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Mother of Boys

(Dedicated to Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, former state president, who corresponds with 25 boys in the armed forces.)

Young mother-hands that are busy all day
Caring for babies, still take time to play;
They fashion simple things into fine toys,
Playing with boys.

Brown, calloused mother-hands, marked with their toil
Cope with the hunger of sons of the soil;
Happy or sorrowful, she keeps her poise
Cooking for boys.

Hands that might rest when her children are grown,
Keep right on serving in ways of their own;
College lads learn that their 'Mom' still enjoys
Mothering boys.

Hands that move slower now, take up her pen;
Soldier boys answer and answer again;
God bless her words, and the time she employs
Writing to boys—
Praying for boys!
—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

President's Letter . . .

Dear Co-Workers:

In spite of the fact that our winter came rather late and that we are completely surrounded with snow drifts several feet high at the present time, we do know that spring is right around the corner. With long bright days of spring in the offing, we must plan now for extensive work in all parts of our state.

Within a few days the general officers will met for a mid-year meeting. Plans for the work for the balance of the year will be formulated there, but only thru the united efforts of the rank and file can these plans be carried out.

April has been set aside for an extensive membership drive. Every member should make a special effort to secure new members during that month. Every district president should begin at once to plan for the organizations within her district. We had re-engaged Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer, for work in our state this spring, but due to her recent illness it is doubtful if she can come; therefore it will be necessary that your own state officers do all the field work. We do need the assistance of our district presidents in



making arrangements for district conventions and organization work. As each district president plans for the spring convention, she should make a survey of the unorganized towns in her district and then make necessary plans for the field worker to visit these places.

April was also Young People's month and there is a great need for this work in our state. It is to be regretted that we are still without a General Secretary for Y.T.C. work but that need not curtail the work in local unions. Every community has young people, and it should endeavor to provide clean and wholesome recreation for them.

The American people can no longer shut their eyes to the great increase in juvenile delinquency all over our nation. This is what J. Edgar Hoover, FBI, has to say about this all important problem of today: "I am not easily shocked nor easily alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am shocked and alarmed. The arrests of teenage boys and girls, all over our country, are staggering. Some of the crimes youngsters are com-

mitting are almost unspeakable. Prostitution, murder, rape. These are ugly words, but it is an ugly situation."

Mr. Hoover presents the following data: "In the last year 17 per cent more boys under 21 years were arrested for assault than the year before, 26 per cent more for disorderly conduct, 30 per cent more for drunkenness, 10 per cent more for rape. And that despite the fact that many of his age group had already gone to war or were productively employed. For girls, the figures are even more startling; 39 per cent more for drunkenness, 64 per cent more for prostitution, 69 per cent more for disorderly conduct, 124 per cent more for vagrancy.

"And these were only the ones who were ARRESTED—advanced cases."

We know the truth of this statement and here is a wonderful opportunity to reach children and teenage boys and girls thru the Loyal Temperance Legion and Youth's Temperance Council, both

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Mizpah

By Capitola Harrison Spencer

When God hangs out His Service Flag

Across the evening sky,
And underneath its gleam of gold
The troops go marching by,
My spirit marches with my boy,
Nor halts when day is done,
While step by step my thoughts
keep pace:

"God gave His only Son."

God gave His only Son, and mine,
So precious in my sight,
With shoulders squared, and eyes
ahead,

Treads in that gleaming light.
Perchance he walks to life, or
death—

The end is but the one—
To win at least a sin-sick world,
"God gave His only Son."

When God hangs out His Service Flag,

That gleaming sign will be
A "Mizpah" with the God of Hosts,
Between my son and me;
In weary march, in battle's roar,
Eternal pledge of love and care:

"God gave His only Son."

—From The Congregationalist.

Honor Roll

BUDGET IN FULL BEFORE
JANUARY 1, 1944

Minot, Edgeley, Oberon, La-Moure, Northwood, Williston, Hatten, Wildrose, Larimore, Fargo Scandinavian, Dickey, Prosper, Grand Forks, Grand Forks Frances Willard, Nekoma, Rock Lake, Flasher.

BUDGET PAID IN JANUARY
Bismarck, Parshall, Hettinger, Grafton, Jamestown, Sawyer, Crosby, Cavalier, McKenzie.

HALFFAST UNIONS

Dickey, LaMoure, Calvin, Parshall, Crosby, Williston, Bismarck, Hatten, Edinburg, Edgeley, Sheldon, Bottineau, Sawyer, Stady-Zahl, Reeder, Glover, Gilby, Hannah.

FRUITFUL UNIONS

Edgeley, Parshall, Crosby, La-Moure, Sawyer, Edinburg.

I do not know (neither do you) of a successful business institution in the United States that permits booze to be sold and consumed in its factories, and yet our government, engaged in a life and death struggle, permits it. It could cause us to lose the war.—Senator W. L. O'Daniel.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention—Anon.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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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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Between Ourselves

The situation that exists in the matter of getting out our paper led general officers to ask for a vote of the executive committee in regard to cutting the number of issues per year. As a majority favored such action, the necessary steps to comply with postoffice regulations in the matter, have been started. We are sorry to have to do this, and hope it need be only for a short time.

After her return in late March, the editor found many papers on her desk, so a thorough cleaning ensued. To her distress, she found a letter giving a fine account of Valley City's first meeting of the new year, which had been completely overlooked. Abject apologies go to Valley City and the fine corps of officers who serve there!

My hearty thanks to all of you who have given us the fine grist of news for this issue; our women are doing good work. Please read the account of the action taken by the Sunday Schools of Fargo; can your town do that too? Try and see.

Seeding time is here, and the fields and gardens show great activity. Let us remember that seeds sprout quickly in the field of character, too; may no one fail to do her part in planting the good seed.

Yours for service,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

Notes from the Unions

Mrs. Paul Hnason, president of West Fairview WCTU writes interestingly of the work of their union. They observed the November roll call, and gained one new member then. They earned their budget money with two different auctions; at the one held in the fall, the donated articles were of all kinds, from jellies and vegetables to stationery. About Christmas time, they held another at which the articles given were suitable for gifts. At both of these affairs, each article was numbered, the members and guests present drawing the numbers. Upon securing her package, each one had to auction it off herself, which produced a great deal of fun. Both auctions were very successful. This country union discontinued meetings for the 'bad' months of January, February and March, but they circulated a 'Round Robin' letter, and beginning with April, plan to hold two meetings each month for the rest of the year.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. A. Youngman of Dickey for news of the union there. Owing to the fine winter, they have been able to hold regular meetings, in November all members paid their dues at the roll-call meeting. In December they met with a new member, Mrs. Glen Stemen, at her farm home, and a Christmas box was packed

for 1st Sgt. Lawrence Larson, son of Mrs. N. O. Larson. Each member brought a gift for the box, Mrs. James Waldie was in charge of a fine program, stressing child delinquency and ways to help young people. Several visitors were present and a fine lunch was served a dessert lunch. For their February meeting, Mrs. Pat Durbin was hostess, and a Frances Willard Memorial program was given, prepared by Mrs. Youngman. Plans for a speech contest in the school and for reorganizing an LTL with Mrs. Durbin as leader, were discussed. The sum realized for lunch was larger than usual, as several husbands came. We hope for further good news about that contest and the LTL.

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood writes that the Park River union is 'functioning' as usual. In January they met at her home, and in February at the home of Rev. Setterstrom. A program stressing Medical Temperance and also in memory of Frances Willard, was very interesting. Bible contests are frequent features of their meetings, arranged by the president, Mrs. Nellie M. Cross. Both meetings were well attended.

Valley City follows the excellent practice of having at least one public meeting each year. In February Rev. O. E. McCracken, superintendent of the Union Mission in Fargo, spoke at an evening meeting held in the city hall. Mrs. M. O. Schlosser conducted devotions, and Miss Mildred Davidson, Valley City's gifted gospel singer, gave two beautiful numbers in her usual pleasing manner. Rev. McCracken cited many instances of the deplorable effects of alcohol, gleaned from his experience in mission work. He also enumerated several important battles lost in past wars, due to indulgence in beverage alcohol, stating that in his opinion, the Pearl Harbor attack could be included among them. He further stated that the city of Washington, D. C. consumed more liquor per capita in 1943 than any other city in the United States; and that Kentucky, once called the wettest state in the union, has shown a greater decrease in amount of liquor consumed the past year than any other state. He declared that the war might be over now if it were not for the hindrance of alcohol. He stressed the importance of the ballot, saying that if people voted as they prayed, we'd soon have a nation free from the ravages of beverage alcohol.

Minot Union met in December in the Fireplace Room of the Presbyterian church; Mrs. George Campbell led devotions, using the Christmas story, and Mrs. J. H. Mackley sang a Christmas carol. Mrs. C. F. Truax spoke on "The Spirit of Christ," as expressed in the Woman's Crusade, evidenced in the midst of war, and a challenge in civilian life. At this meeting it was reported that 85 Young Crusader subscriptions had been sent to rural schools in Ward county. Mrs. C. A. Waldron was hostess for the January meeting; it was held at her home and Mrs. John Bradley, Mrs. C. E. Davis and Mrs. A. S. Dwelle took part in the program. Mrs. Waldron's little daughter Marilyn played two piano numbers, and Mrs. Mackley sang "The Heart of America." At the February meeting, Mrs. C. A. Truax talked on the relationship of narcotics to crime, emphasizing

marahua. Mrs. C. A. Zook discussed Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith's Annual Report on the Liquor Problem. Mrs. Cecil Johnson sang. A delegate was appointed to meet with representatives from other groups to discuss youth's recreational needs in Minot.

The January meeting of the Edinburg union was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl. A study of the book, "Alcohol the Destroyer" was begun, with discussion and comment led by the Rev. Mr. Overgaard. This book, a recent publication written by C. A. Hern, takes up the liquor problem from the Christian's standpoint. Several members of the union have purchased their own copies of the book. Mrs. Overgaard is a new member of the Edinburg union.

The Edinburg LTL held its regular meeting for February at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Flaten, with a lesson on "Enemies of the Home." Plans were made for their annual Frances Willard Memorial meeting to be held in Trinity church the evening of Feb. 27. We hope nothing marred the fine program they had planned. In the 15 years of its existence, this Legion has been an influence upon the lives of a large number of children, some of whom now are with the armed forces.

At an evening meeting held late in March prizes were presented to the winners in the essay contest sponsored by the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks, for pupils of the rural schools of the county. The winners were: first, Dorothy Sand of Emerado, pupil of Oakville No. 41, whose teacher is Miss Gertrude Walgren; second, Emmett Fisher, pupil of Grace No. 87, whose teacher is Miss Mildred Hagen; third, Joyce Olson, pupil of Rye 25, whose teacher is Miss Verna Hoverson.

Mrs. Knut Soreng president, was the presiding officer. Rev. Russell Cervin conducted the devotional service, Mrs. O. S. Hageli read the essays, and groups from the Covenant church, where the meeting was held, provided music. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling gave an address and presented the prizes, which were \$3., \$2 and \$1 in war stamps. Miss Hilda Christianson, county superintendent of schools gave a talk and presented gifts to each of the winner as a personal gesture of appreciation. Much credit is due Miss Christianson for her assistance. The judges for the contest were L. W. Hanson, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and Palmer Isaakson.

MOTHERS FIGHT BEST AT HOME

Let the cranes shriek in rising crescendo,
Let the drills bite like rage thru the steel,
The place for the mothers of all little boys
Is home where those small boys can kneel
By the side of a bed, by the side of a chair
With fresh rosey faces and softly crimsoned hair,
And taste, at the end of day's tumult and noise,
The rare and exquisite, the dear and contended
Knowledge of being mom's boys.
—The White Ribboner

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Treasurer's Report . .

February 15 - March 15, 1944

Dues: Hunter 1, Bottineau 16, Northwood 5, Sawyer 2, Jamestown 3, Grand Forks Frances Willard 12, Larimore 5, Park River 2, Bismarck 3, McKenzie.

Willard: Steele 7.
LTL: Hatton 50.
Budget: Bottineau \$16.00, Park River \$2.00, Calvin \$10.00, Bismarck \$3.00.

Literature: \$1.00.
Union Signal: \$4.00.
Narcotic Education: Hunter \$2, Northwood \$2, Edgeley \$2, Sawyer \$2, Minot \$5, Gilby \$2, McKenzie \$2, Sheldon \$2, Parshall \$2.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: Reeder \$1, Sawyer \$3, Minot \$1, Jamestown \$1.22, Larimore \$1.00.

Frances Willard Memorial Fund Reeder \$2.00, Edgeley \$2, Langdon \$3, Sawyer \$2, Minot \$2, Gilby \$2, Larimore \$1, McKenzie \$1, Parshall \$2.

Blood Bank: Minot \$2.00, Bismarck \$10.00.

March 15 - April 15, 1944

Dues: Fargo Scandinavian 15, Plaza 1, Ellendale 4, Bismarck 1, Oberon 1, Langdon 16, Minot 1, Cavalier 2, Rock Lake 2, McKenzie 1, Jamestown 24, Williston 4.
Willard Dues: 12.

LTL: Edinburg 23, Casselton 15.
Budget: Ellendale \$1.00, Bismarck \$1.00, Williston \$4.00.

Literature and Supplies: \$2.10.
Memorial Membership: Bottineau \$10.00, in memory of Miss Edith Carey.

White Ribbon Bulletin: \$2.25.
Union Signal and Young Crusader \$4.35.

Narcotic Education: Frances Willard Grand Forks \$2.50, Oberon \$2.00, Fargo Scandinavian \$5.00, Plaza \$2.00, Ellendale \$3.00, Langdon \$2.00, Zahl \$2.00, Jamestown \$3.00.

Safety School on Wheels: McKenzie \$3.00.
Red Cross Ambulance Fund: Edinburg LTL \$5.00.

Red Cross Blood Bank: Minot \$5.00, McKenzie \$3.00.
Chinese Relief: Flasher \$5.00.

There has been an excellent response to the call for aid in carrying on Narcotic Education work in our own state, to date \$60.00 has been received. We are confident all of the unions will want a share in this work before the close of the year. Congratulations to Edinburg LTL for the worthy project they have sponsored this year. We are happy to find our LTL worker busy in organization work with a new LTL at Casselton.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer

WEAPON

Find your knees, America;
Mighty battles will be won
By the faithful few who kneel—
Prayer speaks louder than the gun.

Learn to pray, America;
If, before, you had not known:
"Thine be done" is password to
The omnipresence of His throne.
Bow your head, America;
Plead, too, that the enemy
Soon may know that God will
hear

Righteous prayer for Victory.
—Donald Milton in "The Friend"

BUY WAR BONDS
AND STAMPS

Membership

Reports to April 6, 1944

We are glad to report that our state secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, has organized three legions; one at Wheatland, one at Absaraka and the third at Prosper. Congratulations to Mrs. Frisbie and the new members! These new organizations will be a fine help in making our membership campaign report to National a good one. If your union has not started yet to win its share of new members, may I urge you not to delay. If you lack pledge cards or literature concerning the value of WCTU membership, please write me for it. Be very certain to give the name of the one who wins the new member when you send in her dues; otherwise credit to the winner cannot appear in the reports.

The National WCTU has designated April as the month for an intensive campaign. We decided at the meeting of the general officers, that May would be a bet-month for our North Dakota women, and while we hope to gain new members in April, May will be our Intensive Campaign month. Most of the district conventions will be held in May or early June. We trust that each local union will endeavor to exceed every other in its district, in the number of new members it is able to report. Have you asked your minister's wife to join? Fargo Union has the wives to ten preachers as active members. That should be a challenge to us all; can any union show a proportionate number?

The largest number of new active members won so far by any member were secured by Mrs. Zoia Dundson of Edgeley, who won 13. Second place to date is shared by Mrs. O. E. Tweton of Fargo Scandinavian, and Mrs. V. A. Reed of Fargo Union; each has 5 to her credit.

In the following report, unions are listed under the district to which they belong.

Bismarck District—
Bismarck: Mrs. P. G. Hayes, 1; Mrs. Opie Rindahl, 3; Mrs. A. Strutz, 1; Mrs. P. O. Sathre, 1; Mrs. Elmer Cart, 1.

Fargo District—
Fargo Union: Mrs. V. A. Reed, 5; Mrs. David Moore, 1; Mrs. M. B. Parsons, 2; Mrs. R. J. Stinson, 2; Mrs. M. T. Steidl, 1.

Fargo Scandinavian: Mrs. Nellie Hicks, 1; Mrs. Mae Brudevold, 2; Mrs. Otto Lembke, 1; Mrs. O. E. Tweton, 5.

Grand Forks District—
Frances Willard Union: Mrs. O. T. Ness, 1; Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, 1; Mrs. M. Christianson, 1; Mrs. K. Soreng, 1.

Grand Forks: Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, 1.

Hatton: Mrs. Nels Paulson, 1.
Larimore: Mrs. Sheridan Arnold, 1.

Northwood: Mrs. L. O. Laséson, 1.

Hettinger District—

Reeder: Mrs. Wm. Holmquist, 1.

James Valley District—
Jamestown: Mrs. D. Job, 2; Mrs. Heidinger, 1. This union reports 16 Honorary members.

Valley City: Mrs. L. Bignall, 1; Mrs. Schlosser, 1.

Minot District—

Minot: Mrs. John Bradley, 1; Mrs. Arthur Christianson, 1; Mrs. George Campbell, 2; Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 4.

Parshall: Mrs. Mary E. McHat- tie, 1.

Sawyer: Mrs. M. Daniels, 1; Mrs. C. LeRette, 1.

Underwood: Mrs. Dora Paul, 2; Mrs. Otto Olson, 2.

Northeast District—
Bowesmont: Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, 1.

Edinburg: Mrs. N. Ordahl, 1.
Grafton: Mrs. A. M. Herbison,

1.
Park River: One new member, no credit given.

New Rockford District—

New Rockford: Five new members, no credit given.

Ransom-LaMoure District—

Edgeley: Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, 1; Mrs. Zoia Dundson, 13; one for whom no credit was given.

LaMoure: Mrs. S. N. Englestad,

2.

Willard Members—

Mrs. Frank Beasley, 1; Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, 1; one reported for Jamestown, for whom credit was not given.

KATE S. WILDER,
Chairman

Religious Education

The WCTU has, as one of its slogans, "Agitate, Educate, then Legislate." Now this department of Religious Education must help greatly in carrying out this plan, especially the central part. We educate for total abstinence thru the church and church schools, Vacation Bible Schools and Leadership Training classes. We stress alcohol education as it is related to religious education.

In 1879, only five years after our organization, the WCTU began a campaign to have the physiological effects of alcohol taught to children in the public schools. New York was the first state to benefit thereby, but later every state passed laws which made teaching of the effects of alcohol a part of the curriculum of the public schools. No doubt this teaching played a large part in bringing about National Prohibition some 35 years later. Long ago we learned of the power that is gained by placing "a seed in the heart of a child."

I quote some words from Dr. McNally, Methodist minister of Chicago: "Religious forces should not only give emphasis to the evils of drink, both in the pulpit and in Sunday School classes, but also should urge proper education in public schools. Education may not entirely solve the problem, but it would help. Church leaders and non-drinking public school teachers can do the most to make knowledge of the evils of liquor effective. They are in the best place to reach young people thru education and example."

The need was never greater; let us work to make this an outstanding year in the cause we love.

To fight for a cause
And die for a cause
May be a high ambition,
But to live for a cause
And work for a cause
Is a Christian's holy mission.
MRS. R. J. STINSON,
Director

Speech Contests

Dear Co-Workers:

This is my first message to you as state director of speech contests. I have served in this capacity as local director and have found it most interesting.

Through this department we have a special way of reaching our children with the truth about

alcohol, what it is and what it does. Through this department we have an opportunity to develop special talents in our young people and we find they respond very readily.

Give your community a chance to have a speech contest. Medals awarded for these contests are silver, gold, pearl, diamond and grand diamond, (to be won in order named). A class should consist of five contestants or more, not to exceed seven.

Through this department talents can be developed and we also teach our children to be good losers as well as good winners. It awakens interest in our work among the indifferent, especially parents who have not caught the vision of our work.

Can we make this an outstanding year in Speech Contests in our state?

Please read carefully the literature that was sent to each union recently. Let every union select a capable woman who likes to work with young people, to serve as local speech contest director. Begin at once to plan for your first contest.

Let us have a silver medal winner in each union and a gold medal winner in each district this year. I am counting on your cooperation.

Yours in service,
Mrs. H. O. Hermanson.

May Emphasis

COOPERATION WITH WAR
ACTIVITIES

1. Purchase War Bonds and Stamps.

2. Continue contributions to relieve suffering, and contribute to the well-being of our armed forces, such as blood banks, ambulances, clubmobiles, aid for war orphans, etc.

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

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

5. 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 and not forgetting the Cooky Jar.

6. 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.

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

8. Gifts to our servicemen and servicewomen of the literature which is especially prepared for them, with invitations to sign.

THE WARTIME 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."

Don't be afraid of opposition. Remember—a kite rises against, not with the wind.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

BUY WAR BONDS

School of Instruction In Temperance

As a result of the fine work done by a committee from the Fargo union, all the churches of the city were interviewed on the subject of temperance teaching in their Sunday Schools. It was learned that in some, the teaching of the harmful effects of alcohol was neglected. Pastors and Sunday School superintendents were then asked to secure Temperance Chairmen in their respective schools, whose duty would be to see that teachers were supplied with necessary material, and that it was used. They agreed almost unanimously.

Then it was learned that the teachers felt that they needed help before beginning such teaching. So, in cooperation with Mrs. David Stoeve, wife of the president of the North Dakota District of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, a "School of Instruction" was arranged. Rev. George A. Parrish, Executive Secretary of the United Temperance Movement, was secured as instructor, and at the first meeting some 35 pastors and Sunday School teachers were present. Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, Corresponding Secretary of the N.D. WCTU was present, and gave out catalogues of material now available from the National WCTU Publishing House, and also explained about the slide films and moving pictures that can be used. The second meeting has been held since the report was received; these are advertised in all church bulletins and in the daily paper. May God bless these teachers and their pupils!

Personal Mention . . .

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder had the privilege of entertaining Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie for several days in March, as the latter was on her way back to Bowsmont from Minneapolis.

Mrs. O. J. Pederson, new Life member from Park River, spent part of the winter with a son and daughter in Wisconsin. We are glad to report also that Miss Millie Burbidge, treasurer of the Park River union, is recovering slowly from a heart ailment that has kept her confined to her room for several months. May the spring sunshine give her added strength.

The Edinburg union recently received a contribution for the Willard Memorial Fund from Mrs. E. A. Hennum, who now lives at Kennedy, Minn. Mrs. Hennum is not well; her friends in other places join the Edinburg women in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Carrie Aasen of Oakes, N. D., writes from Alexandria, Va., that she is with her daughter Grace, whose husband, Major Parler, is stationed there. She has been busy with church and Red Cross work, but did not forget to send in her dues and also those of Mrs. Wesley Willey, formerly of Oakes but now of North Hollywood, Calif. These two ladies also paid the dues of their friend, Mrs. F. J. Cannon, as a gift, so that she, too, may keep in touch with our work thru the state paper. Good idea!

Mrs. Aasen sends special greetings to Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

Mrs. Frank Beasley returned in March from a month's visit in her old home town of Thawville, Ill., with her sister, Mrs. Harold Remsburg. While there she had the opportunity of speaking briefly at three meetings of Ladies aid women, and at a meeting of the local union, of which Mrs. Remsburg is president.

Mrs. Ronald Darling of Grand Forks with her little son Jay Justin, have gone to Oregon to be near her husband, Cpl. Darling, while he is stationed there.

Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, president of Fargo District, recently returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Through an oversight which is deeply regretted the arrival of the first grandchild of Mrs. C. E. Stowell of Valley City was not mentioned earlier. The little girl, daughter of Eleanor Stowell Feiser, was born at Independence, Mo., July 19, 1943. Her father, David Feiser, is in service.

PRESENTER'S LETTER . . .

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character building organizations. With proper education and training, young people will be able to protect themselves from those things that will undermine their health and demoralize their character.

We are now in the New Crusade for Home Protection, and the national officers suggest that we put special emphasis on certain activities each month. During March we concentrated on the Bryson Bill H.R. 2082 and we must continue to urge its passage. In April put emphasis on Juvenile Delinquency. Let us do what we can to train our youth to become God-fearing and God-loving men and women and thus protect future generations. Let us press on in behalf of youth.

It is with pleasure and pride that I report 18 HoldFast unions and 6 Fruitful unions this year. We salute these far-sighted unions, for they can now devote the balance of the year to increasing their membership. They have learned to value the observance of the November Roll-Call and all members have formed the good habit of paying their dues early in the year. Let others take heed.

May I again urge the use of our slide films, especially the two newest, "He Went Straight Home" and "He Ran The Race." These films can be purchased at our Headquarters for the small sum of two dollars. We can also furnish the names of all schools in our state that have slide film projectors.

Our national slogan for this year is "We press on"; let us put it into action by securing an enlarged and better informed membership; by increasing our number of organizations; by cooperating with other organizations in war work; by reading and studying our literature and periodicals; by strengthening all phases of our work and never ceasing to pray.

"Expect great things from God—
Attempt great things for God—"
—William Carey.

Yours in service,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

Truth is waiting to be discerned and applied. We do not manufacture truth by living right. We live right by getting hold of the truth.
—Dr. W. P. King.



BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

In Memoriam

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." — Rev. 14:13.

Mrs. Katherine Gardner of Wyndmere is bereaved in the passing of her oldest son, Jay Ernest, who died at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30, 1943. He is survived by his wife, a married daughter and a son John in the navy.

Mrs. H. L. Bolley, member of Fargo union for many years, passing away early in March. Mrs. A. M. Parsons, another member also was called home recently.

Mrs. Franklin Potter, mother of the late Dwight H. Potter, former publisher of the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN, died March 16 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Addie M. Brooks, who was connected with the Florence Crittenton Home at Fargo for about 25 years, serving as the efficient superintendent for several years, passed away January 23 in California where she had lived since her retirement a few years ago.

Our sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives of these comrades and friends.

General Officer's Meeting

The officers met at the home of the state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, in Grand Forks March 21, 1944. After prayer by the president, the problems connected with publication of our paper were discussed. It was agreed to take a letter ballot of the executive committee on the question of cutting the number of issues per year, for the duration of the war.

The resignation of Mrs. O. H. Kjorlie, director of Medical Temperance, was accepted with regret. State convention dates were discussed, and topics suggested for district conventions. It was planned that Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Wilder will go out to district conventions and for field work. Mrs. Wilder, chairman of the Membership Campaign, reported that 89 new members had been secured since the beginning of the campaign. She recommended that we make our intensive drive in May, which recommendation was adopted. The treasurer reported finances to date; it is a source of satisfaction that the unions are responding well to the plea for help with the Narcotic Education Fund for our own state.

The matter of slide films now on hand for sale by the state WCTU and used by the United Temperance Movement, was discussed. It was suggested that a rental of 50 cents per week be asked of outside organizations, for the use of these films. New ones are to be purchased.

Mrs. Darling explained the bill relating to Maternity and Infant Care, passed to help the wives of soldiers. Expectant mothers can secure information on the subject from the local Red Cross.

It is expected that Miss Underland will come to give instruction in Narcotic Education at the Valley City and Minot Teacher's Col-

leges this summer, as Miss Bozeman is not available this year.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of hearty thanks to Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Ronald Darling, for the fine luncheon and dinner they gave the officers. Mrs. Wilder had entertained the visiting officers at breakfast.

THE HEART OF A CHILD

In the breast of a bulb is the promise of spring;
In the little blue egg is a bird that will sing;
In the soul of a seed is the hope of the sod;
In the heart of a child is the Kingdom of God.
—W. L. Stieger

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.—Old Chinese proverb.

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