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"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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## Good Friday

Do you suppose that He has ever wondered  
If it was really worth the pain He bore  
When He can see how selfish man has blundered  
Along the same old path these centuries more?

What are His thoughts, on this Good Friday morning?  
Less wise than ever sheep who go astray  
We rush along, His gentle counsel scorning,  
Determined still to have things our own way.

And we who form the greedy, vain procession  
Must surely climb our hill of crosses too;  
Shall we have wisdom then to make confession:  
"Forgive us Lord, we know not what we do?"  
—Elizabeth Wilcox Beasley.

## The President's Letter

After a long and cold winter it is very pleasant to see signs of spring. Today, the sun is very bright and the snow is melting. When this reaches you a new season will be in evidence and nature will be bursting forth in new dress. It is fitting that the month of April should be set aside as a Red-letter month for Youth's Temperance Council. Youth with its buoyancy faces life with hope, joy and courage. With right training and guidance they will help build a better nation for tomorrow. We are proud of the YTC members in our state even though very few in number. It is my sincere hope that every union will seek to enlist and train the youth of their respective communities, in the principles of total abstinence. Under the State Council plan you do not need to wait until a local leader has been secured. Have your young people sign the pledge and pay dues (50c) and material will be sent to local unions quarterly. This can be used in ready made group meetings in the arrangement of programs. In that way many young people can be reached with the truth about alcohol.

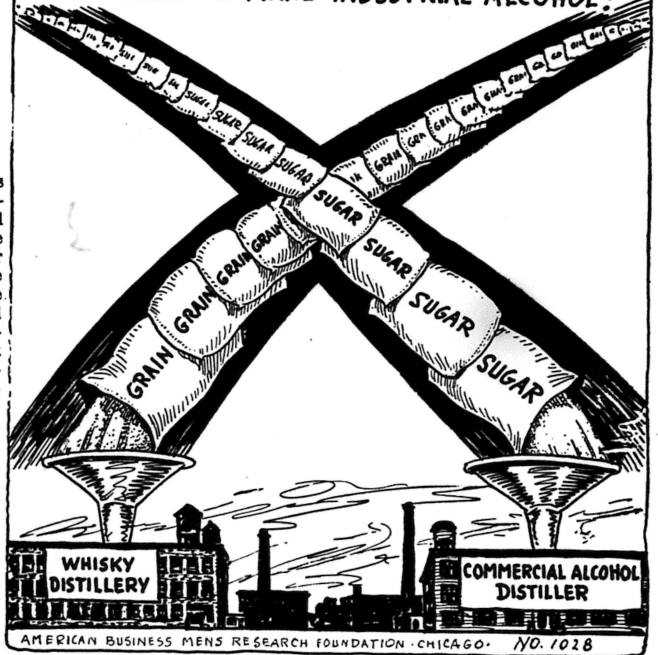
Since my last letter I have had the pleasure of visiting three of our five new unions, Page, Lisbon and Oakes. My visit to Hunter was cancelled because of bad roads and extreme cold. I was so pleased to note that all these unions had increased their membership since organized. All are doing splendid and it was very interesting to meet these new co-workers. At Oakes a public meeting was held in the English Lutheran church. Representatives from Glover and Ellendale were in attendance. I also spoke to the High school young people.

North Dakota has had the heaviest snowfall this year that it has had for ten years and that has handicapped our work especially in some of the smaller towns whose membership is almost entirely rural. The side roads have been completely blocked in some parts of our state. It is hoped that some meetings that had to be cancelled can be held this spring and summer.

A General Officers meeting was held in Grand Forks, March 7th in the M. E. church parlor. All officers were present and plans for the work were formulated. Bismarck Union extended an invitation to hold our annual convention in that city and it was gratefully accepted. Dates will be announced later. It was voted to sponsor a six weeks Narcotic Course at Minot Teachers College, summer session. May I urge that you interest your teachers in this course that we may have a good enrollment. It is hoped that Miss Beulah Chappelle who was in our state last year can be secured as instructor. She did splendid work at Valley City last year. Credits will be given for this course on the same basis as given for other courses. This is a forward step in Narcotic Education and it is pleasing to find that the colleges are eager to have it but unless every member enters into the "Mile of Quarters" campaign we may not be able to go on with the program. Our state has decided to raise one-fourth mile of quarters. This fund will be used to promote Narcotic Education courses in Teachers Colleges, scholarships to teachers and our share of the new motion picture that Mother National is making now and other educational phases that may arise from time to time. The new motion picture which is in the making now will cost approximately \$10,000 of which \$5,000 has been allocated to the states. We are all very glad that the United Temper-

## "IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"

-THAT AFTER THE DISTILLERS USED 650,000,000 POUNDS OF GRAIN TO MAKE WHISKY DURING THE LAST WHISKY "HOLIDAY" 900,000 TONS OF SUGAR WERE USED TO MAKE INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL!



ance Movement of North Dakota was able to purchase a motion picture projector and two of our previous pictures which they have shown in many of our schools, churches and other ready made audiences but unless the funds can be raised there will be no more pictures. National is also making a new slide film and it is hoped that both will be completed before the next national convention. Six of the new slide film will be sent to our Headquarters on completion and they will be for sale at \$2.00 apiece. We urge local unions to sell them to their local schools. Many schools in our state are equipped with slide projectors and they will appreciate a new slide film. We have ordered foot ruler containers that hold 12 quarters and we hope every member will attempt to fill at least one container with quarters secured from friends of our cause. We need the cooperation of every local president and district president if we are to reach our goal.

Our neighboring state, Minnesota, has invited the National convention to meet in Minneapolis, Sept. 19-25. I hope that many of our women can attend this convention which is certain to be  
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As we go to press, we have just received the sad  
news of the death of  
KATE S. WILDER

## The President's Letter

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a very interesting one. I will be very happy to hear from anyone who is interested in attending. The president of each state showing a net gain in membership by September 1 will be given an opportunity to speak on "President's Night" at that convention. Do you want your president to appear on the platform that evening? If so will you do all that you can to make your union a fruitful union. Every member can win on member. As you working for members in the State council of YTC? They are known as Wildrose members and count in the membership drive. Can we have an LTL in every union this year or at least 5 Friendship members? Let us all work together and put North Dakota on the map this year. Dues must be in the hands of our state treasurer in time so that she can get them to national treasurer by Sept. 1st. I am counting on YOU.

When this reaches you plans will be underway for district conventions. I hope that every district president will have her plans made early so that she can answer letters promptly. Place of meeting should be decided early and dates made tentatively because it often is necessary to change them to conform with speaker's itinerary.

The President of our United States has asked that we eat less and coarser bread that we may share more with the hungry people of the war torn countries. We are glad to comply but let us do more by writing our Representatives and Senators in Washington urging them to cooperate with men in authority in restricting the use of grain in manufacture of alcoholic beverages. Food is essential to save the children in Europe and we must safeguard our own youth from beverage alcohol. Read your Signal for news on important bills and write those ALL IMPORTANT LETTERS.

If you always do what you like to do:  
You will live to be shallow and vain:  
If you always do what you ought to do,  
You will rise to the higher plane  
Of joy and peace of the noble few  
Who like to do what they ought to do.

—A. B. Rhinow.

Lovally yours,  
Bessie M. Darling.

## Notes From the Unions

The Fargo Scandinavian WCTU held a Frances Willard Memorial meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. F. A. Landbloom, with Mesdames E. Flaas, D. O. Askegaard and Louis Dahlgren as assisting hostesses. Mrs. Roger Cummings played two piano numbers and Mrs. O. H. Kjørli gave a very interesting talk on the life of Frances Willard. At this time it was announced that the Scandinavian union will be known hereafter as the Julia D. Nelson WCTU. Many unions have been named after some particular woman who has been outstanding in this great work. Mrs. Julia D. Nelson was a charter member of the Scandinavian union which she helped to organize July 14, 1898, and was elected its first president. She held this office until her death in 1937, having served the cause she loved faithfully and well for 39 years. Therefore the union is honoring her memory by changing the name of Fargo Scandinavian WCTU to "The Julia D. Nelson WCTU".

The Calvin union, while compelled to miss some meetings because of bad weather and other conditions that interfered, has paid its dues to the state and its budget. They send for 10 copies of the Young Crusader for the public school there, and furnish some temperance books for the school library. They have also secured a new member.

The Hatton union met with Mrs. C. S. Anderson, chairman of Flower Mission and Relief in February, with Mrs. H. G. Wambheim as assisting hostess. Mrs. Kjelland led the worship service. The president, Mrs. G. L. Thompson, gave a report of their successful food sale, at which literature was distributed by Mrs. Thea Ovid. Dues for 27 members had been paid, and budget for 1945, with money for the Lillian Stevens and Frances Willard Memorial funds had been sent in. An article about Miss Willard, and a poem, were read by Mrs. Stenhjem in memory of her. Mrs. Clausen, a new member, read a selection from the Union Signal about Temperance in Education, written by Laurence C. Jones of Mississippi. A short memorial service was held for a charter member, Mrs. Anton Nelson, who died at the home of her daughter in Leeds, February 16. Singing one verse of "Abide With Me," with Mrs. Wambheim at the piano, members then stood in silence in memory of the departed. While the pianist played the hymn softly, the obituary was read, with a fitting poem, and a spray of green with a white ribbon bow was placed by the president; then the second verse of the hymn was sung in closing. The meeting adjourned to enjoy a delicious lunch, after joining in the Lord's prayer and singing the Table prayer.

The Park River union met February 14 at the home of Mrs.

T. F. Meagher, with Mrs. Agnes Spornitz and Mrs. Setterstrom assistant hostesses. In spite of the cold, there was a fairly good attendance. The county nurse, Miss Florence Ferguson, came over from Grifton and gave a talk on Social Hygiene and its effect on family-life, stressing the fact that one of the great causes of juvenile delinquency was that mothers were away working and left the family to look out for themselves. She also told of the deadly contagion of syphilis and gonorrhoea. Rev. Rockne of the Lutheran church spoke on Social Hygiene and its effect on Community Life, emphasizing the need of clean amusements for young people.

Narcotics were discussed at the January meeting of the Jamestown union, held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. Rev. G. E. Splinter of the Baptist church and William Gussner, superintendent of the public schools, were the speakers. The pastor led the devotional service, speaking on Hab. 2:12—"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity". He sang a solo, also, with Mrs. Hanna Lockwood as accompanist. Mrs. O. E. LeMay, program chairman, introduced Mr. Gussner, who spoke on "Narcotic Education in the Public Schools" presenting the overall plan used through the public school system. Mrs. John Schmitt, the vice president, who was in charge of the meeting, commented on the effort and interest shown by these two men, in presenting the seriousness of the situation in our own community. This union also is much pleased with the action of the Jamestown Ministerial Union in arranging for all cooperating churches to present the sticker plan of fighting liquor advertising the first Sunday in March, and in appointing Rev. Splinter to represent the ministerial group in the cause of temperance at the regular monthly meetings of the city council. Mrs. W. A. Ebertz, the corresponding secretary of the union, sends us this information.

The January meeting of the Edinburg union was held at the home of Mrs. Ed Gryde, at which plans for the Frances Willard Memorial meeting were discussed. It was decided to ask Dr. Movius of Park River to speak on "Social Hygiene in the Community." Papers were given at this meeting on "The Woman of the Month" by Mrs. John Evenson; "What the Wets Think" by Mrs. Gryde, and "The Washington Letter" by Mrs. Laithwaite. Lunch was served by the hostess. The Frances Willard Memorial program was given at Trinity Lutheran church on the afternoon of February 17. Songs, quotations, recitations and a playlet—"Alcohol Looking for Partners" were presented by the LTL. A paper on the early life and work of Miss Willard was read by a WCTU member and an article on Social Hygiene was reported by another member. Mrs. Laurhammer spoke on "First We See, Then Hear, Then Act," emphasizing how advertising helps the liquor habit to get hold of people. Lunch was served at the close of the program, with 30 children present. The children were given the stickers "I do not like this ad" and were asked to hunt up liquor ads and paste the stickers on. The ads and stickers with names of the fathers of the families will be collected and sent to the papers from which they were taken. It is hoped that good will result from the effort. Parents and friends of the children attended the meeting.

Mrs. C. M. Sonne of the Williston union reports that Frances Willard Memorial day was observed at the February meeting which was held in the Holiness Methodist church. Mrs. Jacob Cope was devotional leader and Mrs. C. P. Amsbaugh program chairman. Assisting in the program were Mesdames F. A. Hoare, L. E. Hennigar, Jacob Cope, Larry Goltz Henry, Leslie Chase, L. C. Hart, Don Fish, Ernest Huston, George Canfield, and S. A. Parvin. At the business meeting, in charge of Mrs. Don Fish; the president, Mrs. H. W. Stockman reported on the LTL, and Mrs. A. W. Teske announced that the YTC would meet Monday evening, March 4, in the parlor of the First Methodist church. All young people were invited, and Mrs. F. A. Hoare and Mrs. A. O. Johnson were named on the lunch committee. Mrs. Leslie Chase reported on the Speech contest, at which Marion Farley won the silver medal. The union plans to entertain the senior high school girls April 26. Seven visitors were present. They also planned for the March meeting, which was to be a public meeting sponsored by honorary members; the program committee was Captain Leslie Chase, Senator P. I. Dahlen, and Judge F. A. Hoare. This active union is also making a quilt, which will be sent to some hospital that needs it, overseas.

The Fargo union held a public meeting in January at the Christian church, at which Rev. Schaeffer gave an inspiring temperance sermon, and Mrs. Schaeffer sang a beautiful solo. Rev. Franklin led devotions. A luncheon was served in the church parlors, during which Mrs. John Hill, affectionately called "Grandma" Hill, was presented with a beautiful cake in honor of her 86th birthday. Of course she shared it with all those present.

Faith is patience with the lamp lit.

### Personal Mention

We are happy to say that Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our past president and State Director of STI, is back in her own home after a long sojourn in the hospital. May her convalescence soon become perfect health.

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie writes of the beautiful Walker Methodist Home at 3701 Bryant Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn., in which she has a nice room. Letters from her old friends are always welcome, and will reach her at the above address. Mrs. Peik, mother of Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state V. P., also has a room there.

Mrs. P. J. Foss, of Appam, who is vice president of the Northwest District, is a patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Williston.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder has not been well since a defective refrigerator emitted gas fumes in her apartment awhile ago, and the inhaling of the gas caused a bronchial trouble. We hope it will soon be better.

Mrs. Iver Fossum, state treasurer, has recently returned from a visit with relatives in Minnesota, during which she made the acquaintance of a new granddaughter.

All the state officers who live in Fargo had the experience of being snowbound during the heavy snowstorm that struck there early in February. Mrs. Lundhagen exhibits some pictures taken of the snow drifts on her porch that show why she didn't get out for three days. One who lives in a big town and depends upon a local grocery for food realizes how quickly supplies dwindle when they cannot be replenished promptly. Farm people usually have more things on hand, so a month without being able to get to town worked no serious difficulty for the family of ye editor.

### In Memoriam

"As a cloud of the sunset slow melting in heaven  
As a star that is lost when the daylight is given;  
As a glad dream of slumber, which wakens in bliss—  
They have passed to the world of the holy from this."

Mrs. Anna J. McLeod, of the Fargo union, died January 21, 1946. She had been a member of the WCTU for many years, both in Grand Forks, where she formerly lived, and in Fargo, her home since 1918. She never missed a meeting if she could help it. She is survived by her daughter Jennie, who is an art instructor at Agassiz school in Fargo.

Mrs. Anton Nelson, charter member of the Hatton union, died at the home of her daughter in Leeds, Feb. 16.

### Membership Campaign

Dear Co-workers:

The coming month of April is the peak month for this present year's membership drive; we want to obtain new members in every local community in the state of North Dakota. It is a part of the national program to secure a million members for the 75th anniversary in 1949.

You have no doubt, by this time, collected all the dues from active members since the November roll call; also have some new, renewed or transferred members. We must continue to secure more new members, dear friends, for in numbers there is strength. Every woman in our state needs the influence of the WCTU in her home. Let us sell it to her, so that she may realize the great inspiration and help it will be to her and her family to become a member.

This is family year, when every member of a family can find a place in our organization. We must gain Honorary members, young women for the Iota Sigma, young people for the YTC and children for the LTL. Start a Friendship group with five or ten children in your local community. Have a chairman to secure the babies for White Ribbon Recruits and thereby gain the interest of mothers. Let every union become a Fruitful Union and obtain a certificate of recognition. This is obtained by collecting dues from all active members and by securing new members before July first. If every union does this faithfully, with fidelity and earnestness, our state will receive special recognition at the National convention next fall in Minneapolis. Please let us pray for this drive, and let us "To the work, for we are servants of God" who seek to promote the best in our communities. We must add to our ranks for future accomplishments. Let us not fail our state president, Mrs. Darling, but let us win new members, one by one. Yours for a great gain in membership.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

The force of an ideal is greater than the ideal of force.

You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

### The Midyear Meeting

The general officers of the state WCTU met in the parlor of the Methodist church in Grand Forks Thursday, March 7. Mrs. Darling, the state president, had provided food in abundance for the group, as well as arranging for the pleasant place to discuss the work to be done in coming months. Mrs. Darling presided and the state treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, led the opening devotions and offered prayer.

The invitation of the Bismarck union to hold the state convention there this fall was accepted with gratitude and appreciation of their willingness to entertain. It is hoped that the National president, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, can be secured as guest speaker, and the convention date was not definitely settled, pending more correspondence with her.

The six week's credit course in Narcotic Education to be given at a summer school and financed from the Narcotic Education Fund, was discussed. It was pleasant to know that three of the four teacher's colleges in the state were interested in having this course. It was voted to give this course in the Minot Teacher's college; the instructor will receive maintenance and the course will be advertised in the college bulletin. Unless there has to be a change of plan, Miss Beulah Chappelle, who was in the state last year, will be the instructor.

A letter from the National treasurer, Mrs. Munns, was read, regarding folders with places to be filled with coins, for raising the quota planned of a Mile of Quarters. After discussion, it was voted to order 500 of the Foot of Quarters folders.

A night letter was formulated to be sent to U. S. Senators Langer and Young, asking them to urge the Secretary of Agriculture not to recind the order restricting the use of grain by brewers and distillers.

Exhibits were discussed. It was planned to try to promote the showing of these at church meetings, teacher's meetings, fairs, and other public gatherings. LTL work, organizing, district, state and national conventions and various other matters of importance received consideration, before the meeting adjourned. There was a little time for enjoyable visiting, afterward, due to the lateness of the train on which the Fargo women went home.

### Shall Children Die While Brewers Profit?

Through all the discussion of the bill to provide United States representatives for the agencies of the United Nations Organization, and everywhere here in Washington, there runs the somber thread that the death of many old people and little children from freezing and starvation is inevitable in Europe this winter. And, yet, the brewers continue to use grain and sugar.

In October, 1945, they reduced a trifle the amount of sugar and syrups used by them from 20,171,484 pounds in October, 1944, and 19,625,813 pounds in September, 1945, to 18,429,126 pounds. But, they increased the use of malt and malt products (made from grain) from 193,422,909 pounds in September to 202,125,960 pounds in October. Increase in the use of other grains was as follows:

|  | Oct. 1945  | Sept. 1945 |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | POUNDS     | POUNDS     |
| Corn and corn products.....                    | 81,797,300 | 77,140,188 |
| Rice and rice products.....                    | 22,035,539 | 21,056,461 |
| Barley and barley products.....                | 20,966,141 | 20,155,563 |
| Sorghum grain and sorghum grain products ..... | 18,706,069 | 17,069,038 |
| Soy beans and soy bean products .....          | 761,514    | 710,390    |

Write your senators and congressmen and ask them to suspend the whole alcoholic beverage business until normal food supplies are restored.

—Elizabeth A. Smart.

### A HOLY CRUSADE

Our War on the Home Front is a Holy Crusade. It is to protect the dearest of all our institutions—the home and the hearthside, under the double blessing of liberty and freedom. America must do some straight thinking and plain speaking in this hour of crisis. We are fighting not only the greatest military war of our history, but also the skulking enemies within our own gates. Let us forsake all temptations to slip into careless ways. Let us avoid the tragic consequences of inaction and indecision. Let us be big enough, with courage and determination enough, to do our duty fearlessly here on the front assigned to us. Then, when our men in khaki return after having won THEIR way, they will find that we have not lost OURS.

—J. Edgar Hoover.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—Emerson.

"It is not what one does, but what one tries to do, that makes the soul strong and fit for a noble career."



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## A Word to the Wise

It is possible that some of you may fail to see items of interest that you have sent, in this issue. I am getting it ready earlier than usual, as I plan to leave in a day or two, for a short visit with my sister in Illinois. For that reason some mail you have sent may not reach me in time, but if so, it will be used in the next issue. I am grateful for the nice lot of news that you have sent to me.

I should like to have you all read the article which follows

this in the paper; it is a good demonstration of the effect of alcohol upon typing ability. As you will notice, it was written during the Prohibition years, but it is just as appropriate now.

Also in this issue is a letter from our Membership chairman, Mrs. H. E. Mielke; please read it and take action. Our treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum also has something special to say, that is likewise of deep importance. Do not miss these, please.

This state has been given an over abundance of snow this past winter, and it may be when it goes that roads will be very bad indeed for a time. I hope that all unions whose work has been hindered by weather conditions, will get as good a start as possible in the spring. The mail still goes in most places; if you cannot go to see that woman you want for a new member, write her a note and invite her, won't you? Please do not let the campaign go by without at least trying. Let us not fail to carry out our share of the plan to make this a real educational year. Let the people know!

Cordially yours,  
 Elizabeth C. Beasley.

## Drunkard Pens Best Prohibition Argument

The best prohibition argument in the world is the man that uses liquor, especially in excess. We are in receipt of the following letter that carries the point and its own moral:

"To the Editor:

"You seem to take a good deal of delight in telling other people how to live, and perhaps that is your business; but it seems to me that you exceed your duty, when you arrogate the right to reform all those who happen to enjoy an occasional drink of Scotch.

"Last Christmas I was presented with a fine bottle of Scotch whisky which I have kept untouched until now as I sit at my typewriter to indite this letter to you. It bears the label of Sandy McDonald; a good, fair, well-bodied liquor which I am assured was bought before the war.

"I have just now tasted of this bottle of liquor, I will confide to you; and I cannot see where or how I am invading the rights of any person on earth. I find it excellent. It warms my stomach; it inspires my thought. I can not feel, Mr. Editor, that I have wronged the community or added to the lawlessness of general society in doing so. It makes me tired to be classed as a criminal for any such reason.

"Just to show my independence of any such truck as you are writing I have just taken another drink of the aforesaid most jubilant Sandy MacDonald and I will say to you that it is just about as smooth a drink as a man ever put into his system. The second drink, I have now followed by a third.

"Now, Mr. Editor, I am no bum and you can't make me out a bum. I like a little drink now and then and have just taken a third or maybe it was the fourth and I am more than ever convinced that any man who doesn't id a big iddott. You may say this evabion of lw is producing a stahs of affairs in our Grear and Glourious country. You are wrong. This cuntry is jess and good as it ever.

"I wan8t to shay to you that this scocith is all righl. A lot of it wouldn8t do us harm. Wehn we ened stimulanu we need it. My grandfaer was brought up onrum. They had it in the housd al teh time. They draaj it freely and even the ministre drink it when he camme to our houje. It8s a prettie kind of country when a grafdson is better than his graunfaer. I can drink this kind of Scutehe all day and not be no morse cirizen than I was before. I could drink this whole wuget ad begar duiber en etelash.

"I want to say to tou that there are 30"—to the laar cenduc from american citizens in the Ud. D. S. There are no umbs. I say to you Editor, wheb I startef out to write this lerret., i had no 383433 3 notion to taje mieg of ypor ti, me. Bit I jest hd to express myselp to yu.

"These typewruter keys are buxxing aroubd so I canj write no more. But wheb I wheat of yiu id tri remund yio oner again and again thqut you aew dead wrong ib consmending avert bany whu mau tak4 a drinkr oR not as FnE&wo7y ill. Bue wE agng't no bumBS.

"Ilwill, say inxlosing whaqt I wisg yiu a 2reght Chaigy-wax and &hayey Now Frare.

"Rexcevtillu Yloutdx,"

### NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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



## Treasurer's Report

January 20, 1946—March 20, 1946.

**DUES:** Oakes 2, Larimore 7, Edinburg 1, New Rockford 5, Rugby 22, Julia D. Nelson, Fargo 61, Bottineau 4, Grand Forks 5, Flasher 1, Hatton 6, Crosby 21, Ellendale 19, Fargo 8, Nekoma 2, Gilby 3, Underwood 28, Edgeley 30, Sawyer 4, Powers Lake 1, Minot 8, Park River 3, Frances Willard, Grand Forks 37, Valley City 5, Hunter 7, Bismarck 11, Stanley 19, Jamestown 24, Monango 1.

**WILLARD DUES:** 1, Miss Betty Moffit, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

**L. T. L.:** Oakes 10, Frances Willard, Grand Forks 14, Edinburg 24, Sawyer 16.

**CHILD LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Lester Alvin Zook.

**BUDGET:** Flasher \$10.00, Crosby \$21.00, Ellendale \$15.00, Underwood \$25.00, Minot 8.00, Frances Willard, Grand Forks \$37.00, Valley City \$5.00, Hatton \$28.00, Bismarck \$11.00, Stanley 19.00, Jamestown \$14.00.

**LITERATURE:** Fargo Union \$22.10, Monango \$1.00.

**NARCOTIC EDUCATION:** Larimore \$17.55, Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$23.15, Prosper \$6.00, Gilby \$15.00, Grand Forks \$5.00, Minot \$1.00, Bismarck \$2.00, Valley City \$2.00, Stanley \$10.00, Fairview \$12.00, Jamestown \$1.00, Crosby \$3.00, Bottineau \$3.00.

**CHINESE RELIEF:** Minot \$5.00.

**LIGHT LINE UNION:** Flasher \$6.75.

Memorial gift to Narcotic Education by Mrs. Wilbur Hanson, contributed by West Fairview \$2.00, in memory of Mr. W. Hanson who passed away December 12, 1945.

**WILLARD MEMORIAL:** Oakes \$2.00, Cavalier \$4.65, Hatton \$2.00, Dickey \$2.00, New Rockford \$2.00, Gilby 2.00, Reeder \$2.00, Underwood \$2.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Lisbon \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Valley City \$2.00, Rugby \$2.00, Stanley \$2.00, Sawyer \$2.00, Parshall \$2.00, Hannah \$3.00, Alamo \$2.00.

**LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND:** Oakes \$2.00, Plaza \$2.00, Larimore \$2.00, Mott \$2.00, Reeder \$2.00, Bottineau \$2.00, Hatton \$1.00, Gilby \$2.00, Underwood \$2.00, Sawyer \$2.00, Williston \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Valley City \$2.00, Parshall \$2.00, Stanley \$2.00.

Has your Union contributed to the State Narcotic Fund? Why not join the "Mile of Quarters" club. Ask your friends to contribute twenty-five cents to this worthy project. You will be surprised to find how easily you will be able to meet your quota for this year. Remember the quota for North Dakota is \$600.00 a year for five years, and we were approximately one hundred and fifty dollars short of our quota last year. Shall we not all do our share this year?

Mrs. Iver Fossum, Treasurer.

## Honor Roll

Unions having paid budget in full before January 1, 1946: Fargo Scandinavian, Larimore, Hannah, Prosper, Northwood, Reeder, Oberon, Edgeley, Monango, Grand Forks, Fargo, Parshall, Stady-Zahl, Sawyer, Dickey, Williston, Gilby, Calvin.

### HOLDFAST UNIONS

Those who have sent to your state treasurer dues for all last year's resident members by March 1: Edinburg, Bottineau, Nekoma, Fargo, Larimore, Rugby, Reeder, Northwood, Calvin, New Rockford, Oberon, Underwood, Alamo, Williston, Hannah, Monango, Sheldon, Flasher.

"No matter what others are doing

Or what they are leaving undone,

We are counting on you to keep right on the job

Till the very last member is won.

"We are counting on you to be faithful,

We are counting on you to be true.

Yes, others may work or others may shirk,

But remember, we're counting on you."—Exchange.

### A GOOD JOB

The shoemaker was a strict teetotaler, but this did not prevent him from being very good friends with the landlord of the local pub.

One night he passed the inn door just as the landlord emerged struggling with a hefty customer.

"Give me a hand to get Bill here home?" he shouted.

"Not I, Jim," he replied. "You do as I do when I've done a really good job—just stick him up in the window for advertisement!"—From "Grit."

Study the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be righteous.

## LAMP OF FAITH.

"Lord help me keep my lamp of faith so shining  
Throughout the shock and horror of this day,  
That some soul, groping through a misty valley,  
Might see the Light, and better find the way!"

—Star in the East.

## Our Evanston Library

The Frances E. Willard Memorial Library for Alcohol Research, due to continuing gifts and accessions, has become one of the two largest, if not the largest, of its kind in the world. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, announced today.

"The library, dedicated in 1940 in addition to the National WCTU headquarters, now contains," Mrs. Colvin said, "some 4,000 volumes and an equal number of brochures and pamphlets as well as numerous old and current temperance publications. The only comparable library is the one in Lausanne, Switzerland, access to which, by students in other parts of the world, was made generally unavailable by the war."

The Frances E. Willard Library, named for famous WCTU and social leader, is under the direction of Miss Mabel Eaman, librarian. It supplies an international reference service on the subjects of alcohol, narcotic drugs, nicotine and other related and social subjects.

"Majority of its standard texts and references are made available," Mrs. Colvin added, "to out-of-town students and researchers through their local public libraries, under the established 'inter-library loan' system, in which the borrowers pay transportation, and keep the books for limited lengths of time. Not included in this plan, of course, are the rare and relic volumes, such as the Frances E. Willard journals with which the shelves and lockers are replete.

"The library additionally serves as a 'laboratory' for the seminars on alcohol education conducted at the WCTU headquarters for university and high school teachers; also for medical and professional men, as well as students delving into its subject and titles. Last year, army officers preparing for occupation consulted the library for information pertinent to narcotics control in Japan.

"Collections also include published statements, findings, and opinions of famous persons on narcotic drugs, alcohol, nicotine and other subjects. Of interest, among these, is a statement by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as quoted by Zoe Beckley, writer for the North American Newspaper Alliance, of July 11, 1927, as follows:

"Whether he realizes it or not, the drinks taken by one individual make his conduct just that much less safe, less sane, less useful than before. In one way or another he becomes detrimental to everyone he comes in contact with. This is why I am in favor of prohibition."

"Rare treasures of the library include original journals, scrapbooks, writings and mementoes of Frances E. Willard and Mary Willard, including the journals Frances Willard kept during her trip abroad in 1868 to 1870; records of the famous Polyglot petition, and the Dr. William E. Johnson temperance collection from India.

"Among unusual collections is also one of temperance music and narcotics in art. The library emphasizes material on narcotic drugs, alcohol and allied problems from every approach, including general, social, physiological, psychological, political, and so on. Additions will continue as funds and gifts are available."

### WHY BELONG TO THE WCTU?

Because the WCTU standards are those taught by Christ.

Because the WCTU unites women of all creeds in the social welfare work which is the common concern of all.

Because the WCTU works through many lines to combat the harm done by beverage alcohol.

Because the WCTU promotes alcohol education so that all people may know what alcohol is and what it does.

Because the WCTU is helping to fight all traffic in narcotics.

Because the WCTU gives to its members a wider outlook upon the problems of the community, the nation and the world.

Because the WCTU stands for clean, worthwhile programs in radio and motion pictures.

Because the WCTU helps to safeguard the physical and moral health of young people through the Youth's Temperance Council.

Because the WCTU gives boys and girls wholesome recreation and training for citizenship through the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Because the WCTU is working to promote "peace on earth, good-will among men."—Exchange.

## The Crime of Prohibition!

ELMER ELLSWORTH HELMS

I've been around quite a spell. I have lived through 56 years of pre-Prohibition, then through the years of Prohibition, and now through 12 years of post-Prohibition, which adds up to nigh 82. That's a heap o' livin', and a heap of years. But if I hadn't lived through them, I'd be dead. And being dead never was my specialty.

I, as one of the criminals, did my little best to bring in Prohibition, which turned out to be the arch crime of the ages—or was it? When Prohibition came in with its blighting breath, I saw lots of things wither.

I then lived in the third largest city of America. Not so long after America began reaping the dire fruits of Prohibition, the American Medical Association met in my town. The doctors (a good many of them) registered a howl that could be heard around the world. It seems that under Prohibition there were so few cadavers that dissection in the student clinics was seriously hampered. Pre-Prohibition had supplied plenty of "deaders," really more than plenty. Badly whisky soaked they were. But better than a national shortage. And no shortage could be so short as a national cadaver shortage.

But the howl of the medicos was as the chirping of the meadow lark to the howl of the Keeley Cures. After 40 years of full runs (the runs were "full" in more ways than one) they were closed up with a bang for want of patronage. Dr. Leslie Keeley spent his life in curing drink and dope fiends. He opened the first Cure in Dwight, Ill., in 1880. It was soon a poor community that had no Keeley Cure. And then criminal Prohibition, like a devastating hurricane, wiped out the last one from the land of the free and the full—especially the full. Old Dr. Keeley died with a smile on his face. That was a mystery till the autopsy revealed he died of overjoy. How he hated the whole dope business—nine-tenths of which was alcoholism.

But if you think the doctors squawked, you should have heard the undertakers. In the town where I then lived was the largest undertaking establishment in America. In it, 24 or more funerals could be cared for at one and the same time. When Prohibition came in, down went the daily average. And from undertakers all over the land came one united bay. "Send us cadavers!"

The bankers were almost as bad. The depositors so increased in numbers, and the deposits in amounts, that banks had to so vastly increase the number of their clerks, bookkeepers, tellers, and cashiers that some of them had to enlarge their plants. Department stores were put in the same embarrassing position and situation.

The food industry was the worst hit of all. Uncounted thousands of families now bought beefsteak instead of beer. And did that make cattlemen hurry and scurry to raise more beef, and farmers get up and dig to produce more grain to feed and fatten more cattle and sheep and hogs! This was no fictitious war prosperity brought on by borrowings whose huge sums must be repaid through a century of bloody sweat. This was real prosperity produced by the elimination of waste—the very worst kind of waste.

But, sad to relate, the Salvation Army and many social agencies, such as the Good Will Industries, were terribly hampered in their relief work by this crime of Prohibition. The calls for patched-up, hole-darned leftovers went down with a thud. So many rangs had been exchanged for robes, and poverty for plenty because sobriety had taken the place of "souse," it was more than enough to bring tears to the eyes of the most tenderhearted (?) brewer to see the whole country going to the dogs.

The dumping departments of cities were embarrassed to a deep scarlet. So many new autos were being bought and so many ramshackles were being dumped, there was not room to contain them.

Well, sir, it looked like America was plain ruined, when fortunately (hic—make it two hic's) that ever-to-be celebrated in the lower regions, glorious year of 1933 dawned, and along come King Repeal and saved America. Three cheers for the free and foamy flow!

Now the cry for cadavers is no more heard in the land. The cry now is for enough wagons to haul them to the morgue, the dissecting room, and the potter's field.

And the lawyers are busy — over busy — trying the drunk-murderers. The cops are working night and day hauling in the drunks, the thieves, the thugs, and the 57 other varieties of criminals. For, if J. Edgar Hoover knows his stuff (and does he!), robbery by boys too young for military service jumped 40 per cent in the past two years; and drunk driving, 115 per cent; and disorderly conduct by girls under 18, 300 per cent. Repeal

has certainly made good. We are on our way at last. But—where?

The records of these United States of America reveal that, during Prohibition, insanity due to drink decreased 66 per cent. The tide has now turned and insanity from alcohol is almost double that before Prohibition. Crime decreased during Prohibition 54 per cent, and Repeal has lifted it to an all time high. Syphilis since Dec. 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor, you know) has doubled then trebled, then quadrupled. And it is still climbing. And the medical authorities tell us 90 per cent of syphilis is contracted under the influence of liquor.

And who can tell the increase of woe due to the increase of drinking and drunkenness? John H. Connelly, Beer Administrator of the Army, says 80 of our largest breweries are under contract to send their total output to the armed forces. An American news reporter in the South Pacific says that beer casualties in that region exceed battle casualties. One day we heard the glad news, "Our boys have entered Manila." And then the next news from Manila was, "The twelfth soldier died today of alcoholic poison."

But, see the revenue we get from the business. According to liquor journals, the industry is carrying the big financial load of the war.

Excuse me while I yawn. I always yawn when I'm bored. Last year little Massachusetts reported total revenue from "the business" of \$13,139,266. But, on the opposite page of the ledger, Massachusetts reported the costs due directly and wholly to the use and abuse of liquor as \$61,127,956. Mr. Expert Bookkeeper, at that rate how long will it take to make every man in Massachusetts a multimillionaire?

Hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Exactly 100 years ago, Thomas Carlyle wrote, "England consists of 30 million people — mostly fools." Change England to America and 30 to 140 and you have the answer. "What fools we mortals be."—The National Voice.

## Study Courses

Courses in the effects of narcotics including alcoholic beverages, for college and school teachers from over the country, will again be conducted this year by the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

A six-week course in methods and technique for a certificate of proficiency will be given at the National WCTU headquarters, Evanston, Ill., June 24 to August 3, and a three-week course carrying the Chautauqua adult education credit is scheduled for Chautauqua, N. Y., August 5 to 24.

Enrollments now being received indicate that both courses will have record attendance, according to Miss Estelle Bozeman, director of the WCTU Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction, Evanston, who is in charge. A limited number of scholarships are available for both courses, and information regarding these may be obtained from Miss Bozeman.

"The object of the courses," Miss Bozeman said, "is to prepare instructors for the teaching of the effects of narcotics in educational institutions, or in other programs, including those in which such instruction is provided in the curricula.

"Enrollees in Evanston, Ill., will spend part of their time in the Frances E. Willard Library for Alcohol Research, one of the largest in the world dealing with alcohol and other narcotics, and Chautauqua students will have access to the Smith Memorial Library."

## PAPA'S COMING!

He swung on the gate and looked down the street,  
Awaiting the sound of familiar feet.

Then suddenly came to the sweet child's eyes  
The marvellous glory of morning skies,

For a manly form with a steady stride  
Drew near to the gate that opened wide

As the boy sprang forward and joyously cried,  
"Papa's coming!"

The wasted face of a little child  
Looked out at the window with eyes made wild

By the ghostly shades in the falling light  
And the glimpse of a drunk man in the night,

Cursing and reeling from side to side.  
The poor boy, trembling and trying to hide,

Clung to his mother's skirts and sighed,

"Papa's coming!"

—W. C. Sayes

## Radio

Unions reporting, 35; 20 had done no work; 3 had their programs announced over the radio; 1 had meeting announced. 1 union reported work done through church groups; 2 unions appointed Radio Observers; 7 unions wrote letters of praise for good radio programs; 7 wrote letters of protest on objectionable programs. McKenzie union reported 13 letters written; other unions reported from 2 to 6 letters written; 25 letters were written protesting advertising of Alcoholic Liquors and Tobacco over the radio. Park River was the only union that reported getting an answer to such letters. Minot and Parshall shared in the expense of a radio broadcast giving information about the two initiated measures voted on at the general election; also paid for handbills to be sent out to the voters.

Mrs. C. F. Truax, Director.

## Social Morality

Unions reporting work done, 21; leaflets distributed, 600; aid to unfortunate girls included the services of the manager of the Crittenton Home, who gives her time; Wildrose sent a Christmas box, Grafton and Nekoma sent boxes of new clothing. Unions urging May Act, 5 reported; letters to congress, 270; 1 night letter, 2 telegrams. 15 unions reported cooperation with other agencies. Minot members met with committee to plan recreation; Langdon conferred with state attorney about minors entering liquor stores, buying liquor and cigarettes; Bismarck sent delegates to Burleigh County Federation and to Community Council; Valley City met with City Council and Mayor about better enforcement and started movement to bring liquor stores and beer parlors to street level; Plaza meets with town officers. Unions helping promote wholesome recreation, 4; providing good reading material, 6; Minot sends 100 Young Crusaders to rural schools. Grafton, Flasher and Northwood place them in schools and libraries. Unions acting for law enforcement, 4; giving education in morality, 6. Jamestown showed pictures in churches and S. S. Bismarck, Rugby, Larimore and Grand Forks reported petitions sent to Congress.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Director.

## Soldiers and Sailors

Unions reporting, 28; they sent 35 additional names for the Memory Book, making a total of 978 names of men and women who were in the service of their country; 9 names will be written in gold since my last report. 11 unions reported sending Christmas cards, letters and packages to boys overseas; 2 unions gave \$18.00 to the blood plasma fund; 5 unions reported sending clothing to the war relief drive; 4 unions made cookies and sandwiches for the USO canteens; 2 unions made 12 angel food cakes and sent them to the USO canteen. 17 unions reported doing Red Cross work; 1 union made 2 afghans for the Red Cross; 1 union gave 50 testaments to be sent to boys overseas; 1 union held a candle light service for the mothers of their service men.

Mrs. G. A. Shelby, Director.

## Spiritual Life

Unions reporting 27; 6 have directors and 9 reported "no work done." Members who observe noon-tide prayer 80; Members who hold family worship 46; Members who Tithe, 40; Bible Study Sessions held, 47; Temperance meetings held, 22; Pages of Christian literature distributed, 751. The literature was distributed by McKenzie, Flasher, Crosby, Grand Forks, Northwood and Larimore. Several reported improved devotions and good devotions. I thank you all for these good reports. What a wonderful report we could have if each union had something to report along the Spiritual Life work! Let all of us who believe in prayer (and I believe that includes all WCTU members) pray for a better spiritual year in 1946. If you haven't a director, try appointing one and anyway make a report at the end of the year even if you only have one item to report. God honors the one talent.

Mrs. Andrew Hay, Director.

## Union Signal

We show a slight gain in Union Signal subscriptions again this year, but only 2, and a gain of 27 to The Young Crusader. 37 unions have reported, of these 22 had met the required quota of one-sixth their memberships, 3 reported no work done which means as great a loss to their unions as a workman without the tools of his trade.

A large majority of the unions observed Union Signal Day in March and many of them were using the Signal for program material.

Bismarck is first in subscriptions to the Signal having 18, Jamestown and the Grand Forks Union have 17 each. The

Frances Willard of Grand Forks and the Minot Union are third with 14 each. Minot exceeds by far in Young Crusaders subscriptions, having 105, Plaza is second with 26 and Fargo next with 15. Most of these have been sent to schools and many are used as prizes in L. T. L. and speech contest work.

The Union Signal reaches many people outside the unions as they are sent to pastors, public, university and school libraries also to the Florence Crittenton Home and Oak Grove Seminary.

Early in the year I sent The Plan of Work, and subscription blanks to every local union.

I hope now with restrictions on paper and labor removed that we can show a large increase in circulation the coming year.

Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Promoter.

## Visual Education

In our North Dakota W. C. T. U. we have seventy unions, of these 18 have been active in visual education the past year.

Flasher reported they placed posters in store show cases and changed them often; Edgeley distributed 200 posters and 100 blotters; Jamestown showed educational films in public school and church school, also to young people's and adult groups; they used illustrative material, such as maps, charts, graphs, etc.; had window displays, and gave a Temperance program at a P. T. A. meeting. Rev. Parish showed pictures. They made arrangements with ministerial association to have Rev. Parish speak at a public church meeting; Rugby put up two road signs, distributed 50 blotters, 2 posters, and about 50 temperance leaflets; Crosby tried to show films in school—success fair Gave cartoons and four athletic posters to high school which were posted on bulletin board.

Langdon had an exhibit at County Fair; distributed posters and 500 blotters; Grand Forks Frances Willard union distributed 75 pages of literature and 100 blotters; McKenzie used some maps, cartoons, etc., in their meetings; and handed out 9 pages of literature. Northwood has two directors, Mendora Bilden and Blondia Berg. Had exhibits in churches and elsewhere, had an educational exhibit at Fall Festival; distributed 57 posters. Oberon displayed posters made by school children at District convention and in business places down town, distributed 50 pages of literature. Had poster contest in the school. Bismarck's director is Miss Judith Rue. Showed films to Ladies' Aid, to four church schools and P. T. A.; gave five films to public schools; asked for privilege of showing films at P. T. A. in Discoll. Plaza showed educational films in schools. Much interest was shown, when repeated. Valley City has no local director. Distributed 50 leaflets and 50 blotters; paid for one mat sent out by the American Business Men's Research Foundation, which was run in the local paper during the temperance advertising campaign. Cavalier showed educational films to schools and young people's groups with good attendance, used maps, etc., in their meetings, made an exhibit for the fair but found no room to put it up, distributed hundreds of leaflets and ten blotters, sent some to rural schools. Minot, The film — "It's the brain that counts" — was put on by an evangelist to a full house. Later was shown to nurses, and loaned to Seventh Day church for convention. Nekoma entertained the District convention, an exhibit of "The Bible is the Light of the World" was shown. Mott distributed literature, placed books in school library and the principal has promised to use them.

As state director, I wrote our National Director, studied the "Plan of Work"; and in turn mailed "Plan of Work" along with letter to 70 unions, wrote once to the "White Ribbon Bulletin," subscribed for and read the "Union Signal," attended the State Convention.

Placed at least six posters in public offices and store windows, contacted public schools and handed out 158 leaflets and 12 blue booklets. Helped our local president distribute ballot instructions throughout our city, handed excerpt of address by Dr. Clarence E. Macartney, to our local paper; it was printed two weeks later, free of cost.

Have shown educational slide films at Ladies' Aid, two parties—one junior and one adult, several Sunday Schools and W. C. T. U. meetings. Loaned it to Wesley Methodist church for Young People's rally.

Ran advertising series (as sent out by the American Business Men's Research Foundation) in the local paper through the months of June, July, August and September. These were financed by our churches, some friends and one by our local union at a total cost of \$141.50.

Had mimeograph copy of front page of August 18th's "Union Signal," and scattered them around. Also mimeographed one thousand copies of a page in Sam Morris' book, "Why God sends War." These were given out by the pastors of several churches. An estimate of over 3,000 copies of literature has been handed out by the various active unions in the state.

Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Director.



## MAY

**WOMAN OF THE MONTH—Dr. Kate Bushnell  
MISSIONARY TEA—Church Women as Guests**

SONG: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," p. 8

WORSHIP: Mark 16:15

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Noontide Hour of Prayer"

THE WORLD'S WCTU at Work in Many Countries<sup>1</sup>THE REHABILITATION Program of the World's WCTU<sup>1</sup>  
The Missionaries' Relation to This Program.

ACTIVITIES: Make the union a Light Line Union. Invite presidents of missionary societies to preside and assist at tea tables. Invite mothers and babies of all races and nationalities for White Ribbon Recruit Service. Invite guests to become members. Prepare for Membership Garden Party. See Activities listed for June. Invite mothers to take children on a nature walk to gather plants for dish gardens for June meeting.<sup>2</sup> Report results of April Membership Campaign Emphasis. Suggestion: Serve May Magic (see "Teas of the U. S. A.," p. 25) and hot or iced sassafras tea.

SOURCE MATERIALS: <sup>1</sup>The Union Signal, April 13 (World's WCTU). Leaflets: "Child Welfare Tea"; "White Ribbon Recruit Card"; <sup>2</sup>"How to Conduct a Nature Walk"; <sup>2</sup>"How to Conduct a Nature Walk"; <sup>2</sup>"Awakening Spring"; <sup>3</sup>"Noontide Hour of Prayer."

## JUNE

**WOMAN OF THE MONTH—Susannah Wesley  
Membership Garden Party Guest Day**

SONG: "This Is My Father's World," p. 4

WORSHIP: Proverbs 31:10, 13, 14-16, 18-22, 26-29

HOME INFLUENCE AS IT AFFECTS:<sup>1</sup>

Family Life, Church Life, Community Life.

WOMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOME<sup>1</sup>

ACTIVITIES: Ask members and guests to bring garden herbs and mints, also dish gardens previously prepared for shut-in members and families, who have lost loved ones in the service. Send Membership Campaign Report through proper channels, latest July 1. Suggestion: Serve iced or hot fresh mint tea (fresh green mint,.) "Teas of the U. S. A.," p. 29.

SOURCE MATERIALS: <sup>1</sup>The Union Signal, May 4 (Home).

THESE ARE THE THINGS I PRIZE  
AND HOLD OF DEEPEST WORTH:  
LIGHT OF THE SAPPHIRE SKIES,  
PEACE OF THE SILENT HILLS,  
SHELTER OF THE FOREST,  
COMFORT OF THE GRASS,  
SHADOWS OF THE CLOUDS THAT QUICKLY PASS,  
AND, AFTER SHOWERS, THE SMELL OF FLOWERS,  
AND THE DEEP BROWN EARTH;  
BUT BEST OF ALL, ALONG THE WAY,  
FRIENDSHIP and MIRTH.

—Henry Van Dyke.

## We, the People

By ELIZABETH A. SMART

National Director, WCTU, Department of Legislation  
Legislation is a matter of interest to every American. Not only are we governed by the laws made by Congress, but as Americans we have the privilege of electing to Congress the men who make our laws. And the kind of laws we get depends largely on the caliber of the men and women whom we send there to make them.

When the Christian people of our communities get together and support a larger number of upright aspirants for office, we shall get the kind of laws such people will make.

Most of the evil things in our civic life come from one human weakness—laziness. What is the use of spending your heart and soul and all your elbow grease on a home while by the back door someone is creeping into a position where he can snatch the home from under your feet, or turn it from a haven of happiness into a house of despair by stealing away your husband or your children and concerting them from kind, decent people into alcoholics? And what is the use of toiling and sweating over a business if, by your negligence, men get into public office who exercise Government controls in favor of selfish interests who rob you of the business?

An intelligent understanding of how to run your government is quite as essential as knowing how to budget your household or inventory your business.

Legislation in Congress has a distinct rhythm. A bill is introduced—it goes to a committee. Meanwhile, the author of the bill waits breathlessly, and the other members of Congress, with their ears to the ground, try to catch the audience response. You, dear readers, are the audience. And by the letters you send in, the bill is measured.

If you forget to write again after the bill gets out of the committee, your Congressman, or your Senator, thinks the public has lost interest and the bill languishes on the calendar. Its enemies will try to wear out your patience; by cold or lukewarm replies will try to discourage you from writing letters. But, if enough of you persist courageously, you convince even its enemies that it is expedient to vote for the bill, and you get a piece of desirable legislation.

A bill runs a regular handicap race. First, by letters, you have to get it out of the committee. Then you have to get it voted upon favorably by the House, or by the Senate, in whichever chamber it was introduced. When it passes that body, only half your work is done, for you still have to get it out of the committee in the other house, and after you have done that, you have to get it passed by the second body.

Finally, if it has survived all this running of the Congressional gauntlet, the bill may arrive on the President's desk.

The President has the power to veto it. And you have the right to urge him to exercise that power or not to exercise it.

If he vetoes the bill it still can come back to Congress and be passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses. And again you have to exercise your Constitutional right of petition, and plead for its life to your Senators and Congressman.

A great deal of work—but do you ever get something worth while for nothing in this world? Usually the more worth while your bill, or any object of your desires is, the harder you have to struggle for it.

## ADVERTISING

### NEW ASSORTED BERG CARTOONS

The story of Alcohol Visualized

New Rainbow Leaflet Series

From the candid camera pen of a famous cartoonist.

**Broadcast by the Thousand in Every Community**

500 for \$1.00

1000 for \$1.75

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## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

**THE UNION SIGNAL      THE YOUNG CRUSADER****March 1—March 31, 1946**

THE UNION SIGNAL supplies information and inspiration essential to thinking people in this reconversion period.

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