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SONG OF THANKSGIVING

By Helen Mitchell
Our Father, we thank Thee for
father and light:
For spirits up-winged, unhampered
in flight.
For hearts that are stalwart, that
face to the foe
And rise undefeated from every blow.
That look to the future, and press
toward the dawn
Without a regret for the things that
are gone.
We thank Thee, our Father, that
spirits can rise
From ashes and weeping, from hope
where it lies
And meet each tomorrow beginning
afresh—
We thank Thee that Spirit can mas-
ter the flesh.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Grand Island, Nebraska

Dear Co-Workers:

Our state convention is now past history but the memory of it still lingers with us. It was a great joy and inspiration to meet again and the attendance was larger than anyone had expected at a time like this. We salute the Grafton union led by Mrs. A. M. Herbison, for the warm and friendly hospitality extended to us and for the fine way that they entertained their second state convention. Let us hope that other cities of that size in our state will be inspired to invite the state convention to meet with them.

We were greatly privileged in having our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, and our past president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner present throughout the entire convention. We are deeply grateful for the inspiration and help that these former leaders gave to our convention.

It was also very fitting that at a time like this we had a representative from our neighboring country to the north. Mrs. F. S. Grevett, with her graciousness, endeared herself to all that were present. We heartily agree with her, "if we can be united in war surely we can be united in peace." The great "White Ribbon" host of the world is united in a great effort to rid our countries, our states, and our local communities, of the liquor curse. It was a great joy to have Mrs. Grevett and I know that you join with me in saying, "Thank you—and come again soon."

I am writing this from Grand Island, Nebraska where I am with my husband. It is a great pleasure and privilege to have this re-union. He joins with me in the hope and desire that this new year may strengthen all lines of our work and that we may go forward to greater victories.

Our national convention which was held so recently in Birmingham, Alabama, resolved to work untiringly for war prohibition. It is very evi-

dent that the present all out war efforts, alone, will not bring victory. There must be more sacrifice of non-essentials. The present emergency calls for man-power, health and wealth. In the heart of every true American citizen there is a burning desire to do his or her utmost to bring this emergency to a successful conclusion. There is no place for alcoholic beverages in such an emergency because it destroys manpower through drunkenness; increases sickness by weakening bodies or by accidents caused by fogged minds; increases social diseases, especially in congested areas such as production areas or in service camps; wastes our material resources through drinking, gambling and other associated evils. Therefore, as we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us pledge ourselves to personally increase our efforts to win new members and to promote the program of education, agitation, organization and legislation.

When this reaches you the November election will be over and we will know the fate of the initiated measure that comes to a vote at the general election. May God grant unto us a victory.

Plans for the "November Roll-call" are in the making now but should be completed and in operation before this reaches you. Let us strive to double the number of "Holdfast" unions this year. A "Hold-fast" union is one that has paid to the state treasurer dues for all resident members by March 1st. Every union could meet this goal if the November roll call is observed and followed up with a "visiting team" whose duty it is to call on all absent members immediately after the "Dues Tea" meeting. This needs the cooperation of every active member.

Our new membership plan is in operation now and will last until July 4, 1943. During the drive last year North Dakota won 124 members and 8 new organizations, which I was very proud to announce to the National Convention in session in Birmingham, Alabama. However, we won 143 new members and 9 organizations for the entire year and at the close of the year showed a net gain of 129. It is the net gain that counts and that shows that dues have been collected from a majority of old members. Let us strive to do as well next year. We are facing a very difficult year and if present emergency conditions continue to exist we will lose many members by removal. Our state has no defense work of any great proportion and many of our people are leaving to go into production areas. These members must be replaced by new members. The new membership plan that was presented at our state convention was revised by an appointed committee at the national convention and the revised plan will soon come to us from the newly elected national corresponding secretary, Miss Lily

Grace Matheson. We all regretted that because of illness Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo was unable to continue in that office.

Life Magazine had a star photographer present at the national convention to take pictures for an article to appear soon. I hope our members will read it. Paramount Newsreel photographed the convention in session and brief talks by officers and members. Go to your local movies and see the national convention in action.

I hope to be back in my own home soon and to bring to as many unions as desire it, a complete report of this splendid convention.

It was voted at our state convention to continue the "Second Mile Project" (\$3.00 per union) for another year that the entire deficit of the emergency fund might be erased. I hope every union will make an effort to pay this small sum over and above the budget.

We had a fine shower of Life, Continuing, and Memorial memberships at the convention. Let us make a special effort to secure more during the coming year. Please remember that such a membership credits \$2.50 to local union, \$2.50 to district and \$5.00 goes to general fund of the state.

"Nothing is too bad to be incurable; Nothing too good to be hoped for; Nothing too high to be attempted."

Yours in loving service,
BESSIE M. DARLING

LIQUOR IN ARMY CAMPS

By Jeff Davis in Baptist Standard

Attorney General Mann of Texas has ruled, "The state has no power nor jurisdiction to regulate in any manner or prohibit under its laws the sale of 3.2 beer in a dry area such as Camp Bowie, where the sale of same has been authorized in such area by the proper authority in the War Department in the interest of promoting the general welfare, morale and safety of its armed forces."

Commenting on General Mann's ruling in an address before the House of Representatives, Congressman U. S. Guyer, Kansas, on May 7, 1942, said:

"Then what are we fighting for? To make the world safe for the liquor traffic? Since when has the sale of alcoholic liquor of any alcoholic content been permitted in violation of the will of the people of any dry area in the interest of promoting the general welfare, morale and safety of the armed forces? This is another reason why prohibition is coming back."

"The people of Texas have as good right to tell liquor to get out of Texas as Uncle Sam has to tell Japan to get out of China or Hitler to get out of Holland." Now comes what appears to be a

form letter that has been sent out to all army posts from the Adjutant General's Office from which we take the following paragraph:

"The War Department absolutely prohibits the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor to all soldiers on any army post. The sale of beer of not more than 3.2 per cent alcoholic content by weight, which is considered non-intoxicating is permitted on these reservations, located in states whose laws permit such sales. Such sales are not permitted on reservations located within any state, territory or district whose laws do not permit such sales within its borders."

This will be welcome news to the dry areas in Texas where army camps are located, and to fathers and mothers everywhere. It goes without saying that the beer barons will do all in their power to get the War Department to change its mind, but we doubt if it will. This ruling will meet with the approval of 90 per cent of our people, taking the state as a whole. Everyone capable of a mental process knows that liquor is detrimental to the morale of the soldier, and to the best interest of the government as a whole. A dry army is a better fighting army any time anywhere! Let's help to keep our men sober and see how quickly they can finish the job of civilizing the Japs

—The National Voice.

PERSONALS

A pleasant after-convention event at Grafton was a breakfast given by Mrs. Lynn Williams with Mrs. Grevett, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. D. M. Upham and the Rev. and Mrs. Place as their guests. After it the Places took Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. Anderson to Bowesmont by car.

An interesting personality at the convention was Mrs. Isabel Morey veteran of the Grand Forks union, wearing her gold-colored badge that testified to over fifty years of membership in the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. A. M. Herbison, president of the Grafton union, entertained her convention delegates at supper on Wednesday evening.

All the delegates appreciated the luncheon served by the local union Thursday noon, as besides the excellent food, it gave the women a better chance to visit. Time is never enough for that, at convention!

A camera fiend was busy at noon Thursday, and demands for posing made upon officers and guests of the convention. One group picture was taken of four white ribboners present, all of whom are called "Bessie" by their friends.

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WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

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THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1.—SPIRITUAL LIFE—
"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"—Phil, 4-13. Acknowledging the Divine guidance of our Heavenly Father in all our work, I recommend:

That we put greater emphasis on the things of the spirit and that we rededicate our lives to His service. Believing there is power in prayer, we urge the enlistment of all shut-ins members in the nine o'clock prayer service—names to be sent to state director of Evangelistic department.

That we encourage a stricter observance of the noon-tide prayer and that in our program of education for total abstinence we stress more pledge signing among children, youth and adults.

That we make the work of the Evangelistic Department the basis of all other work.

2.—ORGANIZATION—

(1.) Recognizing that the strength of our work lies in the local organizations, we urge that special effort be made in each district to organize local unions, Iota Sigmas, Y.T.Cs. and L.T.Ls. That three free subscriptions to the Union Signal be given to any district securing three or more new organizations.

(2.) That we employ a National Organizer in our state for a period of four weeks.

3.—MEMBERSHIP—

Study and adopt the Membership Plan submitted by our national organization. Strive to enlist all Christian women in this fight for sobriety and decency. In numbers there is strength.

4.—NOVEMBER ROLL CALL—

That every union observe the roll call during the month of November. Detailed plans for the collection of dues to be worked out by local treasurer and appointed committees. Systematic observance of Roll-Call will result in more Hold Fast Unions.

5.—ALCOHOLIC EDUCATION—
(1.) That we continue our work in Teachers' Colleges by engaging a special trained teacher to serve from two to four weeks during the summer sessions until such time as school is ready to add such a teacher to the faculty.

(2.) We urge continued use of motion pictures, film strips, posters and exhibits as a means of promoting alcohol education in grades, Junior and Senior High schools, Sunday schools and Daily Vacation Bible schools.

(3.) Publicize alcohol education by informing the public about the teaching program. Exhibit books and pamphlets from Annotated List at teachers conventions and Sunday School conventions.

(4.) Continue promoting Temperance Library shelves in schools and public libraries, adding at least one new book each year.

6.—DEPARTMENT WORK—
State directors strive to reach "Standard of Efficiency." Each local union and district work at least three departments. This work is of vital importance in our program of education, agitation and organization.

7.—LITERATURE and PUBLICATIONS—

(1.) Essential to a well informed membership is the literature, booklets and pamphlets found in our National Publishing House and at our State Headquarters. More careful study and greater distribution of same are urged.

(2.) The Union Signal is our official publication and merits the support of every member. The educational issues alone are worth the price of a subscription. Strive to reach our goal of one subscription for every six members, again this year. Place Young Crusader in schools and in homes where there are children. Each local union and district appoint a promoter.

8.—INSTITUTES—

Greater knowledge of the work and of the official execution of it can be gained by holding Institutes. Endeavor to hold at least one in each union or each district early in the year, with a district or state officer in charge. Strive to promote leadership with education and information.

9.—FINANCES—

(1.) That we continue the budget plan on the basis of last year—one dollar per member up to seventy-five members and the sum be sent to state

treasurer early in the year so that educational and organization work need not be curtailed. We urge that greater responsibility be assumed by ALL unions in raising these amounts additional to dollar dues.

(2.) Endeavor to secure more Life, Memorial and Continuing Memberships (\$10.) The last will automatically become a memorial membership when the person holding it is called into Higher Service. Full amount to be sent to State Treasurer to be divided as follows: to local union \$2.50; to district \$2.50; and to state \$5.00. That each union strive to secure at least one such membership during the year.

10.—GUEST MEETINGS—

An occasional evening meeting is recommended to acquaint both men and women with the real purpose and activities of our organization. Endeavor to have an interesting and informative program with a "get acquainted" social hour. Every member to bring a guest.

11.—COOPERATION—

Cooperate with other organizations with similar interests and problems. In this way co-ordination of service of all community groups could be secured for legislation, law enforcement and character building programs. Such campaigns should finance themselves.

12.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE—

That we will cooperate with National plans that will be out lined later. Continue our participation in the Red Cross sewing and knitting, local chairman to keep an accurate record of number of hours given and number of garments made. Support welfare agencies, cooperate with civilian defense councils and with U.S.O. Offer such volunteer service as can be accepted, continue to support \$860 and other similar legislative measures. The president of the National W.C.T.U. offers the following:

Special Recommendations

The Defense of our Defenders not only requires the abolition of liquor from camps and their vicinity, but War Industries must have the same regulations if their work is not to be impeded. Alcoholic beverages are a saboteur indeed in this war.

The grain of this nation must be conserved for food. The shipping must be conserved for service in needful directions.

Homes and children must not suffer because money goes to taverns, nor must sale of War Bonds suffer for that reason.

For these and many other reasons a campaign for War Time Prohibition, for the duration of the war and period of demobilization which will follow, shall be the special work of the W.C.T.U. and the plans for action shortly to be issued will be the first charge on our service for the immediate present.

We pledge unity of action with movements in progress and ask cooperation from others.

"Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among thee."

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in convention at Grafton September 15-17, 1942 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 country 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 stand 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 effect upon the morale and efficiency of those who are being trained to defend America. We therefore shall continue to urge the passage of Senate Bill 860, which would banish beverage alcohol and prostitution from camp areas.

We gladly cooperate with the U.S.O and similar organizations where their efforts provide clean recreation and moral surrounding for men in the military camps.

Youth. We declare that it is likewise essential that young people in our state 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 Youth, and to rid our communities of liquor and vice. For the sake of our young people we earnestly request the officials charged with that duty to enforce such regulatory laws as are on the statute books of our state. We commend those now doing so.

Total Abstinence and Prohibition. We affirm our conviction that the remedy for the evils of liquor is total abstinence for the individual and government prohibition of the traffic in beverage alcohol. We declare our purpose to cooperate with the N.D. Consolidated Drys in their campaign to pass the initiated measure to be voted on at the November election, which would prevent sale of alcoholic beverages in places where food is sold to be consumed on the premises.

Alcohol Education. Methods of alcohol education should include 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 shall 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 we are definitely opposed to raising private or public funds through lotteries.

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

Salacious Literature. We urge all citizens to wage a relentless war against the production, sale and distribution of salacious literature.

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 Federated Church of Grafton for the use of their beautiful building; to the Grafton union for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort and convenience including the fine Convention dinner and the luncheon on Thursday; to all the musicians for their enjoyable numbers; to the members of the union 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 reports of our meetings; to the guest of honor; Mrs. F. S. Grevett of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for the help and inspiration she brought to us; and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of this, our 53rd annual convention.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NORTH DAKOTA W.C.T.U.
September 10, '41 - September 5, '42**

Receipts:	
Women's Dues	\$ 850.80
Willard	66.00
L.T.L.	33.90
Y.T.C.	3.00
	\$ 953.70
Budget	
Dist. Pledge	1209.51
Field Work	100.00
Second Mile	65.05
Literature	136.05
State Reports	45.30
Convention Collections	20.00
Memorial Membership	39.15
Life Membership	10.00
State Education	15.00
Anna Gordon Missionary Fund	4.50
Light Line25
Willard Memorial	6.75
Lillian Stevens	14.00
Medals	3.00
Union Signal and Young Crusader Sub.	10.05
White Ribbon Bulletin Sub.	2.75
Misc.	2.60
Red Cross Blood Bank and Ambulance	4.42
	291.28
	1,978.66
	\$ 2,932.36
Disbursements	
Women's Dues	121.60
L.T.L.	17.35
Y.T.C.60
	139.60
Blood Bank and Ambulance Fund	291.28
Headquarters Expense	329.00
Willard Memorial	86.00
Lillian Stevens	43.00
W. R. Bulletin	430.36
Literature and Supplies	111.11
Postage	69.07
Printing	12.43
State Convention Expense	61.07
Travel Expense	96.25
Officers Appropriation	674.45
Union Signal and Young Crusader	10.95
State Reports	87.91
Second Mile Refund	136.05
Bank Charge	11.77
State Educational Work	182.41
Light Line	6.00
Miscellaneous	7.07
	2,354.85
	\$ 2,785.73
	146.63
	\$ 2,932.36
Bank Balance	

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
NATIONAL W.C.T.U.**

Realizing the continued need of efficient workers that our organization may be the strong force during these tragic war days that it has been in the past, we have prepared THE NATIONAL W.C.T.U. REFRESHER UNIT, No. 1, on ORGANIZATION. The packet, which will sell for 60 cents, contains pamphlets and leaflets centering around W. C. T. U. history, biography, organization, source, and scientific materials. Every officer and director and many of the members of the W.C.T.U. and Iota Sigma Units should avail themselves of the privilege of increasing their usefulness by the reading of this material.

Recognition of this work will be an ACCREDITATION CARD signed by the National W.C.T.U. Corresponding Secretary. A WHITE accreditation card will be sent to each one who completes the STUDY UNIT, and a BLUE card for completing the READING UNIT. For those who wish to complete the STUDY UNIT, a set of simple questions has been prepared and will be mailed to each person who orders the unit material. If more than one person plans to use one REFRESHER UNIT packet, requests should be sent for the number of quiz questions needed.

**NOTES FROM THE
UNIONS**

The Calvin union believes in getting a hearing wherever there are children—an excellent practice—and so presents the temperance work in the Sunday School and day school. They showed the slide films in the school, gave books for the Temper-

ance Shelf and enlisted the help of the primary teacher, whose pupils prepared an exhibit which later was shown at Sunday School. On the last Temperance Sunday, the district president, Mrs. Will Logan gave a talk and distributed 40 copies of George Cutten's address, "We Are At War."

Mrs. Elmer Cart, president of the Bismarck union, was hostess for their October meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. L. Kelley, based on Proverbs 2. Special music by the Misses Hope and Donna Neugebauer, each of whom played a piano solo, and a vocal number by Miss Arna Njaa of St. Paul, gave particular enjoyment. Miss Njaa also gave a talk on Christian responsibilities, which was very helpful. Their secretary, Marie I. Sjoblom, reports that their meetings are all interesting and well attended.

Sawyer Union elected officers at their September meeting. Refreshments were served and a handkerchief shower given for Mrs. Detrick, who is moving west with her husband. While Sawyer Union misses Mrs. Martin Reinholdt, their former president who has left the state, the members are determined to carry on. This is the spirit we need!

The Park River Union met at the country home of their president, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross in September, and elected officers. As it is difficult for the country folks to get into town in Winter, two vice-presidents were named to assist her. An interesting feature of the meeting was the dedication of little Philip Tracy Zoller, son of Mrs. Shirley Cross Zoller, who had come from Seattle to introduce the small boy to the home folks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 15 — October 15

DUES—Bucyrus 12, Grand Forks 3, WILLARD MEMBERS—1,
BUDGET—Grafton \$34.00, Grand Forks \$10.00
AMBULANCE FUND—25c.
UNION SIGNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS—Reeder \$4.00, Young Crusader 25c
CONTRIBUTION—\$1.50

To Bucyrus goes the honor of being our first Holdfast Union this year, and to Grafton the distinction of being the first Union to pay its budget in full. Congratulations!

A correction should be made in a name which appeared in the October issue of the Bulletin under Continuing memberships as "Mrs. Annie Lathewood." It should have read, Mrs. Annie Catherwood, Park River.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
State Treasurer.
Box 1366, Fargo, N. D.

The Frances Willard Union of Grand Forks held the August meeting at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth. Reports for the year were given, showing a membership of 72 and finances well balanced. At that meeting delegates to the state convention were elected. Mrs. K. Soreng led devotions, reading Ps. 46 and offering prayer; vocal solo by Mrs. Sellar, with Mrs. H. O. Hermanson as accompanist was another enjoyable feature.

In July the Frances Willard Union met at a country church, East Walle, ten miles south of Grand Forks. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was present, and spoke, but the principal address was given by the Rev. Ira Hertzberg of Grand Forks, who spoke forcefully on Christian Citizenship. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. O. T. Ness, who sang a duet with Mrs. O. Hageli, with Ordean Ness as accompanist; and a solo by Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth accompanied by Mrs. H. O. Hermanson. The hostess, Mrs. Salomonson, served a delightful lunch, and as she had invited many of her friends from the church vicinity, there was a large attendance and a very enjoyable meeting.

The Jamestown Union studied the State Report and facts from the National Handbook, by means of a meeting. A jolly feature of the study "Kwiz Kids Korner," at their July meeting. A jolly feature of the study was the identification of a number of state officers, when the letters of their names were so mixed up as to be unrecognizable. Who would have located our charming treasurer, Mrs. Fossom, under the name of Smoufs? To the two who proved most able to name them correctly, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Barber, the president, Mrs. F. S. Bordwell gave lovely corsages of flowers from her garden.

The Ellendale Union had its September meeting at the home of Mrs. R. E. Knox, at which Mrs. Carl Maack, local secretary and district president, gave a fine report of the state convention. This union did the practical, helpful thing of giving a shower of canned vegetables for one of their members who was unable to do her own canning in the summer because of illness. Her first meal downstairs was celebrated by the arrival of the cans. The president, Mrs. E. E. Clark reports that she has already secured two new members for this year; one a bride and one the mother of young children under school age. We congratulate both Mrs. Clark and these young women, for whom we hope years of enjoyable service are just beginning.

TWIN BALLOTS

(This poem is one that the editor heard sung at Temperance meeting nearly half a century ago. Are there any voters like this today?)
Along in November, when chill was the weather,
Two ballots were cast in a box together;
They nestled up close like brother to brother;
You couldn't tell one of the votes from the other.

The one vote was cast by a cunning old brewer,
Whose beer that he made was just fit for the sewer;
The other was cast by a Sunday School man
For the Party that stood for the brewers plan.

This Sunday School man — no man could be truer—
Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer;
But his ardor cooled off with the change in the weather
And late in the autumn they voted together.

This Sunday School man had always been noted,
For fighting saloons—except when he voted—
He piled up his prayers with a holy perfection,
Then knocked them all down on the day of election.

The cunning old brewer was cheerful and mellow;
Said he, "I admire that Sunday School fellow;
He's true to his church, to his Party he's truer;
He talks for the Lord, but he votes for the brewer." —Exchange

PERSONALS

(Continued from page one)

"Mother" Omlie, one of the oldest members of the Grafton union, had an attack of illness just as the convention began, but she filled her rooms with delegates anyway, and recovered sufficiently to attend part of the meetings, to the satisfaction of all.

Miss Marjorie Lillico, the corresponding secretary of Northeast District, has accepted a position in the office of the State School for the Feeble Minded, at Grafton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Honorary President, was a great help at the convention. She gave copies of her recently written leaflet, "To Our Defenders," to those present who would send them to men in the armed forces. Speaking sometimes to a question under discussion in her own straight-to-the-point manner, she gave valuable ideas and helped keep things moving. At the close of the convention, she accompanied Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie to Bowesmont, where she attended to business matters and spoke to an appreciative audience in the church Sunday afternoon. After closing her cottage at Detroit Lakes and spending some time with relatives in Tower City, she plans to go to Penney Farms, Florida for the winter.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling spent a few days with her sisters in Evanston, Ill., on her return from the National convention at Birmingham, and went from there to Grand Island, Neb., to visit a little while with her husband who is employed there on defense work. While there, the local president called upon her and asked her to address a meeting, which she did.

LIBERTY

From lands across the sea they came,
Those stern-faced men in days of old,
Not theirs the quest for passing fame,
Nor did they come in search of gold.

But in each heart there burned a flame

Fresh lit from Freedom's altar fire,
This the great reason why they came
To build for Freedom fair empire.

They reared her virgin altar high,
Then placed thereon that holy fire;
They guarded it with jealous eye—
That precious flame, their hearts' desire!

When chilled New England winds
blew cold,

They garnered in their scanty hoard,
That little band of heroes bold
Assembled round their rough-hewn
board.

They rendered thanks for corn and game

And for the brown nuts from the wood,

But most of all that Freedom's flame
Was burning brightly where they stood.

Still leaps that white effulgent flame
Unscathed by the dross of earth,
As men of every creed and name
Thank Him who gave to Freedom
birth.

—By John Milton Jackson.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1942 NATIONAL W.C.T.U. CONVENTION

Birmingham, Alabama, October 2-6.

The outstanding accomplishment of this very significant convention was the inauguration of a campaign for wartime prohibition. Announced in the annual address of Mrs. Ida E. Wise Smith, national president, at the opening session, Friday morning, October 2nd, this campaign will aim at abolishing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages "for the duration of this war and such time as is necessary for demobilization after its close." The announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the convention, and received widespread attention in the nation's press. The first purpose of the W.C.T.U. in the coming year will be the furthering of this aim.

In her address, Mrs. Smith pointed out that arrests for drunkenness per 100,000 population have increased from 831 in 1932 (the last prohibition year) to 1,593 in 1940, after seven years of repeal. Arrests for driving while intoxicated rose from 65.7 per 100,000 in 1932 to 107.7 in 1940. Since repeal, an average of more than 12,000 illicit stills have been seized annually. The Treasury Department recently reported that bootlegging had increased 16 per cent in the past year.

She protested the use of cargo ships to carry rum and liquor while shipments of necessary materials and foods waited at the docks for lack of shipping space; the loss of manpower through drunkenness, sickness due to weakened bodies, and accidents caused by fogged minds; the resurgence of prostitution around production centers and service camps; the continuing waste of resources through gambling and horse racing; the steadily increasing use of tobacco; and the publication of salacious magazines.

She hailed the victories by the dries in local option elections during the past year; the court decisions favoring the dry viewpoints; the resolutions recently passed by church groups representing 25,000,000 persons, calling for wartime abolition of the liquor business; and the rising tide of dry sentiment as evidenced in

all of these, and in other media of expression. Also, she called attention to the W.C.T.U.'s acts of mercy in the current war, including the gift of funds to the American Red Cross for a mobile blood-bank unit and six ambulances. Official government figures revealing that losses of \$6,700,000 in money and 6,284,080,111 pounds of food are entailed in beverage alcohol were also included in her report.

Heartening news came during the session on Friday evening, October 2nd, when it was revealed that up to June 14th there had been 727 new organizations enrolled in the W.C.T.U. and 27,024 new members. Outstanding gains were reported by Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Illinois and Missouri.

Unusual attention was paid by the press and radio to this year's convention, indicating that W.C.T.U.'s activities are of major national importance. Every newspaper wire service carried stories daily out of Birmingham, the local newspapers covered events consistently, Life Magazine had a star photographer present for several days to take pictures for an article to appear soon, the Paramount Newsreel photographed the convention in session and brief talks by officers and members.

Dr. Seale Harris, professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Alabama, delivered an inspiring talk at the Saturday afternoon session, October 3rd. Speaking on "Brewery and Distillery Saboteurs," he pointed out the serious differences in governmental attitudes toward alcoholic beverages for servicemen in this war and in 1917-18.

On Sunday night, World's W.C.T.U. night, Dr. Charles Allen Clark of Korea told of the heroic and magnificent job that had been done in Japan and its occupied areas to curtail the barbaric spreading of narcotic addiction and alcoholism by the government which profited from the sale of these destructive agents to conquered peoples.

Despite the handicaps of material shortages and transportation difficulties, an interesting display of the work of the various departments was set up in the basement of the First Methodist Church, convention headquarters. Visitors and many townspeople examined these displays with a great deal of interest.

On the program of the Young People's Night, Saturday, October 3rd an interesting panel discussion on "A Program of Practical Christianity in Wartime" was participated in by young people from all parts of the country. Miss Martha Smyth Cooper, general secretary of the Youth's Temperance Council, spoke on "Christ or Custom."

In the absence of Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo, corresponding secretary who was ill, her annual report was read at the opening session by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, vice-president. Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, treasurer, revealed in her report that despite lowered interest rates on investments and other wartime difficulties, the general financial outlook is favorable, and several departments are showing surpluses for the first time in several years.

"Churches have been used as the tools of liquor propagandists in discrediting the successes of prohibition," Dr. George Barton Cutten, retiring president of Colgate University, told the convention Sunday afternoon, October 4th. "They have spread the false slogans of defeatism about

anti-liquor legislation.

"Prohibition is preventive medicine. A sharp decline in the cases of tuberculosis during the past 25 years has been hailed as a great achievement, and it is. There was a very sharp decline in the number of deaths due to alcoholism and in alcoholic psychosis during prohibition, yet the wets and their dupes say that prohibition was a failure."

He gave interesting statistics to prove the effectiveness of prohibition in New York State. In 1920, the only year in which prohibition was really enforced, there were 122 first admissions to hospitals for alcoholic psychosis, or 1.2 per 100,000 population. This was an all-time low. In 1941 there were 962, or 7.2 per 100,000—an all-time high, six times above the 1920 figure.

Indicative of the turning tide was a report from Kentucky that during the two weeks previous, seven more counties had voted to prohibit liquor, making 71 of the state's 120 counties dry. It is to be remembered, particularly, that Kentucky is the greatest distilling state in the country.

According to the brewers' own figures, Mrs. Smith pointed out in an interview, a million men could be made available for essential work from the ranks of the liquor industry. Also, the yield of 3,000,000 acres is wasted each year in the manufacture of beer alone, and the waste of transportation facilities, lumber, glass products and coal is staggering.

"Japan fairly swims in strong drink," Dr. Charles Allen Clark, noted Far Eastern Missionary told the convention on Sunday Evening, October 4th. "Every public function of every sort almost floats in liquor."

"The Tokyo parliament in 1938 passed laws making it illegal to sell liquor to any person in Korea under 20 years of age, and there is a strong movement in Japan to raise that to 25 years. But the military forces are fighting the bill because they want the boys in the army to have the right to imbibe "Dutch Courage" to help them in the war.

"All that has been said about Japan's debauching her neighbor peoples through narcotics is more than true," he declared.

All Americans "who feel the need for cleaning up contagion points of evil" were called on by the convention to join in the newly organized drive for wartime prohibition.

L. T. L. LETTER

Before this letter reaches you I hope to have mailed the new Work-Guide-Program Helps to each Union. I will mail it to the L.T.L. Leader if I have her name—otherwise to the President. The Pilots for Service—L.T.L. Airlines is very interesting. Give right now attention to the "Dues Roundup" and the "Vitamin Tree." The new enterprise, "Pilots for Christian Service," is so planned that a Legion may either create its own plans or follow the ready-made program suggested on P. 3 of the Work Guide.

Loyal Temperance Legion Secretaries are not on the deferred list. They are needed for ACTION right now. So all out for the L.T.L. Can't each W.C.T.U. have a class of at least 10 paid-up L.T.L. members for the coming year?

Yours for more L.T.L. Leaders.

MRS. J. W. FRISBIE.

Just Between Ourselves

With this issue of our paper, we complete the information customarily given about our recent state convention. Last month the president's an-

nual address and the report of the corresponding secretary were included with the convention story. This time we have the president's recommendations, which I hope you will all study; the resolutions adopted, the treasurer's financial statement for the year and some personal notes about people who were there. There were many more whom we would have been glad to mention if there were time and space.

Today as I write, the trucks are thronging into the towns of the county in which I live, bearing metal scrap of all sorts, with which we hope to help win the war. Just as important, in my opinion, is the need for our continued activity in temperance work. It will soon be time to pay our dues again. Let us not be diverted by calls for other war work, from this task of ours. As Miss Martha Smith Cooper, National Y.T.C. Secretary, has said, "If we do not do this temperance work, who will?" We must do our share of the war work, but need of temperance teaching was never greater, I believe. We must "keep on keeping on." May every union hold the old members and add to their numbers this year.

Your friend,

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

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