others gave money in memory of departed loved ones, and the \$930 which remained to be raised to meet our quota for this fund, was decreased by \$70 before the convention ended.

At the closing meeting Thursday night, the slide films prepared for the use of schools were shown. These were "A Tower of Strength" on Health Education; "Dollars and Sense" on Character Education, and "The Chance of a Lifetime" on Safety Education. The annual address of the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was informative and helpful, and was given a rising vote of thanks. It appears complete, in this paper. Joining hands in a circle, the delegates sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," and Rev. James Anderson pronounced the benediction. That afternoon a birthday greeting had been sung for him and for Miss Edith Carey, who celebrated their natal days that same week.

Throughout the convention, the delegates were rested and inspired by most enjoyable numbers given by Fargo musicians. These included vocal solos by Eleanor E. Parsons, Vincent Dodge, and Clarence Leiseth; a flute solo by Wendell Pyle; with chorus numbers by pupils of the Emerson H. Smith school, directed by Louise Hanson, and the choir of the convention church, whose director is S. J. Teichmann, and accompanist Vietta Roggensack.

I would like to express my personal thanks to all the unions, who responded most promptly and gladly to my request for letters of appreciation for Mrs. Wylie. Thanks to your cooperation, we had a fine book

of letters to give her, which I know she will long enjoy. Every district also did just what was asked of them, in this matter, and I am very grateful to you all.

Your friend,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY
Rec. Sec., N. D. W. C. T. U.

OUR PRAYER FOR PEACE By Chas. B. Weil

O Lord in Heaven who helpeth all,
Looking down upon this troubled world,
Give us thy help in this most trying time,
Assist us that the flags of war be not unfurled.
Give to them wisdom in the hour of caution,
Give to them wisdom in the hour of need,
Plant in their breasts that brotherly love!
On which hatred and enmity cannot feed.
Thou art, Oh Lord, our only hope;
Our strength is exhausted, our head is bent;
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We pray Thee, Oh Lord, that peace be sent.
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