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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It was a great disappointment to have our state convention cancelled but we are a patriotic organization and anxious to do our part in this war emergency; therefore we were glad to comply with the request of the ODT (Office of Defense Transportation). Our hostess city union had made splendid plans for our entertainment and comfort but like true and loyal co-workers they invited us to come some other time. I know we will miss the inspiration and help that such a gathering brings, but let us forget our disappointment and enter into the plans for the new year, whole-heartedly.

Plans for a State Executive Meeting are now in the making and it will be held before this reaches you. This meeting will be held in Fargo September 28-29th and it is hoped that all members of the Committee will be in attendance. Plans will be formulated for the new year and with the concerted effort of every member our work will go forward.

I hope to be in the field during the month of October and visit local unions. I earnestly urge the cooperation of every district president in arranging dates in her own district. This war emergency makes transportation very difficult but where ever possible an institute should be held. Neighboring unions can arrange for such a meeting. This will bring mem-berly in touch with all unions in her district and meet with them at least once before weather gets too bers together and inspiration and help will be gained. These are truly difficult days, but if each one will bear her fair share of the responsibility, we will over come all oostacles and our work will go forward with greater success. Let each district president keep close-cold.

Although our state books have just closed it is not too early to plan for the November Roll Call of members. The purpose of this is to gather in the dues for every member for the year of 1943-44. Each union should plan to observe the "Roll Call" and the purpose should be fully explained to all new members. Notification card may be secured from our State Headquarters at 50 cents per 100. Order now. Annual dues are due November 1,—let us pay up and thus help each union to become a "Holdfast Union."

We must continue to support all humanitarian work for our boys and girls in the armed forces. We can all sew and knit for the Red Cross and help make surgical dressings. Watch Union Signal for directions for making of the things that our own "Mother Moore" (National director of Soldiers and



Sailors), suggests may be made to ease the suffering of our wounded soldier. The members of the National WCTU Executive Committee laughed and cried together as she related the human interest stories about our soldiers and sailors. She is doing an outstanding work for our organization among the boys in the armed forces and we can all give a helping hand.

Let us do our share in the present bond drive by buying and selling War Stamps and Bonds. Our state has made a wonderful contribution to the war effort in every other drive, so let us keep up the good work. We can point with pride to the farmers of our state that have toiled under great difficulties to bring forth a great harvest. What greater contribution can any one make than to help feed a hungry world? You will be greatly interested in this report that has come to me very recently from National: "Fifteen mobile units have been contributed to the Red Cross by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union since May, 1942, the National WCTU reported at its Evanston headquarters. These included nine ambulances,

four blood banks units, two mobile canteens, a station wagon and a clubmobile. Total cost contributed by state and local WCTU's, was \$29,920."

Our state has had a share in this but let us continue to do more. The Safety School on wheels is our own particular project and our first gifts should go to that very worthy work. Can we count on a gift for that from every union in the state? Ask your honorary members to help support that work.

As we carry on in every way to help win the war, let us not forget that the liquor problem with all its inherent evils is hindering the victory for which we pray. Therefore we must continue to agitate, educate, organize and legislate. We must do the things we have always done but we must do them even better. The need of the hour is war time prohibition. Continue to send petitions, letters and telegrams to our own congressmen and to Sen. Bryson for the passage of H.R.2082 and to our Senators for S.860. Every mother's son will profit by having beer removed from all army can-

DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS

I said to God in the morning:
"Thy yoke is easy, Lord,
And light indeed is Thy burden,
And crystal—clear is Thy word.
And I am ready for service.
Whatever Thou wilt", I said,
As blithely I started forward,
The pathway bright ahead.

The night came down with its
darkness
And long indeed was the road,
And I was worn and weary
And fainting beneath my load.
I lost the words of His promise,
And none of my work was done.
I cried aloud for the daylight,
For a smooth road and the sun.

Then a voice came out of the shadows—
The voice of my unseen friend:
"Lo, I am with you alway,
Even unto the end."
It took the night and its darkness,
And a long road, rough and dim,
And the patience of the Saviour
To bring me close to Him.
—Grace Noll Crowell in The
UPPER ROOM. Used by permission.

OCTOBER

October rears an altar on the hills,
And lights her sumac tapers at the
shrine;
Her leaves are beacon signals,
while her boughs
Weave rainbow vistas as they in-
tertwine.

She flings frost crystals on the
ry night;
The sound of honking geese rings
down the sky;
Through quiet Indian-summer,
dreamy days,
The cavalcade of Autumn forges
by.

—Mary E. Soule,
From "Songs from the Fields"
in The Farmer.

teens. Bring this to the attention of your church groups and all ready-made groups that we may work unitedly and thus overcome the wets who are petitioning our Senators and Congressmen to defeat these measures. Ask your pastors to assist in this warfare by preaching temperance sermons. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** United in purpose and action we can speed the victory. Sobriety is needed now to help win the war and also to make a better world of tomorrow.

Our National Treasurer reported at the Executive Committee meeting in Chicago that our state was one of ten states showing a net gain in membership up to that date. Let us start right now to

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NOON HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontide somewhere, And across the awakening continents

From shore to shore, somewhere, Our prayers are rising evermore."

OUR BURDEN BEARER

The little sharp vexations,
And the briars that catch and fret

Why not take all to the Helper
Who has never failed us yet?

Tell Him about the heartache,
And tell Him the longings too;
Tell Him the baffled purpose,
When we scarce know what to do.

Then leaving all our weakness
With the One Divinely strong
Forget that we bore the burden
And carry away the song.

—Phillips Brooks.

A FATHER'S PRAYER FOR HIS SOLDIER SON

To Thee, our Father in Heaven,
We lift our hearts in prayer for
our son, as he sets forth upon this
hazardous way. Never before have
his mother and I found it so hard
to be brave and strong. We need
the spirit of him who heard the
voice of the Lord, saying, "Take
now thy son, thine only son, Isaac,
whom thou lovest, and go to the
mount of sacrifice." We need
supremely the spirit of Him who
so loved the world that He gave
His only-begotten Son.

We have always tried to shelter
our son from the dangers and
temptations of the world. So soon
he has become a man, ready for
a man's high tasks. May he dwell
under the shelter of the Most High.
We thank Thee for all he has been
to us and for all he means to be
and to do for others. Grant that
he may do his part as a soldier
manfully and courageously, and if
the highest price of all be exacted
of him, grant that the world may
have been lifted closer to the
Master's dream of world brother-
hood and universal peace. If in
Thy providence his life shall be
spared, may he come back as a
dauntless, veteran warrior for the
Kingdom of Heaven on earth, still
to battle loyally against the self-
ish and the greedy, and to follow
Him who had compassion on the
multitude. Grant these, our peti-
tions, O God, in the Redeemer's
name. Amen.

—Fred W. Kerr, Canada.

From The UPPER ROOM. Used
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JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended—" and I hope for all of you that the crop, whether it be of grain or garden, is saved for the cold days ahead. My kitchen is full of green tomatoes, which I optimistically expect to become ripe ones, as they stay in the warmth, but otherwise, the garden is cared for.

My hearty thanks go to the two people who sent me news of what their unions are doing; please, will you not send me more, for next time? We all want to know what our own folks are doing. It is right to send me the names of your departed friends, for we want to pay them honor, but let us have your name in the paper while you are alive and doing something. Would a questionnaire, to follow in giving the news help? Here is a skeleton: What union, met where who was hostess; who was program leader, who spoke, who sang, what special work was reported, what subject discussed. That is not so hard to do, is it? Be sure to tell us the extra things you do, also.

I am wondering how many papers in our state are carrying the liquor advertising of "The Old Judge" or "From Where I Sit - Joe Marsh." If the paper that you take has it, will you please send me a card and tell me? We have a cartoon for this month that shows the liquor interests de-throning Truth in Advertising, and putting up a statue of Hypocrisy. A double column article on page 3 gives the claims of the wets and the truth about the claim. If your paper has that advertising, won't you write a brief letter, each time, to the mail-bag politely giving the true answer? You will probably be able to find it in this article.

I think you will enjoy the story of the National executive meeting, and will want to put the plans promptly at work. Be sure to plan at once to observe the November Roll Call, as Mrs. Darling urges in her letter. Plans for the Membership campaign to follow, will be given next month. I want to close this time with a little poem, of which I do not know the author; let none of us let ourselves get into the place mentioned; it is hard to get out again! It is called The Put-It-Offs.

"My friend, have you heard of the town of yawn,
On the banks of the river slow,
Where blooms the wait-a-while flower fair,
Where the sometime-or-other scents the air
And the soft go-easys grow?
It lies in the valley of what's the-use

In the province of let'er-slide.
That tired feeling is native there,
It's the home of the listless I-don't-care,
Where the Put-It-Offs abide."

Yours hopefully,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

LOCAL UNION—Not too often can it be said that the Local Union is the unit of power of this organization. The most vital need for its work is qualified and aggressive leadership. Cooperation of the membership with such leadership will mean well planned work for God and His humanity, by carrying out plans of National and State in correlation with other units of the organization.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Alex C. Burr of Jamestown president of James Valley District, recently visited relatives at Cavalier, and held a brief telephone conference with the state president as she passed thru Grand Forks.

Mrs. J. D. Cawthorne of Drayton spent a week end in Bowesmont recently, where she conducted services on Sunday at the Methodist church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Hutinspiller.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gibby, when she went there and gave a report of the National Executive meeting September 16. Needless to say she was royally entertained!

Mrs. Margaret Robbins of Drayton spent a month helping Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson at her cottage at Detroit Lakes. With the passing of summer, the cottage is closed, and Mrs. Anderson, after visiting relatives at Tower City, will go to California to spend the winter at the home of Dr. Howard Anderson in San Diego.

Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth of Edgeley finds no time for idleness. While she does not write to as many soldiers as does Mrs. Fred M. Wanner (who had seventeen regular correspondents among the service men at the last report received) still she keeps letters going to several besides her son Edgar, in Africa. At other times, she entertains a small granddaughter with the measles, even while she writes to the editor, who wishes more would do likewise.

Mrs. Ruth Perrott of Chicago recently paid a visit to her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Longworth Baughman of Grand Forks. Mrs. Perrott's voice may be more familiar to many of our women than they realize, as she is a well known radio actress. Besides her radio work, since the war began, she has given many entertainments at USO centers, army and navy hospitals and at training camps, besides serving as air raid warden for the building in which she lives. She is also a writer of short stories, plays and poetry.

Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Union Signal Promoter, is assisting as relief nurse at the Old People's Home in Grand Forks; the institution is only two blocks from her home. She finds rather more need for her services than she expected, but is glad to help when there is such a shortage of professional nurses. She writes that her son, Charles, whom many of our women remember, is now attending Ashbury College at Wilmore, Ky., where he is preparing for the ministry.

Though sugar and syrup are scarce, Miss Mae Halcrow of Bowesmont spared enough to make a batch of candy for the five soldier boys who came to help with the harvesting on the farm belonging to her sister, Mrs. J. G. Moore. The boys seemed to appreciate all the kindnesses shown them there; many other things besides the candy.

IN MEMORIAM

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above:
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

George A. Johnson of Edmore, husband of the former treasurer of Devils Lake District, passed away recently from sleeping sickness after an illness of only a week. His mother died a month before.

Col. Richard L. Baughman, son of Life Member Mrs. Elizabeth Longworth Baughman of Grand Forks, was killed in an airplane crash near Washington, D. C. late in June. Burial was in Arlington cemetery. Col. Baughman was a graduate of West Point Military Academy; besides his parents, he leaves a wife and two children.

John H. Phelps of Crosby, husband of a former president of Northwest District, was called home in August. He was a veteran educator, having gone to the Philippines in 1904 to set up schools of American type, and remained ucaion for about four years. He there as district supervisor of ed- served as principal of the first school in Crosby, and as county superintendent of the schools of Divide county for several years. Mrs. Phelps, two sons and a daughter survive.

The sympathy of the white ribbons of the state goes to those bereaved in the passing of these friends.

NOTES FROM UNIONS

The Edgeley union met at the home of Mrs. Urzella French, one of the oldest members of the union. Mrs. Zoa Dunsdon reported that she had gained 11 new members, and received a gift from the union in appreciation of her work. Mrs. French and Miss Bartholomew, who assisted her, served a fine lunch. Mrs. Augusta Washburn is the new president of this union.

Mrs. Beattie M. Darling and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder reported the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee at the September meeting of the Grand Forks union, which was held at the home of the president, Mrs. O. J. Swanson. They plan to devote fifteen minutes at each meeting to the study of Various peace plans, the first of which will be "Six Pillars of Peace." Mrs. T. Emmerson is in charge of this course. The union voted to pay half their budget of \$40.00, at once, which is a good start for the new year.

The September meeting of the Nekoma union was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Holm; the former conducted the devotions. Mrs. T. O. Thompson was program leader, and the subject discussed was "Prayer." Mrs. Clarence Christopherson, a visitor, sang "Did You Think To Pray?" accompanying herself on the guitar. Rev. Holm gave an excellent talk on the subject, and a poem from the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN was read by Mrs. Beasley. A committee was appointed at the business meeting, to plan some special work for the winter, and report at the next meeting.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR'S WORK

The following Recommendations as considered and approved by the Official Board and adopted by the Executive Committee are to be considered as solemn obligations upon the National, State, and Local Unions, to be carried into effect in the year 1943-44 so far as possible, seeking Divine Strength for the action.

DEFENSE PROGRAM

Spiritual fitness belongs particularly in this program of our nation's present life. As patriotic citizens we will assume the tasks which are our responsibility. We will remember that our strength and our protection is in the God of Nations who calls upon us to confess our sins and turn from our wicked ways for the promise is to **THE LAND.**

The National sin which most hinders the victory for which we pray is the liquor problem with all its inherent evils. To eliminate this we Recommend:

1. Wartime Prohibition for the Duration of the War and the Period of Demobilization thereafter. This is The Bryson Bill, H.R. 2082. For this purpose:

a. Urge ministers to preach immediately a sermon on the need of war-time prohibition.

b. See that petitions are provided for signatures at the close of the service.

c. Ask pastors to urge all hearers to sign these petitions.

d. These petitions should be sent by the pastor as from the..... church to Hon Joseph R. Bryson, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

e. Ask all citizens to write on that afternoon to their Congressman expressing their desire for his vote for this bill.

S.860

2. Cooperation in War Activities

a. Purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps

b. Continue contributions to relieve suffering and contribute to the well-being of our armed forces, such as Blood Banks, ambulances, clubmobiles, war orphans, etc.

c. Cooperate in every possible way with your local Red Cross and Defense Council.

d. Establish friendly relations with foreign born in the community and seek to overcome racial prejudices, "God hath made of one blood all nations."

e. For work among Soldiers and Sailors follow the Plan of Work of the National Department Director for various activities, including home hospitality, books, magazines, games, milk, fruit juices, not forgetting the Cooky jar.

f. Cooperate with USO and similar groups wherever their activities provide clean recreation and moral surroundings for those in camps, and offer such volunteer service as can be accepted.

g. Where practical these activities might well be extended to include women living away from home to serve the country in war industries, and to service men's wives living temporarily near military or naval establishments.

h. Gift to our service men and women of the literature especially prepared for them with invitations to sign,

THE WAR TIME COMMITMENT

"That I may give my best service to home and country, I promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form, for the duration of the war."

WHISKEY SAYS

Chicago—The "Spend your dollars for booze and take your change in War Stamps" crowd is busy cashing in on defense income in the "old saloon" which was not to return. But it is not neglecting to advise America on how to win the War. Inside the saloon it's "get 'em up, boys" but in many family newspapers they slop all over for Uncle Sam.

One of the million dollar associations for preservation, extension and enrichment of the booze crowd even goes so far as to list 26 concrete suggestions for all Americans.

Whiskey has long been cherished as an "eye opener" by the chronic alcoholics. This type of whiskey advertising is an eye opener, too, for the thinking American.

Below in the left-hand column, under a title selected by the American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago, "Whiskey Says," are the 26 suggestions distillers are making to you in a series of national newspaper advertisements. In the right hand column headed "Whiskey Does" is the Foundation's appraisal of what whiskey actually does in each of the 26 categories.

WHISKEY SAYS

1. I buy War Stamps and Bonds.
2. I avoid unnecessary expenditure.
3. I cheerfully observe all rationing regulations.
4. I—do not waste food.
5. I work where I can do the most good for the War effort.
6. I get to work on time and am never unavoidably absent.
7. I do my best to stay healthy.
8. I do my best to avoid accidents, especially if I work in a War plant.
9. I watch what I say and spread

3. To Combat Juvenile Delinquency

- a. Protect children and youth by recreation and health programs
- b. Demand enforcement of existing protective laws
- c. Secure additional laws and city ordinances such as curfew etc.
- d. Intensive work in YTC, LTL and White Ribbon Recruits
- e. Obtain use of church facilities for children's, young people's activities.
- f. Protest the unnecessary employment of women leaving children uncared for.
- g. Opens homes to care of children whose mothers are necessarily employed.

4. Commitments

War-Time Home Commitment
"To promote victory and future peace we as a family group commit ourselves to total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages and the serving of the same in the home."

Personal Commitment
Declaration of Purpose
"That I may give my best service to home and country, I promise God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form."

5. Honorary Members

- a. Increase the number of honorary members in Local Unions
- b. Ask honorary members to
 1. Support Safety School on Wheels
 2. Carry on advertising campaign in opposition to Old Judge and other such features.
6. Alcohol Education
 - a. Each state endeavor to have at least one teacher trained in our Seminar equipped to accept a position under State Department of Education.

- no rumors.
10. I conserve tires and gasoline.
 11. I share my car with others.
 12. I travel only when necessary.
 13. I carry my own bundles when shopping to save manpower, gasoline and tires."
 14. I contribute to Red Cross and all other relief funds.
 15. I save and turn in scrap metal cooking fats and other material.
 16. I do civilian defense work.
 17. I work with the Red Cross and other volunteer groups.
 18. I am a regular blood donor.
 19. I volunteer for nurse's aid work.
 20. I pay my taxes on time and in full.
 21. I do community social service work.
 22. I am prepared to cooperate with the FBI in apprehending suspicious persons.
 23. I am planting a Victory Garden.
 24. I contribute books to the men in the service.
 25. I write to friends and relatives in the service.
 26. I observe 'dim-out' and 'black-out' regulations to the letter.

WHISKEY DOES

1. I subtract \$60.00 a year from every citizen's war stamp purchasing power.
2. I am an unnecessary expenditure. \$4,000,000,000 is expended for me yearly.
3. I am unrationed, unlimited, unhindered by the Government. Hoorary!
4. In 1942 I wasted some 2,941,295 tons (4,982,591,281 pounds) of grains, fruits, sugars and molasses in the manufacture of 2,363,562,672 gallons of alcoholic beverages.
5. I work where I can get the most profit—from civilians—from the soldier boys—BUT especially where essential industries reward workers with high wages.
6. I am the guy who makes thousands late the morning after and probably cause more absenteeism in war factories than any other removable cause.
7. I promote disease and shorten life.
8. I cause accidents.
9. I open mouth wider than a dentist and start tongue-wagging faster than a dog's tail.
10. My tires and gasoline have guaranteed priority even over such 'poor trash' as the American Sunday School Association missionaries in 4,000 rural churches. *
11. I fix the driver up so he won't even share the road. Crash! Bang!
12. I travel all over the country. Milwaukee beer is shipped to St. Louis; St. Louis beer to Milwaukee; Maryland whiskey to Kentucky; Kentucky whiskey to Maryland; California wine to New York and New York wine to California. I am the champion non-essential war-time traveler.
13. I don't carry anything. If I were used to make rubber or to make fuel, I would then have to do my full share in carrying.
14. I contribute. I can afford to. I am rich on the people's money.
15. I made a deal with the Government for up to 50 per cent of large size tin cans to insure bottle caps on the booze I sell. I am the only one who got away with this.
16. I am a social saboteur, always at work.
17. I work with the gambler, the prostitute, the thug and the dive keeper.
18. I poison blood so it can't be used until I am out of it.
19. If I were used while on duty by a nurse, no one would employ me.
20. My customers pay my taxes three times over before I pass on to Uncle Sam approximately \$1.00

out of every \$3.00 that drops in my tills. But it costs the people and the State \$4.00 more for every \$1.00 I pay in taxes, to take care of crime, accidents, disease and inefficiency caused by my products.

21. I multiply community social problems wherever I am permitted to carry on.
 22. I am a professional lawbreaker.
 23. I am starting a Victory Garden. I am cultivating a taste for booze in millions of young men yearly. The garden is for my victory,—not theirs.
 24. I contribute a state of mind that renders the use of helpful books almost impossible.
 25. I write an illegible scrawl, an incoherent message. Most of my friends don't write until they are sober.
 26. I 'dim-out' and 'black-out' thousands nightly. Just watch them reel down the street.
- * Under date of March, 1943, the editorial voice of the American Sunday School Association Union cries out at the denial of adequate tires and sufficient gasoline to its heroic group of 150 missionaries in thousands of rural Sunday Schools, while beer trucks roar back and forth across these same prairies to meet every tavern whim.
- No wonder an artist can picture the Booze crowd as dethroning "Truth in Advertising" and erecting "Hypocrisy in Advertising" as their motto!
- American Business Men's Research Foundation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 15 — September 15

Dues—Nekoma 2, Grand Forks 17, Fargo Scandinavian 23, Calvin 7, Fargo 11, Hunter 9, Bowsmont 11, Jamestown 5, Minot 6, Grafton 11, Stanley 1, Willard 4.

L.T.L.—Parshall 13.

Budget—Crosby \$2, New Rockford \$9.00, Ellendale \$6.00, Bowsmont \$7.00, W. Fairview \$12.00.

Second Mile — Prosper \$3.00, Fargo \$5.00.

District Pledge—Northeast District \$10.00, also \$10.00 for guest speaker at District Convention.

Safety School on Wheels—Grand Forks \$5.00, Fargo \$5.00.

Literature \$3.32, State Reports 25 cents.

Your treasurer has been busy the past two weeks balancing the books for the year. A financial statement will be given in the next issue of the Bulletin. We are sincerely grateful to the local treasurers for their cooperation, for the personal interest and friendship. Your letters have been much appreciated.

Sincerely,
MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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secure new members for the coming year. National organizers tell us that many of our Christian people who have been indifferent to the cause of temperance are now eager to join and add their efforts to this great work. Let us seek to double the number of new members secured last year. That will take concerted action but it can be done. Who will be the first?

Look not mournfully into the past, It comes not back again; Wisely improve the present, It is thine!

Go forth to meet the shadowy future Without fear and with a manly heart.—Longfellow.

Faithfully yours,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

ANNUAL MEETING

Carrying out the constantly repeated request of the United States Government that there be only essential travel by civilians at this time, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union some months ago canceled the annual convention which was to have been held next month in Des Moines, Iowa. To conduct necessary business and to formulate future plans the Executive Committee and the Official Board convened August 17, 18, 19 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, but there were no open meetings, no elections of officers, and no program other than the transaction of business necessary for carrying on the activities of the organization.

Almost the first order of business was the adoption of a recommendation that this same procedure be carried out by the state organizations wherever possible. Some state presidents are retiring this year and in such instances, means will need to be provided whereby the new state executives may be elected.

As all the sessions were devoted strictly to brief reports of present activities and planning for future work during wartime, National President Ida B. Wise Smith omitted her annual address, in which she customarily sets forth the state of the nation in regard to human welfare and her organization's relation to the social problems. Instead she reviewed present conditions informally and presented suggestions for future policies and activities during the wartime period.

Although there could be no formal reports from the officers at this time, since the fiscal year closes on October 31, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, National Treasurer, discussed the status of the various funds being prompted by the organization to carry on the great variety of activities through which its efforts for "total abstinence for the individual and elimination of the liquor trade in the nation" are directed.

Among the other disbursements which Mrs. Munns reported, she announced that in addition to all the gifts of blood banks, clubmobiles, ambulances and other supplies which have been presented to the American Red Cross, gifts to the sum of \$9,831.22 have been sent through the National WCTU treasury for relief in the war-stricken countries. Of that amount \$7,816 has gone to Mrs. Frances Willard Wang Liu in China for the relief of war orphans and child refugees; \$1,767 to England for the children of that country; and minor sums to Korea, Russia, France, Greece, Poland and Switzerland.

Miss Lily Grace Matheson, National Corresponding Secretary, through her discussions on membership revealed the gratifying accession of

35,904 New Members
1,075 Renewed

36,979 TOTAL

from November 1, 1942 to July 4, 1943—the time of the intensive membership campaign. A more complete report will appear in The Union Signal in the near future.

Miss Matheson asserted that the success of the WCTU is "dependent upon organization—doing things together. Organization and membership are the basis of all our accomplishments." Her report showed

595 NEW ORGANIZATIONS
WCTU 272

Iota Sigma WCTU 8
YTC 75
LTL 240

All this, of course, is not the year's report but only the campaign period.

The resume on Field Service to date, as reported by Miss Winona R. Jewell, Executive Secretary, showed that type of work being carried on in various sections of the country by trained workers and meeting with notable success.

Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, National Director of Work Among Negroes, and herself a member of the police force in Baltimore, Maryland, had an especially pertinent story to tell in regard to the essential work which her department is promoting at this time when there is such ominous tension in the country in regard to the race question, much of which, she asserted, is due to the "over-servicing" and exploitation by the liquor traffic of the Negro who, for the first time in his (or her) life is earning a wage far beyond his former living standards. Mrs. Whyte declared that in all parts of the country the Negro sections of the cities are infested with taverns and all other types of liquor-sales places where thousands of Negro workers—many of whom can't even write their own names—are urged to cash their checks, and in consequence they become victims of this pay-day racket which is increasing so enormously the vital war problem of absenteeism in essential industries. Respect for law is one of the chief Annual Meeting NC ...Pg 4 Gal 2 features of the work being promoted by Mrs. Whyte through her department directors in various parts of the country.

Active fostering of racial friendliness was pledged through unanimous approval of the following recommendation:

"We recommend that the WCTU establish friendly relations with the foreign born in the community and seek to overcome racial prejudices. 'God hath made one blood of all nations.'" This reiterates a 62-year-old policy of the WCTU, which in 1881 added Negro women to its membership.

A recommendation expressing opposition to anti-Semitic attitudes and action also was unanimously approved.

Another gripping story was told by "Mother" Moore, Mrs. Caroline Moore of Philadelphia, in her first appearance before the Executive Committee as National Director of Soldiers and Sailors. Tears and laughter intermingled as Mrs. Moore described the work she is doing in her home city in connection with the men at the Navy yard there and also the other servicemen now stationed in Philadelphia or going through that area. "Mother" Moore earned that affectionate title from the sailors themselves through the unnumbered mothering contacts that she has had with them at the Navy yard for many years. Today she finds herself looking after the comfort and fun and spiritual well-being of sons of men who learned to love her during World War I though, as they themselves tell her, she doesn't "look nor act" as though that were possible. One of them even wanted her to find for him a "wonderful" girl as she had introduced to his father—the lad's mother.

Mrs. Moore's chief concern just now is for the hundreds of men who are being brought back from the battle fronts to American hospitals. There were few dry eyes in the room as she displayed samples

of the afghans, the special little pillows, scrap books, and various other devices which she suggests may be made to ease the suffering and the tedium of the long days and nights of pain.

As soon as possible, The Union Signal will carry explicit directions for the making of these things, which Mrs. Moore suggests, should be sent in the name of the WCTU to the near-by Government hospitals rather than to her, thereby saving the cost of double transportation.

Miss Lenadell Wiggins, National General Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, with her sprightly stories of what has been accomplished through the year, re-enthusiased her co-workers for that field of activity and Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, National Director of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, reviewed the situation in various sections of the country where Narcotics Education is being carried on successfully according to the plans outlined through her office, and through the leadership of the teachers who have been trained by her at the National WCTU Seminars.

Plans for continuing the Safety School on Wheels, or the Physical Fitness Clinic, presented by Mr. James A. Killip, the director of the project, were enthusiastically received by the State Presidents into whose territory the exhibit will be sent. Although this project of taking Alcohol Education to the man on the street, so to speak, was started some years ago, it is especially timely and valuable at this period when it is being operated in or near Army and Navy camps or war industries. It is, probably, the most effective piece of wartime work being carried on by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as it reaches thousands of servicemen and war workers every week with information on the effects of small amounts of alcohol in relation to physical fitness. And while information is presented scientifically, it has the lure of testing one's own reactions thru various entertaining devices. It has the full endorsement of the USO and frequently operates in USO buildings instead of in the trailer designed for that purpose.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National Vice President and President of New York State, led an informing forum on State Papers and, in the consideration of work with co-operating organizations, she also gave an interesting report of the business meetings and social affairs of the National Council of Women in New York City.

Lack of time made reports from Directors impossible, but an hour given over to a forum of department work was led by Mrs. Nelle G. Burger, National Recording Secretary, who announced the general subject as "What My Department Can Do To Shorten the War." A "spiritual kaleidoscope" that falls into a perfect and colorful pattern, no matter how it is turned or how it is combined, is the way Mrs. Burger graciously described the field of departments as she called on Mrs. Alyce Mullins O'Neal, Director of the Evangelistic Department, to start the discussion, "since," as she said, "the spiritual emphasis is really the undergirding of all WCTU work."

Mrs. O'Neal pointed out that through her department the organization is building up morale not only among the armed forces

but with civilians as well by emphasizing always that "God still lives and His power is greater than any evil or any enemy leader."

Seventeen other directors gave equally brief but pointed sentences on the work of their respective departments.

Miss Regina Moede of St. John, Washington, was elected National General Secretary of the Youth's Temperance Council to succeed Miss Martha Smyth Cooper who resigned several months ago because of ill health. Miss Moede has been a Field Secretary of the organization for several years.

Other appointments were Mrs. Anna Marden DeYo of California, Special Representative; Mrs. Elsie May of California, Field Secretary; Mrs. Ruhama Farnsworth of Illinois, Field Worker. Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, State President of California South, and Mrs. Louise J. Taft, State President of California North, have announced their retirement from office this year and both were returned to the list of Special Lecturers where they served before assuming the state presidencies.

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