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The Year That Is Gone

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us,
The worrying things that caused our souls to fret,
The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us,
Let us Forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us,
The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet,
The pride with which some lofty one disdained us,
Let us Forget.

But blessings manifold, past all deserving,
Kind words and helpful deeds, a countless throng,
The fault o'ercome, the rectitude unswerving
Let us remember long.

The sacrifice of love, the generous giving,
Where friends were few, the handclasp warm and strong,
The fragrance of each life of holy living,
Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true and gracious,
Whate'er of right has triumphed over wrong,
What love of God or man has rendered precious,
Let us remember long.

So pondering well the lesson it has taught us,
We tenderly may bid the year "Goodbye,"
Holding in memory the good it brought us,
Letting the evil die.

—Missionary Messenger.

The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

May the new year of 1945 bring World peace and the return of our loved ones. Let us make this our daily prayer in the days ahead. I am writing this on January 15th and I am so grieved that our November-December Bulletin has not as yet come off the press but I have been assured that it will reach you this week. Although the President's Recommendations will be very late in reaching you, I hope you will study them carefully and put them into action.

These are chaotic days and we find many obstacles along the way but I know you will meet them with the same undaunted spirit with which you have overcome obstacles in the past. You have the assurance of your state officers that they are doing everything humanly possible to smooth the way. Together we will win.

We have a tremendous task ahead. We must increase our membership in the WCTU, in the LTL and in the YTC during the next six months. Our membership drive is on now and will end July 1st. Many new people have come into our state, let us give them an opportunity to become members. Some probably are members elsewhere—invite them to join your union that they may be active in the work.

Mrs. Frisbie, Our General Secretary of LTL, has made a personal appeal to every local union to organize and foster a Loyal Temperance Legion. North Dakota has a large number of young citizens who would be glad to join and we must have 400 new members this year. The three largest legions last year were all in one district, there are 11 other districts, let us have a contest and see which district can organize the most new legions. We can all secure Friendship LTL members by becom-

—Courtesy of The National Voice

ing a friend of at least one child. Give the child at least one book about alcohol and a subscription to the "Young Crusader." Tell the child about the Loyal Temperance Legion. Endeavor to have the child choose to sign the LTL pledge and pay dues to the local WCTU."

Our treasurer reports that many unions have paid their budgets in full and gathered in a large percentage of their dues. This is very gratifying and it is my earnest hope that we may double our "Hold Fast" unions this year. Remember that every union that pays dues for every living resident member to the state treasurer by March 1st becomes a "HOLDFAST UNION." Not too difficult, why not qualify? Every member can assist by paying at once before your local treasurer has to ask for it.

Our New State Minutes are now in the hands of your local president, secretary and treasurer. Read them carefully and devote a part of your next meeting to the study of this report. Learn to use your report and save postage.

Our state legislature is now in session and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder is your new Legislative Director. Watch your daily papers for bills introduced and write your senators and representatives in regard to those bills in which you are most interested. Be ready at all times to act quickly if you have an emergency call from the Legislative Director. Then there is the national legislative program. Read carefully the Washington Letter in the Signal and follow Miss Smart's suggestions.

You will rejoice to hear that our sister state of Minnesota will be hostess to the 1945 National Convention. The meeting will be held in Minneapolis during the month of September. If these plans can be carried out it will give opportunity to many of our members to attend a National Convention. Let us begin now

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to plan for it. First we must reach all the goals set for us by National so that we can proudly carry the banner of our state. Are you willing to put North Dakota on the map for achievements this year? If so, forward march with new members—WCTU, LTL, and YTC—and new unions, new legions, new councils; and one fifth of our Narcotic Education Fund raised before September 1st.

The American housewife must now stretch five pounds of sugar over a period of 12 weeks for each person in her family. In the interest of freedom, that is a small sacrifice, but when the War Production Board grants another whiskey holiday during the month of January then it puts a different phase on the matter. Tons and tons of potential sugar will go into that which dulls men's minds, lessens life's finer appreciations and disorders the higher faculties. At a time like this, when clear minds and steady hands are so sorely needed to protect our country and to produce war materials and food for our own people and for the other nations! Shame on America! Syrup that might become sugar is only one of the food articles that will go into the making of whiskey during this holiday. Still we are constantly reminded that we must not waste food. Arise, you Christian women and let your voices be heard, let us demand that our government cease to waste grain, fruit and sugar in the manufacture of beverage alcohol. Write to the War Food Administrator, Washington, D. C. and voice your protest.

I trust that every union has selected a chairman for the Narcotic Education Fund and that she will devise ways and means of raising the necessary funds. This is an opportune time to raise money so let us make hay while the sun shines.

As we begin this new year let us rededicate our lives to service for God and Home and Every Land.

"Let us have faith that Right makes Might; and in that faith Let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it And having chosen our course, let us renew our trust in God, And go forward without fear and with manly hearts."

—A. Lincoln.

Yours in service,
Bessie M. Darling, State President.

Notes From the Unions

The Langdon union had a series of paid advertisements in the local paper the week before election, giving good reasons why people should vote "Yes" on the proposed measure to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages only in connection with tobacco and soft drinks. They hope to be able to continue such advertising in the paper, which is fine educational work.

The Nekoma union met at the home of Mrs. J. G. Stewart in October. Eight paid their dues, and a former member renewed and also became a Life member. Gifts of clothing for infants were donated for the Florence Crittenton Home, and woolen pieces to be made into a warm comforter were collected. A report of some of the highlights of the state convention was given by Mrs. Beasley. The teachers of the public school and several other ladies were invited guests; books and other material on teaching temperance were on display. Gerald, small son of Mrs. Nels Flom, was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit. Mrs. Harvey Johnston was in charge of a program of music and readings which was enjoyed by all, especially by Mrs. Stewart's mother Mrs. Sarah A. Orpe, who was the first president of the union. Mrs. Orpe is ninety "years young." The hostess served a fine lunch.

The state president visited the unions at Northwood and Larimore recently; she reports fine meetings in both places, large numbers of dues paid, budget ready to send and they are planning to begin to work for the Narcotic Education Fund at once. May all unions do likewise.

Langdon Union is using some paid advertising in the county paper; in the form of small "newsy" bits of information scattered through the columns of local news.

Nekoma's December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. George Sholy, the president. Time was spent in singing Christmas carols, and a feature of special interest was the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful" alone by Mrs. Sarah A. Orpe, 90-year-old charter member of the union, who was also the first president. Mrs. Carl W. Holm was the guest of honor, as she left Nekoma in January for Fordville, where her husband, Rev. Holm, has accepted the pastorate of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Holm was presented with a gift from the members of the union. Rev. Holm has been most helpful during his three years residence, and will be missed very much, as well as his wife, whose place will be hard to fill.

Grafton held their annual Christmas party in the auditorium of the Federated church. Mrs. Fraser, the president, was in charge of the meetings; devotions were led by Mrs. A. M. Herbigson. Mrs. A. B. Thompson and Mrs. Sena Thompson were in charge of the interesting program, which included the singing of Christmas carols. A box of gifts, clothing and infants' robes and gowns, was packed and sent to the Crittenton home at Fargo. Lunch was served by the members attending.

Park River Union met December 14 at the home of Mrs. John Shaw, with Mrs. Irvine as program leader. An interesting feature of the meeting was a symposium on "What Christmas Means to Me" in which all present took part. Under the leadership of Mrs. O. J. Pederson, the new president, this union served lunch at the sale at A. D. Cross's farm last fall, and the \$20 they cleared is being used for literature. They have subscribed for The UNION SIGNAL for the public library and for each of the three ministers in town; they have secured a club of 12 personal subscriptions for the YOUNG CRUSADE also. Mrs. Pederson and Mrs. Rockne assisted Mrs. Shaw with the lunch, which was lovely to look at as well as to eat.

Flasher Union keeps posters displayed in a store window, not far from a place where liquor is sold. They try to change the posters each week.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, visited the union at Cavalier January 4th.

The Minot union met with Mrs. C. A. Waldron, January 12, at which time three new members joined. The meeting was a good one, but no details were reported.

Crosby Union met January 8 at the home of Mrs. T. Linseth, and in honor of the Lillian Stevens Memorial, each member brought a guest. The program was under the direction of Mrs. F. F. Webber, who read a paper on Lillian M. N. Stevens and the Legislative Fund established as a memorial to her nineteen years as National president, following Frances E. Willard. Mrs. Wm. Hanmer gave a touching poem, "That Little Boy," by Edgar A. Guest; Mrs. George Homnes gave an original poem on the new year, called "The Old and the New." Three little girls, Barbara Heide, Marydell Larsen and Lillian Linseth sang "In the Temple" and Mrs. Heide read an article on John and Betty Stamm, missionaries from the U. S. who were martyred by the communists in China in 1934: Mrs. Mary Hay led devotions, which centered around our legislative duties as Christians. Special prayers were offered for all our boys and girls who are in the service of our country. A new member was received, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. An offering for the Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund was received.

"Then earnest let us be, and never faint in prayer;
God loves our importunity and makes our cause His care."

Personal Mention

Miss Mary M. Clark of Fargo, youngest daughter of the late Mrs. George F. Clark who was the devoted Union Signal Promoter for the state W. C. T. U. for many years writes that she has allowed the old home to be used by a larger family, since she was all alone in it. She has moved to 118 8th St. N., where she has comfortable rooms near the Presbyterian church. We hope she will be happy there, and be able to get out more.

When Mrs. Darling visited the Northwood union recently, she was a supper guest of Mrs. Anna Lasseson, the local president, and spent the night at the home of Mrs. Martin Berg.

Mrs. E. E. Clarke of Ellendale had the misfortune to lose her suitcase when she started home from the state convention. She contracted a severe cold and was in bed for several days, but a message saying that the lost suitcase was found and would be sent to her at once, aided in her recovery.

Mrs. A. E. Place of Grafton went to Minot in October for a few days. She was accompanied by her son Stewart, who plans to enter the ministry, and who will preach at churches at Douglas and Banner while he begins his college work at the Minot Teacher's College.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson writes from La Jolla, Calif. that she is well and busy with various interests. Though she reads books in Braille, her vision for distance is clear enough to enjoy the beautiful scenery there.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie is spending the winter months with her son in Minneapolis, where she has a nice sunny room and is very comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross of Park River left January 8 for Kingman, Ariz., where they were spending a few days in a tourist cabin near their son, Lt. Norman Cross, who is stationed at an army camp near there. Sending her publicity letter, Mrs. Cross writes of blooming roses; quite a change from the 21 below zero weather in which they left North Dakota. They planned to go on to Sacramento, Calif., in a short time.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner of Jamestown has enlarged her list of correspondents in the armed forces to 32 boys, to whom she writes regularly. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dan Wanner, has recovered well from her serious illness of last fall, and was able to come to Jamestown for Christmas in spite of a broken wrist received in a recent fall on the icy walk.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder of Grand Forks recently returned from a Christmas visit with the Roy A. Holand family at LaMoure. She was unfortunate enough to be ill in bed while there, but has recovered. Mrs. Holand is Mrs. Wilder's daughter.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president, visited her son in the east this winter.

Mrs. E. J. Langley of Rock Lake, secretary of North Central District, accompanied her husband to Bismarck, to stay while he is occupied there with the sessions of the legislature. Mr. Langley is representative from Towner county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Darling and son Jay have moved to Baudette, Minn., where he has a teaching position. He was honorably discharged from the army because of eye trouble.

We are all glad to know that the granddaughter of Mrs. C. F. Truax of Minot has recovered well from her attack of infantile paralysis, and is back in school. Mrs. Truax plans to spend the last half of the winter in California.

We regret that our state director of Visual Education, Mrs. Lavinia Bignall of Valley City, was ill for two months in the late fall, but rejoice that she is better now.

Mrs. J. S. Fattlar, formerly of Fairdale, who was state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction from 1931 to 1935, writes from her home near Litchfield, Minn., that she is closely occupied with the care of her mother, Mrs. Ida Curry, who is very frail. Mrs. Fattlar sent greetings to all her old friends in the work.

Have You A Working Guide and Reference Book?

Perhaps you don't recognize it by that name—it is usually called the State Report and was sent out early in January. A lot more use could and should be made of this book. The president's recommendations—the outline of work for the year—are usually printed in the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN, but how much easier to look on page 29 of this handy book instead of hunting all over for that particular issue of the Bulletin they were printed in!

For those who did not get to the state convention, there is the detailed report of the sessions and the reports that were read and also those that were not read. (Pages 11 to 44.)

Last but not least is the list of names of officers of districts and of the local WCTU's—as complete as we were able to get from the responses of the WCTUs. Another method will have to be used next year, as you can see by the number of asterisks beside the local unions—which means the list of new officers was not sent in.

Please correct in your book the president of Crosby Union. This was reported as Mrs. G. C. Erickson, but it should be Mrs. G. C. Gilbertson. The name of the secretary of that union should be spelled Hanmer, and the name of the district president should be spelled Skabo. The president now of the Grand Forks Frances Willard union, is Mrs. H. O. Hermanson. Also, Mrs. Burr of Jamestown lives on 4th Ave. Other mistakes that came to my attention were corrected before the books went out.

Back to the front of the books, and we find the addresses of the state officers. Frequent reference to this book will get the mail going where it belongs. As neither the president nor the treasurer lives nor gets her mail at State Headquarters, a wrong address only delays your letters to them, and dues and budget, etc. an extra day or two.

Perhaps the book will be valued a bit more highly, and made more use of when it is known that printing costs have been steadily rising through the years and this issue costs more than twice the 25c we have been accustomed to sending in for it. What should we do about that?

A leaflet about the Willard Memorial Fund has just been sent to all WCTUs for the February meeting. Perhaps it will help you.

Cordially yours,
Alberta W. Lundhagen, Corresponding Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

"Oh, these parting days will end
Some sweet day, by-and-by;
We shall gather, friend with friend
Some sweet day, by-and-by;
There, before our Father's throne,
When the mists and clouds have flown
We shall know as we are known,
Some sweet day, by-and-by."

Mrs. Flora E. Day, former director of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, whose North Dakota home was at Medina, died January 19 in a hospital at Flint, Mich., where she had undergone an operation a month before. Mrs. Day was a pioneer farm wife and a teacher in the Stutsman county schools; after her husband passed away in 1919, she returned to her profession, and after completing 25 years of teaching she retired in 1942 and went to Flint, where a son and daughter reside. Mrs. Day was always interested in temperance, and served as state director for several years. She is survived by six sons and a daughter.

Capt. Clyde Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watkins of Glendale, Calif. was killed November 12 in an airplane crash in Newfoundland, while piloting an army transport plane

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Directory

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Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher. Mrs. Paul Hanson, Englevale.

Mrs. Alex C. Burr, Jamestown. Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale.

Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, Mapleton. Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot.

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Mrs. George S. Muir, Gilby.

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Social Morality—Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher.

Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. G. A. Shelby, 222 2nd Ave., Valley City.

Speech Contests—Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, 1802 4th Ave. N., Grand Forks.

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Andrew Hay, Crosby.

State Historians—Mrs. Elizabeth Prseton Anderson, Fargo, and Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Bowesmont.

Union Signal Promoter—Mrs. O. J. Swanson, 306 Cottonwood St., Grand Forks.

Visual Education—Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, 516 8th Ave. N., Valley City.

A Word to the Wise

Although it is too late for the conventional greeting of "Happy New Year" to be appropriate for the beginning of this letter, we still have most of 1945 before us. In one of his sermons, Dr. John W. Holland tells of a picture of a skier, poised at the top of a long hill with a great expanse of fresh snow before him, untouched by any track. Such is the opening year; what is the record we will leave upon it?

I regret more deeply than I can tell you, the fact that so much time has passed without the paper coming to you. Our printer has bought out another company, if I am correctly informed, and has moved to the new location. Those of you who have had to move occasionally, know how much confusion can result, and how much the ordinary routine is upset by it. We ask your patience, as all help is still so very hard to obtain, and Mr. Washburn's business can be no exception.

I am sure the state reports have gone out to the unions before this; please read Mrs. Lundhagen's letter, and make the corrections in the directory which she mentions. Also, the former

Devils Lake District has another name. Several years ago, it was thought best to change from the numbers by which the districts had been known from the beginning, to names which would give some idea of the location of each district; it was voted to do this, at the state convention. First District became Devils Lake District. Last summer at their 50th anniversary convention, this district asked to return to the old name. As it did not seem best to the Executive Committee to have one numbered and the rest named, North Central was suggested as the name for this district, and has been accepted by them. Please change that also, in your directory. Then, too, will you please take good care of these reports? We have not many extras, and it is possible that they may have to be used for some time.

It has been suggested that possibly some of our women who could not attend the state convention last fall, might like to own a picture of the group of officers, that was taken there. One picture is of the five general officers of 1943-1944 only. The other includes also the Honorary president, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson; the past president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner; and the National Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, Miss Lenadell Wiggins, who was our guest speaker. Each picture is 8 x 10 inches in size and costs 75c. If any are wanted, they may be ordered directly from the photographer R. Kenneth McFarland, Valley City, N. D. While the likenesses are not flattering, they are fairly good. We regret that Mrs. H. E. Mielke, the new vice president, had to go home before the pictures were taken.

In this issue you will find letters from most of our fine department directors, asking your cooperation in the different kinds of work. Surely each of you can find something which will be just what you enjoy doing, and feel is highly important. Let us have a lot of splendid accomplishments reported, this fall!

May 1945 have only good in store for you all, and may it bring to a sorry world the gift of Peace!

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Her Monument

There stands a statue in the hall of Fame
Fashioned of snowy marble. Gazing there
Upon that sculptured face,—you ask no name;
But lift your heart to God in grateful prayer
That home's best blessings in our land endure,
Because that strong, true, loyal heart was pure.

For she it was who, in the perilous years
Had prophet's vision,—she who led the way
Through cloud and storm, through conflict and through tears,
Into the dawning of a nobler day.
What wonder that she stands serene in white
And on her brow there rests a holy light?

Yet greater dwells she in our memory,—
Statues may crumble, Fame's great halls depart—
But this shall live on through Eternity.
The thought of her in every loving heart;
Dearer than gold,—ay, priceless, steadfast, sure,
Her life, her love, perpetual shall endure!

—Lillian Ellis Carlton.

The Frances Willard union of Grand Forks met at the home of Mrs. Covertson, November 23, with Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, the newly elected president in charge. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. Sandbek. Two beautifully rendered vocal numbers were given by Mrs. L. J. Sande, Mrs. R. Lunseth and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Darling, the state president, gave a splendid report of the National convention, with an outline of the work to be covered this year. Plans were made for the traditional Christmas party to be held at the Home for the Aged. Mrs. Covertson served a delicious lunch, assisted by Mrs. Seller.

Treasurer's Report

November 20, 1944—January 20, 1945

DUES: Park River 16, Hannah 8, Bowesmont 20, Oberon 9, Dickey 11, Monango 10, Parshall 16, Larimore 31, Flasher 7, Ellendale 13, Williston 23, Stanley 19, New Rockford 5, Edgeley 24, Jamestown 20, Gilby 22, Minot 7, Nekoma 11, Edinburg 9, Bismarck 12, Rock Lake 7, Rugby 19, Northwood 25, Cavalier 45, Wildrose 9, Crosby 22, Hatton 21, Stady-Zahl 14, Grafton 24, McKenzie 8.

Willard Dues: Mrs. F. Barr, Sharon; Mrs. Laura Hendrickson, Grafton.

L. T. L. Dues, Flasher 6.

Child Life Membership: Charles Adolph Burseth, Jr., and Stephen James Burseth, by Mrs. B. G. Tenneson, Fargo, N. D. Dianne Marie Redell, by Mrs. Oscar Westlund, Fargo.

District Pledge: James - Valley \$10.00.

Budget: Hannah \$8.00, Oberon \$9.00, Grand Forks \$13.00, Dickey \$11.00, Larimore \$35.00, Ellendale \$5.00, New Rockford \$5.00, Gilby \$29.00, Jamestown \$67.00, Hatton \$27.00, Nekoma \$11.00, Edinburg \$2.70, Bismarck \$25.00, Rock Lake \$11.00, Rugby \$21.00, Cavalier \$45.00, Crosby \$20.00, Stady-Zahl \$15.00, McKenzie \$11.00.

The following unions have paid their budget in full since our last report: Hannah, Oberon, Grand Forks, Dickey, Larimore, Gilby, Hatton, Jamestown, Nekoma, Rock Lake, Rugby, Cavalier, Stady-Zahl, Crosby, McKenzie.

Literature: \$1.20, State Reports: Bismarck 75c, Gilby 75c. Safety School on Wheels: Larimore \$5.00.

State Narcotic Education: Larimore \$5.00, Mrs. I. J. Steedsman \$1.00.

National Publications: Bismarck \$6.00.

Blood Bank: Plaza \$2.00.

Chinese War Orphans: Larimore \$9.96, Mrs. Ben Franson \$1.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: Bismarck \$2.00, Stanley \$3.00, Dickey \$2.00, Memorial gift for Mrs. Ruth Whipple, Larimore \$2.00. From Mrs. Bessie M. Darling by Cavalier Union for travel expense. Fargo Scandinavian has five Child Life Memberships, all of them grandchildren of the Union members. All of these memberships are credited to the Union from which they come and are applied on the state Narcotic Education fund.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, Treasurer.

Honor Roll

Budget In Full

Fargo Scandinavian	Grand Forks	Rugby
Edgeley	Dickey	Cavalier
Northwood	Larimore	Stady - Zahl
Reeder	Gilby	Crosby
Englevale	Hatton	McKenzie
Hannah	Jamestown	Flasher
Oberon	Nekoma	Grafton
	Rock Lake	

The Secret

I met God in the morning

When the day was at its best,
And His Presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
On a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest,

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,

When I too, had loosed the moorings

With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,

Learned from many a troubled way:

You must seek Him in the morning

If you want Him through the day!

—Ralph S. Cushman.

From "A Pocket Prayer Book."

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Noontide Hour of Prayer

"It is always noontide somewhere,
And across the awakening continents
From shore to shore, somewhere,
Our prayers are rising evermore."

George Washington's Words

"Rum is injurious to the morals of the people. If I could have my wish, it would not be to diminish, but to annihilate the use of it in the United States." He also said: "Liquor is the source of all evil and the ruin of half the workmen of the country."

—George Washington.

Lincoln and the Saloon

Some years ago at a Lincoln meeting among the old soldiers of a Michigan city, one of the battleworn veterans gave the following testimony: "We have heard what Lincoln has done for all of us, I want to tell what he did for me. I was a private in one of the western regiments that arrived first in Washington after the call for 75,000. We were marching through the city amid great crowds and cheering people, and then, after going into camp, were given leave to see the town.

"Like many others of our boys, the saloon or tavern was the first thing we hit. With my comrades I was just about to go into the door of one of those places, when a hand was laid upon my arm and, looking up, there was President Lincoln from his great height above me, a mere lad, regarding me with those kindly eyes and pleasant smile.

"I almost dropped with surprise and bashfulness, but he held out his hand, and as I took it he shook hands in strong western fashion, and said, 'I don't like to see our uniform going into these places.' That was all he said. He turned immediately and walked away; and we passed on. We would not have gone into that tavern for all the wealth of Washington city."

—Illinois W.C.T.U. Watch Tower.

Mrs. Nacia E. Buck, whose address is now 437 N. 16th St., Corvallis, Ore., writes of doing field work for the W.C.T.U. again; this time at Tacoma, Wash. She was out for three weeks in October, during which time she attended the Tacoma county convention, the state convention of Oregon at Portland, and the state convention of Washington at Bellingham. There she attended as the guest of the state director of International Relations for Peace; she helped in the conferences and had a Peace table. She met old friends from North Dakota—Mrs. Minnie Hanson, once of Hatton; Mrs. Lee of Stady-Zahl Union; Mrs. Simcox of Park River. Mrs. Buck says proudly that she has five great-grandchildren, and people tell her it is time that she began to act her age! Fortunate are the little ones who have this wonderful great-grandmother, who will never be old!

It is with deep regret that we record the removal from the state of two ministers who have ever been helpful and encouraging in our work and whose wives have been active members of the unions. Rev. Thomas B. Lindsay, who has been pastor of the Langdon Presbyterian church for the past five years, has moved with his family to Blue Earth, Minn., to serve the church there. Rev. A. E. Place, who has been pastor of the Federated church at Grafton for more than eight years, goes to Lakeview, Ore. We shall miss them, but our hearty good wishes go with them to their new fields.

Letters From State Directors CHILD WELFARE

Dear Co-Workers:

This is new work for me, but if I can stir someone or all, in each union to consider and carry out some of the plans for this department, I shall feel that I have accomplished something. I hope very soon to write to each union, sending the Plan of Work and some other helps, and strongly urge a program on this work at an early meeting. At that time plans should be discussed, according to what each union can do, and please do not leave it all to your president to see that the plans are carried out. If no one will volunteer, appoint someone, and then all help her carry out the plans.

Study the Plan of Work of the National Director, which I shall send with other leaflets; read what the National Hand book has to say; turn to our own State report to see what has been reported by North Dakota unions. I am sure much more has been done than is ever reported.

I like especially the greeting cards for new mothers which can be ordered from National (see your catalog) and don't forget the follow-up to secure the babies as White Ribbon Recruits, and if possible, the mothers as members of the union.

Yours, for service,

Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, Director.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear White Ribboners:

The January meeting being logically the one with the topic of Citizenship, according to our printed programs, I am taking comfort in the thought that the unions have been thinking along that line. If you discussed the topic, then you have not been hindered by the delay of this letter through the BULLETIN, or the belated receipt of the departmental literature. Quite a number of the unions availed themselves of the opportunity to purchase Citizenship packets from the literature table at the convention last fall, which I am sure has been helpful.

In thinking of the topic as assigned by the printed program from National, "To Achieve Protective Legislation," you will find most helpful data in Miss Smart's letters from Washington, in the UNION SIGNAL; the legislation outlined in her glossary brief is good to review.

As I am writing this letter, greetings for the New Year are in order, and I wish to extend mine to all readers of the BULLETIN. May the coming year bring an end to much that has been accumulatively bad and made for much unhappiness during the year just passed. Our prayers and endeavor are always to that end, remembering that even though, as our state motto says, "I am but one, but I am one" and that what we ought to do, by the grace of God we will do.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. George Campbell, Director.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF

Dear W. C. T. U. Members:

Greetings and good wishes for 1945. Just a few lines to remind you of our Flower Mission and Relief work. I am still waiting for our Plan of Work for this year from our National director, and as soon as it arrives will send it, together with sample leaflets. In the meantime keep up the good work you have been doing, and let every member keep a record of her work and return it to her local chairman or president, who in turn will report to me before the state convention. I would be very happy to report my department 100%.

This is perhaps one of the most interesting and far-reaching departments we have in the W. C. T. U. The opportunity for service is unlimited, and every member can take part. This department gives hands and feet to the daily prayers of Christians, so let us be diligent to seek the work that Christ would have us do.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Director.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE

May I introduce myself as the newly appointed director of the department of Medical Temperance? I am very happy to become acquainted with all the splendid W. C. T. U. workers in North Dakota; we all are interested in this all-important work, and are willing to do our part to improve the health of the citizens of our good state.

First, before we can act, we know we must familiarize ourselves with our needs; then we must discover how to remedy the defects disclosed by our surveys, and lastly, we must apply our knowledge. The needs can be learned from surveys of local conditions, from study of literature on various community conditions, from speakers, teachers, civic officers and church workers. Are you showing your interest by cooperating?

The corrections? Well, that's a big job. Here is where we can put forth our best efforts. We have literature and leaflets which we are anxious to share, and we will from time to time list some of these in the BULLETIN. The Plan of Work for 1945 will come to you by mail soon.

Let us be awake and alert to the many new discoveries that are now open to us, and to the many that will be released when this world-wide disturbance is over. Much will be of great value to the health of the civilian population. Let us study these developments.

Our country is thinking much these days on physical fitness. A large proportion of the selectees were classified as unusable because of defects due to neglect and carelessness. Now we hear much about compulsory military training for Youth. Surely an all-around physical fitness program will be looked upon with favor by us all, but that is not a one year program. That begins at birth or before, and should be a daily consideration for every individual. Let us be thinking about this too.

Let I become long-winded, I must close now. I bespeak for myself your prayerful cooperation. May 1945 be a Purposeful New Year for us all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. B. G. Tenneson, Director.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the words of the poet, "Every day is a fresh beginning, every morn is the world made new." May we, as workers in a great cause, make this new year a 'fresh beginning,' and to quote further, "Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover." "Today is thine, and today alone."

The new Plan of Work for the department of Religious Education is just out; reached me yesterday. No fault of our leader, but general conditions are responsible for the tardiness. This means that we must work a little harder to reach the 'aims' given us, and bring in a bountiful harvest to be tabulated next Autumn.

The avenues through which we work are the same as last year. Note that the promotion of Bible Study in Public Schools, has now been placed in the department of Spiritual Life, formerly called the Evangelistic. Cooperate with teachers in Sunday Schools by furnishing them suitable material; a list of such material will soon be sent to each union, along with other helpful suggestions.

Promote the observance of the six temperance lessons (in the International Lessons) for the coming year, namely for January 21, April 29, May 13, September 9, October 28, and December 9. Cooperate with the teachers by providing material for these lessons. A training class for teachers is an excellent plan; secure a preacher or someone who has studied the alcohol problem, as leader.

The future year is full of anxiety and uncertainty for us all, but we must live it one day at a time, trusting the God who has led and richly blessed us in the past, to give us strength for each responsibility and joy for each achievement. Will you unite your prayers with others, that the two great enemies of christianity—War and the liquor traffic—may be overcome and forever abolished?

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. R. J. Stinson, Director.

Letters From State Directors

RADIO

Dear Co-workers:

The radio is the greatest medium of education for good or evil there is, and the American Radio should recognize its responsibility to the future welfare of our country. The W. C. T. U. is concerned about the kind of programs that come into our homes, because of our children. Shall those of us who recognize our responsibility to the children of today and the world of tomorrow, sit back and permit liquor advertising to go on unchallenged? If we do, then all the great fight for Democracy will have been in vain, as America's youth is America's future. For this reason, the W. C. T. U. is trying to achieve and maintain a high standard of excellence in all programs given over the radio. We should listen to the programs coming into our homes, and commend those that are good; we should register a protest on liquor advertising, including beer. Please study the leaflets that will be sent to each local president.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. F. Traux, Director.

PUBLICITY

Dear Comrades,

By now each union must have received the Publicity helps and suggestions for this year's work. May I ask that all the unions devote at least one meeting to a study and discussion of these? We all know how certain products if not kept before the public by means of advertising, soon lose their popularity. It can be the same way with our work. If we do not constantly bring before the people our aims and accomplishments, we are likely to fail in promoting interest in our work. I think a study of the "Ten Points in Workshop Problems" will prove of special benefit.

Another important thing is to keep an account of all publicity work done. I am sure a fine report can be sent in by all unions if this is done. Let us try to make this department an important tool in the National Workshop.

If I can be of any help in your publicity problems please address me at 434, 7th Ave. South, Fargo, N. D. and the letters will be forwarded.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Director.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

My dear co-workers:

In the midst of this awful world war, at the beginning of 1945, as we think of the many, many sad and burdened hearts it seems almost unfeeling to say "Happy New Year." But we can make this year happier by meeting its challenge, as it brings to each of us many opportunities, privileges and duties. The community, the state and the nation must continue to educate properly the children and young people who are yet in the homes; and besides, we must do all in our power to improve conditions, in order to properly welcome our boys and girls, on their return from active service for our own and other countries. "Happiness comes only when that which has marred life has been discarded." May each of us pray, "Create in me a new heart, O God, that I may go forth in this new year to help create a new world."

This week, I am mailing to each local president National's Plan of Work for this department for 1945, with some leaflets that I think will prove helpful. I urge you to meet with your teachers very soon, and present these to them, assuring them of your help in promoting Scientific Temperance Instruction for students in all grades. We have a good law in our state, requiring temperance to be taught in our schools, but we may lose it unless we see that it is enforced. The National P. T. A. has a program on Narcotic Education in line with ours of the W. C. T. U.; which is a direct channel for aid in proper instruction. Urge your P. T. A. to develop this department and to have at least one public temperance program this year. Help

them to see the inadequacy of much present textbook information; urge them to join us in writing to publishers, seeking for more temperance instruction in forthcoming text-books.

Be sure to interest your teachers in teaching temperance by films; get your school to purchase films, or for the cost of postage, get the loan of them from State W. C. T. U. Headquarters. (Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, 1421 7th St. S., Fargo, N. D.) Also by other visual aids—charts, pictures and posters; by writing essays and making posters. Show them our catalogue, and help them secure the needed material.

Our last year's posters were exceptionally fine, the best ones coming from schools where regular temperance instruction was given. Please have posters made on heavy cardboard, 12 x 18 inches in size. They are to be judged by the lesson given, by originality, attractiveness and slogan.

Help your Sunday School superintendent, or Sunday School Temperance Chairman with the regular temperance lessons; use the Temperance Sunday programs, and the red, white and blue pledge cards, to be hung on the wall. Theodore Roosevelt said, "Men educated in intellect, but not educated in morals and religion, are a menace to society." Surely the morals of our nation today are threatened by the advertisement and consumption of alcohol and other narcotics. Let us accept this challenge, meet it with education Use our literature. Remember, "All things are possible to him that believeth." Let us be much in prayer these trying days; but James said "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." This coming year, may our Father give to each of us, the faith and the desire, with strength and wisdom, to work for Him; to help make this a better world in which to live.

With love to you all,

Mrs. Fred. M. Wanner, Director.

VISUAL EDUCATION

Dear Co-workers:

The name of this department, formerly called Exhibits and Fairs, has been changed to Visual Education. We know that what one learns by sight gives a stronger impression than what one hears in passing, yet people sometimes miss seeing, unless their attention is especially drawn. Therefore we must make our exhibits as attractive as possible, place them where they can be seen easily and clearly understood. Choice for good and evil, which are not clearly defined, should be weighed carefully.

Let us increase the use of visual aids in creating public sentiment for "Total Abstinence Everywhere." Encourage a greater use by public schools, churches, young people's and adult groups of Temperance motion pictures and slide films.

As soon as possible, I will mail out leaflets and instructions for the work that is to be taken up this year. I am sorry to be late, but I was taken ill before the Plan of Work was off the press, and could not send it out when it arrived.

The Union Signal carries advertisements of new posters, 11 x 17 inches in size, which I believe are worth sending for; they are only 10c each, or four for 25c.

Let us do our best, and please do not forget to pray. Our soldiers are told that the home folks are praying for the boys in the foxholes. One came home on a furlough and went to church. He was greatly disappointed that the men at the front lines were not mentioned, and he heard no prayer for the boys in foxholes. He was heard to say, "I hope the boys in the foxholes do not find out."

I know a few are faithful, but a greater number should be awakened. It is the duty of every American to work for a cleaner, more faithful Democracy.

"Not for a single day
Can I discern my way,
But this I surely know;
Who gives the day
Will show the way,
So I securely go."

—John Oxenham.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Lavina Bignall, Director.

SOCIAL MORALITY

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." This year we are asked to look first at our own homes, "to train from early childhood for that character that develops self mastery." Make your home a popular place to your own children and to their friends. Plan family good times, in the home, or picnics, sight-seeing tours, or family movie parties. Then try to see that recreational facilities in the neighborhood are the kind you approve for your own children.

Study the plans of work sent to the president of each union, and choose at least one thing you can do. Then do it—and send in the report.

The new Congress has met, and the four men from North Dakota will welcome your letters of suggestion and recommendation. Let them know we are concerned about the activity of the liquor industry in and around our camps, about beverage alcohol advertising over the radio, about war-time prohibition, about peace-time conscription. Watch the Union Signal for the doings of Congress, and let our men know that we are watching them. We cannot do everything, we know, but each of us can do something. Let us back up our prayers with deeds. In His Name,

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Director.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Dear Co-workers:

As we stand inside the door of this new year many different thoughts pass through our minds; perhaps there is a little bit of fear in our hearts as we enter another year of war abroad, and of unrest and upheaval in our own land. But let us remember, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God is on our side, He goes before, and when He leads the way we need not worry about the outcome.

The most urgent appeal I wish to make at the beginning of this new year, is for every union in our state to try and raise all the money possible for the Blood Plasma fund. Donations may be sent directly to the United States Surgeon General, Washington, D. C. It should be our most important project this year, as it may save the life of one of our own boys.

I have no new material on plan of work for 1945; we may not receive any, on account of paper shortage. It will be a continuation of the work we did last year—Red Cross, knitting, sewing, and rolling bandages, etc. Also work in Canteens and U. S. O., wherever they are located.

I also wish to remind all secretaries of the unions to send me any additional names of boys and girls, that should be entered in the "Roll of Honor" book; be sure to mention "Gold Stars." And please let us make a New Year's resolution to write some lonely soldier boy a word of cheer every week; one outside your own family. Let us pray and hope that this war may end soon, and peace and happiness may again ring out over the world.

Yours in the service,

Mrs. G. A. Shelby, Director.

SPEECH CONTESTS

Dear Co-workers:

The National W. C. T. U. has laid stress upon the enlistment of our children this year. There is no easier way to win the interest of children than through medal contests. Through this work we can arouse sentiment in favor of total abstinence and teach the truth about alcohol; through this department we can bring the alcohol problem forcefully to the community and church, and thus awaken their responsibility to it; we can discern and encourage the development of talent among youth and thus help to prepare leaders in our state and national life.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

TO MEMORY OF FRANCES E. WILLARD

September 28, 1839—February 17, 1898

Frances Willard encircled the world with the White Ribbon of Love and Sympathy; and, her spirit today is world encircling wherever there is suffering and need.

At the close of her earthly life, she said, "God has other worlds, and I want to go. I am safe with Him."

"Then in a voice of marvelous sweetness, like the lovely and pathetic strain from an Aeolian harp, on which heavenly zephyrs were breathing, in tones of utmost content, came these last words, "HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO BE WITH GOD."

May we reverently read a part of her confession of faith, spoken as she knew that she would soon enter the Life Everlasting:

"To me there are but five words in the language; GOD, DUTY, LOVE, HUMANITY, IMMORTALITY. I believe in the reign of the common people; that the earth is theirs, and every thing in it belongs to them; that the kingdom of heaven is going to be here; that through the gospel there is yet to come a warmer glow of love in each human being for each other—I believe that the light of the truth in Jesus Christ shall shine more and more, till its glory like noon tide shall be."

—Nebraska Union Worker.

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GUARD YOUR GREY CELLS. George A Little. Science tells of what beverage alcohol does to the human brain. 10c per copy.
ALCOHOL—ITS PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND THEIR SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES. Reed. 20c each.

DOES ALCOHOL AID CREATIVE ABILITY? Warner. 10c per copy.

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Solicit YOUNG CRUSADER and UNION SIGNAL subscriptions at the same time. Parents, educators, relatives and other friends of young children are all prospects. THE YOUNG CRUSADER should find a welcome in every reception room frequented by mothers and children. Stories, LTL programs, pictures and verse make THE YOUNG CRUSADER supremely valuable to the child.

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