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**CHRISTMAS MORNING**

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With pen of golden beams the morn-  
ing writes  
The ever-joyous tidings: "Peace on  
Earth!"  
On swan-white plains and winter-  
silvered heights,  
Proclaiming to a grieving world the  
birth  
Of Him whose hand could still the  
raging seas,  
And, gently speaking, troubled hearts  
appease.  
  
His kindly face smiles in the rose-  
hued dawn  
This Christmas morn, had we but eyes  
to see.  
To visioned realms of hope He leads  
us on,  
Would we but follow, give our hearts  
in fee.  
Above the tumult, distant cannon's  
roar,  
His voice is calling, gently as of yore.

**THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Co-Workers:  
Election day is past and the fate of our initiated measure is well known to all our readers. Even though we were not victorious we are pleased with the fine supporting vote that it received. I feel that we have reason to rejoice because it showed clearly that the pendulum is swinging back and there is a growing sentiment for a change in present conditions. The vote was very close and should encourage all workers to work harder for new members and new organizations. In the counties where our work is well organized the vote was favorable. We are especially pleased that so many of our pastors of all denominations entered into this campaign with a determination to win. It is still more encouraging that so many of our Christian people are awakening to their individual responsibility and are able to see more clearly the need of restricting the liquor business. It was interesting to note the many different ways in which our women contributed to this campaign; I wish I could tell the story in detail.  
The day of the election the Rugby union, at the suggestion of one of the faithful members, held a prayer meeting in a home across the street from one of the polling places. Members and friends were asked to drop in at any time and join in the service. Like the "Crusaders of Old" they took it to the Lord in prayer. If all our unions had done likewise the results might have been different. That is one weapon that we have that the wets do not use.  
Our membership plan can be found elsewhere in this issue and I hope

each union will present it at their next meeting. Plans should be carefully studied, then put into operation. A suitable award for the State Evangel (the woman securing the most members in state) will be decided on and announced at a later date. Campaign ends July 4th, 1943 but the time to begin is NOW.

It is interesting to note that unions are beginning to pay dues and budgets so early in the year. I hope there will be a shower of reports on "Roll-Call Meetings," and that our "Hold Fast" unions will be doubled this year. There is a great possibility that many of our people in this state will move to defense areas this winter as the demands for workers are increasing daily. This is a crucial time and we must work hard to hold our state membership. The curtailment of gas will hamper our work somewhat but those who are familiar with the history of our work, know that Frances Willard did not own or operate a car yet she was able to organize unions in all the states of the union.

Let us look forward and plan for greater things even in the midst of chaos.

Thanksgiving Day 1942 is past; it was a day of joy and thanksgiving mingled with sadness. Joy for the many privileges that we are permitted to enjoy—freedoms of worship, and speech; from want and fear; joy that in this changing world God's love remains unchanged; Joy of health, strength, love and service. Even as we raised our voices in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, our Creator and our Redeemer, for all these blessings and for the material gifts that have been ours through the year, our hearts were filled with anxiety for our absent loved ones. In many homes the family circle was broken this year and our thoughts and prayers went out to those in the armed forces of our country and to those far away from home in defense work—they too are giving their full measure of devotion to their country. God grant that ere we celebrate another Thanksgiving, Peace may come to this troubled world.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson in the loss of her grandson, Barney Anderson, in a seaplane accident off the Texas coast. His father is Dr. Howard Anderson, the only living son of the late James Anderson. This fine young lad made the supreme sacrifice for his country, as did his uncle in the first world war. Let us strive more diligently than ever to make this a cleaner and better world of tomorrow, that this lad and others like him, will not have died in vain. May God comfort and sustain his family in their great bereavement.

Possibly before this reaches you, we will mark the first anniversary of the attack upon our country by our enemy. During that time we have in-

creased our armed forces with hundreds of thousands of our young men—the cream of our land. We will soon be sending our teen age lads into the conflict. Many of you no doubt watched with interest the fate of the Sheppard bill, S. 860, offered by Sen. Josh Lee of Oklahoma, as an amendment to the teen age draft bill, S.2748. The vote was on a motion made by Senator Barkley, Senate Majority Leader, to refer the amendment to the Senate Military Affairs Committee. We have reason to believe that those who voted against referring the amendment were in favor of it. Our own two senators, Hon. Gerald P. Nye and Hon. William Langer voted against referring the amendment. Even though they were in the minority they did attempt to do something to defend our defenders. Have you written them to express your appreciation? Let us not forget to say "Thank You" that they may be encouraged to stand fearlessly for the right at all times. My letters of appreciation were sent immediately after the vote was announced in our daily papers. It is to be regretted that men like Senator Josh Lee who made such a splendid fight for the protection of our boys, and Senator Norris of Nebraska, who fearlessly fought for the right, met with defeat at the polls, Nov. 3rd. It shows the powerful influence that subversive forces are gaining over our state and national governments. Where did all the money come from that helped to defeat our initiated measure? We wonder when the truth will impress itself upon minds and hearts of the American fathers and mothers.

We must continue to agitate for a War Emergency measure eliminating the manufacture and sale of all beverage alcohol. Many of our citizens have had their industries entirely absorbed by the war efforts. We are cautioned daily to curtail all spending. The rationing of many more articles of food and also gasoline will soon go into effect. We are rapidly learning the lesson of self-denial. How long are we going to tolerate the unhampered, flourishing, non-essential, and protected liquor industry which is seeking to expand its market while other industries are being curtailed? Let us help win the war with prohibition for the duration and for the period of demobilization there after.

As we plan for the greatest of all days—Christmas Day—and as we read the Christmas story again, let us resolve to forget all selfishness, pettiness and jealousy and bring joy and happiness into all lives that touch ours. "Peace on earth, good will to men" seems so meaningless in our world today. We can, however, bring some measure of peace into our own hearts if we will give our own wills to be directed by His will; we can dedicate our bodies a living sacrifice, consecrated and acceptable to God—the Christ-child, let us pray that

through Him, we may be given wisdom, courage and faith to carry on.

So, dear comrades, may your Christmas be one of joy, peace and happiness and may the time soon come when we can truly say, "Peace on earth, Good will to men."

There was a baby born in Bethlehem Who lived and grew and loved and healed and taught, And died;—But not to me.

When Christmas comes, I see Him still arise

The gentle, the compassionate, the wise,  
Wiping earth's tears away, stilling her strife;  
Calling, "My path is peace; My way is Life."

Yours in Service,  
BESSIE M. DARLING.

**RESOLUTIONS**

We, the delegates of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in Annual Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, October 2-6, 1942, desire to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of Christian civilization which are ours and humbly acknowledge the sins which as a nation we have committed against Him in the desecration of His Day, in the licensing of the liquor traffic, in all injustices and other evils, which we have failed to rectify in our laws and customs and we do hereby beseech His blessings in this hour of peril, not because of any merit on our part but because of our great need.

Because we are convinced that the liquor business is one of the most serious hindrances to the successful prosecution of the war and

WHEREAS our nation needs every resource of man power both in war service and in industry and

WHEREAS the use of alcoholic liquors is a detriment to the physical and moral well being of men and women in service and in industry as well as to those in civilian life and

WHEREAS production is slowed up by loss of labor hours, caused by drinking workmen, and

WHEREAS liquor destroys large quantities of valuable food by turning it into intoxicating liquor, and

WHEREAS it takes from the people over four billions of dollars annually in the direct cost of alcoholic liquors and another four billion to take care of the poverty insanity and destitution caused by drink, and

WHEREAS it uses space in ships and railroads needed for shipment of needed war materials, and

WHEREAS it consumes thousands of tons of coal, of iron, tin, rubber, oil, sugar, gasoline, so sorely needed in the prosecution of the war, and

WHEREAS it is the cause of labor troubles in shipyards, workshops and docks,

WHEREAS it is a chief partner in  
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### Resolutions

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the traffic of venereal diseases which is turning thousands of soldiers into moral and physical wrecks, and

WHEREAS it exploits the nation in the nation's bitter need and grows rich and makes money out of the war when all other business except those engaged in war industry are curtailed

THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, loyal to our nation and its ideals of Christian civilization and willing to make every sacrifice necessary to the winning of the war, do hereby declare it to be our solemn sober

judgment and we do hereby resolve that

The manufacture, sale and distribution of all alcoholic liquors should be stopped entirely for the duration of the war and the period of demobilization thereafter except for scientific, medicinal and industrial purposes.

Be it further resolved that all existing stock be redistilled for industrial and munition purposes and that all distilleries and breweries be used for the production of war necessities and that

We hereby call upon the President of the United States and Congress to prohibit as an essential war measure the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation and exportation of all alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in order to win the war.

### COUNTRY CHURCH

A little church, a simple church,  
With steeple holding high  
A tiny cross in silhouette  
Against a starlit sky!

A little church, whose windows  
fling  
Gold squares across the snow;  
Where neighbor sings with neighbor  
Of a Christmas long ago.

A little church, a simple church,  
Where simple folk can pray;  
Where love and peace, and Christ's  
good will  
Proclaim the Christmas Day.

—J. Earle Wycoff.

### NOTES FROM THE UNIONS

The Park River union held its Dues Social at the home of the treasurer, Miss Millie Burbridge. A lesson on "How to Meet the Alcohol Problem," was conducted very well indeed by Mrs. Louhead. Sixteen members paid dues at that time, and they hope to collect the rest in November.

The following announcement, which was run in at their own expense in their local paper by the Rugby union just before the recent election, gives an excellent idea for both practical and spiritual endeavor:

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. Anderson for special prayer for the intiated measure on the sale of liquor in places where foodstuffs, confections and soft drinks are sold.

Stop in a few moments for silent or audible prayer for this worthy cause. Everybody who is interested is welcome.

Our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, after some effort secured permission to display books and pamphlets from the National W.C.T.U. at the meeting of the North Dakota Educational Association held in Fargo in October. Daughters of some of the Fargo white ribboners were in charge of the display, and report that 17 books and pamphlets were sold, and that 102 people stopped to examine the material and ask questions. Postors exhibited attracted attention also. This is a plan that should be carried out at county teacher's meetings, where possible.

Grand Forks union hold a "Dues Tea" at the home of the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, who was assisted in serving by Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Ross T. Hicks led the devotions, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder told about the National convention and Arne Soren gave the fine reading with which he won the medal at the Grafton convention. Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gilby was a guest.

The Grafton union reports three new members, and the payment in full of their budget; they were first in the state with that, and we all congratulate them. They have held two good meetings since the convention met there; at the last one they discussed Christian Citizenship.

Bismarck District W.C.T.U. held an institute in Trinity Lutheran church of the capital city November 18. Rev. Opie Rindahl who leaves soon to serve as a chaplain led the opening devotions in the morning, and the salute to the flag in the afternoon. He based his talk on Matt. 23. Rev. George Parrish, chairman of the Consolidated Drys, analyzed the work done and the results of the recent election.

In the afternoon Major Walter Lee of the Salvation Army led devotions, Mrs. Philip Stolberg, district president, gave the high lights of the state convention and presented her department of Motion Pictures. Mrs. F. E. McCurdy spoke on Flower Mission and Relief, and good discussion followed, on both departments. The institute was favored with fine musical selections; Mrs. T. Plommanson, gave a vocal solo, Mrs. Opie Rindahl an organ solo and Mrs. John Hughes a piano number.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. David Ferguson, treasurer of the Grand Forks union, has gone to San Francisco, Calif., to spend the Christmas with her daughter who lives there.

Mrs. George Porter, who lived in Hannah till a short time ago, plans to be at Flasher with her daughter this winter.

We are glad to note that the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, who has had a very serious illness with a heart ailment, is recovering, but must spend most of her time in bed for a while yet. We wish the young lady a Merry Christmas, even if it must be a quiet one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross of Park River called upon Mrs. J. G. Moore and her sister Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, at Bowesmont recently. The latter complains that the visit was too short! Mrs. Moore left for California soon after.

Mrs. John Porter of Calvin recently enjoyed a visit with her sister Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood at the latter's home in Park River. While there she also had a short time with her sister Mrs. Ena Craig in Grand Forks, where she went to help welcome her nephew Kenneth Ford home for his first furlough since he was inducted into the army more than a year and a half ago. Sunday afternoon 26 relatives of the young man and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Ford, visited with him at their farm home near Park River. Kenneth won his 'Wings' last July. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have two other sons in service; the older of them, Alec, was in Ireland when last heard from, and Glenn is at San Diego, Calif.

Judge and Mrs. P. O. Sathre of Bismarck are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the arrival of a grandson, Paul Cipstan Wachter, who arrived at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wachter, October 9th. All concerned are well and happy.

The editor needs to apologize to our fine director of Soldiers and Sailors for the inadvertent omission of her name from the list of state directors of departments last month. Mrs. Stowell wishes to correct an impres-

sion that she has two sons in service; but one is in the army as yet, though her eighteen-year-old will be subject to draft under the new law. Another son is in Defense work, her son-in-law will soon be called in the draft, she has two brothers-in-law and several nephews in service now, so she certainly has plenty of personal interest in the needs of the boys.

### IN MEMORIAM

"Beautiful lives, their work now done;

Beautiful souls, into glory gone;  
Beautiful memories, of victory won,  
God giveth Thee rest."

Mrs. George Porter, an interested, faithful member is bereaved by the loss of her husband, who of the Hannah union, was called to a Better World in October.

Mrs. A. E. Anderson, secretary for several years of the union formerly at Powers Lake, died October 25th at Trinity Hospital, Minot. Burial took place at Churchs Ferry, where her people live. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son. Mrs. Anderson was helpful in various organizations in Powers Lake for the good of the community, and was named secretary again when reorganization of the union was planned the past summer. Her going is a great loss to our work.

Mrs. Dougal Ferguson, a fine member of the Park River union who never missed a meeting if it was at all possible to go, was called from the activities of this life very suddenly the first week in November, at the age of 71. She will be greatly missed by the entire membership.

Word has been received that James Barney Anderson lost his life in a sea plane accident, October 20, at Corpus Christi, Texas. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard C. Anderson of San Diego, Calif., and grandson of the late Rev. James Anderson. Barney was an unusually fine character, 21 years of age, a brilliant student in college, and won his "Wings" when he was 19. After a few days the body was recovered and a funeral service held from the Claremount church where Barney sang in the choir while attending college there. To Dr. and Mrs. Anderson and surviving son Cuyler, and to our honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson of Penney Farms, Florida, the sincere sympathy of the entire sisterhood is expressed.

### Corresponding Secretary's Corner

#### More About National W.C.T.U. Accreditation Refresher Course

Refresher courses are in vogue. There are refresher courses for nurses, for doctors, for Red Cross workers, for business executives, for church leaders and others. While battles are being fought on all continents we must not forget that there is an important HOME FRONT.

Trained leaders are needed now to give impetus to the vital forward-driving program of ALCOHOL EDUCATION and CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP, offered by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union,—a program keyed to the war tempo and to the later reconstruction period. Organization is the basis of this program.

One of the greatest enemies of the home, and the great destroyer of character, is alcohol. So millions of boys and girls, as well as adults, must be taught the scientific effects of alcohol. The W.C.T.U. is prepared to lead in this teaching, through its local unions.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
October 15 — November 15

**DUES**—Bismarck 30, Minot 7, Makoti 7, LaMoure 9, Ellendale 9, New Rockford 1, Jamestown 13, Northwood 18, Larimore 12, Hettinger 4, Park River 15, Valley City 10, Stanley 13, Fargo 24.

**WILLARD MEMBERS**—6.

**BUDGET**—Minot \$10.00, Edgeley \$5.00, Makoti \$6.00, Grand Forks \$10.00, Ellendale \$7.00, Larimore \$33.00, Hettinger \$13.00, Park River \$10.00, Valley City \$16.00, Fargo \$5.00.

**DISTRICT PLEDGE**—Bismarck \$5.00 Fargo \$15.00.

**SECOND MILE PROJECT**—Minot \$3.00, Fargo Dist. \$3.00, Ellendale \$3.00, Larimore \$5.00.

**STATE REPORTS**—Larimore 75c, Valley City 75c.

**LITERATURE**—\$7.23.

**UNION SIGNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**—\$1.00, White Ribbon Bulletin 25c.

Hettinger and Larimore Unions have paid their budget in full. In the November issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin the annual financial statement was published. It is gratifying to know that all bills were paid, we contributed nearly three hundred dollars to the Red Cross Ambulance Fund, through the second mile project we repaid the major amount drawn from the reserve fund the previous year, and we had a small balance at the close of the year. There may be a question in the minds of some regarding the officers appropriation which was a carry over from the previous year, there being insufficient funds to make payments in full until after the state convention last year. Should there be other questions regarding the annual report we shall be happy to have you write your state treasurer.

Sincerely

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,  
State Treasurer.

**Corresponding Secretary's Corner**

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During the war, we must do everything in our power, as an organization or as individual members, to conserve the already organized unions as well as to organize new unions, that we may work toward the conservation of character for the present and the after-war periods. To do this work efficiently we must refresh our minds by using available materials.

With this purpose in mind an Accreditation Refresher Unit on Organization has been prepared. Every W.C.T.U. officer and director should avail herself of the privilege of increasing her usefulness, and many members of the unions, should be eager enough to be "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed" to spend some time with this very simple yet complete Refresher Unit on Organization.

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 who completes the Refresher Study Unit, and a blue accreditation card for completing the Refresher 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.

A packet of leaflets, and pamphlets, covering history, organization, program, source and scientific materials, has been prepared. (Price 60 cents.) The union may purchase this packet giving the officers, directors, and later the members, a stated time to read the material. In this case individual sets of questions must be requested. It will be even better if each individual member will purchase her own packet.

For further information—or for one of the packets—write State Headquarters, 1421 7th St. S., Fargo, N. D. I hope to get time to study one myself, as I am sure I need to know more about the organization for which I am working.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN.

**NOTICE**

To All State Directors: Please get in your letters for the White Ribbon Bulletin as soon as you can; I would like to have them in the January issue, if possible. Try to get them to me not later than December 18th. I am sorry, but I really have not time to write personally to each of you and ask for your letter.

EDITOR.

**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

To each president of the local Union has been mailed a Membership Campaign Plan as outlined by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The slogan for this year is "Rebuilding the Home, the Church and the Community." As women and mothers we realize that our first line of defense is the home, and so we must enlist other mothers in the task, then as we have opportunity to reach out in our contacts we should enlist the women in our churches as well as the community.

Progress made in our membership roll last year was encouraging, but we could do much better. Why not have a guest meeting at an early date, invite every woman who is a prospect; personal invitation to become a member may have been given preceding the meeting, which if followed by a worth while program portraying the work of the union may offer a challenge many women will be glad to accept. Shall we place our goal at fifteen hundred members this year? We can make it if we will. A number of unions have already sent in names of two or more new members. Names of these unions will be given next month.

Sincerely

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,  
Membership Chairman.

**A YEAR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Rebuilding the Home, the Church and the Community

Plan for Membership Campaign, November 1, 1942—July 4, 1943  
by ANNA MARDEN DEYO

On all five continents the young men of this nation are fighting to maintain the freedom which we have held so lightly, but which today we are beginning to appreciate.

On five continents they are fighting for us! Not one continent is exempt, so far-flung is the maelstrom of war.

**Home Is First Line Of Defense**

But it will avail us naught to win the battle for democracy on a foreign field if we lose it at home, for the very first line of defense is the Home!

Our men may march away, our ships may traverse the ocean lanes, our planes may patrol overhead while the wheels of our factories keep up their steady whirring for twenty-four hours a day; but, nevertheless, the security, the morale, and the preservation of the families at home are fundamental to America's success, for no country is any stronger than its homes.

We who are the home guards, are aiding in the battle of production which is to conquer the enemy overseas; but, as we save and as we give, we cannot but view with alarm the despoiling of our homes by the enemy within our gates.

That enemy is Alcohol,—the Alco-

hol found in liquor,—whether beer, wine, or whiskey, it matters not; liquor made attractive and seemingly harmless through its colorful advertisements, and securing entrance into the home through the family grocer or in a dozen other ways through the efforts of the enterprising liquor salesman. The Good Book tells us that "children are an heritage of the Lord," so with sorrowful hearts we witness the pillaging of our homes,—homes which shelter the thirty million children who are the potential citizens of the America of tomorrow!

**Foundations Built On The Church**  
The foundations of this nation were built on the Church. They were established at a time when "freedom to worship God" was worth braving a trackless ocean for—braving disease, bitter cold, and even death. (Of the eighteen women who stepped from the Mayflower onto Plymouth Rock, only four were alive the following May!)

We see the Church with a heritage of heroism such as this; but is there a church today alive to its danger from the legalized liquor traffic—a church, the rank and file of whose membership is not stultified, apathetic in regard to the octopus of liquor, which steadily and surely is strangling the spiritual life of the Church? It is appalling to learn that in 1941 drink and its resulting accidents and disease cost this country more than seven billion dollars—but the spiritual cost outweighs the financial. Its withering, searing effect upon the spiritual life of the church is greater by far. I ask you then; Can the Church justify itself if it detours around that section of the road marked:

**"Danger—Slippery When Wet"?**  
For Community Betterment

What does the word community mean to you? No longer can we think of the whole world as our community, for war has wrought great changes. If we are to think of our community as a field of work, then it must be an area which we can reach. Therefore, we must make the city or the town in which we live the laboratory for the building of community betterment. Someone, somewhere used the term "moral climate"; and it expresses more clearly than any other term we know that which we need to build into our own communities. Yes, we do call ourselves a Christian nation. We engrave our coins with the motto, "In God We Trust," but our actions belie our words, for as city, state, and nation we are putting our trust in alcoholic liquor! We, who have given our young men for the defense of America,—and given them gladly, we who are left to stand back of these men with all that we possess—spiritually, morally, and economically,—are being subjected to "the destruction that wasteth at noonday"; a destruction brought onto our loved land by the brewers and distillers. The Trojan Horse of our day is the liquor traffic which, under the guise of patriotism, is devastating the land as surely as if it were pillaging and burning outright.

It is a time to remember our beginning as a nation. This is not the first time America has been trying to "provide for the common defense." Are we forgetting that "We the people of the United States," did "ordain and establish this Constitution" . . . in order to . . . insure tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. . . . ?

None of these things is concomitant with the liquor traffic; but surely we all agree that each one of these great goals needs to be woven into the life of the community if we are to build it into the sort of place our fore-

fathers foresaw.

Apropos of this, you should read a delightful new book, entitled "A Friend At Court," written by the judge of a juvenile court, a woman who loves people and spends her time in starting them on the right road. Her ideas of citizenship are novel and thrilling. She says:

"Citizenship in America is a wonderful possession. Every boy and girl should be made to feel the thrill of its true meaning. It is a joyous thing to have the right to laugh, to play, to sing, to dance, to live in a house with your own family; to ride down past fields of grain and orchards of fruit where homes, schools, and churches make up towns and villages. These things, every blessed, sacred one of them, are ours by the grace of God and the blood of our forefathers!

"I tell the mothers and fathers of boys and girls who come into the Juvenile Court to lay the Constitution of the United States, with its Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence on the table with the family Bible and to teach respect and reverence for things holy and things good. This sort of thing builds a kind of armor around a child, fortifies him against evil or bad influence.

"Citizenship does not mean waving a flag and shouting, then going home and forgetting it all. When we consider love of country, we remember with reverence the first great prayer of declaration of citizenship that went up from the lips of our forefathers for freedom. It is the Preamble to the Constitution, and every child in America should be able to repeat it by heart. In fact all ages should learn this literary masterpiece. It is majestic in its power and in its promise."

If you would rebuild your community, there are a thousand ways to set about creating in your citizens a conscience which will no longer tolerate the liquor traffic. Add to your own membership, so that you may have an army of workers intent upon creating this moral atmosphere within your community.

Then work for Home, the Church and the Community as you build up the power and influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union by bringing in new recruits. The educational program of the W.C.T.U., teaching what alcohol is and what it does, if carried out, eventually will do away with beverage alcohol. Therefore every new member is a direct blow at the liquor traffic, the enemy which is blighting the Home, the enemy which is sapping the strength of the Church, the enemy which is bringing stark tragedy into every Community. It is taking money needed for food, shelter, and clothing in the Home; it is weaning our people away from the Church; and, according to a noted jurist, it is responsible for half the crime in the Community! So let us go all-out for the Home, the Church and the Community in

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with special emphasis for obtaining church women as new members.

Organizations of women are multitudinous. Women band themselves together for every purpose under the sun, but there is only one woman's organization which majors in temperance work. This organization—the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—reaches all ages through four definite groups:

1. Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
2. Iota Sigma W.C.T.U. (for younger women.)
3. Youth's Temperance Council (for both young men and young women.)\*
4. Loyal Temperance Legion (for boys and girls.)

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**A Year of Christian Service**  
(Continued from page three)  
We call upon YOU to strengthen the Woman's Christian Temperance Union by bringing in new members. These new members may be added to existing unions, or may form new unions, according to local conditions.

**RECOGNITION**  
As amended by the National W.C.T.U. Official Board)

The woman who wins one new member will be a WORKER.  
The woman who wins five new members will be a LEADER.  
The woman who wins ten new members will be a PILLAR.  
The woman in each state who wins the most new members will be the STATE EVANGEL.

campaign.  
The woman in the nation who wins the most new members will be the NATIONAL EVANGEL.

No state officer or paid worker is eligible for this honor.  
Each state will arrange its own recognition for its State Evangel.  
**Recognition at the National W.C.T.U. Convention will be given to:**

1. The STATE which completes the organization of the greatest number of counties or districts.
  2. Each STATE which completes at least five new organizations, the members of which may be counted in this campaign. (W.C.T.U., Iota Sigma W.C.T.U., Y.T.C.)
  3. Each STATE which organizes at least five new dues-paid Legions. The minimum membership for a Legion is five.
- \*Only young women members of Y.T.C. may be counted in the

**L. T. L. TOY FESTIVAL**

"Rule out alcohol, through education—  
Help to make a sober nation."  
Have you planned for a Loyal Temperance Legion this year? If you feel that you cannot organize with all the children in your community, won't you plan to have the material used in, at least, one Sunday school class—or in one room at school or in one grade—and have the children pay their dues of 10 cents per member (for whole year)? We can't really count them as L.T.L. members without the dues, you understand.

One way to collect the dues is to have a Toy Festival. We held one in a church basement—the children brought their toys and fixed up booths, or places on tables. Four girls fixed broken and marred dolls with bandages etc., for the hospital. As visitors went to see the hospital the girls took turns in telling how many accidents are caused by drunken drivers; that drinking lowers resistance to disease and that many babies are undernourished because of the money being used for drink instead of milk. (Be sure the facts are rehearsed before the performance so the children have the real truth.)

Another place was fixed as a beauty parlor. As dolls were arranged for permanents and facials the girls in charge asked visitors if they thought it safe to risk having permanents given by beauty operators who smoked and drank. Other dolls and toys were arranged in a wedding group, pickaniny exhibit, and a playground scene—and arguments against use of alcohol and nicotine at each place. The short "pieces" were written and learned so that each fact is true. The boys had their tractors, sand dumpers, trains and farm animals. The boys told guests about the effects of alcohol on workers in various trades.

Adult guests paid 10 cents to visit the Toy Festival and children who were not L.T.L. members paid 3 cents, if they joined at the Festival

the 3 cents would count toward their 10 cents dues.

As L.T.L.'s are organized—either new or re-newals won't you please write me the names of Leaders so we can personally correspond? Thank you. Best Wishes for more L. T. L.'s.  
MRS. J. W. FRISBIE.

**MY HEART A CRECHE**

We built a creche on the dark north porch  
Of our red-brick church.  
First the background of cedar sweet,  
Green and fresh  
And flat on the wall;  
A few trees clustered about the stall;  
The sky above of star-lit blue;  
A carpet of green for weary feet  
That far the Bethlehem way had trod—  
Grave Joseph—Mary sweet and dear—  
And worshipping shepherds kneeling near.  
Even a few  
White lambs. And last we set all reverently  
The manger-cradle rude and low  
With its gentle glow  
Center and soul of all to be.

So must I build my Christmas true:  
A background of knowledge, hope ever new,  
And faith. Above  
A sky star-lit with God's great love  
That heralds morn;  
A vision fresh from the heart of God,  
And the child re-born—  
My heart the creche.  
—Prudence Tasker Olson, formerly of North Dakota.

**HAY'S OFFICE UNDER ATTACK**

Chicago—That the Hay's office (the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc.) is not preventing the wholesale violation of the motion picture producers own alcoholic beverage's code; that the code is backward and outmoded; and that the many violations are creating a favorable public attitude toward intoxicants which are the chief competitor of the industry, is the gist of a charge made directly to Secretary Carl E. Milliken by the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago.

The charges are based on a study by objective and trained motion picture students of 200 current full length films.

"In the 200 films studied, there were 630 drinking episodes," the charge says. "The considered judgment of the Foundation's trained observers is that 431 of the episodes were violations of the spirit and the letter of the code.

"The code itself written in the prohibition era, under the general heading 'Crimes Against the Law' is years behind the times. It says, 'The Use of Liquor in American Life when not required by the plot for proper characterization, will not be shown.' This free advertising of the motion picture theatres' greatest competitor, the tavern, is further emphasized by the portraying of 167 drinking heroes and heroines to 65 villains and villainesses.

"In the unpaid advertisements for liquor on the screen an analysis of 338 episodes shows 169 absolutely no reactions, while 60 showed pleasant reactions and 89 unpleasant ones.

"The liquor industry has long recognized the most valuable advertising is directed to the general acceptance of drinking as commonplace and respectable."

From: American Business Men's Research Foundation

**ON THE WATER WAGON**

By George A. Jordan  
I have four good reasons for being an abstainer; my head is clearer, my health is better, my heart is lighter and my purse is heavier." Thus Dr. Thomas Guthrie explains his position as a total abstainer.

"My head is clearer." Alcohol—always a foe to protoplasm, the seat of life—seriously affects the delicate brain neurones. It dissolves the lipid, a fatty substance of the cells. When Shakespeare expostulated because "men put an enemy to their mouths to steal away their brains," he was unconsciously speaking a literal truth. Undoubtedly the abstainer has a clearer brain.

"My health is better." Wherever alcohol touches, protoplasm it tends to destroy life. In very weak solutions of alcohol, one-celled animals quickly die. And in the human body, masses of cells in heart and liver and kidneys are slowly but surely injured by alcohol. No reputable athlete coach prescribes alcohol. No insurance company refuses an applicant because he is an abstainer. Yes, abstinence means better health.

"My heart is lighter." Of course it is. To be confident one is on a straight path lifts a burden from the heart. The abstainer has this conviction. The Mayo brothers tell us that three out of 10 moderate drinkers become slaves to drink. No abstainer has ever become a drunkard. He knows his step will never be unsteady, his speech incoherent, nor his driving reckless because of drink. Truly his heart is lighter.

"My purse is heavier." Dr. Guthrie was a Scotchman! Twenty cents a day saved as the result of abstinence amounts to \$73 in a year. Seventy-three dollars of extra money! Different individuals will spend it in different ways. Twenty dollars will get a nice little insurance policy. Eighteen dollars means a substantial addition to library. Another \$18 provides many a little treat for friends. That remaining \$17 will provide a fine emergency fund.

Thank you, Dr. Guthrie, for sharing with us your experience. The appeal is irresistible. It makes abstinence, both logical and attractive. We, too, mount the water wagon for a lifetime joy ride.—The National Voice.

**Just Between Ourselves**

Thank you again, you who have sent in the news from your unions that helps to make our paper of interest. I am sure many more of you have done things that should be reported, because they offer helpful suggestions to the rest of us.

Our state president returned Oct. 25th, after an all too brief visit for them with Mr. Darling at Grand Island, Neb., where his work keeps him now. Unions that are near enough to Grand Forks so that Mrs. Darling can come to you and return home with only a few hours of absence, should try to have her this fall, if possible. She cannot leave for long periods because of the need of keeping the fires going. Try to plan for one of those public meetings recommended, and see if it will not help to increase your membership.

I heard a very good story a few weeks ago, told by Rev. Steffenson of Cavalier at an evening meeting of Sunday School workers held in Langdon. It concerned a very tall, large, magnificently muscled negro, who stepped out of the door of a hotel one evening and stood looking up and down the street of a town in a wooded section. As he stood there a very small negro man approached and stopped, looking at him in great admiration. "My, but you is a big man"

the latter said, "I wish I was big as you. Why, if I was big as you is, I'd go over in dem woods and I'd catch me one ob dem big mean old bears dat makes so much trouble, and I'd just tear him limb from limb! If I was big as you is—" The big man interrupted to put his hand on the shoulder of his small admirer and remark gently, "Say, dere's a lot ob little bears over in dem woods!"

Oh friends, let us stop just wishing we had the power to put the big mean old bears of the liquor traffic out of business in one blow — 'tear him limb from limb' — but let us go out after the little bears that harass our neighborhoods too. Let us face up to the jobs that are our own size, and we can accomplish a lot. Is liquor being sold to minors in your vicinity? Are the liquor stores opening on Sunday for special friends? Are minors going into your pool-halls? If you know of any of these things, have you reported them? What magazines are your young folks reading: do you try to get them anything really good? Have you tried to interest teachers in posters or other exhibits? How about a Home L. T. L.? Does your Young People's Society have a Temperance Committee, to plan for presenting that work at regular intervals? Are you really trying hard to get new members into the W. C. T. U?

These are some of the things I think of off hand; you will find a lot of little bears' that you can handle yourself, if you just look for them. Keep the news coming.

Your friend,  
ELIZABETH C.BEASLEY.

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