

"WE WILL NOT QUIT 'TILL THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC QUITS"



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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THANKSGIVING

We thank Thee with full hearts today
For all Thy loving care;
For health and strength and life and
love

And fellowship we share.
We thank Thee for the paths there be
Of knowledge—yet untrod;
For mysteries, yet unrevealed,
That make us one with God.
We thank Thee for the bounteous
love

That lights us on our way,
And the manna of our blessings
Showered on us every day.
And may we yet more thankful be
For good that each day brings,
Repeated praising bringeth joys
Untold—to the heart that sings.

—Violette Verry, Fargo, N. D.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our state convention is over. It was a great meeting and a joy to meet again with workers from all over our big state.

The helpful presence of our National president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith was an added pleasure. We were privileged in having our honorary president Mrs. Fred M. Wanner present throughout the entire convention. All added to the success of the convention. Last, but not least, the weather man too gave us wonderful cooperation.

Now as we stand at the threshold of a new fiscal year, let us face it with Faith, Hope, Courage and a grim determination to make it a better year than last year.

Some changes have been made in our official family. Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie who has so ably filled the position of state corresponding secretary, office secretary and editor of White Ribbon Bulletin gave notice a year ago that she was retiring from office this year. In her years of faithful service she has endeared herself to all the women of our state and it was with deepest regret that the State WCTU accepted her resignation. Words are not adequate to express appreciation of services rendered and sacrifices made in the interest of the work. It is all in the hearts of the many women in our state who have been encouraged and inspired by her letters and by personal contact with her. It is all in the hearts of those who have served with her as state officers, who have found in her a valued and trusty co-officer. She will continue as the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin. We wish for our Barbara a restful happy time in her old home in Bowsmont, may she fully recover from the stress and strain of past years and enjoy many years of service for God and Home and Every Land. We bid her Godspeed and at the same time we welcome Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen newly elected state corresponding secretary, who will

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GREETINGS from the NATIONAL TREASURER

Dear Friends:

Doesn't it give you a warm feeling in your heart when you have paid your dues at the Roll Call? You have thereby renewed your allegiance to a "cause that needs assistance, 'gainst a wrong that needs resistance," and are counted early in the new year as a Hold Fast member.

Single handed you could do little to stem the tide of evil, but joined with the great throng that are banded together for God and Home and Native Land, you can multiply your influence.

It's a slow process to educate the public, but if we grow discouraged and stop, what will the result be? Some day when we give an account of the deeds done in the flesh, we'll be glad we protested evil and gave our allegiance to a righteous cause.

The treasurer is charged with the duty of collecting dues. It is not always an easy task and is sometimes a thankless one if she is not met cheerfully. She is doing a service for the organization and you can make her duty a pleasure by preparing in advance to do your part.

When you join in the Roll Call and pay your dues for the year in advance, even though last year you paid later, you will not have to pay dues again until November 1941. You always get ready for Christmas, December 25th, then why not get ready to pay your W. C. T. U. dues November 1st?

Every year more unions adopt this business-like plan and are pleased with it. It will help your union to be a Hold Fast union—one in which every living, resident member of this year is paid in the year that begins immediately following your state convention.

Let us make the 1940 Roll Call a memorable one by the unanimous cooperation of every member.

Yours cordially,

MARGARET C. MUNNS.

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ROLL CALL — 1940

Time:

First or second week in November

Preparation:

President recommends at state convention adoption by state convention.

State paper carry plan in October and follow up in November. "Thorough understanding will win approval and cooperation."

Reasons Presented:

Dues are payable in advance. The new fiscal year of local, state and national will have begun by November 1.

Dues are needed for expenses, as many bills must be met at the beginning of the year.

Easier to collect dues before holiday season and before extreme cold weather.

Collection of dues will be out of the way so the new membership campaign may have right of way.

Uniform plan creates enthusiasm.

A little competition with other unions in county or state may put life in the Roll Call.

Prepares the way to be a Hold Fast union.

Plan:

Each member to be visited if possible during the week.

Teams of two are preferable.

Interest the indifferent by giving items of interest and stress the need of the W. C. T. U.

Rally:

Have a rally at the close of the campaign.

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Start plans with prayer, proceed with a real heart interest, close with accomplishment and victory.

Hold Fast:

To be a Hold Fast union, dues must reach the treasurer by March 1, 1941, for every living resident member of the year before. This is the foundation for the membership campaign. First endeavor to hold fast the present membership, then go out for new members.

A STORY SOON TOLD

From the fields of North Dakota gladly we have made this trip, And we ask the prayers of comrades for our state's new leadership.

Last March saw our Grand Forks city scene of National Conference; Mrs. DeYo and Miss Cooper led us—won our confidence.

Our new president then traveled; when they gathered, she was there; Speaking at each district meeting, was the weather foul or fair.

We have had two special workers in the schools of our big state;

Miss Bozeman and Miss O'Dougherty—our young teachers think them great.

Members new—145—gained before the drive was done;

And some new and loyal Legions—bless the children, every one!

We have had our share of troubles—drouth and dust storms—hoppers, too;

We have not yet gained our quota—but we're going to see it through!

Dollars—Honor Bright are coming—N. T. E. F. we will raise,

For you know her debts of honor North Dakota always pays.

Towards the new year we are facing, in each heart an earnest prayer;

Short of cash but long on courage—With God's help we will get there!

(Editor's Note: The above, written by our poet laureate, Mrs. Beasley, was given by our state president, Mrs. Darling, as her one-minute speech at the National convention banquet in Chicago last August.)

LEST WE FORGET

We have been requested to call attention of teachers and others interested to the following important laws on our Statute books: SECTION 1883 Compiled Laws of North Dakota:

"Each teacher in the common school shall teach pupils as they are sufficiently advanced (here the regular subjects are enumerated), physiology and hygiene, giving special and thorough instruction concerning the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics and their effects upon the human system.

SECTION 1389 Compiled Laws of North Dakota:

Moral instruction, tending to impress upon the minds of pupils the importance of truthfulness, temperance, purity, public spirit, patriotism, international peace, respect for honest labor, obedience to parents and due deference for old age, shall be given by each teacher in the public schools.

Let us do our best to see that these laws are observed.

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If the peace teachings of the Bible and the brotherhood of man principles taught by Christ were read daily in the public schools of every country it might capture the imagination of the youth in the interests of peace. It would mean a League of Nations Parliament with an international army and navy as a police force to keep law and order. The world does not forget that Woodrow Wilson first advocated a League of Nations and drew up the League Covenant.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades and Friends:

You all know about the happy surprise which our kind and resourceful recording secretary, Mrs. Beasley, who is always thinking of others, had prepared for me, with your help; but I had not a hint of it until at the state convention dinner. Then, as our Mrs. Anderson, acting as toastmistress, began to speak of my work and retirement, some one cleared a space on the table before me, presenting me with a beautiful, leather-bound volume of such friendly, heart-warming letters as I have never read before, and with a substantial cash gift enclosed.

I was completely overcome by such kindness and found it hard to express myself, as I do now. To be sure, I did not deserve all you said nor all you gave and I know you over-rate me, but I thank you, with all my heart, for these kind expressions of love and loyalty. Through the years it has been a joy to work with you all. Frances Willard was right—"There are no women like our white-ribboners." Whenever my conceit gets low—as it sometimes does—I will turn to my book of letters and think that perhaps, once, I did amount to something.

Now Back Home Again

In the old home at Bowesmont, I am living with my two sisters and am to edit the White Ribbon Bulletin for this year. I still need your cooperation in sending me news with which we may encourage each other—news of efforts made or victories won. See the new Membership Plans in this paper. Let us have a long list of Home Keepers, Home Sentinels and why not some Home Guards? We CAN do it if we WILL. Who will be the first to report? The new State Report is being printed, with the directory. If your officers' names are not correctly given, it is because you did not send me your names in time.

Our New Corresponding Secretary

With pleasure I commend to you my successor, Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, who is carrying on the work of our state office from her home at 1431, 7th St. South., Fargo. Mrs. Lundhagen is capable, conscientious and consecrated—well qualified for the office. You will find her prompt and ready to assist you in every way possible. I bespeak for her the same kind consideration and cooperation you have always shown me.

"I have no wealth of bonds and gold as wealth today we score, Yet I have wealth and wealth untold, for I have friends galore; I have no wealth in coin or land, yet I'm a millionaire,
For I have friends who understand, true friends, come storm, or fair.

I am not rich in things you buy—
Not rich in things you sell,
Not rich in dollars that soon fly and bid you quick farewell;
But I am rich in friends I've made,
True friends of sterling worth,
I wouldn't trade a friend of mine for all the gold on earth.

Dear friends of mine, tried pals and true,

You've made my life worth while—
All that I am I owe to you, at trouble I can smile;

God sent you to me through the years to make me love mankind.
With comfort you have dried my tears and to my faults you're blind.

I am unworthy, that is true of your great faith in me,
But where you go, I'll go too, to spend Eternity.

1941 MEMBERSHIP PLAN

The Child In Our Midst

The news concerning evacuation of the children of Great Britain to the United States for safety from German bombs and invasion has held front page space in newspapers for a long period of time. The love of children and anxiety for their physical safety is strong in all our hearts.

It is not strange, therefore, that the ever-increasing peril of British children has caused great numbers of American homes to offer sanctuary to these child refugees, understanding as we do that "bombs do not discriminate."

Such an attitude is commendable indeed. And as these children reach the shelter of their temporary homes, they may be guarded by an undercurrent of love and prayer, constant as the tides of the great ocean over which they have passed in safety.

But there have been occasions when our people allowed their sympathies to get the better of their judgment. In our zeal for Britain's imperiled youth, are we overlooking the dangers that beset the thirty million children of our own land? Then, Look Homeward, America!

What are we doing as Christian citizens to safeguard our own from the perils of the Liquor Traffic? We remember when the Children's Charter was drafted and the first White House Conference on Child Health and Protection was held. A circular put out by one of the Federal Boards at that time states, "The importance of normal home life in childhood cannot be over-emphasized. It is the best guarantee not only of the child's present, but of his future."

Yet in three years from the time this circular was sent out, our government had let loose the dragon of liquor to prey upon those homes and the child life therein.

Broken Homes

Social workers all agree that drink plays a large part in the many broken homes we have today. And the homeless and unguarded children are left to pay the penalty!

Crime

It is bringing coals to Newcastle to say that liquor is responsible for much of our crime today. Yet when we are told that we now have an army of 700,000 boy and girl criminals in our land, it should give us pause. High school age boys and girls have been found in Chicago saloons long after the 1 A. M. closing hour! Are we accessory to a continuation of such conditions by remaining quiescent about them?

It is ours to build sentiment against the present regime by studying the evidence against liquor and passing it on to those who do not know.

It is ours to gather in these children—potential victims of the liquor traffic—and through the Loyal Temperance Legion arm them against the day of temptation that is surely coming for them.

It is ours to give strong support to the work of the Youth's Temperance Council.

It is ours to increase the number of Iota Sigmas. It is entirely possible to organize an Iota Sigma along side every local union that we now have; thus doubling our organizations and let the younger people carry out our plans in their own manner.

It is ours to increase our own membership. One new member does not win plaudits, but remember that

No man has penned a truer line since this old world knew truth—I wouldn't trade a friend of mine for all the gold on earth."

Gratefully and affectionately yours,
BARBARA H. WYLIE
Bowesmont, N. D.

TOBACCO MAY CUT YEARS OFF LIFE SPAN

Tobacco smoking tables, based on case history of 6,813 persons, show that smoking is associated with a definite impairment of longevity, according to Dr. Raymond Pearl, biologist of Johns Hopkins University. These life tables, which are the first to be made, indicate that smoking, even in moderation, in some cases, shortens life.

Dr. Pearl's figures covered only those persons liable to die of heart disease and blood vessel complications. The impairment to long life, it was shown, is proportionate to the habitual amount of tobacco usage in smoking, being great for heavy smokers, and less for moderate smokers.

As for alcohol, Dr. Pearl stated that heavy indulgence "definitely and considerably impairs life expectations," the New York Times lately reported.

SPEAKS TO YOUTH

Because I want to live as richly, keenly and fully as possible, I am a total abstainer from alcoholic drinks. The joy of life depends, for me, vitally upon being in full command of myself. Alcohol deprives those who use it of the possession of themselves. It dulls the keen edge of intellectual power. Personally, I feel the need of the utmost abilities I can possess in order to achieve the final five and ten per cent of quality in my work which so often makes the difference between failure and success. Keeness of living depends in a large measure upon health. Alcohol is an enemy of health. Much of richness of experience depends upon looking back to vividly joyful memories. I find that the recollections which people seem to retain of alcoholic spree are muggy and repulsive to them. The love of my family is one of the most precious of my possessions. Sociological studies show that drinking is a prime cause of grief, of conflict and of disaster in family life.

Many drinkers defend alcohol as a means of obtaining thrilling excitement. But I shall find my thrills by keeping my mind keen, my body vigorous, my memories delightful, my friendships sound, and myself free from enslavement to habit-forming drugs like alcohol.—Professor Hornell Hart, Hartford Theological Seminary.

No qualities are so likely to make a poor man's fortune as those of PROBITY and INTEGRITY.

—Franklin

The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord, lighted by God and lighting us to God.

Frances Willard said, "It is the way an army is recruited—one by one; it is the way Christ's church is built up into power—just one by one. Women of the Church, the Home, the School, will you not rally to the holy call of individual responsibility and systematic united effort?"

Personnel and Awards in the Campaign

HOME KEEPER—The woman who secures one new member will receive the red ribbon with the words Home Keeper on it embossed in gold.

HOME SENTINEL—The woman who secures five new members is awarded the blue ribbon with the words Home Sentinel embossed in gold upon it.

HOME GUARD—The woman who secures ten new members will be awarded the red, white and blue rosette surmounting a white ribbon with the words Home Guard embossed in gold upon it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 15, to Oct. 15, 1940

DUES—Jamestown 5; Bucyrus 13; Monango 1; Benedict 1; Fargo 20; Willard members 5.

Y. T. C. DUES—Flasher 11.
L. T. L. DUES—Underwood 28.

BUDGET—Grand Forks 50 cents; Jamestown \$1.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Valley City \$5.00; Wheelock \$2.00; Benedict \$1.00; Jamestown \$1.00; Mrs. J. W. Driscoll \$20.00; Mrs. Bessie M. Darling \$10.00; Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie \$5.00; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder life membership Mrs. Elizabeth Wilder Holand, \$10.00; Mrs. Frank Beasley in memory Mrs. Orrelle I. Burt \$2.00; Mrs. Clara Steele, Raleigh, in memory Dr. Jacob Bosworth \$2.00; Mrs. S. O. Nelson in memory of Mr. S. O. Nelson, \$1.00; Prosper \$24.00.

Dear Treasurers:

Each union has been sent a letter from me enclosing one from our National Treasurer, Mrs. Munns. It concerns the November Roll Call, and is most important. We hope every union will adopt this business-like plan of paying dues in advance. **MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?**

Sincerely yours,

MRS. ROBERT B. REED
Treasurer, 1341, 11th
Ave. N., Fargo, N. D.

THE OLD SCHOOL

Turn back the pages of Memory
And vision the old brick school,
At whose battered desks in our childhood
We learned the Golden Rule.

In the old-fashioned school of long ago
In one room together worked
Boys and girls, ages five to twenty,
Stern Duty was not shirked.

The teacher read from the Book of Books
At each morning exercise;
In familiar strains of gospel songs
The children's voices rise.

"Sweet By and Bye" loved by the girls,
Their treble voices shrill;
And then "Beulah Land, Sweet Beulah Land"
Their youthful voices trill.

Then "Pull for the shore, Sailor, Pull"
Oh, how the boys did sing;
Coming in strong in the chorus,
"Pull"
That made the rafters ring.

Then we settled down to our lessons,
One must not stare around;
We figured, with help, the Rule of Three
On slates, red flannel-bound.

Easy was history . . . a few wars,
No country was in need;
We sang the Star Spangled Banner
at noon,
America was our creed.

At recess we flocked to the water
pall
And drank from the same tin cup,
For "Germs" were an unknown quantity
When we were growing up.

(The above graphic poem is from a volume entitled "Dakota Horizons" by Jessamine Slaughter Burгом of Arthur, of which we gratefully acknowledge a copy.) Editor.)

It seems to me that to be a Christian is just to look up to God and be blessed by His love, and then to move through the world quietly, radiating as we go.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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grace our new headquarters at 1421 7th St. S., Fargo. She has proven her worth in many capacities of Christian work in her own city, church and local union. Let us give her an opportunity to make her own place in our work and in our hearts. We extend to her a warm welcome and a blessed assurance that she will have our heartiest co-operation.

We sincerely regret the resignation of Mrs. E. S. Bordwell state secretary of LTL. Mrs. Bordwell has served in this capacity for many years and has rendered splendid service. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie of Hettinger is the newly appointed secretary of Loyal Temperance Legion.

Due to home duties, Mrs. Betty Wilder Holand acting secretary of state YTC declined reappointment and Miss Emma Remmick of Steele was made General Secretary of YTC, with Mrs. Holand and Miss Lindgren, associates. Through the history of Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we find that as leaders go, others come and so we extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed leaders and their associates. May this be the beginning of a new era in youth's work for temperance in our state.

The all important work ahead will be the observance of the Roll Call. Those unions who have carried out this plan successfully in previous years will find no difficulty in collecting dues for the members will be ready for it. Let every union put stress on this particular phase of our year's program. It would add greatly to the expansion of the state work if all unions would collect dues early in the year.

When this reaches you, we will be facing another general election. Let our interest in national affairs divert our interest from our state and county election. Let us strive at all times to elect men and women to office (from the highest to the lowest) who are sincerely interested in good government.

We believe in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for our land but until such time as we can legislate this great evil from our state we must work for restrictive measures. Let us work and vote for DRY men and women to represent us in the law making bodies of our state and the law enforcing branches of state and county.

Let us strengthen our forces this year with a host of new members. Begin now to secure them—see new membership plans on another page of this issue.

I am greatly pleased and encouraged by the splendid response to our state plea for "Honor Bright Dollars" to finish our quota to NTEF. We have a balance now of \$826.30 to go over the top. Now, my dear co-workers, we can finish this if every one will get in line and raise an Honor Bright Dollar. I feel confident we will be able to go to our next convention with the task completed, Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow.

May each union study the president's recommendations and put them into effect as far as possible in your local communities. Pray for our work that in all our plans we may seek to further the work of Christ's Kingdom.

In Loving Service,

BESSIE M. DARLING.

NOTICE—For material for Youth's Temperance Council or for Young People's church meetings, write our secretary, Miss Emma Remmick, Steele, or associates, Mrs. Holand, Grand Forks, or Miss Lindgren, Valley City.



RESOLUTIONS

With gratitude to our loving and Heavenly Father, that we have been kept thus far from having to enter this world war, and praying for future guidance, we adopt the following resolutions:

Alcohol Education—Methods of alcohol education should give a program of community service, through all available channels, which shall recognize the effects of beverage alcohol on public health, morals, safety and economic conditions.

Christian Citizenship—We urge that after prayerfully studying the issues before the state and nation, every Christian citizen put aside ordinary affairs and use the right of franchise on election day.

Gambling—we oppose gambling in any form. We urge members to use their influence to banish lotteries, raffles or sales of chances from social, church or charity organizations. We object to the influence of "Bingo" games at school carnivals.

Prohibition—We believe in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation, and pledge cooperation with the legislative program of the Consolidated Drys.

Peace—We abhor war with its terrible waste of life and property and its destruction of Christian idealism. We believe in peace. In order to insure peace, we believe there should be a world court of conciliation and arbitration, with power to enforce its demands, and in which all nations, including our own, should be represented.

While we oppose war in principle, we favor adequate national defense and the preparedness to secure peace. We believe the first and most effective line of defense is the moral character of our citizens. As the liquor traffic destroys moral character, we demand its outlawry as a matter of national defense and in the interests of peace.

Thanks—We extend hearty thanks to the pastor and trustees of Calvary Evangelical church for the use of their commodious building; to the Fargo unions for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience; to the ladies who provided the banquet and other meals; to the musicians for their enjoyable numbers; to the florists and friends who furnished and arranged the beautiful flowers; to the citizens who welcomed us and opened their homes to us; to the press for generous space in reporting our meetings; to the guest of honor, Mrs. Ida E. Wise Smith for the help and inspiration she brought to us; to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie for their years of service as well as for their presence and part in this meeting; and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of this Fifty-first Annual Convention.

Mrs. John Halcrow, Jr. SOCIAL MORALITY AND MOTION PICTURES

Introducing our new state director, Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher, who submits the following editorial from the Radio Guide of September 28 with the request that every union in the state send a resolution, petition or personal letter to Will Hays, care of Radio Movie Guide, 731 Plymouth Court, Chicago, Ill., asking for the banishment of such scenes from the movies. In this way we will be assisting in an organized drive and our comments may have weight. Let us take advantage of this opportunity. Their report to Mrs. Stolberg what action you have taken.

Let's Banish Drinking Scenes From Our Movies

Tippling in the talkies is assuming alarming proportions. Recall almost any recent movie you have seen. Somewhere in its plot you will find a pair of pinch-bottle babies engaged in either humorous or serious drinking.

We who voted for repeal are alarmed. Already one state, North Carolina, has brought back Prohibition. Bluehouses everywhere are organizing to close cocktail bars and prohibit the sale of liquor. If ever we do return to the hypocritical days of the Volstead Act, Hollywood can claim much of the credit.

Today there is too much drinking in pictures. We can recall "I Love You Again," "Boom Town," "Lucky Partners," "Pride and Prejudice," "Til We Meet Again," "Typhoon," "Gone With the Wind," "Susan and God," "Primrose Path," "Untamed," "Maryland," "The Great McGinty," "My Favorite Wife." Drinking scenes furnish the comedy, drama, motivation. But they do more. They provide every child who sees movies (and most children are movie regulars) with the conviction that (a) all smart people drink, (b) that it is fun to get "woozled," (c) that hard drinking is the logical resort of anyone who is disappointed in love or business.

The point is that nowhere is the other side of the story told. That moderation is a virtue is a fact which children must also learn. The movies teach only excess, hold up only the attractive or humorous side of drinking. Let William Powell take a drink for the laughs he can get, or allow Joan Crawford to sip a cocktail and a million parents are on the spot. Usually parents are too busy or too tired to get off.

This high-ball game as pictured by Hollywood is too attractive. It needs attention. The Hays office can stop it. Once it did, so let them do it again. Let them tell producers to cut out bar-room scenes, eliminate comedy drunks and ban the loopy-legged character man.

We are convinced that most movie-makers want to do that which is best for their business. Producers forget the tremendous force of their medium. They can make manners, styles and morals by the pattern of their pictures. By their present course, they are making our youngest generation into potential alcoholics.

This is bad for the movies, bad for the children, and bad for America. An editorial such as this cannot stop the practice. Only a strong united protest can achieve any result. If you believe with us that drinking-scenes should be either curtailed or banned, please write to us your own opinion. We will see that it is delivered to Mr. Will Hays himself.

Then perhaps, your daughters and ours can learn from the movies that some people are smart and charming without benefit of horse's-necks, and that the pot of gold at the rainbow's end is never, never a rumpot.

EXCERPTS FROM THE COR. SEC.'S REPORT

Read at State Convention
LOCAL UNIONS: "The little local unions—God bless them every one! No report can do them justice for the good work they have done." The local union is the unit of power. Upon its strength depends the strength of the state organization. With other organizations calling to a pleasurable pastime, the W. C. T. U. calls to real sacrifice as we consider moral and spiritual values. I have no words to express my appreciation of our loyal and devoted women who "See the triumph from afar—by faith they bring it nigh."

The brief statistical report gives but a faint idea of the work accomplished during the year. We thank those who reported in detail their special work. Among these are Calvin, Crosby, Flasher, Larimore, Oberon, Northwood and the two Grand Forks unions. A special compliment is due Mrs. Nels Skabo, new secretary of the Northwest district, who sent neatly typed reports of all unions in the district that had not already reported to the state secretary. This was "going the second mile" as it had not been requested but is a fine example for other district secretaries. Just a sentence or two from some of these reports: Larimore: "A white-ribbon prayer meeting is conducted once a month." Grand Forks Scandinavian: "Held poster contest in two schools—posters exhibited seven times. Held a silver speech contest—furnished two contestants for a district Gold contest, and three speakers for contest at Warren, Minn., one of which won the Pearl medal. The state prize for sixth grade poster last year was awarded at a P. T. A. meeting and later both parents joined the W. C. T. U. We send the Union Signal to five city pastors and the City Rest Room, the Young Crusader to schools. We have seven Home Protectors."

Calvin—"We held our Mothers and Daughters banquet the Friday before Mother's Day and had a bigger crowd than before; had a good program along temperance lines; silver offering was \$15.25.

Grand Forks—sends 12 subscriptions to the Union Signal; held a picnic, lawn social; birthday party; food sale; rummage sale; assisted with district convention, district picnic and institute. Eight departments were worked and all special days observed."

Northwood has a unique record, with 225 points towards a Banner union; no wonder, for they have an L. T. L.; a Y. T. C.; a Gold Star union and have this year contributed their Honor Bright dollars for all members.

Flasher gave temperance talks in public school and Sunday Schools; wrote letters to newspapers and Congressmen; stopped liquor ads. in school paper; "Pioneer Girl" was read in four schools.

Oberon: Each member bought a copy of Handbook and Topical program. Four guest meetings were held when children helped with singing and readings.

Crosby: Programs are made out in advance that each member may know when she is program leader and when she is to entertain. Poster contests were held in first six grades at school, all children taking part. Speech contests, using Bible readings, have also been held. A devotional period of 10 to 15 minutes, at each meeting, carefully planned, has been a period of real inspiration and worship.

Fargo is a Light Line union and Grand Forks and Minot Light Line districts. The Banner unions are Benedict; Bismarck; Bottineau; Bucyrus; Calvin; Crosby; Dickey; Edgeley; Fargo; Fargo Scandinavian;

PERSONAL MENTION

Wedding bells rang out for our Miss Sue Herrington, former secretary Youth's Temperance Council, when, in the late summer, she became the wife of Mr. Edward Carlson. The happy couple now make their home in Crescent, Oregon, and North Dakota comrades extend best wishes.

Rev. and Mrs. James Anderson, who spent the season at their summer home, Oak Lodge, near Shoreham, have returned to Penney Farms, Florida and report a safe and pleasant trip by automobile.

Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, state promoter for our official papers, suggests the Union Signal as a most desirable Christmas gift for friends. The Signal and Crusader in one order for \$1.25. The Young Crusader for the school year and in clubs of ten may be secured at reduced rates. The Plan of Work will soon be sent you.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, state director Scientific Temperance Instruction, addressed teachers and students at Steele, October 16, presenting the Poster project as well as stressing What Alcohol Is and What It Does. At an institute for 54 rural teachers of that county, Mrs. Wanner also gave a short address, presenting Miss Palmer's Syllabus in Alcohol Education and introducing other literature. At the Roosevelt P. T. A. meeting in Jamestown, Mrs. Wanner spoke on the relation of alcohol to traffic accidents.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president, told the story of the National convention at Chicago to Gilby members and friends, meeting in the home of Mrs. Rutherford. Grand Forks women accompanied her. Mrs. Darling is at present at work in the Northwest district, dates having been arranged for her by the district president, Mrs. R. E. Taylor.

Flasher; Fortuna; Grand Forks; Grand Forks Scandinavian; Hettlinger; Larimore; Makoti; Minot; Northwood; Oberon; Parshall; Prosper; Reeder; Sawyer; Valley City; and Underwood.

Gains in Membership: Bucyrus, Fargo and Grand Forks Scandinavian each made the same net gain in membership—7. But Bucyrus made the largest gain per cent and so merits the loving cup; Grand Forks Scandinavian is second and gets three prize subscriptions to Union Signal while Fargo gets two.

Larimore L. T. L. has the largest paid membership—105.

Northwood Y. T. C. the largest paid membership—22.

Personal—In submitting this, my last report, I want to pay a tribute of affectionate appreciation to the dear women who have worked with me through the years. Their heroic courage and "patient continuance in well-doing" will never be forgotten. Many of them have been promoted to higher service. Only a few of those who began this work with me are here today. But in the words of Miss Willard I want to say: "There have never been such women as our white-ribboners; so large minded; such generous patriots; such Christians. We have had a great, beautiful past and the people don't know it; they think we are fanatics. It has been a great fight and they will never know what we have been through. Oh, how I want our women to have a new concept of religion. It is a religion of love; it is a home religion; it is a religion of peace; and tell them not to forget—it is a religion of patriotism."

My parting message to you all is "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap—if we faint not." —BHW.

THE CHALLENGE OF RURAL YOUTH

By Nellie M. Cross
 in Red River Valley Leader

Rural churches occupy much of the attention of seminaries, schools of religion, retreats of ministers, and annual church conferences. And well they might. Dr. Samuel Kincheloe, in his study of the city church, points out that a surprising number of the members of the large city churches had their roots in either the rural or the small town church. A strong city church would depend at least in part, then, on the strength in the smaller body from which these men and women come.

One of the great weaknesses in the smaller community in the past has been the lack of an adequate program for young people. In the early decades of the present century one church in a small town in northern Ohio recognized this lack and tried to do something about it. One room in a church which stood at the top of a hill used for coasting, was always heated and there was a crock of doughnuts or cookies in evidence and sometimes hot chocolate. At the foot of the hill there was an old-time saloon but it held no charms—not even for the older boys and girls who did their coasting at night. That church has contributed some fine citizens to support the work of the Kingdom throughout the world.

In modern times young people in small communities need to be encouraged in healthful amusement. If the church, the school, the grange do not give it, the roadhouse will. Which is it to be in your community?

Park River may soon have a "milk bar," or "dry night club," if a plan presented to the city council at its monthly meeting Monday night is carried out as outlined. Egnar Malm asked and obtained permission from the council to establish such a place, which will especially cater to young folks of high school age. An electric music box will provide music for dancing, which will be free except for the cost of operating the music box. Milk drinks, pop, ice cream and nickle lunches will be served. Alcoholic drinks will positively be barred. Tentative plans contemplate establishing the new venture in the Meberg building occupied by Sell's tap room until the building was damaged by fire last May.—Walsh Co. Press.

EMILY POST ON LIQUOR

Ethical questions, combined as they are with good manners, cause Emily Post to be "prayerful" over her replies. She believes that if she is "narrow" she may lose some of her influence, but there are some things which she "never will condone." She enumerates her dislikes: drinking, petting — which she compares to making goods showporn—moral laxness in conversation and in books.

With considerable satisfaction she stated that in Society—with a capital S—drinking liquor has become unfashionable, out-moded, not smart. She named well-known young hostesses who have supplanted bars in their homes with tea tables, referred to a recent southern ball where the milk bar was thronged and the liquor bar neglected, and said that in the great hall of a fashionable club near New York City she had recently seen nearly the entire company with hot drinks, just three people with cocktail glasses in their hands. The three, she pointed out, were middle-aged.

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

If we love one another God dwells within us.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

"Here, in America, are the things which, elsewhere in the world, the nations stand in arms to conquer or to defend. A people, with a long habit of freedom, holds secure in its possession the space to live, a fertile soil, invested wealth, the technical arts, everything that a nation could need—yet something is wanting. And for want of it the American people are profoundly troubled. They know they are not making the most of their opportunities. They know that for lack of a clear purpose and a confident will, they are falling far short of what they have a right to expect of themselves. They are not at ease in their consciences. They know that with such resources, such riches and such power, they are stalled. Whereas they should be in action against poverty and the stagnation of enterprise and the crumbling of law and civilized custom in the world all about them."

—Walter Lippman,
 "The American Destiny."

If someone is too tired to give you a smile, just give him one of yours anyway; for nobody needs a smile as much as those who have none to give.

Blessed are the happiness makers; blessed are they who know how to shine on one's gloom with their cheer.

—H. W. Beecher.

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