

We Will Not Quit 'Til The Liquor Traffic Quits!



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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COURAGE

"Take courage, Temperance workers,
Ye shall not suffer wreck,
While up to God the people's prayers
Are rising from your deck!

Behind you, holy martyrs
Uplift the palm and crown;
Before you, unborn ages send
Their benedictions down.

Take cheer, your work is holy,
God's errands never fail;
Sweep on through darkness and
through storm,
The thunder and the hail.

Sail on! for the morning cometh,
The port you yet shall win;
And all the bells of God shall ring
The ship of Temperance in!"
—John G. Whittier.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings to all! I have turned from a delightful vacation in the sunny South time is over and it is time to turn our attention to the work. This is the time to put forth effort to increase our membership. May we have a net gain in every union, YTC and LTL this year? That will mean that all organizations who fall to collect dues from all old members or suffer losses by death or removal must gain enough new members to fill the ranks and show a net gain over last year's membership. Every member win a member will solve that problem. It would also give encouragement to all earnest leaders and workers and show real progress in the work of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Many of our unions have made splendid progress this year in getting their budgets paid in full before Jan. 1st. You may still gain points for banner unions by completing your budget by April 1st. Let us strive to reach this goal.

I hope that plans will be made in every union to observe the coming Red Letter Days—Lillian M. N. Stevens Day, Willard Memorial Day, and Union Signal Day.

Let us make the Willard Memorial Day our Guest day; invite prospective new members and interested friends as special guests. Put special emphasis on an interesting program, decorations, etc. It is a golden opportunity to win new friends for our cause. Let us also make it a "Thank Offering Day" for the beautiful life and leadership of Frances Willard; a day when all local unions will pay tribute to that sainted leader by studying her character, her work, that she may live on in the generations to come. Let each union stress NTEF that day, securing pledges for Honor

Bright Dollars and an offering for the completion of our quota. Unitedly we can finish it this year if each union will assume some responsibility in the task. Have we forgotten that we pledged ourselves at the state convention to ask five persons to give one dollar apiece?

We must make an honest attempt on Union Signal Day to meet the pledge made to mother Nation! for 229 subscriptions this year. No union can work effectively without the Signal. Let us strive to meet the pledge that I made in good faith.

Our state legislature is now in session. It has been duly organized and committee appointed. As an organization, we are intensely interested in all good legislation but particularly so in moral issues. We will watch with interest the recommendations of the Temperance committee. Write your senators and representatives to vote favorably for such bills as will improve conditions in our state. Watch carefully the activities of both Houses.

We are constantly being reminded of the critical conditions that our nation is facing today. If that is true we need sober men to work out our problems. We need to protect the young men who are going into training for the defense of our nation. Massed together by the hundreds, they will be living under very different conditions from the sheltered and protected home life. Many of these young men will be away from their loved ones for the first time and under such conditions it is very easy to yield to temptation. Organized mother love can do no less than put forth every effort to protect these fine young men from the evils of the liquor traffic. Sobriety is necessary for the success, the health and efficiency of any nation and we must put forth every effort to destroy the enemy from within before we can hope for a successful defense program.

I would like to know to what extent the plans sent out to "Defend Our Defenders" were carried out by each local union. Will you please report to me very soon that I may report to our National president?

Watch the Washington letter in the Signal for further developments. Remember we have two new men in Washington this session, the Hon. Chas. Robertson in the House and Hon. William Langer in the Senate. Make your requests known to them.

Even though the world is in a turmoil and we as a nation are facing critical conditions let us keep our hope and courage high with faith that God will bring us the victory in a not too distant future. May God bless you and keep you!

Yours in Loving Service,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

FRANCES WILLARD

Far and wide her name is known,
Round the world from zone to zone;
A woman brave, her life she gave,
Not of sparing self, mankind to save,
Clear brained, courageous, tender,
true,
Each day she sought God's work to do;
Sweetly serene, she

With willing heart the truth taught;

In hope to set the fettered free,
Leading the way to liberty;
Loving her service, keen her brain,
An earnest purpose to attain;
"R elease us, Lord," her daily prayer,
"D eliver us from liquor's snare."
—Selected.

"What shall I do with my life?" Frances Willard asked of herself, and answered, "I will invest it where it will give the richest results, I will invest it in humanity."

If we were asked what is the most important single requisite to success in any great reform, we should say it is to have in every village, town and city a group of courageous, trustworthy and well drilled workers.
—Frances E. Willard.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is to my thought but a vast and growing network of telegraph lines, along which fly swift and blessed messages transmitted by that Divine Spirit whose central battery is the heart of Christ. Slow, difficult and adventurous as is the work of building these lines, establishing the stations, enlisting and teaching the operators, one forgets the hardships in remembering what are the messages and whence they come throbbing over the wires with their sweet "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."
—Frances E. Willard.

If the white ribbon was always seen when the white ribboner is, it would be a power of which we have little dreamed.—Frances Willard.

Only a great cause can stir a great people. No half-way measures are worthy of whole-hearted reformers.
—Frances E. Willard.

"Then fix your eyes upon the fadeless vision of immortality, for whoever has that hope or expectation in his soul cannot be balked nor daunted. He fixes his hopes firmly on the heavens; he lets the earth roll under him. Upon the conflicts and turmoils of the world he looks with calmness, and in the strength that God supplies through his eternal Son he can "The crumbling universe defy To quench his immortality Or shake his trust in God."
—Frances E. Willard.

WORLD PEACE

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals or

and s name would be a name
nation, that should lift
Its hand against a brother, on its
Would wear forevermore the curse of
Down the dark future, through long
The echoing sounds grow fainter and
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet
I hear once more the voice of Christ
Peace! and no longer from its brazen
The blast of war's great organ shakes
But beautiful as songs of the immortal
The holy melodies of love arise.
—Longfellow.

Its hand against a brother, on its
head
Down the dark future, through long
generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and
then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet
vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ
say, "Peace!"
Peace! and no longer from its brazen
portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes
the skies!
But beautiful as songs of the immortal
The holy melodies of love arise.
—Longfellow.

DO YOU WANT A "FOLLOWING?"

In the early career of Miss Frances E. Willard, when the W. C. T. U. was yet in its infancy, the question came up as to whether the name "Christian" should be a part of the title of the organization. Some thought that by omitting the word "Christian" the organization would command a larger following. This, no doubt, was all true enough. Miss Willard was then at the beginning of her career. She took the floor and said, "If I understand correctly the purpose of this organization, it is not to get a following, but to step up a standard." Her argument won.

The Christian is to set a standard and present God's Truth, and not worry about a "following."—Victory Magazine.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Those of you who attended state convention at Fargo last fall will recall the Slide Films shown there. These have been shown several times in Fargo and now may be borrowed by other unions by paying postage, which is only the matter of a few cents. A projector is needed and it may be this will be available in the larger towns by borrowing from some school or college. Write Mrs. Lundhagen at 1421, 7th St. So., Fargo, about this. The films are educational and may be shown in grades or high school to advantage.

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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT THE BOOK

There Is No Human Need Of The Spirit That Can't Be Found In The Bible
Everything a Parent or Teacher Needs In Relationship with Children Can Be Found in the Great Book

Angelo Patri

More than once a month the question comes, "What book can I give my child that will help him, or her, to form a fine character, to understand the real values of life? I'd like one that would give him a fine cultural background, too. So many books for young people seem to be written for the day, like the ads in the papers, to be read and done with. I want something that will stay by him."

Bible Is A Guidebook

To all such searchers I have one book to offer, one that serves as a guide for character, that offers the rarest culture, that will stand by him, a fountain of wisdom and inspiration, all his days,—the Bible.

Everything a teacher or parent needs in this relation is found there. Its wisdom is boundless; its culture rich beyond human power to imbibe; its inspiration, beauty, measureless, beyond all understanding, uplifting and sustaining.

Cost of Book Is Small

The Bible can be had for little money. Anybody who can read may possess it. Yet it is so often overlooked in the eager search for the latest word on what to do for the ailing generation. Within reach it lies, holding the secrets of the psychologists, the psychiatrists, the scientists, the poets, the prophets and teachers of the ages. The history of human struggle, suffering, aspiration and victory are there, and so are the records of sin, sorrow and tragic failure.

Civilized peoples live by the Ten Commandments. They are recorded in the Bible. If there were no other code, no other guide for those who deal with children, there it is, perfected. A life developed on that law cannot fail.

Gentle people live by the Golden Rule. It is in the Bible. If all other codes, all other laws ceased to function, this one only remaining, it would be enough to hold the world of men together in peace and prosperity.

Literature Is Rich

The literature of the Bible is rich, beautiful in expression, profound in its philosophy, inspiring in its truth. If a boy knows the Book of Proverbs well he has in his mind the foundation of wisdom, a marked way of life, rich in understanding of men and their ways, of life and its meaning.

The Psalms of David are filled with spiritual beauty. In them is comfort for the lonely, the sick and the dying; courage for the faltering, hope for the oppressed, joy for the aspiring soul. In them is the poetry of life,

the music of the soul. The young person who knows those Psalms has a store of spiritual strength that will sustain him down to old age and beyond.

Bible Should Be Read and Reread

There is no human need of the spirit that cannot be satisfied in the reading of this old book. It should be the first book in a child's library, and it should be read and reread until its essence sinks into the very soul of its reader. Whatever your religion, whatever your faith, or lack of it, I commend the Bible to you, for it is beyond creed, beyond all littleness of human thinking,—THE BOOK.

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EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Co-Workers: Greetings, and a Happy New Year!

The 1941 Plan of Work for this department, together with sample leaflets, has been mailed to each state officer, and to each district and local president, for her earnest perusal. If you have an Evangelistic director in your union, pass this material on to her and help plan how it can be used. Then please report to me how it has been used when you receive the blanks for that purpose.

Please note particularly the first paragraph under Evangelistic Work for Temperance. Mrs. Alice Mullins O'Neal, our new National director, writes: "Our first task together shall be the distribution of the leaflet, 'The Cocktail Snare,' a sample of which is enclosed. It will be a simple task if we all get busy, but a mighty important one. Mrs. Ida E. Wise Smith, our National president, says: 'If our Evangelistic department could undertake to put this leaflet in the hands of every churchwoman in the communities, I think the Lord would judge they had done a good work this year. Of course it would have to be done very tactfully. For instance let every union secure enough of these leaflets to give one to every girl and woman of the age to meet the situation described in the Cocktail Snare leaflet; each local union appoint a woman in each church to confer with the pastor, show him the leaflet beforehand, and give away the leaflets carefully and prayerfully.'"

Another project for this year has been suggested by our National president. She is especially concerned that our older women and our shut-ins who are no longer able to take active work, be engaged to join a nation-wide Prayer Circle. The hour 9 o'clock in the morning. It is to be something more than the precious noontide prayer. It is to be a time when the women will pray especially for our Woman's Christian Temperance Union, our National, State and Local leaders and for a great spiritual awakening in our land. If ever there was a time when all Christians everywhere should girdle the globe with prayer, that time is now. This will mean so much to our cause and to the women who participate. "Prayer changes things."

Study carefully the Plan of Work, as outlined by our National director, and enclosed leaflets. You may secure these leaflets and many others from the National WCTU Publishing House, Evanston, Ill. The price is printed on back page of each leaflet. Urge every WCTU member to observe the Noontide hour of prayer each day. Plan carefully the devotional service with which each meeting is opened. Place special emphasis on the family altar as one of the most important factors in Home Protection. Stress the importance of observing the Sabbath, urging every WCTU woman to attend the services of her

own church and to make the Lord's Day a day of rest or of constructive activity. Teach the blessing of sharing, joyously. Encourage members to give at least a tithe to the work of the Lord, reminding them that temperance work is the Lord's work. Encourage Bible study, especially in regard to the temperance question.

We who have caught the vision of what total abstinence can do for the individual and what abolition of the liquor traffic did do for the nation are the ones upon whom God is depending to carry the message into our church and social groups. Let our Evangelistic department redouble its efforts to make each member a tactful, temperance ambassador.

Sincerely,

MRS. C. E. ERICKSON,
State Director.

Crosby, N. D.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

While spending the Christmas vacation in Minneapolis with my son and family I had the pleasure of meeting again Mrs. Ethel Bliss Baker, Minnesota's popular WCTU state president and enjoyed a delightful visit with her. The first question she asked me was: "How are you getting along with your Temperance Education Fund?" You see others are interested and watching our progress. Mrs. Baker gave our fund a good boost last year when she made two of her relatives memorial members of the North Dakota WCTU.

Of course you all know that money received for life or memorial membership goes into the N. T. E. F. until that fund is completed. So if we wish to honor a friend, either as a life or memorial member this year, the \$10.00 necessary will help swell this fund. We are on the last lap and shall we all do our best to reach the goal this year before the National convention meets in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the last week in August? It will be grand to be a Gold Star state! This does not mean much from each union but as you know, the winter months afford the best opportunity for this work.

Speaking of funds, February is the month for the Willard Memorial fund which is used for the extension and perpetuation of the principles and work of the WCTU. This fund, established in 1898, brings to public attention and appreciation the work of Miss Willard and makes a living memorial to our great leader. Probably you all know that when a union pays its budget in full, the state treasurer sends to the National treasurer from the budget \$2.00 for the Willard Memorial and \$1.00 for the Stevens Legislative fund. When you pay your budget you are paying both these funds.

Have you read the article by Mrs. DeYo in the Union Signal of January 11 entitled—"What Would Frances Willard do about MY TOWN and the Liquor Traffic?" in which Miss Willard, urging work for the children, is quoted as saying: "It is a fact of statistics that of every hundred men who reform from drinking habits, 90 return to those habits again; while of every 100 boys and girls who sign the pledge, 90 remain true to it through life. It is also a fact that two-thirds of the L. T. L. children stand in the front rank at school for deportment and scholarship. When it is time to go to school, how careful you are to get them started, but how much less important is Arithmetic than the solving of a life kept pure in the midst of temptation and how much less important is the geography that bounds a state than that which locates on the chart of life the maelstrom of moderation and the Niagara of drunkenness, while it marks out the sure, safe 'water way'

of total abstinence."

Let us spare no effort to reach the children in the formative years of their character.

Please report your activities to me. We are all anxious to know what you are doing.

With love and good cheer,

As ever yours,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.
Bowesmont, N. D.

LINCOLN AND THE SALOON

Some years ago at a Lincoln meeting among the old soldiers of a Michigan city, one of the battle-worn veterans gave the following testimony: "We have heard what Lincoln has done for all of us; I want to tell what he did for me. I was a private in one of the Western regiments that arrived first in Washington after the call for 75,000. We were marching through the city amid great crowds of cheering people, and then, after going into camp were given leave to see the town.

"Like many others of our boys the saloon or tavern was the first place we hit. With my comrades I was just about to go into the door of one of these places when a hand was laid upon my arm, and, looking up, there was President Lincoln, from his great height above me, a mere lad, regarding me with those kindly eyes and pleasant smile.

"I almost dropped with surprise and bashfulness, but he held out his hand and as I took it he shook hands in strong western fashion and said, 'I don't like to see our uniform going into these places.' That was all he said. He turned immediately and walked away; and we passed on. We would not have gone into that tavern for all the wealth of Washington City."

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY WRITES:

May I talk to you a few minutes about literature. While I don't know that I am officially the director of literature I seem to have quite a little to do with it. The editor last month had two items about literature in the Bulletin. Did you see them? Mrs. Wanner, also, had a suggestion in her letter which I immediately acted upon, that of seeing to it that every Union had a 1941 catalog of the National W. C. T. U. You will all have received them by the time the Bulletin reaches you. I hope you will make good use of them. If you study the catalog and order from it it will make it easier both for you and your state directors and also the corresponding secretary. You will also be more likely to get just the material you want than to trust to my judgment in selecting it for you.

Those of you who were at the Convention in Fargo last September will recall how frequently our National President, Mrs. Smith urged the women to become familiar with the W. C. T. U. literature and to use it.

Please keep track of the number of pages you sell or give away. I have a report blank to fill out at the end of the year that asks this question. If any of the Unions have a director of literature I would like to know. This also is on the report blank. I included with the catalogs the Plan of Work for the literature Department and some leaflets which may be helpful.

You will also have found some of the leaflets on membership Mrs. Willard mentioned in her letter last month.

There are more 1941 Topical Programs (3c), Handbooks (5c) and State Reports (25c) in the office waiting to be sent out wherever they are wanted.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 15, 1940 to January 15, 1941

DUES—Monango 7; West Fairview 12; Calvin 8; Oberon 12; Rock Lake 9; Grand Forks Scan. 34; Flasher 2; Edgeley 10; Parshall 1; McKenzie 7; Fortuna 9; Upham 2; Sawyer 14; Jamestown 18; Gilby 21; Minnewaukan 9; Stady-Zahl 12; Makoti 2; Minot 1; Hettinger 1; Larimore 11; Nekoma 13; Park River 1; Grafton 12; Pembina 10; Crosby 11; Fargo 7; New Rockford 7; Northwood 5.

L. T. L. DUES—Calvin 10; Flasher 4; Stady-Zahl 2.

BUDGET IN FULL—West Fairview; Calvin; Rock Lake; Flasher; Parshall; Fortuna; Gilby; Stady-Zahl; Hettinger; Nekoma; Reeder.

BUDGET IN PART—Edgeley \$5.00; Jamestown \$4.65; Grafton \$25.00; Crosby \$14.30.

N.T.E.P.—Oberon \$1.00; Jamestown \$1.00; Makoti \$5.00; Crosby \$1.00.

STATE REPORTS—Calvin 3; Oberon 1; Rock Lake 2; Flasher 3; Edgeley 2; Gilby 4; Makoti 3; Minot 3; Hettinger 3; Northwood 3; Park River 2.

Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Treasurer, 1341-11th Ave. N., Fargo, N. D.

PERSONAL MENTION

CROSBY enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of the vice president, Mrs. Eleanor Heide, with an appropriate Christmas program and exchange of gifts. Guests were invited to the program for Lillian Stevens Legislative Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilbertson. (Mr. Gilbertson is county sheriff). Eight pastors were contacted with messages from Consolidated Dries. Local paper gave space for statement of National WCTU on relation of beverage alcohol to the Defense program.

MRS. KATE S. WILDER, state director of Institutes, was speaker at a meeting of Fargo Scandinavian union at the home of Mrs. O. S. Hadeland. Mrs. Dan Bell gave a reading. Assisting the hostess were Mmes. William Whitford, C. W. Brunzell, C. W. Lundquist and Victor Pehrsson.

FRIENDS OF MR. AND MRS. O. D. RIPLEY of Fairmount will be interested to know that they observed their Golden Wedding anniversary on Christmas eve. All of their six children were expected to be present for the occasion. An open house at the Methodist church was planned for the Sunday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ripley. White Ribbons will extend congratulations. Mrs. Ripley has long been a member of the state WTCU.

MRS. WILLIAM LOGAN, president Devils Lake district, visited Cando in the interest of re-organization of that outstanding union in the once famous "First District." We shall hope for good news later.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Comrades:

The department of Religious Education has much work ahead if the Plan of Work given by our National director, Mrs. Sloan, is carried out in full and surely each union will want to do something to inform people of present day needs. Front page headlines in our dailies are alarming. Every one realizes the dangers our encounters with drunken drivers but little has been done to curb or decrease these tragic deaths. A recent survey showed casualties from intemperance in 1939 exceeded the United States losses in the first World War. This goes on, year after year—history's grim indictment of the liquor traffic. What if it were your son in-

stead of another? What if your wife were this boy's mother?

We are part of a great organization striving to protect the home and the individual from this nefarious influence. Try to have a director of Religious Education in each union and at least one meeting setting forth the program of the department. Through your church schools see that temperance is stressed, also in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. These children are our future hope. Their plastic minds are more easily impressed than when they are older and become accustomed to such evils.

May we have many Cathedrals of Light to reposit next fall—a church in which some definite temperance teaching is presented four times a year, either every quarter or four consecutive weeks may be used. Following are the dates for quarterly temperance lessons for 1941—Feb. 2; May 11; July 20 and Oct. 26.

I still have material I will be glad to place as requests come for it. Read Isaiah 55:2—"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" Then resolve not to do so this year.

Lovingly yours,

MRS. G. E. NORRIS,

311, 9th Ave. So., Fargo, N. D.

ONE WHOM AMERICA LOVES

He was born in a log cabin. His mother died when he was nine years old.

He wore the shabby clothing of poverty.

He ate the simple fare of the poor. He had no education in the schools. His library was the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress.

He split rails in winter snows for his bed and board.

He studied borrowed law books and became a brilliant lawyer.

He defended the widows and the orphans.

He was the champion of Justice in Legislature and Congress.

He became President of a dying nation.

He healed the wounds and saved the nation.

He struck the shackles from four million slaves.

His second inaugural is the most remarkable address ever delivered by a ruler of any nation.

His Gettysburg speech is the most wonderful oration of its length ever spoken by the lips of man.

He loved God. He loved his country. He loved little children.

He loved his enemies and now their children love him.

He defended the weak, lifted the fallen, pardoned the guilty.

He held God's hand through the darkest night and walked with Him until the morning.

And so he lived, this wonderful man; the loftiest patriot; the kindest soul; the gentlest, saddest, firmest, wisest ruler that ever saved a nation.

And when he had loved much and suffered greatly he gave his life for his country.

He died for Justice. He died for Liberty. He died for us.

And this nation he lived for and died for is ours, and in Gods' name we will keep our own.

And now we love him; ah, how we love Him—Our Hero—Our Beloved Abraham Lincoln.

—Young Men's News.

Getting Help From Your Bible

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you worry, read Matt. 6:19-34.
On Sunday morning, read Psalm 84.
When life goes to pieces, read Psa. 34.
When you are in danger, read Psal. 91.
When discouraged, read Isaiah 40.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

November 1, 1940—July 15, 1941

Goals Worth Achieving:

Home Keeper—One who secures one member.

Home Sentinel—One who secures five members.

Home Guard—One who secures 10 or more members.

Home Statesman—One who receives the greatest number in the state but must be not less than 20.

The first two each receive a beautiful ribbon badge, embossed with the designated title; the third, a red, white and blue rosette and the fourth, a rippling flag pin.

Report names of those who win members to the state chairman of membership campaign. Send names of new members, with dues, to state treasurer. Winners' names will appear in Union Signal.

At this writing we have the following Home Keepers:

Fargo Scandinavian:

Mrs. H. P. Halvorson

Mrs. Oscar Westlund

Mrs. Iver Fossum—2

Mrs. August Hanson—2.

Fargo Union:

Mrs. G. E. Morris—3 active, 1—honorary

Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen—2

Mrs. R. B. Reed—2

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder—2

Mrs. Frank Peters.

Larimore:

Mrs. Theo. Strandness

Mrs. Lottie W. Johnson.

Fortuna:

Mrs. Anne Anhalt

Mrs. Kaakhon Johnson.

Minot:

Mrs. George Strom

Mrs. C. F. Truax.

Sawyer:

Mrs. Martin Reinholdt.

Hopefully yours,

KATE S. WILDER,

Chairman Membership Campaign.

Fargo, N. D.

Mr. Lincoln's thought concerning "personal liberty" was well expressed in 1864 in the city of Baltimore:

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty."

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

Emma Remmich, State Secretary

Please take NOTICE! March is the last Holdfast date for dues. Can we make this year the best Holdfast record we have had? Let's see if we can get our dues paid up by March 1st! Northwood was a Holdfast Council in 1940. Let's do it again. Holdfast Councils are those having paid dues equal to last year by March 1st. All reports must be in the National office by April 1st, in order to receive recognition in the Union Signal.

Let's stress the Frances Willard Memorial Fund to which local Councils may contribute, the minimum being \$1.00.

National Narcotic Education Week is the last week in February. The special Narcotic issue of the Union Signal will appear the first week of February. Extra copies may be ordered.

I'm ordering copies of the New Cooperative Program which is being used in place of a study book. If any of you would like some place in Young People's organizations let me know. We're using them in Epworth League and find them very helpful.

It comes in units and the first three are now off the press. The central theme is "Practical Christian Living." The subdivisions are as follows:

Unit I. The Christian Way of Life; Unit II. The Nature of the Substance Alcohol; Unit III. Christian Personality and Alcohol.

NEED OF THE Y T C TODAY

Tomorrow as you walk down the street, look around you. What do you see? Young people, as well as older people, walking boldly into saloons and "Beer Gardens." The young people used to glance up and down the street, then dart into a saloon. Today they neither look nor "dart quickly" they just walk in, sit down, and order their drinks:

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. Read your daily paper. What do you see? Ads! Beautiful, colorful ads. Pictures of animals, flowers, and contented-looking families. But what are they advertising? Beer, whiskey, ale and champagne. Children can't help but look at them. Grown people read them. Youth gives these ads "a try."

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. When you take a drive, look around you. What do you see? Huge glary, electric signs. What do they advertise? Food? No! Beer, whiskey, wine, etc. They line the highway, they fill the city, and the worst of all, they catch your eye. Big bottles foaming over, while the lighting effect makes it look beautiful misty fog. Of course it's attractive. People decide they'll try this menace.

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. One of the most pitiful things I have ever seen was the following experience: One night last summer when it was too warm to sleep, my girl friend and I were sitting on the porch. It was very quiet. Suddenly the drunken speech of a woman came to our ears. "Let me alone. Mind your own business. I ain't goin' home!" Going by the house was a colored woman, drunk as she could possibly be. Tugging at her arm was a little boy around ten years of age. He was saying, "Come on home, Momma. You're never home any more."

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. Go into the homes of the so-called better people. In their refrigerators are bottles of intoxicating liquors. Possibly they're going to have a cocktail party. Maybe not, but it's there for anybody who wants a "drink."

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. Stop and think of the many times you have read or heard about children dying of starvation because of their parents "drinking up the money." Think of the times when you have read or heard about babies being undernourished or unclothed because of the same reason. Poor, helpless, innocent little babies growing up in that atmosphere.

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. Today, parents are giving their children, mere infants, beer. Why? Because it's "cute." Never was I so sickened as I was when I picked up a baby girl of two, and she had beer on her breath. She very proudly said, "Me had beer."

THAT IS WHY WE NEED Y. T. C.'s. So Youth of the World, I plead to you. Let's get together. Let's stop this home wrecking, human killing poison. Let's wreck and kill it. How? By forming Y. T. C.'s all over the world. Make them become known. When you are tempted to drink, say "No, I belong to the Y. T. C." Youth, we need you. You are the ones who can do it. Let's cooperate. Let's be all for one and one for all. THEN and only then can we say, "we conquered through the YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL!"

ETHEL MAY HIPKINS, Cor. Secy., Maryland Y. T. C. Why not mail your message to the National Y. T. C. office.

I ACCUSE!

By Harold Garnett Black

I am borrowing the famous word of Emile Zola in denouncing the American liquor traffic.

I accuse the liquor business of full responsibility for ten per cent of all admissions to state hospitals for the insane in the United States, last year.

I accuse the liquor business of being responsible for fourteen per cent of the 202,208 crimes committed by persons under twenty-five years of age last year.

I accuse the liquor business of being responsible for twenty-four per cent of all rejections of applicants for life insurance last year.

I accuse the liquor business of being responsible for twenty-five per cent of all the fatal automobile accidents during the year 1939—a toll that is represented by a seven-mile long column of marching men.

I accuse the liquor business with having been responsible for the imprisonment of fifty-one per cent of all prisoners in American city and county jails.

I accuse the liquor business of being in the entertainment business for the purpose of making pictures feature drinking scenes so attractive that youth will think it is "smart" to drug oneself into intoxicated insensibility.

I accuse the liquor business of being a determining factor in at least \$2,400,000,000 of our annual \$15,000,000,000 crime bill; of utterly failing to produce enough government revenue to pay the enormous cost of the crime it incites, and the cost of maintaining police officers, courts, and institutions necessary to care for its products—idiots, insane and criminals.

Look at these figures! In the first six and three quarters years following the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, while the Federal Government debt increased \$17,900,000,000—an amount equal to that spent for relief—the net cost of alcoholic beverages consumed was \$25,750,000,000. In 1939 our consumption of liquor cost over \$3,225,000,000. If put into piled-up silver dollars, this would make a solid silver column reaching to a height of 5,058 miles. That year we spent 75 per cent more for liquor than for education, and over six times as much as for all church purposes. We drank fourteen gallons at a per capita cost of \$24.64.

I accuse the liquor business of contaminating political life, of corrupting courts and public officials of making highways increasingly unsafe, of contributing to juvenile delinquency, of leaguizing itself with gamblers, gangsters, hoodlums, and houses of prostitution.

I accuse the liquor business of increasing insurance costs, decreasing the drinker's insurability, hindering legitimate business, impairing industrial efficiency, impoverishing men's families, starving little children, breaking up homes, increasing the divorce toll, enslaving the will, stupefying the conscience, and despoiling all of human personality.

I accuse the liquor business of lack of patriotism because of the way it intrudes itself by every device and subterfuge into the military camps where the nation's defenders are being trained, debauching, despoiling, and unfitting them for their responsibilities, just at the time when the nation is bending its utmost effort to put its defenses into shape.

The crimes of the liquor business root down in certain facts—stubborn facts.

One of these facts is that alcohol is a poisonous narcotic. All reputable scientists admit it; so do even the brewers themselves. Dr. Yandell Henderson, professor of biology at Yale, writing in a publication of the United Brewers' Industrial Founda-

tion, said, "Alcohol is a drug of the general class of anaesthetics, such as ether and chloroform." This! From a brewers' journal!

A second stubborn fact is that alcohol is not a stimulant at all, but a depressant.

Most stubborn of all, however, is the fact that beverage alcohol is the parent of human misery. No other business exists, the staple products of which have been so universally condemned by scientific findings and social experience.

I accuse every newspaper that accepts liquor advertising, every politician who accepts liquor support, every preacher who keeps silent in the face of the havoc wrought, with complicity in the crimes committed by the liquor business.

I accuse every hostess who serves liquor on her dinner table with contributing to the hazards of the highways, for the drinking driver is more dangerous than the drunken driver.

I accuse every Sunday school that is without regular and scientific education on the subject of alcohol with being guilty of a crime against the child who comes to it for instruction in right living.

I accuse every court with a miscarriage of justice which does not deal firmly and vigorously with the traffic whenever it infringes upon the rights of the nondrinking public.

I summon all good citizens who are truly concerned for the nation's safety in this critical hour to join in an unrelenting assault on this despicable traffic.

The American flag will never be wholly clean so long as it floats over a traffic so diametrically opposed to all the high ideals for which the nation was founded.

The indictment is in. The verdict is in the hands of those who love their country, their homes and their little ones more than anything else in the world.

The Lord God of Hosts is watching as we decide!

—Christian Advocate.

WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"Turn now to the temperance revolution. In it we shall find a stronger bondage broken, a viler slavery manumitted, a greater tyrant deposed—in it, more of want supplied, more disease healed, more sorrow assuaged. By it, no orphans starving, no widows weeping. By it, none wounded in feeling, none injured in interest; even the dram-maker and dram-seller will have gilded into other occupations so gradually as never to have felt the change, and will stand ready to join all others in the universal song of gladness. And what a noble ally this, to the cause of political freedom; with such an aid, its march cannot fail to go on and on, till every son of earth shall drink in rich fruition the sorrow-quenching draughts of perfect liberty. Happy day, when, all appetites controlled, all passions subdued, all matter subjugated, mind, all-conquering-mind, shall live and move, the monarch of the world! Glory, glory, consummation! Hail, fall of fury! Reign of reason all hail!"

"And when the victory shall be complete—when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the earth—how proud the title of that LAND, which may truly claim to be the birth-place and the cradle of both those revolutions that shall have ended in that victory! How nobly distinguished that people, who shall have planted, and nurtured to maturity, both the political and moral freedom of their species."

Upon one occasion Mr. Lincoln volunteered to defend fifteen women who were indicted for saloon smashing in Clinton, Illinois. In his address to the court he said in part:

"I will say a few words in behalf of the women who are arraigned before your honor and the jury. I would suggest, first, that there be a change in the indictment, so as to read, 'The State of Illinois against Mr. Whiskey' instead of against these defendants. It would be more appropriate. Touching this question there are three laws: First, the law of self-protection; second, the law of the statute; third, the law of God. The law of self-protection is the law of necessity, as shown when our fathers threw the tea into Boston harbor, and in asserting their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is the defense of these women. The man who persisted in selling whiskey has no regard for their well-being or for the welfare of their husbands and sons. He has had no fear of God or regard for man; neither has he had any regard for the laws of the statute. The course pursued by this liquor dealer has been for the demoralization of society. His grocery has been a nuisance. These women, finding all moral suasion of no avail with this fellow, oblivious to all tender appeal alike regardless of their prayers and tears, in order to protect their households and promote the welfare of community, united to suppress the nuisance. The good of society demands its suppression. They accomplish what otherwise could not have been done."

MRS. FRISBIE'S LETTER

At this time of the year it is well to pause and take stock of L. T. L. progress. February brings the majority of the L. T. L.'s to the half way mark. Our National Leader Miss Wiggins says: "A check up on activities is in order, then full speed ahead for the next six months will help keep an L. T. L. on the front line."

If you look on page 4 of Plan of Work you will see that March is the month for the second "dues roundup." Let us do all we can. In Hettinger we are planning a Toy Festival where we hope to have all the mothers together and collect the dues as well as give out some materials and a lot of information.

We are grateful to the leaders who took notice of our request that the names of the Child President, Secretary and Treasurer be sent to us. Thanks.

May we have a fine time with the boys and girls and all work together for the future citizens of our land.

As ever yours,

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,
L. T. L. Secretary.

MY MOTHER'S SON

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You say you want me to be an honorary member of the W. C. T. U.? Why should I belong to a woman's organization? Let me see.

Well, first, I believe in the objective of the W. C. T. U. These women are banded together "for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of the Golden Rule in custom and in law." Those are the principles which my mother taught me, and certainly they are worthy of a man's support; they comprise almost everything in life which I wish while.

In the second place, the W. C. T. U. is almost the only local society with a national organization which stands for total abstinence from beverage alcohol. The women have a stupendous job before them, but they are undaunted by reversals, astonishingly courageous and always optimistic as to the victorious outcome of their work. They should be supported.

Again, even though I can not be a full voting member, I am glad to share in the local work by giving a

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LOCAL UNION

List prospects, members first, then non-members, who should be interested in THE UNION SIGNAL and THE YOUNG CRUSADER!

Appoint two members as a team for each five or ten members.

Divide the names on the list into groups and give each team a definite number to call upon.

Provide teams with sample copies of both papers and subscription blanks, as well as leaflets that will appeal to both member and non-member. (These may be procured free of charge from Circulation Department, National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Illinois). Order now.

If the prospective subscriber is interested, but not prepared to pay, ask her when you may call again. Each team should accept the responsibility of following up a first call that was promising, but did not result in a subscription.

Hold a meeting within a week of the visitation, perhaps a luncheon or dinner, where accounts of experiences and results may be exchanged, and further plans made for publicizing THE UNION SIGNAL. Union Signal Day (March 20) would be especially appropriate for this occasion.

WATCH THE UNION SIGNAL FOR SPECIAL OFFERS.

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dollar a year to the union. When I think of the millions of dollars being spent to advertise beverage alcohol, and of the many agencies which are trying to teach drinking habits to youth, I realize that there are all too few dollars at work for the right, and welcome the opportunity to put my dollar among them.

Moreover, I take off my hat to the noble band of women who have persisted for so many years in working "for God and home and native land," and have enlarged their borders to include every land. Accepting honorary membership in the W. C. T. U. is the least I can do to show my respect for their efforts.

Editor's Note: The leaflet includes pledge with space for signing. Price 35 cents per 100, 20 cents per 50; 2 cents each.