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**Everywhere, Everywhere
Christmas Tonight**

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white.
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ Child who comes is the Master of all,
No palace too great and no cottage too small;
The angels who welcome Him sing from the height
In the city of David, a King in his might.
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers:
The first two months of our new fiscal year are now past. I have been greatly encouraged and pleased with the fine progress some of our unions have made in that time. Our new treasurer reports that some have paid their budget in full, others in part and that some money has come in for the "Second Mile" project. Let every union do its part so we can put "Our own house" in order.

Our 1941 Thanksgiving day is in the past but memories of it linger with us; the joyful gathering of families and friends—the bountiful harvest that we have enjoyed in our state this year—but more than that the peace, freedom and justice that we are privileged to enjoy. Even as we raised our voices in thanksgiving to God, our Creator and our Redeemer, for all these blessings, our hearts were filled with sympathy for the suffering humanity in the war torn nations.

We are beginning to realize more fully that we are in the midst of a great defense program. Taxes of all kinds are being enacted and financial burdens will increase steadily.

According to the Los Angeles Times: "This country of 130,000,000—plus—people is now consuming nearly 2,000,000,000 gallons of licensed alcoholic liquor every year. The over-the-counter cost to American consumers is approximately \$4,000,000,000

Christmas Greetings

"And lo! the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. Matt. 2:9.

May the stars of this December remind us anew of the message of the Star of the East. May your own hearts be lighter as you strive to bring comfort and happiness to all children, for the sake of the Christmas Child.

THE STATE OFFICERS.

annually, according to the federal alcohol administration.

The economic loss to the country, expressed only in diminished or destroyed earning power of drinkers, is about \$20,000,000,000 a year according to such authorities as Dr. H. M. Pollock, statistician for the New York State Department of Health. Loss in production, always of much higher value than the wages paid for it, is probably not less than \$50,000,000,000 a year or considerably more than the highest estimate of PEAK DEFENSE EFFORT.

"The United States is the only major power affected by the war which has taken no steps to curtail the consumption of intoxicating liquor as a measure for increasing efficiency in production;" and we might add, "or for increasing efficiency in our Army and Navy." With facts like these surely no one will doubt the great need for more workers in our organization on a sound financial basis, that our work may go on unhampered.

I shall watch with interest for the reports of unions who observed the November Roll Call. May we have an increased number of Hold Fast unions this year.

I would urge that district presidents try to do some field work in their own districts. The state is unable to keep a worker in the field all the time but district presidents can do the ground work at much less expense and they know the needs of their own districts.

I am happy to report a new union at Mott, organized on Nov. 6 by Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, our state secretary of L. T. L. Mott is located in Hettinger county which is an unorganized county. This small group of women saw the need of such an organization and immediately took steps to form one. We congratulate them for their foresight and wish for them a great success in their new work. Mrs. M. L. Phillips is the new president.

A number of LTL's are in the mak-

ing and may we pray earnestly for leaders that the children of our state may be taught the TRUTH about alcohol.

Read carefully the new membership Plans as submitted by Mrs. Iver Fossum our new membership chairman. Study the plans for writing the story about our state star. Begin early to gather material so that we may have a large number of stories.

We welcome Mrs. C. E. Stowell of Valley City, who has accepted the leadership of the Soldiers and Sailors department. She has two sons in the army and is deeply interested in the welfare of all our defenders.

Cooperate with her in every way to promote the work for Soldiers and Sailors. Let us continually seek to arouse sentiment for the passage of S.860.

Let us make this a banner year for institutes in our state. There is no better way to learn more about our organization and its numerous departments. Every union should hold an institute as a school of methods to familiarize its membership with the various departments and thus help each member to find her place in the organization. It is also recommended that districts hold institutes.

As we plan for that greatest of all days—the birthday of the Christ-child, let us resolve to bring happiness to some one less fortunate. "Peace on earth, Good Will to men", seems so meaningless in this troubled world, where nations have turned against nations. We can however bring some measure of peace into our own hearts by sharing with the poor, the unfortunate, the sick and shut-ins.

As we lift our hearts in gratitude for Our Father's great gift, the Christ-child, may we pray earnestly that through Him, we may be given the wisdom, courage, power and strength to help right the wrongs that we know exist in our state and nation.

So, dear comrades, may your

THE STABLE

I am so glad He was not born
In some rich palace bed;
I am so glad to know it was
A lowly place instead;
A place where soft-eyed cows and sheep
were sheltered and were fed.
For to the country-born of earth
A stable will ever be
A wholesome place when night comes down
With its tranquility;
A place of heart's ease and content
For all who choose to see.
And so I like to think of Him
First opening His eyes
In that good elemental place
Beneath the friendly skies;
That the men of the fields could find
Him there
As well as the great and wise.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

WORLD'S BEST SELLER

By Dr. John W. Holland
To be the author of a "best seller" book today, is to make a fortune, and the favorite writer of fiction can live in luxury and pay fifty cents for three prunes for breakfast.

The world's best seller, fortunately, is the Bible of Christendom. More copies of it were printed last year than of any other three books. Despite attacks, despite atheism, Bible buyers are on the increase.

The Bible is criticised most severely by those who read it least. Because of the difficulty of understanding some parts of it, some people wave it aside. Yet no person has ever read it and communed with its deepest and purest thoughts, but whose mind has been broadened, and whose soul has been bettered.

Once it was an American custom to read the Bible aloud at the family fireside each day.

Our best laws have had their origin in the Bible. As the Jewish people advanced in culture and humanity, their harsher laws were softened until finally, love was announced as the "fulfilling of the Law." The Law of Moses became the cornerstone of the State. Webster, Lincoln and Garfield bore eloquent testimony to the Bible as a source of wisdom.

Mothers can do no finer thing than

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Christmas be one of joy, peace and happiness. May our program of agitation, education, organization and legislation go forward to a glorious victory with liberty and justice for all.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
God is not dead, and doth not sleep!
The wrong shall fall, the right prevail,
With "Peace on earth, Goodwill to men."
Yours in Loving Service,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

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WORLD'S BEST SELLER

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to read to their children the stories of Joseph, Moses, and Ruth. There is something strangely powerful in the romance and chivalry of the Bible heroes for growing children.

How we all love poetry! It is the best and most enduring part of any literature. Poetry grows out of the dreams of what we would like to have, or be, and arises out of the sorrows we have experienced, and have learned to smile over. There is no book that has so many chaste figures of poetic beauty as the Bible.

The Bible assumes that men and women can do better than they are if they will. We love people who make us desire to be better and wiser than we are. We like books that mock our ignorance and inspire us to harder study. We admire people more cul-

tured than we are. In the Bible we have the history of a people who journeyed from slaves and warriors to the height where they dreamed mankind's finest dreams of peace and goodness.

The American people have been called a people of two books—the pocket book and the spelling book. But our moral and spiritual life has been due to the Book of Books, and in no way can we protect our money and our learning better than in a revival of reading and obeying this book. It contains the truth that will help to make and keep us free.

—From "The Farmer's Wife."

NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

WE ARE INDEBTED to Mrs. E. J. Langley of Rocklake for a copy of a fine program and this story: On World's Temperance Sunday, a special service was held in the Methodist church in Rocklake. The worship service was led by Mrs. Chas. H. Langley, president of the local W. C. T. U. The pastor, Walter F. Larson, gave a sermon to fit the occasion, summing up his remarks with the three points, Education, Legislation and Supplication. A special prayer was given in union, which was written by Walter Rauschenbusch and published in The White Ribbon Bulletin recently.

ON NOVEMBER 11 the Scandinavian Union of Fargo held its annual Roll Call meeting in the home of Mrs. Oscar Kjorlie. There was a fine attendance and Mrs. Kjorlie presented a one-act play entitled "Daughters to the Rescue" which was interesting and entertaining. Sacred numbers were beautifully rendered by Miss Dagny Ordahl, accompanied by Phoebe Berge. A special effort has been made to enlist every mother's daughter as members, and as a result five young women were added to the union. Dues received amounted to \$27.00.

SUNDAY EVENING NOV. 9, the Northwood W. C. T. U. held an open meeting at the Lutheran Free church, when the Rev. Mr. Grundahl of Hatton gave a strong temperance talk, emphasizing the thought that we must make a decision as we cannot serve both God and Mammon. Our beloved state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was present and gave an inspiring talk, stressing our responsibilities as Christian citizens. Miss Merilla Hilstad of Larimore rendered two beautiful solos; Franklyn Olson, instructor of the Northwood school band gave a fine clarinet solo, and the church choir sang two numbers. Prizes were awarded to Robert Lee Thoreson and Elaine Tangen, the winners of the state poster contest. The local union served lunch after the program; the financial proceeds of the meeting were \$36.00.

NEAT MIMEOGRAPHED INVITATIONS gave notice of the "Dues Tea" held by Grand Forks Union at the home of Mrs. Bessie M. Darling on Nov. 14. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder spoke on Alcohol Education. To the regret of all, Mrs. O. J. Swanson, who is the local president, was not well enough to be present and receive the certificate of Life Membership presented to her by the union. A pleasure to all was the presence of Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie of Bowsmont, who led the devotional service, reading scripture from memory.

AT A MEETING OF NEKOMIA UNION held recently at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lillico, the Rev. Carl W. Holm, new pastor of Nekoma Lutheran church, led the worship service and gave an excellent talk on Christian Citizenship. Mrs. Lillico was assisted in serving by her daughter, Miss Mar-

jorie, corresponding secretary of the Northeast District, who teaches near home this year.

THE LARIMORE UNION entertained a fine institute held by Grand Forks district Oct. 31. Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, district president, was in charge of both sessions. Devotions were led by Mrs. Theo. Strandness of Larimore; Mrs. O. Knapp of Grand Forks Scandinavian union presented the department of Religious Education and Mrs. Elvin Haga of Northwood that of Alcohol Education. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder spoke on Institutes. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling reported the state convention and discussed the state president's recommendations. She also presented plans of the department of Soldiers and Sailors. Mrs. Wilder explained the "Second Mile" project and ways of putting the state on a sounder financial basis were discussed. Helpful discussions followed all the talks, participated in by the fifty women present among whom were representatives of every union in the district.

THE L. T. L. members at Sawyer helped observe International Temperance Sunday Oct. 26. In the Sunday Schools of the Baptist and Nazarene churches, they gave temperance recitations, under the direction of Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, and Mrs. Mark Daniels, who are president and vice-president respectively of the local union. Mrs. Reinholdt gave a very interesting temperance talk at the close of the S. S. in the Nazarene church.

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON is in California with her son Dr. Howard Anderson. Her address is 1449 North Gibbs, Pomona, Calif.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT B. REED of Fargo spent Thanksgiving at the home of their son Clarence in Seattle, Wash. They plan to see Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman while there.

MRS. S. O. NELSON of Northwood recently returned from a happy visit of three months with her 87 year old mother at Atwater, Minn. Mrs. Nelson attended special meetings of both Grand Forks unions Nov. 14.

MRS. ALEX REID of Hannah is spending the winter on the coast; so is Mrs. E. M. Ruthruff, who was president of Drayton union.

NEKOMIA UNION IS PLEASED with responsibilities recently placed upon sons of members. Students at Concordia College, Ervin Sholy has been named editor of the college year book, and Ailister Bellerud business manager of the same publication. They are sons of Mrs. George Sholy and Mrs. J. O. Dahle, respectively.

MRS. E. E. CLARKE, president of Ellendale district visited all her unions in October and showed YTC and LTL material as well as giving reports of the state convention. She secured a young mother as a new member.

MRS. BARBARA H. WYLIE spent two weeks in Grand Forks with her sister Mrs. Tisdale in November, and assisted with a meeting of the union.

MRS. E. E. CLARKE writes that her son Earl, who was superintendent of Adult Education for North Dakota under a Federal set-up from 1935 to 1939, and later held the same position for New York City, was called to Puerto Rico as Director of Activities for the Army and Navy under the Y. M. C. A. last fall. Sailing with his wife and two children Sept. 18, 1941, they encountered a 24 hour hurricane at sea, during which no cooking could be done and they were served only sandwiches. Clinging to hand-

holds at the back of their berths, they came through without mishap other than sea-sickness for some of the party, and arrived at San Juan only twelve hours late.

WE WELCOME MRS. C. E. STOWELL of Valley City who has accepted the directorship of the new department of Soldiers and Sailors. This work will be much in our minds this winter, so let us watch for her plans and try to follow them.

OUR Y. T. C. SECRETARY, Miss Emma Remmich, is teaching at Beulah this year. Mail addressed to her there will reach her more quickly than if sent to her home at Steele, except during the holidays and summer vacation.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S CORNER

The printed report of this last year's work is now in your hands. Please note in the list of requirements for a Banner Union (pages 3 and 4) ten points are given for setting aside one meeting for the study of the State Report. This will be well worth while not only for winning the points, but to give your union increased interest and encouragement as you study the work of the unions all over the state added together to make a whole.

One or two changes came in too late to be printed in the directory. Please make them in your own copy.

The Director of our new department, that of Soldiers and Sailors is Mrs. C. E. Stowell, 224 East Main, Valley City.

The president of the Valley City W. C. T. U. is Mrs. E. R. Fritch.

The president of the Northwood Union is Mrs. S. H. Njaa.

The president of the Minnewaukan W. C. T. U. is Mrs. G. W. Matthe.

Along with the State Reports I have sent, as I did last year, some leaflets and plans of work for the coming year for the departments for which we do not have state directors. I will be glad to furnish additional material for these departments upon request.

The price of the reports is the same as last year, 25c, and the state treasurer will be glad to receive payment for yours. For additional copies write the State Headquarters.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

AN EDITORIAL

"How do you decide when an insane person is sufficiently recovered to be discharged from the asylum?" This question was asked of an attendant connected with an asylum in England. "Oh," said the attendant, "It is easily managed. We take them into a yard where there are several tubs, we turn on the taps and then give them buckets to bail out the water and empty the tubs. Many of them keep on bailing away while the taps keep running. Those we know are not sane. Those who are sufficiently recovered first stop the taps, and then bail out the water."

As citizens of these United States we keep the taps running. We license and protect the liquor traffic. "We, the people," that is, "the Government" even go into the business. We give our approval with our votes, while as "temperance workers" we are trying to "bail out" the flood of crime, misery, woe and heartaches. When will the voters awaken? When will they see the point we are trying to make, and stop the cause of the liquor flood?

We read in the "Good Book" that "every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." The fruit of the liquor traffic is broken homes, divorces, murders, suicides, automobile accidents and suffering of every kind. Dear friend, does your influence, your life,

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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 15 - November 15, 1941

STATE DUES—Park River 6, Bismarck 15, Hettinger 7, Hannah 7, Fargo 19, Fargo Scandinavian 8, Benedict 1, Flasher 9, Rugby 8, Dickey 3, Crosby 11, Sterling 3, Mayville 8.

L. T. L. DUES—Hettinger \$2.00

BUDGET—Hettinger \$8.00, Hannah \$7.00, Grand Forks \$15.00, Fargo Scandinavian \$50.00, Dickey \$10.00, Gilby \$24.00

LITERATURE—Ellendale \$1.40

SECOND MILE PROJECT—Lodgeley \$3.00, Grand Forks \$3.00, Dickey \$3.00

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Recently there has been mailed to the treasurer of each Union a copy of the "Membership Campaign Plan"—a blue pamphlet, giving titles and awards to those securing one or more members. Will you not study this pamphlet carefully, and bring its message with you to your next meeting? More copies may be had upon request. In connection with the membership campaign this year a contest on, "The Story of the Star," is being held. What star in our American flag represents North Dakota? What claims were brought forward that would entitle it to statehood? If admitted, what would it bring to the Union?

Begin now to make a study of our star, write your story of not more than one thousand words or less than five hundred. See the blue leaflet for details, or for further information write your membership campaign chairman.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM.

INDIANS FORMED FIRST TEMPERANCE SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES

By Laura Trachsel
In The National Voice

I am very interested in all missions and have been doing some special research in American Indian Missions. The Indian chief Little Turtle was a total abstainer, and when he found white men were providing "fire water" to his people he appealed to the legislatures of two states for legal protection for his tribesmen, without success. Then he appealed to the Quakers, who could only express their sympathy. In 1807, he took his plea to President Jefferson, and got no help. Still he persevered and a second trip to the national capital was successful, and the Federal Statute prohibiting sale of liquor on any reservation, or to any ward of the government, was enacted.

The first temperance organization in America was Indian. After the government of Pennsylvania refused to regulate the sale of liquor to the Indians, the Shawnee tribe held a council at Pittsburgh, Pa., March 5, 1737 (204 years ago) and voted prohibition of liquor to Indians. Four braves in each village were named to enforce the tribal law.

For 108 years the Indians of New York have held an annual Temperance Convention; where for three days they discuss the effects of "fire water" in relation to education, industry and spirituality. This is the only organization of which the Indian has complete control, and they are very proud of their own temperance league. It is strictly interdenominational; has full Indian leadership; all speakers are Indian, though the English language is used throughout. All sessions are opened and closed with prayer. In 1937, 600 Indians came from six reservations, 150 people were enter-

tained in the homes and 900 were served dinner and supper (3 days) without charge. Supplies were paid for with dues collected throughout the year.

A convention chaplain is appointed whose duty is to visit all the various lodges throughout the year, and keep alive the spirit of temperance.

There is no profane word in the Indian language, so if you hear an Indian "cussing" you will know he got it from the white man.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

Thank you, all of you who have so kindly taken the time to write me about your local activities and other news. I wish I could have found the time to acknowledge each letter as it came, but that has been impossible this fall. The extra work of the season on the farm is about finished now, but with the approach of the holidays, we will all be busy. I hope not too busy to tell me what YOU are doing.

The new state reports will be in your hands, I think, by the time this message reaches you. At a little extra expense, these are printed with larger type than was used last year, and I would like to know whether you feel that it is worth more to you. It will be easier to read; if you like it better, please tell me. There will be some errors, of course; some names of officers did not reach us soon enough to be included, and I suppose I always fail to find some mistakes in proof. Please study your copy; perhaps we can have a quiz on it prepared. Every union should have at least one meeting a year in which the state report is studied. And please do not forget to pay for them; because they come to you without previous order, in the mail from Headquarters does not mean that they cost nothing. They really cost over ten cents apiece more than we charge for them. What union will be first to pay for its reports?

A few unions will find it hard to hold meetings during the winter, as some members will be vacationing out of the state, and others find it hard to get out in the cold weather. Activities need not cease; you can always give out literature in church and S. S., and put it in letters you write. When the storms shut us in, we can find more time to pray for our work and plan for spring. Let us keep our minds on the job.

Yours for better service,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

DRYS WINNING HARD FIGHT

If all the citizens of the United States were asked today to go to the polls and vote yes or no on whether the nation should return to constitutional prohibition, one out of every three persons would vote yes.

Surprising as that may sound to some, it is a fact verified by the most recent Gallup Poll. This survey found 32 per cent of the people willing to go on record as ready to vote in favor of national prohibition, as compared with only 30 per cent eight years ago, according to Gallup's statistics.

These figures indicate that there has been no rout of the temperance forces, that instead of losing ground since repeal—as claimed in some quarters—they have more than held their own.

Most Americans will probably be surprised to learn that those who would vote tomorrow for prohibition constitute such a substantial minority. One of the Gallup statisticians calculated that if all the persons calling themselves dry had voted for the prohibition candidate in the last national election he would have received about 16,000,000 votes.

All this indicates that only a com-

paratively small shift in public opinion is necessary in order to give the forces of temperance enough strength to go into battle on even terms.

The rising tide of temperance sentiment is shown in reports reaching National W. C. T. U. of new supporters of the dry cause. Slowly but surely, mass resentment is beginning to be aroused in the American people at the heartless efficiency with which liquor sales promotion is carried on by the highly capitalized and effectively organized liquor industry of today, retaining all the evils of the old time sal and adding many new ones.

These Americans have given liquor a chance since repeal—with the evermore-evident result a conviction, based on their own observation, that complete prohibition is the only real solution.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, November 1, 1941

Flag Day — June 14, 1942

The flag of our country is what we—the people—make it. Every glory that we associate with our flag is the result of effort on the part of the people.

President Coolidge reminded us that the stars and the colors have a significance all their own, but when combined and arranged into the flag of our nation, they take on a new significance which no other form or color can convey. We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth. It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home.

But with all of its glorious history, there are times when the breezes do not lift its folds and the flag droops with knowledge that in the hearts of some citizens who live under its protection there abides a spirit of hate for some of their brothers; the knowledge that corruption has found its way into many municipal halls; and, worse than all else, that a traffic in alcohol liquor is wrecking homes, blighting the lives of our children, sapping the spiritual foundations of our churches, and despoiling our people.

Let us consecrate our time and our talents to helping bring about that proud day when Old Glory shall wave over a nation united in recognition of one common brotherhood; over a nation in which the common burden and the public trust will be held sacred; and, most sacred of all, where children and youth no longer shall be exploited but shall receive protection under the folds of Old Glory.

It has been said that "if the hopes and aspirations of a people be fine and noble, their flag is great;" in other words,

"Pride and glory and honor—all
Live in the colors, to stand or
fall."

Old Glory flies today over 48 states that reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific and, as well, extends its protecting folds over islands in both of these great oceans. It is the visible symbol of protection for 132 million people—a far cry from that first Flag Day in June, 1777, when the breezes lifted it over 3 million people in 13 states lying along the Atlantic seaboard. But, though the country and the people may have grown and have changed, Old Glory stands as the same beautiful, incomparable emblem of liberty and freedom.

A Star for Every State
and

A State for Every Star

This idea is exemplified by the constellation of the stars within the blue field. Stars tell the growth of the nation for it is in the stars of our Flag that we read the growth of our

nation. As the United States of America has grown in size, so the stars in the Flag have increased in number.

Because of the extent of the 48 states which make up the continental United States, stretching from ocean to ocean, and various foreign possessions that have come under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, we now can say that the sun never sets on the American Flag!

But while we love every Stripe and every Star that symbolizes our native land, it is a study only of Stars that we are to undertake in our 1942 Membership Campaign.

At a time like this, can we do a better thing for our work than to propose for the coming year the adoption of this slogan:

"Hitc your Wagon to a Star."

Not just any star. Oh, no. But to your "bright particular star." Your state Star! The Star you added to Old Glory! Let us see to it that when this Membership Campaign closes there may be no woman in our ranks who would fail to recognize HER Star on the Flag. Some of us now may not know the number of our Star, but we must learn. To some of us, now, a star is simply a star. When we close this campaign, it is entirely possible for YOUR STAR to have become a whole encyclopedia to you.

W. C. T. U. women will work to become Stars! Not Movie Stars. Far from it.

Gaining one new member will make a woman a Star of Hope!

Gaining five new members will make her a Star of Faith!

Gaining ten new members will make her a Star of Loyalty!

The woman who gains the most members in her state will be a Betsy Ross!

The woman who gains the most members in the United States will receive the Distinguished Service Award!

Let us all "Consider the Stars!"

AN EDITORIAL

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your vote, "hew it down" or protect it?

Our national leaders, through the daily papers, continually warn us of the crucial situation America faces at this zero hour . . . of the urgency of curtailing the necessities for war preparation, but nothing is said thus far in reference to "America's Number 1 economic waste," the liquor traffic. "Up to this hour," says the National Prohibitionist, "we have not heard any voice in Congress or seen any message from the President urging that there be curtailment in the production of those things which are harmful to our citizens and absolutely unnecessary to their normal welfare and happiness.

"The liquor industry is constantly making patriotic claims of support to the government's defense program, but thus far the only contribution they have been asked to make has been an increase in taxes, which has been passed on to the consumer and which the liquor barons themselves do not pay.

"The American people are spending at least \$3,500,000,000 annually for beer, wine and whisky. The amount is probably more if the truth were known. Why not stop this waste for the duration of our national emergency? Why not use the grains that are wasted in the manufacture of liquor to feed poverty stricken people of Europe?

"Why not ask the people of the United States to use the money they are now spending for liquor to purchase Defense Bonds and Defense Stamps? It would hearten the whole country to see posters put up by the United States government reading 'Buy a Defense Stamp Instead of a Drink.'"—Ethel Huber in The National Voice.

YOUTH'S TEMPERANCE STORY FIRST DRINK AND LAST DRINK

Which is the worst? Certainly the last drink is the worst. For at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Nothing could we worse than that. But the first drink is the most dangerous. An Irishman fell from a third story window. Asked if he was hurt by the fall, he replied, "It was not the fall that hurt me, it was the sudden stop." But for the fall there would have been no stop. But for the first drink, there would be no last. That is why the word of God puts the emphasis on the first drink. Indeed, it puts it before that, it says "look not upon the wine."

One who obeys that injunction never takes the first drink, after which come woe, sorrow, contentions, babbling, redness of eyes, wounds without cause, the bite of the serpent and the sting of the adder. No one ever took that route and arrived at that destination who refused the first drink.

A temperance slogan as old as the modern temperance reform is "touch not, taste not, handle not." The Bible begins at the beginning it says "look not!" The modern liquor "store" knows the value of the look. It fills its windows with the most attractive containers, bottles of every shape, hue, and color and cork, to attract. It knows, as God's warning says, that the look is the first step downward toward the drunkard's grave. The world of nudity knows the potency of that word. One of the leading magazines of today is entitled, "Look."

When it comes to intoxicating drink, God says, "look not upon the wine." That is the Safety First sign on the highway to heaven. The railroads write it "Stop, Look and Listen," when you come to the crossover, but God warns look at the beginning of the journey.

Moderate drinking is the pathway to perdition; total abstinence is the highway to heaven. The Editor knows from experience, having tried it for more than seventy years. He signed the pledge at a Francis Murphy temperance revival when he was a boy, and kept it without an effort ever since, as a boy, as a youth, a young man, as lover, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, in all kinds of weather, and he can testify that it pays dividends in body, mind and soul, it pays dividends in cash, in comfort, in health, in happiness—on earth and dividends in heaven where we are commanded to "lay up treasures." No one ever did that out of a liquor bottle, or in a saloon, tavern, cocktail lounge, night club road house or liquor store. The safe way is the sober way. Temperance means total abstinence. Temperance is not moderation in things that are bad, but moderation in things that are good, and total abstinence from things that are bad. We are not only admonished to avoid evil, but God's word says, "Abstain from every appearance of evil." That certainly includes the first drink. Avoid that, and you will never become a victim of drink. I did not stop with drink. I took the Abraham Lincoln pledge; the pledge that Abraham Lincoln wrote for himself and signed when he was a boy, and kept until he died as a martyr for a great cause, "I will not cheat, I will not lie, I will not swear, I will not smoke, I will not drink." And he never did!

Scientific Confirmation

The day after the above was written came an unexpected confirmation of the Edite's testimony. At the convention of the American Psychological Association, held in Chicago the week of Sept. 6th, Dr. Theodore S. Lentz, Director of the Character Research Institute of Washington

University, St. Louis, stated that his investigation, based upon 3000 individual examinations, showed that the drinkers, all but one, were less happy and less healthy than the abstainers, and that the drinkers, both sexes included, were more maladjusted socially, more tolerant of breaches of moral conduct, more materialistic, more selfish, more impulsive, more interested in the opposite sex and less favorably inclined toward churches. Pass it on to the youth of the nation; Total abstinence is a personal, physical, mental and spiritual asset, it contributes to all virtues and discourages all the vices, it protects the body, preserves the home, sustains the school and stabilizes the church.

Who can fathom the penalty imposed upon the country by the annual expenditure of four billion dollars for intoxicating liquors? We need a World Temperance Weekday as well as Sunday.

Some moderate drinkers say, "I am safe, I can take it or leave it alone." That's what they all say. More than 100,000 drinkers were arrested for being drunk in public and 28,000 for driving while drunk, in the United States last year. We see signs along the highway, "If you drink don't drive: if you drive don't drink." A better slogan that that was written by Saint Paul: "If meat (or drink) causeth my brother to offend, I will eat no meat (or drink no wine) while the world standeth." Even if you can take it, better leave it alone for the sake of others.

—In Progress.

PROMOTED

"The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread

Where love ennobles all.

The world may sound no trumpets,
ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining record tells."

MRS. JOHN McCONNELL, of Glasgow, Mont., of the N. D. W. C. T. U., was called to her reward early in October after being seriously ill for a few weeks. Mrs. McConnell was one of the family of five daughters and two sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Ford, sr., of Park River, all of whom when living there were members, active or honorary, of the local union. To her son, Fordis McConnell, and her surviving brother and sisters David Ford and Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River, Mrs. Alex Craig of Grand Forks, Mrs. John Porter of Calvin and Mrs. Park of Glasgow, our sympathy is extended.

MRS. M. T. CUMMINGS, until recently of Drayton, is bereaved by the tragic death of her husband.

DANIEL A. McLEOD, a former resident of Grand Forks and Valley City, died at his home in Fargo Nov. 15 at the age of 86, after an illness of several years. His wife, a member of Fargo union, and daughter Jennie, who survive, receive our sympathy.

RADIO REPORT

(This report did not reach the secretary in time to be included in the state report. If you will clip and keep it in your copy, you will have them all for reference.)

Through the Radio, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a two fold duty to perform. It gives us an opportunity to make known to the public our educational program, and in giving out this program we can make known the truth about alcohol. Three broadcasts were given over K.L.P.M. Mrs. Wilder spoke over this station, her subject was "The Child in the Midst." One union has its meetings announced over the radio.

MRS. C. F. TRUAX, Director.

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF DR. E. STANLEY JONES AT N A T ' L CONVENTION

"I am glad that the first word in your name is WOMAN'S," he said, "because I believe that the only hope of the world at this time lies in women and the movements that must arise among them. Woman represents the cooperative spirit in the home, and our greatest hope lies in the cooperative spirit that is struggling for power."

Our Next Step Is Cooperation

"The Christian is the one person who has no limits to his application of the principle of cooperation. 'One is your Father and all ye are brethren' sums up the Christian position. The world is a human family and the family must be based on cooperation, not on competition between its members. So our next step is cooperation and woman is best fitted to lead such movements.

"And they must be Christian movements which will include all the members of the human family. Therefore I am glad that you have held the word CHRISTIAN in your name,—frankly Christian, not vaguely religious. 'Christian' speaks of a people who never recognized defeat. Christianity began on seeming defeat, but turned it into triumph. The cross means that the worst can be turned into the best.

"TEMPERANCE—How make a sober world? By going on, as your organization has done for more than half a century, preaching and agitating? Yes, that is one way and it must be done. You must carry on. The world needs you. But that is not the only way and maybe not even the best way. I believe we must give this country such great tasks toward reconstruction of the world that there will be no time for drink. You can make America sober only when you give all Americans such a huge task for reviving the world that the people will say they have no time to waste on the thing called liquor. Only the weak drink. Strong men never seek liquor. Liquor is a crutch for lame ducks, and you may tell the smart set so, with my compliments. Men who have resources within never try to bolster themselves up with a bottle. Liquor is always an escape mechanism.

"We must give this country a strong man's task—energies and emotions must be organized and directed toward such great achievements in reconstruction of this ailing world that there will be no desire to escape from self.

"UNION—that other important word in your title! Because of that union which you have demonstrated, the unity with which you have carried on, your organization is pre-eminently fitted for leadership in this hour of National and world crisis. For unity there must be, and it must be on a level that will inspire a great moral crusade for a new order in this world!"

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF

Dear White Ribboners:

Instead of writing this letter, I wish it were possible for me to attend a meeting of each union in our beloved state, and talk over the work that is is our privilege to carry on in our Heavenly Father's name. In these days of hurry and worry, there is a great need for the kindly acts and helpful words that we as Christians should always be ready to do and say.

This is Thanksgiving month as I write. We have so much for which to give God thanks. Let us not only thank Him in words, but show by our kindly acts that we really mean what we say. There is always someone who would be happy to receive a cheery

card or letter, and what about the "Shut-in" who would appreciate a friendly visit and some little delicacy? Always remember to put a Scripture card in with your gift.

Don't forget our boys who are away from home doing their duty to keep our country a safe place in which to live and bring up families. Make a special effort to let them know that we W. C. T. U. women appreciate what they are doing and that we are praying for them. I plan to get a letter off to each union as soon as possible, and I hope I can send some helpful hints. If you have found something particularly helpful in your union, will you please write me so I can put it in the letter, and pass it along to all our folks. Let us, with God's help, make this the best year we have ever had.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. E. R. POMEROY,
1420 Second Ave. South,
Fargo, North Dakota.

THE WASHINGTON WOMAN'S FURNER

"I know it is a foolish thing to say, But I have wished all day That Mary could have seen her funeral.

She would have loved the quiet, and the slow

Moving around—washing, she hurried so—

The flowers that made her bare room beautiful—

If she could have smelled the white rosebuds—

Always for her the smell of suds, And everything untidy and so plain!

I had a notion once to lift her head So she could see the bed

All clean and white in its fresh counterpane!

It was a credit to the neighborhood, Her funeral—and really quite as good

As many a richer woman has been given;

But I kept thinking what a splendid treat

For her, if all the people on her street Had come with flowers before she went to Heaven."

—Grace Guthrie.

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