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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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## TREES

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast.

A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts its leafy arms to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

—Joyce Kilmer.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

In this year of 1941, we have gathered from the north, south, east and west of this great state for the 52nd annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We are very happy to celebrate this anniversary in the beautiful city of Minot—a city that in its rapid growth has earned the title of "Magic City of the Mouse River Valley," and referred to as such in the records of former conventions. As we look back into these records we find that Minot has opened its doors of hospitality to our organization on four other occasions. The first state convention to be held here was in 1908 and the state president referred to it as, "An epoch in our history and marks a milestone in the western progress of temperance sentiment in North Dakota." Twelve years later, in 1920, the state celebrated the ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment—the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and also the first year of National Constitutional Prohibition, in this city. That was indeed a gala occasion. Not a new experience for our state that had been dry for 30 years, but an honor and a joy to have the Stars and Stripes proudly wave over a saaloosness nation.

Again in 1928 this great army of White Ribboners returned to Minot to celebrate the 31st annual convention. Prohibition was still the law of the land. When this group returned to this city for the fourth time, in 1935, the 18th Amendment had been repealed and North Dakota had legalized the sale of beer within its borders.

In this year of 1941, we are still in the bondage of the legalized liquor traffic. The propagandists in their concerted effort to bring about repeal proclaimed to the people that the saloon would not return but it would do away with bootlegging and decrease drinking. It would eliminate the criminal element in the liquor



MRS. BESSIE M. DARLING

business and raise the standards of living among all classes. How any citizen who had seen the subversive influence of the liquor industry of pre-prohibition days and who had enjoyed the prosperity of the prohibition era could be so deceived is beyond comprehension.

W. G. Calderwood refers to the prohibition era as "America's Grand Experiment" and states further that this Amendment to the Federal Constitution was adopted by the people of the United States by the most overwhelming expression of public opinion in the history of this or probably of any other nation. Comparing 1914, a typical wet year just before many of the states adopted state-wide prohibition, with 1931, after almost a dozen years of National Prohibition shows a growth and expansion of business—never before experienced in this or any other country. During that period volumes of trade increased 82%, bank deposits 174%, in savings banks 211%, national incomes 94% and average income 56%.

Now after eight years of repeal, the public realizes more fully that no nation can drink itself into prosperity, individual and national happiness, health and security. According to a statement made by our own National President, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, "More has been spent for liquor in the eight years since repeal than the government relief expenditures for the same period. For every dollar the National debt has increased during the repeal era a matching dollar has been spent for whiskey, beer and wine. Expenditures of the American people for liquor and indirect results of liquor since repeal amounted to enough to more than wipe out the entire federal government debt as of January 1941."

It is estimated that liquor interests have invested more than \$200,000,000 in newspaper and magazine advertising since the repeal of the 18th Amendment. That this investment has brought huge dividends is shown by the fact that since April 1933 more than \$25,000,000,000 has been spent for beverage alcohol by the people of the United States, while the liquor business has RETURNED to the people, via Internal Revenue, state and local taxes, wages and payment for raw material and transportation cost, approximately \$18,000,000,000.

The loss to the people by drink-caused crimes, accidents, disease, inefficiency and loss of earning power is placed at not less than \$22,250,000,000.

Drinking has steadily increased in our own state of North Dakota—the state that was born into the union dry. The drink bill for our state for 1939 was \$19,500,000, an increase of almost \$8,000,000 over the estimate of 1937. The above figures were compiled by the Consolidated Drys and are the results of charging the consumer a conservative price per gallon for 5,000,000 gallons of beer reported by the Tax Commissioner and the 816,653 gallons of other liquor stamped by the state treasurer. Consider what this sum would do if spent for the comfort and welfare of our citizens. It would pay hundreds of dollars in back taxes, pay off mortgages on farms and city homes; provide food, clothing, shelter and fuel for the needy, the aged, and the unemployed. It would provide higher education for the youth of our state that now are denied that privilege for lack of funds.

Yet when our legislature met this past winter at our state capitol it was impossible to muster enough votes in either house to pass any dry legislation that would change conditions in our state. This subversive element has gained a terrific hold upon the politics of our land. Their method is via false propaganda whereby they were able to discredit prohibition. They are spending huge sums of money to convince our legislators as well as the public that we must have their revenue and that it has brought back prosperity. How long will our people continue to be so deceived? It is the most corrupt and law-defying industry in all the world and has no defense.

Bob Ingersoll said of it, "It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crime, the mother of all abominations, the curse of all curses, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

Judge Wofford of Kansas City Municipal Court says, "Four-fifths of the time of this court is taken up with crimes caused by whiskey. Every day men are swimming to the penitentiary through liquor."

People talk about the right to drink liquor; what about the right to be safe on the streets? Reports of the state traffic authorities indicate that

one out of every five fatal accidents involve either a driver or a pedestrian who has been drinking. More than a million were maimed last year in automobile accidents and 34,400 were killed. This not only brings sorrow and suffering but involves great material losses and heavy costs. Highway accidents are not the only accidents where alcohol plays a part. In this nation in 1939, there were 64,000 other accidental deaths and 7,900,000 cases of injury—home, occupational and others of a public character (not motor vehicle).

A recent study made in Illinois indicates that an automobile driver with .15 of 1% or more alcohol in his blood is 55 times more liable to have an accident than a driver with no alcohol in his blood. A study of home accidents developed the fact that at least 5 per cent of these involved intoxication. The National Safety Council estimates that the economic loss caused by home accident injuries—wage loss, medical expenses and overhead cost of insurance amounted in 1939 to approximately \$600,000,000 of which five per cent equals \$30,000,000 and 1940 is slightly higher. Safety programs are continually being stressed but very little is said about the principal factor—beverage alcohol.

With each year of repeal, we see the growing need to teach, "What alcohol is and what it does." Statistics show there are 56,000 new cases of chronic alcoholism developed each year in the United States. The total number of chronic alcoholics in the nation runs upward to 900,000 souls and is climbing. Alcohol is judged by competent observers to be the most common single cause of insanity today. Is it right to license a man to make public charges of some men and then to tax sober men to take care of them? Since repeal alcoholism has increasingly challenged the attention of the medical profession according to Dr. Merrill Moore of the Boston City Hospital, "Alcoholism along with tuberculosis and syphilis can be classed among the major problems in public health."

Bascom Johnson in an article written for the Union Signal last January said in part, "The efforts of the social hygienists to promote high standards of behavior—and to prevent the spread of venereal diseases has been hindered and in some degrees thwarted by the failure of society to solve its liquor problem."

Much of our nation's future depends upon the health and character of its citizens. Alcohol is an enemy of both and yet huge sums of money are spent annually to convince the public and especially the women and youth that to drink is the way to happiness and popularity. To be smart one must drink.

It is for that reason that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has continued its program of agita-

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### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

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tion and education for total abstinence. We believe as did our sainted leader, "It is a glorious thing to go to the rescue of wrecked and ruined manhood with the lifeboat of reform, but far better to build a lighthouse on the sunken reef, warning the unskilled voyager of his danger."

The Repealists said the saloon would not return and they were right, it did not, but the "new tavern" was born and our National president has defined it as, "An agency of dissipation and potential immorality for which the average saloon keeper of other days would have blushed to be responsible."

Four hundred twenty thousand outlets that are bidding for the youth of today. Surely and steadily this foe from within is breaking down the moral fiber of our nation. Our annual crime bill is about \$120 for every man, woman and child. This represents four hundred per cent more than we annually spend for education, it equals our annual food bill and exceeds the amount annually paid in Federal, State and Municipal taxes. What a disgrace to any nation such as ours that twenty per cent of our crime is committed by persons who have not reached the voting age.

Samuel B. Wenger, Chaplain of the State Prison of Southern Michigan, testifies: "Over a three-year period I have interviewed some 8,000 men received at this prison, of all races and creeds, varying in age from 17 to more than 80. More than 90% admit liquor drinking. Nearly 60% admitted that they were heavily intoxicated when crime was committed."

Referring again to the great increase in juvenile crime, the responsibility of this very serious condition lies at the doorstep of the American home. It is the Christian duty of all parents, not only to train their children and discipline them but also to guide them along paths of righteousness. The home should be a place of culture and refinement built upon honor and respect. The mother who reigns there must seek to so live that her life may count for good and right influences. Frances Willard once said, "Woman is the mercury in the thermometer of the race. Her status shows to what degree the race has risen out of the dust."

In too many homes today the cocktail plays a very important part in the social lives of the individuals and from such homes comes the new problem—the drinking woman. The secretary of the Keeley Institute at Dwight Ill., has stated that the number of woman patients has increased about ninety per cent since 1933. Eighty per cent of these are married, seventy-four per cent of them are housewives. What will this mean to the next generation? It will mean that the children conceived in drunkenness will be generally robbed of their right to a fair start in life; it will

mean that many of the nation's future citizens will be born with an appetite for beverage alcohol; in many cases born with mental and physical defects that will handicap them for life.

As "Organized Mother-love" let us seek to put the American home on the high plane where it rightfully belongs. May it truly be as Frances Willard said, "Home—if it be the shrine we love to call it, demands not only a pure priestess, but a priest as pure, to keep its sacred alters bright. It is not enough that women should be homemakers but they must make the world a larger home."

Three closely associated allies of the liquor industry are gambling, commercialized vice and salacious literature. The former has cost the people of the United States \$6,000,000,000 a year. The second is causing an annual waste of \$500,000,000. Protest alone will not clean up our newspapers but with state law enforcing officer who is seeking cooperation from the right-thinking citizens of our state, North Dakota could rid our stands of filthy publications.

Today, as we face the threat of war and the need to prepare for defense from foreign invasion, we need to awaken to the dangers that are threatening our national liberties from within. In this critical hour when nation has turned against nation, when minds and hearts are confused and filled with fear, we need strong bodies, clear minds and mental alertness to meet every emergency. For the first time in the history of our nation, we have a peace time conscription of our man power and thousands of the nation's strongest and healthiest boys have answered the call—to train for the defense of our nation.

Our Army, Navy and Marines are daily made stronger by additional manpower. Vast sums are spent for armaments, planes and ships. Billions spent for defense but no limitation on the manufacture or sale of beverage alcohol—that can defeat defense.

During the last world war the Anti-Canteen act of 1901 was in effect and it was unlawful to sell any intoxicating liquor including beer, ale or wine to any officer or member of the military forces while in uniform. The secretaries of the War and Navy Departments of 1917 were determined that liquor should have no place in the Army and Navy.

The Army in 1933 authorized the sale of beer, "it being deemed non-intoxicating." After an absence of thirty-two years beer came back to the Army. That is the condition that our trainees face today. In this age of mechanized warfare there is greater need for clear minds and steady hands.

We have the word of several officers regarding the booze business via army life. It was grand old General Pershing who led our forces in the first world war, that said, "I shall not go slow on prohibition for I know what is the greatest foe of my men—greater than the enemy." Old Bismarck, who made modern Germany, put it just as forcefully in these words: "Beer makes a man dumb." Kaiser William, II, Pershing's enemy in 1917, said to his troops: "The next war will require of you sound nerves—these are undermined by alcohol. The nation that drinks the least will be victorious."

We need only to turn back the pages of history to be reminded that this same foe has been responsible for the downfall of other nations. The most recent one is the tragic experience of France. "For eight months before the war became active the French soldiers drank very heavily," a spokesman said, "and military authorities blame the wide spread of intoxication for much of the moral col-

lapse of the soldiers." It could happen here for America is on the high road to become the greatest drinking nation in the world. Let us take heed, to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Ever since the peace time Selective Service Act was passed last September, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has put on a vigorous campaign to have some legislation enacted by Congress whereby the boys of 1941 would be given the same protection as their fathers had in 1917. The late Senator Morris Sheppard was deeply concerned with the problem of National Defense and shortly before his "Home-going," he introduced a bill in the Senate known as S860 that would defend our Defenders from the exploitation of the liquor business and its closely associated evil, commercialized prostitution. Letters, telegrams and petitions from parents, churches and interested friends have flooded the executive and legislative offices in Washington but up to the present time no action has been taken on this bill.

It is to the interest of the wets to defeat this bill as has been explained in an editorial in the Brewers Digest of May 1941: "One of the finest things that could have happened to the Brewing Industry was the insistence by high ranking Army officers to make beer available to Army camps—here is a chance for the brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population."

Yes, this money made industry wants this business and will spend huge sums of money to keep it in spite of the well known fact that alcohol ruins health and demoralizes character. Christian America, are we going to give our sons in defense from foes from without and have them betrayed and destroyed by a more deadly foe from within?

We are not concerned only with our boys in training camps but we are concerned about all of America's youth, our first line of defense. They have no greater enemy than beverage alcohol. It should be banished from American life.

Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University at the opening address of the school year pointed out the real trouble maker in the world when he said, "Everything I am trying to build up as an educationalist, alcoholic drinking tends to tear down. Am I trying to develop young men mentally? Alcohol destroys mentality—Am I trying to build up young men morally? Alcohol is a potent cause of crime and immorality. Am I trying to stabilize young men's control? Alcohol unbalances the judgment and disorganizes the emotions. The natural results of a college education and of consuming alcohol are represented by divergently opposite poles."

We praise God for the youth that has sought to defend itself. That group of high school students in Illinois who protested against the establishment of a tavern in their immediate vicinity. The Student Council secured the signature of every student and then enlisted the help of parents and friends and thereby won their point.

The thousands of young people of Texas who paraded the streets of Austin and later appeared in the halls of the state capitol to protest against the liquor traffic in Texas. Legislators were so impressed that the bill sponsored by the young people passed the house by a very large majority. Solving the liquor problem of the present day will take the concerted efforts of all the Christian people but united we can hasten the victory.

The Youth's Temperance Council of our own organization with its great program, "Building a Christian World," is growing in strength and

number each year. We call upon the young people of our own state to rise up against this insidious enemy in our midst that is destroying the finest and best qualities in our youth today. We call upon all of America's youth today to turn to the Christ way of life from which will come a true conception of the power and wisdom of God, a finer sense of democracy and a higher plane of living. Banded together in groups in every city, town and hamlet, they would represent a powerful force for good and "would take the world for Christ's own Kingdom—some glad day."

As we face these conditions in our own land and the turmoil and chaos of the world, we call upon all church women to join with us in this peaceful warfare against beverage alcohol. That with combined strength and effort we may safeguard the thirty million children of our own United States from the dangers that threaten their lives. Let us bear in mind the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

\* We thank God that our nation has been spared the suffering that comes with war and we pray earnestly for God's Peace to descend upon the whole troubled world. Words come to us from that old hymn:

"This is my Father's world

O let me ne'er forget

That tho' the wrong seems oft so

strong

God is the Ruler yet."

All is not well in His world today but we, the Christian people could, if we would, work great changes if united in purpose and in action. We of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union believe that these twin destroyers of life and liberty—namely WAR and beverage ALCOHOL—can and must be abolished.

As we stand at the threshold of this new era that will bring a new order, we believe that Love, Justice and Sobriety must rule and it is to that end that we reaffirm our belief in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for our nation.

It is to that end that we rededicate our lives to the service of God and Humanity. As we march forward with renewed zeal, we will work and sacrifice as did our forefathers that our country may truly be the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

BESSIE M. DARLING.

Grand Forks, N. D.

### RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the 52nd annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled at Minot Sept. 23 to 25, 1941, at a time of unprecedented world conflict reverently and humbly express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of Christian civilization which thus far we have been permitted to enjoy.

DEFENSE. We dedicate ourselves to the defense of our nation in order to preserve for ourselves and for the world those ideals of government upon which our nation was founded. We call upon our members to make necessary sacrificial efforts for America's defense, and to cooperate in a program of National Righteousness. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands unalterably opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic liquors (which include beer) in our training camps, canteens, or adjacent territory because of their injurious effects upon the morals and efficiency of those who are being trained to defend America.

U. S. O. We gladly cooperate with the U. S. O. and similar organizations where their efforts provide clean recreation and moral surround-

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in bank September 10, 1940.....	\$ 13.07
Balance Savings and accrued interest.....	222.86
<b>Total balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 235.93</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Women's dues (1154 members).....	\$ 807.80
Willard dues (35 members).....	35.00
Y. T. C. dues (37 members).....	18.50
Loyal Temperance Legion dues (376 members).....	37.60
<b>Total dues .....</b>	<b>\$ 898.90</b>
Budget.....	\$ 915.90
District Pledges.....	100.00
Convention Collections.....	46.40
State Reports sold.....	20.25
White Ribbon Bulletin Subscriptions.....	1.50
Light Line.....	10.00
Medals.....	21.45
National Temperance Education Fund.....	534.80
Newspaper Publicity.....	158.62
Field Work Collections.....	56.95
Anna Gordon Missionary Fund.....	6.22
Interest accrued on savings during year.....	6.98
Miscellaneous.....	15.14
Literature and Pins.....	41.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,936.68</b>
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3,071.61</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Headquarters Expense.....	\$ 328.78
White Ribbon Bulletin.....	372.54
Literature and medals.....	96.75
Postage.....	98.79
Exchange on checks.....	11.49
Printing and supplies.....	133.80
National Women's dues.....	115.40
National Youth's Temperance Council dues.....	3.70
National Loyal Temperance Legion dues.....	18.80
Expenses National and State meetings.....	93.96
Appropriations state officers.....	375.55
Light Line.....	10.00
Willard Memorial Fund.....	72.00
Stevens Legislative Fund.....	626.78
National Temperance Education Fund.....	155.49
Newspaper Publicity.....	24.75
Expenses Efficiency directors.....	164.07
Field work.....	6.22
Anna Gordon Missionary Fund.....	60.00
Editor White Ribbon Bulletin.....	36.80
Miscellaneous.....	36.80
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$2,841.67</b>
Balance in bank Sept. 10, 1941.....	\$ .00
Balance savings and accrued interest.....	229.84
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,071.61</b>
ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN, Acting Treasurer.	

## MRS. ANDERSON BEREAVED

Our comrades everywhere will extend tender sympathy to our beloved honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, in the Home-going of her devoted husband, Rev. James Anderson, Sept. 15, following an illness of several months. For forty-nine years Mr. Anderson was a faithful minister in the North Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church, holding pastorates at Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, and other points and served as Superintendent of the Fargo District. He was a preacher of power and persuasion and many entered the Christian life under his ministry.

Actively interested in every righteous cause, he was especially devoted to the temperance cause, standing by his gifted wife in all her work. He was a frequent visitor at state conventions and was with us last year at Fargo. His prayers there for our work will be remembered as he seemed to lead us very near to the Throne of Grace.

Like St. Paul, James Anderson "has fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith," henceforth he has received his crown. "Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past; The battle's fought, the race is won, And thou art crowned at last."

At this writing Mrs. Anderson's plans for the future have not been completed. She will remain for a time at the Convalescent Home at 1001 Ninth Street, Fargo, where she had been for several weeks with Mr. Anderson. Her calm endurance and triumphant Christian faith were an inspiration to us all. She fully realizes that "Life is ever lord of death—

And Love can never lose its own."

Mrs. Anderson wishes to express her sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many kind messages and flowers sent her during the time of her late husband's illness and at the funeral service.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, President National W. C. T. U., sent the following telegram: "National W. C. T. U. as well as every Christian cause is bereft in the passing of James Anderson. Beloved sympathy for our friend Elizabeth. We rejoice in the Christian hope of reunion."

## AN APPRECIATION

To the Editor:

The movement for a rebirth of the North Dakota spirit is timely and Governor Moses, Spencer Boise and their assistants should receive 100 per cent co-operation from all loyal North Dakotans.

Just what is meant by the North Dakota spirit will doubtless be made clear and re-emphasized many times in this campaign. To clarify her own mind, the writer has been recalling the spirit of the early pioneers. Coming to Cass county in 1880, we found the first winter, a scarcity of many things which had been considered necessities. We learned to eat cake, and like it, made without butter or eggs. Many settlers burned "buffalo chips" and twisted hay to keep their shacks, sod houses or dugouts comfortable in subzero weather. Our only dictator was stern necessity, and his rationing was accepted with courage and good cheer.

The settler who moved in 10 or 15 miles away was considered a neighbor and was visited and looked after. Many lonely cabins on the prairie

## REPORT OF ACTING TREASURER

August 15 to September 10, 1941

STATE DUES: Oakes 1; Glover 1; Rugby 3; Grand Forks 8; Grafton 12; Williston 13; Valley City 2; Fargo Scandinavian 2; Ray 10; Ellendale 1; Larimore 4; Wildrose 7; Fargo 7; Epping 8.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 2.  
BUDGET IN PART: Edinburg, Ray.  
BUDGET IN FULL: Rugby, Minnewaukan, Bottineau, Steele.

N. T. E. F.: Northeast Dist. \$19.00 (Mr. Snowfield, \$5.00; Soper Ladies Aid \$5.00; Forest River ladies \$9.00); Glover \$3.00; Flasher \$3.00; Pembina \$5.00 (Judge Knoeshaw); Parshall \$3.00; Monango \$3.00; Stanley \$3.00; Bismarck \$3.00; Stady-Zahl \$10.00 (life membership Mrs. Kari Bendixon); Dickinson \$3.00; Sawyer \$3.00; Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson \$10.00; Fargo \$4.50; Bottineau \$3.00; Valley City \$3.00; West Fairview \$3.00; Ellendale \$3.00; Steele \$3.50; Jamestown \$3.00.

WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION, 1.

STATE REPORTS SOLD: 5.  
ANNA GORDON MISSIONARY FUND: Flasher \$2.00.

LITERATURE AND PINS: \$1.00.  
SPEECH CONTEST MEDALS: \$6.15.

This is my last report as acting treasurer, the annual report will be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin. I desire to express here my appreciation of the cooperation and help I have received from the local unions during the eight months I have been acting treasurer, and bespeak the same consideration for the new treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum. From now on all money should be sent to her at Box 1366, Fargo, N. D.

Thank you.  
MRS ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,  
Acting Treasurer.

kept a light in the window through long winter nights to guide the traveler, as there were no roads and no fences. Although there was sometimes not much to eat and sleeping accommodations were extremely limited, there was a genuine hospitality that made beds on the floor restful, and a piece of bread and a cup of tea a feast.

Grasshoppers, drouth and frosts took their toll of crops and sometimes brought disaster. A spirit of sturdy independence made it possible for these pioneers to courageously bear hardships and also made it impossible for them to accept help from public funds. They did accept a good turn from a neighbor and repaid in kind. Their morale was unbroken because they had faith in this country, faith in themselves, and above all, faith in God.

The education of their children, at any sacrifice, was one of their first concerns, and as a result the public school system of North Dakota is one of which any state might well be proud. They realized also that education of the head was not enough—that righteousness alone exalts a people, and they planned and gave generously to support churches, Sunday schools and Christian institutions.

The villages were usually built along the railroads, and beside the depot, the first public buildings were a general store, a blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, church and a saloon. The pioneers were clear headed enough to see that the saloon benefited no one, and that it destroyed what the home, the school and the church tried to build—character, integrity and all the highest human values. Consequently they voted it out in 1889 and North Dakota came into the Union of States with a provision in its constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Our three boys enlisted in the World war. Two of them were sacrificed in that conflict which proved to be the war to breed wars. One bright memory of those tragic days is a letter received from a prominent citizen of Charlotte, N. C. He told of their apprehension when they learned that a regiment from the wild and woolly west was coming to train at Camp Green, and of their subsequent amazement at the quiet sobriety and gentlemanly character and conduct of the boys from North Dakota. He said these soldiers formed 50 per cent of the attendance at the Charlotte churches Sunday morning and that they had captured the city! Prohibition paid large dividends and will again. The drop of more than \$8,000 in the amount of money spent in the state during the last fiscal year for hard liquor may be the straw that indicates the direction of the wind.

By all means let us work and pray for a rebirth of the North Dakota spirit.

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson, in Fargo Forum, Sept. 6, 1941.

## BETWEEN OURSELVES

Dear Comrades:

With this issue I complete fifteen years as editor of the Bulletin. Failing sight compels me to turn over the work to someone else who shall be appointed at the state convention. I bespeak for her the same kindly consideration you have always shown me. Only send her more news items. It is not that we would boast of our work but that others by our example may be encouraged to greater activity.

I had looked forward to meeting you all again at Minot, the home of two dear sisters, hoping to see and hear again our dear Miss Palmer. It will be the first state convention I have missed in thirty-five years. But I shall pray that God may richly bless the meeting with His Presence and that a new spirit of consecration for service may come upon us all.

Let us stand by our faithful state president and other officers. They are giving us their best—let us give them in return our constant co-operation. With the National Temperance Education Fund out of the way, we should go forward to greater achievement. We must see that the children and young people are educated in temperance principles, that more unions are organized, that new women are found to take the places of those who have dropped out for various reasons and that we have a forward march all along the line.

Let me call your attention to the excellent article for Appreciation week in another column, written by our Mrs. Anderson. Watching by the bedside of her late husband, her devotion to the state and its interests led her to turn aside to voice this clarion call to us all. May we all heed the call and unite to work and pray for the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law, that at no distant day, the liquor traffic may again be driven from our beloved state.

Affectionately your comrade,

BARBARA H. WYLIE.

FLASHER union is bereft in the passing of Mrs. Julia Bollinger who was called Home August 19, in her eightieth year. It was characteristic of her that she requested no flowers at her funeral rites but instead donations to a special charity.

"Oh, suns and skies and clouds of June  
And flowers of June together,  
Ye cannot equal for one hour  
October's bright, blue weather."

## THE STATE CONVENTION

The rain which fell heavily in Minot as the 52nd annual convention assembled, could neither dampen the enthusiasm of the delegates nor chill the warmth of the welcome they received. The gleam of the \$5000 gold star at the top of the state flag, prominently displayed at the front of the fine Presbyterian church where the meetings were held, cast a glow of satisfaction over every face. To have finished the task of raising North Dakota's share of the National Temperance Education Fund was a real accomplishment, and many eyes were moist as the women sang the Dology at the Gold Star service.

The dinner held Tuesday evening, September 23, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Beautifully decorated tables, showing the convention theme of "The Child in the Midst," fine music, excellent food, witty and warmhearted welcomes, and a stirring address by the president of the Minot Teachers' College, made the occasion memorable. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, former state president, served as toastmistress, introducing speakers and telling stories in her own happy fashion. Mr. Phillip Ellithorpe, who is director of vocal music in the high school, gave vocal numbers and led in community singing. Mr. C. A. Waldron, husband of the convention organist, had written clever words in honor of officers and guests which were delightfully sung by the banqueters. The W. C. T. U. trio, composed of Mesdames J. H. Mackley, Leon Ellithorpe and G. C. Saunderson gave a vocal number and sang again during the convention. Edith Colton rendered a violin solo, accompanied by her mother at the piano. The delegates were welcomed for the churches by the Rev. G. C. Saunderson, Methodist pastor; for the city by Mayor V. E. Sanberg; for the schools by City Superintendent L. A. White; for the district by the new president, Mrs. F. T. Brooks; and for Minot union by its president, Mrs. C. F. Truax. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie responded for the delegates. Dr. C. C. Swain of the college addressed the group on the subject of "Spiritual Values in Education." He said that schools of today do recognize eternal values, though they perhaps have emphasized the money value of an education a little too much. It is important to place the emphasis upon the value of a life. He quoted "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God," commenting that it takes no brains to say that. The smartest thing Youth can do is to follow the straight and narrow path. His listeners were heartened by his declaration that a school may be a Christian institution when supported by a state instead of a church, and of his unswerving purpose to administer that type of school.

Wednesday morning the convention proper was called to order by the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling. An uplifting devotional service was held by the state director of Evangelistic work, Mrs. C. E. Erickson, and Mrs. Mae Brudevold led the salute to the flag. Greetings were received from Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, who was absent from the state convention for the first time in 35 years, because of impaired vision. Loving greetings of sympathy were ordered sent to her, to Mrs. Robert B. Reed, and to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, recently bereaved by the death of her husband, the Rev. James Anderson. Greetings were also sent to all absent members of the Executive committee and several other friends.

An impressive Service of Remembrance was conducted by the state president. Mrs. Mackley sang "I Will Meet You In The Morning Over There," and also "The Great White

Host" in Norwegian and in English. The flowers presented in memory of departed comrades and friends by Mrs. Wilder and the district presidents added their beauty to the remainder of the convention.

The usual reports of the corresponding secretary, treasurer, secretaries of the L. T. L. and Y. T. C., and the district presidents were received and gave evidence of much persistent labor for the cause. The report of the Union Signal Promoter, Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, showed that the state had more than met its quota of subscriptions to the official organ.

The president's recommendations were discussed and adopted. Ribbons of honor were given to the women present who helped secure the 94 new members gained. An interesting feature of the afternoon session was the talk on Safety, given by the superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, Mr. J. D. Jeffery of Bismarck, who was accompanied by Patrolman Upham. Mr. Jeffery told of service the patrolmen give to motorists in trouble, and said the road signs such as "Slow" and "Stop" mean what they say and should be observed for our own protection. He also spoke of the menace to safety of the drinking driver. Referring to casualties on the roads he said, "Drink causes many, speed causes many, but selfishness causes most." He urged the following of the Golden Rule as the best safety measure.

Mrs. C. W. Baumann led the worship service preceding the address Wednesday evening given by Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, National Director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, who demonstrated "A New Approach to an Old Problem." Using a blackboard and other equipment to appeal to the eye, she showed how she gave a lesson on alcohol. With a brown bottle and a measuring glass, and with pots of growing grass, she showed amounts of alcohol in different drinks and the effect of that amount of the narcotic upon living things; at the same time she gave a wealth of information on related subjects that was truly valuable. She said that opium and marijuana are the narcotics that furnish the chief problems of the Eastern world, but alcohol is the worst narcotic of the West. North Dakota is the only state so far in which two teachers colleges give credits toward a degree for studies in Alcohol Education.

Thursday morning Mrs. Iver Fossum of Fargo conducted the devotions and Mrs. R. E. Taylor of Fortuna led the flag salute. The directors present gave reports showing a wealth of work in many lines, done by the faithful unions of the state. Mrs. Wanner showed a number of excellent posters made by school children in different parts of the state, and announced the prize winners.

Echoes of the recent National Convention were given by some who attended. Mrs. J. W. Scott gave an enthusiastic account of Youth's Night. Mrs. Sophie Swarstad told of the great opening devotional service, which was what she enjoyed most, and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder gave vivid word pictures of the officials and speakers who made up the convention Who's Who. At the close of her talk she told of when Mrs. Darling received the gold star on our flag. The names of all Gold Star unions in the state were read, and those present received white ribbons bearing a golden star.

To the pleasure of all, Jacqueline Lorraine Erickson, four months old, was brought forward to be dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit by her mother, Mrs. Ivan Erickson and her grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Erickson. In the afternoon, the convention hostesses were introduced and the delegates heartily cheered the capable

women whose fine management had made the annual meeting such a success. The continuing rain which had prevented the attendance of many who had planned to drive was the only convention problem they could not solve.

All general officers were re-elected with the exception of treasurer. Mrs. Robert B. Reed, who had served for several years, because of illness resigned early in the year, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lundhagen, kept the accounts till the books closed. Mrs. Iver Fossum of Fargo, the new treasurer, is well qualified by experience and personality to fill this exacting office. To the regret of all, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie finds it impossible to continue as editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin and Mrs. Frank Beasley was named to care for that work for this year.

The resolutions were read and adopted. The name of Mrs. William Kadell was added to the list of Memorial Memberships, and Mrs. W. G. Dickson of Gilby was made a Life Member.

The vice president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder presided the last evening. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, and a Peart medal contest was held, in which Daryl Urness of Alkabo, Avis Haga of Northwood, Arne Soren and Robert Herzberg, both of Grand Forks, were the contestants. The selections and delivery of all were excellent, and the medal was awarded to Robert Herzberg. The fine, comprehensive annual address of the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was received with deep appreciation by the audience, and was given a rising vote of thanks. It appears complete elsewhere in this paper. Mrs. R. E. Taylor asked for the collection.

The meetings were blessed with good music throughout. In addition to those already mentioned, Mrs. Mackley and Mrs. A. F. McLane sang "Open the Gates of the Temple"; the Rev. G. C. Saunderson played two fine cello numbers, accompanied by Mr. Q. Lyon at the piano; Miss Mary Allen sang "We Give Thee Thanks" and young Catherine Truax played a violin solo, with eleven-year-old Lois Ann Lefebvre at the piano. A vocal solo with auto harp accompaniment was played and sung by Mrs. N. E. West, fine piano numbers were rendered by Mrs. Willard H. Strahl, and three college girls—Joyce White, Betty Cline and Peggy Gorman—gave vocal trio numbers. All these, with the many prayers offered by consecrated women, helped to make the convention a time of spiritual uplift as well as a period of routine business and discussion, with all members cheerfully doing the duties assigned them.

Husbands introduced who brought their wives to the convention included the Rev. J. W. Frisbie of Hettinger, E. C. Stone of Makoti and Mr. Miller of Parshall. At the close of the last evening meeting, the delegates clasped hands and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

## RESOLUTIONS

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ings for men in the military camps. SAFEGUARD YOUTH. We declare that it is likewise essential that young people in our nation who are not in camps shall have the same safeguards. To this end, we resolve that we will carry on our regular W. C. T. U. program to protect the youth and to rid our communities of liquor and vice.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND PROHIBITION. We reaffirm our conviction that the remedy for the evils of liquor is total abstinence on the part of the individual, and Governmental Prohibition of the traffic in beer-

age alcohol. We declare our purpose to cooperate with the N. D. Consolidated Drys in their legislative program to outlaw the traffic in our state.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION. Methods of alcohol education should give a program of community service; we recommend the use of slides and movies at these meetings, and that we work through all available channels which recognize the effects of alcoholic liquors on public health, morals, safety, and economic conditions.

GAMBLING. We protest gambling in every form, including Bank Nights at movies, and are definitely opposed to raising private or public funds through lotteries.

NARCOTICS. We shall continue to educate concerning the harmful effects of all habit-forming drugs and narcotics, and to promote and support adequate anti-narcotic legislation.

SALACIOUS LITERATURE. We commend our Attorney General for his efforts to rid North Dakota of salacious literature and urge all citizens to wage a relentless war against its production, sale and distribution.

DEDICATION. We consecrate ourselves anew to labor and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God upon earth through the development of our spiritual natures and the elimination of stumbling blocks which hinder.

THANKS. We extend most hearty thanks to the pastor and trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Minot for the use of their commodious building; to the local union for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience; to the ladies who provided the dinner; to all the musicians for their enjoyable numbers, especially to Mrs. Waldron our faithful organist; to the members who furnished and arranged the beautiful flowers; to the citizens who welcomed us and opened their homes to us; to the press for the space given to reports of our meetings; to the guest of honor, Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer for the help and inspirations she brought to us; and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of this Fifty-second annual convention.

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