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What Will You Do With the New Year?

What will you do with the new year—
The new year just begun?
Will you fill it with brave successes?
With beautiful deeds well done?
Will you treasure each day as a royal gift
From the King? Or, heedlessly,
Will you squander the hours and waste your powers
In vain futility?

What will you bring to the new year?
Old burdens, and useless things,
That will clutter your life, and hinder
It is greater promisings?
Get rid of unworthy ambitions—
Of idle frivolities;
And set your soul toward the higher goal—
Noble activities.

What will you make of the new year—
Of time by a twelve-month spanned?
A hit-or-miss pattern of days, my dear,
Or a beautiful thing well planned?
Haphazard things are marred things,
Tragic with loss and blame.
Oh! Give to the hours your purposed powers,
Your zeal with a heart aflame.
—Annie Durham Methvin, in Georgia WCTU Bulletin.

Attention Local Unions

The following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee and adopted by the National Convention held in Minneapolis in September. It is a reiteration of a standing rule of both National and State organizations:

"Resolved, that while we give hearty good will to all organizations which stand for total abstinence for individuals and Prohibition for state and nation, we believe that the financial obligation of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union should be FIRST to its own organization in order that the program adopted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union may be adequately financed."

The President's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving,
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

The words of this well known hymn reminds us of the opportunities that are ours in this brand new year. Will we make it a year of progress, praise, proving, service, love and training? We can if we will so let us resolve to make the months ahead count for all these things. It would truly be a marvelous year for North Dakota WCTU if every member made and kept this resolution.

Our treasurer reports that a few of the unions have held "Hospitality Teas" and have sent in the tea money but many have not done so yet. Will you please, do so very soon that North Dakota may have a rightful share in entertaining our world comrades at Asbury Park, N. J. in June.

Our legislature is now in session at Bismarck and ready for business and I hope you will be ready to respond with letters and wives if your president sends you an SOS call. A letter was sent out before Christmas to every local president and district president urging members to talk with their legislators before they left for Bismarck. The bill to do away with roadhouses submitted by our Attorney General, Nels Johnson, to the Research Committee was one we were particularly interested in. The Research Committee recommended it to legislature for consideration but it has not been introduced yet but no doubt will be very soon. Watch daily papers for report on it and then write your Representatives and Senators asking for their support. A similar bill was defeated in 1945 legislative session.



MRS. HOWARD KEMIS
State Treasurer

Our new Divorcement Law, separating food and beverage alcohol, is now in effect. The wets lost their test case in lower court held in Fargo, N. D. and have appealed it to Supreme Court. The hearing has been set for January 28. Although this test case is pending in higher court the law is in effect and any violation should be reported to proper enforcement officer.

Plans for the observance of two important Red Letter days should be in the making at this time—Lillian MN Stevens Legislative Fund Day and Frances Willard Memorial Day. Special offerings should be taken at both meetings.

Can we increase the number of Hold-fast unions this year? Dues for all resident members must be sent to our state treasurer before March 1st. That means all members living in your community. If you have members in distant places it does not mean you must get their dues before that date although we would like to have all old members paid before that date. Then we must put great emphasis on securing new members. Last year by this time we had five new unions and so far this year we have only one. Will you do your very best to collect dues from all last year's members; Let us keep our fine record. Then we must fill the ranks where comrades have moved away, dropped out by non-payment of dues and those who have passed into Higher Service. Statistics show that our state has increased its population since the close of the war. This is especially true of our larger cities. Among these new residents we can find new members, former members and members from other states and communities. Let it not be said that no one invited them to attend a meeting or to join.

It is with deep regret that I must report the resignation of Mrs. Bruce Scott, our newly appointed state director of Scientific Temperance Instruction. Mrs. Scott has not been well and will soon have to submit to a major operation so could not continue in office. This leaves a most important department without a director. I trust that the local unions will carry on this very important work until another state director can be secured. Essay contests, poster contests and alcohol education in public and Sunday schools come under this department. We are hoping to have a six or eight weeks Narcotic course at one of our Teachers Colleges again this summer if a specially trained instructor can be secured. Plans are in the making at the present time. This too is our third year in raising our Narcotic Education Fund and we hope every union has made plans for that in their money raising programs.

Since my last letter I had the pleasure of attending a Youth's Council meeting in Bismarck. Representatives from 38 organizations were in attendance at the invitation of Governor Aandahl. It was the consensus of those gathered there that we needed a Youths Council in our state and that an effort be made to understand and appreciate the youth problem in our

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communities. After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:

1—Be it resolved that the people of North Dakota review its youth programs and youth needs and at this time establish a statewide organization for this purpose.

2—Be it further resolved that this organization be officially known as the "North Dakota Conference" and

3—Be it further resolved that the purpose of the conference will be as follows:

- (a) Coordination on all youth programs active in the state,
- (b) Disseminate information to the citizenry of all youth programs; their aims, activities, and facilities, and
- (c) To study the needs of youth in our state.

An organization was formed and the following officers elected: President, Dr. John W. Headley; Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Smith and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Casper Wolhowe. Another meeting will be held sometime between March 1 and May 1. All organizations represented there are charter members of this newly formed organization and can be represented by president or an authorized delegate.

District presidents attention: It will be necessary to hold our district conventions earlier this year because the World's Convention convenes in Asbury Park, N. J., June 5-10, therefore you should begin now to plan for time and place.

We hope to have an organizer in our state during the month of May and I would appreciate word from district presidents that would like her services.

Faithfully yours,
Bessie M. Darling, State President.

Notes From the Unions

Edgeley reports a successful dues paying social at the home of Mrs. Ferold in November, at which 18 members paid their dues. They have paid their budget to the state treasurer also.

Mrs. Rollo Winings of Arthur, who is a member of Hunter Union, is a skillful maker of toy animals, and made a pattern of "Humpty" from the one shown at the state convention which she attended. Displayed at the meeting at which she reported, the tiny camels proved popular, and several have been sold to help with their Hospitality Fund for the World's convention. Hunter has provided blotters and color cards, and Temperance scrap books are being made for schools.

Two unions of the Fargo district—Prosper and Fargo—realizing what a very busy woman their district president is, she is the wife of the pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Watson M. Franklin, gave her pantry showers before Thanksgiving. She sent us a fine list of tinned, canned and packaged foods which they provided, and they also included Christmas napkins, and a year's subscription to the Union Signal and Young Crusader. We are sure the unions will profit from these time-saving gifts, as well as Mrs. Franklin; it was a fine thing to do. Her letter concludes: "I rejoice that God has given me His great salvation and such precious friends. May God bless everyone who has been so kind to us."

We are indebted to Mrs. Delmar Dahl, corresponding secretary of the Powers Lake union, for the following news item: The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a Hospitality Silver Tea in the Baptist church parlor Friday afternoon. Two films were shown: "The Pay-off" and "It's the Brain That Counts." This was followed by the singing of Christmas carols, the reading of the Christmas story, and Mrs. Buness read the verses "Leaving Christ Out of Christmas." Rev. Young and Rev. Riffe led in prayer. Tea was served from a prettily arranged table, lighted with white tapers and set with silver dishes containing dainty sandwiches and cookies. Mrs. Dave Buness, the president of the union, and Mrs. Lottie Nelson, District president, poured.

Hunter Union gave a "Hospitality Tea" at their December meeting in the parlors of the Methodist church, with a good attendance. A program on the World's WCTU work was given by Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Leraas and Mrs. Gunter. Mrs. Marvin Johnson sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Richter. Mrs. Rollo Winings, who attended the state convention at Bismarck, representing Hunter Union, had an exhibit of WCTU literature for the public schools, and brought a cheery message. Mrs. Parkhurst and others are to assist in the distribution of it. Mrs. Joe Baldock presided in the absence of the president. All members brought Christmas cookies and sandwiches for the lunch. Members who attended from Arthur were Mrs. Winings, Mrs. Vosburg and Mrs. J. A. Burgum, to whom we are indebted for the account of this fine meeting. In October this union had the moving pictures shown in the school gymnasium, by Rev. Dahle of the United Temperance Movement.

Mrs. C. LeRette, corresponding secretary of the Sawyer union, reports a good meeting of that union held at her home in December. Christmas carols were sung, Mrs. J. Johnson gave a reading, "First Crusade", and Rev. Thieson gave a talk on the

Spirit of Christmas. Officers were elected, which included Mrs. M. Daniels, president; Mrs. Thieson, vice president; Mrs. D. Keng, second vice president; Mrs. Johan Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. P. Reinhold, treasurer; Mrs. C. LeRette, corresponding secretary. A sociable time with a fine lunch was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Arnold Clements, Fairdale's publicity lady, reports that the union there met at her home in November. Plans were made for the Christmas party, and Mrs. Ida Zumwinkle was named Child Welfare chairman. Three visitors were present to enjoy the meeting and a fine lunch served by the hostess. In December the union met at the home of Mrs. Joel Flom. Mrs. Latulippe led devotions; Mrs. Bilstad and Mrs. Fossholm sang a duet. Mrs. Clemens gave a reading and Arden Flom a recitation. Christmas carols were sung by all, and gifts were exchanged. At the business meeting, plans for a public meeting were discussed. Two visitors attended. Mrs. Flom served a delightful lunch.

Mrs. C. M. Sonne reports that the November meeting of the Williston union took the form of a "sacrificial luncheon" which was held in the First Methodist church parlors, with Mrs. Stuart Parvin in charge of arrangements and program. The leader spoke on "World Brotherhood" and also gave brief histories of a few of the children in the Chinese orphanage to be benefitted from the proceeds of the luncheon. \$19.00 was realized from this luncheon, which was sent to National, to be put in the fund for the Chinese orphanage which the WCTU helps to maintain. In December this union met at the home of Mrs. L. E. Hennigar; with Miss Anna Bromley assistant hostess. Mrs. Clarence Framstad led devotions, reading the Christmas story as given by St. Luke; the group sang Christmas carols. The president, Mrs. Don Fish, reported that Williston placed third in the state in net gain in membership. A tea to be given in February was discussed, the proceeds of which will go to help with the World's convention. Plans were also made for a home-made soap sale. An interesting feature of the program was a reading given by Mrs. Ethel Swenson, mother of Mrs. Don Fish; it was a reading that she had given at a temperance meeting as a young girl. Mrs. C. M. Sonne gave the story of "The Woman's Crusade."

The Julia D. Nelson Union of Fargo held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ed. Stalheim December 10. The program consisted of a reading by Janet Zimmerman of Castleton, a Christmas message by Rev. Blaine Bishop of Calvary Baptist church and a vocal duet by Ruth Nelson and Betty Weickum accompanied by Joyce Overby of Calvary Baptist church. Gifts were exchanged and a delicious lunch served by hostesses.

Personal Mention

It was with regret that we learned that Mr. R. J. Darling, husband of our state president, had a bout with pneumonia in December. However, he responded well to treatment, and was home from the hospital in time to enjoy Christmas at home with his small grandsons, and their parents. Mrs. Ena Craig, Park River member who is now in Fresno, California with her son, too, has been very ill with pneumonia, but is recovering.

Mrs. E. M. Farnsworth of Edgeley reports that with the birth recently of David Lowell Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bush, Cocoa, Florida, she and her husband have joined the honored ranks of great grandparents. Congratulations!

Miss Mae Halcrow of Bowsmont spent Christmas in Minot with her sisters, Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. DeFrate, and other relatives.

In her letter of Christmas greetings, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, La Jolla, Calif., who was surrounded with flowers in full bloom when she wrote, tells of her trip from Los Angeles to Minneapolis last summer, by airplane. She says "Sweeping over the mountains, dodging among the clouds, flying across my beloved state of North Dakota, and Minnesota with its ten thousand lakes, gave me one of the greatest thrills of my life and I found it a pleasant and easy way to travel. I had often dreamed of flying, but had never expected to do it in this life! As I passed over North Dakota, my mind went back to the 'eighties' and 'nineties' when I travelled by ox team, mules, broncos, horseback on Indian ponies, by handcarts, freight ca-booses, etc., etc., and I wondered "What next?" Mrs. Anderson went back to California by automobile in the fall, with her son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson, who had left their son Cuyler to attend Taylor university at Upland, Indiana. This is an outstanding Christian college, which has grandmother attended 70 years ago, when it was known as Fort Wayne college.

Dr. Leland Burgum, who was school counselor in Grand Forks last year, is now professor in Education at the State College at San Marcos, Texas. He and his family like the climate and the people, reports his mother, Mrs. J. A. Burgum of Arthur. The latter was one of the ladies pictured in the Fargo Forum in November, when the Fargo branch of the National League of American Pen Women met for an anniversary luncheon and meeting, at which their work was exhibited.

Drys Sue Columbia Broadcasting System

ASK \$15,000,000.00 DAMAGES.

R. H. MARTIN, Chairman,
Committee Against Liquor Advertising,
National Temperance and Prohibition Council.

Sam Morris and Henry M. Johnson individually, and on behalf of The National Temperance and Prohibition Council and "the boys and girls of our country," filed suit October 30, 1946 in the Western District of Kentucky Federal Court against Columbia Broadcasting System and Schenley Distillery Corporation for "damages and relief against Columbia's selling the choicest radio time to Schenley and the Commercial Liquor Interests for broadcasts to glamorize wine and beer drinking, and Columbia's refusal to sell any time whatever to the Abstinence, Church and Welfare Forces for broadcasts counselling against the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

The amount of damages asked for is something over \$15,000,000—three times the amount (\$5,000,000)—alleged to have been paid by the liquor interests in the last three years to Columbia. They also ask that Columbia's Earned and Built Up Surplus of over \$18,000,000, after Columbia has paid enormous dividends, salaries, bonuses, "be frozen and impounded by the Court, as belonging to the Trust, of the Peoples' Radio Spectrum, which Columbia is operating as a Fiduciary Trustee, and is required under the law to operate in the Public Interest." The above amounts, as well as plaintiff's attorneys' fees, are asked to be used for broadcasts in the "Public Interest", including plaintiffs' non-drinking broadcasts.

They also ask for dissolution of Columbia Broadcasting System, appointment of a receiver for Columbia pending dissolution, and the revocation of Columbia's licenses.

PARTIES TO THE SUIT

Sam Morris, an ordained minister, is recognized by wet leaders as 'easily the most valuable man to the Drys who has entered the service of their cause in several generations.' For his radio messages he is known as "The Voice of Temperance."

Henry M. Johnson is a citizen and outstanding attorney of Louisville, Kentucky. For 15 years he has been President of the Kentucky Sunday School Association and has given much of his time and ability, without financial remuneration, to the advocacy of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Columbia Broadcasting System owns and operates seven 50,000 Watt Power Stations. In addition it has 150 affiliated stations. With its owned and affiliated stations, approximately 88% of the nation's population is within listening range of its broadcasts.

Schenley Distillery Corporation with the 53 subsidiary corporations it has purchased, included in which is the recently acquired Roma Wine and Cresta Blanca Wine Companies, five other wineries and Blatz Brewing Company, is the largest producer of alcoholic beverages in the United States. In the complaint it is alleged that there is an illegal and unlawful relationship between Columbia and Schenley—that Herbert Bayard Swope who is an employee of Schenley as "Public Consultant and Adviser" at an annual salary of \$36,000 per year, and who is notoriously hostile to the plaintiffs' position as to counselling abstinence from the drinking of alcoholic liquors, has at the same time been one of Columbia's directors and a member of its governing executive committee, when Columbia was giving regularly, twice a week, choice time to Schenley in advertising Roma and Cresta Blanca Wines and illegally and unjustly discriminating against plaintiffs and the total abstinence forces of the nation in refusing to give them any time in violation of its Fiduciary Trust.

RADIO COMMISSION WARNING

In the complaint to the Court it is stressed that Columbia and the broadcasting companies are operating under a license from the U. S. Government through the Federal Communications Commission; that their license does not give them ownership of the Radio Spectrum (which belongs to the people); that the Supreme Court of the U. S. holds that the licensee has no "property right" in the Radio Spectrum and that the broadcasting companies are required to use the privileges conferred upon them in the "Public Interest." This is all set forth in a striking statement and warning which the Radio Commission issued immediately following Repeal in anticipation of the use the liquor interests would attempt to make of the radio in advertising their products, which is quoted in the complaint, as follows:

"The Federal Radio Commission calls renewed attention to broadcasts and advertisers to that section of the Radio Act of 1927 which provides that stations are licensed only when their operation will serve public interest, convenience and necessity, and asks the intelligent cooperation of both groups in so far as liquor advertising is concerned.

Although the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been repealed by the 21st and so far as the Federal Government is concerned there is no liquor

prohibition, it is well known that millions of listeners throughout the United States do not use intoxicating liquors and many children of both users and non-users are part of the listening public. The Commission asks the broadcasters and advertisers to bear this in mind.

"The commission will designate for hearing the renewal application of all stations unmindful of the foregoing and they will be required to make a showing that their continued operation will serve public interest, convenience and necessity."

SCHENLEY'S HUGE PROFITS

With reference to the huge profits which have enabled Schenley after paying enormous dividends, salaries, etc., to pile up an "Earned and Built Up Surplus of over \$18,000,000", the complainants cite, among other things, the following:

"That the net earnings of two of the companies owned by Schenley for their fiscal year ending August 31, 1945 were as follows:

Cresta Blanca Wine Company, net earnings \$257,811.88 on a capital stock of \$275,000.00.

Roma Wine Company, net earnings of \$852,277.16 on a capital stock of \$1,000.00."

YOUR HELP NEEDED

This is the culmination of a long uphill fight initiated and carried forward by Mr. Morris and Mr. Johnson at their own expense, to secure for the total abstinence forces of America their right to present the case against the beverage use of alcohol over Columbia and other broadcasting stations. The National Temperance and Prohibition Council, by resolution at its annual meeting in Washington, January, 1945, delegated them to act for the Council in this matter.

This legal battle is tremendously important in the fight against the liquor industry. These men should have the support of all the temperance organizations and forces of the country. One of the best ways of giving this support is to get the facts in this situation before the people. This will give them substantial backing from the Court of Public Opinion.

Femininity Going Up in Smoke

The master propagandists of the tobacco world are at it again. This time their target is the vast "untapped market" comprising the non-smoking women of the middle west. They are not even bothering to lay down a smoke screen, but are plotting their campaign openly, aiming at an increased consumption of 70,000,000,000 cigarettes annually.

Time was, not so many years ago, when tobacco advertisers had to tread softly on woman's natural distaste for a habit which she considered far from dainty or wholesome. So the unnatural conversion was accomplished by degrees—a pretty girl smiling at the smoking man in the billboard advertisements then the cigarette gradually finding its way into her hands, and eventually to her lips. It worked! Not only did the pretty girl step out of the billboard onto the street and into restaurants, but white-haired women and mother followed suit.

Today women smoke 68 per cent of the cigarettes sold in the United States.

But the producers are still not satisfied. They have asked for—and apparently are about to be granted—higher ceiling prices, which will enable them to launch "larger scale promotion than before the war." That promotion will be mainly directed at midwestern women. It will seek to add to tobacco profits while it serves to detract yet further from feminine charm and freshness. But at least the proposed victims have been warned—Christian Science Monitor.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Arthur Murray of Edgeley union has returned from Rochester, Minn. with her husband, where she spent some time with him, as unfortunately it was found necessary for him to have a leg amputated.

The Grand Forks Herald of December 11 carried an item about William D. Pettit, son of Mrs. Leon H. Pettit of Backoo, who is a member of the Cavalier union. The young man, who spent three years in the navy, is attending Wheaton College, at Wheaton, Ill., and like many others, found difficulty in securing living quarters. Finding a barn that was not all in use, he secured permission from the owner to make the hayloft into living quarters, in which he was very successful, getting them equipped with gas and water lines piped from the nearby home of the owner. The owner of the barn, known to many of our women personally, is Miss Bertht R. Palmer, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Dakota, and for eleven years director of Scientific Temperance Instruction for the National WCTU. After they had made the deal for the barn, Miss Palmer learned that she had met the young man's father some years ago, while she was on a tour of North Dakota Sunday Schools in the interests of religious education. Wheaton is now her home.

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There is an error in the story of the state convention, in the last issue of our paper. In telling of Mrs. Stolberg's welcome, she named those who were at the speaker's table eight years before, and commented upon the absence of so many of those faces; however, our state president, Mrs. Darling was there as well as Mrs. Beasley, at both Bismarck meetings.

Did you notice that in the advertising put out by the liquor interests during the pre-election campaign here last fall, that they complained sadly that "the Drys are at it again" and claimed that we ought to abide by the twice previously expressed "will of the people"? However, that attitude changed when the measure carried, to separate the sale of liquor from that of food and all other commodities except tobacco and soft drinks. Very shortly they sought an injunction to prevent the law from going into effect. After a hearing before Judge John C. Pollock of Fargo the injunction was denied, and Attorney General Nels C. Johnson ruled that the law must go into effect as specified; but the case has been carried to the State Supreme Court, and will be argued there January 28th. You will know how it comes out, before I do. The "will of the people" does not seem so binding to the liquor men, if it changes from wet to dry.

We have been shocked by the appalling loss of life and property in hotel fires in recent months. The newspapers gave the cause, after investigation, in one of the worst cases, as a mattress set on fire by a cigarette smoking drunk. Lately the fire department of Grand Forks listed the causes of fires in that city during the past year; among them were 8 due to carelessness in discarding cigarette butts, 7 due to cigarette ashes dropped on seat cushions, and 5 due to smoking in bed. Aside from the bad effect of tobacco upon the health, which we have always included in our teaching, perhaps we should be 'Scotch' enough to emphasize somewhat the economic loss through such carelessness.

The papers not long ago carried the news of the formation of a group of Alcoholics Anonymous at Grand Forks, with members in other towns near. It is good to know that the help of this fine organization is to be available for those unfortunates who are willing to accept it, in this part of the state. The article says: "Anyone who is sincerely interested in securing help for their drink problem, may write to Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 594, Minneapolis, Minn., or AA, Box 2452, St. Paul, Minn. They will put you in touch with the nearest AA member who is qualified to advise you." However, though we are glad to announce this, we must not slacken our efforts to secure education and legislation to prevent if possible, the formation of the deadly habit that produces alcoholism. As has been said, it is a self-inflicted disease, but we believe that no one has a moral right to distribute the thing that causes it, any more than to spread diphtheria or tuberculosis. "Better put a strong fence at the top of the cliff—"

The printing of the annual state report was delayed by the illness of the printer; we are both sorry they were not out before Christmas, as planned, but it could not be helped. Printing costs have advanced; please use these reports when they come to you. It is a waste of funds to have them printed, if you only lay them on a shelf and never look at them, as I fear happens in some cases.

Some of you have been kind enough to say that you particularly enjoyed the November-December issue of our White Ribbon Bulletin. That was because you helped make it, by sending the editor the news of what you are doing. Please continue to do so. Possibly something you have hoped to see in this issue may not appear this time, because I left before the 20th, but if so it will be in a later issue. Keep up the good work. The year 1947 will be in its second month when this reaches you. May we use all that remains of it, in the best possible manner, for the glory of God, and that His will maybe done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Yours affectionately,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

In Memoriam

"There's a place where the trail of men divides,
Through the mist of earth-born days;
Where the infinite mind of God decides,
And directs who goes, who stays.
Somewhere we meet, in this earthly span,
For a purpose that Heaven knows;
And then again in Heaven's plan
One stays and another goes." —Author Unknown.

Fred Barrett, husband of Mrs. Alice Barrett, long time member of Edgeley WCTU, died very suddenly November 14, at the age of 87.

Mrs. O. A. Jensen, mother of Mrs. Fossum, recent State Treasurer, passed away at her home at Clark's Grove, Minn. Saturday, January 11. Services were held at the Clark's Grove Baptist church Tuesday, January 14 by Rev. Swenson assisted by Rev. Berg, a former pastor. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Fossum in her bereavement.

A Word to the Wise

Dear Friends:

I am writing this at the home of my sister in Thawville, Illinois. When you read it, I will be out in California, if all goes as we have planned. My only sister and my only brother and I hope to have at least one more good visit in this life. He and my sister have not met for nearly 20 years.

Treasurer's Report

Dues: Grand Forks 18, Ellendale 10, Bismarck 31, Park River 29, Hannah 8, Rock Lake 8, Gilby 23, Monago 14, Calvin 28, Tioga 9, Sheldon 6 Bovesmont 18, Reeder 15, Fargo 27, Oakes 33, Crosby 11, Edinburg 14, Hatton 28, New Rockford 13, Stady Zahl 10, Hunter 20, Fairview 12, Flasher 1, Dickey 13, Williston 35, Parshall 15, Sawyer 14, Lisbon 29, Nekoma 14, Minot 5, Northwood 13, Larimore 2, Jamestown 13.

Willard: Miss Julia Anderson, Mrs. Tom Clement, Mrs. O. A. Landson, Mrs. Hilda Fossen, Miss Stella Good, Mrs. O. E. Oster, Mrs. Glen Palmer, Mrs. M. P. Quickstad, Mrs. Clair Stocking, Mrs. Hilda Swenson, Mrs. J. A. Wigen all of Hettinger and Mrs. Mandus Hultstrand of Milton, S. D., Mrs. Grace Kelly, Oberon.

L. T. L.: Oakes 16.

Y. T. C.: Flasher 1.

Budget: Grand Forks \$5.00, Ellendale \$10.00, Hannah \$8.00, Rock Lake \$8.00, Gilby \$22.00, Calvin \$28.00, Sheldon \$2.00, Reeder \$15.00, Fargo \$27.00, Flasher \$15.00, Oakes \$6.60, Crosby \$21.00, Edinburg \$12.00, New Rockford \$10.00, Stady Zahl \$10.00, Fairview \$12.00, Dickey \$13.00, Parshall \$13.00, Edgeley \$36.00, Hatton \$29.00, Nekoma \$9.00, Minot \$13.00, Prosper \$26.00, Bismarck \$34.00, Jamestown \$18.90.

Narcotic Education: Grand Forks \$2.00, Park River \$3.00, Bismarck \$2.00, North Central District \$25.00, Fargo \$25.00, New Rockford \$9.00, Jamestown \$5.00, Parshall \$2.00.

World Convention Fund: Calvin \$7.60, Hunter \$10.00, Fairview \$3.00, Flasher \$2.00, Powers Lake \$8.75, Dickey \$2.00, Edgeley \$3.00.

Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund: Larimore \$2.00, Calvin \$3.00, Cavalier \$2.00, Alamo \$2.00.

Union Signal Subscription: \$5.00.

A contribution to Narcotic Education Fund was made by Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, who made her first great grandchild Marcia Kathryn Fisk of Spring Valley, N. Y. an Honorary Child Member.

HONOR ROLL

Unions having paid budget in full before January 1, 1947:

Fargo, Julia D.	Minot	Flasher
Nelson	Edgely	Stady Zahl
Dickey	Prosper	Calvin
Parshall	Rock Lake	Crosby
Hatton	Hannah	
Nekoma	Reeder	

Light Line Union: Flasher \$6.75.

Mrs. Howard Kemis

Quotations From and About Washington

- "All that I am I owe to my mother."
- "It is impossible to reason without arriving at a Supreme being."
- "I shall always strive to prove a faithful and impartial patron of genuine vital religion."
- "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."
- "He was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."
- "George Washington was great to a great extent because of what his ancestors were before him."
- "Whether I die tonight or 20 years hence makes no difference—I know that I am in the hands of a good Providence."
- "To promote literature in this rising empire and to encourage the arts, have ever been among the warmest wishes of my heart."
- "Morality is a necessary spring to popular government. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."
- "While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious of violating the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only they are answerable."

Mrs. J. C. Richardson, president of the Hunter union, is wintering in California with her husband.

Mrs. Nellie M. Cross and her husband are living in Fargo for the winter.

Mrs. Iver Fossum was called to Minnesota by the serious illness of her mother, whom we are glad to know, is recovering.

Mrs. George S. Muir, the president of Grand Forks District, had the misfortune of falling on icy sidewalk and breaking her arm at the wrist. She is now recuperating at the home of her son, Scott, in Grand Forks.

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 Prayer for the New Year

Bless Thou this year, O Lord!
Make rich its days
With health, and work, and prayer, and praise,
And helpful ministry
To needy folk.
Speak Thy soft word
In cloudy days!
Nor let us think ourselves forgot
When common lot
Of sorrow hems us round.
Let generous impulse shame the niggard dole
That dwarfs the soul.
May no one fail his share of work
Through selfish thought;
Each day fulfill Thy holy will
In yielded lives.
And still the tumult
Of desires
Debased.
May faith, and hope, and love,
Increase.
Bless, Thou, this year, O Lord!
—A. S. C. Clarke, in Georgia WCTU Bulletin.

First Prayer in Congress

"Now we will close the meeting by standing and repeating the Lord's Prayer." Since then, we have been thinking, that it would be well for that group, and others, to seriously consider their petitions.

Think of praying, "Hallowed be Thy Name," and then voting to license the liquor traffic, which causes God's name to be continually blasphemed; "Thy will be done," and then voting that it shall not be done; "Lead us not into temptation," and then voting to place temptation in everyone's path; "Deliver us from evil," and then voting to perpetuate the greatest evil, so that a little money may come to the town treasury: "Give us this day our daily bread," and then voting to license that which takes bread from thousands of almost starving children.

We believe it would be well for all of us to examine our own prayers, and we would like to suggest to our lawmakers in Washington that they might do well to consider the example of our first Congress, who felt the need of Divine guidance.

The following description of the first Prayer in Congress, is from the pen of the venerable John Adams: "When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina, because we were so divided in religious sentiment—some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists—that we could not even join in the same act of worship." Samuel Adams arose and said that he could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend of his country. He was a stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duche deserved that character, and, therefore, he moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopal clergyman, might be desired to read prayers to Congress tomorrow morning. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Randolph, our president, waited on Mr. Duche and received for answer that, if his health would permit, he certainly would. Accordingly, next morning he appeared, and in his pontificals read several prayers in the established form, and then read the psalter for the seventh day of September, which was the 35th Psalm.

"You must remember that this was the next morning after we had heard of the horrible cannonade of Boston. It seemed as if Heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning. After this, Mr. Duche, unexpectedly to everybody, struck out into extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess I never heard a better prayer, or one so well pronounced. It had excellent effect on everybody here. I must beg of you to read the Psalm. Here was a scene worthy of the painter's art. It was in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia—a building that still survives—that the devoted individuals met, to whom the service was read. Washington was kneeling there, and Henry, and Randolph, and Rulledge, and Lee, and Jay, and, by their sides, there stood bowed in reverence the Puritan patriots of New England. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacific Quakers of Philadelphia."

In Thatcher's Military Journal, under date of December, 1777, is found a note containing the identical "First Prayer in Congress," offered by the Rev. J. Duche.

'O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty King of

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FIRST PRAYER IN CONGRESS (Continued from Page 5.)

Kings, and Lord of Lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the kingdoms, empires, and governments; look down in mercy, we beseech thee, on these American states, who have fled to thee from the rod of the oppressor, and thrown themselves on thy gracious protection, desiring henceforth to be dependent only on thee; to thee they have appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to thee do they now look for that countenance and support which thou alone canst give; take them therefore, heavenly Father, under thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause; and, if they persist in their sanguinary purpose, oh, let the voice of thine own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle! Be thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation, that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety prevail and flourish among thy people. Preserve the health of their bodies and the vigor of their minds; shower down on them, and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour. Amen."

National Voice Poll Foreshadows More Action Against Liquor Traffic in 1947, Declares Ethel Hubler

Los Angeles, Calif.—"This country is getting a little tired of being saturated with alcohol and is beginning to think about doing something to get rid of the liquor traffic," declared Miss Ethel Hubler, editor and publisher of *The National Voice*, a few days ago.

Her statement was prompted by publication in the December 19 issue of *The National Voice* of the results of a poll conducted by that paper among its readers, and their neighbors, on Alcoholism, Crime, and Delinquency.

Of 14 questions asked, the query "Do you believe persons who drink should be employed as public school teachers?" brought the most nearly unanimous response, 98.8% of all replies being a firm "No."

At the other extreme was the question "Do you consider alcoholism a disease?" to which exactly 50% replied "Yes." Forty-two and nine-tenths per cent said "No" and the remaining 7.1% were undecided.

In answering the question "Do you think drunks (who are officially reported to cause more than 50% of the court and jail problems) should be sent to a hospital at public expense rather than to a jail?" 69.4% said "No" and 22.9 percent "Yes."

Asked "Do you think there is any way of dealing equitably with the liquor traffic and the problems it creates for society other than by destroying the traffic itself?" 94.8% said "No."

Ninety-eight and six-tenths per cent said intoxicants should not be sold at places of amusement, such as bowling alleys, ball parks, etc.; 97.7% declared they did not believe motion pictures should include scenes which tend to make drinking appear as a harmless social custom; 97.9% believed the prohibition of the liquor traffic would diminish the amount of juvenile delinquency and crime; and 94.2% were of the opinion that National Prohibition is superior to Repeal as a method of decreasing drinking in America.

"The replies to this latter question show the influence of the dry press in crystallizing public opinion by providing authentic information on this issue," declared Miss Hubler. "Of our subscribers replying to this question ('Do you believe that National Prohibition is superior to Repeal as a method of decreasing drinking in America?') 96.1% said 'Yes' and only 2.1 per cent were undecided; while, of nonsubscribers replying, 89.1% said 'yes' and 9.5 percent were undecided."

Of all those answering, 95.4% were of the opinion that a substantial increase in Sunday School attendance would tend to eliminate the rise in juvenile delinquency and crime; 68.6% believed that more playgrounds and recreation centers would tend to eliminate the rise in juvenile delinquency and crime; 95.9% declared the Bible should have a part in our public school system; 90.3% thought parents should be made equally responsible (with their children) for crimes and delinquent acts on the part of their minor children; only 5.2% believed the liquor traffic should be allowed to continue in business provided it were compelled to take care of the drunks; and 94.9% believed that

the Drys should give most consideration, right now, to eliminating the liquor traffic than to reclaiming the alcoholics, many commenting that, while the latter undertaking should not be neglected, the former should have the most emphasis.

A Willard Memorial Fund Quiz

When was the Willard Memorial Fund inaugurated?

Ans.: The Willard Memorial Fund was inaugurated at the National WCTU Convention, held in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 15, 1898, the first convention after the death of Miss Willard.

"On motion of Mrs. Stevenson, the 17th of February was named Memorial Day and every Union in the country requested to hold services and send \$2.00 to the National, to be called the Willard Memorial fund, for the extension of the work to which Miss Willard gave her life."

Report of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, November 11 to 16, 1898, page 54.

How is the Willard Memorial Fund secured?

Ans.: Every year on February 17 all local unions are asked to take a special offering of two dollars or more; the entire offering to be sent through the proper channels to the National WCTU. These gifts are applied to the Willard Memorial Fund.

How may states share in the Willard Memorial contribution?

Ans.: While the intent of the Willard Memorial Fund plan was to aid in building up the work in weaker states, a plan was evolved in 1918 by which states with large memberships, whose annual contribution to the fund exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200) receive at the close of the fiscal year a refund of one-half of the amount contributed in excess of \$200. States receiving these refunds are expected to match them with a like amount from their state treasury, to use the sum thus realized for organization work, and report the accomplishments to the National WCTU corresponding secretary.

In what way is the Willard Memorial Fund used?

Ans.: This fund covers specifically the outlay required for developing organizations and bringing in members, in the various states where such aid is needed; it helps to further the interracial work of the WCTU; it provides for printing the National WCTU Handbook, the YTC and LTL Manuals, the current Membership Plan, and the Willard Memorial Fund promotional materials. Expenses for Field Service, including that portion of the field worker's salary not covered by the state which employs her, also are met from this fund, as are the expenses of the National WCTU Organization Workshop.

The Continuing Need for the Willard Memorial Fund

Approximately 7 billion, 8 hundred million dollars were spent for over 2 billion, 8 hundred million gallons of alcoholic beverages on one year (U. S. Department of Commerce, March 21, 1946.)

Social problems simultaneously increase with liquor consumption.

There is a need for an increase in WCTU organizations and membership to promote a total abstinence program for all age groups.

Generous Willard Memorial offerings will help meet this need.

Lily Grace Matheson, Corresponding Secretary,
National WCTU.

Grand Jury Asks Films Cut Drink Scenes

In what the Chicago press, in a front page story, termed "an unprecedented action," the Federal grand jury in Illinois on December 11 appealed to Hollywood motion picture producers "to eliminate or greatly reduce the number of drinking scenes to assist in overcoming youth delinquency."

The plea was made, according to the Chicago newspapers, "in a letter to Eric A. Johnston, so-called movie czar, who is president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. It was voted unanimously by the eight women and 13 men of the jury, said Leslie H. York, foreman of the jury." Most of the jurors are mothers or fathers.

Mr. York was quoted by the Chicago "Tribune" as saying that the grand jury, which began its sessions on November 5, "has noted an unusual number of cases in which youngsters were involved in crime because of drinking."

The Chicago "Sun" added the information that "U. S. Attorney J. Albert Woll, when informed of the grand jury action, expressed great interest. He said he would forward a copy of the letter to Attorney General Clark, who recently conducted a three-day conference on juvenile delinquency."

"THINK ON THESE THINGS"

It is said that the attendance at moving picture shows is 77,000,000 each week. More significant still is the statement that 11,000,000 of these attendants are under 13 years of age!—Exchange.

Child Welfare Department

Dear Co-Workers:

I am sorry to have been so late in sending out the plan of work for the Child Welfare Department, but home conditions have delayed many things.

However, I know we are all much interested in the welfare, not only of our own, but of all children, and I hope you have been planning some work in this line and watching for opportunities for more service.

Interest mothers by telling them of the White Ribbon Recruit service and urge the study of the best ways of bringing up their children, especially in the effects of alcohol and other narcotics.

Co-operate with Sunday Schools, P. T. A's, and other organizations and keep alert for any other opportunities of service for the little ones.

Write me if I can be of any help.

Mrs. Jessie A. Potter,
State Director of Child Welfare.

Christian Citizenship Department

Dear Co-Workers:

I am always realizing anew that I have nothing new to pass on to the readers of the White Ribbon Bulletin as I set about to send in this annual letter to our paper. However, there are always many thoughts which come up at such a time which I would like to discuss with you.

The article, "Facing 1947 on the Basis of 1946 Records", by F. D. L. Squires, presented in the December 28, 1946 Union Signal, offers much for an interesting discussion and could be used as a background theme for a meeting featuring the Citizenship departmental work. The poem, "Ring Out, Wild Bells!" by Tennyson, given as a front page feature on the same Union Signal carried new meaning and significance to me at this time when the press brings to our doors so very much that needs to be rung out, during the coming year, through word and deed.

Of our departmental literature given out for distribution at this time, the one under the heading of "The What and How of Americanization", has a particularly good outline to review at this time when there is so much world recognition being brought up for consideration.

As a concluding thought—the beginning of the new year with all its implications, is the natural time for us to choose prayerfully a Biblical resolution for the coming year, perhaps a whole chapter in the Bible. This I will leave to you for your own choice and particular need.

Cordially,
Mrs. George Campbell, State Director.

Flower Mission and Relief Department

Dear WCTU Members:

I take pleasure in sending greetings to all the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions.

I find the work of the Flower Mission and Relief department most worth while and enjoyable, as it touches the lives of each individual member. Since God has placed in our hands the responsibility of doing His work, I consider it a great privilege to help further the noble cause of temperance.

Quoting the words of George Howard:

"We face a humanity that is too precious to neglect.
He knows a remedy for the ills of the world too wonderful to withhold.

We have a Christ who is too glorious to hide.
We have an adventure too thrilling to miss."

Sincerely yours,
Miss Grace R. Higgins, State Director.

Publicity

This year we of the W.C.T.U. and other temperance organizations are facing an absolutely new challenge in the appraisal of the alcohol problem. A new phase of liquor propaganda is marking the opening months of our post-war era. Millions of dollars are being spent by publicists of the liquor traffic trying to show those engaged in the business as respectable industrialists providing society with material needed to promote smartness, romance and good fellowship.

We see articles in many of our National magazines trying to discredit prohibition, local option and even total abstinence. They not only do this but take part in many local option contests by sending in money to help defeat the measure. Trained speakers are sometimes sent to local groups to prejudice business men against temperance efforts. Our first challenge is so to educate ourselves on up-to-date scientific facts that we can contradict this propaganda with statements that are incontrovertible. That means work and study for us, I know, but don't let it be said that we are unable to meet any challenge offered us.

The National Bureau of Publicity at Evanston, Ill., is always ready to give us factual information. During the last three years it has furnished 8,000 communities with factual answers to liquor propaganda. You must all have seen the statements concerning Miss Ervin and Mrs. Thurber on the "Vote No" advertisements last fall. How many of you wrote in to find out if they were true?

A recent release tells me that there are 407,046 liquor sellers currently who have taken out internal revenue tax stamps but this does not include the 11,070 issued special temporary licenses. The 407,046 is 46,562 more than reported in 1945.

An encouraging note is that about 500 counties, cities, wards, precincts, and other areas voted dry in the last election.

It is of great importance that we learn what the influence of the tavern is on our community. How it is affecting the homes, the young people, the schools, the churches and business places. Some of the facts can be obtained through city and county reports; many can be ascertained through talks with teachers, lawyers, and other professional people. Ministers and welfare workers too can give first hand information. As we assemble these facts we MUST be sure they are TRUE, and as you file pertinent information please pass it on to your state director who will, in turn, pass it on to the National one.

We all know that the publicity work done in connection with our initiative measure last fall had a lot to do with its passage. Now we must be on the alert to see that we can keep the measure. Perhaps there are still people who do not understand its importance in helping to safe guard our youth. We should tell them about it.

I think our publicity department is one of the two most important ones in our work and I hope that a very encouraging account of publicity done will be received at the close of the year's work.

Nellie M. Cross, Director.

Social Morality Department

Dear White Ribbon Sisters:

Our department leaflets are delayed this year through no fault of our own. It is to be hoped that while we wait on the printer's pleasure, we are not delaying doing those things which can be done to forward the plans of this department.

Winter is the time for skating parties, sleigh rides, etc. Are you making your home the gathering place for the gang? Or—if you have no young folks—are you doing your civic duty to improve recreational facilities in your neighborhood?

Now that a new Congress is in session, use your pen and influence to urge passage of the Bryson Bill—some of us still have boys in service. Also urge passage of the Capper Bill to ban liquor ads over the radio.

Many of the North Dakota Unions do not work this department, but I hope every union takes time during the year to have a review of the excellent leaflet "Your Home—And Mine". It is basic to every department.

Let us each do the thing we can do, and not have to be sorry for opportunities neglected—never to come again.

May the Lord bless and prosper each of you and make each home a beacon light for God.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, State Director.

Union Signal and Young Crusader

Dear Friends:

It will soon be time for you to secure your renewals, also new subscriptions to the Union Signal and Young Crusader. I'm sure you will all do your best, as each year since I have been your promoter subscriptions to both papers have increased.

I surely hope the few Unions whose yearly report showed no subscriptions to either the Union Signal or Young Crusader will at least have one or more the coming year.

May I urge again that those of you who are not already doing so will use the Union Signal for program material and that each Union will have a special program and observe Union Signal day in March.

I am looking to an increase in subscriptions in your fall reports.

Thank you.

Mrs. O. J. Swanson,
State Promoter of Union Signal and Young Crusader.

Loyal Temperance Legion

Gleanings from 1946 Loyal Temperance Legion (LTL) National Annual Report. George was the first state to report reaching the LTL Membership goal. Missouri was second in line and Texas third. There are 1502 Legions reported. This includes home, community, church, school and Friendship Legions.

North Dakota made a gain in membership but did not reach the goal. We paid dues for 417 members in 1946—our goal for 1947 is 500—and at least 5 new Legions in the State.

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We have sent to each W.C.T.U. President or LTL Leader a tiny "Philip and Phyllis Want You", three concise leaflets and a larger one "A Talk With You." We hope all of these will be used—and more LTL teaching will be done. The LTL provides a way for group teaching, individual teaching or with Friendship groups of even small numbers, or large numbers. The purpose is to help children lay foundations of sobriety and Christian behavior.

LTL Leaders should send the 10 cents per year dues through your local W.C.T.U. treasurer to the State Treasurer. It would make your State LTL Secretary very proud to be the first to report the State goal reached but let us do the teaching and training and report any time we can report for it is the work and not the pride of a Secretary that counts the most.

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, South Dakota LTL Secretary.

WILLARD MEMBERS

Dear White Ribboners:

A Happy, Healthy and Useful New Year to you all! I am writing you as Secretary of North Dakota Willard Members—my new office. This gives me the opportunity of again getting in touch with many with whom I have worked before and I hope and pray—of any new ones.

Frances Willard membership allows women who cannot attend Unions (shut-ins, or because of distance) to still be a member of State, National and World W. C. T. U. by signing the pledge, sending one dollar—unless you want to also get an Honorary member, whose dollar would be used for Narcotic Education Fund—to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis, 725 Oak St., Fargo, N. D.

Perhaps you have a child friend, a grandchild, or great-grandchild for whom you wish to also send in \$5.00 to our Treasurer, giving name of child and address, who will become a Child Honorary Member. This money will be used in his name—also send snap of child, if possible, for State Scrap Book to—Miss Eleanore Lundhage, 1421 7th St. S., Fargo, N. D.

Just now we each should be informed on all laws to be voted on in our present legislature, that pertain to temperance—either for or against, so that we may inform others, also speak or write to each of our representatives, in both houses, telling them how we feel on these laws, reminding them that they are our representatives; but unless we do so, they cannot represent us.

We do not have the money to spend on advertising in papers, magazines, over radio, and on bill-boards, that brewers, distillers and their salesmen have, so we must pray, educate, agitate and advertise our temperance cause wherever and whenever we can. We are not out to make money, but to protect our young people; help adults as well, and to promote safety upon the highways, as well as in the homes.

I am asking each member of the WCTU to secure at least one "shut-in", or a friend to far from a Union to attend, to become a Willard member this year.

Thank you to those Willard members who have sent in their dues. Let us each remember our motto at all times.

"I am but one, but I am one,
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something,
What I can do, I ought to do
What I ought to do, by the Grace of God
I will do."

Most cordially,
Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

Speech Contests Department

Dear Co-Workers:

I like to repeat this verse from I Corinthians 31:1 as given in our 1946-1947 "Plan of Work" for the Department of Speech Contests—"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

I left the state the latter part of November for an absence of four months or more, but still I wish to write a little letter to my "Speech Contest" friends through the White Ribbon Bulletin.

As I have been traveling through a number of states I am more convinced than ever that ours is a real fight. So much sin and suffering through the drink evil is evident.

I would urge you again to put more emphasis on "Speech Contest" work. The young people of this age group sorely need our help. Let us not become discouraged thinking so little is accomplished. I am so glad that our part is to be faithful. So let us be true to our Lord and He will do far beyond what he can ask or think.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. O. Hermanson,
State Director of Speech Contests.

Lincoln Still Speaks

He is not dead. No tomb could be his shrine.
Though tyrants flaunt their power, and war lords rage,
And liberty seems blotted from life's page,
Still, far and wide, his deeds and doctrines shine.
The Rhine and Ganges trumpet Lincoln's tones;
For they are free, though men are bound with chains.
The years, though dark, still herald freedom's gains,
And time shall hurl the tyrants from their thrones.
The night is deep, but day is overdue;
The winter passes, dooming greed and strife.
Men can not thwart God's rising tides of life.
Across the world spring calls to visions new.
Hear, Lincoln speaks: "Let war's mad conflict cease.
Bind up the broken hearts. Let there be peace."
—Thomas Curtis Clark—The Modern Woodman

ADVERTISING

HOW TO DO IT

Suggestions for the Local Union Special
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MARCH 1 — MARCH 31

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List prospects, members first, and then non-members, who should be interested in our publications. (Ministers, educators, city officials, parents, professional men and women, club members, and homemakers.)

Appoint two members as a team for each five or ten prospects. Divide the names on the list into groups, and give each team a definite number to call upon. Provide the teams with sample copies of THE UNION SIGNAL and THE YOUNG CRUSADER, and subscription blanks, as well as leaflets. These may be obtained free of charge from Circulation Department, National WCTU, Evanston, Illinois.

To arouse interest and obtain the subscription, call attention to some special article or picture, suggesting different ways in which the material will be found useful: preparing papers, making speeches, planning programs, participating in WCTU projects; writing legislators, preparing Sunday School temperance lessons, etc. Gift subscriptions should be suggested, remembering especially waiting rooms.

If the prospective subscriber is interested, but not prepared to pay, ask her when you may call again. Each team should accept the responsibility of following up a first call that was promising, but did not result in a subscription.

Hold a meeting within a week of visitation, perhaps a luncheon or dinner, where accounts of experiences and results may be exchanged, and further plans made for publicizing THE UNION SIGNAL. UNION SIGNAL DAY would be especially appropriate for this occasion.

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Bowknot—White enamel, gold plated on gilding metal— with or without letters75
Small Bow—White enamel, gold plated on silver— without letters65
Flat Bow—White enamel, gold plated on silver—with or without letters50
Small Round Pin with bow in center—without letters40
Honorary Pin—for Men—Round, blue enamel with white bow in center—with letters WCTU75
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