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OUR MOTHER'S WAY

Oft within our little cottage
As the shadows gently fall,
While the sunlight touches softly
One sweet face upon the wall,
Do we gather close together
And in hushed and tender tone,
Ask each other's full forgiveness
For the wrong that each has done;
Should you wonder at this custom
At the ending of the day,
Eye and voice would quickly answer
"It was once our mother's way."

If our home be bright and cheery
If it hold a welcome true
Opening wide its doors of greeting
To the many—not the few;
If we share our Father's bounty
With the needy, day by day,
'Tis because our hearts remember
This was ever mother's way.

Sometimes when our hearts grow
weary
Or our task seems very long;
When our burdens look too heavy
And we deem the Right all wrong;
Then we gain a new, fresh courage,
As we rise, to proudly say:
'Let us do our duty bravely,
This was our dear mother's way.'

Thus we keep her memory precious
While we never cease to pray,
That at last, when lengthening shadows,
Mark the evening of life's day,
They may find us waiting calmly
To go Home, our mother's way.

—Anon.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings! On every hand is evidence of the return of spring, beautiful spring. Birds are back with their sweet songs, in a short time the trees will bring forth new leaves, lawns will be like green carpets and early flowers will bring forth blooms. While basking in warm sunshine, surrounded by nature's loveliness, let us turn our thoughts to the moral conditions in our own communities. Have we done all that we could to safeguard the paths of little feet? Have we done anything for the youth to protect them from the snares of evil that surround them? Have we made an honest attempt to secure new members for our local unions that our organization might be strengthened? Do you ever read the names of the women who secure new members every year? Is your name ever recorded there?

When ways and means are suggested for raising funds to carry on the work is your vote "AYE" or "NAY"?

This is as good a time as any to look closely into your heart and ask

yourself these questions: Am I doing all that I can do to promote the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union?

Am I a booster for my local union, accepting my share of the responsibility or do I sit on the side lines, criticising the efforts of others?

I am very anxious to have our state show a net gain in membership this year. We must not continue to show a decrease. We can do this only if dues are collected from all old members and new members secured. We are now in the last half of the Membership Campaign and many unions have failed to report a single new member. On May 11 the world will pay tribute to mothers, especially the influence of Christian mothers. Our organization has rightly been named "Organized Mother Love" and every mother should deem it a great privilege to be a member. Let us use this time to enlist all mothers—old, young and middle-aged—in this fight against organized liquor traffic. It is the home that suffers most from the effects of alcoholic beverages. Mothers need to know what alcohol is and what it does that they may help to safeguard their children by teaching them the truth about the effects on health and character. Christian mothers of North Dakota, you can cut down the list of new addicts, that the liquor interests are spending millions to secure, if you will sign the pledge and pay one dollar a year dues, and help to promote the program of total abstinence. What you can do is your duty to do, come and join! You will be richly blessed in your service for God and home and every land.

District Conventions

When this reaches you our district conventions will be the order of the day. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again. Mrs. Kate Wilder, our state vice president, will visit the districts in the northern, northwest and northeast parts of our state and I will visit the south and southwest parts. Let us put forth special effort to have large attendance at these conventions and every union should take pride in preparing a good report of work accomplished. New members should be urged to attend that they may gain an insight into the work and be enthused and inspired to become active workers in this great cause.

An S O S Call

We need \$349.00 to complete our NTEF and that should not be impossible to a courageous band like our women. It equals about 40 cents per member in our state, or if divided into districts, about \$30.00 per district. With the goal so plainly in sight surely you will meet the emergency call and complete it in full before August 1, that I may carry the message to the national convention.



Elizabeth Preston Anderson
Honorary President
North Dakota W. C. T. U.

You have met all demands with such a fine spirit and bravely carried on through adversity; surely you will do this one thing that we may fulfill our obligation. Give, earn or solicit 40 cents, within the next few weeks and together we will rejoice in our victory!

Our hearts are saddened by the Home-going of our tried and true friend, Senator Morris Sheppard, the U. S. Senator for the state of Texas. He was known as "the father of prohibition" and fought valiantly for our beloved cause to the very end. He introduced S860, a bill to defend our defenders from alcoholic beverages including beer and also from commercialized vice, but he was not spared to see this bill enacted. As a tribute to his noble work and because we too are intensely interested in the welfare of "Our Boys" let us continue to urge our U. S. Senators to vote for this legislation and it is very important that we interest others, ministers, teachers, members of other organizations, etc., to write our Senators about this bill.

Heaven is blessed with PERFECT REST;
But the blessing of EARTH IS TOIL.

—Henry Van Dyke.
Blessings on you all!

BESSIE M. DARLING.

"The youth whose brain is fogged by cigarettes is hopelessly handicapped. His services are accepted only as a last resort."—Henry Ford.

Prof. G. Van Bunge, in an address delivered at the University of Basle, said: "Beer is the most harmful of alcoholic drinks."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson
celebrated her 80th birthday
April 27.

North Dakota comrades joined with National W. C. T. U. officers and Florida friends in extending congratulations and best wishes on this very important occasion. Born in Decatur, Indiana, Mrs. Anderson was the daughter of the Rev. Elam S. Preston, a Methodist minister of that state. She was educated at DePauw University and the University of Minnesota and in the early eighties became a pioneer teacher in Dakota territory. She had rare gifts and was early recognized as a leader in the fight for a clean government and an enlightened commonwealth.

In 1889, when North Dakota entered the union as a prohibition state, Miss Preston joined the W. C. T. U. and for four years served as state organizer and superintendent of evangelism. In 1893 she was elected state president of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. serving with rare efficiency and faithfulness for forty years.

In 1901, Miss Preston was married to the Rev. James Anderson, a prominent minister of the North Dakota Conference of the Methodist church, who was in full sympathy with the temperance work of his wife. In 1904, at Philadelphia, Mrs. Anderson was elected assistant recording secretary of the National W. C. T. U. In 1906 she was elected Recording Secretary of the National W. C. T. U. at Hartford, Conn., which office she held for twenty years, resigning at the Los Angeles convention and retiring with the love and esteem of her comrades in the National W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Anderson represented the state WCTU at many sessions of the legislature. She was the author of the presidential and municipal suffrage bill which passed the legislature in 1917. With a special aptitude for law-making, Mrs. Anderson has done more than any other person to secure the passage of the splendid group of moral laws which distinguish the state. Her alert mind, her just judgment and her remarkable executive ability made her a valued counselor in national and state organizations and even those who differed radically from her opinions continued to profoundly respect and admire her.

Now retired from active service, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are spending their sunset days in the balmy climate of Florida, making their home at Penney Farms but returning in summer to their Oak Lodge cottage near Shoreham, Minn., where many of their North Dakota friends find them. "Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all."

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OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY MAY 11

"Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."—Exodus 20:12.

"Our mothers, bless them every one! And praise to God above! For that sweet gift—almost divine—A mother's tender love."

"When folks are such comrades as my Dad and Mother, I couldn't greet one without greeting the other; So all my good wishes set out on their way To both Mother and Dad—this glad Mother's Day."

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."—Isa. 66:13.

Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am I owe to my angel mother."

A MAN'S MOTHER

In childhood's hour the little troubled heart
She soothes with kisses, and the grief and pain
Of bodily hurts, and answers the long train
Of childish questions, by her mother art.

In youth she holds the sympathetic part
Of counsellor and friend, and keeps from stain
The pure young soul, about to sail the main,
For which no one but mother holds the chart.

But blessed thrice and infinitely more
Is he who reaches Manhood's long, rich day,
To have his mother still and know her worth;
With understanding love from out the store
Of his maturity, he can repay
In fullest part the love that gave him birth. —Wilson Willard Staver.

THE WATCHER

"She always leaned to watch for us
Anxious if we were late—
In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly
Who had such foolish fear,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us
She never could forget,
And so I think that Where she is
She must be watching yet—
Waiting till we come Home to her,
Anxious if we are late,
Leaning from Heaven's window,
Watching from Heaven's gate."

What you are speaks so loudly that
I cannot hear what you say.—Emerson

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

Not in recent years have I been able to sympathize so well with our comrades in the country living off highways, as I have done this winter. When heavy snows blocked the side roads, they were compelled to use horses and sleds or else to stay at home. But now, all is changed, for 'Lo! the winter is past . . . the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come' and all Nature rejoices in the return of spring.

May we all hear the call to awake to renewed interest and activity in our work. The busy days will be full for most of us but let us put first things first. Every Christian woman knows what these things are. Our membership needs strengthening. Have you secured a new member?

In one union, four mothers each persuaded her daughter to join. Cannot you mothers who have daughters do the same? Then these younger women may carry on the work when you have to lay it down. It matters not where the daughters live—they may still be members of the home union.

If not old enough for membership in W. C. T. U. the daughters may be Y. T. C. members. If no local Y. T. C. then they may be Willard Y. T. C. members and belong to the state organization. Our Y. T. C. needs help. Won't you try this plan? We need the young people and the young people desperately need our work. See Miss Remmich's letter in another column. Let us make Mother's Day count, as Mrs. Morris suggests.

Yours in happy service,
BARBARA H. WYLIE.
P. S. SEND ME MORE LOCAL NEWS, PLEASE!

ATTENTION! DISTRICT PRESIDENTS!

Dear District Presidents:

District convention time will soon be here and you are probably planning your program. May I ask that you will give a few minutes to the publicity question? This is a very important one. We are pleased at the amount of paid publicity being done this spring but let us not forget that local publicity counts for a great deal. Publicity of the right kind, amount and timeliness is an absolute essential for every union which desires to grow and win the attention of the community. Adequate publicity is the surest means of multiplying the Union's influence.

As I have said before, this may be through various media — press, radio, Sunday school, church, day schools, etc.

Perhaps it would surprise you to find that many of our high school pupils do not even know what the letters W. C. T. U. stand for or what the organization is working for. Try bringing the young people into the meetings by asking them to take part in the program in some way.

I wish that at our next state convention we might have a demonstration showing all the publicity given through our local papers during the year, or the remaining part of this year.

I am mailing you some suggestions regarding publicity demonstrations which I hope may be helpful.

NELLIE M. CROSS.
Park River, N. Dak.

AN EVENING PRAYER

Lord, Thou knowest how I live;
All I've done amiss forgive;
All the good I've tried to do
Strengthen, bless and carry through.
All I love in mercy keep,
While in Thee I fall asleep.

—Henry Van Dyke.

A SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE

Under the auspices of the Fargo and Fargo Scandinavian unions, an interesting and helpful institute was held March 26 in the Calvary Baptist Church, Fargo, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Director National W. C. T. U. Institute Department, presiding.

Guest speakers: Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president; Mrs. Frank Beasley, state recording secretary.

The following program was carried out:

10:00 A. M.—Opening Devotions: Mrs. Iver Fossum, president Fargo Scandinavian union. Organization of Institute; Appointment Committees—Publicity; Securing new members; Subscriptions to official papers.

10:20—"Why Institutes?"—Review of State Report—Mrs. Wilder.

10:45—Most worthwhile effort made by our Union this year—Discussion by local union members.

11:00—Best Things to Attempt the Coming Year.—Mrs. Darling. Vocal Trio—Mmes. Geo. Rust, Allen Knight and Miss Harriet Larson, Prosper Union.

11:30—Alcohol Education—Mrs. Helen H. Porter.

12:00—Noontide Prayer—Mrs. Beasley. Inspiration remarks—Rev. Eric Lindholm, Cambridge, Minn. Luncheon served by hostess unions. In charge of Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Mrs. R. E. Fate and Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy.

1:30—Devotions—Mrs. Mattie Norris. State Director Religious Education The Membership Campaign—Mrs. Wilder.

2:00—Address: "Medical Temperance, Mrs. Oscar Kjolrie, State Director.

2:20—How to use our literature. Discussion led by Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, State Cor. Sec.

2:40—Our Tools—Mrs. Jessie Potter, President Fargo District. Music by Trio of Calvary Baptist Church; Mrs. P. C. Sorenson, Mrs. Enoch Lindbloom and Mrs. Merle Olson.

3:00—Address: What Makes a Successful Union—Mrs. Beasley.

3:30—Dedication White Ribbon Recruits—Mrs. Darling.

3:45—Legislation and National Defense—Mrs. Darling.

Song: "The End of a Perfect Day" by Proper Union Trio.

Adjournment with W. C. T. U. Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26).

The White Ribbon recruits dedicated were Joan Jones, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, who was accompanied by her mother and her grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Jones, of the Fargo Scandinavian union; and Lois and Billy Bursack children of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bursack, who were accompanied to the platform by their mother, their grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Warne, and their great grandmother, Mrs. Silvernail of Taylor, N. D. who is the guest of Mrs. Warne.

There were 65 present at the morning session and about 70 in the afternoon. Every person who had a part on the program was present so the program was well carried out and discussions were good. "The Institute is the thing."

"MY CREED"

This is my creed: To close my eyes
To little faults of those around me;
To strive to be when each day dies
Some better than the morning found me;
To ask for no unearned applause,
To cross no river until I reach it;
To seek the merit of the cause
Before I follow those who preach it.
—S. E. Kiser.

Strive not to banish pain and doubt
In pleasure's noisy din;
The peace thou seekest from without
Is only found within.—Cary.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

The following weekly newspapers are supposed to publish our newspaper articles. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in checking these papers. If articles do not appear please notify our state corresponding secretary Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen. She will immediately get in touch with Western Newspaper Union. We pay only for articles published. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Donnybrook Courier, Minot Independent, Crosby Journal, Stanley Promoter, Ray Pioneer (this paper has since been discontinued) Center Republican, Ashley Tribune, Milnor Teller, Buffalo Express, Casselton Reporter, West Fargo Tribune, Portland Republican, Hope Pioneer.

Michigan Arena, Northwood Gleaner, Grafton News, Pembina New Era, Starkweather Times, Sheyenne Star.

Each district president knows what newspapers her district paid for and she should write and ask for a copy or ask some friend who is a subscriber to watch for it. Thank you.

BESSIE M. DARLING.

SENATOR LANGER SPEAKS

While Senate Bill 860, introduced by the late Senator Morris Sheppard for the protection of our boys at training camps against alcoholic beverages and legalized vice was being considered, our new state senator, Hon. Wm. Langer, spoke in favor of the bill and we copy from the record a part of his remarks:

Congressional Record—Senate—p 3095—April 4, 1941—Control of Venereal Disease and Prostitution.

Mr. Langer. . . . "The great work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the various ministerial associations which cover the state like a network, the high general educational level of the people of the state, the cooperation of the medical and hospital people and the splendid public health educational program carried on by the state public health department, have made North Dakota a splendid object lesson in this field. It is my considered belief that legalized prostitution must be absolutely abolished on a national scale and there is no reason why it cannot be done . . ."

(Editor's Note: The above was written before the Union Signal of April 19 appeared. Please see that issue for further remarks by Sen. Langer).

THE HOME-KEEPER

By Frank L. Stanton

About her household, moving glad
each day
With heartfelt care of all the simplest things;
And near her side a child voice coos
and sings;
She hears the noise of pattering feet
at play,
And pauses off to kiss the lips that
say
"Mother" and joys to feel the hand
that clings
Close to her heart, as to her apron-
strings;
Nor would she chide that little hand
away!
Then when the day has drifted to
the dark
And brightening stars loom through
the twilight late
She feels the heart within her bosom
stir
At every leaf that strikes the lat-
tice . . . Hark!
Her life's reward—a footstep at the
gate,
And love that comes to claim the
love of her!

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 15, 1941 to April 15, 1941

STATE DUES: Grand Forks, 7; Minot 3; Alamo, 8; Flasher, 1; Bowsmont, 4; Northwood, 2; Bottineau, 2; Powers Lake, 1; Grenora, 4; Sheldon, 1; Fargo Scandinavian, 16; Fargo, 5.

WILLARD MEMBERS: Christine, 5; Sharon, 1.

L. T. L. MEMBERS: Prosper, 26; Edinburg, 25.

BUDGET IN FULL: Edgeley, Underwood.

BUDGET IN PART: Grand Forks, \$5.00; New Rockford, \$5.00; Bowsmont, \$1.20.

STATE REPORTS: Fargo Scandinavian, 1.

N. T. E. F.: Ellendale (Honor Bright Dollar) \$1.00; Stady-Zahl, \$5.00; Fargo Scandinavian, \$73.00.

N. T. E. F. NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION:

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Ellendale District: \$8.40. DISTRICT PLEDGE: Fargo District, \$15.00.

MEDAL CONTESTS: \$1.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION, 1.

Alamo, credited with sending in dues for 8 members, is a new Union, organized by Mrs. Darling last fall. Fargo Scandinavian Union with a substantial sum already turned in is to be congratulated on the effort they are making to complete their N. T. E. F. pledge.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Acting Treasurer.

MOTHER —

May I Be Like Her
A Young Person's Prayer
on Mother's Day
By Percy R. Hayward

O God, I give Thee thanks for her who loved me before I was born and who gladly risked her own life that I might live.

Grant unto me the faith to love the Goodness and Truth that have not yet been, and the courage to sacrifice myself to bring them into being.

I thank Thee for her patience with my partial achievement because of her faith in what she knew I was able to become.

Give unto me, my Father, an abiding trust in the unachieved rightness of Thy world, and a willingness to wait and labor until it comes.

I praise Thee for those things in her that made her toil long nights, watch over me when sick, console me when sad, forgive me when I choose the wrong path.

Wilt Thou enable me to catch enough of her spirit so that I will labor for human good, console and forgive my sorrowing and sinful fellow men.

I thank Thee for her deeply passionate mother heart.

Grant that with her I may share something of Thine own divine motherhood. Amen.

THE MOTHER'S HYMN

Lord who ordainest for mankind
Benignant toils and tender care:
We thank Thee for the ties that bind
The mother to the child she bears.

We thank Thee for the hopes that rise
Within her heart, as, day by day,
The dawning soul, from those young eyes

Looks with a clearer, steadier ray.
All-Gracious! grant to those who bear
A mother's charge, the strength and light

To guide the feet that own their care
In ways of Love and Truth and Right.

—William Cullen Bryant.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Mattie Norris, State Director

The glorious Easter message is still resounding—"Christ Is Risen." Does not the joyful sound remind you sisters, of that first Easter morn when Christ said to the women "Go and tell." Since then, all down through the centuries, women have had a great part in carrying His message to a needy world. The need was never greater than today, when all around us we find so much to retard the establishment of His Kingdom on earth. One of the greatest hindrances to this is the liquor traffic. Our country has been fighting it for one hundred fifty years and our determination only grows with the years.

The Religious Education department has many avenues through which to work, among them the Sunday School. This year our second quarterly Temperance Sunday falls on Mother's Day. What an opportunity to reach the mothers as well as the children, through the Sunday School! Let us make the most of it.

The forces of evil are marshalling troops to fight the temperance cause. We must be alert for they often attack from ambush as well as through their bold, alluring advertisements in so many of our periodicals. As mothers may know the truth as given us by our beloved Bertha Rachel Palmer, then carry out the commission, "Go and tell." Let us continue the crusade until the liquor traffic, with all its attendant evils, is vanquished.

"The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear
Is this, that I may help a little child.
I do not ask that I should even stand
Among the wise, the worthy or the great;

I only ask that softly, hand in hand,
A child and I may enter at the gate."

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

In the March Bulletin I started telling about the New Cooperative program. I'll now summarize Unit I.

The Christian way of Life. We, as young Christians have chosen the Christ way of living, believing that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Christ is then our standard for successful living.

What is it that characterizes the Christian way of life? Is it different from other ways? Jesus answered this question thus: "Love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, soul, and mind and love thy neighbor as thyself." Let us make these principles the cornerstone of our program and direct all of our efforts toward finding and living practical Christianity. The guide will be the Bible.

Christianity begins in the giving up of the individual's will to God and above all! Jesus makes clear that true love for God and submission to Him must find expression in active concern for one's fellowmen. The law of love is as yet far from being universally practiced. It is clear that Christianity can't be quiet with such exploitive industries as the liquor traffic, with economic injustice or with the war system.

Christ in America: Life. In American History Christ has shared events. Even among sincere Christians there are differences of opinion about matters of conduct. However, certain major human values are agreed upon and have been fought out and decided.

Liberty itself was the first demand made by the Gospel of Christ. The Constitution of the United States is evidence of practical Christianity. The question of slavery was finally settled with a war. The lottery issue was decided, cock fights and duelling have disappeared. Lynching has al-

most passed away under pressure of public opinion. The liquor issue still remains. It has been decided two ways within the last twenty-five years and yet has not been finally settled.

The Liquor Traffic. There are in the United States between 400,000 and 500,000 liquor vending places. This is twice the number of churches which is 210,000. In 1939 the American people spent \$322,490,968 on alcoholic beverages. Suffice it to say that for at least one group of owners and employers the industry is highly profitable.

Beverage alcohol perhaps has its greatest entrenchment in modern social life. Some young people think a girl, a car, and liquor are the necessary ingredients of a date. By innumerable subtle gestures, groups which approve the usage of alcohol communicate it to others who are touched by their circle. This is what is known as social pressure and constitutes perhaps the first introduction of alcohol to young people.

However, there is an attraction which alcohol has for people. Why are people drawn to it? Surely it isn't taste, or hunger. It is obvious that the greatest attraction is the narcotic effect on the brain.

Charm number one is to get freedom from trouble. Tension is the general frame of mind and the tired brain cries out against worry and anxiety. Alcohol for the moment makes the individual feel wise and wealthy, secure and satisfied.

For many life is flat and dull. One fellow said, "My job just takes back not brain." These people drink for the moment of excitement and feeling of self importance which the narcotic alcohol brings.

Members of social sets drink because they are bored. Their parties get stale so the cocktail supplies a "kick" to it.

The most binding attraction of all is habit, which when formed becomes irresistible.

Now there is another side to this picture. What are the objections to this custom? Drinking while, or before, driving a vehicle is always condemned. Crime incidents due to liquor state their own argument. Liquor loosens and lowers the morals and level of a party until, as a high school girl put it, "It smells."

Personalized, the objections become living tragedies. Janet, engaged to Peter, was out driving one evening. David and his friend had been to a party and had had only a few drinks. David couldn't see the red light and Janet's life was snuffed out. Other incidents could be mentioned but just look around or read your newspaper. There might be persons in your own community who are useless for days because of alcohol.

It is evident that both the cause and the consequences of the use of liquor stem from the same thing, the nature and action of the substance alcohol in the beverage, particularly its action on the brain.

We see the Christian way of life on the one hand, and the liquor problem on the other. Having defined and described both briefly, we should now make it our business to study the question and decide the part liquor can play in the kind of life we want to live.

CHILD WELFARE

Mrs. J. B. Bradley, State Director

As May draws near I trust many are thinking of the special program to be given during this month. Our National plan of work, as you know, calls for the observance of Child Health Day May 1st, and Mother's Day a little later in the month. In many unions these could be combined

unless the programs are given by different groups.

On the occasion of Child Health Day it is suggested that we enlist the cooperation of other welfare groups such as P. T. A. Sometimes a speaker from one of the professions as a physician, dentist or nurse, might be able to give much valuable information as well as add interest to the meeting.

Among the leaflets mailed to the unions, the Havoc of a Liquor Heritage" should prove helpful to our Child Health program. But for me, for any and all of our programs, I like to use material from our Union Signal. It is such a wonderful magazine and seems to fill so many needs. Two splendid articles come to mind that have appeared in recent numbers—in the March 15 number, "The Child in Our Midst" by our national corresponding secretary, Mrs. DeYo; and in the March 1st. issue—"Give me a Child Until he is Seven," by Miss Bertha Palmer. This last article emphasizes the importance of beginning very early, in the pre-school years age—to teach alcohol education to children.

The most important factor in the health of the child is, of course, the influence of the home, the right heredity and environment are needed to bring about the proper physical, mental and moral health for our children. It is here where we mothers hold sway and have the glorious privilege of inspiring in our children the love for the good, the pure and the beautiful.

MAY FLOWERS

Hark! at the call of the sweet, fresh
May morning,
Hear them come trooping on gay
dancing feet!
Over the meadow green,
Down through the woodland
sheen,
Up from the village and thronged
city street.

Sunbonnet babies with little snub
noses,
Rollicking youngsters with merry
blue eyes,
Small Cinderellas gay,
Sweet as the breath of May,
Dreaming of fairies in godmother
guise!

Hark to their chattering! Tiny Maid
Marian,
Helen and Marjory, Bobby and Ted;
List to their laughter sweet,
Just see their flying feet,
Richard and Emmy and turbulent
Ned!

Here they come gleeing, slim lads
and lassies,
Shy adolescents awakening to
truth,
Seeking life's miracle,
Knowledge empirical,
Springtime—the Maytime when youth
calls to youth.

Set up the Maypoles, with streamers
a-flying,
Riot of color for each eager hand;
Great Nation's greatest wealth,
Children in radiant health,
Fairest of flowers that bloom in our
land!

Never mind training them just to be
citizens,
Never mind urging, too fast, wisdom's
way;
Give them the room to grow,
Give them the joy to know
Laughter and liting song; give
them their May!

—Winifred Hathaway.

SENATOR SHEPPARD PASSES ON

With deepest regret and a keen sense of loss to our work did we learn of the passing of Senator Morris Sheppard early on the morning of April 9. The dean of Congress, Senator Sheppard had served continuously in the Senate for 28 years and prior to that, 11 continuous years in the House. No other member can match his 39 years of continuous service. Commonly known as "the father of prohibition," he was the co-author of the 18th. Amendment and never surrendered his conviction of its value. Each year since 1918, the Senate has halted its business on Jan. 16—the effective date of the 18th. amendment—to listen to a commemorative oration deploring its repeal.

Senator Sheppard was chairman of the military affairs committee which has carried a heavy load of responsibility during the past year. He had shown signs of overwork and strain for several weeks. Many of the major pieces of legislation passed through his hands. A native of Texas, he would have been 66 on May 28. A favorite capital sobriquet for him was, "The Little Sheppard of Kingdom Come."

An earnest Christian, Senator Sheppard has joined that "General Assembly" whose names are written in heaven.

When the Christian Advocate asked nine prominent laymen of the Methodist Church the question: "Why do you believe in personal immortality?" Senator Sheppard replied with these significant words: "My belief in immortality is founded on the fundamental conception of Christianity and upon the further thought that, were our faith not based on a solid foundation, there would not be such a universal belief implanted in the mind and heart of each human, in a Higher Power and a life beyond the grave..."

This belief is exemplified in the constant seeking of man, throughout the ages, for knowledge of a Higher Power which directs his efforts and furnishes a basis for a belief by which a man may live, and also more important in the final analysis, by which he may DIE... All progress in the world, since its beginning, has been founded primarily on a belief in immortality, and only insofar as that belief is held by the majority of the world's people will civilization and the world continue to progress until the ultimate goal of a Christian world has been attained."

SYMPATHY FOR COMRADES

Our heartfelt sympathy is expressed for our comrades who have been called to part with their noble husbands within the past month: Mrs. E. H. Stubblefield of Cando, Mrs. Alex. Reid of Hannah and Mrs. F. T. Kieley of Grafton.

Mr. Stubblefield was an outstanding man in the community, actively interested in every good work and helpful to a large degree.

Mr. Reid was called suddenly by a heart attack. He was a man of sterling worth and his going is a great loss to the community.

Mr. Kieley was a pioneer in Walsh county, a former sheriff, and president of the North Dakota Peace Officers Association. He was a man of the highest principles.

These are days that try men's souls. No wonder even the strongest succumb. But these have "fought a good fight, finished their course and kept the faith." They have entered the rest that remains to the children of God.

"Heaven is nearer to us to-day

A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR WHAT?

In the show window of one of our package liquor stores, has been for some time a so-called birthday cake, decorated with seven good-sized yellow candles and inscribed as follows: "December 5, 1933, Repeal" (in blood red letters) "7th Birthday, December 5, 1940."

So it occurred to me to look back over these seven years and see what there was to rejoice over or celebrate. Read this record:

"The ratio of drunkenness per 100,000 population doubled from 1932 to 1937."

"Federal Board of Investigation. —First admissions to mental hospitals in the United States, because of alcoholic psychosis, increased 24 per cent in one year."

—U. S. Census Bureau. "The nation's greatest disease enemy is alcoholism." — Research Council on Problems of Alcohol.

"Alcohol caused more deaths than any one of the 31 infectious diseases, some of which were formerly veritable scourges." "The rate of alcoholic admissions to Bellevue hospital in New York in 1933 was 163.1 per 100,000 population. Washington's rate was 204.5 per 100,000 population."

—Dr. Laurence Kolb, Assistant Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Dept.

"In 1939, 8.4 per cent of the accidents involving drinking drivers result fatally to 3.1 per cent of all types of motor accidents, which result in death." —New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

"Nevada has 1 liquor dealer to every 94 of its population. California has 1 to every 145 of its citizens. In 1939 motor vehicle accidents numbered 38,424, injuring 53,818. Children killed, 415 and 12,691 injured. Children constituted 14 per cent of the killed and 23 per cent of the injured." —California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Through the years 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940, auto fatalities numbered 176,200, and 5,864,730 people were injured, according to the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. This insurance company goes back to 1776, the beginning of our history as a nation. It says: "Our nation has engaged in six major wars since its birth. In total these wars extended over a period of fifteen years. The number of American soldiers killed in action or wounded during these fifteen years was 244,357."

Then look at our fifteen-year peace time record, 1923 to 1937—441,912.

Fifteen years of war—244,357 killed and wounded. Five years of repeal—176,200 killed and 5,864,730 wounded. All such companies credit drinking drivers with from 50 to 60 per cent of all auto accidents.

Anything in this list to commemorate or tolerate?

—Rose Upton Bascom.

GOD SAVE AMERICA

God, save America.
Land cursed by drink;
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Help her men and women to think.
From the wine glass
And the whiskey,
And the beer mug, white with foam.
God, save America,
And bless our home!

—A. M. Gaston, Richmond, Va.

Nearer it seems, and shorter the way,
It's more our own since its golden street
Feels the tread of our loved one's feet."

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. H. M. MYNSTER, Grand Forks Scandinavian union, who has secured two new members, is reported as a Home-Keeper.

MRS. O. H. KJORLIE, state director Medical Temperance, spoke on the work of her department when the Fargo union met with Mrs. F. W. Pile. Charles Hobbs gave readings.

THE STATE OFFICERS met at Fargo for the mid-year meeting, to plan for district conventions and other work. Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen will continue as acting treasurer for the balance of the year.

SATISFACTORY REPLIES have been received from our Senators and Representatives in Congress to the effect that they will support Senate Bill 860 for the protection of our boys in training camps from alcoholic beverages and legalized vice. We cannot conceive of men worthy of the name who could do otherwise. We trust the bill may be speedily enacted into law.

REV. JOHN C. IRWIN, minister First Methodist Church, Fargo, had the Beneficent Reprobate and Film Slides shown to his church group last month. These impressive pictures were also shown in the Central high school.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE passed a Punch Board bill which Gov. Moses promptly vetoed. Our state officers thanked the Governor for his wise action when he replied in these words: "I appreciate your good letter of March 27 and thank you for it. Please extend my appreciation to the general officers of the W. C. T. U. for their thoughtful action. It is a pleasure to know that the things one does meet with the approval of people who count."

"In the breast of a bulb is the promise of spring;
In the little blue egg is a bird that will sing;
In the soul of a seed is the hope of the sod;
In the heart of a child is the Kingdom of God."
—W. L. Stidger.

Apart from God, no one can either seek or find God, for he who seeks God has already in truth found Him.
—Sebastian Costello.

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A MEMORY SYSTEM

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, whatever its measure;
Remember praise by others won,
And pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid,
And be a grateful debtor.
—The Reaper.

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(Note: This may be sung to the tune of "Grandfather's Clock.")

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Makes the dangers of drinking so clear,

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What a worth-while investment, for boys soon grow up, And before you will know it, they're men!

They will see alcohol everywhere they may go

And the girls will be tempted—it's clear.

But they stop short, thinking of all they've read, And will say, "No beer."

It's a fine little magazine, Young Crusader,

It keeps a child's mind so clean, Young Crusader,

Oh, think, now to whom you can send it,— A gift worth while.

—F. E. M. S.

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