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AN AUTUMN SONG

There is something in the Autumn
that is native to my blood,
Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and
the crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake
me like a cry
Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like smoke
upon the hills.

There is nothing in October sets the
gypsy blood astir;
We must follow her,
When from every hill aflame,
She calls and calls each vagabond by
name.

—Bliss Carman

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

We are very happy to hold our annual convention in this hospitable little city of Grafton. This is the second state convention to be held here. We are very grateful to our hostess union for the splendid preparations that have been made for this meeting and for the comfort of every delegate.

When the convention met here in 1916 our nation was facing a grave crisis and just a few months later entered into the first world war—a war to end all wars.

In this year of 1942 just 26 years later, we are again engaged in a world wide conflict. Little did we dream when we parted in Minot last fall that within a few months our nation would be involved in this gigantic world struggle. Many mothers are present who have given their sons to the colors, others are here who may later be called to make the supreme sacrifice. Some are absent from this convention that they may fill the places left vacant by their soldier sons. Words are inadequate to describe these experiences but an organization known as "Organized Mother Love," understands.

When the news flashed over our country on that eventful Sabbath day—Dec. 7th, 1941—that our country had been treacherously attacked by our enemy, we came to a full realization that World War 1 did not end all wars. As a united people, we are now confronted with the great problem of defending our nation from enemies that seek to destroy the principals of democracy—LIBERTY and JUSTICE for all. At this crucial time we must be united in courage, in service and in sacrifice. The freedom and justice for which our forefathers fought, bled, and died are worth preserving. Individually and unitedly, we offer our full measure of devotion. We will gladly give ourselves and our means to defend our



Mrs. Bessie M. Darling
State President

nation, to protect its citizens and to assure safety and security for those who will follow us.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has always abhorred war. We have worked for peace, prayed for peace and hoped for peace but war came. As loyal patriotic citizens, we will do our share in this emergency. We have not changed our belief that it is possible to have world peace and we still have a department known as "International Relations for Peace" which will continue to function. We are, however, equipped for patriotic service, and have carried on continuously for the best interests of our men in the armed forces through the "Soldiers and Sailors Department." Our state director is Mrs. C. E. Stowell of Valley City—a mother who has given two sons to the colors in the present world conflict. An organization such as this would naturally be deeply concerned with the spiritual, moral and physical well being of every man in our armed forces.

At the suggestion of our national president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, and her corps of officers, money has been furnished by all state unions for Mobile Blood Bank Units and Standard Type Ambulances for the use of our men in service. W.C.T.U. funds in which North Dakota had a share, now have bought five ambulances and a mobile blood bank unit for the Red Cross. Members through their local unions have had a part in the Red Cross sewing and knitting for refugees and for our boys in service. They have cooperated with other organizations such as U.S.C. and local civic organizations in gifts of money to help furnish entertainment and recreation for men in training camps; and have supplied testaments, literature, writing material and goodies from home. The W.C.T.U. "Cookie Jar" is a very popular place in any training camp and we have helped supply some of the cookies.

The tragedies of war become in-



Mrs. F. G. Grevett
Convention Guest

creasingly greater when we realize that our boys are not facing the dangers of war alone. There are subversive forces in our land today that tend to destroy the moral nature of our people. Chiefly among these evils is alcohol, in the various forms in which it is taken. Certain commercial interests are seeking to enrich their own coffers by pushing the sale of beverage alcohol. At this crucial time, when our nation is faced with the tremendous task of defeating a treacherous enemy from without, the liquor interests are seeking to enlarge their industry by enlisting new recruits among the men in the armed forces. Knowing that alcohol is a narcotic, a habit forming drug, that destroys first man's God given qualities of reason, self control, judgment, and will power, we label it the greatest saboteur in this war emergency. Mothers and fathers have every right to demand that their boys be protected from drink and vice—twin destroyers of physical fitness and mental alertness. The moral conditions in many of the training camps today are deplorable.

During the first world war America was on the high road to national prohibition and many of the states were dry. Army authorities were anxious to place training stations in dry territories. It was also unlawful at that time to sell alcoholic beverages including beer to any man wearing the uniform of the army or navy and a five mile safety zone was placed about training stations. The army in 1933 authorized the sale of beer—it was "deemed non-intoxicating" and today it is sold in almost every training camp.

Lloyd George once said, "We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and as far as I can see the greatest of these three deadly foes, is drink." It is the most deadly enemy facing our country today. It is tearing down the health and morale of the armed

forces of our nation; it is destroying the efficiency and mental alertness of that great army producing war materials. The government is rounding up enemy saboteurs and at the same time doing nothing to check the undermining influence of this great foe.

The president of the United States has said, "Our first line of defense lies in the health of our nation." According to medical authorities the four great health scourges of the present day are cancer, tuberculosis, venereal disease, and alcoholism. Dr. Emil Eogen, chief physician of Olive View Sanitarium, a specialist in the symptoms, causes and nature of diseases says, "No other poison causes so many deaths, or leads to or intensifies so many diseases, both physical and mental, as does alcohol."

Dr. Thos. Parran, Surgeon General of the United States, says that one out of every 42 persons has venereal disease. Research shows that 76 per cent of men and 66 per cent of women contract this dreadful disease while intoxicated. The rate of increase in our training camps is appalling. According to facts inserted into the Congressional Record for June 29th of this year, by Rep. Jerry Voorhis of California, "The rate of venereal disease among men in our army stood at 29 per thousand in 1939. It was 42 per thousand a few months ago."

Our nation's capital has more cases of syphilis per thousand of population than any other city of more than 500,000 in the country, according to selective service examinations as reported in the New York Herald Tribune. That is not so startling when the fact is known that Washington is drinking six times as much per capita as the nation at large. In the first world war 7,000,000 days of service were lost to the United States Army as a result of venereal infections. Alcoholism and alcoholic insanity has been rising steadily and proportionately as drinking increased. Today America is drinking at the rate of 65 quarts of alcoholic beverages for every man, woman, and child in the U. S., annually—an average of 1 1/4 quarts per person, per week; and this at a time when we are asked not to indulge in non-essentials.

Alcoholism among women has increased 90 per cent since 1923. It is also the chief root cause of insanity and is responsible for one out of every five first admissions to mental hospitals, according to the Surgeon General of our nation.

Drink habits have caused a tremendous increase in the percentage of young men under 30 years denied life insurance. One large life insurance company found that in 1936 the increase in rejections totaled 183 per cent over 1932. Insurance companies do not accept bad risks.

We are all familiar with the increasing number of fatal accidents, especially automobile, that occur each year due largely to drinking drivers

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Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontide somewhere, And across the awakening continents From shore to shore, somewhere, Our prayers are rising evermore."

and drinking pedestrians. 1941 reached an all time high with 40,000 as compared with about 36,000 in 1940. One out of five is still considered a low estimate of accidents caused by drink crazed individuals. Such a person throws caution to the winds, forgets speed limits and social responsibility.

If victory depends on physical fitness, the first step should be total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, at least for the duration. A popular slogan of today is "Keep America Strong" and at the same time the authorities of our country are not doing their part in defending our sons and our civilian workers from drink and vice.

"Drink has blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide and dug more graves than any other poisoned scourge that ever swept its death dealing waves across the world." So said Evangeline Booth when she labeled this curse "Public Enemy Number One." America, we are at war; only strong bodies, clear minds and steady hands can bring victory.

In our newspapers, magazines, and over the air, we are told that every citizen must share the ever increasing financial burden that our nation is forced to bear in our all-out war effort. We believe it is the duty of every patriotic citizen to save, serve, sacrifice and substitute. It is our duty as well as our privilege to buy United States war bonds and stamps. We must not consider that giving; instead we are making a fine investment that is backed by the best security in the world, and tends to prosperity. We have been richly blessed in this land of great resources and golden opportunities, and now in this great crisis let us come to the aid of our country. It is a practical way to show our patriotism.

There must be tremendous work done and great sacrifices made to win this war. Legitimate business has been curtailed that the necessary materials may be used for war production. Thousands of men have had to seek new employment; the production of many major and minor items has ceased entirely for the duration. If this is a prime requisite to victory, why not eliminate the frightful waste of the liquor industry? Beverage alcohol is wasting not only sugar and grain but man power as well. We wonder when this truth will impress itself upon those who have it within their power to wipe out this menace.

America's drink bill for one day is \$9,000,000, according to our own Union Signal. This sum could feed one million Chinese refugee children for nine months; or feed 600,000 English children for six months; com-

pletely train some 600 military pilots at \$15,000 each, or almost pay for a destroyer. Figuring it another way, the people of the U. S. spend as much for liquor each nine day period as it would cost to build a modern battleship; a month on the wagon would pay for enough destroyers to replace those traded to England for naval bases.

We are constantly being reminded that it is our duty to sacrifice and save. The American household is limited in the amount of sugar it can use. This is but a small sacrifice which we are all willing to make, but if conservation of sugar is essential in the all out war effort why waste billion pounds of sugar and 163 million gallons of molasses in the manufacture of liquor annually?

When tire rationing went into effect the breweries were placed on the preferred list for tires while bread and milk companies were unable to secure tires. Priority was given to that which destroys health and strength. We are glad to note that the authorities of CPA have finally revised these rules and beer,—soft drink, and other "unessential" trucks can no longer secure new or recapped tires. This order took effect July 28. At present there are 500,000,000 gallons of hard liquor in storage. This is a five year supply at the present rate of consumption. Industrial alcohol is used in the manufacture of explosives and there is no apparent reason why this over supply of beverage alcohol could not be redistilled for industrial use. We wonder if sacrifice and save does not apply to the liquor industry.

In a recent W.C.T.U. research it was revealed that enough money to pay the war bills for 158½ days—more than 25 billion dollars—was the price of liquor, crime, gambling, and vice in the United States last year. When Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national president, revealed these figures she made this statement, "Dissipation and self-indulgence are forerunners of defeat. Only a democracy strengthened by Christian self-discipline can prove a match for the hardened, ruthlessly disciplined forces of aggression. The pursuit of 'indulgence as usual' by many millions of citizens can be our most deadly internal enemy."

"As we saw so shall we reap;" is America going to repeat the mistake of France, whose moral collapse was due to drunkenness as stated by their high officials? In the enemy countries drinking has been decreased but in our own country increased. Japan has decreased the manufacture of alcoholic beverages fifty per cent. Germany forbids its own youth to drink but makes beverage alcohol available to the captive countries it wishes to destroy. Russia too, has decreased manufacture and sale of liquor to a great degree. In America it seems to be a protected business in spite of the fact that it contributes only to the defeat of our nation.

The story of the attack on Pearl Harbor is a sad tale of the greatest naval disaster that our nation has ever suffered. It took a toll of almost 3000 lives, all because our men were not "alert" according to Secretary of the Navy Knox. One hour after the enemy started the bombing, the 428 saloons were closed and remained closed for 77 days. If prohibition was good for Pearl Harbor after the attack why not prohibition as a war emergency measure for our nation for the duration? The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is still fighting for legislation to "Defend our Defenders." We have been pleased to see church bodies of many denominations swing into action with petitions, resolutions, letters and telegrams to assist us in this great fight, but if the Christian people of our nation would stand united in

purpose and action against this insidious foe, we could soon destroy it. Had the Christian people been alert to their responsibilities, repeal would never have come and present conditions would not exist. Subversive forces still retain their stranglehold on our Congress and no action has been taken on S.860 or any other legislation to give our boys the same protection their fathers had in 1917-18. It has been said by some high ranking officer that to take beer away from the training camps and not from civilians would destroy the morale of our armed forces. George Barton Cutten, president of Colgate University, in his stirring address at the Northern Baptist Convention said, "There is one thing upon which we'll agree; the morale which comes out of a bottle is not the morale to put into battle." No officer ever gave a wrong command because he remained sober." We must continue our fight for legislation that will protect our boys from drink and vice. We must strive to arouse all our Christian people to the immediate danger that threatens our nation from within. Physical fitness, mental alertness, and efficiency are needed if we hope to bring this war emergency to a victorious conclusion.

In our own state of North Dakota we need to do something about our liquor problem. In the year of 1941 the beer bill alone in our state amounted to \$6,935,283.00, the hard liquor bill was \$6,302,566.00 and the sum spent for cigarettes was \$3,820,911.00 according to our tax commissioner. These huge sums wasted on non-essentials would buy \$909,800 war bonds at \$18.75 each. That would have been a fine way for the consumers of beverage alcohol to show their patriotism and to preserve their own health and wealth.

The Consolidated Dries of which our organization is a part, have circulated petitions to initiate a bill which will take the sale of alcoholic beverages including beer out of restaurants, cafes and any place where food stuff is sold to be consumed on the premises. We will have an opportunity to speak at the polls in November on this bill, and I urge every member to make this a subject of discussion in your communities; acquaint your friends with its advantages and enlist their help in passing this bill.

In these perilous times when we are faced with many new responsibilities, we must not neglect our duty towards the children in our communities. We can not be unmindful of the fact that to every child belongs the right to be well born, morally safe-guarded and spiritually trained. The needs of the children remain fundamentally the same in war as in peace. Many families are being disorganized today as the father is called into military service or defense work. Mothers are taking on full time jobs or are so engrossed in volunteer programs that the family life suffers. Home, church and school are all contributing factors in building a child's character, but the greatest of these is the home and we as an organization must do our part to safe-guard the family life. The health and education of the child are apt to suffer during war and such hazards are confronting many of our children today.

As an organization we must face these new problems, and do our part to help develop these children into the kind of citizens that will be trained to carry on as future leaders.

Our Youth's work is of paramount importance in present times. There are twenty one million in the United States between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five. J. Edgar Hoover says, "There are in America more than three and one half times more criminals than there are students in

our colleges and universities; 20% of our crime is the work of persons who have not reached the voting age." The blame for such a condition is placed at the doorstep of the American home. Home neglect, poverty, degeneracy have driven the majority of these young people to crime. What a responsibility then rests upon adult America! It has been said, "The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity." With right guidance they may be directed into paths of usefulness, christian service and sobriety. That is the objective of the Youth's Temperance Council. Many of our young people today are being mobilized into military service and they must be defended. There are still thousands in our colleges and high schools that need to know the truth about alcohol—what it is and what it does. The Christian people of our nation should heed the challenge voiced by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes when he said, "The liquor traffic is carrying on a vast educational program. Every cocktail parlor is a school; every liberal law is a lesson; every bar maid is a teacher; every advertising page devoted to the lure of liquors is a dreadful scholastic appeal; every blaring description of wines over the radio sends a terrible pedagogy into our homes. We must not only educate for our own position but we must educate AGAINST THEIR POSITION."

Our own Martha S. Cooper national secretary of Youth's Temperance Council has formulated a new program known as "Practical Christian Living," and invites all young people to cooperate in making it successful. We must help the youth of North Dakota to band themselves together in groups and give them the truth about alcohol. We are encouraged and happy to note the number of young people who are turning to the Christian way of life and who find pleasure in doing the things worth while. They learn early in life to put "first things first." Among them, we can count the thousands of members of the Youth's Temperance Council of our nation. Let us pledge ourselves to do more for the youth of our state in the year to come.

In a crisis such as we are facing today every woman wants to serve her country and serve where it counts the most. In a recent article that appeared in "The Church Woman," the author has very ably described the position in which many of our women find themselves. I quote: "In the moment of stress in which we stand there is a tendency for all of us to drop what we have been doing and plunge into new and alluring activities for which the emergency calls. Especially is there a tendency for women to devote themselves to activities somewhat domestic in their nature; knitting and sewing, cooking, which we call canteen work in time of war; civilian defense work and the filling of jobs left vacant by men called to the services. These are of major importance and must be done"—but it is of vital importance at a time like this to conserve and strengthen the moral and spiritual forces of our nation. I would recommend that we too adopt the slogan drawn up by a group of farmer's wives who were planning the war time program for American farm women: "We'll do what we are already doing—only we'll do it better."

That does not mean we will leave the other undone. This is an opportune time to push all lines of our work which will include all patriotic humanitarian service to our country and to the brave men who are offering their lives in defense of our democracy. Through our legislation

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 15 - September 18, 1942.
DUES—Valley City 13, W. Fairview 9, Minnewaukan 1, Grand Forks 10, Rugby 1, Flasher 1, Minot 3, Fargo Scand., 11, Grafton 11, Fargo 15, Mayville 2, Grand Forks Frances Willard 7, Plaza 9.

WILLARD—7.

L.T.L.—Hettinger 25, Alamo 18.
Y.T.C.—Northwood 4.

BUDGET—Edgeley \$3.00 paid in full, Valley City \$12.00 in full, W. Fairview \$12.00 in full, Rugby \$12.00 in full, Mayville \$10.00 in full.

STATE REPORT—W. Fairview 50c
WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN—Subscription—1.

SECOND MILE—Sheldon \$3.00, by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Minnewaukan \$3.00, Fargo \$5.00, Crosby \$3.00.

AMBULANCE FUND—Valley City: \$2.55, Nekoma \$3.00, Bowesmont \$10.00, Grand Forks \$2.25, G. F. Frances Willard: \$2.75, Grafton: \$2.00, Fargo: \$1.50, Jamestown: \$4.45, Fairmont Methodist S.S. \$5.00, Mrs. Eleanor Ripley, Fairmount \$1.00, Crosby \$2.35.

STATE CONVENTION—Literature Sales \$15.73.

OFFERINGS—\$42.89.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP—Rev. James Anderson \$10.00.

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIPS—

Bessie M. Darling, \$10.00.
 Mrs. F. M. Wanner, \$10.00.
 Kate S. Wilder, \$10.00.
 Mrs. J. W. Scott, Sr., \$10.00.
 Mrs. Sophie Swarstad, \$10.00.
 Mrs. Annie Latherwood, \$10.00

department we must labor as never before for laws that will defend our defenders, preserve the health and strength of the civilians and safeguard the youth.

Through the Loyal Temperance Legion, Youth's Temperance Council, Religious Education and Scientific Temperance Instruction, we should work for the children and young people. Our organization has made it possible to have a specially trained educator, Miss Estelle Bozeman working in two of our teacher's colleges during the summer session for the past three years. Under her splendid supervision alcohol education has become an accredited course at the Valley City and Minot Teacher's Colleges. Both schools will welcome credit courses for seniors in the fall or spring. We must continue and enlarge our educational program for we believe that "Knowledge is Power." We believe also that when the majority of our people know the truth about alcohol, they will do something about it.

Through the department of Soldiers and Sailors and the Flower Mission and Relief, every woman will have an opportunity to do something practical in patriotic service for the men in all branches of the armed forces, as well as to bring cheer and comfort to those who are stricken.

Through the Christian Citizenship department we can gain a clearer understanding of our laws and the execution of them. Its aim is to make our women more conscious of the great privilege and power that we have in the ballot. Through the Child Welfare and Health Department we must reach out a helping hand to the under privileged children of our communities. With education and right guidance, we can help make the children of today useful and successful citizens of tomorrow.

Frances Willard inaugurated the "Do Everything Policy" which later became known as Department Work. There is a place for every Christian woman in this great work for God and Home and Every Land.

This is the time to increase our membership and we would say as

did Frances Willard, "We want all those like-minded with us, who would put down the dramshop, exalt the home, redeem manhood, and uplift womanhood, to join hands with us for organized work according to a plan." We must carry our work of education, organization and legislation to every town and hamlet in our great state. It means work and sacrifice, but there is joy in service for His kingdom.

Amid the uncertainty and unrest of the world, we must find strength, steadiness of purpose, and stability of heart. These things can not come from material gains or victories but from trust in God, strength in faith, and in the abundance and richness of the Christ life. Let us pray that in the world of to-morrow may come a righteous and lasting peace. A peace built upon the things of the Spirit; a new Jerusalem where all nations shall enjoy freedom, justice, sobriety, equality and brotherly love. With the blessed assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled, we will go forward into the new year with faith, hope and courage.

"Hops of the world with your stars ever guiding,
 Dare the dim ways that no nation has gone;
 On, through the smoke of the battlefield riding,
 Lead, ever lead, with your face to the dawn,
 Lead my America, where none has trod,
 Up, on the trail toward the mountains of God."

CONVENTION STORY

While some other state conventions have had more delegates in attendance, few have had more to offer those who came than the one held at Grafton Sept. 15-17, 1942. From the opening banquet to the closing night session, in spite of the strain of the war and what it means to the homes of our women, a strong note of faith and courage for the tasks ahead, was felt.

The meeting was held in the Federated Church, where stained glass window pictures and baskets and bouquets of beautiful garden flowers gave color to all the sessions in spite of grey skies. The members of the union furnished and served a fine convention dinner at tables decorated in patriotic colors. A lovely spray of gladioli was given to each lady at the speaker's table. Mrs. Frank Beasley, the president of Northeast District, served as toastmistress, giving a welcome for her district. Greetings were given for the local union by the president, Mrs. A. M. Herbison; for the churches by the Rev. A. E. Place, pastor of the hostess church; for the city by his Honor, Mayor George S. Mainz; and for the schools by Supt. H. B. Ensrud. Response was made in her usual happy manner by the former state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner. The convention guest speaker, Mrs. F. G. Grevett of Calgary, Alberta, was introduced and gave a brief message, in which she emphasized the essential unity of thought and purpose, of our two nations. The main address of the evening was given by the honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. In concise words, she summed up the present situation in regard to liquor, and made a stirring appeal for membership in the W. C. T. U. as the one thing more that everyone can do to help win the war.

Mrs. W. J. Johnston led in Community singing, with Mrs. Luther Williamson at the piano. Margaret Dike and Louise Hendrickson gave fine vocal duets which were much enjoyed, singing "Sweet and Low," "Bells of St. Mary's," "Goin' Home,"

and "You Oughta Order Water." "America" was sung in closing, followed by one verse of "God Save the King," in compliment to our Canadian guest.

The business session began Wednesday morning, Sept. 16. In the absence of Mrs. C. E. Erickson, State director of Evangelistic Department, Mrs. Andrew Hay of Crosby led the opening devotional service. She read the 91st Psalm with comment, and prayers were offered by several in the convention. Mrs. C. E. Stowell, Director of Soldiers and Sailors also found it impossible to be present, so the salute to the flag was led by Mrs. F. T. Brooks of Minot Wednesday morning and by Mrs. George S. Muir of Gilby Thursday. Following this, according to custom, the Crusade Hymn was sung, and Mrs. Carl Maack of Ellendale led in responsive reading of the Crusade Psalm. Others who led later devotional periods were Mrs. John Sandbek of Grand Forks, Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher; Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Grand Forks; Mrs. Alex Burr, Jamestown; Mrs. C. F. Truax, Minot.

A large number of greetings were received from members and friends unable to attend the convention, and greetings were sent to them in return, to all absent members of the Executive committee, and to several others. Business followed the usual order; after the president's recommendations were adopted, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, gave a fine review of the year's work, and the treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, reported our financial standing. This was considerably better than last year, but after discussion it was voted to ask the unions to contribute to a Second Mile Fund again this year, in order to build up our reserve fund.

A Service of Remembrance for comrades and friends called home during the past year, was conducted by the state president. Mrs. W. J. Johnston sang "Lead Us, O Father;" Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy offered the non-time prayer Wednesday and Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood Thursday.

Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Union signal Promoter, reported Our Official Papers, and it was a satisfaction to know that our quota of Union signal subscriptions has been reached this year. Our careful and energetic promoter was busy all during the convention and received three renewals and three new subscriptions to the Union Signal, eight renewals, three new single subscriptions and one club of ten, for the Young Crusader.

District president who reported in person the accomplishments of the past year were Mrs. C. W. Baumann, Minot; Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Hettinger; Mrs. Alex Burr, James-Valley; Mrs. Carl Maack, Ellendale; Mrs. George S. Muir, Grand Forks and Mrs. Frank Beasley, Northeast District. Mrs. Myrtle Skabo of the Northwest and Mrs. McGrann of Fargo reported for their districts.

Mr. Floyd Henderson of Grafton, State Commander of the American Legion, gave an interesting talk in which he explained the Youth program of his organization. He mentioned legislation they had worked for, their Child Welfare awards, their program of supervised athletics, and the Boy's State held each year, and pleaded for a better understanding of the real objectives of the Legion. He was heard with interest and warmly applauded.

The Rev. George O. Parrish, president of the Consolidated Drys of North Dakota, spoke on the initiated measure to be voted on at the fall election, which if passed will remove beverage alcohol from places where food is sold to be consumed on the premises. Many of those present had helped circulate the petitions to have

this measure placed on the ballot; he said 15,201 signatures were secured. They plan to have the measure receive special mention from the ministers of the state the three Sundays preceding the election; the 1st week of October to be known as Temperance Week in North Dakota. Some outside speakers have been secured; prominent men among whom is Bishop Cushman of the Methodist church, will give a few days of their time to speaking for the cause, coming for expenses only. Mr. Parrish urged us to advertise the fact that this year, in order to vote dry we must vote "yes."

Introduced with the speaker were several brother ministers: Rev. C. W. Baumann of New Rockford, Rev. P. O. Laurhammer of Edinburg, Rev. J. D. Cawthorne of Drayton, Rev. A. E. Place of Grafton, and Rev. F. W. Gress of Crystal. At the request of some who could not remain throughout the convention, Mrs. Grevett, guest of honor, gave a short talk. She spoke of the need for advertising the value of our work, quoting the Scotchman's prayer, "Lord, gie us a gude opinion o' oursel's," and urged the women not to be distracted because of the many things now needing to be done, but to carry on.

Wednesday evening the vice-president, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, was the presiding officer. A pearl medal contest was held, arranged by the state director, Mrs. Wallace Vincent. The contestants, all of whom acquitted themselves most cordially, were Daryl Urness of Alkabo, who served as page throughout the convention; Hilda Christenson, Charles Sheppard and Arne Soreng, all of Grand Forks. The Medal was awarded to the last named who gave the selection, "This I Can Do For My Country."

Mrs. Luther Williamson brought her two little daughters, Anne Louise and Lenora to be dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits by the state president, while their two proud grandmothers, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Donald Dike, assisted the mother. Mrs. Darling gave her inspiring annual address, which appears in full in this issue. Mrs. C. W. Baumann, with earnest words, asked for the collection.

Department reports were given Thursday by the state directors present. They were: Mrs. E. R. Pomeroy, Flower Mission and Relief; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Institutes; Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Publicity; Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Social Morality and Motion Pictures; Mrs. Wallace Vincent, Speech Contests; and Mrs. C. F. Truax, Radio. All reports showed much work done, but far too many unions neglected to report at all. Mrs. Wanner exhibited and made valuable explanation of placing by the judges of posters made this year, and announced the following winners of awards. In Second Grade, Ellen Marie Bardal, Fortuna, First. Third and Fourth Grades, Fay Knutson, Oberon, First; Robert Stickleberger, Oberon, Second; Nora Lunzman, Oberon, Honorable Mention. Fifth Grade, Robert Lee Thorson, Northwood, First; Lenore Bilden, Northwood, Second; Patricia Romer, Jamestown, Honorable Mention. Sixth Grade, Merle Nelson, Oberon, First; Lucile Christofferson, Jamestown, Second. Seventh and Eight Grades, Edith Tomlinson, Oberon, First; Lillian Christianson, Oberon, Second.

Mrs. Guy Thorson of Hatten gave an excellent paper on "Take Time" in which she mentioned a number of problems confronting parents now, and the need of prompt action. A group of boys from the Grafton grade school, under the direction of Miss Hulda Carlson, gave an interesting playlet, "As For Me And My House." The presence for part of the con-

vention of Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, who retired as state corresponding secretary two years ago, after 35 years of service in that office, was a great pleasure to all. In spite of her handicap of impaired sight, Mrs. Wylie wrote the "Story of the Star" judged best in North Dakota, for the National contest. In recognition of this, she was escorted to the platform and decorated with a beautiful corsage of gladioli and a small star badge. Similar badges were given for Mrs. Andrew Klostad of Glover and Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher, winners of second and third places in the state contest. In well chosen words, Mrs. Wylie spoke of her pleasure in being there, and told of a recent visit to Minneapolis during which she saw some of the officers of that state. She mentioned the statement made by a chaplain at Fort Snelling, that nearly a thousand boys had professed conversion there, since being inducted into the army.

Thursday evening the guest of honor, Mrs. F. G. S. Grevelt, Provincial Director of Institutes of Alberta, gave a fine message which appealed to all. She spoke feelingly of her friendship with the late Louise Crummy McKinney, former North Dakota woman whose passing a few years ago was a great loss to Canada and the world. She said the brewers in Canada made it known widely that they had given \$40,000 for ambulances, and she asked, "But whose money are they spending?" Even as they find it profitable to repeat unendingly, to make people conscious of the word 'beer,' so must we repeat our temperance teaching again and again. She said that she did not believe that the boys in camp want liquor so much, as that they have nowhere else to go. She opens her home to the boys camped near where she lives; for several months past, an average of ten boys an evening have been there. She spoke of Canada's sorrow at the passing of Senator Morris Sheppard, and urged continued support of his bill, S.860, saying, "How can your representative know what you think unless you tell him?"

Throughout the convention, we were favored with the fine music for which Grafton is well known. Besides those previously mentioned, Mrs. Luther Williamson gave a piano number and was accompanist for a number of those who sang, as well as playing for hymns. Miss Marguerite Phelps, the official organist, and Mrs. H. A. Helsem gave beautiful organ solos, and Miss Verna Gorder played a most enjoyable piano number entirely with her left hand. A trio consisting of Mrs. W. J. Johnston, Mrs. E. Nyman and Margaret Dike gave a vocal number; Mrs. Ole Hylden sang "The Prodigal;" Rev. H. A. Helsem, Rev. Smith, D. M. Upham and Margaret Dike each gave fine vocal solos. Mrs. Lynn Williams was accompanied for a musical reading, "A Tribute to Frances Willard" arranged and given by Mrs. Percy Carlson with appropriate lighting and costume. During the number Mrs. Williams sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Offerings received for the work were generous, and after the establishment of Continuing Memberships at \$10 each, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Mrs. J. W. Scott, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling and Mrs. Sophie Swarstad, each took them. Continuing Memberships automatically carry the name of the Life Member holding one, over to the Memorial Member list after this life ends. Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson placed the name of her late husband, The Rev. James Anderson, on the Memorial list.

Not all the convention hostesses were present when introductions were

made, and although we read and adopted the usual resolutions with one of thanks among them, words could not convey all our gratitude for the many kind things done for us. The warm clasping of hands as the convention formed a circle to sing the closing hymn, was a better medium of expression. The 53rd annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union was a real success. We wish you all might have been there.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK

Reports this year were received from 41 out of our 60 unions. Reports were sent in from all unions in James Valley, Ellendale and Fargo Districts. Fourteen unions reporting were visited by a state officer and 24 were visited by a state officer and 24 were visited by one of their district officers.

MEMBERSHIP. 33 of the 41 gained new members—128 in all. 12 gained new honorary members, 37 in all. Of these 19 are claimed by Jamestown union, bringing their total honorary membership to 22. 8 unions gained a total of 132 LTL members. In two of these, Williston and Dickey, more children attend the meetings but have not yet joined. Largest increase of all unions in membership; Fargo Scandinavian; second, Underwood; third Jamestown. Largest LTL membership, Northwood. Largest (and only) YTC, Northwood.

HONOR UNIONS. We have 26 Banner Unions this year (9 of the unions reporting did not record their credits.) Calvin, Rock Lake, Oberon, Minot, Parshall, Sawyer, Alamo, Crosby, Fortuna, Stanley, Stady-Zahl, Williston, Hettinger, Bismarck, Flasher, Jamestown, Valley City, Edgeley, Grand Forks, Grand Forks F. E. Willard, Larimore, Fargo, Fargo Scandinavian, Prosper, Park River and Grafton. We have one Light Line Union, Bismarck. Fruitful unions are 20 and Holdfast, 24, as reported in the White Ribbon Bulletin.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. Conventions were held in all the districts in May and June. Mrs. Darling was the speaker at the convention of Ellendale, James Valley, Bismarck, Ransom-LaMoure, Hettinger, Northwest, Grand Forks and Northeast Districts. She was present also at the Fargo District convention, where she declined 3 White Ribbon Recruits. Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer, was the speaker at Minot, New Rockford, Devils Lake and Fargo District conventions. Six districts have new presidents: Ransom LaMoure, Ellendale, Bismarck, Hettinger, Northwest, and James Valley.

ORGANIZATION. Two new unions were organized during the year. At Mott, with Mrs. M. L. Phillips as president; at LaMoure, with Mrs. S. N. Englestad as president, and the union at Plaza has been recently re-organized.

Institutes were conducted by Larimore union, Fargo District and Grand Forks District.

NATIONAL WORKERS. Miss Estelle Bozeman of Georgia was again in the state, spending three weeks giving instruction in Alcohol Education at the Valley City and Minot State Teachers Colleges.

Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer, spent two weeks working in Minot, Devils Lake and New Rockford District. In this time she gave 102 talks, contacting 702 persons, distributed 800 pages of literature and dedicated two White Ribbon Recruits.

LITERATURE. Literature reported by the unions was more than 3,000 pages. One union distributed blotters at school; three unions gave books to schools and 2 unions books to libraries. Prosper union, whose mem-

bers live in the country, distribute literature by the Round Robin method. Minnewaukan maintains a "Ready Reference Bulletin" in the school library, giving timely temperance news. Flasher bought temperance calendars and placed in eight rural schools. They also purchased posters which they planned to put in a prominent place in the town and change ever so often. Grand Forks, Park River, and both Fargo unions subscribed to Union Signals for public libraries and schools. Stady-Zahl subscribed to the Signal for the Zahl school and for two ministers and to the Young Crusader for the school. Fargo Union subscribed to the Young Crusader for all the 4th grades in the city.

Literature sent out from headquarters was approximately 7,400 leaflets, besides a number of pamphlets, books, organization packets, blotters, pledge cards, etc. One life member certificate was issued. Four of the unions are using the Topical program helps this year: Minot, Rock Lake, Fargo Scandinavian and Grand Forks. Seven persons outside of our membership wrote for helps for programs, both youth and adults, or special literature.

Letters were sent out to all Unions and Willard members in regard to the Second Mile Fund; the Civilian Defense and Red Cross work; the Ambulance Fund; the contest for new organizations; the Sheppard bill, S-860; and the initiated measure for North Dakota. Several unions reported letters written to Congress and circulation of petitions for the initiated measure. This year, at the suggestion of one of the District presidents, the same material has been sent all the district presidents, for their information, as was sent to the unions. The department directors were asked to do this also.

Parshall, Fortuna and Prosper has posters made by the schools. Calvin and Fortuna had essays written in the schools. Bismarck presented a framed picture of F. E. Willard to their high school.

The slide films have been shown at Bottineau, Calvin and Jamestown. Jamestown purchased two for use in schools and churches and Calvin purchased one. Mrs. Darling had the films and projector with her on her trip to the District conventions.

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Willard programs were reported by Fargo, Valley City and Grand Forks Unions. Flasher, Larimore, Sawyer and Oberon observed Mother's Day with Community programs. Flasher reports a good program, a packed hall and many compliments. At Larimore pictures of the parents were taken and sent to the boys in service, together with a copy of the program. Oberon Union assisted the American Legion with a similar program. Crosby Union made banners and took in a Victory Day parade. Stady-Zahl and Alamo Unions had a community meeting at Appam on July 4th, with church services in the morning and a program at the hall in the afternoon. The unions served lunches, ice cream, etc., during the day.

STAR STORIES. Six districts sent essays to the state contest. The winning story was the one written by our beloved Barbara Wylie, and this was sent in to the National Contest. Second place went to Mrs. Andrew Kolstad of Ellendale and third to Mrs. Philip Stolberg of Flasher.

RED CROSS WORK. Was reported by Calvin, Flasher, Grand Forks and Crosby. This will be more fully reported on by the director of our new department, that of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. C. E. Stowell, of Valley City. The directors of all the departments have been active in their work, sending out plans to the local

unions and by letters printed in our state paper the White Ribbon Bulletin.

Most of the unions announce their meetings in local papers and church bulletins and quite a few reports of their meetings printed in the newspapers. Grand Forks has also had announcement of meetings broadcast over the radio. Bismarck has had reports on WCTU work given at PTA meetings.

Valley City protested an article in their local paper and Flasher protested to KFYR and NBC about beer advertising on the radio.

Several unions send Christmas boxes to children's homes and hospitals and contribute to Chinese Relief fund or community funds for supplies for soldiers.

I was reminded as I made out my report last year and again this year of some of the statements Mrs. Smith our national president, made when she was our guest speaker at the convention two years ago—that the work of the local unions is important; that no matter if it seems insignificant to us, put together it is amazing what a total it makes; and that without the local unions the state and national organizations could not function.

I had occasion to write Mrs. Smith this fall and among other things she said that if the local unions all over the United States had given wider circulation to her leaflet on the effects of alcohol in small doses we might not have the conditions we have now and might have secured the passage of the bill S-860. Let us make a better record in the coming year.

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