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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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CHRISTMAS BELLS

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

—Longfellow.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers:

We are now in the second month of our new year and the work of collecting dues must be well underway. When this reaches you our Thanksgiving Day will be in the past. Did we count our blessings that day, one by one; Were we truly thankful for each one? Let us never forget to pour out our heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of living in a peaceful nation where we can enjoy freedom, liberty and justice. Let us show our gratitude for this privilege and for the many other blessings that we enjoy in a concrete way by paying our annual dues to our local treasurer.

I had a delightful two weeks trip in the Northwest and Minot districts. There is no better time to get into the stride of the work than at the very beginning of the year. The new president in the Northwest district, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, arranged for four institutes in her district in one week. She met me in Stanley where the first one was held. We traveled together in her car, visiting unions and holding institutes. The work was simplified for your state president by this fine cooperation extended by Mrs. Taylor and the warm-hearted members of that part of the state. It is hoped that activities will again be resumed at Alamo and Powers Lake.

When I arrived in the Minot district the same hospitality and cooperation was accorded me. There the president and vice president of the district accompanied me in visits to local unions. It was with sincere regret that the date for the district institute planned for that week had to be cancelled.

This experience has proved that very effective field work can be ac-

Christmas Greetings



FOR unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth, even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

—Isaiah 9:6,7.

complished if district presidents will make arrangements in their own territories. No one knows better than they where work is needed. If properly arranged and advertised such meetings can finance the traveling expenses of the field worker, with collections. I wish every district president would give this serious thought and plan for field work in her own district when weather and roads permit traveling.

The Union Signal

While attending the national convention in Chicago, your president made a page of 229 subscriptions to the Union Signal for this year. This means about 42 new subscriptions if all old ones are renewed. I made this pledge in good faith, will YOU help me to fulfill it? If 42 unions will add one new subscription this year we can keep that pledge. I am counting on you and you have never failed to give your fullest cooperation.

The Membership Campaign

Now is the time to go into the highways and byways seeking new members to strengthen our forces. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, your state vice president is the state chairman of membership this year. Be sure to notify her when you secure new members and please remember dues must be paid before they can be counted. Who will be the first to report?

When this reaches you, you will be planning for that greatest of all days, the birthday of the Christ Child. "Peace on earth, good will to men" seem but idle words in this troubled world. Our United States of America is still at peace with the world. True we are preparing a large defense program and we are deeply concerned about the conditions in other lands but we need to be deeply

concerned also, about the foe from within—the liquor traffic.

This foe is steadily and surely undermining the health and character of our citizenry; it is wasting large sums of money on that which is not bread; weakening the vigor and efficiency of our democracy and which will if not checked weaken the efficiency of our national defense. Let us carry on with a grim determination to win and thus destroy this foe. Let us pray together during the holiday season that "Peace on earth, good will to men" may truly come to all nations.

Now is the proper time to turn our attention to the children and youth of our state. I trust that you have noted that we have new state secretaries for LTL and YTC. With the usual spirit of cooperation let us encourage them in their new work by organizing LTL'S and YTC'S in our communities.

As you plan for the money to be raised in the local unions, will you please stress HONOR BRIGHT DOLLARS. If we are to finish this all important work this year we must plan now. Where there's a WILL there's a WAY.

"Not once since the world began Has the sun ever once stopped shining."

His face very often we would not see, And we grumbled about his inconsistency, But the clouds were really to blame, not he.

For behind them he was shining. And so behind life's darkest clouds God's love is always shining. We veil it at times with our faithless fears And darken it at times with our foolish tears;

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THE BETHLEHEM INNKEEPER SPEAKS

The inn was full. There was no room. And yet of course, I might have made

Arrangement. But the evening gloom Came on—a man must keep his trade—

The guests were in—they all had paid.

There was no room. The inn was full.

And it had been a busy day; So many vexing questions pult A landlord's heart. All cannot stay; The late ones must be turned away.

The inn was full. There was no room. But certainly I could have done Something if I had known for whom; Ah, that my door should be the one To shut out Mary and her Son! —B. Y. Williams, in N. Y. Times.

WHEN CHRIST IS BORN

The silent skies are full of speech For "who hath ears to hear," The winds are whispering each to each,

The moon is calling to the beach, The stars their sacred wisdom teach Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.

But once the sky the silence broke, And song o'erflowed the earth; The midnight air with glory shook, And angels mortal language spoke, When God our human nature took, In Christ, the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still;

The gates through which He came, And forests wild, and murmuring rill, And fruitful field and breezy hill, And all that eise the wide world fill Are vocal with His name.

Shall we not listen while they sing This latest Christmas morn? And music hear in everything, And faithful lives in tribute bring To the great song which greets the King,

Who comes when Christ is born? —Phillips Brooks.

FILL A CHAIR

Annie Durham Methvin

Because you can't talk at the meeting Is no reason for not being there. You can help and encourage the others If only you'll just fill a chair The speaker needs some one to listen, Or else she just can't say her say. The audience is quite as important As the speaker, my dear, any day.

You say you can't lead. Well no matter One leader's enough—or should be. More than one might cause strife, or division, A split in the ranks—don't you see? If there were no followers, leaders Would soon lose their jobs, so beware! And forget about leading. Be present! You can help if you just fill a chair.

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PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. ALLEN KNIGHT, whose address is Casselton, is the newly elected president of the Prosper union.

FARGO SCANDINAVIAN union met in Luther Hall, with Mrs. H. L. Knutson and Lieut. I. Baldwin presenting musical numbers. Hostesses were Meses. Ida M. Melin, F. A. Landbloom, Oscar Westlund, Charles Hobbis and Miss Sadie Rindahl. This enterprising union has paid its large budget in full.

BOWESMONT met for its Roll Call meeting at the home of Mrs. J. G. Moore—"Shady Rest," Miss Mae Halcrow, presiding. The Litany read at National and State conventions was used as opening exercise. A reading

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

Have you read of the action in the House of Representatives by which they defeated 36 to 16 the amendment introduced by Rep. U. S. Guyer of Kansas to outlaw alcoholic beverages at the Army posts where our drafted boys will be quartered? True, there were not many present and voting that day, and there was no record vote. But let us write our representatives there and find how they voted. Miss Elizabeth A. Smart, our new legislative director at Washington, D. C., quotes the wet "Tap and Tavern" as saying: "That the amendment was favored by almost one-third of the Congressmen present in the House at the time aroused concern among industry spokesmen here." Miss Smart suggests we write Congressman Guyer telling him how much we appreciate his courage in offering such an amendment. Address Hon. U. S. Guyer, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Let's do it today!

Have you written Will Hays as Mrs. Stolberg suggested in her letter last month, urging the elimination of drinking scenes from the Movies? Mrs. Stolberg quoted from the Radio Guide and did not favor the reference to the Volstead Act or to "moderation" any more than we do. But that was a worthwhile suggestion and let us write now, if we have not already done so. You may address Mr. Will Hays, Hollywood, California, or in care of the Radio Guide, 731 Plymouth Court, Chicago. Let us pay attention to this first request from our new state director and tell her we have done so. I am writing today.

We are happy to have letters from our readers from so many state secretaries and directors this month. We hope the others will start the New Year by writing for the January Bulletin. Please have all communications reach me before the 20th of the month. We have a daily mail here and letters are received promptly from all parts of the state.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season to every one of you.

May "the peace which passeth understanding" be in each heart and home.

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

"Blots and Ballots," was given by Mrs. J. D. Cawthorne of Drayton. Mrs. Wylie reported on the state convention at Fargo and gave a general talk. The hostess served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Shingler. Visitors were Rev. J. D. Cawthorne and son Derryck.

MRS. ROBERT B. REED was hostess to the Fargo union at its November Roll Call meeting. An interesting program was prepared and there was a large attendance. Already a large portion of the dues has been paid and a part of the budget.

FLASHER enjoyed a visit from the district president, Mrs. O. E. Erickson of Bismarck and her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Boise and Mrs. Stebbins, at the November meeting. This wide-awake union will pay budget in full by Jan. 1st. Mrs. Phillip Stolberg is president. Mrs. Naomi Bollinger, vice president, is to report on The Union Signal at each meeting.

AN ILLUMINATED CROSS on the Methodist Church at Gresham, Oregon, of which Dr. S. E. Fairham pastor, is to be a fitting memorial for the late Dr. Clarence True Wilson, who was a member of that church and whose labors for the temperance cause will be long remembered.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Dear Co-Workers:

We are started—and I hope well started—on another year's work. Each local union should have a late catalogue of our literature. A post card to our State Headquarters (1421 7th St. So., Fargo) or to our National WCTU Publishing House (1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.) will bring you one. Turn to page 65—Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction—for list of helps. I have sent to each district president and to each local president samples of "Annotated List," "Simple Rules for Poster Designs," "Alcohol, the Tripper-Upper," and Plan of Work for 1941. Please study these with your program committee, choose the helps which you can best use and which will be of most use to your teachers in teaching the children "What Alcohol Is and What It Does." Call on your teachers and find out what they need in order to present Alcohol Education as required by our state laws. Sometimes your Board of Education will pay for this material. If not, this will be a most worthwhile project for you. These helps are all listed in Annotated List and in catalogue.

When possible secure the education films—The Benificent Reprobate— and The Pay-Off—16mm. or 35 mm.—silent or sound pictures—which may be borrowed by addressing Motion Picture Bureau of National Y. M. C. A., 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., and paying transportation charges which are not heavy. Show them in as many places as possible. For the grades the set of three strips of slide films, costing \$6.00 for the set or \$2.00 for each roll, bearing from 52 to 55 pictures each, is most worthwhile. If you can't afford the machine, you can rent or borrow one. These and other films are listed on page 35 of catalogue. This is one of our most worthwhile projects because we know that what we take through the ear we often forget, but what we take through the eye we seldom forget.

The leaflet—New Plan for Alcohol Education—by Miss Bertha R. Palmer, will prove very helpful and surely each school is provided with one or more of her Syllabus in Alcohol Education, (25 cents). The National WCTU is sending out seminar teachers and Miss Hortense O'Dougherty is to come to our state. If she comes to your community, I know that you will give her hearty cooperation. Four states have each a full time director, teaching teachers how to teach Alcohol Education. This is one of our dreams. Making posters, with teachers giving temperance instruction while students make them, will drive home the lesson to them and their families.

At our recent state convention we had some exceptionally fine posters. Prizes were given as follows: For 3rd and 4th grades: 1st, Marlyce Carlson, Grand Forks Scandinavian; 2nd Bobby Kindall, Jamestown; honorable mention, Lavonne Nunn, Oberon. Fifth and Sixth grades: 1st Dorothy Duvall, Jamestown; 2nd Alvin Nelson, Grand Forks Scandinavian; honorable mention, LeRoy Leaurant, Grand Forks Scandinavian. Seventh and Eighth grades: 1st Marvin Paulson, Oberon; 2nd Helen Anderson, Oberon. Posters reported in all-392. Let us have more this year. Keep account of all posters made and report to me, please. Study the Plan of Work and decide which one or two your union can do; begin at once to work this plan and to see that your teachers get the needed material for information and help. May we make this the best year's work that we have ever had!

With love and best wishes,

MRS. FRED M. WANNER.
Jamestown, N. D.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:

The president and editor both suggest that it is about time for me to make my appearance in the columns of the Bulletin so here I am.

I hardly know yet, what of my activities will be of interest. I have been busy getting acquainted with the office and materials on hand, answering letters, hunting up literature and sending in orders for supplies not on hand.

I am enjoying the work and find it interesting and varied. I am glad to get your letters and to be of any assistance to you that I can.

The report of the 1940 State Convention has been printed and copies sent to the executive committee and to all the unions. We have quite a number of copies on hand at Headquarters and these can be had for 25 cents each. Those who were unable to attend the convention will enjoy reading about it.

Our president, Mrs. Darling made a trip to the northwest district in October and held four institutes of two sessions each at Stanley, Ray, Williston and Zahl. She visited the Powers Lake and Alamo unions and re-organized the latter. One active and five honorary members were secured and three White Ribbon recruits were dedicated. The total attendance at these institutes was 204. On Sunday she spoke at three churches, the evening talk being given at Ruder at the Young People's League. 682 children were reached in the seven schools at which she spoke.

Two public meetings were also held in the Minot district at Underwood and Benedict. The weather man cooperated by providing nice weather and holding off the rain and storms until the trip was concluded.

Cordially yours,

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.
1421 7th St. South,
Fargo, N. D.

CHILD WELFARE

Introducing our new State Director, Mrs. J. B. Bradley, who writes:

We all realize that our major efforts in temperance work must be for the children. They should be permitted to grow up in a healthy environment, under proper guidance, to become the useful and informed citizens we so sorely need.

The new material from our National director has arrived and I shall mail samples to each union soon, together with the Plan of Work for 1941. In that plan you will notice six suggestions for activities mentioned. The project of the small red candle, (electric, if possible) to send to our White Ribbon recruits at Christmas, together with a card, impressed me favorably. This was also mentioned in one of the reports at state convention.

The plan of having a special mothers' meeting (apart from the regular Mother's Day program) also seemed good to me. This was to be a sort of discussion on Child Training, followed by a social hour. As I examine my material I find two leaflets which may prove helpful in our work with the children: One, entitled, "But the State Got the Revenue" might profitably be given to each S. S. scholar on Temperance Sunday, with the hope that it might be taken home and read there. It is a short story, interestingly told.

The Other—"What About Drinking?" is a series of four lessons for the teacher of younger pupils in church or Sunday School. Each lesson has a stated objective which is developed by means of a worship service, a list of questions and a lesson story. These stories are taken from

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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 15 to November 15, 1940
DUES—Northwood 9; Fargo 45; Bismarck 21; Makoti 10; Minot 27; Fargo Scan. 34; Prosper 24; Grand Forks Scan. 7; Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, Willard member.

BUDGET IN FULL—Northwood; Makoti; Fargo Scan.

BUDGET IN PART—Park River \$7.00; Fargo \$24.00; Bismarck \$10.00; Valley City \$15.00; Grand Forks Scan. \$10.00; Minot \$10.00.

N. T. E. F.—Bucyrus \$10.00; Jamestown 30 cents; Grand Forks Scan. in memory Mrs. Staale Hendrickson, \$2.00; Honor Bright Dollars, Mrs. Liesman, Bismarck, \$5.00; Mrs. Rue, Bismarck, \$1.00

DISTRICT PLEDGE—Northwest District \$5.00; Grand Forks District \$15.00.

Dear Treasurers:

I trust you are all busy with November Roll Call. I am writing this on November 15th. Bismarck reports that they observed the Roll Call on October 29th, and Fargo, too, held a dues-paying meeting in October.

The state reports have been sent out. The price is twenty-five cents each.

When sending dues for new members please send names of those who secured them that we may give credit as Home Keeper, Home Sentinel, or Home Guard.

In the new Membership Drive—Home-Keepers reported to date: Fargo-Scandinavia; Mrs. August Hanson (2); Mrs. Iver Fossum (2); Mrs. Oscar Westlund (1). Fargo union: Mrs. Frank Peters (1); Mrs. G. E. Norris (2); Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, (2).

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. ROBERT B. REED,

Treasurer.

1341 11th Ave. N., Fargo, N. D.

SPECIALIZE IN SPEECH CONTESTS

Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, State Director

With election over we may turn our minds to other things. Chief among these should be the things which help toward the betterment of our country. It is well to choose good leaders in National affairs but if we neglect the children, where shall we find good leaders in the future? We must begin at once to train for future leadership. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has several departments with this objective.

The Speech contest trains, not only for personal improvement but enables the speaker to bring messages of educational value and of moral and spiritual uplift to many others. Many will come to hear the children speak who would not come to hear older people. Some reminders for this year's work may be in order:

1. Start early before contestants are too busy with school work and other things.

2. Cooperate with teachers and try to have Speech contests whenever and wherever possible.

3. If your school takes part in county contests, suggest readings from our Reciters. If medals are not won at that contest, you have a good start for a W. C. T. U. contest.

4. Observe all rules. An emergency will arise occasionally but by starting early there will be time to learn new readings for the spring conventions. If you start with a large enough group, the number will still be sufficient if one or two drop out.

5. Please do not confuse the Speech contest with the Essay contest. Cash awards are sometimes given for winning essays—but medals for winning speakers. A few unions have given cash awards for Speech contests.

FLOWER MISSION MINISTRIES

Lulu Wylie Zimmerman

State Director

"Monday—wash day; Tuesday—ironing; Wednesday—mending; etc. etc." and around this circle we build our lives. But some day there will be an accounting. Let us call it a check-up. When God calls us to account, will He give us credit for so many pieces laundered for so many years, and so many pies and cakes baked for the family and add: "Well Done?" or will He say: "Woe unto you, for ye have taken good care of thy family, which was to be expected, but have omitted the weightier matters of mercy and faith?" "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

Despite the fact that you had set aside this day for that and that day for this, for your own plans, why not say: "I'll set aside my own plans and do something special for Him today." Listen and you will hear His "Inasmuch," for there's a lonely heart to cherish, just over the way, or perhaps a stranger has moved within the gates of your hamlet and needs a welcome from you.

It may be some one unable to get out in frosty weather is wondering why you do not drop in, as you might do, with a wee glass of jam or a magazine, or, if you drive a car, you might pick her up for a ride to the kirk or the W. C. T. U. meeting. Then there are numerous ways I have stressed in other letters through the pages of this, our banner of temperance. Let me enumerate a few helpful hints: Have you had that fruit or vegetable shower for your hospital or Old People's Home or some of the many deserving folk in your vicinity? What about a "gipsy basket" to the most needy, and put in a W. C. T. U. Scripture text card. Then those plants of yours that need pruning—take the slips to cheer the dark corner of some other home.

Methinks 'twas an angel with extra large wings that carried a variety of fruit and vegetables to our beloved editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, for it sped all the way from Fargo to Bowesmont. So already in this new year, Fargo's Flower Mission department has a very lovely act to its credit.

"You cannot serve the Master With stress on 'I' and 'Me,' Self-centered service never finds Thy Father close to thee. But when you lose yourself in love, He'll love the world through thee."

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

(Continued from page one)

But in time the atmosphere always clears,

For His love is always shining."

—By John Oxenham.

Yours in Loving Service,

BESSIE M. DARLING.

This seems to me unfair to the medal winner as it robs him of the chance to compete again for a higher medal if no medal was given. No record can be kept of this kind of contest in the Medal contest records. Even if a child prefers a cash gift now, later there comes a desire for the medal, which would be a lasting honor and remembrance.

6. Never use a reading that calls for imitation of a drunken person. This makes it ridiculous and robs the message of its real purpose. This rule is made by our National director and we do well to abide by it.

Again I bring my annual plea—Will you help us this year to reach our quota of 72 Speech contests in North Dakota? May God bless every union and every worker who tries. The 1941 literature will be coming to you very soon. Read and you will learn. Learn and you will love. Love and you will serve.

THE LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Our New State Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie writes:

"Literature and the new program helps for this year have been sent to each L. T. L. leader whose name was recorded last year. L. T. L. leaders in other communities should have helps. Please send me their names. I would like the names of all local girls and boys who are presidents, secretaries or treasurers of their L. T. L. I feel sure they would like to receive mail in their name once in a while.

Miss Lenadell Wiggins, our National Secretary, writes: "A Book of States will be made up in the National office and displayed at the 1941 national convention. For each new Home Herald legion, in a state, a blue seal will be placed on the map. For each new Service Herald legion, a small flag will be placed on the map. For new legions formed before or following the campaign requirements, a red seal will be placed on the map. For all legions continuing from 1940, a gold seal will be placed on the map."

A Service Herald Legion must have at least 10 dues-paid members; and a Home Herald legion must have at least 5 paid members. We have found that, where possible, if L. T. L. meetings are held in the school at the close of school, or on Saturdays, usually more children can be reached and we commend this way. However, if this is not possible, why not have smaller L. T. L.'s? In each Sunday School class of L. T. L. age—6 to 14 years of age—with a meeting at a home once a month? What about a picnic and a Christmas party once a year, with all the different L. T. L. classes coming together, provided the different denominations have S. S. classes organized in the smaller groups? Fine chances are thus afforded for temperance and citizenship lessons which girls and boys enjoy.

The Young Crusader is just full of interesting, live stories and other materials. "More Handy Helps" (25 cents) has a number of fine playlets, poems and drawings, and the jingles are worth the price. "The Three Partners" (20 cents) has drawings so simple a first-grader can copy and older pupils can enjoy.

In Hettinger the L. T. L. meets in the school building at the close of school. With the teacher giving the announcement during the day, the children do not forget. Attendance is entirely voluntary—never compulsory.

We have three divisions or groups. The first, second and third grades make up our Junior class; the fourth, fifth and sixth grades make the Intermediate group; and the seventh and eighth grades are the Seniors.

May we have a truly merry Christmas season!

Sincerely yours for the children,

MRS. ELNETTA FRISBIE,

Hettinger, N. D.

WHY YOUTH ORGANIZATION TO MEET THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM?

Martha Smyth Cooper

Young people do not "know it all," nor are they the only important group in society today—as some talk would indicate—but three things give them an advantage in contributing to the whole temperance movement of which they simply are a part.

1. Understanding: Being in the high school and college and younger professional circles, they understand the specific attitudes, and speak the language of their own groups.

2. Position As Insiders: They are in the crowd, in the club, in the church youth group, and help to make up the opinion and customs of the

OUR NEW STATE SECRETARY OF YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

Comes into our Charmed Circle with this timely message:

Greetings to the Y. T. C.'ers, Leaders and Friends:

The White Ribbon Bulletin gives me a splendid opportunity to say "Hello" to you all. I would like to meet you all personally but since that isn't possible, let's have letter talks and get acquainted. Tell me what your Y. T. C. is doing. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them. If you have any helpful suggestions, tell me about them and I'll try to pass them on to others.

I realize that in this busy day, young people have so many other interests. But remember it is generally the busy person who accomplishes most. We wish every W. C. T. U. might sponsor a Y. T. C. or L. T. L. or at least, incorporate the teaching in some other organization. If you have a Y. T. C. in your town in full swing, why not go to a neighboring town and organize one? That's what other organizations do and it's a good practice.

As I study the splendid material of the Y. T. C. I would like to have every interested young person get the benefit of its teaching. I feel sure that is also the wish of my helpers, Miss Almira Lindgren of Valley City and of Mrs. Holand at Grand Forks. Send to any of us for helps for your young people's church meetings. Our aim for the year is more Y. T. C.'s in North Dakota.

May the Lord bless all temperance work and workers!

Cordially yours,

EMMA REMMICH,
Steele, N. D.

crowd, the club, the church group. This gives them a distinct influence. 3. Unexpectedness: For young people to be vocal on a subject which has always been identified with their superiors in age and position is a pleasant surprise and swiftly overcomes prejudice.

In a word, young people are strategically located to reach certain groups in a different way from any one else. Frances Willard's idea was to have, in every union, a contact person for every nook and cranny of the community. The local union having a sturdy group of young people working with it has an added instrument for service, and a corresponding added "open door."

What You Can Do

If there is no council in your community, you can obtain community support for such a group by conferring with ministers and leaders of youth about the need for a Youth's Temperance Council. Their assistance can be obtained in securing a representative group of young people, especially if they see the service motive of the organization.

You can give the council in your community assurance of your backing and let the members feel that they are to have a definite share in this work.

You can find ways of using the Y. T. C. members as they are ready. One state reported 30 local unions using young people on Temperance Sundays last year.

It takes so little to make us glad, Just a cheery clasp of a friendly hand, Just a word from one Who can understand; And we finish the task We long had planned; And we lose the doubt And the fear we had—

So little it takes to make us glad.

—Ida G. Morris.

The Bottle Ruined France —

The greatest enemy of France is not Hitler, it is not the German race, it is not even Odin, the great German god. The greatest enemy of France is France. She commits suicide by blows of little glasses and bottles.

—Monsieur E. Doumergue, Former President.

Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon, every brewery; and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its efficiency and startled at the increase in its labor supply.

—General Pershing.

Drink is the source of all evil and the ruin of half of the working men of the country.

—George Washington.

We cannot continue to pour nearly two billion gallons of alcoholic drink every year into the veins of our democracy and expect it to retain the vigor and efficiency so vitally needed in these critical times.

—Senator Morris Sheppard.

It Must Not Happen Here

—Exchange.

THINK — THANK

When we are thoughtful, we become thankful for the abundant gifts of God

By Elmer Ellsworth Helms

TUCKED away in a bit of England's out of doors is a tiny chapel, vine clad and ivy covered. It wouldn't seat two dozen folks. But it has a message for the world. Over the outside of the door are two words:

THINK—THANK

If we stopped to think more, we would stop to think more.

We are told that those of the Far, Far North who have but one sunrise a year, as the time draws nigh for the annual sunrise, climb to the highest hills, and fix their eyes on the eastern sky. And when the broad, red shoulders of the sun push themselves up the eastern sky, men—stalwart and strong men—fall on their faces and sob out their thanks to God for the annual sunrise.

We who have 365 a year, one every day, take them all without thought and without thanks. If we stopped to think more we would stop to think more.

Some years ago I discovered a rare soul—Mrs. Virginia Kent, living in the Virginia Hotel, Long Beach, Cal. For years she was confined to a wheel chair. One day a man was in such a hurry to get around the corner that he could not take time to stop his automobile, and, as a result of his haste, Mrs. Kent suffered a broken hip.

When we made her acquaintance she was past ninety-six. On her ninety-sixth birthday the hotel had placed on her table a great cake, a glorious cake with ninety-six candles. Mrs. Kent's table was the center of interest. The guests crowded about it.

But she pressed continually one question, "Who baked it?" And the answers were more than unsatisfactory—to her. At last she sent for the proprietor and said: "I want to know who baked this wonderful cake, and I don't want you to answer, like the others, 'baked by the hotel, baked by the cake department, baked in the usual way.' I want to know what person baked it."

The proprietor answered, "Billie Blake."

"And who is Billie Blake?"

"Our cake baker."

When she was wheeled to her room she wrote a note of thanks to Billie Blake, and incidentally slipped in a new five-dollar bill.

The next morning there was a knock at her door. When it was opened there stood a work-a-day man in work-a-day clothes, nervously twisting his cap in his hand. "I am Billie Blake. May I speak to Mrs. Kent?"

When he stood before that wheel chair he stammered out: "I am Billie Blake. I have been the cake baker in this hotel for seventeen years, but this is the first time anybody ever thanked me for baking a cake."

Then as he backed his way out he stopped, stuttered, and said, "Oh, yes, I thank you for the five, too." A sort of an afterthought.

This man with small wage and large family almost forgot to thank Mrs. Kent for the five dollars, he was so overwhelmed by the first thanks he had received in seventeen years for baking a cake. Mrs. Kent was one of those rare souls who stopped to think and to thank.

If we stopped to think more, we would stop to think more. We would be more thankful for friendships. Herbert Hoover once said, "The riches of America are not in her mines or mills, her factories or fields, but in her people"

He is rich indeed who is rich, not in banks and bonds, barns and buildings, but in friends. "He who steals my purse steals trash," but he who robs me of my friends leaves me poor indeed.

The day before last Thanksgiving I passed two men on the street. One was saying to the other: "Thanksgiving! I have nothing to be thankful about." The day was one of California's masterpieces.

I halted my step to say, "What about this golden, glorious day?" How he barked! I hastened on lest he bite me as well. Evidently when it was dry it was too dry—for him; and wet—it was too wet; and warm, it was too warm; and cold, it was too cold.

"I have nothing to be thankful for," a poet, so poor he had no shoes, complained. One day he met a poet who had no feet. Ever after he forgot to

IN MEMORIAM

Her life was a sheaf at its ripeness
Of golden grain;
Its wealth had the glory of sunlight
And sobbing of rain;
Ah! Who shall contend with the Master

For Whom it was grown,
That now, in its day of completeness,
He gathers His own?
Or who, to earth's duty and sadness
Would call the great soul from the gladness
That Heaven makes known?

Mrs. Whitfield Douglas, 88, beloved and faithful member of the Pembina union while health permitted her attendance and always in sympathy with its principles, a pioneer in the state and a true mother in Israel. "Her children arise up and call her blessed."

Mrs. Staale Hendrickson, much loved and devoted member of the Grand Forks Scandinavian union, at whose services floral offerings and memorial wreaths testified to the esteem in which she was held. Interment was at Coteau, N. D.—her former home.

To the relatives and friends of these loved ones, well known to many of us, our sincere sympathy is expressed.

Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.

—Carlyle.

A good deed is never lost, he who sows courtesy, reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness, gathers love.

—Richard Brooks.

CHILD WELFARE

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the book—"Answers to Alcohol" which may be secured from our State Headquarters at Fargo for 20 cents. The leaflets are each 2 cents or 20 cents for 50 and may be secured from the same place.

I trust we shall find time to do something special for the welfare of the children this year.

Best wishes for the success of the work in each union.

MRS. J. E. BRADLEY.

Minot, N. D.

complain because he had no shoes, and ever remembered thanks that he had two feet.

What about rendering thanks for two feet? Most of us have them. And two hands and two eyes and a fairly good body and reasonably sound mind. If we stopped to think more we would stop to think more.

A president of my board of trustees had a fine philosophy. "It might be worse." No matter how large the deficit, how leaky the roof, how lax the members, how late the "latecomers," how lazy the janitor, how lean the sermon, with him it was always—"It might be worse."

For some years Mrs. William Jennings Bryan was a member of my congregation. Hers was a poor arthritic, twisted, tortured body. But how she radiated sunshine! She could think of a hundred things any day for which to be thankful.

"Every good gift cometh down from above." "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and His wonderful gifts to the children of men."

Thanksgiving! What a strange day. It celebrates no victorious battle; no fall of Bastille; no bank or business holiday; no birth of any great man, or land, or year. It is the one anniversary that celebrates no event, save

This year let us think more and we the greatest event of all—thanksgiving to Almighty God.

will thank more.

—The Christian Advocate.

TO YOU WHO QUEST

The years are hewn in marble squares
By parents—education;
But Youth must form the compact layers

Cemented for foundation.
The paths the yesteryears did blaze
Skilled engineers have graded
But youth must choose one from the maze

And judge the way—unaided.
The dreams were formed before your birth,

Through centuries existed;
Now Youth must cherish their true worth

Although in veils they're misted.
And toil awaits for scienced skill
As it has always waited,
But Youth will work—each need full-fill,

By brain deliberated.
And faith leads every worthwhile aim;
No age has lost it—never;
Youth! Youth! that glowing torch of fame

Is yours—to carry ever!
Indirect Lighting
Then let me somehow serve; each fleeting day

By careful word; or else by worthwhile deed;

Perhaps by silence—gentlest rebuke.
And help me make that service—lovely—gay.

So natural, that indirectly—need
Of similar service it may offer
In other hearts that vainly, blindly seek.

And longingly await.
—Poems by Nellie Baldwin Rudser, from "This Questing For Melodies."

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