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## Come, Little Jesus

Come, little Jesus, Your birthday is ready,  
The lights even now are lit bright on Your tree;  
The night air is vibrant with bells and with carols  
That herald each year Your Nativity.  
Come, little Jesus, Your birthday is ready.

Oh!—Is it for Me you are waiting?  
I did not know you remembered My birth.  
Dimly I've heard the sounds of your feting,  
But above them the shrieks of men's frightful hating.  
Where is peace? Where good will on earth?

There are hearts where peace reigns, little Jesus,  
And in these there is good will toward men;  
In them is Your gracious kingdom,  
Where each year You are born again.  
Come, little Jesus, Your birthday is ready.

—EDITH F. HUNTINGTON

## State President's Message

The first month of our new year has slipped by and we are now well into the second month. Our last Bulletin brought your president's address and her recommendations that were adopted at our state convention. These are the working plans for the new year and I trust that every union has studied them and put them into operation.

Our state convention which was held in our capitol city was a most inspirational and informative meeting. Even though it was held just a few days after the close of the national convention in Minneapolis, the attendance was very good. There were delegates or officers from all the districts in the state and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the entire convention. Our hostess union had planned well for our convenience and comfort and it was a happy time for everyone in attendance. We did, however, miss many familiar faces and felt their absences. Among them were our two honorary presidents Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson and Mrs. Fred M. Wanner. The former, after a pleasant summer in her cottage at Detroit Lakes, Minn., had returned to her home at 439 Belvedere, LaJolla, Calif. The latter found getting around a little too difficult to attend a state convention. Then there was the absence of our state vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Hielke, who had so recently suffered a great bereavement in the home—going of her husband. Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, then state corresponding secretary, was unable to leave her full time job. Last but by no means least we missed beyond words our departed co-worker and friend, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder.

We regret the retirement at their own request, of two state officers, Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen and Mrs. Iver Fossum. Mrs. Lundhagen was elected state corresponding secretary when Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie retired in 1940. She served the state well in this capacity and she will be missed greatly by our general officers and members throughout the state. It has become necessary for Mrs. Lundhagen to drop some of her work to preserve her strength for her full time job. We are looking forward to the time when she will be more free to assist with this work which we know she loves.

Mrs. Iver Fossum was elected our state treasurer in 1941 and has very ably served in this capacity. She is a very fine leader and presided beautifully at the convention dinner. She too has found the work too heavy with the numerous other tasks that demand her time. These two retiring officers have rendered valuable service to our great cause and we will miss them, but their interest will not die and they will continue to render service. We love them and wish them well.

We welcome to our official family Mrs. F. T. Brooks, state corresponding secretary, from Minot. She is well known in our state as she has served as local and district officer. At the present time she is also district president of Minot district. Mrs. Howard Kemis of Fargo is our new state treasurer and comes to us highly recommended by the Julia D. Nelson Union of which she has been a valuable member for a long time.

I trust, dear comrades, that you will give these new officers the same consideration and co-operation that you have given all your state officers. To them and to the new state directors we say "Welcome, welcome, welcome. North Dakota WCTU can be very proud of its fine record this past year and we hope every union will carefully read and study our new State Minutes (as



MRS. F. T. BROOKS  
New Corresponding Secretary

soon as received), that its membership may know what has been accomplished. We rejoice that we have increased our membership, added new unions, LTLs and YTCs. Our treasury has been swelled with new members' dues, unions paying budgets in full, Honorary Memberships, offerings and gifts to the Narcotic Education Fund. All this because the rank and file of our organization worked harder than ever spreading the truth about alcohol and thus creating sentiment for total abstinence.

The result of our recent election was most encouraging and we are all rejoicing over it. It is our first victory since the Liquor Control Law was passed in our state. It might be possible that the wets helped our cause with their malicious advertising. Falsehood can go only so far and I rejoice that our voters of the state rose up in majority for the defense of honesty and decency. There will be hard fighting ahead but let us be prepared and march forward never forgetting the C in our name and the necessity for T if we want our future citizens to be sober and decent.

You will note in the President's Recommendations that every union is asked to hold a "Hospitality Tea". A program on World WCTU work, leaders past and present, and notables coming to world's convention next summer should be interesting to all members. Friends should also be invited. Money should be sent to state treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis, 725 Oak St., Fargo, N. D. She will send it on to the national treasurer Miss V. Black for the entertainment of the World's Convention, Asbury Park, N. J. I urge that you hold this tea early in the year so that the national treasurer may know how much she can count on from this source.

Note also the Rainbow Quiz—district presidents make up your quiz immediately and present in person to your local unions if it is possible. That will give you an opportunity to visit your unions. One district president has already reported her quiz to me and her unions are working towards those goals.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president and membership chairman is working for an increased membership by September 1, 1947. Let us aim at 2,000 for our state this year. That would only be a fraction over 500 to gain this year. Above all things hold our present membership by collecting dues from all old members.

This year the general officers decided to divide our YTC dues so that local Councils will have something for local work. Dues will remain at 50 cents per year and 30 cents will go to the state WCTU treasury but 20 cents will remain in local treasury. Then where a state Wild-Rose Council is organized the entire 50 cents will go to the state YTC treasurer. Who will be the first to report a new YTC or an LTL?

Thank you, dear members one and all, for your share in my  
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## STATE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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Honorary Life Membership in the National WCTU. It was such a pleasant surprise and something I will always treasure and more so because it came from you.

When this reaches you, you will be planning for the greatest of all church days—Christmas—the birthday of the Christ Child. Without Christmas there can be no Easter so it is truly the greatest of days. As we read the Christmas story again and joyously sing the Christmas carols let us not forget to give thanks unto God for his unspeakable gift to us.

I know that in every heart there is a great desire for a world-wide enduring peace may we therefore in the months and years ahead give of ourselves in word, work, prayer and material gifts for the promotion of peace. In our Christmas preparations let us not forget the sick, the sorrowing, the lonely and the unfortunate and thus help to spread joy. The secret of Christmas happiness lies in the desire to make others happy. To you, dear comrades, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

"Ah, peaceful shepherds of the plains,

You saw, and so you know;

But, shepherds, we who have not seen

Went down to Bethlehem too

We did not take the road you trod,

But still we found Him, Son of God."

—Will Allen Dromgoole.

Yours in service,

BESSIE M. DARLING.

## Notes From the Unions

The Fairdale union, reorganized a little over a year ago, has done a very good thing in appointing a Publicity chairman, Mrs. Arnold Clemens, who has sent in reports of all the meetings they have held since she was appointed. In September the union met at the Lutheran parsonage, at which time annual reports were given and officers elected. Mrs. George Latulippe is the new president, Mrs. Joel Flom, vice president, Mrs. Joe Fosholm, secretary and Mrs. H. O. Jeglum, treasurer. A number of songs by the audience, devotions led by Mrs. Latulippe, a reading by Mrs. Clemens and a solo by Mrs. Jeglum made up the program. Mrs. O. J. Bilstad, the retiring president, was hostess and served lunch. In October the union met with Mrs. Jeglum; Mrs. Joel Flom read a report of the National convention. Several visitors were present, and a new member was received, one of several that this union has gained. They have made plans for poster and speech contest work this year.

The Park River union met with Mrs. Catherwood in her apartment for their October meeting, an interesting feature of the program being the poems (?)—in which the members told how they earned the money they gave to bring their quota of the Narcotic Education Fund up to date. The reporter says that the star poets were Mesdames Cross, Shaw and Carl Larson, but all were much enjoyed. One woman earned her money picking potatoes, one working in a store, one doing knitting, one tending babies, and it all shows what can be done when there is the will to do. Rev. Jorgenson was present and gave a fine talk on the issues of the election, and how the ballot should be marked. The union voted to write the Walsh county states attorney, Wallace Warner, and also to the city council, to express appreciation of action taken in the case of proved sale to minors by a Park River liquor store. They also voted to have a "Why Drink?" statement printed in the local paper. Mrs. Catherwood says, "We are not as big a union as we used to be long ago, but I think we are just as enthusiastic." More power to them!

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner was happy to be able to be hostess for the October meeting of the Jamestown union, which was held at her home October 29. Officers were elected, Mrs. John Schmitt consenting to serve again as president and Mrs. Hart as vice president. This union joined with the Ministerial Association in running five big advertisements in the local papers before the November election, and Rev. Gerald Splinter gave a fine Sunday sermon on the temperance issues involved.

The Williston union met October 25 at the Ernest Huston home, with Mrs. Huston and Mrs. Don Fish as hostesses. Mrs. Stuart Parvin led devotions. The 'Foot of Quarters' project was presented at the business meeting by the president, Mrs. Fish, with the slogan "Each Foot Is One Step Forward for Alcohol Education." A report of the state convention at Bismarck was given by the delegates, Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Leslie Chase. A new active member and two honoraries were received at this meeting; in September they also received an active and an honorary member. This union is doing very excellent work, with steady growth. We are indebted to Mrs. C. M. Sonne for the fine reports.

The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was hostess for the November roll call meeting of the Grand Forks union,

fine meeting, with about half their dues paid, and one renewed member. Now the treasurer will need to get in touch with the rest.

The Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo met at the Florence Crittenton Home November 13. The state president's recommendations were read, and Mrs. Mae Brudevold gave some high lights of the National convention. Miss Bronson, superintendent of the Home, gave an interesting talk about the work of that institution. The union presented the Home with gifts of groceries and the offering that day. Mrs. Howard Kemis gave us this assisted by Mrs. W. Rolland. We are told only that they had a port.

The Minot union met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Christenson November 8. Mrs. Ray Harris led devotions, Mrs. C. O. Carlson discussed "Difficulties for Peace" and Mrs. J. H. Mackley's topic was "And Now Abides Hope." Mrs. Mackley also sang "I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart". The Minot union has seven new members already this year; good work!

Mrs. F. T. Brooks, president of the Minot district, recently visited her unions at Plaza and Parshall. At Plaza the meeting was held in the evening, at the home of Mrs. N. R. Heinzen, with Mrs. Reum entertaining. The attendance was good; plans are being made for essay, poster and speech contest work in the school. Mrs. George Perry, the new local secretary, led devotions; the rest of the time was given to Mrs. Brooks who discussed the president's recommendations and told about the state and national conventions. The Rev. Nordmark also spoke briefly. In the afternoon Mrs. Brooks spoke in the Junior and Senior High schools, at the invitation of Supt. R. W. Goheen. At Parshall, the meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Carlson; though it was a stormy day, there was a very good attendance. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Axel Olson, Mrs. E. O. Lerberg presided. Mrs. R. Hauser led devotions, after which Mrs. Brooks again talked informally on plans for the coming year, and the conventions she had attended. This is the kind of work a district president should do.

The New Rockford union sponsored a poster contest in the grade school of that city last year. They planned to take a fresh start in November, after a summer's vacation.

The Nekoma union has been handicapped, as usual, by bad roads; their scattered membership finds it hard to get together except when the weather is good. The October meeting was held at the home of the president, Mrs. George Sholy, with Mrs. Bertha Flom assistant hostess. Mrs. Beasley told about the National convention.

## Christmas

Some other time we will think of scars,  
Of the nails and the crown of thorn;  
But today we will sing with the morning stars  
That little King Jesus is born.

Soft hands pressed to His mother's breast—  
Mary, the Jewish maid,  
She croons the little King Jesus to rest  
In the manger where He is laid.

Some other time we will think of woe  
And the dust on His garment's hem,  
And the weary road that He had to go  
From the stable of Bethlehem.

But, now as the shadow of night is spent,  
And morn with glad tidings thrills,  
We will go the way that the Wise Men went,  
And the shepherds of the hills—

Today, when His baby finger tips  
Put hush on His mother's sighs,  
They are smiles on the little King Jesus' lips  
And laughter is in His eyes.

—John Steven McGroarty.

## Methodist Women Endorse Program

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the state president, has received a letter from Mildred Russell, the recording secretary of the Woman's society for Christian Service, of the Methodist church, stating that at the annual meeting of that group, at Mandan in October, they went on record as favoring the continued co-operation with and approval of the program of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Their organization will continue, as during the past year, to designate one month in 1947, in which temperance study will be stressed. We wish the women of other churches would take similar action, and that all would become members of the WCTU also.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, our Honorary President, is nicely located in the new home of her son, Dr. Howard Anderson, at 439 Belvidere St., LaJolla, Calif. She returned there by car with Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, after spending the summer at her cottage at Detroit Lakes. Shortly before she left the cottage, she had a fall, with painful bruises and strained ligaments resulting, but she has recovered very well and while we shiver, is undoubtedly strolling along the sea shore walk, as she loves to do, in the warm air of Southern California.

It is a matter of satisfaction to us all, and particularly to the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks, of which she is a member, that Miss Hilda Christianson, Superintendent of Schools of Grand Forks County, was named the Outstanding Educator of North Dakota for 1946 at the fall meeting of the N. D. E. A. held in Fargo, in October. Miss Christianson has helped to stress narcotic education in the rural schools of her county.

Miss Christine Gjevre of Fairdale, life member of the N. D. WCTU, who is completing her 25th year of teaching in North Dakota, is doing so under difficulties. A car in which she was riding upset, and Miss Gjevre has a broken right arm. Her substitute not being able to continue, she went back to the school room herself recently, having found that a left hand can be amazingly useful when necessary.

Mrs. J. A. Burgum, of Arthur, these many years a member and helper in our work, suffered a broken hip several months ago, but the fact only recently came to the editor's attention. We are glad to report that she is getting along well. We wonder if the enforced inactivity of her body will not give us even more poems and stories, from her active mind.

Mrs. T. O. Thompson, member of Nekoma union, is spending the winter in Fargo with her husband, at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Severson.

Mrs. L. E. Hennigar, formerly president of the Williston union, has returned there, and is again helping with the work.

Our director of Speech Contests and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hermanson of Grand Forks, are spending the winter in a warmer climate. Going first to Hot Springs, Ark., they plan to be in California with their daughters, Ada Mae and Ruth, and on their way home will visit their son in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. Maude Scott of Monango, who is president of the local union there, had a fall on the steps of the church while attending the state convention at Bismarck. While no bones were broken, she had many bruises and a cut knee, which compelled her to return home before the meeting closed. (Too many of our members are having falls; ye editor recently measured her length beneath a clothesline, with resulting temporary lameness. Let us hope we are not falling from grace, also!) Mrs. Scott is the newly appointed director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, taking the place of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, who felt that she could no longer carry on work of such magnitude. Mrs. Scott has been a teacher for years, and is well qualified, but she says, in her letter of acceptance: "There is only one Lydia Wanner, but I shall do my best."

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, our second Honorary President, while not exactly 'back in circulation' as the slang phrase has it, is resuming some of her old activities, to the pleasure of us all. With some help, since she does not walk alone, she canned tomatoes this fall, and when the union met with her, they were served cookies that she had baked. (We who have tasted her cookies know what a treat that was!) But most important, she wrote two excellent letters to the newspapers of Jamestown just before the election, one of which is reprinted in this paper. For one who says she feels like a back number, we think she is doing pretty well. We know that the Willard members who receive letters from her this year, will have a treat.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, our new state treasurer, whose husband is a railroad man, writes that she has more to keep her busy this fall than for some time previously. With a growing daughter in high school, and son at home now, who is employed in a bakery, the labor of keeping the family as immaculately clean as is necessary amounts to a lot. We hope that she has a good washing machine!

Mrs. Roy A. Holland of LaMoure, daughter of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, writes that she is doing some teaching again—at present as a substitute, due to the teacher shortage. Her husband, Atty. Holland, was elected representative from LaMoure county to the state legislature, and will go to Bismarck the first of January to attend the session. We congratulate the voters of that county, who have chosen such a man to represent them.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the state president, went to Bismarck November 18, to attend a conference called by Governor Fred G. Aandahl of the leaders of several statewide organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to name a North Dakota Youth Council, with the object of improving the environment for youth. We hope she will tell us about it, in the next issue.

## In Memoriam

"It singeth low in every heart.

We hear it one and all—

A song of those who answer not

However we may call.

They through the silence of the breast.

We see them as of yore—

The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet

Who walk with us no more."

—John White Chadwick.

From Williston comes word of the passing during the summer of two of the older women of that city, who 'carried the torch' for the WCTU through many years, before they were no longer able to work; Mrs. Blanche Lampman, and Mrs. Nellie Fletcher.

Mrs. Anna Hudson, long a faithful member and leader of the work in New Rockford, both local and district unions, passed away some months ago. She kept at the job, even when it was hard.

The Bottineau union has suffered loss in the 'Going Home' September 8, 1946, of Mrs. O. R. Finstad, who had served as president of the union for a term of years, and was vice president at the time of her death. Unable to attend the meetings for the past year, because of illness, she still kept her interest and helped in every way she could. She is greatly missed, but her comrades cherish the memory of one who lived nobly.

Mrs. S. N. Englestad, LaMoure, and the union there, mourn the passing in September of Rev. Englestad. He was ever a helper in our work.

Mrs. F. W. Treleaven, president of the Hannah union, is bereaved in the passing of her husband, Frank Willard Treleaven, October 2, 1946, at the age of 81. He took a great interest always, in church, school and community affairs, serving on the local school board, town board, and official board of the Methodist church, of which last he had been a member since 1890. He was known and regarded highly throughout the country. Those who have attended the conventions of the Northeast District WCTU in the past, always looked forward to the coming in of this quiet man, with the load of delegates from the Hannah union; he always brought them if the roads were fit for travel, until the last two or three years. A year ago he brought a load to Calvin for an institute, and he always showed his interest by staying in the meeting. To Mrs. Treleaven and her family, and to all others who sorrow because of the passing of those named, we extend our sympathy.

## Tribute to Mrs. Wilder

Kate Selby Wilder had the honor of filling more important positions in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this state than any other one person in its history. When, by changing conditions, a state office or a certain department of work assumed special importance, and it was difficult to find the right one to fill the place, we often turned to her, and she never disappointed us.

She used to say that the "S" in her name stood for "Substitute"! Her first experience in public speaking was substituting for an outside speaker who failed to fill the engagements made for her. At different periods she served as director of a number of important departments, and was director of the department of legislation at the time of her death. At one time she was general secretary of young people's work. She served as president of Fargo District, also as state recording secretary, state treasurer, and state vice president—voluntarily retiring from the latter office at the last state convention. She was the efficient national director of Institutes for 18 years and dictated her resignation four days before she went out from us. She left no loose ends in her work—she finished her task.

Her personality was enriched by her vivacity, her love of life, her interest in young people, and her keen sense of humor. As a writer, she was clear and concise, and as a speaker, she was entertaining and convincing.

Her interest in the temperance cause, and her years of invaluable service to it, are due to the fact that she was a product of the Loyal Temperance Legion. We can hope to fill her place only as we train girls in the Loyal Temperance Legion and in the Youth's Temperance Council. This is the secret of her life of service to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and it is a tremendous lesson to us.

Our deep sympathy goes out to her daughter and family, Mrs. Roy Holland of LaMoure, and to all others in our ranks who have this year been bereaved. Those "whom we have loved and lost awhile" can not come back to us, but we shall go to them: "The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes with the twilight and opens with the dawn."

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

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are nearly white. The harvest is all ended, and before this reaches you Thanksgiving Day will have passed. How much do we really think about the purpose of that day? Is it a day of real thankfulness, or just a holiday? Sometimes I fear most of us think more about food and a good time, than about thanking God for the wonderful blessings that He has given to us and our country. Once I was invited to spend the day with neighbors, where the food was all and more than any one could possibly ask. There was one woman present, however, who, it seemed, spent most of her time complaining, though she was fairly prosperous, in fairly good health and was certainly well fed. I wonder if we need to lose some of our blessings, to appreciate what God has given us?

In this issue we have a picture of our new state corresponding secretary, and next time we hope to have one of our new treasurer. Please notice changes in the state directory, on page four, and when you write to any of these, be sure you have the correct address. It will be Christmas time before we know it. Do you think it would be a good plan to follow the suggestion of a minister I know, and decorate our homes and churches beforehand? He thinks we should do this, as the merchants do their business places, and so allow people to enjoy the Christmas atmosphere longer. Whatever you do about that, may the Spirit of Love that was demonstrated to sinful mankind with the birth and life of the Christ Child, be very much in all our hearts this holiday season. May we find many ways to help those who need our help, and may you all have a Happy Holiday Season.

Yours affectionately,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

## Mrs. Catherwood Says Her Thanks

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River, member of the N. D. WCTU for 56 years, celebrated her 80th birthday October 22. The members of the local union surprised her with a party, and she reports that she was 'swamped' with cards from our white ribboners over the state, who knew of her birthday. She says, "I surely had a happy birthday. Will you express my thanks to all the dear women through the columns of the White Ribbon Bulletin, for I simply cannot write to each one, as much as I would like to." Mrs. Catherwood was state director of Medical Temperance for 20 years, and has been a secretary of Northeast District since 1917; recording secretary for 28 years and is now corresponding secretary.

## Wanted!

Snapshots of Child Honorary Members for the scrap book! Only two or three have been received so far; please let us have pictures of all these little folks, who mean so much to our women. Send them to Miss Eleanore Lundhagen, 1421 Seventh St. South, Fargo, N. D.

## State Directors—Attention!

Please send in your department letters for the White Ribbon Bulletin as promptly as you can, so they may appear in the January-February issue. Send to Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale, N. D. Editor.

## Sample Rainbow Questionnaire

1. Are your dues paid to state and district treasurers? Red.
2. Are you a Holdfast union? (Dues paid before March 1 for every living resident member.) Brown.
3. Have you gained any new members? Bright green.
4. Have you held a public meeting the past year? Purple.
5. Does your treasurer send alphabetical list of names to state treasurer with the dues? Tea rose.
6. Have you a Loyal Temperance Legion? Dark blue.
7. Have you contributed for any of the special funds this year? Old rose.
9. Have you co-operated with your teachers in any way?—Provided material or given encouragement for teaching what alcohol is and does? Orchid.
10. Are two or more Union Signals taken in your union? Light green.
11. Have you written any 'Thank you' letters to officials or representatives who are standing for temperance? Light blue.
12. Have you carried out at least five of the state president's recommendations? Pink.

"This year, in Mower county (Minnesota) I've had almost 100 divorce cases appear before me, and in almost every case one spouse accused the other of habitual intoxication."—District Judge Norman E. Peterson from the bench in Austin, Minn.—Austin Herald.

## A Word to the Wise

We are all happy over the desire for better conditions in our state, shown by the vote in the recent election.

Big snowflakes are drifting down as I write; not the first snowfall this year for our neighborhood, and already the fields

## Treasurer's Report

SEPTEMBER 10—NOVEMBER 18, 1946

**Dues:** West Fairview 2, Powers Lake 34, Northwood 18, Fairdale 2, Mott 13, Plaza 5, Flasher 13, Minot 38, Cavalier 26, Julia D. Nelson, Fargo 50.

**Willard:** Mrs. D. Dunbar, Ray, N. D.; Mrs. Mary Knutson, Mrs. Geo. Gudmundson, Mrs. Selma Aamot, all of Dakota, N. D.; Mrs. C. J. Kuehl, Wilton, Mrs. Fred Barr, Fargo; Mrs. Mabel Jordre, Oberon, N. D.

**L. T. L.:** Crosby 12.

**Budget:** Powers Lake \$34.00, Minot \$38.00, Julia D. Nelson, Fargo \$75.00, Grand Forks \$15.00, Park River \$23.00, Nekoma \$5.00, Bismarck, \$10.00.

**Narcotic Education:** Valley City \$8.00, Park River \$30.20, Nekoma \$20.00, Bismarck \$5.00, Julia D. Nelson \$5.00, Grand Forks \$5.00, Mrs. Mabel Jordre, Oberon \$1.00.

**Kate S. Wilder Memorial Fund:** \$2.00.

**Convention Offerings:** \$78.93.

**Literature:** \$37.87.

**World W. C. T. U.:** \$8.00.

**Life Memberships:** Mrs. J. J. Rue, Bismarck; Mrs. Elmer Cart, Bismarck; Mrs. P. O. Sathre, Bismarck; Mrs. Ella Erickson, Bismarck; Mrs. Iver Fossum and Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, Fargo. The Life Memberships for the retiring officers were contributed by Mrs. Frank Beasley.

**Child Honorary Memberships:** Lenore Grace Helseth, Valley City, contributed by great grandmother, Mrs. Lavina Big-nall, Valley City. Emalyce Easter Mallet and Edwin Jerry Mallet, Atascadero, Calif.; Ellen Jane Remsburg and Sue Elaine Remsburg of Piper City, Ill. by Mrs. Frank Beasley, John Van Heuvelen, Bismarck by Mrs. O. J. Pederson, Park River, N. D. Roland J. Darling, Baudette, Minn., by Mrs. Bessie M. Darling. Janice Marie Groom, by Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo.

We appreciate very much the fine response for Life Memberships and Child Honorary Memberships at the State Convention.

Park River and Julia D. Nelson, Fargo Unions, have paid their budget for the coming year in full.

Minot has made a good start on their membership campaign, reporting six new members.

One of the very nicest things about the work of the W. C. T. U. is the association with Christian women from the different churches. I have enjoyed very much the friendships of the women in the local union and now I am looking forward to making friends out over the state. I am asking your co-operation and prayers—also your patience.

Thanking you for the kind wishes I have received and for your acceptance of me as your new state treasurer, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Howard Kemis.

## Law Enforcement Campaign Continues

Wallace E. Warner, States Attorney of Walsh county continues his efforts to enforce the law against sale of liquor to minors, as shown by the following news item.

As a result of action taken by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Park River at a special meeting held Sept. 23, 1946, Walter Daugherty of that city was ordered fined \$100, and his liquor store known as the Club was ordered closed for 25 days, because of the sale by a barmaid employee therein of a 4/5th quart of whiskey to a 20 year old Park River boy. This boy and three others ranging in age from 17 to 19 were arrested September 19, by Park River Chief of Police Floyd Hendrickson as they were drinking and mixing drinks in glasses by their car right on the main street of Park River. They were brought over to Grafton and questioned by States Attorney Wallace E. Warner to whom they admitted making the purchase at The Club without any questions being asked or age cards signed. A special session of the City Council was then called by Park River's Mayor Duncan Meagher, and the evidence including the bottle and the sworn statements of the boys were presented by the States Attorney. After hearing Mr. Daugherty also, the Council passed the resolution, with penalties as above, in the interests of public health and morals. The City licenses was then removed by Chief of Police Hendrickson, and the State License by State Inspector Kirb Parnell, Cavalier, N. D., who also attended the hearing. The four boys and their parents will be placed in Juvenile Court for proper action there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnston of Nekoma welcomed a new little daughter to their home this fall. Mrs. Johnston is the secretary of the local union there.

What kind of reasoning is it that considers religion and education of less importance to the Nation than its liquor?—The Christian Science Monitor.

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

## A Little Prayer at Christmas

That I may not in blindness grope,  
But that I may with vision clear  
Know when to speak a word of hope  
Or add a little wholesome cheer.

That tempered winds may softly blow  
Where little children, thinly clad,  
Sit dreaming, when the flame is low,  
Of comforts they have never had.

That through the year which lies ahead  
No heart shall ache, no cheek be wet,  
For any word that I have said  
Or profit I have tried to get.

—S. E. Kiser

## Good!

The following item, taken from the Grand Forks Herald at the time of the University Homecoming October 19, is good reading:

**WARNS OF DRINKING:** Police Chief R. C. Hill announced Friday night that no drinking of intoxicating beverages will be permitted in the stadium during the football game today. He said anyone apprehended in such practices will be ejected from the stadium.

## The State Convention

We had beautiful weather for the 57th annual convention of the state WCTU, held in Bismarck Oct. 1-3, 1946. The committees in charge had done excellent work, in getting ready for the meeting, as we found at every turn. As soon as we entered the spacious McCabe Methodist church, we saw the lovely flowers and vines with which the platform was decorated. They decorated the officers and guests with flowers, too; beautiful corsages and boutonnières. At one side was the Sunday School room, with tables of literature, and other tables with exhibits that were worth study. The housing committee with Mrs. Gust Sjoblom in charge, took care of everyone, and in the spacious dining room downstairs we were served excellent meals, not only for the convention dinner, but the luncheons on the two days following were a great convenience and pleasure as well.

We had fine music, too. Mrs. J. L. Hughes, who with Mrs. O. Rindahl, was in charge of that part of the program, supplied some of it herself; Mrs. O. Rindahl gave several beautiful organ preludes and accompanied the assembly singing. At the banquet we had a fine duet by Mrs. F. J. Bavendick and Mr. Bernard Weinrich; Mrs. W. Van Heuvelen and Miss Melva Seidel gave us vocal solos during the convention, and we also had vocal duets by Dorothy and Patty Larson and by Della and Helen Erickson. The last named are daughters of Mrs. Ella Erickson, recording secretary of Bismarck district. Numbers by a male quartette, Messrs Heskin, Brink, Anderson and Eugene, were also much enjoyed.

The speakers at the convention dinner, for which Mrs. Iver Fossum was the capable toastmistress, included Mayor A. P. Lenhart, who welcomed us for the city; Dean Walter J. Swenson, who spoke for the schools, and said any occupation is judged by its end product. He did not consider that the occupation of making and selling beverage alcohol gave an 'end product' that was of benefit to the country. His brief talk about his work in vocational guidance, during which he interviewed returned veterans, was most interesting. Rev. Paul G. Hays, pastor of the hostess church, spoke for the churches and the ministerial association, and Governor Fred G. Aandahl gave greetings for the state. Mrs. Elmer Cart welcomed us for the local union, and Mrs. Philip Stolberg, district president, in her short address took us back to the last Bismarck convention, and the officers and guest speaker at the banquet eight years before. Of them all, only Mrs. Frank Beasley was present. The convention could and did send greetings to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie and Mrs. Robert B. Reed, who were present at the former meeting, but Mrs. Kate S. Wilder and our guest speaker, Miss Helen L. Byrnes, have gone from us forever. Mrs. F. T. Brooks of Minot, made response to the greetings. The principal speaker of the evening was Attorney General Nels Johnson, who spoke ably on "Enforcing the Law." He paid tribute to his old-fashioned mother, "who hated liquor as she did the devil." He said that the United States is the greatest law-making nation in the world, and also the greatest law-breaking nation. Law enforcement is a

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perennial task. He gave as an example, one day in 1945 in which there was a major crime every twenty seconds. These included 18 murders, 12 killings by preventable accidents, 163 cases of assault, 35 of rape, 662 stolen autos, 881 burglaries and 2,371 other crimes. He asked what has happened to America, that this situation is allowed to exist, and stated that these crimes were mostly committed by youngsters under 21, the highest number by 17-year-olds, and next highest by those 18 years of age. He said that North Dakota and one other state show the lowest crime records, but ours is still far too high. He deplored lack of parental responsibility, and also the people who write to his office reporting sale of liquor to minors, use of slot machines, gambling dens and other serious conditions, but who say, "Clean this up, but please don't mention my name." He said that as long as people take this attitude, enforcement officers cannot do much. He urged the teaching of respect for law, in schools, churches, Sunday schools, PTA's, the WCTU and all other agencies.

Mrs. Lottie Nelson, new president of the Northwest district, led devotions when the convention proper opened, and Mrs. G. A. Shelby, state director of Soldiers and Sailors, led in the salute to the flag. Mrs. Don B. Fish, president of the Williston union, read the Crusade Psalm. Greetings were ordered sent to all absent members of the executive committee and a number of other people, including the National president, Mrs. Colvin, Mrs. Edna F. Duguid, Cando, Mrs. Roy A. Holand, and Mrs. S. N. Englestad, of LaMoure, whose husband died recently. Greetings were received from Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, who missed her first convention for many years, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie and Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Mrs. Darling announced that Mrs. Anderson had given her sterling silver tableware to the state WCTU, to be sold and the money used for organization work. This tableware was the gift of the unions to Mrs. Anderson at the time of her marriage, and each piece has the name of a union engraved upon it. Samples of the different pieces were displayed for examination by those interested in purchasing.

The presidents recommendations were read, discussed and adopted. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, finding it impossible to be present, had her review of the year's work read by the state treasurer, Mrs. Fossum, who also announced the banner unions and gave out the ribbons to the honored ones. Mrs. Fossum read the treasurer's report and the auditor's report, and all reports were adopted. Mrs. Darling showed the certificate of award given by the National for net gains in membership, 118 for the state. Grafton has the most family commitments, and Oakes the most new members, since it is a new union.

Mrs. Beasley conducted the Service of Remembrance, reading verses selected by Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, at the request of Mrs. Darling. The tribute to Mrs. Kate S. Wilder had also been written by Mrs. Anderson; it appears in this issue. There was a long list of names of members and their near relatives, who have been called from this life since the last convention. Special mention was made of the sudden death of N. E. Mielke, husband of the state vice president. Another sombre note came into the meeting when it was announced that a delegate to the convention, Mrs. Louis Whitefield of Oakes was called to the telephone soon after her arrival in Bismarck to learn of the accidental drowning of her sister and the latter's daughter. The convention stood in silent prayer, and Mrs. Fossum offered a petition for the bereaved comrade.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Annie Porter of Calvin led the devotions, a paper prepared by Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Union Signal Promoter, was read by Mrs. George S. Muir. The district presidents then told of accomplishments in their districts. These included Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Bismarck district; Mrs. Carl Maack, Ellendale district; Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Fargo district; Mrs. George S. Muir, Grand Forks district; Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot district; Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl, Northeast district; Mrs. Lottie Nelson, Northwest district; and Mrs. Paul Hanson, Ransom-LaMoure district. Mrs. E. R. Fritch of Valley City, reported for Mrs. Alex C. Burr, James-Valley district, and Mrs. Annie Porter of Calvin for Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, North Central district.

Mrs. Davis, representing the Bismarck Woman's Society for Christian Service, the women's organization of the Methodist church, told of their work for temperance. Mrs. Philip Stolberg and Mrs. F. T. Brooks gave some very interesting impressions of the National convention.

That evening the devotions were led by Mrs. Stolberg. Rev. G. O. Parish offered prayer and gave a brief talk, and the guest speaker, Rev. Gerald Splinter of Jamestown, well known radio speaker, gave a fine address, in which he said that prohibition is coming back, and told of many reasons why he thought so. He mentioned having spoken in a reformatory at Red Wing, Minn.; in talking with them he found that of 350 boys, only

about four had ever been to Sunday school, and he learned that 51% of them came from broken homes. He deplored the increasing number of divorces. He told of a Southern judge of the Juvenile Court, who sentenced boys to attend Sunday school, instead of going to jail. He said the sheriff of Stutsman county had told him that he had sent about 25 young men under 23 to the penitentiary while he had been sheriff, and that every case could be traced directly or indirectly to liquor. He suggested some things that he thought would help the situation, including mandatory registration, compelling the owner to carry the card, and show it if buying liquor, to prove himself not a minor. Rev. Splinter would also stop the sale of liquor in bottles, so it could not be carried away from place bought, and he suggested a law to compel liquor dealers to provide for families of habitual drunkards.

Thursday morning devotions were led by Mrs. W. M. Franklin, president of Fargo district, and Mrs. E. R. Fritch of Valley City led the salute to the flag. Mrs. Darling showed a handbill that had been passed to her by Rev. Rindahl. It advertised an Engineer's free dance at the Fort Lincoln Theater the following Saturday night, and requested those attending to bring their own bottles, with the suggestion that all facilities would be provided for consuming liquor thus brought. The handbill was given to Rev. G. O. Parish, who agreed to have some copies made. Later it was learned that those in charge of the dance had called in the handbills, refusing to allow them to be distributed.

How to 'Let the People Know' through their departments was explained by Mrs. George Campbell, director of Christian Citizenship, and Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Publicity. Election of officers came next. The credentials committee reported 52 voting delegates. Mrs. Berthueson of Grand Forks, and Mrs. Sholy of Nekoma were appointed distributing and collecting tellers; the counting tellers were Mrs. Kemis, Fargo; Mrs. Cart, Bismarck, and Mrs. Paul Hanson, Englevalle. It was voted to allow all dues-paid members present to vote in the election of officers. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen, and the treasurer, Mrs. Iver Fossum, could no longer serve as state officers, to our regret. Balloting resulted in the unanimous reelection of Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, president; Mrs. H. E. Mielke, vice president, and Mrs. Frank Beasley, recording secretary. Mrs. F. T. Brooks was elected corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Howard Kemis, Fargo, as treasurer. The new officers were introduced and cheered. Mrs. Fossum gave a brief talk, expressing appreciation of the co-operation she had received. Mrs. Fish of Williston voiced the noontide prayer.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. A. Youngman offered the opening prayer. Miss Lund, a Baptist missionary to Alaska, was introduced and gave a vivid description of drinking conditions in Kodiak. She told of seeing police herding drunken sailors back to their ships, like cattle. Ways to raise money for budget and the Narcotic Education Fund were mentioned. Some unions sell articles—washcloths, master hangers,—some have rummage sales; one gave a sacred concert and received a good offering. After this the rest of the department directors present discussed the importance of their own phase of the work: Mrs. Philip Stolberg, director of Social Morality; Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Speech Contests; and Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Visual Education. Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, Scientific Temperance Instruction, sent a personal message, which was read. Earlier in the meeting, by action of the Official Board, Executive Committee, and the convention. Mrs. Wanner was made an Honorary President of the N. D. WCTU. Mrs. Stolberg then told more about the National convention; she was followed by Mrs. C. F. Truax; Mrs. Mae Brudevold, Mrs. R. A. Salter, Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Darling all of whom gave items of interest about the National meeting which they had attended. Rev. Parish came in, and spoke briefly about the election, reminding the women that they must vote "Yes" on the initiated measure to separate the sale of Beverage alcohol and all other commodities except tobacco and soft drinks.

Mrs. Darling was elected a delegate to the World's convention to be held at Asbury Park, N. J. next June; Mrs. H. E. Mielke was named alternate. The committee on resolutions reported and the report was adopted. The budget committee reported, and it was adopted. It was voted also, to allow up to \$50 for stenographic help for the state president if needed. Other convention committees reported, the nominations for department directors were ratified, some changes being made with regret, as those who had served asked to be relieved, and the final business of the annual meeting transacted.

During the sessions, three little White Ribbon Recruits were dedicated. John Liessman Vantine, little son of the former YTC secretary, Thelma Liessman Vantine; his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Liessman made him a Child Honorary member also. John Van Heuvelen, son of Frances Irvine Van Heuvelen, who was a former Park River girl. Mrs. O. J. Pederson of Park River made him a Child Honorary member, while members of the Park River delegation stood. Philip Timothy Johns, son of Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Johns. Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River,

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nearing her 80th birthday, was introduced. She has been a member of the WCTU for 56 years, was a state director for 20 years, and has been a district officer for almost 30 years.

Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, who had secured judges for the posters, announced the winners. Firsts went to David W. Beardson, Parshall, for 7th and 8th grades; John Nollmas, Parshall, 5th and 6th grades; Barbara Heide, Crosby, 3rd and 4th grades. Seconds were Jerry Sheets, Oberon, 5th and 6th grades; Arlene Hovda, Parshall, 3rd and 4th grades; Carroll Dilly, Oberon, 2nd Grade.

It was a good convention for Child Honorary memberships; besides the ones already mentioned, Mrs. Bignall gave one for her great-granddaughter Lenore Grace Heiseth of Valley City; Mrs. Darling gave one for her second grandson, Ronald J. Darling, Baudette, Minn.; and Mrs. Beasley gave them for three grand nieces and a grand nephew; Ellen Jane and Sue Elaine Remsburg, Piper City, Ill., Emalyce Easter and Edwin Jerry Mallett, Atascadero, Calif. Life memberships included those of Mrs. J. J. Rue, Mrs. Elmer Cart, Mrs. P. O. Sathre and Mrs. Ella Erickson, all of Bismarck; Mrs. Alberta W. Lundhagen and Mrs. Iver Fossum, both of Fargo.

Thursday evening, in the absence of the vice president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, whose recent bereavement had made it impossible for her to be present, Mrs. Frank Beasley presided. Mrs. J. L. Hughes offered prayer, and Mrs. Ella C. Boise of Bismarck, who had just returned from a trip, was introduced and gave a greeting. The state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, gave her annual address. This excellent composition has already appeared in the paper; it was adopted with a rising vote of thanks. The resolutions committee also extended thanks, on behalf of the convention, to all who helped in any way to make the meeting a success. Mrs. Kemis, the new treasurer asked for the offering, and in closing, the delegates joined hands and sang "God Be With You."

### Appreciation From Mrs. Holand

In a recent letter, the daughter of Mrs. Kate S. Wilder writes as follows: "I have been and still am at a loss for words to express how much the Memorial issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin meant to me and all those who knew Mother best. The letter tributes from her dearest friends touched me most. They were wonderful expressions of friendship, love and devotion for one who did 'live valiantly'.

For all of my family, Mother's brother and her sisters-in-law, I say "Thank you" for the love which prompted you to dedicate an issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin to her; for the lovely letters, poems, and expressions of kindness and sympathy included in the paper. That issue was a perfect tribute.

We are all well and very happy in our home here. We do miss our "Grandma Katie" so much; Christmas will be very different this year, without her. Thank you again.

Yours with love,  
Elizabeth Wilder Holand.

### Department Letter—Visual Education

Dear Co-Workers:

May we put forth greater efforts this coming year, than ever before to support narcotic education. Let our neighbors know through visual education:

The truth about alcoholic beverages, the importance of total abstinence, the nature and accomplishments of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and its branches and departments.

I sincerely feel that every member should have the Union Signal in the home. There is a lot of visual education between the pages of that magazine.

Try to win the co-operation of church-groups, schools, superintendents, PTA's Women's clubs, etc., in showing temperance slides and sound pictures.

I trust that the result of our November election will give each and every one added encouragement. And, as soon as material arrives will send out the circular letters, with plan of work. Please read the plan of work carefully, and do not lay it aside and forget what it is all about. Place it where you can refer to it often.

I am happy to say I already have had a request concerning pictures from one union that planned to show a sound picture this month.

Please have at least one public exhibit, and one special meeting where the public is invited. At such a meeting we can at least have our state and national paper. I have found some of our members do not realize the difference between the State Bulletin and the Union Signal. Let's get busy! "God is still on the Throne." If we fail Him, we are the losers.

Sincerely yours in the work,  
Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Director.

### To the Stutsman County Record

Dear Fellow Citizens:

The past election has brought out some statements which I wish to correct. One is that "Miss Mary Ervin, president of the Ohio State WCTU, voices the opinion of many of their members, with the statement that she made at their state convention, now in session here (Sept. 5, 1946, Columbus, Ohio) that the WCTU does not believe that Prohibition is the way to solve our problem and that the organization is confining its efforts to a total abstinence program."

The following day the United Press carried a refutation by Miss Ervin, who denied having made any such statement. Even with the retraction and the reaffirmation by the convention of "its belief in the total abolition of the alcohol beverage traffic, and that to this end we advocate the re-enactment of National Constitutional Prohibition" newspapers in states where the liquor forces are attempting to repeal the state Prohibition laws, continue to carry the statement attributed to Miss Ervin.

I wish to say just a few words in regard to the measure on the bottom of our ballot at the coming election. In larger cities, like ours, it is not quite so important (though important, too) but in many of our smaller towns we have no choice, but to eat, buy ice cream, soft drinks and candy, where there is a bar. Many of us older ones would go without, rather than do so, but our children and youth naturally want ice cream, candy and soft drinks and by purchasing them there, become accustomed to seeing drinking and soon think it not harmful. Remember this old, tried and true saying?

"Vice is a monster of such frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen,  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with its face  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Congressman Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina, at our recent National WCTU convention in Minneapolis said, "I am a Democrat and proud of it, but I'm not proud of the way my party has promoted this liquor business. I never knew any person who was made better by liquor nor of any situation that was improved by liquor and I am all for getting rid of it. I believe that it is incumbent on you and me right here to rededicate ourselves to work harder back home, than ever before, to keep this putrid, poisonous cup from reaching the fine girls and boys who will be the next generation of Americans. Let us see that they get facts about liquor in public schools. We won't have as much trouble with youth as there is now if we show them the right way."

Let us protect the children and youth of our beloved state and vote "Yes", for a better state.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

### 'Slightly Soiled'

Two theological students were walking along an "old clothes" street in the white chapel district of London. Suddenly one of them pointed to a suit of clothes that hung swaying in the breeze at the side of a window. It was marked "slightly soiled—greatly reduced in price."

"What a splendid text for a sermon to young people," said the student. "We get soiled just slightly by reading worldly literature or dabbling in the pleasures of the world, and our value as a Christian is greatly reduced. Our consecration is gone, and we can no longer win other young folks for Christ."

Sent by Mrs. Bignall.

### HOW ALCOHOL WORKS

A patient was arguing with the doctor on the necessity of his taking a stimulant. He urged that he was weak and needed it. Said he:

"But, Doctor, I must have some kind of stimulant. I am cold and it warms me."

"Precisely," came the doctor's crusty answer. "See here. This is cold," taking up a stick of wood from the box beside the hearth and tossing it into the fire. "Now it is warm, but is the stick benefited?"

The sick man watched the wood first send out little puffs of smoke and then burst into a flame and replied:

"Of course not. It is burning itself."

"And so are you when you warm yourself with alcohol—you are literally burning up the delicate tissues of your stomach and brain."—Australian Christian.

Lend a hand! Do not think that because yours is small, or because from its fingers no riches may fall, it was meant you should render no succor at all.—J. Walcott.

## The American Epic

Heroic tales have a fashion of growing more heroic as time passes. Sometimes the facts contained in events get magnified and twisted out of all semblance to their original shape. One has always to guard against this tendency to find in "The Good Old Days" some golden age, which, in most respects was not golden at all.

However, there is one historic event in our history which has not yet been over-celebrated: that First Thanksgiving Day back in the bleak and biting New England weather, more than three centuries gone. If we could call back the actors in that drama, most of us would hardly believe our senses. A band of homesick men, and a few women, after a fairly abundant harvest, gathered to eat, and sing, and pray.

Wild turkeys were abundant, the Pilgrim Mothers knew how to cook, the men drove stakes into the ground, and laid rough slabs upon them for tables. Some Indians, invited to the feast, helped out by bringing along three or four deer. These forefathers of ours set a pattern which has lasted down to the present.

This year, we may be thankful for our abundant harvests when there are so many hungry little children in Europe to be fed. We may be thankful that our young men and women are built of heroic stuff—the same sort of human stuff that made the actors in the first Thanksgiving drama memorable. There were those who thought that we had become a "soft people." They know better by now. We may be thankful that, at last the world seems to be conscious that it is one world and that one humanity must learn to get along in helpful relationships; that the open hand, not the clenched fist, must be the symbol of a humanity that would build rather than destroy. We may be thankful for the courage with which all dangers and disasters on land and sea and in the air have been met, and for the faith in our hearts which does not quail at whatever the future may hold for us.

When we gather in our churches, and in our homes this year, may we become tender in our hearts, and pray for the families whose boys have "given their all," and vow anew that it may become our chief business, as citizens, to prove that "our dead shall not have died in vain." Under the blessing and presence of God, may America and the World rise from its baptism of sorrow to build a better and safer world in which to live.

—Dr. John W. Holland in *The Farmer*.  
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((Senator Robertson (Rep.-Wyoming) is spearheading a drive to block the 'cocktails in the air' idea. He already has introduced a bill to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages on domestic airlines.

"I am not a Prohibitionist by any means," he says, "but I think it would be a most dangerous thing to serve liquor on planes. An unruly drunk can be checked when he is riding a train or bus, but obviously he cannot be thrown out when he is aboard a plane."

"Public opinion probably will decide whether the luxury liners will serve drinks. Two airlines have found in an initial survey that potential passenger opinion is divided, with a slight majority preferring that postwar planes remain dry."—Union Signal.

### FIRST SNOWFALL

Across the barren Autumn hills  
The north wind scatters leaves of brown;  
And through the thin blue frosty air,  
The first snow flakes come softly down.

Thus in the Autumn years of life,  
God's love and mercy cover all—  
The scars of sin and bitter woe,  
Like soft brown leaves—and first snowfall.  
—Caroline Henning Blair, Strasburg, O.  
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Personal quarrels and national wars mean that someone was not big enough to live up to the golden rule.—War Cry.

Cigarettes are the cause of the downfall of more boys in this institution than all other vicious habits combined.—Dr. Hutchison, formerly Mass. State Reformatory.—Open Door.

"You cannot put out a fire in a load of hay with one cup of water."—Chinese proverb.

### INEXPENSIVE LUXURY

Then let us laugh. It is the cheapest luxury man enjoys.—William Matthews.

## ADVERTISING

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1947 Calendars with scripture texts and thoughts for daily meditation. Each .....	30c, 4 for \$1.00
"Comfort Powders"—Scripture texts in capsule form, in "medicine" box. Each .....	50c
Blue Book (with scripture texts) may be enclosed with gifts. Each .....	2c, doz. 35c
"Krystal-Plax" of Frances Willard—A picture ready for hanging. Each .....	50c
White Ribbon Bowknot Pin, YTC pin, Iota Sigma pin, LTL Leader's pin, Honorary pin. East ....	75c plus 20% federal tax
<b>BOOK OF RECIPES:</b>	
Elderberry Edibles—Special price .....	6c
Teas of the USA—	25c
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