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The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Plans are now underway for district conventions and I am writing this early in the month as I will leave soon for work in the field. It has been very difficult to arrange suitable dates for district meetings and some sacrifices have been made by co-workers so that a satisfactory itinerary could be completed. I am very grateful for this cooperation and I hope it will result in well attended conventions that will inspire us to greater activity.

The warm sunshine of the past days has brought forth many signs of spring and there is a great incentive for the housewife to start her spring house cleaning. Let us constantly bear in mind the need for a general cleaning on the home front that our war weary men may come home to a sober and decent nation. Too many of our women today have lost sight of the things worth while and are spending their time doing needless things. Our membership drive is rapidly drawing to a close so let us make a special effort to enlist young mothers in the next few weeks. This is the month in which we hold Mothers' meetings and emphasis should be put on enlisting White Ribbon Recruits.

We have approached the end of hostilities in Germany and our hearts are bowed in humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father for this great victory. The war is not over and we must go on doing all that we can to help win the last half of this terrible conflict. Countless young lives have been sacrificed on all fronts and unless we secure an enduring peace, they will have died in vain. Read and study carefully the proceedings of the United Nations Conference that is meeting in San Francisco at the present time. On bended knees let us ask our Heavenly Father to guide and direct all who are in leadership that the real purpose of the Conference may be accomplished.

We will watch with interest the actions of the liquor retailers of our state who are opposed to Senate Bill 109—requiring state licensing of retail liquor outlets. Plans for the referendum of this bill are in the making at the present time and should 30,000 signers be secured by petition our Governor will be compelled to call a special election the last half of June or the first half of July. There is also a great possibility that if such an election is called other measures may be referred. The wets do not like several bills that were passed by the last state legislature which should be an encouragement to the dry forces even though these measures are only restrictive not prohibitory. Another bill that seems to be in disfavor is House Bill 165 which makes it illegal for wholesalers and manufacturers of beer and liquor to have any financial interest in retail beer and liquor outlets. Watch your daily papers for more news about a special election. It will be matter for regret if our state must be put to the expense of approximately \$100,000 for a special election, but it may afford the dries an opportunity to amend Section 4 of Senate Bill 109, of which they have never approved. We have always favored a complete separation of the serving of food and alcoholic beverages, in places where both are sold. There are phases of the bill that are very satisfactory and we are happy for the enforcement powers put into the hands of the attorney general.

Now that our fiscal year is rapidly drawing to a close let us focus our attention to the raising of funds for the Narcotic Education Fund. All dues and budgets should be raised now and local treasurers should devise ways and means to secure funds for this very worthy project. Let us present the need for this Fund before ready made audiences and solicit their aid. \$600 must be secured this year if we are to reach our goal by 1949.

Miss E. Grimmette, instructor in Narcotic Education, from

Worker Coming



MRS. FRED MEISSNER, Field Worker

Mrs. Meissner will come to North Dakota Sept. 23, to work for four weeks. She is well recommended. Get in touch with the state president at once, if you want her in your district. Do it now!

Evanston, Ill., will teach in Minot and Valley City Teachers' Colleges this summer. She will be in Minot the first two weeks in June and in Valley City the last two weeks. May I urge that you reach your teachers with information about this course and urge them to enroll for it. We are hoping that an instructor in each college will take the course this year so as to continue this fine work that North Dakota WCTU has sponsored for many years.

It is with deepest regret that I report to you that Mr. and Mrs. Iver Fossum have received official notice of the death of their son, Captain Orville J. Fossum, in a Japanese prison camp, January 12, 1943. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to our state treasurer and her family who have carried on with undaunted courage during these long years of waiting when their hearts were so filled with anxiety. Doubtless there are others of our co-workers who have received similar messages of which we have not been informed—to all we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

One of the objectives of our organization is the establishment of a universal peace and brotherhood, this responsibility rests on each of us as individuals. Hate must be swept away and love must reign supremely. Let us practice it in our every day living, in our church life and in all that we do. Let us be helpers in the building of the Kingdom of God.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Yours in Service,
BESSIE M. DARLING, State President

Notes From The Unions

Crosby Union had a real snow storm the day of their March meeting, but seven members got to the home of Mrs. Andrew Hay in spite of the storm. While no details were given, the report is that they had a good meeting.

The Edinburg union has held regular meetings, at which the women are studying the book "Alcohol the Destroyer", and find it very interesting. January 16 Evangelist Wasvig spoke to the high school students on "Alcohol—What It Does". This address was arranged for by the local union. In April Rev. Solberg spoke to the students on "Watch"; in his talk he urged them to watch the effects of alcohol at work.

Edinburg LTL gave its annual Frances Willard program in February, and sent the offering received to help the Safety School on Wheels.

Minot Union met May 11, with their director of Child Welfare and Health, Mrs. A. C. Christianson, in charge of a White Ribbon Recruit service. Mrs. J. H. Mackley led devotions, reading the story of Hannah and Samuel. The five little recruits dedicated were Darrel Zook, David Christianson, Rodney Zook, David Pietsch and Jacqueline Skabo, all grandchildren of members of the union. Their mothers were guests. Mrs. George Campbell discussed "What Foreign Missions Have Meant To Our Servicemen". Mrs. C. A. Zook and Mrs. John Underdahl served tea at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Zook is the vice president of the union, and has been in charge during the absence of Mrs. C. F. Truax, who has been away for part of the winter.

The Grafton union met March 15 at the Donald Dike home, with Mrs. D. M. Upham as assisting hostess. Mrs. Dike, who is vice president, led the devotions and conducted the business meeting in the absence of Mrs. Fraser, who was ill at that time. Miss Hulda Carlson, chairman of Alcohol Education, had charge of the lesson, which was very interesting. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. April 19th the union met at the A. G. Strand home; Mrs. Thos. Pederson was assisting hostess. The president, Mrs. Fraser, led devotions and conducted the business. A general discussion took the place of a given lesson. An open meeting was planned for May 17, at which it was hoped the state president could be present. The hostess served a fine lunch at the close of the meeting.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was the guest of the Hatton union Monday, March 26. She reports that this is a 'live' union, and it supports an LTL which has the largest paid membership in the state. Mrs. Darling was much pleased with the work there, and the kindness of her reception.

An address by a member of the grade school faculty, Mrs. H. H. Ewals, on "Alcohol Education in the Grades" featured the April meeting of the Langdon union. The union met in the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. F. C. Rector as program leader.

Mrs. A. N. Sorbo, corresponding secretary, gives us this good report:

The regular meeting of the Grand Forks Frances Willard WCTU was held at the Covenant Mission church Friday evening April 20. This year it was decided to combine it with the special meeting in which we award prizes to winners of Grand Forks County Temperance Essay Contest. We are very grateful to Miss Hilda Christenson, County Superintendent, for emphasizing and encouraging this work in the schools.

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, president, presided. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Cervin, who is now a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, Mrs. P. L. Johnson led in devotions and wished us welcome.

We were favored with violin solos by Mrs. Harold Nelson accompanied by Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth. Our new LTL, under the direction of Mrs. Ordean Hagelie assisted by Mrs. John Sandbek, gave two numbers in song. We were happy to have this group with us. A vocal trio, consisting of L. J. Sande, Mrs. Rasmus Lunseth and Mrs. Albert Miller, rendered two beautiful numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Haglie. Mrs. Bessie Darling,

In Memoriam

The Journey's End—

"A little way from this and it will all be ended.

The sorrow and the crying and the pain;

A little way from this, the broken hearts be mended,

And we shall find the smiles we lost again."

Mrs. Nichols, faithful member of the Reeder union, has lost a son in the service of his country. His name was not reported.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dike of Fairdale, received word April 15 from the war department that their son, Howard Alvin, had died for his country in the Philippine area. Mrs. Dike is a Willard member of the North Dakota WCTU.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Fossum of Fargo have received official notice from the War Department that their son, Capt. Orville J. Fossum died of illness Jan. 12, 1943, while a prisoner of the Japanese, in the Phillipine Islands. Our state treasurer and her husband received this letter under date of April 17th. Our deep sympathy goes out to the parents of all these boys.

Mrs. Robert Lillico of Nekoma and her daughter, Miss Marjorie Lillico of San Haven, both of whom are members of Nekoma WCTU, are bereaved in the passing of their husband and father April 17. Mr. Lillico lived his Christian faith every day; his memory will be a treasure to his family. Two sons, two grandsons and a granddaughter survive, besides Mrs. Lillico and Marjorie.

Mrs. Knut Soreng, a former resident of Grand Forks, who has been an active member of the Frances Willard union, was called from this life after a short illness, at Bremerton, Washington on April 9. Prior to her moving away, she served as president of local union and corresponding secretary of district, and also Union Signal promoter.

She leaves her husband and one son Arne to mourn her loss. Arne will be remembered as an outstanding participant in speech contests, having won silver, gold, and pearl medals.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved family.

Mrs. Herbert B. Walch, charter member of Reeder Union, passed away in January in a Bismarck hospital after having been ill for some time. Her husband, daughter Marjorie and son Donald survive her. Mrs. Walch was devoted to Christian and temperance work; it was part of her life. Her mother, the late Mrs. Breckenridge, organized Reeder union and served as its president for the first fifteen years; and her sister, the late Mrs. Carl Wells, also took an active part in promoting temperance. Reeder Union held a memorial service for Mrs. Walch, who was its oldest member. The reporter says, "She surely did her share. It was a privilege to have known and loved her; the world is a better place to live, because she has lived in it." She quotes this verse:

"The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,

Whose deeds, both great and small

Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread

Where love ennobles all.

The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells;

The Book of Life the shining record tells."

State President, was guest speaker and as usual gave a fine and timely talk.

A feature of this meeting was that the winning contestants were there to read their own essays. Miss Hilda Christianson was called upon for a greeting and presented the contestants with gifts. Mrs. Darling awarded prizes of War Savings Stamps to the winners. First prize, Helen Fugleberg; second prize, Joan Melby; third prize, Dorothy Enger.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Sandbek, Mrs. P. L. Johnson, and Mrs. G. Steen.

If you do not wish for God's Kingdom don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it, you must work for it.

Department Letter

(This letter arrived just a little too late to be included with copy for the last issue. We regret this. Editor.)

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Greetings in the Name of our Lovely Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:

Please note the name of our department has been changed from "Evangelistic and Sabbath Observance" to "Spiritual Life." This was done at the last National Convention. As we start on our work for 1945 our first need is prayer for the continual guidance and help of Almighty God to keep us in the right way. I found this little poem and I think it expresses a wonderful thought for each of us. The author is unknown but I am sure you will like it.

NOT KNOWING

I know not what awaits me,
God kindly veils mine eyes
And o'er each step of my onward way
He makes new suns to rise;
And every joy He sends me comes
A sweet and glad surprise.

So on I go—not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone in the light;
I'd rather walk by faith with Him
Than go alone by sight.

I have sent out the Plan of Work and some leaflets which I hope will be a great help in each and every union. I had hoped to have some other leaflets but they failed to arrive. We have a great and wonderful privilege in our Spiritual Life Department. I hope each union will have such a department, as all our WCTU work centers in Christianity. Our spiritual life is the hub in the wheel of life, all other activities are the spokes. Our success in life is dependent on our contact with God through Christ our mediator. If human beings would only adjust themselves to God's laws, the liquor question and all resulting evils (and they are many) would be taken care of, and every one would enjoy a fuller and deeper life with happiness radiating from every feature.

We have the wonderful and inspiring privilege of Prayer and in these days of war and distress we NEED to pray. Not only for ourselves but especially for all our brave boys in the armed forces of our country, for our girls too, who have gone from their homes to do their bit as nurses and in other ways. And let us remember the youth of America in our prayers. Their lives are so mixed up with liquor-drinking, cigarette-smoking and a lack of Christian training in the home, that they do not know where they are at. Only the grace of God can help them into lives of usefulness and service. And let us praise God for those young people who have had a vision of what a useful life means and have acted accordingly. Let us remember our leaders in National and World affairs that a peace may be consummated on God's terms.

Yours for a deeper spiritual life,
MRS. ANDREW HAY, Director.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was privileged to be the guest of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, past president, when she was in Jamestown for the convention of James-Valley District.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie is again at home in Bowsmont, after spending five months in Minneapolis. One of her first activities after her return, was, as we might expect, in the interests of the local LTL. While with her sister, Mrs. Harry Tisdale, in Grand Forks en route to Bowsmont, she enjoyed a short visit with Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and Mrs. Roy A. Holand and children of LaMoure.

Family Membership Week

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union

June 12, 13, 1945

Because the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union realizes the increasing importance of total abstinence in relation to family life, June 12 and 13 will be Family Membership Week. At this time the local union is asked to make a drive to exceed their quota in membership which is an increase of one-third of their membership based upon the 1944 totals. If this is done, we will reach the membership goal of

75,000 new WCTU Members
15,000 new YTL Members
71,000 new LTL Members

Please don't forget the babies—enroll White Ribbon Recruits.

We are also asking for a special drive for Honorary Members, each local union to obtain as many honorary members as active WCTU members.

Appoint committees and prepare prospective membership lists in advance. Plan for the committees to meet at a central place Tuesday morning, June 12. Assign calling lists and spend at least 20 minutes in definite prayer, asking God for wisdom and guidance.

We suggest a tabulation meeting Wednesday evening at the same meeting place, where reports will be given and membership cards and dues will be handed in.

If possible, please insert this announcement in the state WCTU papers, and send out the notice to county and local membership directors and branch secretaries.

REMEMBER THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN WHO WOULD BE PROUD TO JOIN THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, THE YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL AND THE LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION BUT TO OBTAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP YOU MUST INVITE THEM.

LILY GRACE MATHESON, REGINA MOEDE,
National Corresponding Secretary. National YTC Secretary.
LENADELL WIGGINS, National LTL Secretary.

A Hoary Fallacy

A churchman (moderationist) one day said to me. "If you prohibit a thing, you increase the desire for that thing and people will do it more frequently than they otherwise would." I replied, "Now let us consider that statement for a few minutes."

"First, the prohibitions of the Scriptures must have been a serious mistake. You would make them responsible for a great increase in blasphemy, thieving, murder, perjury, covetousness, and other evils. They have increased the desire for wrong doing and made conditions deplorable. (?)

"Second, the prohibitions of civil and criminal law must also be held responsible for much of the evil that curses our modern life. We would be better to abolish our legislatures which continue to pass these restrictions to curtail our liberties.

Third, you are a business man in this city. If our theory is correct, you have discovered a method of securing abounding prosperity. Prohibit a woman from buying a hat, and she will buy two hats. Forbid a man buying more than one suit of clothes, and he will buy two suits. Urge prohibition of the purchase of goods, and they will rush to buy." He exclaimed, "I didn't say that."

"I replied, 'That's what you said, but you meant its application to liquor drinking and the liquor business. You meant to say if we prohibited the sale of liquor and drive it off the corner of the main street to the back alley, people would rush there and more liquor would be sold and consumed than if the place of business had remained in the prominent location. In that case, the liquor interests would strongly support prohibition, would they not? Why don't you try that out on your business? You know it is just so much nonsense.'"—R. J. McIntyre, General Secretary, British Columbia Temperance League.—"The Voice."

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A Word to the Wise

My hearty thanks to those of you who took time to send me news of your unions and yourselves; if something important that you have accomplished is not mentioned, no one has told me of it. Perhaps some of you have been disappointed if information sent did not appear as soon as expected; I still must ask your patience. Sometimes even yet I send the printer more material than there is space, and something has to be held over. Also, please always **sign your name to anything** sent me; it is a rule of all responsible papers not to publish anything unless they know who sends it in. When unsigned news reaches me, I must regretfully disregard it, for I do not know where to get assurance that it is authentic. Just take time to sign everything you send!

Since our last issue, our country has suffered the loss of President Roosevelt. Flags were flown at half staff all around the world, in tribute to his courage and leadership. May the cause of World Peace lose nothing because he is no longer here. Let us pray for the new president, Harry S. Truman, as he assumes the heavy load; how heavy it is, we cannot comprehend. We give thanks to God that the fighting in Europe is over.

I have been interested in the fact that safety slogans are printed on the outside wrapping of North Dakota automobile license plates. Along with warnings to observe traffic signs, save rubber by driving at thirty-five miles per hour or less, and to watch out for children, are included these: "It's smart—to be careful" and "If you drink, don't drive." How heartily we wish all drivers would take this advice, and we are grateful to the Motor Vehicle department for putting this on the wrappers.

Elsewhere in the paper you will find a glossary of bills which have been introduced in Congress, that need our interest if they are to have a chance to become laws. Take your pen in hand!

A teacher friend had an unusual experience a few weeks ago. Like many others, she resides in a part of the schoolhouse from Monday till Friday. Happening to glance out of a window one cold, windy Thursday night, about seven o'clock, she saw a figure approaching across a field. As this was unusual, she looked out frequently after that, and presently hearing the sound of crying, she ran outside. Cold, wet, muddy to his waist, swaying from exhaustion and completely terrified, a two-and-a-half year old boy summoned his remaining strength to run to her arms. His cold little hands clung to hers; he had lost his mittens but was warmly clothed. Never having seen the child before, she took him in and warmed him first, and then carried him three quarters of a mile to the nearest house with a telephone. Those people did not know to whom he belonged, and he could not talk well enough to tell them. Neighbors came, but none of them knew him. Meanwhile, two miles from the school, newcomers to the neighborhood who were just moving in, were searching frantically for the lost child. Wearing hip boots, his mother waded ponds and mudholes, searching and calling. Neighbors went to the county seat, twelve miles distant, to ask for volunteers to look for him. The little boy had been out of sight such a short time, when he was missed, it did not seem possible that he could not be found near. They did not realize how fast he had gone, with the strong wind pushing him. His parents looked with apprehension at the waters of a reservoir to water cattle, that was behind the barn. They prayed—of course they prayed! And presently one of the men who had come to see the unidentified child, had an inspiration; he remembered that new people were in the act of moving to the place farther north. They took the baby there, and the world was right once more for parents and child.

It used to be the proper thing when a story was told, to point a moral at the end of it, so here are a few points. This story has a happy ending, but how many lost, bewildered boys and girls are drifting with the winds of evil influence, with no one to rescue them? Note that it was a teacher who found this baby, and we take off our hats to the many Christian teachers who have been the salvation of numbers of their pupils. It was never more necessary for teachers to have high principles and definite information about the things that will destroy soul and body, as well as facts about English and mathematics. Are the ones you know able to give the right type of instruction on Narcotics?

That baby wandered away because his parents were struggling with the labor of moving, and lost sight of him for only a few minutes. They really were busy. Are the things that keep us so very 'busy' reasons that we can give to our Savior, for not trying to start an LTL or a YTC? "Inasmuch as ye a. ! it not—"

We hear of many babies being dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits, and we rejoice over every one. What are we doing to interest their mothers further? Would it be any help if some member of the unions who have these new little friends, would 'adopt' each little one, and try to do something friendly for it and its mother, at frequent intervals? Sort of like the 'secret pal' plan that some organizations feature? I mean of course, someone not the baby's grandmother! Let us think about it.

Summer is here; vacation time for some, but not for farmers and their wives. Let us not take any vacations from our spiritual exercises; never did the people of a nation need more to pray. The prayer hymn at the end of this has appeared in our paper before, but it will stand reprinting. Let us each make it our own.

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

Treasurer's Report

March 20-May 20, 1945

Dues: Fargo Scandinavian 23, Fargo Union 46, Sheldon 1, McKenzie 2, Valley City 4, Dickey 2, Bismarck 2, Hatton 1, Edinburg 1, Ellendale 6, New Rockford 9, Prosper 23.

Willard: From Steele, N. D. Mrs. Andrew Hiabeck, Mrs. N. D. Jones, Mrs. C. J. Calkins, Mrs. Fred Shipley, Mrs. Wm. Remmick, from Bantry: Mrs. Alice Brock, Miss Mary Ida Torr, Lakota, Mrs. Geo. Gudmunson.

L. T. L.: Plaza 10, Flasher 5, Larimore 38, Hatton 72.

Budget: Edinburg \$9.80, Sheldon 1.30, Bismarck \$6.00, New Rockford \$4.00. Bismarck and Edinburg have completed their budget.

District Pledge: Northeast District \$5.00, Grand Forks \$10.00. **Literature:** \$11.73.

State Reports: Fargo Scandinavian \$.75, Oberon \$.50, Flasher \$.50, Edinburg \$.50, Edgeley \$.75.

Safety School On Wheels: Grafton \$3.00, Ransom-LaMoure District \$5.00, Flasher \$2.00.

Narcotic Education: Fargo Scandinavian \$5.20, Crosby \$2.00, Larimore \$14.00, Gilby \$5.00, Grand Forks District \$5.00, Grand Forks \$22.00, Flasher \$1.00, Ransom-LaMoure District \$5.00.

Young Crusader: Northwood 4, Union Signal foreign subscriptions, New Rockford, Flasher.

Blood Plasma Fund: (Red Cross), Prosper \$5.75.

Willard Memorial: Parshall \$2.00, Crosby \$2.50, Grafton \$2.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative: Crosby \$2.50, Zahl \$3.00, Williston \$2.00.

Light Line: New Rockford \$5.00, Flasher \$5.00.

Memorial Memberships: Grafton Union, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Owston, Grafton, N. D.

Child Life Memberships: By Mrs. Frank Beasley for Marvel Faith Harris; by Mrs. Carl Bjorkman, Fargo Scandinavian Union for grand-daughter, Carol Alice Ferguson.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM, Treasurer

A PRAYER ON EVERY STAR

By William L. Stidger

1.

"Good-by, my boy," my father said,
That day I left my home;
"My love goes with you everywhere
No matter where you roam;
On land or sea, on train or ship,
On mountain peak or plain;
In happy days or loneliness,
In laughter, joy or pain."

2.

"Good-by, my boy," he said
With tenderness and love;
"Each night whatever stars may shine
In God's clear skies above,
Remember I am watching them
And you may watch them too;
The same white stars that shine on me,
Those same shall shine on you."

3.

"Good-by, my boy, and when you look
Into those starlit skies,
We both shall see the self-same stars
With loving, lonely eyes;
And I shall lift a prayer for you
Whatever ships you sail;
Whatever sea, whatever land,
My love shall never fail."

4.

"Good-by, my boy," my father said,
Through misty, tear-dimmed eyes;
I'll hang a prayer on every star
That shines in God's blue skies!"

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

It is always noontide somewhere, and across
The awakening continents from shore to shore
Somewhere our prayers are rising evermore.

One Lord—One Faith

A man died, leaving two sons: one a lad in his early teens, the other babe in arms. Years passed. When the older son was nearing middle life, the younger was coming of age. One day they were talking about their father.

The younger son said, "It has been a sorrow to me that I have no mental picture of the kind of man our father was. We have no picture of him. Do you recall just how he looked?"

The older brother said, "Yes, I remember him quite well, for I was a grown lad when he died. I have been told by many that I am the exact image of our father. Mother says that when she sees me approaching, she has to think twice to be sure that it is not our father."

The younger brother studied carefully the face of the older man, and said, with some emotion in his voice, "I'm glad at last that I know what kind of man my father was."

Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Since this is true, it follows that if we want to know Who and How God is, we have but to look at Christ. By this method, both the ignorant and the learned may know God. God is Christlike. Whatever in human conduct does not fit into the picture of Jesus' life cannot be of God, but of man. Through the centuries, men of all nations have tried to find an adequate idea of God. Hideously formed idols have been made in this quest after a picture of God. Really, they are all but misrepresentations of God, since God is Spirit, and they all tend to give men false ideas of God.

Christ thought, loved, and acted toward men as God does. The tragedy of history is that people have failed to look at Christ, and have gone on with their tribal and local ideals of Deity. When Christ wept over Jerusalem, it was the love-heart of God weeping over His erring and sinful children. God cares for men, and is trying, in every possible way, to lead them to repentance and unity as a race. We have failed, thus far, to achieve anything like racial unity because we are unwilling to accept Christ's idea of God: one Father of all men.

Men have done practically everything about God but to look to Christ to find Him. They have gone to wars to compel other men to believe this or that, most of which is human opinion dictated by human pride and brutal ambition. Not until we "look to Him" shall our minds be enlightened. God is not a potentate, not an oriental lord of life and death, but a Being who desires not only the salvation of all men, but every possible spiritual blessing which Infinite Love has provided for us.

Nature shows us a God of intelligence, and a God of might. The heavens reveal to us a God of infinite creative power. In the face of Christ only do we discover a Father of Love. Until we look to Him, there is no further progress for mankind.

Since Christ has revealed God as a Father, He also reveals to us the only possibilities for Brotherhood. We can never get any nearer to each other until we draw nearer to Christ. I am convinced that this is true.—Dr. John W. Holland in *The Farmer*. Used by permission.

So when I watch the stars by night
His words come back to me,
And I can feel his love and care
On foreign land and sea.

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"Good-by, my boy." What tender words!
How filled with love and light;
They warm my heart and hush my fears
As I stand watch by night.
And so, five thousand miles away
From home is not so far,
Because I know my father hangs
A prayer on every star.

—Our Message

Department Letters

Through a mistake, these letters did not appear in the last issue as they should have. We regret this very much.—Editors.

SPEECH CONTESTS

Dear Co-workers:

The National W.C.T.U. has laid stress upon the enlistment of 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.

The selection of contestants should be left to a local leader who may secure them from public and Sabbath schools and by personal contact. After the first contest has been held the interest of the children will be fully aroused and others will want a part in the next contest. Obtain, if possible, the same coach for all contestants, so that everyone will have an equal chance. Sometimes the public school teacher will assist with the coaching, but if such services cannot be secured, do not become discouraged. Encourage the children who do not win the medal to try again, and give the winners another chance by holding a gold medal speech contest. If a local director cannot be secured, put the work into the hands of a committee. Study rules carefully, select contestants of the same age group, and start with seven contestants if possible. Let us have a series of silver medal speech contests in our state this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

UNION SIGNAL

Dear Co-workers:

Almost time to put forth special efforts again, to increase and renew our subscriptions to our publications for another year. I am very happy over the increase we had the past year even though the price of The Young Crusader had been raised. The amount of free material is less this year, but I contacted all the district presidents early in the fall, sending them the plan of work and an interesting skit some of you might like to use on Union Signal Day in March.

I was sorry not to attend the state convention last fall and see you all again, and if I can be of any help to you, please let me know. I sincerely hope each union will plan a special program on our papers for the March meeting, and that you all will be able to increase or at least hold the subscriptions you had the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Union Signal Promoter.

Drinking Record Set in 1944

Excerpts from Milwaukee Journal of January 17, 1945.

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—Americans spent more than \$7,000,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in 1944—a record.

In actual quantity, Americans drank:

More liquor than in 1943, but not so much in 1942.

More beer than in any previous year.

Slightly less wine than in 1943.

Up two billion from 1942.

The estimates were made by the commerce department. They applied only to legally produced beverages.

The \$7,000,000,000 is roughly one billion dollars greater than the amount spent in 1943 and nearly two billion dollars above the \$5,200,000,000 laid down for drinks in 1942. The 1944 figure is about \$54 for each person in the country.

Here is the 1944 drinking situation as based on the department's estimates:

Distilled spirits—165 million gallons.

Beer—80 million barrels.

Wine—90 million gallons.

Distilleries, which have devoted most of the last two years to making alcohol for war purposes, were hoping to put even more whiskey on retailers' shelves in 1945. They were given permission to make beverage alcohol last August and in January.

—The Motor.

Membership Campaign

We are now in a great campaign for new members, which will end July 1 of this year. Every W.C.T.U. member in North Dakota is enlisted in this enterprise to add every Christian woman in our state to the roster of our organization. The King's business requires haste and our best efforts to bring this to pass. Make it your individual commission, dear White Ribbon friend, to do some very special realistic solicitation among your friends and neighbors; so will you increase your local membership and help to meet our state quota.

Our assignment for the state of North Dakota is 471 new members to be secured before July 1 of this year. Make all your plans for a great effort this spring. Have a good working committee organization in each local union and district, to achieve great results in this objective. It is you who will determine the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in our state and nation, when you help increase our membership. If you do this, our organization will become an even greater power; through its many objectives it will help reduce crime, disease, misery, poverty and tears, through the final abolition of the liquor traffic. You must not fail in this membership campaign; enlist this very day.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, State Membership Director.

When Liquor Was Outlawed FORGOTTEN FACTS

By FRED D. L. SQUIRES

Executive Secretary, Business Men's Research Foundation, Chicago

1. The prohibition years brought home building to its peak. Assets of building and loan associations leaped upward nearly 150 per cent in five years, 1921-1926.
2. Membership in home-building organizations more than doubled; that is, rose from 4,962,919 in 1920 to 12,343,251 in 1930.
3. Savings deposits mounted from \$144 per capita in 1920 to \$211 per capita in 1926.
4. Life insurance investment soared from \$432 per capita to \$680 per capita.
5. The automobile industry nearly tripled its total sales, increasing from 64 cars per 100 families in 1921 to 164 in 1926.
6. During the period of national prohibition, Government figures recorded a 212 pound per capital increase in consumption of milk and dairy beverages (1917-1926).
7. Expansion in sales of fruit and vegetable juices and other products used in non-alcoholic beverages developed a new billion-dollar industry.

APRIL

"Something tapped at my window pane;

Some one called me without my door;

Some one laughed like the tinkle o' rain.

The robin echoed it o'er and o'er.

I threw the door and the window wide,

Sun, and the touch of the breeze; and then—

'Oh, were you expecting me, dear,' she cried,

And here was April come back again."

—White Ribbon Banner, author not given

BUT REPEAL WAS TO STOP THIS! SEIZE MANY STILLS

Washington—The business of picking-up outlaw liquor stills is picking up. The treasury's alcohol tax unit reported it knocked off 639 last month compared with 545 in February, 1944.

—From Grand Forks Herald, March 21, 1945.

Narcotic Education—Our Hope

"To many persons it is a surprise to hear that America was almost dry in 1850 with five million total abstainers from alcoholic beverage, that, beginning with Maine in 1851, all the New England states and many others adopted State Prohibition Laws. Twenty-five years later all except Maine's law had been repealed.

"Again seventy years later by 1919, 33 states had State Prohibition laws. This was followed by national prohibition the next year. Thirteen years later all had been repealed, including Maine's which had kept its prohibition law close to 100 years.

"These recurring waves or major cycles of dry and wet sentiment in our country have completed two full swings. While we probably have not yet reached the lowest point of the effects of the downward sweep from the repeal of nationwide prohibition, and drinking, money spent for alcoholic beverages, alcohol induced crime and accidents, alcoholism, etc., have not yet reached their maximum proportions, nevertheless there are many sure signs that the tide has turned.

"There is a reason for everything that happens and so in tracing the two cycles which have been completed we can observe the causes which resulted in both dry and wet sentiment and in legislation which expressed these opposing sentiments.

"In examining the beginnings of this third cycle in our national history we see first of all the effect of education—education of a different type than was evident in either of the previous cycles. Fifty years ago Frances Willard said that there must be a training school for teachers. Soon after repeal under the leadership of our National WCTU President, Ida B. Wise Smith, this dream was realized and a former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer, was made Director of the National Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction. She soon offered a three months seminar to teach teachers how to teach what alcohol is and what it does. Her students or seminarians have in turn gone to many states and established summer credit courses, for teachers, in colleges and universities. In 1941 there were three such courses, in 1944 sixteen. Already four states have supervisors of narcotics education.

"For the first time in the history of the world has a great university undertaken to establish a School of Alcoholic Studies, founded on careful research. Yale University has done this and offered its first summer course in 1943. Since then there have been two important outgrowths which Yale sponsors—"The National Committee for Education on Alcoholism" and "The Yale Clinics for Alcoholics."

"There is furthermore a profound difference in the education which we are now able to give in this field. Science has put a solid foundation under it and lifted it out of the controversial field into the scientific. There the facts concerning alcohol are no longer a matter of opinion and all that is necessary is to present the facts through modern educational procedures to have them accepted.

"Another striking and encouraging phase of this cycle is the reclamation of alcoholics through the organization of rehabilitated compulsive drinkers, Alcoholics Anonymous. Organized as early as two years after repeal, in ten years it has helped about 300,000 through some 300 units located in cities throughout the country. During the first cycle there was a similar movement—"The Washingtonians Society" for reclaimed drunkards. The feature which differentiates the Washingtonians and the Alcoholics Anonymous is highly significant. The A. A.'s have a deep spiritual quality; in fact their healing of alcoholism is achieved through reliance on a Power greater than themselves. Their "Twelve Steps" which they practice daily, lead them not only out of alcoholism but on to a high plane of man or womanhood.

The churches which were one of the prime factors in the upward swing of the first two cycles are strangely lagging now. This may be due to the fact that many church organizations have lost confidence in prohibitory law as a method to solve the alcohol problem, and have not yet found any other way which

they feel can be trusted. However, the Roman Catholic Church is using the method which was useful in the first and second cycles, namely pledge signing, with striking results. Multitudes of young Roman Catholics neither drink nor smoke.

"Another hopeful sign and one which may indicate a realistic approach was what the veteran temperance worker Mr. Clinton Howard, called "Prohibition by Request." He referred to the present curfew ordained by Mr. James Byrnes. This ruling was upheld by public opinion and enforced thereby and not by law.

"Does this not give a clue to the solution of the problem? Study of the two previous cycles shows clearly that public opinion determines the outcome. And education—the kind that is given—determines public opinion. Wisdom would then indicate that we use our efforts to furnish the education based not alone upon the facts taught by science but upon those precepts and that pattern of behavior known as the Christian way of life."

—Amy Fackit in The Outlook.

June 14th, Flag Day

"I pledge allegiance to my flag" and all for which it stands,
The cradle-home of Freedom, and hearts of many lands,
And may I never dim its stars with touch of greedy hands!
"One nation indivisible," one banner, and one soul,
For whom through years of blood and toil our fathers paid the toll,

And may I come to understand the vision of the whole!
"With Liberty and Justice," for each his fighting-chance
To prove his worth, and win his dream in battled circumstance,
And may I never bar the way, nor break another's chance!
"I pledge allegiance to my flag," north, south, and east and west,
I know not what the years shall bring to put me to the test,
But may I guard it with my life, and serve it with my best!

—Martha Haskell Clark in The Outlook

Beer Propagandists Reach All Time Low

CAMPFIRE GIRLS DUPED INTO SELLING SANDWICH
BOOK WITH BREWERY SLOGAN

The lowest trick in beer propaganda that has come to our attention was sent in by a minister in north central Minnesota a few weeks ago. It was a book entitled "Cedric Adams' Sandwich Book for All Nations," which was dedicated to the Campfire Girls of America. Apparently an attempt was made to get local chapters of Campfire Girls to sell the book.

Our minister friend said in his letter that when their local Campfire Committee examined the sample copy of the book it appeared to be a very fine thing but when the order had been placed and the books had arrived, on the bottom of each page was the slogan, "Serve Beer as a Beverage." A copy of the book was sent the Spotlight; the slogan is on every page except the title page in the front of the book. Our correspondent states emphatically that the slogan was not in the sample copy.

When this matter came to our attention we immediately wrote to Cedric Adams, the local Campfire Girls headquarters, and the National Headquarters of that very worthwhile girls' organization.

Mr. Adams, in a note, states that the whole thing is a racket and that he has been trying to put a stop to it. The Campfire Girls' leaders are up in arms about it.

Here is certainly one of the lowest tricks to be exposed. The beer propagandists have scraped the bottom of their bag of dirty schemes to popularize their product. To presume to use such a fine organization as the Campfire Girls to carry their propaganda into hundreds of homes is the lowest stunt they've tried yet. And we haven't heard the last of the matter yet!

—The Spotlight

NOTICE

Please be sure to sign your name when sending news to the editor. We are delighted to have news of you all, but the letter must be signed.

—The Editors.

No Juvenile Delinquency Here!



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—
Proverbs 22:6.

—The National Voice, Los Angeles, Calif.

TODAY'S MOTHERS

We see their white still faces as they go
About their tasks: the mothers of today—
They tighten quivering lips that none may know
How anxious and how fear-distraught the way.
They have no words at all with which to tell
Their hearts' deep grief, and they dissemble well.

Their battle-field lies in between four walls
With boyish laughter echoing in their ears,
And high and clear at times a boy's voice calls
Above the din and clamor of their fears . . .
The hardest battles, far, than any others
Are being fought today by the world's mothers.

They are the brave, these dear self-conquering ones,
Have mercy on them, Lord, and on their sons.
—Grace Noll Crowell in Christian Herald

FINDING GOD

By Mabel Niedermeyer

I helped a little child to see
That God had made a willow tree—
And he became more real to me.

I tried to lead a child through play
To grow more Christlike every day,
And I myself became that way.

I joined a child one day in prayer,
And as we bowed in worship there
I felt anew God's loving care.

Lord, keep us ever quick to see
By guiding children we find thee.

—From The Watchman-Examiner
Sent by Mrs. Bignall

JUST TOO TERRIBLE

There's a shortage of everything eatable, wearable;
But a shortage of cigarettes—that's really terrible!
We'll tighten our belts and lick clean the platter,
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—May Brown in Union Signal

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