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WHO LOVES HIS COUNTRY

Who loves his country will not rest
Content with vow and pledge alone,
But flies her banner in his breast
And counts her destiny his own—
Not only when the bugle plays
Stands forth to give his life for her,
But on the field of common days
is strong to live his life for her.
He is not satisfied to claim
As heritage, her power and fame,
But striving, gains the right to wear
The shining honor of her name.
Nancy Byrd Turner.
—From Missouri Counselor.

The President's Letter

This is my last letter to you before state convention and also my last letter to you as your state president.

I wish that every White Ribboner in our state could have shared the fellowship and inspiration that we enjoyed at Asbury Park, N. J. So many of our rank and file are denied that privilege and no one deserves it more than you who remain faithful in season and out of season. To mingle with the delegates and visitors from twenty-six other nations and to hear about the noble efforts that have been made to keep our work alive in spite of war and devastation, was truly a rich experience.

It was a most interesting trip from the very moment that I boarded the train in Grand Forks, June 3rd, until I returned safely June 16th. We arrived in Asbury Park about noon on June 5th with enough time to register at the hotel, get settled and cleaned up before it was time to go to the First Methodist Church for the evangelistic service. This was a most inspirational meeting led by our own Spiritual Life Director, Mrs. Clara Macoubrey and Mrs. Anna Brattstrom of Sweden. With organ music, song, scripture reading, and prayer we were lifted to the mountain top. About 1200 people were present to enjoy that beautiful International Worship Service and it was a very fitting opening to that great convention. From there we went to a very lovely and well arranged "Get Acquainted" reception in the First Baptist Church. A long receiving line of world officers and foreign delegates greeted throngs of people. Tea and fruit drinks with delicious home-made cookies (made by White Ribboners) from New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania) were served and the room was arranged in a very attractive manner.

For five days and evenings we listened with great interest to the inspiring addresses made by co-workers from across the seas and by friends and officers from our own nation. Mrs. Ella A. Boole, the retiring World's president, presided in her usual gracious manner. The audience rose to their feet with thundering applause at the close of her masterful address "Heritage." She is nearing her 89th birthday anniversary and has given freely of her time, talent, energy and worldly goods, to this great cause; so at her own request a new World's President was elected. The new World's officers are Mrs. J. Forrester Paton of Allea, Scotland, President; Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, USA, First Vice-President; Miss Isabel McCorkindale, Australia, Second Vice President, and Mrs. Alli-Are-Englund, Sweden, Third Vice President. Mrs. Cecil Heath of Surrey, England, and Mrs. C. W. Hillock, Toronto, Canada, are honorary secretaries and Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Treasurer.

It was a joy to have a delegation from our own state, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state Vice President, Mrs. W. Jones from Fargo, Mrs. R. A. Salter, Menoken and later I learned that Mrs. Inez Minard from Oakes was also in attendance. Crowds of people were present every day and unless one planned to meet at a specified place it was very difficult to find any one. The convention hall was on the boardwalk and it was wonderful to be on the ocean beach for 8 whole days. We experienced all the variations of weather from rain, cold and dampness to nice warm sunshine and one day real heat, with cooling breezes blowing in from the ocean.

On Sunday we had the wonderful experience of worshipping in that famous auditorium in Ocean Grove that seats 10,000 people. Ocean Grove is a little town called "A square mile of health and happiness." It is just across Wesley Lake or south by the boardwalk. It was founded 78 years ago by ministers and

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Call for State Convention

The 58th annual meeting of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to assemble in Grand Forks September 9-10-11, 1947. Meeting of the Executive Committee will precede the convention.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of the state paper, department directors, organizers and field workers. The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 of L. T. L. dues paid to the state treasurer, said delegate to be a superintendent. Y. T. C. is entitled to the same membership as the WCTU—one delegate at large and one for every 30 paid members of a council.

The By-laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting, and the closing date has been set as August 25, because the convention is early.

NO SIGN?

"One asked a sign from God and day by day
Each night the stars appeared in bright array;
The sun arose in pearl, in scarlet set;
Each morn the thirsty grass with dew was wet;
The corn failed not its harvest, nor the vine—
And yet he saw no sign!"
On Church Calendar, Clarendon St.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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laymen of the Methodist Church. There is not space for the history of this city but probably the most unique thing about it is the strict observance of the Sabbath. All vehicular traffic of any kind is forbidden between the hours of midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday. This law is revoked only in favor of doctors, ambulance or the fire apparatus. No liquor is allowed within its gates.

There are so many phases of this convention that I would like to enlarge upon but space forbids. I would like to give you some excerpts from some of the great addresses by Mrs. Boole Brigadier General Stoner, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Colvin, Clinton N. Howard, Homer Rodeheaver, Dr. Daniel Poling, etc., but those who read the Union Signal have already read them. It was most interesting to hear how valiantly our co-workers carried on in war-torn nations in spite of difficulties but it made us realize how much more we could have done during those hard years.

It was very evident to those gathered there that it is possible to have one world if all concerned are willing to cooperate and make sacrifices. News from our co-workers in enemy lands made us conscious of the heroic efforts that they too, had made to keep the work going in their countries.

In this last message to you I plead for your cooperation in finishing our year with a fine record. Last year we made a substantial net gain in membership but to do that this year will require real effort on the part of every local treasurer. It is unfortunate that the collection of dues from many old members is left until the last two weeks of our fiscal year. That is the time that many of our members take their vacation and so members are lost. Budgets and Narcotic Education Fund quotas should also be paid in full. There is no logical excuse for not paying them when money can be raised so easily. Now that sugar is again obtainable, a baked goods sale is very successful and there are numerous other ways in which money can be raised.

Powers Lake was the first union to claim a new organization and that district will be five dollars richer because they are on their toes. A strong new Loyal Temperance Legion was organized there and they were the first to claim five dollars from Mrs. Anderson. Who will be next?

May I remind you again that you must make reservations soon for rooms for our state convention; please also make your reservation for the banquet. This is your last reminder and I want to mention again that rooms are at a premium here but we will do our best if you will make a reservation.

When you look at the world in a narrow way
How narrow it seems!

When you look at it in a mean way,
How mean it appears!

When you look at it selfishly
How selfish it is!

But when you look at it in a broad, generous, friendly, spirit,
What wonderful people you find in it. Horace Rutledge.

Yours in loving service

BESSIE M. DARLING,

State President,

N. Dak., W. C. T. U.

Notes From the Unions

The Langdon union held a tea in June, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Duncan Matheson, which was attended by a goodly number of the women of the town. The rooms and tea table were beautiful with flowers, and the refreshments were delightful. Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl of Edinburg, district president, was present and spoke, emphasizing the need for work among the children. Mrs. Frank Beasley also spoke briefly. Other members of the Nekoma union accompanied her to the meeting. The Langdon union exhibited posters at the county fair in July, also.

The Flasher union had advertisements, saying "Don't laugh at the drunk; he needs a doctor" in their high school paper every two weeks the past school year. This not only gives publicity to the union, for each said "Sponsored and paid for by Flasher WCTU", but it also is a help to the paper, and good advice to the students.

The members of Hunter union got into their cars the afternoon of July 8 and drove to Arthur six miles away, where the regular WCTU meeting was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. J. A. Burgum, with Mrs. Rollo Winings and Mrs. R. H. Vosberg as assistant hostesses. Mrs. H. E. Mielke and Mrs. W. Jonas of Fargo were the principal speakers. They attended the World's WCTU convention at Asbury Park, N. J. in June, and gave spirited accounts of the meetings they attended. Mrs. Emory Johnson of Hunter sang a solo, with her young daughter Beverly as accompanist. The refreshment table was adorned with a beautiful tablecloth of hand-made lace, and there were white candles and mirror-reflected flowers. Twenty-five were

served, of whom seven were guests, and the offering was generous.

A reception for new members was held at the June meeting of the Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo at the home of Mrs. F. A. Landbloom. There was a good attendance in spite of the fact that it was a very stormy evening. Mr. Roy Landbloom entertained with several solos which were much enjoyed. Miss Jackie Slouth gave a delightful reading. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses.

The Fairdale union held the June meeting at the country home of Mrs. Howard Johnson, a new member. The president, Mrs. Latulippe, led devotions, a reading was given by Mrs. Joel Flom and a recitation by Bonnie Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was appointed leader of L. T. L. In July the union met again in the country, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Wollan. The meeting opened with group singing, Mrs. Bilstad led devotions and later rendered a piano number. Mrs. Goodwin Monson gave a reading and Judy Fossholm sang. Plans were made for a food sale, to be held July 26. Two visitors were present. At both meetings, fine lunches were served by the hostesses.

The Cavalier union intends to have articles printed in their local newspaper from time to time, which is a fine idea.

The Park River union met June 19 at the beautiful Linden Nielson home near Hoople, where Mrs. Nielson, her mother, Mrs. Elsie Best, and Mrs. Cross of Park River were hostesses. Mrs. Spornitz, local director of Flower Mission for the union, had prepared the program, and provided a small bouquet of flowers with a flower mission card attached with white ribbon, for each one present. The scripture verses on the cards were read in response to roll call. Two young men who were assisting with camp meetings at Hoople sang and gave short talks, telling of a visit to Rest Cottage at Evanston, Ill. The union voted to send a letter of thanks to the American Legion, for their action in having all the beer parlors and liquor selling places closed on the Veterans Homecoming Day held in Park River June 17th. This reduced liquor drinking and helped to keep order that day.

The Nekoma union met in June at the home of the president, Mrs. George Sholy, with the two grade teachers of the public school as guests of honor. This was in appreciation of their fine cooperation in having their pupils make temperance posters, for which the union gave prizes. These were awarded at a Sunday evening meeting of the Luther League, at which all posters made were displayed. Miss Christine Gjevre, with the assistance of the union president and several young ladies, conducted an impressive demonstration with a poster and ribbons, showing the relative costs of all church work, education, amusement, beverage alcohol and other things, ending with crime. The school posters were also displayed at the regular meeting of the union, as some members had not seen them, and later some of them went with the Nekoma school exhibit to the county fair. In July the union met with Mrs. Frank Beasley. Owing to an epidemic of coughs among children, and other hindrances, not as many were present as usual. Mrs. Mandus Hultstrand of Milton, Willard member, came for the meeting, and kindly served as accompanist for the hymns; four other visitors were present. Lunch was served and generous offerings for the work were received at both meetings.

The Oakes union reports budget all paid, 1946 quota for Narcotic Education fund all paid, and an excellent start on their 1947 quota. How fine it would be if all the unions kept their payments up as well!

Personal Mention

Mrs. Lydia Ebner, Life Member of N. D. WCTU, who formerly lived at Maza and Cando, is spending the summer visiting in her old home communities, and in Iowa. She will return to Portland, Ore., in the fall where she has lived for a few years. Her husband passed away last fall.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, our state treasurer, attended a luncheon meeting of the United Temperance Movement Juné 3rd, as substitute for Mrs. Mielke, who was away for the World's WCTU convention at that time.

Mrs. E. J. Langley of Rock Lake, who went to Kansas City, Mo., with her husband the last of May, to attend the wedding of their daughter, was taken ill while there and ordered home to rest. We are glad to know that she is better, and planned to visit in Minnesota while Rep. Langley attended a meeting of the Council of State Governments, at Mackinac Island.

Mrs. Bessie M. Ordahl and her husband Nicholas Ordahl of Edinburg, had the privilege of having all their five children and their grandchildren home for a week-end the last of May. Their oldest daughter, Oline, and her four children, who live near Lansford, stayed for a longer visit after the others left.

Mrs. J. A. Burgum of Arthur, our writer and poet, has just had another book published, called "Stars Over the Prairie." More power to her writing arm!

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross of Park River, and Miss Violette Verry of Fargo, the latter's sister, went via auto to visit at Olympia and Vancouver, Wash., late in June. They planned to see several members of their family before returning.

PERSONAL MENTION

We salute Mrs. Charles Minard of Oakes, as well as Mrs. H. E. Mielke and Mrs. W. Jonas of Fargo, all of whom went to the World's convention as visitors, at their own expense. A splendid way to show—and to gain!—interest in the temperance work.

Watch for a new poet to help light the everyday world in the near future. Ten-year-old Judith Ann Ferber of Thief River Falls, Minn., shows real promise. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Sara E. Ferber of Oakes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, our first honorary president, drove with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson, from La Jolla, Calif., as far as Wichita, Kan., from which place she proceeded by train to Minneapolis. There she and Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie had a splendid visit of ten days. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson drove to Upland, Ind., where their son Cuyler attends Taylor University, and he accompanied them east, visiting the universities — Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Dr. Anderson attended a medical meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., after which he returned by plane to his work; his wife and son drove back to California, picking up Mrs. Anderson in Minneapolis on the way, and leaving her at Jamestown, N. D. to visit with Mrs. Fred M. Wanner and others. Later in June she went to her cottage at Detroit Lakes for the summer, where her friend, Mrs. McClurkin will be with her.

Ye editor had the privilege of a short visit with an old friend in June, spending a few hours with Mrs. Emma F. Duguid in her home near Cando. How many names of people and incidents of past days were spoken of, no one tried to count. Mrs. Duguid was once state treasurer, president of what is now called North Central district, and Life Member. She has lost none of her interest in the work and our workers. She spoke of a time, years ago, when she accompanied Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie to a National convention at Asbury Park, N. J. where the World's convention was held this year. Mrs. Duguid is unable to walk, but in every other way is her old self. Repairs to their large farm house were underway, which should make it even more pleasant to live in. The fact that help is so nearly impossible to get, makes many lonely hours for our friend, as her husband must of necessity do his work in the fields, but she has many friends, as well as books, the telephone, the radio, and a well-trained kitten for companionship. Our visit was something to be remembered.

Mrs. Archie Sillers of Calvin made a trip to San Francisco, Calif., with her husband last December, on a special train that carried North Dakota delegates to the national meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation. She has been honored by having the story of the trip which she wrote, printed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., and presented to all who went on that train.

From the Corresponding Secretary

Dear Local Presidents and Members:

Another year has slipped by and many fine things have been accomplished in WCTU. Perchance, when you read this you have not sent in your report, will you PLEASE call a special meeting at ONCE and fill in those blanks, sending them to me without delay. We are especially anxious to have a full report this year. Let Your Neighbor Know through your report. Nothing is too small or too insignificant to tell. It will be an encouragement and of profit to us all. Be sure to check for points for Banner Union or District, see page 3 of State Report.

We are looking forward to a grand convention when we meet in Grand Forks, September 9, 10 and 11. The convention will open with a dinner meeting Tuesday evening, sessions will continue through Wednesday and Thursday. You will enjoy Miss Lily Grace Matheson. Looking forward to meeting you again there.

Cordially Yours, MRS. F. T. BROOKS, Cor-Sec.

Two Farmers

By ALFRED I. TOOKE

One took his farm to bed with him each night.
He wished he hadn't put in so much wheat.
He wished he'd raised more hogs and steers for meat.
Those turnips? Was that some new form of blight?
The corn? His crop was going to be too light
If no more rain should come, and summer's heat
Should ripen it too fast. He must complete
The spraying while the weather was just right.

The other left his farm outside instead.
He did the best he could with it, and when
He got into his bed, he went to sleep.
"Farming's a partnership," he often said.
"I plow and plant, I spray and hoe, and then
God does the rest until it's time to reap.

—White Ribbon Herald.

In Memoriam

"Why do we call them lost

Because we miss them from our onward road?
God's unseen angel o'er our pathway crost,
Looked on us all, and loving them the most,
Straightway relieved them from Life's weary load."

—Author Unknown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, secretary of James-Valley district, and her 93-year-old parents with whom she lives in her old home in Valley City, are in deep sorrow through the passing May 22 of their brother and son, Howard Clark, who was the fourth member of the family. Mr. Clark was a piano tuner, and the ties of the family were very close.

Mrs. Lillie Stubblefield of Cando, Life Member of the N. D. WCTU and active worker in the union there as long as it existed, passed from this life May 30, aged 85. A resident of North Dakota for 55 years, she was active in church and temperance work always. For the past three years, she had been a helpless but most patient invalid. She is survived by her son Lee and daughter Hope, both of Cando, and three sisters.

Archie Sillers of Calvin, whose wife and sister, Miss Maggie Sillers have both been active in the union there for years, passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly July 6, aged 81. Mr. Sillers was a widely known and influential citizen, interested and helpful in many lines of public service and patriotic and humanitarian drives. Stricken with a heart attack while helping his son with some work on the farm that he loved, he lived only an hour. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Kipling, Douglas and Colin, all of whom served with the armed forces during the recent war; two brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren. His youngest son, who is on naval flying duty between California and Hawaii, flew all the way home to be with the others at his father's funeral.

Not only her husband and family, but the whole N. D. WCTU has suffered a loss in the passing June 5, of Mattie Norris Stinson of Fargo, only a few days after her 78th birthday. She had lived here since 1879. A poet and writer of ability, her desire to 'put first things first' caused her to give much of her time and talent to church and temperance work. She was state director of the department of Religious Education for ten years, from 1935 to 1945, till her health became too frail to permit her to continue. She was a valued member of the Quill Section of the Fargo Fine Arts Club, and she wrote a great many short poems, several of which were read by her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hohn, at her funeral. Her winsome, friendly personality, her abiding faith and consecrated service in all the ways in which she could help, made her beloved by all our women who knew her. The sympathy of us all goes to her husband and family, and to all those who have been bereaved in the passing of their friends.

Poems By Mattie Norris Stinson

MY MISSION.

To fight for a cause and die for a cause
May be a high ambition,
But to live for a cause and work for a cause
Is a Christian's Holy Mission.

THE REWARD OF PATIENCE.

Take a lesson from the sumac.
Buds of promise in the spring
And through summer's balmy breezes
Full fruition's beauty bring;
But when hoary breath of autumn
Turns the buds a brilliant hue
Rarest beauty reached perfection—
Here's a hope for me and you.

—From PRAIRIE WINGS.

IMMORTALITY.

If all your birthdays in the past,
The parties, games and fun,
Were set into a single day
And you could have that one,
Would you exchange it for the days
That Heaven has in store?
Fulfillment of God's promises
And age is known no more?
Methinks I hear you say, "No! No!
The best is yet to be!
This life holds much to make it sweet,
But Oh, Eternity!"

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I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man.—Dwight L. Moody.

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A Word to the Wise

One of the interesting things about being the editor of a paper, is that unexpected letters come from places and people entirely unknown. Usually they offer something for publication, but sometimes they contain a heart-warming surprise, as did the one that came to me from Texas not long ago. Miss Clevie Bryan, Director of the Spiritual Life Department of that state, wrote me on a hot July night that she had just read the January-Febru-

ary issue of our North Dakota White Ribbon Bulletin, and had liked it. It was a kind deed, for which I am grateful. Another 'different' letter received only yesterday, came with stamps upon it that pictured white-capped mountains from Quito, Ecuador, in South America. As a gesture of good will, it offers free seeds of orchids, if one will pay the cost of packing and mailing, and says instructions for growing them will accompany the seeds. If anyone who reads this is interested in trying to grow orchids, and will write me, I will send you the address, which is that of a botanical experiment station.

The summer is slipping away rapidly; the grain fields are headed out, and some already are tinged with gold. Harvest time is just around the corner. What of our plans for summer; have we made the calls and written the notes, and done the other kind things we thought about, when the snow and cold kept us from going out? Our North Dakota warm months are not many, children!—which has interfered with many things. We hope the whooping-cough—or at least its equivalent in misery for the children!—which has interfered with many things. We hope the malady is not widely spread, and will not interfere with attendance or housing for the state convention in September.

A girl who finished high school this year, and who has helped me during her vacations for the past two years as well as this season, is planning to enter upon nurse's training this fall. I have been impressed with the number and kinds of shots' that she is required to take, and the physical examination she must pass, before she can be accepted. These are for her own protection, of course, as well as to safeguard others. I wonder if they are as careful to try to protect the moral and spiritual health of the trainees who come to them? One who recently spent some time in a big city hospital, stated that conversation overheard among nurses, carried on in the hall outside the room occupied, did not indicate a high standard of morals among them. No matter what kind of training our young people take up, there is nothing that can take the place of good home teaching of morals and religious faith, to help them to meet the tests that are sure to come. Do you know a neighbor's child, who is not getting this at home? If so, are you doing anything about it? It may be that you cannot, but invitations to attend Sunday school, or to join an LTL, are always in order.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the state convention, and I hope weather and other conditions will be favorable. We regret that Mrs. Darling must retire, but hope that rest and freedom from responsibility will restore her to perfect health soon.

Your friend,
ELIZABETH C. BEASLEY.

"Repeal Has Quadrupled Drunk Arrests in Los Angeles," Ethel Hubler Declares

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—"Do you still hear that old gag about there being 'more drinking during prohibition than there is now'? If so, the official figures from the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of Los Angeles for the calendar year 1946 should be enough to refute this ancient wheeze for all time to come.

Thus spoke Miss Ethel Hubler, editor and publisher of The National Voice, upon her arrival home from her first nation-wide speaking tour since the end of World War II. She continued:

"A chart on page 56 of the Police Report (which was published while Miss Hubler was on tour) shows the sharp rise in arrests for intoxication which took place in 1933 coincident with the repeal of prohibition, the high level on which such arrests have remained ever since, and their skyrocketing ascent during the past three years to the astronomical total of 92,108 during the calendar year of 1946.

"This is more than four times the 20,190 arrests for intoxication recorded during 1932, the last year of prohibition, and more than twice the 45,345 drunk arrests made during 1943, only 3 years before.

"A little figuring discloses that, on an average, 252 drunks were arrested every day last year—or 10 every hour—or one every 6 minutes, day and night.

"Meantime, adult arrests on all charges jumped from 101,280 in 1944 to 138,627 last year. During the same period, street traffic fatalities leaped from 396 in 1944 to 505 in 1946.

"And still a considerable number of people go around repeating that wet-nurtured myth that there is less drinking now than there was during prohibition. The Los Angeles police, however, are not among that number. They know better."

There is no defense or security for any of us except in the highest intelligence and development of all.—Booker T. Washington.

We are not punished FOR our sins, but by them; we are not rewarded FOR our good deeds, but by them.—Channing Pollick.

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

Treasurer's Report

MAY 18 TO JULY 7, 1947

DUES: Fairdale 1, Oakes 7, Grand Forks (Frances Willard) 11, Flasher 1, Fargo 3, New Salem 11, McKenzie 10, Bismarck 1, Bottineau 5, Tower City 9, Fargo (Julia D. Nelson) 7.

WILLARD: Mrs. G. H. Schaffner, Oberon.

L. T. L. Flasher 6, Powers Lake 40, Sawyer 14.

BUDGET: Stanley 14.00, Grand Forks \$16.00, Grand Forks (Frances Willard) \$11.00, Fargo \$3.00, Sawyer \$18.00.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Minot 5.00, Stanley \$10.00, Bottineau \$16.00, Edinburg \$10.00, Fargo \$7.20, Bismarck \$16.00, Cakes \$4.00, Larimore \$12.60, Gilby \$6.00.

WORLD CONVENTION FUND: Parshall \$10.00, Hatton \$10.00, Alamo \$1.00, Larimore \$15.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Grand Forks (Frances Willard) \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Stanley 2.00, Grand Forks (Frances Willard) \$2.00.

HONORARY CHILD MEMBERS: David Leroy Zook of Minot given by Mrs. Chas. Zook. James Willard Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walkden Harris of Rochester, Minnesota.

UNION SIGNAL: \$3.50. Foreign subscription sent by Larimore and Oakes.

STATE REPORTS: \$6.70.

DISTRICT PLEDGES: Williston \$7.50, Minot \$20.00, Gilby \$25.00, Edinburg \$10.00, Bismarck District \$10.00, North Central District \$5.00.

LITERATURE: \$21.24.

LIGHT LINE UNION: Larimore, Oakes.

ANNA GORDON: 48 cents.

CHINESE ORPHANAGE: \$1.25.

We must close our books August 25 this year because of the early convention dates. I regret to report that several of our unions show a loss in membership. If you are one of those who will make an extra effort to get dues and names of new members in to me by August 15th. This report is being sent early as you will notice by the date. I am going to Iowa for two weeks leaving the seventh of July. I thank all of you for your kindness and co-operation. The work with you the past year has truly been a pleasure.

Sincerely,
MRS. HOWARD KEMIS.

Canned Heat Kills 25

Poison alcohol kills five in one day is a Washington headline for May 15th. Another repeal promise of the wets has gone haywire. With plenty of pure liquor, sold only by men of good moral character and guaranteed by the state, we were promised that deaths from poison alcohol, white mule, canned heat and smoke, would disappear. But men crazed by thirst for liquid fire, created by the bottled in bond, guaranteed pure on the label, sold only by the package, under government supervision, will buy and drink at the risk of their lives the vilest concoction bootleggers can devise.

Prohibition at its worst in Washington never sent 25 men to the morgue in four months, perhaps not in an entire year. But we read no flaming editorials about the failure of regulation and government control. These crimes against society occasion no comment other than the daily chronicling of hold-ups, assault, rape, drunken driving and juvenile delinquents. 1800 liquor outlets, in operation from six a.m. until midnight, is not a cure for suicide by lethal libation.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

The only remedy, according to the logic of the repealists, is to keep open the licensed places all day and all night and all day Sunday, so that these sick addicts will not buy the vile stuff sold by the bootleggers under the cover of darkness! We quarantine every other disease except drunkenness. If a child has the mumps, the measles or the chicken pox, the department of health tacks a red placard on the door as a warning. If their daddy is one of the accepted 2,000,000 alcoholic addicts, or the 750,000 confirmed drunkards, 400,000 government pest shops lie in wait to re-infect and rob him, with the morgue and the pater's field at the end of the receiving line.

And still worse, 750,000 of the boys and girls of today are as certain to take their places tomorrow as that Satan lives and reigns in Christian America.

Who is to blame? Not the juvenile delinquents, not the adult delinquents, but the delinquent Christian voters of America, "whose glory is their shame."—Progress.

No less than 14 presidents of the United States have been grandsons of residents of Ulster, Ireland; the Declaration of Independence was written by an Irishman; the Constitution of the United States was penned by a descendant of a native of Ulster, and the first Signer of the Declaration of Independence was an Irishman—Mrs. Emily Moffatt Clow, of Belfast, told the convention session over which she presided on Saturday evening, June 7th.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

What One Solitary Life Did!

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a woman who, to her peasant neighbors, was just one of them and one with them. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never went to college. He never put his feet inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

"While still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. As he was dying, his executioners gambled for the one piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life!"—Author Unknown.

Faith Needed for Today

In the Woman's Home Companion sometime ago, Dr. Norman V. Peale emphasized the urgent need for a revival of faith in God.

"Millions of men and women," he said, "are creeping through life on their hands and knees, figuratively speaking, merely because they refuse to rely upon any power than themselves. They think they are being brave and independent, but actually they are only courting disaster. Anxiety and the inferiority complex have become the greatest of all modern plagues. The truly Christian life is, from the psychiatric viewpoint, the ideal life.

"Neither penicillin nor sulfa drugs nor any techniques of the medical profession can provide a sure cure for these diseases which lurk within the hearts of so many people, but the Great Physician who said, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden,' can make them whole again."

As an illustration of what faith can do for a man even in the humbler walks of life, Dr. Peale told a personal experience with a New York taxi driver which should bring courage and inspiration to all who read it.

"It was early in the morning," said Dr. Peale. "I had just returned to New York after a sleepless night on a train, and when I picked up a taxi I couldn't help admiring the driver's beaming friendliness. Then, much to my surprise, he asked if I'd like to have him sing for me.

"I wasn't enthusiastic about the idea, at that hour, but I told him to go ahead, and as we rolled down Fifth Avenue he burst into an old gospel hymn. He had a fine baritone voice and, in no time at all, I had forgotten my fatigue and felt like joining him in song. When we reached our destination, I asked the man if he always sang hymns to his passengers.

"Not always," he said. "It depends on what they want and on what God tells me to do."

"Then he explained that every morning, upon taking his taxi from the garage, he would bow his head over the wheel and say: 'Lord, as I move through the streets of New York today, I am going to carry all kinds of people. Some will be happy, some will be worried, some will be struggling and broken. Lord, ride with me in my cab and help me to pass Your healing spirit to every one whom I meet!'

"All day long, he said, every day, he tries to live up to that prayer. The good which that one humble layman accomplishes in the course of a year must be past all reckoning."

"That," concluded Dr. Peale, "is where we need religion today if our battered civilization is to be saved—in taxicabs and buses, in shops, factories, offices, in homes and stores and on the streets. We cannot confine our faith to holy places alone and expect it to be a vital force in our lives."—The Civic Bulletin.

Your Heritage

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD'S WCTU,
ASBURY PARK, N. J., JUNE 6, 1947

Ten years ago the Sixteenth Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in Washington, D. C., the guests of the National WCTU of the United States. There was a record attendance at that convention, 37 countries being represented. We separated, expecting to meet in London, England, in 1940. War was declared by Germany. London was bombed. The face of the world was changed.

What revolutions this decade has made in national life, and in the was of men and women! Geographical boundaries have been altered, governments have fallen and risen again and every individual has felt the trembling of the earth.

Home life has undergone radical changes. During the war women took the place of men in industry. Young women entered the armed forces. The Red Cross and other relief organizations absorbed the efforts of women not in the service. When husbands were away, the mothers—or grandmother, if the mother was working—had full responsibility for the children. Home life was disrupted, and far too many of the children of this decade are growing up without that sense of security that comes from a happy, peaceful home.

The men and women in service were exposed to temptation—away from home, lonely, under terrific tension. The temptation to drink beer and other liquors was everywhere. Beer was sold in army canteens; it was issued to the men on ships—sometimes the only cold drink available. Hostesses to service men and women served cocktails to many who had never tasted liquor before. In the tension of war personal standards were shattered. It is not surprising that some who had been moderate drinkers, and even some who had been abstainers before entering the service, became alcoholics.

SOCIAL DRINKING INCREASED

In civilian life social drinking increased especially among women, not only among those who frequent the taverns and cocktail lounges. The cocktail party has become a common form of entertaining among society people; and church women do not always stay away from such functions.

The liquor interests saw in this increase in drinking an opportunity to extend their sales. Never has any commodity been so expensively or so attractively advertised. It must pay, or they would not do it. But the real cost is in the wrecked lives of those who do not see further than the catch phrase and attractive pictures.

Yet the danger in the use of alcoholic liquor is recognized. Pilots of airplanes are forbidden to drink for 24 hours before taking a plane. In this country passengers may not drink on planes. Workers on the atomic bomb were forbidden to use alcoholic liquors while handling dangerous materials. Alcoholism is a recognized cause of traffic accidents, of crime, and of juvenile delinquency. Apparently, where there is danger, there must be no drink; but actually, where there is drink, there is always danger.

The campaign for public safety on the highways will fail unless public authorities recognize that it is not only the drunken driver who is a menace on the public highway, while the drinking pedestrian is a danger to drivers as well as to himself.

The latest claim in regard to alcoholism is that it is a disease; but those who make the claim fail to state it is self-inflicted.

Why not check the disease by warning the public that the disease is preventable and that total abstinence is the only real preventive?

We have recently had an example of the prevention of disease in New York City in connection with small pox. Several cases were reported. Two patients died. Three sources of infection were located. And the Department of Health of the city went into action with compulsory vaccination for all city employees and school children, and strongly recommended vaccination for all the seven million people in the city. The Commissioner of Health broadcast daily appeals to the people to accept free vaccination service. The churches were asked to urge the members of their congregations to be vaccinated, and in some churches the pastors called for a show of hands to indicate the response. Air raid wardens were called out to ring doorbells and check on the thoroughness of the campaign. The Department of Health has announced that there is now no danger of an epidemic. Prompt action on prevention worked.

If only the public could be aroused to the danger in the epidemic of alcoholism that has been threatening during the past decade! We must make the world aware of the risk in the self-prescribed medicine, in the social glass of beer and wine, in the cocktail habit. We must not only help to rehabilitate those whose lives have been wrecked by liquor, but we must educate the public-intelligent people, church people—that beer is NOT Best, that Men of Distinction do NOT have to drink to be men of distinction, and that a hostess can be gracious and charming when she serves non-alcoholic refreshments. Our task is not over.

IN FORTY-SIX COUNTRIES

Our founder, Frances E. Willard, with her clear vision recognized that the root of the problem of alcoholism was in the individual, hence the greatest driving force to combat alcoholism was in an increasing number of pledged total abstainers. At the first convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the pledge of total abstinence was adopted as a condition of membership. No matter what the name of the affiliated organizations—Liga de Temperancia Det Hvida Baand, Deutscher Frauenbund we are banded together in 46 countries, pledged total abstainers. We must increase our membership and thus increase the immunity of the disease of alcoholism.

Our heritage is not only the pledge of total abstinence but also the Do Everything Policy. As Miss Willard said in her address before the Second World's WCTU convention, "The Do Everything Policy" was not of our choosing, but is an evolution as inevitable as any traced by the naturalist or described by the historian.

Women's genius for details, and her patient steadfastness in following the enemies of those she loves 'through every lane of life', have led her to antagonize the alcohol habit and the liquor traffic just where they are, wherever that may be. If she does this, since they are everywhere, her policy will be Do Everything. . . . Every question of practical philanthropy or reform has its temperance aspect, and with that we are to deal."

In no better way is that policy illustrated than in the various activities of the forty-six countries in which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is now functioning. There is power in righteously-indignant womanhood. Given a principal in which a woman believes, and she will spare neither time nor effort to see it established.

Some of the countries are taking care of the backwash of the war: homes for un-married mothers and their babies in Korea, and care of refugees in Switzerland, Sweden, and Denmark. Frances Liu has continued her orphanages and homes for aged in China during the war, though she has had to move several times. England has launched an organized campaign, and Canada has strengthened its organization by establishing headquarters. South American countries have been organized. In Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, and Korea, the work which was suspended during the war, has been revived. But I must not tell you more, for in this convention you will hear representatives of all these countries report on their activities; and I know that you will marvel as I do at the letters that come to my desk from all around the world at the adaptability, the courage, the perseverance of these women who Do Everything.

FIRST WORLD'S WCTU CONVENTION

As I recall to your minds the serious alcohol problem facing us today and our heritage in principle and practice, I look back through the years to that first convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Boston in 1891. I was not a delegate—only an interested visitor. Miss Willard, Lady Henry Somerset of England, Mrs. Tel Sono of Japan, and Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt were the powerful personalities of the convention. It was a small gathering—only twenty-three delegates—but the pioneer spirit was there. It was at that convention that the temperance missionary project was launched with plans for sending out six missionaries. It was at that convention that Frances E. Willard crystallized her vision in the principle and policy of the World's Woman's Temperance Union.

At the next convention, which was held in Chicago in 1893 Lady Henry Somerset presided in place of Miss Willard, who was unable to leave England because of illness. It was here that Lady Henry read Miss Willard's masterly, comprehensive address which formulated the Do Everything policy and suggested the departmental organization of activities which is still our method of putting to work for temperance the varied interests of women.

The conventions of 1895 in London, England, and 1897 in Toronto, Canada, I did not attend.

My next convention was in 1900 in Edinburgh, Scotland Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of the United States presided for Lady Henry Somerset who was then president. I shall never forget my feeling when I went to the Free Assembly Hall on Castel Hill where the convention was held, and saw over a door the sign, "Foreign Delegates Enter Here." We were foreigners, but we soon lost any feeling of strangeness in the gracious welcome of our Scottish hostesses in whose homes we were entertained. It was at that convention that the custom was initiated of having short speeches by the representatives of many countries—such as you will hear Tuesday evening. One of our American women overheard this conversation in a tram: "Have ye been to the women's convention?" said one man to another. Ye should go. It's a wonderful convention. Last night 50 women made 50 speeches in 50 minutes. It's a wonderful convention!" . . . WCTU women can accept limitations.

Of the next World's convention, held in Brooklyn, New York, in 1913, I have many, many memories for I was chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, Mrs. Stevens presided for the Countess of Carlisle, who was represented by her daughter

Lady Aura Howard. The meetings were held in the Opera House of the Brooklyn Academy of Music which seats nearly 3,000. Such crowds came that numbers were turned away. Crowds at a temperance meeting? It can be done.

LONDON IN 1920

There was a period of seven years bridging World War I to the convention in London in 1920. The Countess of Carlisle was a notable figure. Miss Anna A. Gordon, as vice president, presided for her; but whenever any subject was brought up that aroused her interest, Lady Carlisle would rise and with clarity and Wisdom make an impassioned speech. Madame Yajima of Japan celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday at that convention. She had crossed two oceans and a continent to come. She did not understand one word of English, but she replied to the compliments expressed on her birthday in a long speech in Japanese which we did not understand. We did not need the words of each other's language to sense our mutual friendly feeling.

It was at the Philadelphia Convention in 1922 that Miss Anna A. Gordon was elected president. This was early in the Prohibition era in the United States.

Representatives from other lands were interested in the fact that there were no open bars, and there was no liquor advertising. Corner stores, formerly occupied by saloons, housed banks. Other buildings of similar background were occupied by the butcher, the grocer, or the baker. Prohibition had changed things.

At the next World's meeting, which was in Edinburg, Scotland, Miss Gordon presided. Lady Astor, one of the principal speakers, made a notable address. At this convention I retired as treasurer after five years of service, to be succeeded by Mrs Margaret C. Munns.

Stockholm, 1934, stands out as the convention that gave us a royal welcome. Gustaf Adolph, the Crown Prince of Sweden made an inspiring address, we were favored with solos by the Court Singer, and the Mayor of Stockholm welcomed us with pomp and ceremony in the magnificent City Hall. Sweden makes a grant for the work of Det Svida Baand, and our welcome was significant of the value the government places on the work of the organization.

In 1928 the convention was held in Lausanne, Switzerland. Lady Cecelia Roberts, eldest daughter of the Countess of Carlisle, was prominent—a gracious, lovely lady. I recall the Sunday service in the great Cathedral of Lausanne—crowded to the doors, most of us standing. The service was in French, German and English; but when we sang, "Nearer, My God to Thee," we sang together, each in her own language.

Miss Gordon was too ill to go to the Toronto Convention in 1931, and it fell to my lot, as vice president, to plan the program and to preside. Everyone was disappointed that Miss Gordon was not there, but all were so understanding and helpful that my difficult task was made easy. It was there that I was elected President of the World's WCTU, 40 years after my first convention.

A RECEPTION FOR 3,000

In 1937 the United States had the pleasure of welcoming the World's Convention to Washington, our capitol. There were delegates from 37 nations. A large wreath, made of evergreens brought by delegates from all the lands were evergreens grow was placed on Miss Willard's statue in the capitol by Agnes E. Slack . . . At the reception in Constitution Hall, we on the receiving line shook hands with a recorded 3,924 people. The largest gathering was at the Peace Meeting in the park at the base of the Washington Monument. Mrs. Gauntlett of Japan was the principal speaker. At our closing meeting we clasped hands in friendship all around the world.

1947—Asbury Park. You will have memories of this convention, and possibly for some one in this audience it is the beginning of an experience as rich in opportunities for service as mine. It is satisfying to be devoted to a cause that is longer than one's life. As I have been standing here, as it were, on a mountain peak of experience, looking at the problems of today recalling the past, I pass on to you the heritage of the principal and policy of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the cooperation, the friendship, and the loyalty that have come down through the years. Here is the torch—it is yours to hold high!

—ELLA A. BOOLE.

World Convention Highlights

A total of 2,183 registered delegates and visitors made up the total roster of members and friends in attendance of the Seventeenth World's W. C. T. U. Convention in Asbury Park, New Jersey, June 5-10, 1947.

Twenty-six countries were represented by delegates who participated in the convention proceedings either by reporting on activities, or participating in the program in some other way

In her presidential address, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, retiring president, announced that the World's W. C. T. U. is now functioning in 46 countries.

A visitor from England, thanking the hostesses for their hospitality, said she had tasted white bread for the first time in seven years, during the convention.

On Sunday, June 8, convention delegates attended various church services. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin headed a large delegation attending services in the famous Ocean Grove Auditorium. Mrs. Boole and her daughter, Miss Florence Boole, attended services at the First Methodist Church in Asbury Park, where Dr. William H. Boole had been the first pastor.

The Doctors of France on Drink

ERNEST GORDON IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Long ago Plutarch taught that those who were fathered by drunkards themselves often became drunkards. Professor Perrin of the Medical School in Nantes, with the co-operation of Dr. Arondel of the children's clinic in the same school, and of Dr. Charles Menager, has obtained the opinions of physicians all over France, based on personal experience, concerning alcoholic heredity—a thing which the Yale alcoholologists believe not to exist at all! A few of these testimonies are summarized below:

Dr. Brousseau: "Universal experience attests that families and descendants of drunkards have an abnormally high proportion of psychopaths of all sorts—idiots, imbeciles, weaklings, cyclothymes, schizoids, schizophrènes, epileptics of various types, delinquents, and criminals."

Dr. Vignes: "One fact has often struck me, and I have observed it many times. It is that the very smallest amounts of alcohol seem able to bring on ethylic (alcoholic) troubles among relatively sober drinkers who are the offspring of heavy drinkers."

Dr. d'Heuqueville: "Alcohol is the principal factor in degeneracy. We find it unquestionably in the ancestry of more than half of the sick in our neuro-psychiatric service for children, twice as often as tuberculosis and syphilis. It is as if alcohol suspended at conception the dominance of certain of the most delicate heritable characteristics, allowing to come to the surface the recessive characteristics (in Mendel's sense) which are primitive and grosser."

In a report presented to the Academy of Medicine in 1937 Dr. Loir affirmed that he had discovered that 8 per cent of French children could not follow school lessons. According to Dr. de Parrel 20 per cent are unable to keep up with an ordinary class. Dr. Picard of Plauzoles, who cites these figures, adds, "Of a hundred defective children, half owe their defects to the alcoholism of parents, and 25 per cent to the syphilis of parents. Thus in heredity lies the greatest danger from alcoholism. Alcoholic heredity is one of the greatest factors in physical and mental degeneracy."

Professor Perrin reports from personal inquiry:

Dr. Menager: "Heredity defects caused by alcoholism are observable especially after the birth of the third child."

Dr. Monnier finds in children of drinkers "nervous instability, night fright, epilepsy, an incredible proportion with liver ailments."

Dr. Grimaud: "Children wrecked—paying heavy toll to menigitic tuberculosis."

These statements come from the Loire-Inferieure where alcoholic heredity has often been observed by Drs. Guandeau Dardelet, and a long list of others.

Dr. Royer declares that mental and physical defects (traceable to alcohol) are frequent—among them degeneracy and epilepsy. All the physicians of Morbihan (many names cited) find inherited alcoholic degeneracies very frequent. This is also the opinion of a long list of doctors in Finisterre.

A group of doctors in the Eure insist that it is the children who are called on to pay the fathers' bills in physical and intellectual degeneracies. In the Vendee it is affirmed that numbers of children are a burden on society. The diagnosis of school teachers is "alcoholism of parents."

Dr. Duval of Loiret says that "ninety per cent of the alcohol sick in our hospital show an alcoholic heredity." Dr. Ouvrard of Vendee adds: Children and grandchildren of alcoholics fall to tuberculosis far more readily than others."

Dr. Papou of Vendee: "Alcohol prepares the seed-bed for tuberculosis. I have seen families die out in the third generation because of the alcoholism of an ancestor."

Few dissent. Dr. Besnier declares that alcoholic heredity exists, but not so widely as some think. "The sobriety of the mother counterbalances the father's alcoholism." Three other doctors also consider it rare, but 25 others listed insist that it is frequent, and Professor Neyrac winds up the investigation with "Alcoholism is more injurious to children and grandchildren than to the alcoholic himself."

This editorial is based on "Une Croisade Medicale Contre L'Alcoolisme Compte Rendu d'une enquete parmi les Medecins Francais," by Paul Perrin. The publisher is Louis Arnette, and the book can be obtained through the Librairie Protestante et Generale, 140 Bvd. St. Germaine, Paris. Price not indicated.

District Conventions

BISMARCK

Bismarck District held its convention at Flasher May 21, with all unions in the district represented. The Bismarck union chartered a bus to make the journey. Mrs. H. E. Mielke of Fargo the state vice president, was guest speaker, but because of the fact that the first rain of the season fell that day, the evening meeting was not as well attended as had been hoped. Mr. Upham of the North Dakota Highway Patrol showed a film on Safety, and the Bluebird LTL put on a short program. It was resolved that each union in the district study the program of the Commission on International Relations for Peace. All district officers except the secretary were re-elected, but the name of the new one was not reported to the editor.

NORTH CENTRAL

The 53rd annual convention of the North Central District WCTU met on Tuesday May 21, in the Presbyterian church at Calvin. The meeting was called to order by District President Mrs. C. A. Jahnke of Rock Lake, who conducted the opening devotional service. Rev. Williams of Calvin led in prayer. The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the USA was given. The convention guests were introduced by Mrs. Jahnke; Mrs. Darling responded with words of greeting and brought greetings to the convention from Mrs. Wanner and Mrs. Mielke. Mrs. Beasley responded with a short talk. Both guests were made members of the convention.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; Calvin Union reported 29 paid members, a gain of one. They had held 10 meetings, had sent a box to the Crittenden Home raised \$7.67 at a Hospitality Tea, had made scrapbooks, and had an excellent treasurer's report.

Rock Lake Union reported 7 members, 5 regular meetings \$10.00 raised at a Hospitality Tea, a birthday offering for Flower and Missions Dept. and a flowering plant sent to an absent member.

After a song by the audience, Rev. Williams gave an interesting talk relative to temperance instruction and enforcement.

He urged more instruction by parents, in Sunday Schools and public schools and gave some early experiences in temperance work in England.

Mrs. Darling gave a short talk at this point.

A memorial service was held to honor the memories of two members who had gone home in the past year. The theme was "Faith" with the scripture reading from the 11th chapter of Hebrews and the hymn of faith, Rock of Ages, was sung.

Mrs. Annie Crummy of Calvin, sister of Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Maud Mateer of Rock Lake were the women thus honored. The service closed with the 23rd psalm repeated in unison by the audience.

Mrs. Beasley gave a short talk, showing copies of two books which she recommended for use by ministers, teachers and WCTU people. She urged us to send her news and information for the W. R. B. and also urged everyone to attend the State Convention at Grand Forks in September to meet the new state officers.

The new district officers are: president, Mrs. C. A. Jahnke Rock Lake; vice president, Mrs. H. G. Renfrow, Calvin; secretary, Mrs. E. J. Langley, Rock Lake; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Crawford, Calvin.

Mrs. Darling answered questions and displayed materials for work in schools and Sunday schools. She suggested that the unions pay the required 35c for the state report.

It was agreed that the 1948 meeting be held in Rock Lake. After a delicious supper the evening session was called to order. District dues were paid and Mrs. Annie Porter led the devotions. After songs by all Mrs. Porter read portions of scripture from Matt. 23 and Acts 1. After another song Mrs. Porter led in prayer. A group of Calvin girls sang several songs.

Rep. E. J. Langley gave an informative talk on North Dakota and national legislation affecting law enforcement and liquor control. Mrs. Darling's address was on the topic "Tell Your Neighbor" in which she emphasized five points.

Mrs. Beasley spoke again, the collection was taken and Mrs. Jahnke closed the convention. Benediction by Rev. Williams.

WORLD CONVENTION NOTES

Brigadier General Frank E. Stoner, speaker on Monday night, June 9, the only man seated on the platform, gallantly stood up as each woman speaker rose to go forward to the rostrum, and again as she returned to her seat after speaking.

"W. C. T. U. Puts Liquor Third in Its Program," was the startling headline in the Newark (N. J.) Star Ledger which greeted convention delegates after the first day's session. Below this line was another which read "War and Narcotics Given Precedence at Convention." As it turned out, the emphasis was fairly evenly distributed between Liquor, Narcotic Drugs, and Peace.

Miss Elizabeth Smart called "time" on the "two minute" messages from delegates on the closing evening of the convention, by holding aloft a red rose, when the two minutes were up.

Mrs. Margaret Munns, who was re-elected World's W. C. T. U. Treasurer, carried on a successful appeal for life members to the World's organization, which closed at a total of 53 on the closing night of the convention.

Dr. Daniel Poling in speaking of Mrs. Ella Boole during the course of his address on Sunday night, June 9, called the retiring president of the World's W. C. T. U. a "prophetess, and the great stateswoman of her day."

A priceless paisley shawl was presented to Mrs. Boole by the women of Scotland's W. C. T. U. Mrs. I. D. K. Brown, of Kirkaldy, Fife, their president, made the presentation speech. It required five women to hold it out for the audience to see its full length and breadth.

ALCOHOL AND GENIUS

Edgar Allan Poe drank, to his own ruin, but he did his work during periods of sobriety. One of his friends said of him, "One drink with him was like hitting a fine Swiss watch with a hatchet."

Edwin Booth was a periodical drinker, but he was incapable of mental concentration after one drink of brandy.

Jack London drank himself into despair and a suicide grave.

Burns, the poet, was a victim of alcoholism.

No wonder that Upton Sinclair says, "Alcohol is the greatest trap which life has set for the feet of genius."

May we add that good living calls for the greatest genius of all—nor can any one who wishes to make of his life a real success dare to be caught in the trap of alcohol.

Many who feel insulted if told to go to hell, feel honored when invited to go there with friends.

—The Friend.

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