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THE LAST SUPPER

By Helen Welshimer

Perhaps at first they talked of little things
At supper-time that evening in the spring—
The upper room was dim with candle-shine
As Jesus sat with twelve, remembering.

Then quietly He said, "There is one here
Whose kiss will bring betrayal by and by."
They did not look at Judas curiously,
But each man murmured, "Master, is it I?"

Each one looked inward, frightened lest he find
A shoddy place where he had dreamed of steel.
None placed the guilt on any other guest
Who had partaken of that gracious meal . . .

So, when I come unto Thy table, Lord,
And I see tears or hear a heart's hurt cry
When some one's failed to keep high faith,
May I, too, murmur, "Master, is it I?"

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers:

As I sit at my desk this morning, I see evidence of the coming spring. Old Sol is high in the heavens, brightly beaming down on the fast disappearing snow. In a few short weeks new life will be bursting forth in the beauty of nature. We will welcome this change of seasons and with joy in our hearts discard all doubt and fear and press forward to greater achievements.

Our state legislature for 1941 has adjourned. With all due respect to this worthy body, I am sure you feel as disappointed as I do in the fact that they failed to pass any legislation that will improve the moral conditions in our state. SB34 which, if enacted, would have divorced the liquor business from all other businesses, was defeated in the senate by a vote of 19 to 29—one absent and not voting. Do you know how your senator voted on this very important bill? If you would like to know and it should be to your interest to know, read "How They Voted" in another column. We are proud of the 19 who tried to put the liquor business in a class by itself. Realizing how deeply entrenched the liquor business has become in our state we must seek to elect men to represent us who believe that it pays a state as well as an individual to do right.

The Child's Appeal

I am the child.
All the world waits for my coming.
All the world watches with interest to see what I shall become.
Civilization hangs in the balance,
For what I am, the world of tomorrow will be.

—Courtésy The Michigan Union.



The local option bill suffered the same fate.

When we consider that the state of North Dakota spent \$19,500,000 in 1939 for alcoholic beverages, an increase of almost \$8,000,000 over the estimate of 1937 and at the same time Federal Relief money was poured into our state by the millions, we wonder if our citizens do very much thinking. In that same year, Mr. Archie B. O'Connor, our state director of State Highway Patrol, in a radio address said, "Of all accidents recorded in our state thus far in 1939 about 60 per cent are proven to be directly connected with drivers under the influence of liquor." How do the liquor interests explain that fact?

May I remind you again that this is the time to write our U. S. Senators to vote favorably on S860. Let us send out a clarion call to all Christian citizens that this is the time to come to the aid of their country. This bill would ban beer from the camps and would create a surrounding zone within which no alcoholic beverages and no houses of ill-fame, trailers, vessels, vehicles or other places used for immoral purposes, would be allowed. It is believed that this bill has a fair chance of passing if enough people write about it. Write at once and get all interested persons to do likewise. It is personal letters from the voters to their Congressmen or Senators which count. This is a Senate bill so write to Senator Gerald P. Nye and Senator William Langer; address Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. If the bill is passed in the Senate then write our Congressmen.

May I remind each Union Signal subscriber that if your subscription expires this month (March) be sure

A FITTING MEMORIAL

On the first anniversary of the Home-going of Dr. Clarence True Wilson, Feb. 16, there was dedicated an illuminated cross, over the Methodist church at Gresham, Oregon, of which he had been a member for several years. Rev. Silas E. Fairham D. D., pastor of the church, presided; addresses were by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, District Superintendent of Chas. MacCaughey and others. Beautiful and appropriate music was rendered during the service. The illumination of the cross was in charge of Miss Maribeth Wilson, daughter of Dr. Wilson. Flowers on the altar were presented by Mrs. Wilson and daughters in memory of Dr. Wilson. Dr. Matthew L. Simpson pronounced the benediction.

Dr. Wilson was for many years General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist church and his services to the dry cause and to his church were out-standing. He held several important pastorates east and west, and was president of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League for some years. The Methodist Building at 100 Maryland Ave. N. E., Washington, D. C., was erected by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals during his incumbency and under his leadership.

to renew it that we may retain all steady subscribers. Special effort should be made to secure new subscriptions so that we may meet our full quota of 229.

We are now carrying our publicity in 13 weekly papers in our state and

INDIFFERENCE

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree.
They drove great nails through hands and feet and made a Calvary.
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.
When Jesus came to Birmingham they simply passed Him by.
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die.
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him pain—
They only just passed down the street and left Him in the rain.
Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through.
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy.

A PRAYER IN APRIL

God grant that I may never be
A scoffer at Eternity;
As long as every April brings
The sweet re-birth of growing things;
As long as grass is green anew
As long as April's skies are blue;
I shall believe that God looks down
Upon His wide earth, cold and brown;
To bless its unborn mystery
Of leaf and bud and flower to be;
To smile on it from tender skies,
How could I think it otherwise?

When looking on the mother sod
Can I hold doubt that this be God?
Or when a primrose smiles at me,
Can I distrust Eternity?

—Sara Henderson Hay.

\$118.88 has been sent in for this work. That money will also be credited to the state's half of the unfinished NT EF quota. I can not adequately express my appreciation for your splendid cooperation in this matter but again I say, as did our sainted leader, Frances E. Willard, "There are no women like our White Ribboners." I know the work and sacrifice it has required from each one and all I can say is a big THANK YOU. Together we will rejoice that the truth about alcohol will go to many parts of our state and into many homes that do not, "Realize the sin of doing nothing about the liquor traffic." We do not know where the seed may fall, and God alone knows what the harvest will be.

Our acting treasurer reports 17 Holdfast Unions—two more than last year. Our hats off to the far-sighted

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WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Ephesians 6:10-15 2 Timothy 2:15
Youth is a time of ideals. What grander ideal can we have than that of living for the God who made us and for the Saviour who died for us? Life, strength, talents, come from God, with the reminder that they are to be used in His service.

It is vitally important that Christ should be at life's helm in youth, for the way youth is spent generally decides the rest of life. And youth is both a time of great temptation, and also of great opportunity. Christianity is not only a message for the death-bed. Although, thank God, souls have come to Him at the last, yet they were unable to bear fruit for the Saviour by Christian life and service.

No one can measure the possibilities for good wrapped up in the surrender of a young life at the Saviour's feet. "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee." Consecration means giving Him my lips, my hands, my feet, my time, my talents, my money, my heart, my will, my all.

Two young soldiers were talking about the service of Christ. One of them said, "I can't tell you all that the Lord Jesus is to me, or what He has done for me. I do wish you would enlist in His army." The young man answered, "I am thinking about it, but it means giving up several things—in fact I am counting the cost."

An officer, passing at that moment, overheard the last remark, and laying his hand on the speaker, he said, "My friend, you talk of counting the cost of following Christ, but have you ever counted the cost of not following Him?" This question rang in the mind of the young man, and he got no rest till he found it by trusting in the Saviour.

"Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy Right;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.
Faint not, nor fear, His arms are
near,

He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee."

A. B. H.

A YOUTH'S PRAYER

God, who touched earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too;
With Thy Spirit re-create me,
Make my heart anew.

Like Thy springs and running waters.
Make me crystal pure;
Like Thy rocks and towering grandeur,
Make me strong and sure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free;
Like the straightness of the pine-trees
Let me upright be.

Like the arching of the heavens,
Lift my thoughts above;
Turn my dreams to noble action—
Ministries of love.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too;
Keep me ever, by Thy Spirit,
Pure and strong and true.

—Mary S. Edgar.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

Our hearts are sad for the many who have suffered the loss of dear ones in the storm which struck the eastern part of the state and part of Minnesota on the night of March 15. May the God of all consolation comfort them as only He can, and help them to look away to that Happy Land where no storms ever come. We are thankful for the many who, though exposed to the storm, escaped in safety to their homes. "Sometime we'll understand" these mysteries. "Yet, in the maddening maze of things
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings,
I know that God is good."

With the approach of the happy Easter season, with its hope of immortality and eternal life, I am reminded of an old legend in which a conversation is supposed to have taken place between Jesus and the Angel Gabriel on the return of Jesus to Heaven.

Gabriel is saying: "Master, You died for the whole world down there, didn't you?" And Jesus answers, "Yes." You must have suffered a great deal. "Yes."

"And do they all know about it? What is your plan for telling the world You died for them?" And Jesus replied, "I left twelve men." "But what if they should fail?" asked Gabriel. "I have made no other provision," was the answer, "I am counting on them."

Dear Comrades, can He count on us? Are we continuing to carry on the story to others? Let us consecrate ourselves anew to His service wherever He shall call us. "The Lord is risen indeed" and all power is His, in Heaven and on earth.

With happy Easter greetings to you all,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

YOUNG MOTHERS OUGHT TO JOIN

In view of the widespread use of alcohol, and the constant haunting of intoxicants under the noses of their young people everywhere, we declare, in the interests of their homes and their children, that young mothers can do nothing wiser or more effective in protecting their loved ones from the ravages of the liquor traffic than by joining the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

We are fully aware of all the fault that can be found with this noble organization. We know, for instance, that the considerable majority of its membership is past middle life. And we know that in many communities a young mother might not find as much in common with older women as she might wish.

But there is no other body of women in America banded together to fight the liquor traffic, and every mother ought to be a member of an organization which has that as its objective.

No mother's child is safe from the ravages of this dreadful business. No home is secure so long as the liquor traffic is allowed to pursue its course unhampered and unhindered. The W. C. T. U. will join us in wishing that they might be doing their work better, but even at its poorest showing,

the W. C. T. U. is doing infinitely more than any other body of women for this holy cause.

If Methodist mothers, militant and aroused, should throw all their strength in with this great organization of Christian women, God alone can estimate the effect of the blow on the most ruthless foe of the Christian home has ever had.

—The Christian Advocate.
Editors Note: We thank the Christian Advocate for this timely advice. The National W. C. T. U. has provided the Iota Sigma for the younger mothers).

The MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Chairman
Reported since last month are the following Home-Keepers:

NEKOMA:

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Beasley
SAWYER:

Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, 2 in all
Mrs. M. Daniels, Mrs. C. LeRette
Mrs. Maud Larkin

FARGO: Mrs. Mattie Morris,
4 in all

Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen,
2 in all

Mrs. G. R. Handtmann
BISMARCK: Mrs. O. S. Rindahl, 2
MCKENZIE: Mrs. P. P. Bliss

BOWESMONT:

Mrs. Newell Patterson
Mrs. J. F. McKay

Mrs. R. M. Halcrow
Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie

GET A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

Because the WCTU gives every woman in America a chance to help in the work of making our country "a land of happy homes."

Because the WCTU standards are those taught by Jesus Christ.

Because the WCTU unites women of all creeds in the social welfare work which is the common concern of all.

Because the WCTU works through many lines to combat the harm done by beverage alcohol.

Because the WCTU promotes alcohol education so that all people may know what alcohol is and what it does.

Because the WCTU is helping to fight all traffic in narcotics.

Because the WCTU stands for clean, worthwhile programs in radio and motion pictures.

Because the WCTU gives to its members a wider outlook upon the problems of the community, the nation, and the world.

Because the WCTU has always stood as a bulwark against corruption and incompetence in government, both local and national.

Because the WCTU supports only upright public officials and legislative measures which make for public welfare.

Because the WCTU helped tremendously in securing the ballot for the women of America.

Because the WCTU helps to safeguard the physical and moral health of young people through the Youth's Temperance Council.

Because the WCTU gives boys and girls wholesome recreation and training for citizenship through the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Because the WCTU is working to promote "peace on earth, good-will among men."

Because the children of North Dakota need every Christian woman, in this new year of 1941, to defend them from the curse of the legalized liquor traffic.

—Exchange.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

News comes from Parshall Union in the Minot District of a successful public meeting held there on March 6th, at which Mr. Kendall, boy scout executive for the Minot area showed a movie of the scouts in their summer camp. The film, "The Beneficent Reprobate" was also shown.

Parshall has spoken for the use of the three slide films, "A Tower of Strength," "The Chance of a Lifetime" and "Dollars and Sense" for March 21st. These will be shown in connection with a declamatory contest for the 7th and 8th grades of the school.

Prosper Union in Fargo District has appointed a librarian to take charge of any literature or supplies of that kind acquired by the Union, and keep it on file so it will be readily available to any of the members. This is a fine idea and a good one for other Unions to take note of and do likewise. It is about the same as a "director" of literature which was recommended a month or so ago, and which is urged in the Dept. of Literature Plan of Work for this year. I hope to hear of other "librarians" and "directors."

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

HOW THEY VOTED

The Drys all over our state were intensely interested in SB84: A Bill for an Act Prohibiting the Sale, Giving Away and Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor as a Beverage in Any Place in This State Where Other Commodities Are Sold at Retail; Providing Penalty for Violation.

This was one of the bills sponsored by Consolidated Drys which we feel would have improved moral conditions in our state. Our present system of liquor sales is without doubt largely responsible for the great increase in drinking among our young people. There is scarcely a place where young people can go for refreshments after a ball game or a school party that does not sell beer and often hard liquor as well. Since repeal, the number of young people rejected by insurance companies because of excessive drinking has increased 178 per cent. The liquor interests were greatly opposed to this bill and it was not hard to find the reason. They knew it would reduce their sales and admitted that fact at the hearing before the Senate Temperance Committee.

Was your senator interested in the youth of North Dakota?

ROLL CALL—

Those voting for the bill:
Adam; Beaton; Bilden; Bond; Dahl; Drew; Feton; Ginter; Greiser; Hill; Kamrath; Olson, Montrail Co.; Owings; Page; Solberg; Streibel; Stucke; Thatcher; Troxel.

Those voting in the negative or against the bill:

Aandahl; Blank; Brant; Braun; Bridston; Brunsdale; Flatt; Foss; Fowler; Gronvold; Guenther; Isaak; Kehoe; Lavik; Lofthous; Morgan, Dick-land; Morgan, Walsh; Nelson, Rickeney; Nelson, Grand Forks; Nelson, McKenzie; Nelson, Renville; O'Brien; Olson, McHenry; Raschko, Topp; Twetan; Watt; Wog; Young.

Absent and not voting, Rue.

SOMETHING NEW

If the United States does not order liquor out of the Army and Navy, protection from alcohol will be up to the men themselves. Milk Martts will help them. Groups of decent men and women can encourage the establishment of such places. Unattractive soft drink stand, halls and restaurants could be turned into delightful Milk Martts.

REPORT OF TREASURER February 15 to March 15, 1941

STATE DUES: Calvin, 10; Grafton, 2; Park River, 1; Flasher, 4; Fargo Scandinavian, 11; Steele, 1; Dickey, 4; Sawyer, 5; Larimore, 7; Minnewaukan, 3; Valley City, 5; Bismarck, 17; McKenzie, 1; Jamestown, 10.

WILLARD MEMBERS: Steele, 1
L. T. L. MEMBERS: Flasher, 3; Northwood, 51

BUDGET IN FULL: Grafton, Sharon, Hannah, McKenzie

BUDGET IN PART: Makoti, \$1.00; Park River, 30c; Steele, \$10.00; Minnewaukan, \$2.00; Valley City, \$5.50; Jamestown, \$13.20

STATE REPORTS: Nekoma, 2; Valley City, 3; Larimore, 3

N. T. E. F.: Bowmont, \$5.00, by Sen. Wm. Langer.

N. T. E. F., NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION:

Fargo District:

Mayville, \$1.00

Hatton, \$7.00

Fargo Scandinavian, \$10.00

New Rockford District:

Oberon, \$5.55

Northwest District:

Powers Lake, \$2.50

Bismarck District:

Bismarck, \$16.68 in full

HOLD FAST UNIONS: Calvin, Rock Lake, Minnewaukan, Oberon, Sawyer, Stady-Zahl, Hettinger, Bismarck, Flasher, Edgeley, West Fairview, Ellendale, Prosper, Gilby, Bowsmont, Hannah, Nekoma, Park River.

Since last month temperance publicity has been started in five more newspapers, making a total of 14 papers now carrying this material. Three districts, Bottineau, Ransom-La Moure, and New Rockford, have each sent in some funds for this but not quite enough yet for one paper.

There are 18 Hold-Fast Unions this year, a gain of three over last year.

In the March report an error was made by the printer, where Grand Forks Scandinavian Union was credited with \$2.00 paid on budget when it should have been \$22.00.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Acting Treasurer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Miss Bertha R. Palmer is anxious to secure one or more of these three books for the Willard Memorial Library at Evanston:

The Uncrowned Queen: Bernie Babcock, 1902

Frances Willard, Her Life and Work: Ray Strachey, 1913

My Happy Half-Century: Frances Willard, 1394.

Please let Mrs. Lundhagen know if you have any of these.

ARMY CHIEF PLEADS FOR HELP TO PROTECT RECRUITS

General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, warns the country that vicious interests are already at work to debauch the young men who have been conscripted. In a nation-wide radio address the head of the army pleaded for help from local communities to protect the recruits from the moral pitfalls which are daily being dug to trap them. General Marshall's charges were two fold. In the first place, he declared, all sorts of racketeering in room rents and similar matters are flourishing in the towns near the new army camps. But in the second place, these camps are being surrounded with dives which threaten to undermine the health and destroy the morale of the young men who have been drafted or have been taken from civilian life for national guard

service. "Human nature being what it is," says General Marshall, "establishments for selling liquor are becoming increasingly active in the communities adjacent to the camps, and in some communities there has been an influx of persons of questionable reputation. The situation must be brought under control before it grows more serious." Because the army cannot control the land outside army reservations. Every church the camp confines, the general is forced to direct his appeal for help to the decent forces in the towns near army reservations. Every church in such a community should recognize this as an immediate responsibility. Certainly national organizations, such as the W. C. T. U. and the Methodist Church, have already adopted resolutions pointing out the need for protective action. But this is a situation in which more than resolutions is needed. No church near an army camp is fulfilling its obligations to the youth of America if it permits vice to flourish unchecked in its community.

—The Christian Century.

L. T. L. LETTER

The L. T. L. strives to assist the home, school and church in helping children choose more worth-while things. If girls and boys know what is right our responsibility will be somewhat lessened for the child is better able to choose right for himself. However we will always have a duty in seeing that the environment is as good as possible and that we have given all the good training and information we can give.

As spring conventions will soon be held we hope to hear of several new L. T. L. groups. North Dakota's goal is 20 L. T. L. groups by September 1941. Are we praying and thinking for our boys and girls, the "best in the west"?

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,
L. T. L. State Sec.

A STORY FOR THE L. T. L.

How Abraham Lincoln Helped A Little Girl Fill Her "Jubilee Jar"

Once upon a time there lived a little girl in a little town in New York state. She lived with her father, mother and brothers in a real, old-fashioned, homey home, where guests liked to come. One of the guests who liked to come was the great Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States. The little girl was always very happy when he came and she used to like to sit in his lap and talk to him. She called him "Uncle Abe" and he often called her "Sissy," though her real name was Julia.

One time when the President was visiting at Julia's house, Julia was counting the money in her missionary box. Mr. Lincoln watched her for a moment and then asked, "What are you doing over there?"

"I'm counting my missionary money, Uncle Abe," replied Julia.

Mr. Lincoln put his hand in his pocket and pulled out something and held it toward Julia. Julia drew back her box. "Oh, no, I can't take that, Uncle Abe," she said, earnestly; "I have to earn all the money I put in this box."

The next day, when he was ready to start for the train, he said to Julia, "I wonder if you couldn't walk down to the depot with me, Julia?"

As they started down the street together, Abraham Lincoln shifted his valise to the other hand. It was an old-fashioned valise with two handles. "Do you suppose," he said, "that you could help me carry my valise? It's pretty heavy."

Julia took hold of one of the handles and they carried it between them all the way to the depot, talking gaily as they went. At the depot the President took the valise and pulled a shining coin out of his pocket, holding it out to the little girl. "There, Julia," he said, "now you've earned your missionary money." "Oh, thank you, Uncle Abe!"

And then he went away on the train and Julia ran home with the shining coin clutched tight in her hand. She thought it was the brightest penny she had ever seen and she hurried to put it into the missionary box where it would be safe and sound. The next Sabbath the boxes were opened.

"How much did you have in your box?" asked the superintendent. "Eighty-two cents," answered the little girl without any hesitation. "Are you sure that was all you had? Where did this come from?" she was asked, and she saw the bright penny that the President had given her. "Oh, that's the money Uncle Abe gave me," she answered eagerly. "I earned it helping him carry his valise."

The shining coin was a five-dollar gold piece, and this is a true story of how Abraham Lincoln helped a little girl to earn her missionary money, and the little girl, who is a little girl no more, told me the story herself. —Selected.

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

Emma Remmich, State Secretary
Spring Greetings! Let's spring into action! April is Y. T. C. month. What are we going to do about it? Wouldn't it be a fine time to organize a Y. T. C.? The early bird gets the worm, let's get it! Examinations are coming up fast and we don't want to wait until they are upon us. I've a new Youth's Manual which is just off the press. It's an organization Handbook of the Youth's Temperance Council. I'm hoping you'll order one.

Maybe you think the times are too depressing and it doesn't do any good to work for something worthwhile in this mad, war-torn world, but look at our motto. It says, "No good thing is failure, no evil thing success." If we look on the other side of it, don't we always find that to be true? Jesus worked in a very difficult world. When he went to Calvary they deemed him a failure, but on that beautiful Easter morning he arose triumphantly.

Isn't our motto a beautiful thought. "No good thing is failure; no evil thing success?"

A FENCE OR AN AMBULANCE Joseph Malins

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;

But over its terrible edge there had slipped

A duke and full many a peasant.

So the people said something would have to be done,

But their projects did not at all tally;
Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff,"

Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city;

A fence may be useful or not, it is true,

But each heart became brimful of pity

For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;

And the dwellers in highway and alley

Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right, if you're careful," they said,

"And if folks even slip and are dropping,

It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much,

As the shock down below when they're stopping."

So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,

Quick forth would these rescuers sally

To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff.

With the ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me

That people give far more attention

To repairing results than to stopping the cause.

When they'd much better aim at prevention.

Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he,

"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally,

If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense

With the ambulance down in the valley."

"Oh, he's a fanatic," the others rejoined,

"Dispense with the ambulance? Never! He'd dispense with all charities, too,

if he could;

No! No! We'll support them forever.

Aren't we picking up folks just as fast as they fall?

And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he?

Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence,

While the ambulance works in the valley?"

But a sensible few, who are practical too,

Will not bear with such nonsense much longer;

They believe that prevention is better than cure,

And their party will soon be the stronger.

Encourage them then, with your purse, voice, and pen,

And while other philanthropists daily,

They will scorn all pretense and put up a stout fence

On the cliff that hangs over the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old,

For the voice of true wisdom is calling,

"To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best

To prevent other people from falling."

Better close up the source of temptation and crime,

Than deliver from dungeon or galley;

Better put a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff

Than an ambulance down in the valley."

TWO THINGS YOU CAN DO

When a member says she is going to resign or will not join the W. C. T. U. because she cannot do anything, tell her everyone can do two things:

1. She can wear her white bow at all times. What an influence she may have by just doing this one thing!

2. She can keep the trying day and pray to her Lord every day at noon for the work of the W. C. T. U.

We can all do these two things, and

ALCOHOL'S PART IN LINCOLN TRAGEDY

The anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, April 16, seems an especially propitious time to bring to public attention the part that liquor played in that tragedy as revealed in the amazing information coincidentally brought to light in two recent popular publications, "The Man Who Killed Lincoln" by Philip Van Doren Stern, and "The War Years" (4 volumes) by Carl Sandburg.

As these biographers now relate, Lincoln, himself a life-long abstainer and, from young manhood, an opponent of liquor and champion of the temperance cause, was, in his fateful death, struck down by a drink-braced assassin while his personal aide was regaling himself at a nearby bar. This is the tragic double indictment of alcohol dramatically written in the historical record.

The man who did the deed bolstered with brandy the hand that sped the bullet to the heart of the President. But even Booth, nerved with drink, probably would have failed in his undertaking had not Lincoln's body-guard let liquor lure him away from his post of duty.

In Part III of "The Man Who Killed Lincoln" appears the following account:

"It was four minutes after ten . . . Booth decided he needed a drink . . . managed to slip . . . into Peter Taltavul's barroom . . . 'What'll it be this evening?' 'Same as usual, Peter. The brandy bottle and a glass of water' . . . Booth finished two glasses of brandy . . . Seven minutes after . . . he filled his glass again . . . put some money down on the wet bar . . . left the saloon."

But how was he to reach the President in his presumably carefully guarded box? Carl Sandburg tells that story:

"The bodyguard in whose line of duty it fell to be with the President that evening was John F. Parker . . . He was one of four officers detailed from the Metropolitan Police Force of the city for White House duty in watching the President . . . In March and April of '63 John F. Parker was on trial on various charges—alleged he had been drunk . . . a cheap and slipshod specimen of a police officer rather than a sober and dependable operative for highly responsible work "How Parker found his way into the White House to begin with was not clear in the records. . . .

"On the night of April 16, 1865," Sandberg explains, it was "the assigned duty of John F. Parker to guard the doors constantly . . . The guard . . . took his position at the rear of the (President's) box, close to an entrance leading into the box. . . . Either between acts or at some time when the play was not lively enough to suit him, or because of an urge for a pony of whiskey under his belt, John F. Parker leaves his seat . . . goes down to the street and joins his companions in a little whiff of liquor." While Parker was momentarily neglecting his duty, the assassin entered. The rest is history.

After 75 years this information is being brought to the attention of the public. In the unwritten obituaries of many men, were the truth known, alcohol has played just as important and ignominious a part.

—Union Signal.

VIEWPOINTS OF STATE PRESIDENTS

When America loses her home life then she will go the way of the totalitarian nations of the new Europe. Therefore our one great concern is the preservation of the homes of America. We must build our walls

of defense about the home. "Be it ever so humble," "a cottage or mansion," it is the individual home that makes a great nation and keeps it intact.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was born to protect the home. Our Crusade mothers have left us a great heritage. We have inherited a great task and a great privilege.

—Florida Good News.

Hitler and Mussolini are both reducing the drinking in their countries—we are increasing it in America. No drinking nation can stand up in competition with a sober nation.

God calls individuals to repentance. He also calls nations to repentance. He is calling America today to repentance. Lloyd George has said, "We cannot build any nation on an impregnable basis until we cleanse its foundations from the rot of alcohol." America with all her greatness and her limitless possibilities is permitting the rot of alcohol to undermine her foundations.

Can we Christians, with the power in our hands to change things, stand and sing, "God Bless America," unless we do something about this evil of our own making? God Himself cannot or will not save America except by the hands of His Christian people.

—WCTU Bulletin, Georgia.

According to the natural laws of progress we cannot stand still. We must either go forward or backward. There must be either growth or decadence. The future of our great organization rests with us. Let us, as Christian mothers, reconsecrate ourselves this day to the task which confronts us. Let us send out a clear call to our Christian sisters and brothers to join us in our great campaign for Home Protection. May this coming year witness a great rallying of our present membership to active service. We shall not have completed our task as the mothers of the nation until every girl and boy, every young man and young woman and every adult has had the opportunity to be informed concerning what alcohol is and what it does. Each one of us has a circle of influence, in most cases far greater than we know. Let us use this circle of influence for the advancement of His Kingdom.

—White Ribbon News, New Jersey.

"God Bless America." From thousands of throats in all sorts of gatherings, like a mighty chorus of beseeching prayer the song of Irving Berlin's, made famous by patriotic Kate Smith, resounds to heaven. Let us sing it too, and add to it a prayer:

God save America and all the nations of the world. God forgive us for our individual, national, and international sins. God hasten the day of world understanding and brotherhood for the sake of the homes today. God help the people of the world to international peace. God help us as individuals to do our part to bring these things to pass.

—The Minnesota White Ribbon.

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. FRANK BEASLEY, our Recording Secretary, has been enjoying a visit with her only sister in Thawville, Ill.

MRS. AXEL OLSON is president of the local union at Parshall. She writes that the vice president, Mrs. O. E. Leeberg, has secured a demonstration kit, a book for the library and is corresponding about slide films

SAWYER reports three new members who were welcomed at the Willard Memorial meeting with the white ribbon salute and the singing of

"Blest be the Tie that Binds." An interesting program was presented with Mrs. Martin Reinholdt presiding. Attention was called to items in the Washington Letter in Union Signal and petitions planned to be sent to the Senate for the passing of S. B. 860 for the protection of our boys at Training Camps. The president paid a fine tribute to Frances Willard. Others assisting with the program were Mmes. E. E. Cline, C. Hedahl, Jos. Streeper, J. A. Pitkin, S. D. Briar, S. I. Hinkle, Peter Reinholdt and Mrs. Maud Larkin. Mrs. Clyde Larrette was hostess.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Mrs. J. N. Wallestad, state director Speech Contests, in her new role as grandmother! Twin babies—Jon Eugene and Joan Eleanor—have arrived to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wallestad at Sawyer. Mr. Wallestad is superintendent of schools at Sawyer and the local union there gave a shower for the babies. Best wishes to the parents and the little white ribbon recruits!

GRAND FORKS unions observed the Willard Memorial with a joint meeting in the new Y. W. C. A. club-rooms, Miss Margaret Hyslop presiding. Mrs. T. Ross Hicks led devotions. Miss Beatrice Johnstone spoke on the life of Frances Willard and Mrs. Roy. A. Holand spoke of her childhood. Mrs. Darling, state president, reviewed legislative activities. The music furnished was a vocal solo by Mrs. Sigfried Carlson and a flute solo by Miss Beverly Haglie. Hostesses from each union served lunch.

STADY-ZAHL, with Mrs. P. J. Foss, president, carries on faithfully. Meetings at the homes of members have been held regularly through the winter, which was reported pleasant. A meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith was attended by the husbands and others as guests, when a delicious pot luck dinner was served, games and a program enjoyed. At the home of Mrs. Ellen Berg, the Willard Memorial meeting was held. The new pastor, Rev. F. Monseth, has attended all the meetings since he arrived from the Bronx, N. Y. and takes part in the program. The Union Signal is sent to two ministers and to the school, also the Young Crusader to the school. Dues and budget are paid and this is a Hold Fast union. Congratulations!

FARGO met with Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Mrs. Helen H. Porter conducting devotions. Plans were made for a joint institute to be held under the auspices of both Fargo unions, March 26, an invitation being extended to all unions in the district to attend.

BOWESMONT met at the home of the president, Miss Mae Halcrow, who presided. Mrs. Wylie conducted devotions. Miss Palmer's March Message was read and discussed. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Newell Patterson, Mrs. R. M. Halcrow, Mrs. J. F. McKay, Mrs. John Halcrow, Mrs. A. T. Everson. Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Cawthome and Miss Jean Mitchell were present as guests. The Union Signal, Young Crusader and assorted blotters have been placed in the school. Four Home-Keepers were reported. Mrs. J. M. Shingler assisted in serving refreshments.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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treasurers of these unions and all honor to the members who cooperated so splendidly! I am sorry that the remaining 48 unions did not see the great advantage of finishing the task of "DUES GETTING" early in the year that they too might have more

time to gather in new members and devote more time to other work. However let us use the next few months to finish all our financial obligations so that we can have some good reports at the district conventions.

Special effort should be made during the month of April to organize new YTCs and LTLs. These young people are our responsibility so let us band them together in Christian organizations where they may learn the truth about that which is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus, the liquor traffic.

The last reports from the sick rooms of Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Reed are that both are improving. I am sure you join with me in sending loving greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

"Teach me to do the best I can To help and cheer my fellow man; Teach me to lose my selfish need, And glory in the larger deed, Which smooths the road and lights the day, Which smooths the road and lights the day.

—Edgar Guest.

With loving greetings

BESSIE M. DARLING.

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