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President's Letter . . .

Dear Co-Workers:

When this reaches you, we will be in the third month of our calendar year. Our treasurer reports that most unions have paid budgets in full or in part, and that many dues are paid. Congratulations, dear comrades for this encouraging report. By paying obligations early in the year you will have more time for definite work in your own communities and you also aid the state officers in carrying out the plans for the new year.

These are the months that many of our unions, especially the rural unions suspend their regular meetings, due largely to cold weather and bad roads. This year, we have been fortunate in having an open winter so roads remained passable. The all important thing during these difficult days, is to get together regularly at a stated time and place. So much is gained by open discussions on current problems and various phases of our work, that every union should make a special effort to meet regularly. We must endeavor to hold all old members and March 1st marks the dead line for Hold Fast unions. Any union that collects dues from all resident members and forwards same to state treasurer by March 1st will be a Hold Fast union. The treasurer will count all unions whose remittance is mailed on or before March 1st. Can we double our number this year? Much will depend on local treasurers, and we know they will not fail.

Shortage of man-power and other war problems have handicapped our publisher so that our Bulletin is reaching our readers very late in the month. We hope you will bear with us patiently until these conditions can be remedied.

I trust that every union is planning to observe the Lillian M. Stevens Day, this month (January) and the Heavenly Birthday of Frances E. Willard, Feb. 17th. Special offerings should be taken on these Red Letter Days and the same sent to state treasurer.

I am sure that you will rejoice with your state officers in the good news that a young teacher from Billings, Montana, is attending the Seminar on Alcohol Education conducted by Miss Bertha Palmer in Evanston, Ill. She attended the summer class in Narcotic Education at Minot Teachers' College, which was conducted by Miss Estelle Bozemann. Miss Underland has been teaching in Billings, and has been granted a leave of absence from her present position. We are proud indeed that one of

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MARCH EMPHASIS

The Bryson Bill HR2082 should be given special attention this month. The rumor that the bill was shelved at the hearing is untrue. The hearing has stimulated the opposition to greater activity. Let it stimulate us to request congress to abolish liquor for the duration of the war.

No matter if you have written or telegraphed or petitioned, repeat it at once. Secure letters from every possible group.

Ask Judiciary Committee to report the bill favorably to the House. Address the Chairman, Hon. Hatton W. Summers, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Ask your Representatives to vote for it when presented.

"The King's business requireth haste."

our own young women has caught the vision of this great work, and we wish her success in her new undertaking. She will be available for work in our own state providing that we can raise the necessary funds. We have all looked forward to the day when this would be possible. A letter was sent to all unions recently, suggesting a plan by which we may enlarge our educational work. We are urged to curtail needless spending in these critical days, but a substantial gift to a good cause is not considered as such. Seek therefore to enlist the help of all friends of the temperance cause. Every union should make a contribution to this fund, because it is through this work that we hope to educate the future generations. Only through education can we hope for legislation and the abolition of the liquor traffic. Can we count on you, dear comrades, as we go forward in faith?

It is not too early to be planning for district conventions. Every district president should submit a suggested program to all the unions in her district so that final plans can be made early in the spring. Due to the shortage of man-power on the farms there will be a great demand for workers among the women, and much will depend on our state in the production of food for our nation.

In these days of food rationing our women are becoming experts in counting points. What about points for banner unions and banner districts? Let us not forget to report at our district conventions.

Keep on sending personal letters and petitions to our Congressmen and Senators. As I am writing this the Bryson Bill H.R.2082 is being considered in committee. Have we done all that we could have done about this bill? If it passes it will bring war-time prohibition and speed our victory. Did you ask your fellow church members and PTA members, your neighbors and friends and relatives to get into this fight, or did you sit back and criticize because the bill was not brought up for consideration? It takes team work to get worth while things done. There are many other bills in our Congress that need our support. Write about S.860 which will take beer out of training camps, S.569 and S.682 which will prohibit liquor advertising, S.Res.100 to feed the starving children of Europe. Let us urge favorable action on this resolution. We believe in a program of conservation and salvage, but we also believe there is enough food for everyone and that not one of His little ones shall suffer.

May I urge again that all members lend their assistance to all

war work of their communities. Sew and knit for the Red Cross, make surgical dressings whenever that work is done. Buy and sell war stamps and bonds. Our national director of Soldiers and Sailors has some splendid suggestions for various war work and many directions are given for supplies for army hospitals. Let us not be idle when there is so much that we can do. Let us not forget contributions to the Safety School on Wheels. This is our own project and is worthy of all the support we can give it.

God Hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our life through,
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But GOD HATH PROMISED
Strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer,
Grace for the trial,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.—Annie Johnson
Flint.

Yours with love,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

POSTSCRIPT

Dear Co-workers:

The January issue of our Bulletin reached our readers so late that the state officers decided to combine February and March issues, in hopes that it may reach our subscribers early in March. We regret the loss of the February issue but war conditions create emergencies and this is just one more difficulty that we have encountered. I ask your forbearance. We are striving to meet these conditions and to overcome them but we need to be patient.

The dead line for "Hold Fast" unions is March 1. I hope our number will be doubled this year. Those unions that observe November roll call find that the early collection of dues becomes less difficult each year. To be a Hold-fast union the local treasurer must collect dues from every living resident member of last year and send to state treasurer before March 1.

An Organization Clinic will be held in Evanston April 13-27. This is a training school for field workers, especially organizers, and our state needs such workers. The clinic is open to any interested member and cost is low. If there is any member in our state that can go she should contact some state officer at once.

You have all received my letter explaining the "Narcotic Education

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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."

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Personal Mention . . .

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, state vice president, lately returned from a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Holand and children at LaMoure.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, the state treasurer, with her husband, spent part of the holidays in the Twin Cities, where they met and visited with relatives from another part of Minnesota, as well as with those who live there.

Mrs. A. D. Baughmann, Life member who for many years was president of Grand Forks District WCTU, recently observed her 82nd birthday quietly at St. Michael's hospital, Grand Forks, where she is now. In failing health, it would give her great pleasure to hear from her old friends, or have some callers.

Corporal Ronald J. Darling, son of the state president, spent Christmas in Grand Forks with his family. He was present at the christening of his baby son, Jay Justin, December 26.

Between Ourselves

An error appears in the directory, printed in the January issue of our paper. Among the officers of the Northeast district, Mrs. A. M. Herbison is listed as corresponding secretary; it should be Mrs. A. E. Place, Grafton, who is this secretary. Mrs. Herbison was elected a second vice president, to give special assistance to the district president this year. If you find other mistakes in the directory, please let us know.

A real harvest of good news from the unions has reached me, for which I am grateful, but because this is to be a combined issue of the February and March BULLETINS, there is not space for all of it this time. Watch for these in April, and see if they do not give some good ideas for your union—and tell us what you are doing!

Ye editor slipped away from North Dakota recently for a short visit with her only sister, in Illinois. Snow is plentiful here at this writing, but is no hindrance to visiting, and blue jays, yellow hammers and red birds make bright color notes against the white—a change from snow birds and sparrows. I will be home almost by the time you read this, and ready for work again.

Your friend,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

"The social glass of alcoholic liquor that has found its way into homes where a few years ago such a custom would not have been tolerated, is a burden upon our hearts and a serious hindrance toward the building up of public sentiment against legal beverage alcohol."—Mary Lee Seibert in The Union Worker.

Notes from the Unions

The Grafton union held a delightful Christmas party at the home of the president, Mrs. A. M. Herbison with Mrs. Percy Carlson as assistant hostess. Mrs. Fraser, leader of devotions, read the Christmas story, and all present joined very heartily in singing a number of the old Christmas carols. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts, an offering was taken, amounting to about \$5.00, which was given for the USO. The honorary members were present, and there was a very good attendance.

Their January meeting was a study of Alcohol Education with Miss Hulda Carlson as program leader.

The Rock Lake WCTU members were hostesses at a social evening held December 1 at the E. J. Langley home. Guests of honor were Mr. J. A. Johnson, pastor of the M. E. Church; Mr. and Mrs. George Hynes; other members of the faculty, and the husbands of members. The group joined in singing Christmas carols, with Mrs. C. A. Jahnke at the piano; after which games, visiting and lunch occupied the remainder of the evening.

Sawyer WCTU met at the home of Mrs. C. Hedahl Dec. 28. A good program was given, during which Mrs. C. LeRette gave a piano solo. During the afternoon, a letter was written to Mrs. M. Reinhold, who was president when the union was organized, and served faithfully till she moved from the state. Each lady present wrote a part of the letter, which certainly must have pleased Mrs. Reinhold when she received it in Vancouver, Wash., where she now resides. Mrs. Hedahl served a delicious lunch of apple pie piled high with home made ice cream and coffee.

The Grand Forks union conducted the vesper services at the YWCA Sunday, Dec. 8. Mrs. Kate S. Wilder was the speaker, and explained the beginning, purpose and accomplishments of the WCTU since the Crusade. She was introduced by the president, Mrs. O. J. Swanson, who also introduced the reader, Mrs. Harvey. At the close of the service, lunch was served by members of the union with Miss Margaret Hyslop in charge. A new member, Miss Helen Strom, was secured. For several months, this union has been studying the "Six Pillars of Peace" at regular meetings, under the leadership of Mrs. T. F. Emmerson.

We are indebted to Mrs. Ernest Miller, president of the Underwood union, for the following account of their activities early in the year. They contributed a Christmas package and \$7.00 in money to the Florence Crittenton Home, gave 40 quarts of home canned vegetables to the Crippled Children's School at Jamestown and gained two new members at their November roll call meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Paul with Mrs. Sarah Thompson assisting hostess.

In the end, this gigantic conflict will be steeled, not by weapons of war—but by what is in the hearts of men and women—not only by grit, but by grace. Force alone fails even when it wins.—Joseph Fort Newton.

In Memoriam

"Swing softly, beautiful gates of Death.

And let a waiting soul pass on. Achievement crowns life's purposes And victory is forever won."
—Bertha M. Tyson.

Mrs. Anna Harrison, who has been an active worker in the WCTU was called from this life December 18, after a short illness. She was a charter member of the Alamo union, and prayed faithfully for temperance and church work, as well as for the good of the community. She will be missed sadly by her co-workers.

The Bottineau union passed resolutions of sympathy, expressing their sorrow and sense of loss in the recent death of Mr. Jacob Gorder, an honorary member of that union. He had been a faithful worker for the right, in that community, for many years. Mrs. Peder A. Dunderland and Mrs. R. O. Finstad framed the resolutions for union.

Mrs. G. A. Shelby of Valley City our new state director of Soldiers and Sailors, is bereaved in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Thoreine Savig, Jan. 17, at the age of 89. Mrs. Shelby has been constantly engaged in the care of her mother for the past year; the latter was confined to her bed the last six months of her life.

Mrs. H. B. Schaffner, mother of Mrs. O. H. Olson of Park River, was called home November 26, 1943 after nearly 85 years of fine Christian living. Her husband, Rev. Schaffner, who was a Baptist minister, felt the call of the needy west and came to Fargo in 1881, engaging in missionary work all over Dakota Territory. He married Mrs. Schaffner in Winnipeg in 1886, after which she joined her efforts with his. Rev. Schaffner passed on in 1935, since which time she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Olson. We extend our sympathy to both these lonely daughters, and thank God for the lives of the mothers who have given them to our work.

THAT COURT DECISION

It is heartening, in these days when the brewers are expending enormous sums of money in advertising their product as a "temperance" drink, to find that they are not as successful as they could wish in making people believe that beer is not intoxicating. Early in January, daily papers of the state told of the case of a Rolla, N. D. tavern owner, who had been convicted of selling 12 bottles of beer to an Indian from a nearby government reservation. For this he was sentenced to two years in prison and a \$1,000 fine by the U. S. district court for North Dakota. He appealed the case, contending that the government had failed to prove that the beer was intoxicating. The Eighth District Circuit Court of Appeals, in affirming the conviction, ruled that beer was intoxicating, "as a matter of common knowledge" and required no proof. Joe Marsh really ought to be told!

"As a contribution to a total war effort" Canada has banned all advertising of alcoholic beverages, effective last Feb. 1, 1943. Why not the United States?

Treasurer's Report . .

Dec. 15, 1943 to Jan. 15, 1944

DUES: Williston 16, Bismarck 14, Hatten 27, Flasher 1, Nekoma 8, Wildrose 8, Stady-Zahl 15, Ellendale 11, Larimore 2, Sawyer 5, Crosby 17, Stanley 17, Jamestown 5, McKenzie 2, Oakes 3, Cavalier 6, Gilby 11.

Willard Members 7.

BUDGET: Williston \$14.00, Bismarck \$43.00, Prosper \$24.00, Hatten \$27.00, Flasher \$4.50, Nekoma \$11.00, Stady-Zahl \$12.00, Rock Lake \$13.00, Ellendale \$10.00, Plaza \$9.00, Parshall \$13.00, Sawyer \$6.00, Crosby \$17.00, Jamestown \$27.20, McKenzie \$4.00, Glover \$11.00, Cavalier \$55.00.

Literature: \$6.05.

White Ribbon Bulletin: \$1.50.

Union Signal \$2.00, Young Crusader .35.

Stevens Legislative Fund: Bismarck \$2.00, Stanley \$2.00.

China Relief: Jamestown \$5.00, Larimore \$7.59, Flasher \$10.00.

Safety School on Wheels: By Elizabeth Preston Anderson \$10.00.

Glover Union has honored Mrs. Clara Olson with a Life membership; Gilby Union has honored Mrs. Margaret A. Rutherford with a continuing membership.

The following unions have paid their budget in full since our last report: Grand Forks Frances Willard, Williston, Prosper, Hatten, Nekoma, Stady-Zahl, Rock Lake, Gilby, Parshall, Bismarck, Cavalier, Jamestown.

Next month there will be an honor roll of all unions having paid their budget in full.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer.

Jan. 15 to Febr. 15, 1944

DUES: Plaza 1, Wildrose 9, Minot 6, Larimore 2, Valley City 8, Fargo 40, Edinburg 5, Calvin 20, Flasher 1, Park River 3, Crosby 2, New Rockford 2, Cavalier 4, Monango 3.

Willard Dues, 7.

BUDGET: Grafton \$11.00, Hettinger \$12.00, Edinburg \$6.00, Cavalier \$34.00.

Literature and supplies: \$7.40.

Union Signal: \$2.00.

Safety School on Wheels: Plaza \$1.00, from Mrs. L. Langehaug in memory of Mrs. O. N. Grefshien of Sharon.

USO: Grafton \$5.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: New Rockford \$1.00, Plaza \$1.00, Parshall \$3.00.

Frances Willard Memorial Fund: Bismarck \$2.00, Underwood \$2.00, New Rockford \$2.00, Stanley \$2.00, Dickey \$2.00, Hatten \$3.00.

North Dakota Narcotic Education Fund: Alamo has the honor of making the first contribution to this fund which is to be a special project in our state work this year. Their gift of \$3.00 is in memory of Mrs. Anna Harrison. Other unions contributing to this fund to date are: Flasher \$3.00, Bismarck \$5.00, Rugby \$2.00, Dickey \$2.00, Valley City \$2.00, and Mrs. Wilbur Hanson of Lisbon \$1.00. This is a fine beginning and other unions will want to have a share in this educational work.

Hettinger completed their budget.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer.

Only a great cause can stir a great people. No half-way measures are worthy of wholehearted reformers.—Frances E. Willard.

BUY U S BONDS

Union Signal

Dear Friends:

This is my first letter to the BULLETIN since my appointment as UNION SIGNAL and YOUNG CRUSADER promoter. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I will have the plan of work to all the local unions in a short time now, and hope you will all follow this plan as closely as possible. March, UNION SIGNAL'S special month will soon be here and we must be well informed and ready, so we will be able to maintain and also increase our former good record of subscriptions to our publications. And even with less help and paper shortage, the UNION SIGNAL will, until further notice, remain at the usual price.

With all the agitation there is now, especially in our nation's capitol, over the liquor question, we cannot allow ourselves to be without the authentic information contained in Mrs. Smart's letter, published weekly in the SIGNAL; this is only one of many good reasons why we should be subscribers. Please write me if at any time you feel that I can be of help to you.

Sincerely,
MRS. O. J. SWANSON,
Promoter.

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The wages of sin is death.—Romans 6:23.

We Can Win The War Without Whisky

By CONGRESSMAN USHER L.
BURDICK of North Dakota
in House of Representatives,
December 15, 1943

Mr. BURDICK. Mr. Speaker, all the agitation here in the Nation's Capital about the shortage of whiskey seems to me to be drawing attention to our own lack of balance. Suppose it is a fact that there is not enough whiskey around to satisfy the thirsty in the Nation. What has that got to do with our war effort? Would it be a too severe punishment if we did not get any whiskey at all until the war is over—if the whiskey is needed as medicine by our troops. Is there any reason why we should not give up some of our appetite to help the war effort?

It appears that we have overdone the whiskey business since the war began. Estimated figures show that in a period of 12 months ending July 1, 1942, we spent \$23,000,000,000 for food and \$5,000,000,000 for whiskey. Do those disturbed about the shortage of whiskey want to increase the consumption of it until it reaches the amount spent for food? If we can get along without certain foods in abundance, what earthly reason is there why we cannot cut down on whiskey. This situation reminds me of a man who, seeing a man going home with a sack of flour, remarked, "Look at that fool going home with a sack of flour on his back and not a drop of whiskey in the house."

The Senate is so alarmed over this shortage of whiskey that they have appointed a special committee to investigate the outrage.

How terribly selfish we have become in this war. While our boys are losing their lives, their limbs, and otherwise being shot up and disfigured, we here at home rise the hue and cry, "For our sakes, gives us more whiskey." Anyone would think the outcome of the war depended on whether we here at home can have all the whiskey we want.

Some say there is a whiskey trust and whiskey is being purposely withheld for better prices. It takes two to make a market, and no matter how much whiskey is held up for a better price, it would not mean any profit to the hoarders unless they could find buyers. Suppose we just make up our minds right now to buy no whiskey until the war is over; it would be an effective way of breaking the trust.

Anyone would think, from the commotion here in the Capital, that we will lose the war just as soon as we fail to get all the whiskey we want. If that is not sheer nonsense, I do not know what the term means.

A ceiling price does not affect a black market. On the black market in the vicinity of Washington, the price of whiskey ranges all the way from \$32.50 to \$75 for a case of Scotch whiskey, but these prices could not be obtained if there were no buyers. I presume whiskey is so essential in keeping up our courage that if the price on the black market were \$100 per case there still would be buyers. Every patriotic citizen should be more than anxious to stop black markets—most people are of this opinion on everything except whiskey. Appar-

ently whisky we must have, whether we have anything else.

Once we wanted beer, and have it; but as the war progresses, we must have whisky. Will our entire war effort stall if we cannot get it?—Congressional Record, page A5886, Vol. 89, No. 195.

"Set our feet on lofty places,
Grid our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like
graces

In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage

That we fail not man nor Thee."
—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

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Our Resources

by Elizabeth Preston Anderson

What is the most important factor in winning the war? Experts tell us RESOURCES are the initial problem. The tide began to turn in large measure when the great resources of the United States were poured into the conflict.

It is well for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to take stock of its resources today. The members of this organization are doing double duty. They are working to keep up the health and morale of their families under rationing restrictions and the strain of war. They are working in the Red Cross and in defense plants. They are buying war bonds, paying increased taxes, and contributing to funds for the purchase of ambulances, station wagons and blood banks for the men in service. They are doing what other patriotic citizens are doing to win the war, and in addition to this, they are fighting America's GREATEST ENEMY, a foe all the more dangerous because it is not recognized by our Government as an enemy.

This enemy is allowed in our training camps, permitted to flourish all around our great defense plants, and no Government official or investigator has reported all the sabotage, absenteeism, waste of manpower, waste of food material, misuse of vital shipping space, of which this enemy is the cause, and yet all of these delay victory. The liquor business might be called "Hitler's handy helper."

Aid and Comfort to Enemy

To give aid and comfort to the enemy in time of war is treason and the penalty is death. Yet the liquor business is giving aid and comfort to the enemy every day. But instead of receiving the death sentence, it is being petted and pampered and given special privileges and prerogatives.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

The WCTU goes steadily on, lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes, and one has but to read the liquor trade journals, to see that leaders in the traffic are fully cognizant of the influence of this organization of women. Perhaps the liquor interests sense the fact that, though they themselves have money and political power, these women have Resources that are not available to those who willfully profit thru that "whereby thy brother stumbleth . . . or is made weak." The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Prayer Is the Key

These resources are locked up in the second word of our name, "Christian." Every Christian has at his command, the inexhaustible resources of God. The key which unlocks His treasure house of material and spiritual power is the prayer of penitence and faith.

The alarming increase in juvenile delinquency and in the number of our young people who are slipping morally ought to shock the Christian world into action. The dislocation of the family, the breaking up of homes, and the emotional strain and stress of war have been given as reasons for such conditions. These doubtless are contributory factors, but deeper down, back of these is the fundamental cause—lack of prayer and spiritual influence in the home.

How many of our church members take time to read God's Word and have prayer before the family scatters for the day? How many churches are having weekly prayer service? Prayer is an anchor of the soul. If it is lacking when the storms come and the waves of temptation roll high, many a life is wrecked. There is no greater need today than a return to prayer—the prayer of penitence and faith.

As a minister who had little of this world's goods was starting out on a very long journey, a wealthy friend slipped a blank check into his hand saying, "I have signed this. Fill it out for anything you need and it will be honored." The preacher felt like a millionaire on this trip for all his friend's wealth was at his command. The Creator of the universe gives us a blank check, signed with the precious blood of His Son, and bids us draw upon it, according to our faith.

The end of war, an enduring peace, the abolition of the liquor business will come when the people turn to God in repentance and faith, thus ushering in a great spiritual revival which shall make Christ and His teachings regnant in the hearts of men.

Our resources, the inexhaustible material and spiritual riches of God, are waiting. To your knees, O Israel!—from The Union Signal.

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The annual report from National says the following: "Every child is a member of the United States family, and the family needs the help the WCTU can give through the educational and activities program of its Loyal Temperance Legion. Children of today are the trustees of the future. The principles of the LTL program are also principles for training trustees to become courageous Christian citizens."

Last year North Dakota reported 10 Legions, California has 165, Ohio 121, Pennsylvania 190 and Minnesota has 43 Legions. Shall we bring the number of Legions in North Dakota to 25 thru the present year? New material has been sent to each LTL Leader—and to each president where there is no LTL. More may be had if there is a call for it. May each one of us do our best to educate our North Dakota boys and girls.

Yours truly,
MRS. J. W. FRISBIE,
Secretary.

Honorary Memberships

CONTINUING—

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, \$10.00; Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Grand Forks, \$10.00; Mrs. J. W. Scott Sr., Gilby, \$10.00; Mrs. Lydia S. Wanner, Jamestown, \$10.00; Mrs. Annie Catherwood, \$10.00.

MEMORIAL—

Rev. James Anderson, \$10.00; Mrs. Leslie Black, \$25.00; Elias Porter, \$10.00; Mr. W. G. Dickson, \$10.00.

LIFE—

Mrs. Sophia Swarstad, Grand Forks, Mrs. Carrie Aasen, Oakes, Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby, \$10; Mrs. Ole J. Pederson, Park River, \$10.00.

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 16:25.

Christian Citizenship

Dear Friends:

Dare I begin this letter with an apology? I am feeling myself very much the "pebble in the streamlet scant" in attempting to say anything of consequence, as I am sensing—and I know you are—that the spiral is downward, as we think on the trend of the times. However, an honest confession can be good for the soul, and the realization of man's limitations, God's opportunity. If we are truly concerned, we must know there is great need for a revival promoting the cause of righteousness.

Referring to the Plan of Work of the Citizenship department, which I hope every union will study, the quoted opening sentence—"The will of the people shall be the law of the land" is definitely a challenge, demanding more concern, more thought and action in civic affairs. It has been said of the American people, that "they just don't take the trouble to think" and hence are open to deceptive propaganda. This was shown in giving the liquor traffic the "glad hand" of license, which is leading to the downfall of our once proud, happy land. Much could be said along that line, as the spiral continues downward.

Following the numbered paragraphs of our Plan of Work, the new feature to be considered this year is Juvenile Delinquency. Do you have any in your town? Do you have a recreation center for high school girls and boys? A number of towns have started them. A pamphlet called "Facts Concerning Tobacco" has been sent you with the plan of work; study it, too. Cigarette smoking among juveniles is recognized as the first step downward for youth.

In paragraph 8, the importance of voting is discussed; it is a power in Democracy. This in an important presidential election year; it demands our careful attention in the matter of candidates. Let us do what we can to make choices good, and candidates should feel that they have the support of responsible, thinking people.

The matter of the foreign born, discussed in the Plan of Work, has not been of serious consequence in our state, but is likely to become a problem, by way of labor replacements; we observe a trend in that direction. We must continue our fight against the liquor traffic. Wear the white ribbon, "Be a Christian Citizen Yourself." In conclusion, it is essential in these times of great tribulation for many "that we pray always and not faint."

Cordially yours,
MRS. GEORGE CAMPBELL,
Director.

Soldiers and Sailors

Twenty-eight unions have reported work done in this department, which is double the number that reported last year, all are writing letters and sending cards to the men and women in the service from their community; they are also sending gift packages of candy, cookies and other goodies. Our WCTU members are cooperating in every way they can with their churches, the Red Cross, USO and other organizations to add cheer and comfort to our boys and girls who are serving in the armed forces of our country: they knit, make surgical dressings and comfort kits, tho not all are keeping

any account of the number of garments made or hours spent at Red cross rooms.

Literature such as books, magazines, newspapers, testaments, prayer books and WCTU pamphlets, has been sent to or placed in camps and reading rooms; Fargo, Grand Forks and Valley City have entertained service men in their homes, and Valley City has secured sugar from their ration board to make cookies with which the Navy V-12 boys are treated twice a month at their Happy Hour. Park River equipped a room with shaving facilities, games and writing materials for the benefit of the soldiers who were there to assist with the harvest. Calvin reported making 170 garments, Stanley 65 garments and kits.

Money has been contributed to the Red Cross, USA Ambulance Fund, Safety School on wheels and to fill comfort kits.

I wish we might have a director appointed in each union whose duty it would be to study ways and means of cooperating with the State director and to keep an accurate account of work done by members of her local.

I am sure many things have been accomplished that have not been reported to me. I would also strongly recommend that each member read her White Ribbon Bulletin each month, we cannot keep in touch with the State organization unless we do.

I have sent out literature to every union and written letters to very district president; I have provided literature for temperance programs and taught a temperance lesson to a Sunday School class. I have written letters to mothers of service men, and have received letters of thanks from grateful mothers after entertaining their sons in my home. I find it all very much worth while.

MRS. C. E. STOWELL,
Director.

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"Fund" and I hope that action will be taken at once. Alamo union heads the list with a gift of \$3.00 given in memory of a departed comrade. There is no finer way to pay tribute to a loyal and faithful worker. Let others take heed and do likewise. Fargo union has voted to give \$5.00 and our state treasurer could probably tell a more interesting story. Let us join the ranks of givers and make this a great fund.

The state officers will soon meet in Fargo for a Mid-year General Officers' meeting and plans will be made for the balance of the year including state convention. We need your prayers as we try to plan wisely for the furtherance of our work.

Word has just come from our National Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns that another slide film, "He Ran The Race" has been completed and is ready for distribution. Our state has purchased four of which three will be for sale. May I urge every union to help advertise this slide film in their own community? A slide projector and all five films can be secured from our Headquarters for postage. Many schools are eager to secure slide films for class room work so by showing what we have, you may help in the resale work.

Yours in service,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

It pays to follow one's best light; to put God and one's country first, and ourselves afterward.—Samuel C. Armstrong.