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She Who Lived Valiantly

She who lived valiantly has passed,
Why should we grieve,
Why should it break our hearts like this
If we believe?
Surely she lives more valiantly
Than ever before,
Freed, as she is, to move without
The weights she bore;
Freed for the sweet adventurings
Of heavenly days,
Lightened, to go exploring down
The glory-ways.
What must these first hours be to her
Who loved earth so?
How swift, how very swift and glad
Her feet must go!
She who lived valiantly has passed,
Why should we grieve?
Why should it break our hearts like this
If we believe?

Grace Noll Crowell

(Sent by Mrs. T. H. Ferber, Oakes, in memory
of Mrs. Wilder, saying "It is like her.")



Good Night

So here we come to journey's end —
My dear, good night. If there be more
Adventuring beyond, God send
It be star-patterns to explore.
The sun sinks golden in the west,
From cliff and slope the light is spent;
The scrip and staff lay by, so rest —
My dear, good night—and sleep content.
The velvet darkness be your bed,
And ne'er'll dreams intrude come waking;
In earth's cool pillow lay your head —
My dear, good night, till fair dawn's breaking.

(Rev.) Daniel Heitmeyer, formerly of
Fargo, in Prairie Wings.

Kate Selby Wilder

Kate, the daughter of William A. and Adelia Watson Selby, was born at Meadville, Pa., Jan. 23, 1876. When she was four years old, she came with her parents to Traill county, Dakota Territory. Her father took up a claim and also opened a law office. Before she was old enough to go to school, they moved to Grand Forks, where she attended school and lived until after her marriage to Frederic H. Wilder in 1901. Then they moved to Fargo, where she lived till 1940, when she returned to Grand Forks, Mr. Wilder having died three years before.

She was a member of the Congregational Church, served as recording secretary of the united temperance organizations of North Dakota, for a number of years, was a director of the Florence Crittendon Home, a member of the Eastern Star, League of Women Voters, DAR, Fortnightly Club and was interested in everything pertaining to human welfare.

Her husband, who died in 1937, was a loyal supporter in all her work. Her brother, A. E. Selby of Minneapolis, Minn., her daughter, Betty, (Mrs. Roy A. Holand of LaMoure, N. D.) and three lovely grandchildren, survive her.

The Red River Valley was her home, but she had friends in every part of the state, because of her many interests and her field work for the WCTU. "The latch-string was always out" for those friends, wherever she lived. While she had not been entirely well the last few years, the trouble with her heart that proved irremediable, developed only a few weeks before the end. She spent the Christmas holidays with the Holands, and planned to go to California later in the winter, but the journey she took was to a Fairer Land. She passed away early in the morning, April 12, 1946, aged seventy years, two months and twenty days.

Tribute From National

While President of New York State WCTU I was in charge of the Institute work of that state and served under Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, the National Director, for eighteen years. It was a pleasure to work with her and we shall all miss her smiling face, cheery word and friendly cooperation. The loss of Mrs. Wilder will be mourned by a great host of WCTU comrades. I shall miss her as a true friend as well as a loyal worker in our beloved organization.

Mrs. D. LEIGH COLVIN,
President National WCTU.

Kate S. Wilder

The announcement of the death of my long time friend and co-worker, Kate S. Wilder, comes as a shock and brings a keen sense of personal loss. I believe this feeling is shared by her comrades of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of every state and especially by those of her own loved state of North Dakota.

For seventeen years, she has been the efficient director of the department of Institutes in the National WCTU. Four days before her death she dictated to a nurse in the hospital, her resignation from this office. For more than thirty years, she has held important offices in the WCTU of North Dakota. She retired from the vice presidency at the last state convention, but held the office of director of the department of Legislation up to the time of her death. She gave long service as state director of the department of Institutes, and for a number of years was president of the Fargo District which was built up and strengthened under her administration.

She was state recording secretary from 1916 to 1918, when she was elected state treasurer. She left this office to become Police Commissioner of the city of Fargo. She also served an

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other term as Health Commissioner. As far as I have been able to learn, she was the first woman in the United States to be elected city commissioner.

Mrs. Wilder came into temperance work through the Loyal Temperance Legion. She told me that she joined the LTL at a meeting I held in the early days of my work as state organizer. She is a notable example of the value of LTL work.

She was a convincing and fluent speaker, a kindly, helpful neighbor, and a loyal, true friend. Since Mr. Anderson's death, she has been with me as much as possible, during the summers at Oak Lodge, and she was like a daughter. She was intensely interested in people; she loved life, and she loved her work and had the joy of carrying it on until the end. While we sorrow for our loss, we have only congratulations for her.

"Think

Of passing from storm and tempest to a calm Harbour,
Of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven!
Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand,
Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated and finding it Immortality,
Of awakening and finding it Home!"

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,
Honorary President, North Dakota WCTU.

A Tribute to the Memory of Kate S. Wilder

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has suffered an irreparable loss in the Home-going of our beloved Kate. Her death was a great shock to the many friends and comrades all over our state and nation. We, who knew that she was not well, did not realize the seriousness of her illness until a few days before her death.

I have known Mrs. Wilder as an intimate friend, a fellow officer and co-worker for a great cause. She was kind, sympathetic, understanding and dependable; strong in her convictions she labored unceasingly for that which she thought was right. She gave freely of her talents, time, strength and worldly goods for the promotion of all good work, and especially the cause of temperance. It can truly be said that she loved much, she did much and she lived well because her whole life was devoted not to herself but to the advancement and the welfare of those whom she loved better than self, the weary, the heavy-laden, sin-burdened.

All who knew her must deeply and personally mourn her loss but they must also be inspired and helped by the memory of her life and work. Her battle is fought and the victory has been won and she has entered into her rest crowned with immortality and blessed with peace. In love and devotion we re-consecrate ourselves to the unfinished tasks her hands laid down.

BESSIE M. DARLING,
President N. D. WCTU.

In Appreciation

It is only since I came into the official family of the WCTU of North Dakota that I became really acquainted with Mrs. Wilder, and the friendship developed through these years has surely been a joy. Her wise counsel and kindly advice so cheerfully and generously given, to any and all, from her wide knowledge of WCTU affairs has been of inestimable value to me, especially during the first year of my work. I shall miss very much the little visits which we had whenever she came to Fargo, by telephone often when she was pressed for time. Her failing health the last year or two has been of great concern to us all but little did we realize that she would so soon be taken from us. Her untiring devotion to the cause she loved should challenge us all to redouble our efforts to carry on the task she has had to lay down.

ALBERTA W. LUNDHAGEN,
Cor. Sec. N. D. WCTU.

A Tribute to My Friend

For thirty years I have enjoyed the friendship of Kate S. Wilder. It was a privilege to know her. Affectionate, considerate, kind, she was a faithful sympathetic friend. While doing field work for the state WCTU she was a guest in my home in Drayton and later in the Bowesmont home.

During my twenty years in Fargo, her hospitable home was always open to me, and I was often delightfully entertained there, as well as in her apartment at Grand Forks.

Loyal to her church and other organizations to which she belonged, her chief interest centered in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She pioneered for Woman Suffrage. She loved young people and worked successfully with them. She was early interested in the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion and active in local, district, state and National WCTU organizations. She was an able and interesting speaker. Her passing was a great loss to the temperance cause in North Dakota and in the National WCTU. She has gone to join the great host of white-ribboners where "activities are not succeeded by weariness." We cherish her memory and shall meet her again. Life is eternal and death has not ended our friendship.

"Death doth hide, but not divide,
Thou art but on Christ's Other Side;
Thou art with Christ—and Christ with me—
In Him united still are we."

BARBARA H. WYLIE, Minneapolis, Minn.
for 35 years Corresponding Secretary,
N. D. WCTU.

In Remembrance

The sudden Home call of our dear Kate S. Wilder carried sadness and a keen sense of loss to the WCTU women who knew her, everywhere. I well remember the first time that I met her; it was at the state convention held in Grand Forks in 1905. She asked for the offering, and she did it so well, seemed so young and vivacious, that I was right then much pleased that she had come into our work. I soon learned to love and admire her for her good sense, good nature and desire to do her best for everyone. From that time on, she proved to be a faithful worker in the WCTU, efficiently filling each office that she was called to undertake. She was especially fond of young people, and at one time was General Secretary of our Young People's Branch; her influence with them was most helpful. Her keen observation and judgment made her advice constantly sought by other officers; all WCTU work was very near her heart. It was next to her church work, I am sure.

Kate was so cheery; it was a pleasure to be with her and to have her as a guest in our home, or to be with her at any gathering. Once we had talked about Home going and she strongly expressed her enjoyment of life, but said "I hope and pray that when my time comes I may still be working." Our loving Father granted her that wish; she was active until a short time before the call came for her.

Many will remember her splendid talks for temperance, and God grant that her going at this time will remind them of the great need for workers, especially among our young people. May they give more generously of their time to help in eliminating the causes of intemperance. There could be no more fitting memorial to our friend.

Our loving sympathy goes to Betty and her children, as well as to all other relatives. What is dear Kate's gain is a big loss to our state and nation—who will fill the gap?

MRS. FRED M. WANNER,
State Director S. T. I.
Former president N. D. WCTU.

"Then let our sorrows cease to flow,
God has recalled His own,
But let our hearts in this great woe,
Still say—"Thy will be done."

"The Old Guard Dies but Never Surrenders."

Kate Wilder will be greatly missed, not only by her comrades in North Dakota but by the many in every state who learned to love her through her outstanding work as National Director of the Department of Institutes. Looking back over the years when we worked together in North Dakota, I think of her as one of the "Old Guard." "We are going down the Valley one by one." Many of those with whom we worked I know were there to greet her with a glad "Good morning" as she entered into that Life Beyond. I think I hear the Master say "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

NECIA E. BUCK,
437 N. 16th St., Corvallis, Ore.
Former Vice President N.D. WCTU
Field Worker and Organizer.

Our Friend

Dear friend of our White Ribbon band,
You have gone away to a better land,
Where no foe, nor evil nor sin prevail;
You have entered the harbor and furled your sail.
You have labored among us for many a year
And brought to us all a word of good cheer,
A word of courage, to be unafraid,
And thus our work its progress made.
Ah, dear old friend so kind and true
Who was ever faithful to the WCTU,
We will remember what you have done,
The tasks you accomplished, one by one.
And still we can hear you say from the past,
"Be ye unmovable, be ye steadfast;
In the work of the Lord always abound
Until your reward in Heaven is found."

(Mrs. Wilder used I Cor. 15:58 on her Institute leaflet).

MRS. H. E. WIELKE,
V. P. N. D. WCTU.

It was with sorrow and a sense of real loss that we learned of the serious illness and passing of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder. Our acquaintance began 25 years ago, when, young and inexperienced, I came as office secretary to the Florence Crittenton Home of Fargo, of which Mrs. Wilder was a Board Member.

Five years ago, upon Mrs. Wilder's recommendation, I was elected to the State Board of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and we had an opportunity to renew our friendship as we worked together on the Board. It was characteristic of Mrs. Wilder to be intensely interested in any work with which she was connected, and she did that work thoroughly and well. Her sympathetic and kindly nature gained for her a large circle of friends, and I have been happy to be included in that circle.

Her task here is finished, but the effect of her work, and her influence as a leader among the women of North Dakota will be felt for years to come.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM,
Treasurer, N. D. W. C. T. U.

A REVIEW

Ethel Hubler, editor and publisher of the National Voice, has in the past contributed to the Dry cause a series of notable booklets. Her latest publication, "The Editor's Private Corner," which is just off the press is, however, different in several respects from any of her previous volumes.

"The Editor's Private Corner" is not a booklet—it is a book of 127 pages. It is attractively printed in large type and has a two-color cover. It is packed full of humor, pathos, facts, fancy, statistics, poetry, history, and prophecy. Compiled from some of Miss Hubler's best writing over the past ten years and more, here is a book that will stir you and thrill you and incite you to vigorous action in behalf of a sober America.

It can be obtained for one dollar per copy from the author, Miss Ethel Hubler, 12 West Third Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

We Shall Meet but We Shall Miss Her

"It was so sudden" our white lips said;

"How we shall miss her, our beautiful dead!"

The unknown author of the above lines has well expressed the feelings of the WCTU women of North Dakota when we learned of the passing of our friend. I first saw and admired Mrs. Wilder when I attended my first state convention at Grafton in 1916. She brought a sense of vitality and a feeling of "Let us get at it right away", into every meeting in which I ever saw her. At the state convention held in Bismarck in 1918, as director of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, she gave the dedicatory address when the WCTU service flag was unveiled. I have never forgotten how well she looked and spoke that night. It was at that convention that she asked me to assist her with the duties of recording secretary, which office she gave up to serve as treasurer; I was elected in her place that year. Dismayed by the unfamiliar duties of the office, I appealed to her for instruction, and on the train coming home from Bismarck she gave much time to a practical demonstration of how to assemble reports for printing. In all the years since then, she never failed me when I asked for her help.

She has been a guest in my home several times, and I in hers. We were delegates together at the National convention of 1923, an unforgettable experience. I shared her love of poetry and good literature in general, and her sense of humor was always a joy. How we have laughed together! Once when she stayed with me while speaking in this corner of the state, I was reading proof on the state report; she, a much better proof reader, looked over some pages. We did not agree upon the capitalization of certain words; sure of my ground, I told her that Elizabeth Preston Anderson had told me that we must omit capitals whenever possible. Of course we both considered Mrs. Anderson the highest authority—she was National corresponding secretary at the time—so Kate yielded the point, but the letter that she wrote to me soon after she reached home contained not one single capital, except on the outside of the envelope! A humorous song of World War I, began my custom of calling her 'Beautiful Katie.' When charming Betty Wilder Holand's little ones learned to call her 'Grandma Katie' we knew the pleasure it gave her; she used to share with us the things they said.

God gave to Mrs. Wilder a splendid voice both for speaking and singing; she used the gift well. Her words were always impressive, and easy to hear, which meant much to one with impaired hearing. She never posed as a singer, but we shall miss her clear voice in the hymns at convention. It was my privilege to attend the funeral services held for her at Grand Forks in the church to which she belonged, and to look once more upon her face. She was beautiful in her last sleep; she looked surprisingly younger than when I had seen her last, during her illness. The gown of dull blue lace that she had worn when she presided at the state convention was accented by a corsage of beautiful roses on her shoulder, and just below it, over her heart, gleamed her WCTU pin. Dozens of floral tributes came from organizations and friends; the church and her apartment were fragrant with them. The Rev. Hubert N. Dukes, pastor of the church, conducted the services, reading many comforting and helpful passages from the Book of Books. His words were brief and well chosen. Two girls of Mrs. Wilder's class, which for some years had met in her home Sunday evenings, were the singers. Frances Towne sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and Ruth Haxo "The Lord's Prayer." Members of the WCTU, some from out of town, sat together at one side of the church, wearing their white ribbon bows. The Grand Forks union had found ways to help Mrs. Holand for several days, and they served afternoon lunch for the family and friends at Mrs. Wilder's apartment after the services. It seemed strange to be there without her, yet that enthusiastic spirit that many times has helped to lift us all to greater service, can never die. Unseen, her influence still lives.

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY,
Rec. Sec., N. D. WCTU.

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A Word to The Wise

I will write only a few lines here, because I have written elsewhere in this Memorial Issue of our paper. My hearty thanks go to all who have helped to make it. The sympathy of us all goes out to Mrs. Wilder's family. May God grant that some memories of their loving "Grandma Katie" may remain with little Roy Wilder and Mary Elizabeth Holand.

ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

As I am busily preparing for a trip around the state, I am looking forward to seeing many, many comrades. District conventions will not end the work for this year. The foremost question in my mind today is "What can we do to strengthen the work of our organization in our state?"

Statistics tell us that 50 million of our people drink. There are only one hundred million people in our nation over 15 years of age. Half of them are addicted to the use of beverage alcohol. Three million of these are excessive drinkers. Seven hundred and fifty thousand of these are chronic alcoholics. These are facts—not figures alone—alarming facts.

There are three hundred and sixty thousand licensed liquor places in the United States today. Compare that with one hundred and seventy-seven thousand in pre-prohibition days—more than double. In 1944, our most critical war year, the American people spent seven billion dollars for beverage alcohol. That is approximately the same sum that was spent for educational, religious and charitable work combined in the same period of time.

These facts are only part of the picture. Think of the misery, poverty, disease, crime, accidents, broken homes and long list of other evils that follow in its wake. It has no rightful place in our national life—nor in the ways of better living. True—it has been legalized for the present—what can we do about it?

1. Enlist younger women in our local unions or organize Iota Sigma Unions for these young members.

2. We must seek the cooperation of every church and enlist the church women as active members and men as honorary members.

3. It has been said that the local union with a vision is the local union that sponsors a Loyal Temperance Legion. Every member can find Friendship members in her own neighborhood. Great will be the reward if we can train a general of children to be total abstainers.

4. We must promote Narcotic Education in the home, church, and school. Through our Narcotic Education Fund we hope to train teachers to teach narcotic education. Last year we failed to raise our quota and our state treasurer reports that we are lagging behind again this year. Funds are easily raised today and every member could easily raise \$3.00 in one afternoon if an earnest attempt was made. Ten per cent of this fund goes to National WCTU for Narcotic Education work. Can we count on each one to do their share? Let us invest some money in this cause that we so dearly love. The wets believe in advertising and through it are reaching into the American home for new recruits. Dare we slow up the work because there are no funds?

5. We must organize more unions, LTLs, YTCs, Iota Sigmas, more districts. The most effective work in education and legislation is done where organizations are strongest.

6. We must 'study to show ourselves approved'— "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

7. We must work through legislation. Through the Washington letter in the Union Signal, we can keep informed about Federal legislation. Let us faithfully write to our Congressmen, supporting such bills as will improve the moral conditions in our country. Let us be civic-minded and strive to better our communities.

8. Through prayer let us seek guidance and help for all our work, remembering that through "Christ who strengtheneth me" I can do all things. The present day liquor problem is a challenge to every Christian man or woman. Let us endeavor to change these conditions in our state, for, with God's help, we can do it.

The National WCTU convention will be held in Minneapolis this year, September 19-24. This affords a great opportunity to attend a national convention and I hope many of our members will take advantage of it. If any are planning to attend, will you please let me know so that we can make you voting

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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delegates if our quota of delegates is not filled. We are allowed one delegate at large and one for every 500 members of the WCTU and YTC for whom auxiliary dues have been paid into the national treasury; one delegate for every one thousand LTL members whose dues have been paid into the National treasury, besides the five state officers, the state editor and state LTL and YTC secretaries.

Our state convention will meet in Bismarck this fall, dates to be announced later. It is our first convention since 1944 and it is hoped that we will have a good attendance.

Now about membership. Do you want your president to appear on the platform at the National convention on "President's Night"? If so we must show a net gain in membership and have all dues in to the National Treasurer by SEPTEMBER 1. That means you must get your dues into the state treasury before AUGUST 15. Let us honor our state—North Dakota must be counted among the progressive states. I AM COUNTING ON YOUR COOPERATION.

Sincerely yours,
BESSIE M. DARLING.

Treasurer's Report

March 20—May 20, 1946

DUES: Edinburg 1, Menango 2, Rock Lake 2, Grand Forks 2, Bismarck 3, Plaza 1, Langdon 11, LaMoure 15, Fargo 4, Mott 2, Jamestown 7, Lisbon 3, Flasher 1.
L. T. L.: Plaza 20.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS: Life, Miss Emma Almen, Edinburg Union.

CHILD: Robert Danny Brudevold, by grandmother, Mrs. Mae Brudevold, president of Julia D. Nelson Union of Fargo.

BUDGET: Bismarck \$3.00, Langdon \$18.00, Valley City \$33.00, Flasher \$5.00, Park River \$22.00.

District Pledge: Fargo \$20.00, New Rockford \$10.00, Ellendale \$5.00, Ransom-LaMoure \$10.00.

LITERATURE & SUPPLIES: \$4.57.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Fargo \$22.00, Jamestown \$40.00, Edinburg \$9.30, Grand Forks \$10.00, Gilby \$12.00, Nekoma \$10.00, Flasher \$13.00, Calvin \$10.00. (Gilby's contribution to Narcotic Education is in memory of Mrs. Geo. Sauer, Mrs. David Sampson and Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, all former members of Gilby Union.)

GRAND FORKS UNION contributed \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Wilder, and \$2.00 in memory of Mrs. Edward Galager of Thompson, N. D. By Mrs. Frank Beasley in memory of Mrs. Wilder, \$3.00. To the Kate S. Wilder Memorial Fund, Fargo Union \$1.00. Oberon \$1.00.

UNION SIGNAL: \$2.50.

LIGHT LINE UNION: Bismarck \$5.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Larimore \$2.00, Plaza \$2.00, Powers Lake \$2.00, Tioga \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS FUND: Edinburg \$2.00, Powers Lake \$2.00.

Your treasurer now has on hand a supply of containers to aid you in making up your quota for the Narcotic Education Fund. Each container will hold three dollars in quarters. You may receive a supply by writing the office of the corresponding secretary or direct to your state treasurer. The cost three cents each.

MRS. IVER FOSSUM, Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM

Out of the chill and the shadow
Into the thrill and the shine!
Out of the dearth and famine
Into the fullness Divine!
Out of the sigh and the silence
Into the deep-swellung song!
Out of the exile and bondage
Into the home-gathered throng.

Margaret Sangster.

A Prayer for Morning

Let me not look behind night's pause of peace,
Now it is day
With courage and with joy let me go forth
Anew, I pray;
Resolved that I shall strive, as my strength is,
To do my part
Each hour with kindness and sincerity
And a high heart.
—E. A. Tilden in Mass. "Our Message."

A Little Parable for Mothers

By Temple Bailey

The Young Mother set her foot on the path of life.
"Is the way long?" she asked.
And the guide said, "Yes, And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."
But the young Mother was happy and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way and bathed them in clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good, and the Young Mother cried: "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this!"

Then night came, and storm and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid now, for you are near, and no harm can come to us," and the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the Mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said: "We could not have done it without you, Mother."

And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness—Yesterday, I gave them courage, Today, I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth—clouds of war and hate and evil and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up! Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said: "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their Mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was light as a feather, and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

(The above "Parable" is taken from a souvenir which was passed out by the sponsors of a "Mother-Daughter" Banquet in an Oregon High School to the Mothers who were present.

We hope that many "Young Mothers" will read and treasure it in their hearts against the days when life seems almost more than they can bear.—Ed. (Reprinted from Kansas WCTU State Paper of June 1945.)

OUR BLESSED DEAD

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

"Courage O heart! Night's torches fill the sky;
How many a star in that star-scattered zone
Whose beauty breaks the desert of the dark
Has fallen ages since from his high throne!

Yet still the night his burning glory holds,
And still his beauty storms our prison bars;
His trail is blazed across the longest night.
Sing on O heart, the promise of the stars."

Notes From the Unions

The Williston high school senior girls, their advisors, and the wives of the Williston pastors were entertained Monday afternoon, April 29, by the WCTU in the parlors of the Methodist church. The fireplace and tables were decorated with bouquets of spring flowers. Mrs. P. I. Dahlen, general chairman, welcomed the guests. The 23rd Psalm was read by Mrs. A. W. Teske and the work of the WCTU was explained by Mrs. Stuart A. Parvin. Mrs. Oscar Westberg sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. K. Iverson; this was followed by two humorous dialect readings by Mrs. Erling Ahlson. A piano solo was played by Duane Erickson and Mrs. Jacob Cope presented a piano and violin number. Mrs. Peter Erickson was in charge of the program. Each guest was presented with a bright colored knit bracelet, with a small book of scripture verses attached, by Grace Ann Birkland. At the close of the afternoon a tray lunch was served to the fifty guests. Mrs. C. M. Sonne sends us this fine account of Williston activities.

Wallace Warner, State Attorney of Walsh county, was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Park River union. He told of the duties of his office, and of some of the things he had done more than was required by law. Two new members were received at that meeting, making a total of five gained there since the new year began.

The Oakes union was organized in October by Mrs. Fred Meissner, a national organizer. The membership is now 59, with 5 honorary members. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president, was honor guest of the union on January 16th. She spoke in the high school convocation in the forenoon, addressed a public meeting in the American Lutheran church in the afternoon, members of the Ellendale and Glover unions being present. In the evening an informal executive meeting was held. A temperance book shelf has been placed in the public library for reference work. Used Christmas cards, to the amount of 21 pounds, were sent to the Save the Children Federation. Typed copies of the anti-liquor bills pending in Washington have been distributed and members urged to contact their senators and representatives asking them to support the same. A Y.T.C. is in the formative stage, and an LTL meets under the direction of Miss Alma Knox. To Mrs. T. H. Ferber, who sends us this news, and all the membership, we say "Good work!"

The Frances Willard union of Grand Forks held its regular April meeting at the Covenant Mission church April 26 at 8 o'clock in the evening. This was combined with the special meeting at which the county wide temperance essay contest work is emphasized and prizes awarded the winners. Fine work has been done with the cooperation of the county superintendent of schools, Miss Hilda Christianson. Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, local president, presided; the meeting began with the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Devotions were led by Mrs. P. L. Johnson; Mrs. Hermanson gave the verse "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." A trumpet solo by Richard Nystrom with his mother as accompanist, and two songs by a very small soloist, four-year-old Priscilla Olson, were very much enjoyed. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, gave a very instructive talk on the history of the WCTU and the importance of scientific temperance instruction. The winning essays were read, and the prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 were presented to the winners by Mrs. Darling. They were, First, Mae Lange, Reynolds, from Union 53, teacher Idella Rydland. Second, Louise Sather, Larimore, school Maraine 76, teacher Marian Moen. Third, Wilmar Holweger, Meckinock School 24, teacher Marie Solsing. Miss L. Simonson, deputy county superintendent, brought greetings from their office and presented each winner with a gift. Other delightful musical numbers included a flute solo by Beverly Hageli, accompanied by her mother, and two vocal solos by Miss Ruby Olson. The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer and the state motto, in unison. Hostesses were Mrs. A. V. Shepard, Mrs. I. Gilseth and Mrs. H. C. Nelson. We are indebted to Mrs. A. N. Sorbo for this account of the meeting.

The Langdon union met in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rector at the hotel, the evening of April 8, with a good attendance. The hostess was in charge of the program, which included a quiz, answers for which had been given out. Mrs. Frank Beasley, the state recording secretary, was present and gave an informal talk, answering questions about details of the work.

The Nekoma union met at the farm home May 22. Each member invited as a guest, a young mother with little children. Due to illness and other things, not all members were present, but about 30 neighbors spent an enjoyable afternoon together. Mrs. George Sholy, president, welcomed the visitors. The guests assisted with the program, which consisted of songs by Mrs. Clarence Christopherson, who accompanied herself with her guitar; Joyce Flom, who came after school to sing, with her mother at the piano; and a vocal duet, also after school, by the Misses Christine and Myrtle Gjevve. Readings were given by

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Lloyd Ormiston and Mrs. Henry Medalen. Nine little boys and girls were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits, the 'baby show' being no small part of the pleasure of the day.

The Grafton union met at the home of County Superintendent and Mrs. A. G. Strand Thursday, May 16. Two new members were received. Mrs. A. M. Herbison led devotions, during which all stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder. Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, the district president, and Mrs. Frank Beasley, state recording secretary, were guests and took part in the program. Informal discussion and a delightful lunch were other pleasant features of the afternoon.

Personal Mention

We regret to say that Eleanor Lundhagen has had another attack of illness, which has interfered materially with her school work.

It was happy news for her many friends when Mrs. Fred M. Wanner reported that she was home from the hospital, and walking with crutches a little every day, with some assistance. Her sister Jessie, who is Mrs. Frank H. Walker of Rio, Wis., came to be with her for a time. One pleasure Mrs. Wanner had while still in the hospital, was a visit from one of her 'boys,' Dr. Ralph Montague, now of Bismarck, who stayed with her all during his student days at Jamestown College. He had recently been discharged from the army. Other visitors were her son, Dan Wanner of Crosby, and her grandson-in-law, Lt. Wm. Vogel, another recently discharged veteran.

Mrs. Annie Catherwood, in faithfully sending her report of the meetings of Park River union, told of receiving a beautiful box of jonquils from a former Park River woman, Mrs. Ida Honey Nickerson of Portland, Ore. Mrs. Catherwood has sold her house in Park River, and moved to an apartment nearer to the business section of the town. Moving from a home of many years, is always difficult; we hope she will enjoy the new location.

Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl of Edinburg is rejoicing in the final safe return of all her boys—two sons and two sons-in-law—who were in the armed forces. Her youngest son, John, made a visit to relatives in Norway when he had leave in Germany; the fact that he does not speak the Norwegian language did not keep him from having a wonderful time, as his uncle who speaks English went with him everywhere.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling and Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state president and vice president respectively, have been out attending district conventions during the past few weeks.

I Wish My Mummy Didn't Smoke

As Confided to Roy L. Smith

I know my mummy loves me. She dresses me up in nice clothes. She feeds me on the things that are good for me. She buys me lots of things. She reads books about how to take care of me. She sits up with me when I don't feel good. She will do most anything for me. But I wish she didn't smoke!

I've never had a clean kiss in all my life. Sometimes her breath is awful bad; and when she kisses me just after she has been smoking, it almost makes me sick. All the time there's something funny tasting about it. Once it made me sick and I cried and she said it was something I had eaten.

She was fixing my oatmeal the other morning and smoking, and she got ashes in it. 'Course she didn't see it, but I had to eat it.

I get so tired of living in smoke all the time. It hurts my eyes and I rub them hard and she doesn't know what's the matter.

The worst thing is when she lays a cigarette down and the blue smoke gets into my eyes and nose and stings and stings. She doesn't know why I fuss so much, and sometimes she shakes me for being bad.

Sometimes my lungs hurt from so much smoke and I cry and mummy gets cross and I don't know how to tell her and then we both get fussy and mummy tells my daddy that I have been "just awful all day."

And I don't like the way some men look at my mummy when we are eating in a restaurant and she is smoking.

Maybe I'll get used to it, but it's awful hard on a little fellow like me. I like fresh air and clean things. I feel so good when I get outdoors and away from my mummy's smoke.

Sometimes mummy has company in the afternoon and when all the "girls" begin to smoke and there aren't any windows open, it gets terrible and I get cross and mummy says, "I don't know what's wrong with that child today. Why can't he be good when there's company in the house?"

Once, when she was holding me and smoking, I got some ashes in my eye and it hurt awful and I screamed and screamed and that night she told Daddy I had a temper tantrum. I don't know what a temper tantrum is, but it sure hurts.

I wish my mummy didn't.

—The Christian Advocate.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Bismarck

The 36th Annual Convention of Bismarck District WCTU was held in the First Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota, May 15, 1946, with Mrs. Philip Stolberg, the district president, presiding. The convention opened with singing the "Crusade Hymn," and Mrs. Wernich of Bismarck, who was in charge of Devotions, read from Isaiah 43.

Mrs. Paul Hayes welcomed the guests with some very fine remarks. Response was ably given by Mrs. Dalenberg of Steele.

Reports of the district secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. Mrs. Stolberg, the district president, reported handing out temperance literature at the convention of educators at the N.D.E.A. meeting last fall. Efforts had been made to organize new unions. The importance of family membership was stressed.

Reports from the several unions were given. Mrs. Darling was introduced and made a member of the convention. The need of the Y. T. C. auxiliary and a membership drive to increase the number of members for the 75th anniversary was stressed.

The Memorial Hour was in charge of Mrs. Chas. Liessman who read a poem and gave some appropriate remarks on the scripture text "God shall wipe away all tears." Tribute was paid to Mrs. Kate Wilder, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Dalenberg's son, O. E. Erickson, and Sue Harrington Carlson. Mrs. Darling led in the noontide prayer.

The afternoon session opened at 1:20. Mrs. Capt. Bailey in charge of Devotionals, read from Mark 14. She spoke very fittingly on "She hath done what she could."

Mrs. McCurdy spoke very ably on Narcotic Education. North Dakota is one of seven states without a uniform drug law.

Mrs. Darling gave a very interesting and instructive talk. She spoke very feelingly of Mrs. Wilder who was so recently called home. Miss Elsworth of Flasher gave one of her very fine talks on L. T. L. work.

Plans were discussed for the State WCTU Convention to be held in Bismarck some time this fall. A pot luck lunch was served at noon and after the close of the convention in the church basement. Delegates and guests were in attendance from Flasher, Steele, McKenzie and Bismarck.

New Rockford

The district convention was held at New Rockford May 3, with Mrs. H. F. Taplin presiding. The church was decorated with flowers and posters, snapdragons were used in the impressive Memorial service conducted by Mrs. Taplin, and a lovely corsage was presented to the guest speaker, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, State vice president. Out-of-town delegates and guests at the morning session were entertained at a cafe for luncheon. At the forenoon meeting Mrs. Mielke spoke on Narcotic Education: in the afternoon she gave points of interest in local union work. Her main address, "This Is My Task" stressed the responsibility of every Christian in the face of the present liquor situation, and the importance of active WCTU work. Beautiful music by the Lutheran Ladies' Sextette, Mrs. Grace Topp and others, featured the program. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. H. F. Taplin, New Rockford; V. P., Mrs. George Swanson, Carrington; treasurer, Mrs. Weiser, Carrington; Rec. Sec., Mrs. George Schaffner, Oberon; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Howard Rice, New Rockford.

Fargo

The annual convention of the Fargo district WCTU was held in Fargo April 23, at the YWCA. Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, the acting president, was in charge. Reports of district officers and local unions were read, and the following officers elected: president, Mrs. W. M. Franklin, Fargo; V. P., Mrs. A. N. Lindsay, Mapleton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. H. D. Kemis, Fargo; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Landbloom, Fargo. At the Memorial service, led by Mrs. Landbloom of the Julia D. Nelson union, special honor was given to the memory of our loved Kate S. Wilder. Noontide prayer was led by Mrs. J. W. Frisbie of Casselton. In the afternoon, three excellent talks were given. Mrs. Franklin told of her work in scientific temperance instruction in the schools. Mrs. Frisbie, general secretary of LTL, spoke on the reasons for and importance of the Loyal Temperance Legion. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, state president, addressed the convention on our work, using for her theme "Let the People Know." It was not only a challenge, but a soul stirring plea for an awakening to present day needs. A solo by Patricia Carlson, "Bless This House," was much enjoyed. Three little children were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits.

James Valley

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the James Valley District WCTU was held Friday, May 10th, in the Congregational Church of Jamestown.

Mrs. Alex Burr of Jamestown was re-elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were Mrs. Andrew Fritch of Valley City, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Worley of Valley City, Secretary; and Mrs. J. Schmidt of Jamestown, Treasurer.

Two addresses on the afternoon's program were presented by the Rev. G. E. Splinter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown and Mrs. Bessie M. Darling of Grand Forks, State President. The first address was a daring exposure of present conditions and also of the subtle tactics employed by the brewers and liquor dealers. Mrs. Darling's address was by way of contrast, an appeal to wake up and let the people know the truth about alcohol. Both were very effective in arousing and holding the interest of their listeners.

The Jamestown union reported one public meeting held with Attorney General Nels Johnson of Bismarck as guest speaker. They also held a Frances Willard Tea, to which they invited the teachers of the city schools.

The Valley City union reported that with the cooperation of the Ministerial association, they had succeeded in bringing the taverns up from the basements to street levels. They also instigated an investigation of the county jail which was reported to be in bad condition. This was later found to be true. A future meeting with the county commissioners has been planned to bring about an improvement in these conditions. Thus the work goes on.

Ellendale

The district meeting of Ellendale District WCTU convened at Oakes May 15 in the American Lutheran church, with Mrs. H. E. Mielke, State vice president, and Rev. H. H. Tromburg, pastor of the Nazarene church as speakers. Details of the program are lacking, but the reporter says if even part of the fine ideas and plans presented by the speakers are put to work, it will result in much good.

Ransome - LaMoure

The 46th annual district convention was held at the Fairview church, Englevale on May 14, with Mrs. H. E. Mielke, State vice president, as guest speaker. The highlights were a talk "Let the People Know," by Mrs. Dunsdon of Edgeley; the dedication of three White Ribbon Recruits, and Memorial services for the late Mrs. Lucinda Dunsdon of Edgeley and Mr. Wilbur Hanson of Lisbon. Mrs. Mielke's address, "This Is My Task" was instructive and interesting. The convention went on record as being opposed to universal military training, and resolved to make renewed efforts to fight alcoholism and drug addiction. Miss Grace Kylestad, Englevale, and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Lisbon, were soloists. Every union in the district was well represented; there were 22 delegates in all, besides the members of the Fairview union, which was the hostess union, and several visitors. This made a large crowd and every one agreed that it was a very good convention. Officers re-elected were Mrs. Paul Hanson of Englevale, President; Mrs. E. A. Scea, of Dickey, V. P.; Mrs. Anna Sox, Edgeley, Treasurer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth of Edgeley, Recording Secretary. Mrs. Leon Hanson of Englevale is the newly elected Corresponding Secretary.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea;
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam.
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

—Tennyson.

PROMOTED

"Great peace have they who lay their burdens down
Within whose wealth of service lies the merited crown.
Like columned bird-clans homing come to rest
These travelers from closing ranks
Move onward to the blest."

Program Guide

JULY

WOMAN of the MONTH—Mary T. Lathrap Family Picnic

Guests: Returned Service Men and Women

Song: "America," p 1.

Salute to the Flag.

Worship: Psalm I (repeat in unison)

Speech Contests: (1)

Let Youth Speak (2)

Let the Women Speak (3)

Family Playtime: Relays, ball games and other sports.

Activities: Instruct officers, branch secretaries, and department directors to assemble annual reports for August Porch Meeting. Place order for new Program Guides, and Program Guide Packets. Suggestion: Serve Long Distance Lemonade.

Source Materials: (1) The Union Signal, June 1 (Speech Contests). (2) Junior Approved Selections No. 16"; (3) Senior Approved Selections No. 17."

AUGUST

WOMAN of the MONTH—Sallie F. Chapin Porch Meeting

Worship: Matt. 25:21.

The Forward Look—1946-1947: What have we accomplished during the year in membership, finances, youth organizations (YTC and LTL), White Ribbon Recruits, Narcotics Education program, department projects and activities, and the correlation of this program into other organizations?

The Forward Look—1946-1947: What shall we accomplish during the new year? Decide on definite projects—organization, finance, branch and department activities.

Activities: Each officer, branch secretary, and department director should place written report on file. Send annual local union corresponding secretary's report through proper channels promptly. Have all membership dues and special funds been forwarded? Check with local or county treasurer. Announce Executive Committee Meeting to complete suggested plans for the new year. Have you purchased the Program Guide and Program Guide Packet for 1946-1947? Suggestion: Serve hot Red Clover tea (see "Teas of the U. S. A.," p. 28,) and cold fresh spring water.

Source Materials: The Union Signal, July 13.

Insurance

Today I took out life insurance for my beautiful little baby. It was quite costly, but I feel in the years to come it will be well worth while.

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I want to invest while my little son is a baby as it is easier then to pay the premium and I can rejoice in his future prospects as I see him grow. I think about it often at night and I pray the God will help me to see it through. I must not fail even tho things may look very dark sometimes and I wonder if my sacrifice is in vain. I have friends in the company and I know a number in a rival company larger perhaps than mine but I don't like their dividends. Some people tell me "stick to your own concern, we are in the other and we can't get out now, but we wish we had joined yours."

I promised God if he gave me a little son he should have the best. I am looking to the future—the far view—so I know my investment is solvent and the older my boy gets the larger the dividend.

If he misses any dividends it will be his fault for not cashing in on the premiums. That's what I tell those in the other concern: "Come over into mine, you may not apparently have as large premium now, but you will have a safe one."

Do you know the name of my insurance company? It is the Total Abstinence Insurance Company. My branch is called the Child Welfare Division.

God's Book sold it to me and even if I do have to work every day to make it pay, I am willing for God has promised me "A crown of life that fadeth not away." And to my boy "An open door and no man can shut it, because he has kept the word" and then God goes on to say, "And I will keep him from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world."

So I signed the pledge.

MRS. HERBERT FALLIN.
in Md. White Ribbon Herald.

Growing Lovely

Let me grow lovely, growing old,
So many fine things do;
Laces and ivory and gold
And silks need not be new.
And there is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamour hold;
Why may not I, as well as these
Grow lovely, growing old?

—Boston Transcript.

Quoted by Rev. Dukes at Mrs. Wilder's funeral.

IN MEMORIAM

"Sometimes long after the sun has gone,

As we watch at the close of day,

The sky is bright with a rosy light,

'Mid the evening shadows gray.

"Long after a beautiful life has gone

To that fair world on high,

Our lives are bright with a lingering light,

For a true life cannot die."

IN MEMORIAM

That death seems but a covered way

Which opens into light,

Wherein no blinded child can stray

Beyond the Father's sight.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

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