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Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, who retires at the command of her physician, after eight years as state president.



Mrs. H. E. Mielke, new president of North Dakota W. C. T. U.

## The New President's Letter

Greetings to every member of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, from your new president. How I wish I could meet you all in person and shake hands with you. I hope that will be my privilege, as time goes on.

The 58th annual convention which met at Grand Forks, September 9-10-11, is now a pleasant memory. All the delegates and visitors who attended the sessions can say with me that it was good to have been there. It was an enjoyable, inspirational and profitable meeting. The Grand Forks hostesses entertained us royally, the committees worked efficiently, and the program was beautified by fine musical talent in organ, vocal, and piano renditions. We thank you all, most gratefully. Especially do we wish to congratulate you on your beautiful and delicious banquet.

We were sorry to have to accept the resignation of our state president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, who has served us faithfully and well for eight years. Thank you, Bessie Darling, you have endeared yourself to us all, and we hope you will regain your health and be back with us very soon.

The guest of honor, Miss Lily Grace Matheson, gave us much information on Organization, Membership, and Program Preparation, in her capable way, and everyone felt that they could go back to their unions and make practical application of the plans presented.

The addresses by Mrs. Darling and Dr. Munk of Wesley College were very interesting, stressing the responsibility every Christian should take in combatting this common enemy of mankind—the liquor traffic, with all its attendant problems.

The splendid reports of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. T. Brooks; of our treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis; the LTL secretary, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie; and the department directors, were all most gratifying and encouraging. We thank them for their splendid work.

A special letter has reached every union in the state, which will give you an outline of a plan for your membership drive, and suggestions for your program this year. Plans for a great increase in membership, dear comrades, and rededicate yourselves to the unfinished task which lies before us all. May God bless your every effort in the year ahead. With best wishes,

MRS. H. E. MIELKE.

## The President's Annual Address

I am happy to welcome you to Grand Forks, my home city. We have looked forward to your coming with great anticipation and pleasure. The members of both unions have planned for your comfort and happiness while in our midst.

This is the eighth time that Grand Forks has entertained the State WCTU convention since it was organized in 1889. It is interesting to look back over the years and note the distinguished guests that it has been our pleasure to entertain. The second annual convention was held here in 1891; Miss Adelaide M. Kinnear was then state president and Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, Round the World Missionary, was the convention guest. Since then such leaders as Mrs. Bessie Lathe Scovell of Minnesota; Mrs. Callie Howe of Missouri; Mrs. Emor Calkins, Michigan; Miss Mildred Meedy, New York; Mrs. Maude B. Perkins, New York; Mrs. Ella A. Beebe, New York; and Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Iowa, were guests at different times when convention met here.

In Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson's address at the tenth annual convention which met here in 1899, she said: "We are met today in one of North Dakota's earliest and most historical cities. With unwavering faith the sturdy pioneers laid the foundations of this city by the Red River of the North when the boundless prairies beyond were pronounced a desert. They have lived to see this city, the pride of a great commonwealth. Grand Forks is not noted alone for the business enterprise of its citizens, its stately business blocks, its fine churches, its beautiful avenues but it is also noted as a city in which strong drink is neither manufactured nor sold. A city which has achieved its great prosperity without a cent of revenue from the liquor traffic."

That was in 1899—time marches on, and in this year of 1947, I am sorry to say that our city does now receive liquor revenue. Our liquor ordinance permits 12 distilled liquor licenses and we have that number, besides beer licenses.

We are proud that the pioneer builders of our city were men with great vision and we are still proud of the beauty of our city. We have a city of beautiful homes, stately business blocks and many fine churches. Our school system is one that we can look to with pride. This is the home of the state university and

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many of you have sent your sons and daughters here for higher education. We are not proud of the liquor business in our city and we are all aware of the problems that such business creates. When the State Liquor Control Law was enacted in our state and when the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed in our nation such conditions were made possible.

The legalized liquor traffic is and always has been, the greatest enemy of the home, church and community. The existing conditions not alone in this community but general throughout the nation constitute a direct challenge to every Christian man or woman interested in the welfare of their country.

It is more than two years since World War II ceased its firing, and still we have no promise of a permanent peace. We speak of this time as the atomic age and fear is growing in the hearts of our people that we will soon have another war. A war more devastating than any we have ever experienced; a war in which whole cities will be wiped out and land made unproductive for many years. Our political leaders and army officials would have us believe that force is the only solution and so war propaganda goes on. We know too well that there can be no hope for any kind of peace in the midst of preparation for war. Within three decades we have seen two wars. Over 200,000 American men were killed in the last war and over 1,000,000 casualties—many will never leave their hospital beds again. Besides the lives of these brave men we have a war debt of over \$300,000,000,000 which will take decades to repay. If we are to have peace we must work for the things which will make for peace. America has been strong in the past because she loved freedom. We must keep our nation strong and free by extending freedom to other nations. Our Bible teaches us to love our neighbor—that is one of God's commandments, but we must go further than the law. We must leave our neighbor—and that can be extended to take in nations—so much that we are willing to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and lift up the fallen, thus bringing to the world a better understanding. By talking peace and practicing the principles of Christianity in dealing with all nations we can bring about an enduring peace. Mrs. Cecil M. Heath, World's Corresponding Secretary, had this to say about our part in the winning of an enduring peace, in her address "We Must Have Peace" given at the World's Convention at Asbury Park: "We may have to work and overwork, but we must be prepared to put in overtime at the job of getting the world out of the present mess; we must give our very selves. Thousands of ordinary people like ourselves are prepared to do just this. We have taken a pledge of abstinence because we believe that by doing so we are making a real contribution towards a better world. Our bodies are stronger, minds clearer, our work of a higher grade, whether physical or mental work.

If we are prepared to dedicate ourselves in the cause of righteousness and peace, there must be others, tens of thousands of them. Our mission is to go out from this convention and win them. Our own willingness to sacrifice our time, ourselves, means that we have the right to demand equal dedication on the part of our political leaders. Only men of clear mind, clean body, and pure intent are fit to cope with the present situation and guide us safely through it. We must have peace but to get peace we must have war. We must declare war on want, on slums, on licensed drink shops or clubs, on brothels, on the piling up of armaments. We must spend our money, our ingenuity, our scientific genius, the energy and beauty of young life, the sagacity of our adult life upon these things; and a magnificent victory will one day be ours. Ours—peoples of big and little nations, peoples of a great sovereignty, the Kingdom of God on earth." Christian America could pave the way for such a peace if she would but let us demand of those who are authorized to help form a peace policy, that they do so with clear minds, clean bodies and pure intent. and that there be no peace time conscription of teen age youth unless they be given protection from beverage alcohol.

In this second post-war year we are still facing a great unrest in the social, economic and industrial world. Tremendous problems are confronting us on every side which require sober thinking and co-operative service. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is intensely interested in contributing to the solution of the nation's problems. We are anxious to win a lasting peace for the world, and pledge our support to a sane and Christian peace policy. If we are to attain the highest and best in national life we must conquer the enemies within our borders that are seeking to destroy our free institutions, our economic wealth, the health of our people and the rightness of life, on which all depends. The greatest enemy of all is the organized liquor traffic, which has reached vast proportions. It spends huge sums of money each year in advertising. It dominates many of our leading magazines and newspapers. Its voice is like that of a dictator and can be heard into every corner of our land. This dictatorship is declaring its power, the ancient

power of greed and appetite. It corrupts city government; it dictates elections and platforms; through business connections it silences the voices of protest. It even reaches into the Christian pulpit and hushes the voice of the preacher.

The organized liquor traffic is out to win new recruits through their advertising program, but above all they are seeking to win all people to their way of thinking—that liquor drinking in moderation is a normal, wholesome accomplishment.

During the past year the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has used the slogan "Let Your Neighbor Know". We must continue to educate our neighbors so that they may know the truth about beverage alcohol and thus we may safeguard our nation. We believe in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for our land as the best way to deal with the liquor traffic. Too many Americans have been misled by liquor advertising or have permitted their thinking to be influenced by their daily paper, their favorite magazine or a radio commentator. We must let our neighbor know that alcohol is a narcotic—a drug with habit-forming qualities. Even when the amount of alcohol taken into the body is too small to cause any obvious effect on the muscles, it affects the most sensitive functions of the brain—the judgment, self control, self determination. These are the God-given qualities that makes man superior to all of God's creations. May I quote from the Rev. Mr. Edwin Tuller's article "The Christian and Social Drinking", which gives a clear reason why total abstinence is the right way of life: "The first and immediate effect of taking one glass of beer or wine or one cocktail, is to raise the possibility of destroying one's relationship to God. This is true because drinking effects first that part of the mind which enables the individual to establish his relationship to God. The effect varies in different people, but is nevertheless present in all. Because this is true, the Church and Christians must solve the problem; for "moderate" drinking is slowly destroying the very thing that the church is seeking to build into the lives of boys and girls, men and women. We are making here a religious plea to Christian people who believe in God the Father and desire to know Him better; and to lead others to Him. From this argument no true follower of Jesus has any appeal. He must be a total abstainer himself or he is a walking contradiction". There is no greater destroyer of character and personality than alcohol. We see the deterioration in responsibility, in loyalties, in reverence in the person of the user of beverage alcohol.

We must constantly keep facts before our neighbor. Science is on our side; though the findings of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies indicate that at least in the case of moderate drinking there seems to be no permanent impairment of the organs of the body from the continued moderate use of alcohol. However, the Yale School Scientists and all scientists do agree conclusively, that even moderate use of alcoholic beverages does mean moral and spiritual deterioration of the personality.

It is high time that the American people did some serious thinking about this national problem. Do we want freedom, peace and progress, or do we want liquor and drunkenness with all its attendant evils? A Christian nation can not have both. The liquor interests are trying to establish moderate drinking as a part of our American way of life. There has been a steady increase in the number of drinkers in our nation since repeal, and according to figures given out by Yale School of Alcohol Studies, about 50 per cent of our population over 15 years of age are drinking. There has been a noted increase in drinking among women which has a very serious effect on home life. Children in the homes where mothers as well as fathers are drinking are generally the chief sufferers. There are now about 600,000 female inebriates in the United States. In 1946 Dr. R. V. Seliger, psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins hospital, reported that during the years of his practice the proportion of women to men alcoholics who came to him for treatment, had increased from one in ten to four in ten patients; that of these admitted to mental hospitals for alcoholism 60 to 70 per cent are doomed to end their lives in hospitals or to drink themselves to death.

The very life of our nation depends on the intelligence, social responsibility and morality of its citizenry. Beverage alcohol has caused other nations to fall and no nation can long endure under existing conditions. America spends \$5.50 per capita annually for religion, including contributions, gifts, and bequests, and last year our nation spent \$55.79 per capita for beverage alcohol. The per capita consumption in 1934, the first full repeal year, was 8.39 gallons. In 1945 the figure was 20.67 gallons. There have been some reports that consumption is declining, but no definite proof is available yet. On the contrary, the consumption of distilled spirits for the January-August 1946 period was 30.5 per cent greater than for the corresponding period of the previous year.

We need sane and sober minds for the solution of the National problems at hand. Christian people must be aroused to their responsibility in this crusade for sobriety. The liquor interests would have us believe that drunkenness is a disease for which neither the individual nor the liquor industry is responsible.

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They are making progress in establishing that view-point. We must tell our neighbor about the fallacy of moderate drinking. No man or woman ever intended to become an alcoholic, but moderate drinking too frequently leads to excessive drinking. We must teach that prevention is better than cure. We agree that alcoholism is a disease but it is a self-inflicted disease. No one will suffer from this disease that does not take alcohol into his or her body. We believe that effort should be made to rehabilitate the alcoholic and there are societies that devote their efforts to such a program. Alcoholics Anonymous is one organization, and they are doing a good job. We must care for and cure the victims of alcoholism but the wisest thing is to do away with the source. History teaches us that in case of an epidemic, society goes after the source of the disease. That is the way medical science did away with malaria epidemics in our own country. Oil was poured on the mosquito breeding places, the disease-laden carriers were killed, and the spread of the disease was checked.

Instead of building hospitals for the cure of alcoholics, we might better do away with the 410,000 breeding places where liquor is sold. At the same time that the wets are advocating the building of hospitals for the cure of alcoholism, they are spending millions of dollars in advertising to get don-drinkers to drink, and thereby spreading the disease of alcoholism.

Yet after all, the real social problem is not the alcoholic, but rather the had-been-drinking driver of a car on the highway, along with crime, juvenile delinquency and drink-created poverty. Statistics show that arrests for driving while intoxicated rose from 63.2 per 100,000 in 1932 to 129.6 in 1942. Night clubs in particular are productive of drunken driving. As might be expected the percentage of drinking drivers is higher at night and over week-ends. About one in every three fatal accidents at night, involved reported drinking on the part of the driver or pedestrian.

The President of the United States, in addressing a National Safety Conference in Washington had this to say about highway accidents: "Last year 33,500 men, women and children were killed in highway accidents, and if these deaths had occurred at the same time in a single community, the whole world would have been profoundly shocked. Every resource of the United States would have been mobilized immediately to prevent the recurrence of such an awful tragedy."

Of these 33,500 deaths, at least one-sixth and possibly one-fourth were due to the use of beverage alcohol, which is freely sold up and down the highways of our land. The president did not seem concerned about that, nor does the government do anything about it. The city of Washington, D. C., drinks more per capita than any other city of its size in our nation. The liquor traffic has a strangle hold on our government and men in high places drink and boast while they do so.

We need only to scan the headlines in our daily paper to get a picture of the present day crime wave. Many of these crimes such as murder, suicide, rape, were committed by persons under the influence of liquor. Figures released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show a 13 per cent increase in crime for the first six months of 1946 over the corresponding period in 1945, the highest rate of increase on record.

I need not stress to you the great increase in juvenile delinquency throughout our nation in recent years. It is proper that we should feel concern over this situation. We know that there are many children who are neglected because one or both parents are victims of beverage alcohol. Consider the disintegration of family life. Again we have only to refer to the daily press to find the alarming list of divorces, where alcoholic indulgence is given as the cause. What a trail of sorrow and maladjusted lives follow divorce! The wounds in a child's personality caused by broken homes, are deep and almost impossible of healing. The percentage of divorce to marriage is rapidly rising—about one to every three marriages—a menace for stable civilization and to the nurture of children for useful lives.

The liquor traffic spends millions each year to increase its business yes—but also to convince the gullible public that their business is a respectable business on a par with any other business on main street. From the very beginning of repeal, that has been the aim of the wets. When efforts were made to repeal the 18th Amendment they agreed that they did not want the return of the old time saloon. We have something infinitely worse in the modern cocktail bar or lounge, with carpeted floors, chromium-plated furniture—soft lights and music. The alcohol sold there in a cocktail or a glass of beer is exactly the same as that sold in the old-time saloon. It has the same basic effect on man. Men still get drunk, squander their money and become a public nuisance. A business that contributes to the slaughter on the highway, to general crime and that turns a man into a beast, can not be put on a par with any other respectability. A business which begets poverty, sorrow and suffering can not be termed a respectable business. It is difficult to understand how Christian

citizens can be so blind, and perhaps the deepest injury we have received from the propaganda of the liquor traffic is the cynicism and indifference of so many of our people to the harm that is being done.

What then can we do as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to combat these conditions and to enlist the support of our neighbors? Too many of our people believe that prohibition was a failure and that we must avoid the return of such a period. The prohibition law was not failure, because it reduced drinking 75 per cent. We grant that it was not perfectly enforced, which was no fault of the law but rather the lack of will on the part of the law-enforcing officers. It took away government protection from the liquor traffic. Today, the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages is protected and sanctioned by law. To show how deeply entrenched the liquor traffic is in our government, I quote Kenneth Laird, advertising man, in a statement made to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio, February 7, 1947, as reported in the *Brewers' Journal*, March, 1947: "Ten million GIs have learned to know and like beer much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to sell. Uncle Sam has been our sales manager and the best, you ever had". What a disgrace for a country that boasts of liberty and justice for all!

We must 'let our neighbor' know that repeal and liquor control as advocated by wets have failed. Repeal has increased drinking three hundred per cent and that alone indicates that the law is a failure.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has definite work to do and we must not shirk. We must continue to agitate, educate, organize and legislate, but to do that we must have time, patience, persistence, courage, and money.

Work against the liquor traffic does take time; time to study so that one may know the strategy of the enemy, that we may know facts and intelligently present the truth to those who are indifferent. Then there must be time for prayer—communication with God. We know that we can not do this work in our own strength but in His strength all things are possible. So we must take time for prayer that we may be guided in our work. We believe that God is distressed over present conditions and that He grieves for the sorrows of children and misguided men and women. Our organization was born in prayer and we know that prayer can change things. We can light tapers of hope in this dark world of uncertainty, surrender ourselves completely to Him and He will guide and direct us in our work.

Then we must have time to write letters of appeal to those who are responsible for the making of laws in our state and nation. We must have time to create public sentiment for prohibitory laws in regard to the use of beverage alcohol; protective laws for our children and youth. We must be ready to furnish churches and other organizations with up-to-date pronouncements on this question. We must have time to see that school laws are observed and that no action is taken to repeal a protective law.

This work is for the unafraid. I was thrilled with the heroic and undaunted spirit of our comrades from across the seas who came to attend the recent World's WCTU convention at Asbury Park. They are facing gigantic tasks ahead in the rehabilitation of our work in the war-torn countries. Can we do any less? We must speak out for the temperance cause in all groups. We must always preach the gospel of total abstinence. By voicing our own convictions on this question we often give courage to others.

We must endeavor to strengthen our ranks by enlisting every church woman in our community. What a power for good we could be if every Christian woman could be aroused to action for this cause! It was unity and co-operation of our church people that made possible the passage of the Liquor-Food Divorcement law last November. The decent people of our state rose up in righteous indignation when the wets filled every leading newspaper in our state with untrue and misleading statements. With their own insidious advertising they aroused the Christian people to united action. In the same way the dries have worked for the passage of S.265 better known as the Capper Bill. At the recent hearing of this bill in Washington, D. C. representatives from educational, scientific, professional, industrial and church circles were present, and officially represented more than 50 million adult American citizens. That hearing was recognized by the dry leaders as the most successful and outstanding the cause has had since the repeal of the 18th Amendment. However, that was only the first skirmish and we must follow through in a united band until the bill is made a law.

We need not be too concerned over the number in our organization and we need not be discouraged. God has again and again taken a few and made them mighty in His battles. Remember His word to Jashua "Only be Thou strong and very courageous" yet great importance is the training of children and youth in the principle of total abstinence. The work that brings the greatest results is that of formation rather than reformation. The time to enlist boys and girls in the Loyal Temperance Le-

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## A Word to the Wise

How I wish every one of you could have been with us at the state convention in Grand Forks! The church might have been crowded if you had been, but it would have been a happy crowd. As it was, we had good attendance at all the meetings, and every one appeared to be interested all the time.

It was a great privilege to have Miss Lily Grace Matheson, the National corresponding secretary, with us all through the convention. If only you could all have met her! Miss Matheson is a tall woman, of such fine proportions, both physically and mentally, that the word 'majestic' seems fitting in trying to describe her. She worked very hard, so as to be able to come to us, but if she was tired, it never showed. She was ready at any moment, to answer questions or help in any way. She is a fine speaker; as one delegate said, "You never would have believed it had been an hour since she started, when she finished talking." She gave most practical help, the kind our women need to interest others in our work, and she pointed so many of her ideas with some sharp, witty sentence or short story, that they will not be easily forgotten. We are surely glad you came, Miss Matheson!

In this issue of our paper, we have Mrs. Darling's annual address, and her recommendations. As she said, she hesitated about offering the latter, but as the new president would have no time to formulate any before the convention adjourned, it seemed best to have some to consider and act upon. I hope you will all read them, and carry them out. It is with real regret that we accept the fact that Mrs. Darling must retire as state president. We hope that after she rests awhile, she will feel able to help in some other capacity; there are no really unimportant jobs, in the WCTU, for it takes all of us, working together, to carry on this task that the Lord has given to us. We pledge to our new president, Mrs. Mielke, our support and best efforts.

I wish, too you could all have met two of the older women who were at the convention; you might understand better the saying, "The Old Guard dies but never surrenders." Both of them past four score—one of them is 85—they were alert to everything that went on, and ready to do their part. Mrs. Isabella Morey of Grand Forks, who served as timekeeper, and held everybody right to their allotted minutes, has been a member of the WCTU for almost 60 years. She once heard Frances Willard speak, and she has never lost the vision. Mrs. J. W. Scott, Sr., of Gilby, came on crutches, for she does not go out without them since her accident last year, but she is just as 'full of pep' as ever. Her speech in asking for the offering the last night was most clever, and she set everyone a good example by placing a dollar bill in each of the collection plates, before starting the women out with them. Of course, we had a good offering!

But though we were delighted to have these, and many others of our older members with us, it also gave us a thrill to see the several young women who came. Four came from Fairdale, three of them young mothers, who somehow, found a way to leave little people for the day. We hope it helped them as much to be there, as it did some of us whose hair is white, to see them taking up the work we love. Let us all see if we cannot find some way to interest more young women; this is a task worth anyone's time and interest.

I know you are all having good meetings this fall; won't you tell us about them?

Your friend,  
 Elizabeth C. Beasley.

## School Time

I hear the tramp of many little feet,  
 I see the eagerness in youthful eyes,  
 As children, marching down life's busy street  
 Are questioning the world that round them lies.  
 They must be taught; from whom, then, shall they learn?  
 The world, that takes, but gives naught in return?

O mother hearts, that beat in unison  
 With God's heart, these children are your own.  
 Oh, teach them how to live triumphantly;  
 To discard tinsel, hold fast to the gold,  
 To build aright for all eternity.

Made in God's image—help them keep the mold.  
 These children are your own. Will you, then, give  
 Part of yourself to teach them how to live?  
 —May Brown, in White Ribbon Ensign, California North.

## Fag Smoking Sets Record

Washington—Americans smoked 327,000,000,000 cigarettes in the year ending June 30, 1947, a new all-time record—and an average consumption of 6.34 daily for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Disclosing this, the agriculture department said total U. S. production soared to 360,000,000,000 cigarettes, including exports, or nearly twice the pre-war figure. In 1940, the last prewar year, U. S. production totalled 189,371,258,000.

On the basis of the U. S. census bureau's latest estimated population of 141,228,693 Americans on July 1, 1946, the nation smoked 2,328 cigarettes per capita annually.—Grand Forks Herald.

## Treasurer's Report

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**Willard:** Mrs. D. A. Ritchie, Steele; Miss Mary Ila Torr, Bantry; Mrs. J. C. Carlson, Langdon; Mrs. F. D. Barr, Fargo.

**L. T. L.:** Casselton 10, Wheatland 30, Absaraka 20, Prosper 22.

**Narcotic Education:** Williston \$5.00; Hannah \$8.00; Mott \$9.90; Grand Forks \$10.20; Fairdale \$7.20; Flasher \$13.00; Dickey \$8.00; Williston \$6.00; Cakes \$22.40; Nekoma \$7.00; Ellendale \$10.00; Powers Lake \$35.00; Jamestown \$2.00; Reeder \$5.00; Page \$9.70; Edgeley \$20.00; Frances Willard, Grand Forks \$25.00; Parshall \$10.00; Park River \$12.60; Hatton \$16.80; Sawyer \$8.00; Northwood \$25.00; Cavalier \$30.00.

**Willard Memorial:** Mott \$2.00; Hunter \$2.00.

**Lillian Stevens Legislative Fund:** Mott \$2.00.

**Honorary Child Memberships:** Robert Gordon Graves of Baltimore, Maryland given by Mrs. Frank Beasley; Marilyn Marie Jonas of Casselton given by Mrs. T. F. Jonas of Fargo; Judith Cowley and John Leonard Cowley of Long Beach, Calif., given by Mrs. Geo. Campbell of Minot; Joan Ellen Larson of Watertown, S. D. given by Mrs. Oscar H. Kjolrie of Fargo; Robert Bruce Hermanson of Spokane, Wash. given by Mrs. H. O. Hermanson of Grand Forks; Arden Lee Flom and Randall Mark Flom, by their mother, Mrs. Joel Flom, Fairdale; Judith Ann Fossholm and Bonnie Lou Fossholm, by their mother, Mrs. Joseph Fossholm, Fairdale; Stephen William Bilstad, Fairdale; by Mrs. Frank Beasley; Marlene Verle Muir, Fargo, and Carol Ann Mather, Gilby, by their grandmother, Mrs. George S. Muir, Gilby.

**Life Memberships:** Mrs. T. F. Jonas, of Fargo; Mrs. Lavinia Gignall, Valley City; Mrs. Bruce Watson, Cavalier; Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River; Mrs. A. M. Herbison, Grafton; Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer, Edinburg; Mrs. John Evenson, Edinburg; Rev. Herman G. Johnson, Jamestown.

**Memorial Memberships:** Mrs. Mattie Norris Stinson of Fargo; Mrs. George Newberry of Jamestown; Miss Matilda Bertheuson of Grand Forks.

**Union Signals:** 5, (3 foreign subscriptions).

**Young Crusaders:** 17.

**State Reports:** \$2.55.

**District Pledges:** Page \$2.00.

**Literature:** \$15.32.

**Light Line Unions:** Parshall, Fargo, Jamestown.

**China Relief:** Ellendale \$7.00.

**Memorial Gifts to Narcotic Education** were given in memory of Rev. J. T. Langemo by Mrs. Beasley; Mrs. S. A. Helland by Nekoma Union and A. T. Olson by Williston Union.

**Convention Offering:** \$101.65.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

## Our New President

It is a pleasure to introduce to you the new president of the North Dakota WCTU, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, though to many of us, she needs no introduction. The daughter of a pioneer Methodist minister, the Rev. Anton Peik, Freda was born at Valley City during his early pastorate there. Later the family lived in Minnesota, and it was there that she attended the University of Minnesota and Northwestern School of Music. She taught school in Minnesota for five years before her marriage to Helmut E. Mielke, a young attorney, who was also intereted in Temperance, during his college course and ever after. They settled at Ryder, N. D., where both were active in church and school affairs; she was president of the Ryder school board for 11 years, and president of the Minot District WCTU for 15 years. In 1933, she was elected state vice president, succeeding Mrs. Wanner who then became state president; but in 1934 the Mielke family moved to Minneapolis where they lived for several years. Part of the time while there, she served as secretary of the Eighth Ward WCTU, and she never lost touch with the work. Returning to North Dakota, they bought a home in Fargo, where Mr. Mielke practiced law again, completing 27 years of law practice in this state before his heart-breaking sudden death while in Minneapolis for a day or two, September 23, 1946. 1944 she was again elected vice president of N. D. WCTU, in place of Mrs. Wilder, who declined re-election, and served in this office until she became our new state president.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mielke were Life Members of the N. D. WCTU, and she is also a Life Member of the National organization. Mr. Mielke was an honorary member of the local union for

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

many years, all their three children were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits, and more than once Mr. Mielke accompanied his wife to the state convention, when the children were small, and cared for them himself, at a hotel, while she was in the meetings. Two scenes ye editor recalls with pleasure, over the years; the time, at Minot in 1920, when Mr. and Mrs. Mielke were introduced to the convention as new Life members, holding little Ruth and Robert by their hands. The second, in Fargo in 1922, when Miss Anna Adams Gordon, National president, tied the white ribbon on the wrist of little Jean, whose sleepy little head did not lift from her mother's shoulder, as it was done. These children are all grown and married now; Ruth is the wife of the Rev. J. H. Grostephan, who is pastor of the Methodist church at Park Rapids, Minn. Her only son is now the Rev. Robert H. E. Mielke, pastor of Elim Methodist church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Jean, the nurse, is the wife of John W. Harris, who is personnel director of the Junior College, at Rochester, Minn. Now her grandchildren occupy her thoughts; David, and tiny Martha Jean Mielke; and little James Michael Harris, all of whom are Child Honorary members.

In her more than thirty-two years as a member of the WCTU, Mrs. Mielke has acquired a wide acquaintance with the needs of the work, which will be helpful to her in her new office. She has a store of memories, of incidents and people, connected with trips over prairie roads in western North Dakota. She and Mr. Mielke would take state officers and field workers to district conventions and other speaking engagements, and among those with whom she became acquainted in those years were Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Necia E. Buck, Kate S. Wilder, Barbara H. Wylie, Mary B. Erwin, Grace Leigh Scott, Lenadell Wiggins, Bertha R. Palmer and others. Now it is her wish to meet and know as many as possible of today's membership. May God bless her leadership!

## The Man of an Inquiring Mind

Mrs. W. M. Franklin

The Man-of-an-inquiring-mind said, "And who is my neighbor?"

And the Christian answering said, "A certain Man-of-the-world went down from his house to a tavern and fell among drinkers and sellers of drink, who sold him drink until his purse was empty. They sold him drink until they had his watch and his coat. Then because he had no more money with which to buy drink they told him to leave the tavern. The Man-of-the-world began to fight, and others fought with him until he was wounded and dazed. They put him out and told him to go home. He was not able to do this and as he stumbled along, by chance, a car, whose driver had also been drinking hit him and went on leaving the Man-of-the-world on the road half-dead.

Then a Woman-of-society came by in her limousine and saw the Man-of-the-world and said, "He ought to learn to hold his liquor better," and looking at him, she went on her way, feeling she had done all she could.

And likewise a Non-voter came by, looked at the Man-of-the-world and said, "Its his own affair, let him do as he pleases. Who am I to vote to take a man's liberty away from him." And the Non-voter went by on the other side.

But a certain couple, who were members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, as they journeyed came where the Man-of-the-world was lying. And when they saw him they had compassion on him, and went to him. They tenderly lifted him to their car and took him to a hospital.

The honorary member stopped at the Hospital Office and told the manager that he and the other Honorary Members would take care of the bill and they should give the Man-of-the-world the best of care.

On their way home Mr. and Mrs. W. C. T. U. Member stopped to see the wife of the injured man. They comforted her, had prayer with her and promised to help.

The next day Mrs. W. C. T. U. Member called the Flower Mission and Relief Chairman and told of the case. The Union members sent food and clothing to the need family. They sent flowers with Scripture Text cards to the injured man. The Honorary Members visited with him and had prayer with him. The boys and girls of the Loyal Temperance Legion were kind to his children. The Spiritual Life Department gave the family some Bibles and soon they were all converted. Which now of these three thickest thou was neighbor unto him that fell among the drinkers and those that sold drink.

And the Man-of-the-inquiring-mind said, "He that showed mercy on the Man-of-the-world."

Then the Christian said unto the Man-of-the-inquiring-mind, "Go thou, and do likewise."

## President's Recommendations

### 1. Total Abstinence.

Since total abstinence is the basic principle of our organization, definite action should be made to encourage pledge signing among adults, youth and children.

### 2. Sixtieth Anniversary

1. That we make special effort to attain all goals set for our sixtieth anniversary in membership, organizations and education fund.

2. That a committee be appointed at this convention to make plans for the proper observance of this anniversary.

3. That all local unions that have failed to raise their yearly quotas for the NEF enlarge their quotas the next two years so that the full amount will be raised by 1949.

### 3. November Roll Call

1. That we continue to emphasize the collection of annual dues in November; each union to make its own plans and concentrated effort be made to collect dues from all old members in that month.

2. That we conform with the national plan to intensify our drive for new members in November and use the slogan "Safeguard the Nation." We urge every union to participate in this drive.

3. Strive to be a Heldfast union and Fruitful union. Names of each will appear in Bulletin.

### 4. Legislation

1. Continue our efforts to secure a local option law in our state, so that citizens can have an opportunity to vote on this question in their own communities.

2. Seek legislation to prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages.

3. Cooperate with other dry organizations in working for state wide sentiment for out-lawing the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

### 5. Banner Unions and Districts

That local unions use the points for Banner Unions as a yardstick for achievements. That points achieved be reported, to state corresponding secretary and ribbon awards be given at state convention. Districts to continue to award ribbons in Rainbow Quiz at district conventions; one ribbon for each achievement.

### 6. LTL and YTC

That every local union strive to enlist and train children and youth in LTL and YTC.

### 7 Honorary Members

That we endeavor to enlist honorary members equal to women members in local unions.

### 8 Institutes

Department work is of vital importance and there is a great need for more study of plans of work and how to apply to local communities: Therefore it is recommended that at least one but preferably two institutes be held in each district this coming year.

### 9 Organization

That an intensive new organization campaign be carried out in each district by district officers, working toward a goal of at least three new organizations in each district. The Anderson Organization Fund will award five dollars to district treasury for each organization.

### 10 Organization School in Evanston

That at least one but preferably two women be sent to Organization School in Evanston in spring of 1948. Expenses to be paid from Education Fund and after training, to do organization work in state.

### 11. Union Signal and Young Crusader

That each union strive to reach the quota for Union Signal (one subscription for every six members) and that items of interest from the Signal be presented at each local meeting.

That we strive to increase the number of subscriptions for Young Crusader in the state.

### 12. Spiritual Life

May we seek to do nothing in our own strength—"Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord." Humbly seeking Divine guidance may we press forward, and giving thanks for the past, enter this new year with hope and faith.

## FOR CHURCH BULLETINS

1. "Today women smoke 68 per cent of the cigarettes sold in the United States."—Christian Science Monitor.

2. "Tobacco advertisers plan to increase their sales of cigarettes 70,000,000,000 by capturing the non-smoking women of the Middle-West."—C. S. Monitor.

3. Alcoholics Anonymous is doing a fine work in reforming drunkards, but let us remember the old adage, "Prevention is better than cure."

4. "Any toper knows he can get as drunk on 3.2% beer if he drinks enough as he can on hard liquor."—American Business Men's Research Foundation.

5. "The amount of sugar being used in gin has greatly increased in Cuba."—From the International Record.

## The State Convention

The 58th annual convention of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is over now, but it will not be forgotten in a hurry. For most of the time the weather and attendance were both fine, and there were many happy meetings in the First Methodist Church of Grand Forks, of people who see each other only once a year. The sanctuary is a beautiful room at all times, but the flower committee had made it more so, with baskets and bouquets of early fall flowers. They not only decorated the church, but at the banquet they provided beautiful corsages for the officers and guests at the speakers' table.

The music, too, was of a quality that added much to the enjoyment of the delegates. At the banquet, Mrs. R. Lunseth led the community singing, and also played the accompaniments for a vocal solo by Mrs. Arnold Havig, her daughter. Miss Minnie Kohler was accompanist for Mrs. B. E. Gustafson, whose violin numbers were a treat. All through the convention, we enjoyed the preludes played by Mrs. John Bustin, and Mrs. Eleanor Helgaas Finley, solos by Forest Gray, and Orville Berg, a duet by Elizabeth Meidt and Ruth Haxo, and a piano number played by Marilyn Taintor. It was a joy, also, to have our own Mrs. J. H. Mackley with us, who sang "The Great White Host", in Norwegian and in English, for the Service of Remembrance, and two other numbers during the meeting. Mrs. W. M. Franklin and Mrs. H. E. Mielke, of Fargo, sang as a duet a hymn for which the former had written the words.

Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 9, the executive committee met in Epworth Hall, with a good attendance. That evening the banquet was held in the church dining room, and extra tables had to be provided to seat all the guests. Interesting greetings were received from Dr. Erick Selke of the University, who represented the mayor and the city council of Grand Forks, of which he is a member. He deplored the fact that few church people ever attend a council meeting, when something important comes up. The Rev. Max Brown brought greetings for the churches, telling us that he had always been with the WCTU, as his mother, sister and wife all were members, and saying he was 'proud of the organization for the way it holds the line when the going is tough.' He paid tribute to Mrs. Darling's faithful church attendance and gave us a hearty welcome. So, too, did Mrs. George S. Muir, as president of Grand Forks District WCTU, and likewise Mrs. Morris Williams and Mrs. M. B. Berthueson, presidents of the two local unions. Mrs. Howard Kemis of Fargo, the state treasurer, responded to these greetings. Mrs. F. T. Brooks of Minot, state corresponding secretary, served as toastmistress very capably. Miss Lily Grace Matheson, National Corresponding secretary, was introduced and gave a short address, in which she told of the state organizations, and of the activity of the brewers in advertising their product. She quoted their advertising man, Alvin Schmidt, who said they must work through the homes, must make them beer conscious. She said the brewers are far more active than we are, and told a radio story, in which a back country preacher and some other men were discussing which was the greatest sin. The preacher told them to come to church and he would tell them what it was, in his sermon. So they went, and when he reached the proper place he said "You want to know which is the greatest sin? I tell you, brethren, the greatest sin in the world is jest settin' still and doin' nothin'." Miss Matheson declared that the greatest sin today, is inaction, and urged the women to work as they had never worked before, for the sake of the boys and girls. Special greetings from our first Honorary President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, were read, and the meeting closed with the singing of "America" and the benediction. The theme of the convention was "Safeguard the Nation."

Wednesday morning, the meeting opened with devotions led by Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state vice president, who read Rom. 12, with comment. Hymns in which all joined were "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me" and "O Spirit of the Living God"; brief prayers were offered by a number of the women, and all joined in the Lord's prayer. Mrs. Mackley, director of Soldiers and Sailors, led in the salute to the flag, after which the Crusade hymn was sung, and Mrs. Don B. Fish of Minot led in responsive reading of the Crusade Psalm.

The usual routine of business followed, in which the president's recommendations were read and adopted, convention committees appointed, and greetings received and sent. Besides all absent members of the executive committee, those of whom greetings were ordered sent included Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River. Mrs. R. A. Sprague, and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Baughman, Grand Forks; Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale; Mrs. O. M. Omlie, Grafton; Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, Fargo, Mrs. Paul Hanson, Englevale, and Mrs. Elias Porter, Calvin. The reports of the corresponding secretary and the treasurer were given and adopted with thanks. Ribbons were presented to representatives of banner unions and districts. Mrs. Darling proudly showed her certificate of Life Membership in the National WCTU, which was given to her by the unions of North Dakota last year. Special greetings were sent by telegraph to the state conven-

tions of South Dakota and Colorado, in session at the same time. Later, a reply was received from the former meeting.

The Service of Remembrance was conducted by the state president, who read scripture and a poem; while she read the list of names of comrades and members of their families who had passed on since the last convention, delegates who knew them stood, in silent tribute to their memories.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Max Brown offered the opening prayer, and the annual address of the president, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, was given, which appears elsewhere in this issue of our paper. Miss Matheson then spoke on "Safeguard Through Membership," giving suggestions, asking questions and demanding answers from the delegates. She got them, too; the women never failed to respond to her dynamic personality. District presidents reported that afternoon; they were Mrs. Philip Stolberg of the Bismarck district; Mrs. W. M. Franklin of the Fargo; Mrs. George S. Muir of the Grand Forks; and Mrs. Carl Maack of the Ellendale. Mrs. E. G. Ranum reported the James-Valley, Mrs. E. O. Lerberg for the Minot, and Mrs. Don B. Fish for the Northwest districts. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, State LTL secretary, spoke on "Building for Tomorrow," and showed scrapbooks and other interesting things made by Legionnaires.

That afternoon, and at other times during the convention, Life, Memorial and Child Honorary memberships were announced. Payment for some of these was to be made later; Life memberships included Mrs. Erace Watson, Cavalier; Mrs. A. M. Herbison, Grafton; Mrs. John Evenson, Edinburg. Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, and Mrs. P. O. Laurhammer, Edinburg, all given by Northeast District WCTU; The Rev. Herman G. Johnson of Jamestown, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, given by Mrs. J. H. Mackley, Minot; Mrs. Thomas F. Jonas, Fargo; and Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Valley City, given by themselves and Mrs. Iver Fossum, a Continuing member. Memorial memberships included one given by Mrs. Mielke for her late husband, Helmuth E. Mielke; one for Mrs. Edith Salt by the Grand Forks union; for Miss Matilda Berthueson, by Mrs. M. B. Berthueson; and for Lewis Jackson Yates by his daughter, Mrs. Carl Larson, Park River. Honorary Child memberships announced were Mrs. Mielke's new granddaughter, Martha Jean Mielke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Marilyn Marie Jonas, Casselton, by Mrs. Thomas F. Jonas, Fargo; Joan Ellen Larson, Watertown, S. D., by Mrs. O. H. Kjorlie, Fargo; Robert Bruce Hermanson, Spokane, Wash., by Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Grand Forks; Judith Cowley and John Lennard Cowley, Long Beach, Calif., by Mrs. George Campbell, Minot; Robert Gordon Graves, Baltimore, Md., and Stephen William Bilstad, Fairdale, by Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale. Marlene Verlie Muir, Fargo, and Carol Ann Mather, Gilby, by Mrs. George S. Muir, Gilby; Mary Louise Halvorson, Northwood, by Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood, Bruce Melvin Fish, Williston, by Mrs. Don B. Fish; Derrel Lee, Gary Dean, and Sue Ann Pfeifer, all of Mulino, Ore., and Linda Carol Ayotte, Portland, Ore., all by Mrs. O. H. Olson, Park River; Arden Lee and Randall Mark Flom, Fairdale, by their mother, Mrs. Joel Flom; Judith Ann and Bonnie Lou Fossholm, Fairdale, by their mother, Mrs. Joseph Fossholm.

Wednesday evening Mrs. J. H. Mackley led the devotional service and Mrs. Philip Stolberg asked for the collection, Miss Matheson gave the address of the evening, "We Face Tomorrow," in which she spoke of the way in which the women of yesterday 'faced tomorrow' when they started the WCTU, and built the organization upon a firm foundation. She asked what we, and what the churches are doing to help youth face tomorrow. She reemphasized the efforts of the brewers to get beer into every home, and described beautiful picture advertisements in Life magazine, used by the liquor men, one page of which costs 23 thousand dollars. She urged continued effort, regardless of the money and influence of the organized liquor traffic, quoting "It isn't the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog, that counts."

Thursday morning Mrs. Iver Fossum of Fargo conducted devotions, and Mrs. O. J. Swanson led in the flag salute. As Mrs. Fossum and Mrs. Kemis were obliged to leave before noon, because of the funeral of a close friend, the election of officers was held at once. The committee on credentials reported 59 voting delegates present, though the registration lists showed that many more had been there for a part of the meeting. Counting tellers appointed were Mrs. S. O. Nelson, Northwood; chairman; Mrs. O. H. Kjorlie, Fargo; Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Park River, and Miss Helen Stowell, Valley City. Distributing and collecting tellers were Mrs. W. M. Franklin, Fargo, chairman; Mrs. Robert Evans, Ellendale; Mrs. C. A. Zook, Minot; Mrs. R. B. Milne, Jamestown. Miss Matheson voiced the prayer before election. As Mrs. Darling had declined re-election, ballotting resulted in the unanimous election of the following officers: President, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo; vice president, Mrs. Iver Fossum, Fargo; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Minot; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Beasley, Fairdale; Treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis, Fargo. Mrs. Mielke gave wise and moving words of acceptance of this responsibility, quoting

from Psalm 20:5. All the general officers were introduced and cheered.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, the retiring state president was presented with a black leather handbag, containing \$25.00, with the love and gratitude of the North Dakota WCTU. Mrs. George S. Muir, on behalf of Grand Forks District WCTU, presented her with a gold necklace and earrings. Mrs. Darling accepted the gifts, with emotion, and pledged her continued interest and help in the work.

State directors who reported their departments were Mrs. Iver Fossum, Temperance and Missions; Mrs. George Campbell, Christian Citizenship; Mrs. J. H. Mackley, Soldiers and Sailors; Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Social Morality; Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, Publicity; Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Visual Education; Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Speech Contests; and Mrs. C. F. Truax, director of Institutes.

Vernon Olson, of Park River, treasurer of the Walsh United Temperance Movement, was introduced. Delegates were reminded to examine the scrap book of pictures of Child Honorary members, and other things on the Literature table. Mrs. Truax offered the noontide prayer.

Thursday afternoon, the opening prayer was voiced by Mrs. Beasley. Mrs. O. J. Swanson reported "Our Official Papers," and the poster prizes were announced. It has previously been decided that the prizes hereafter should be tickets, to be chosen by a committee, of which the director of Visual Education is to be chairman. Seventh and eighth grade awards went to Michael Casey, Parshall, for First, and Jo Anne Homuth, Valley City for Second. Fifth and Sixth grades, Mary Lou Tronson, Valley City, First; Joslyn Ludvig, Valley City, Second. Third and Fourth Grades, Tommy Dahle, Nekoma, First; Norris Gronhovd, Nekoma, Second.

Convention hostesses were introduced and applauded, for the fine way in which all had done their part in making arrangements for the meeting. These were Mmes. O. J. Swanson, M. B. Berthueson, Morris Williams, Otto Knapp, Rasmus Lunseth, H. O. Hermanson, W. D. Mitchell, Fred Bye, E. M. Simonson, N. J. Walper, Emily Grinnell, C. M. Carlson, H. C. Nelson, O. S. Hagelie, Ernest Kirk, David Ferguson, Martin Christianson, and Miss Margaret Hyslop.

Miss Matheson spoke on "Safeguard Trough Program," and so interesting were the things she said, and the supplies that she showed and explained, that Mrs. Brooks was kept busy selling them, and the allotted time was gone before it seemed possible. All who heard her felt better able to work in the local unions. Some echoes from the World's convention were given by Mrs. Mielke, Mrs. A. R. Salter of Menoken, and Mrs. Darling. They spoke of the visitors from other countries, of inspiring speeches from different men, of music, and especially of Mrs. Ella A. Boole, the retiring World's president, and her splendid ability at 89.

A message of commendation was sent to Attorney General Nels Johnson of Bismarck, for his stand on temperance and law enforcement. The resolutions were read and adopted; the roster of department directors was read and ratified by the convention. Mrs. W. M. Franklin read an original parody of the story of the Good Samaritan, which was much enjoyed; Mrs. Darling read her two minute speech given at National. She then presented the gavel to Mrs. Mielke. It was voted to leave all unfinished business to the Executive Committee and the General officers. After adjournment, the delegates joined hands and sang "God Be With You."

Thursday evening Mrs. W. M. Franklin led the devotions, in which she stressed the importance of accepting and being faithful to responsibilities, as a Christian duty, and used the illustration of the orchestra leader who, when all the louder instruments stopped, cried "Where is the piccolo?" Only a small instrument, but it had its part in the music, and was needed. Miss Matheson gave a final brief message in which she told of the small boy-whose questions disturbed his father, and to keep him quiet while he read, he cut up a map of the world, and told the lad to put it together again. The youngster did it so quickly that his father was amazed, and asked how he did it. The boy told him that there was a picture of a man on the other side of the map, and 'when the man was put together right, then the world was all right.' Truly the rightness of the world depends upon the rightness of individual men.

Dr. A. W. Munk of Wesley College gave the address of the evening, on "The Menace of the Liquor Traffic." In rapid but telling words, he called repeal intolerable, because of its cost in money—eight billion dollars last year; because of more drinking by both men and women, especially the latter; because of food wasted in manufacture of liquor; because it menaces health, and morale, and because it is against the teaching of the Bible. He also spoke of the dreadfulness of war, and declared that another war will mean destruction. He recommended a book by Haven Emerson called "Alcohol Protects No Man," for study.

## Fruitful Unions

	Members 1946	Members 1947	Gain
Bismarck	49	56	7
Glover	17	20	3
Monango	13	14	1
Bottineau	21	23	2
Rugby	22	25	3
Julia D. Nelson	127	132	5
Page	26	24	2
Gilby	21	23	2
Frances Willard	62	68	6
Larimore	42	43	1
Northwood	32	34	2
Mott	14	22	8
Reeder	14	15	1
Valley City	35	38	3
Minot	51	56	5
Parshall	14	15	1
Calvin	23	28	5
New Rockford	19	20	1
Fairdale	9	12	3
Edinburg	18	20	2
Park River	23	29	6
Williston	24	35	11
Sheldon	5	6	1
Dickey	11	13	2
Hannah	7	8	1
Hunter	22	25	3
Langdon	11	12	1
Powers Lake	28	50	22
Wildrose	7	8	1
West Fairview	11	14	3
Total membership	1542	(Women)	
Willard	40		
L. T. L.	344		
Y. T. C.	4		

### THE STATE CONVENTION

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The resolution of thanks was read by Mrs. Philip Stolberg, and adopted. Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gilby came forward on her crutches to ask for the collection, saying that she would only quote the radio announcer who said "We have now reached the part of the program in which you may all have a part." She said we had reached that point in this program, and requested that each set a good example for his neighbor. The two offerings taken during the meeting amounted a little over \$100.00. The meeting closed with the Aaronic benediction.

### The President's Annual Address

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gion is when they are still young enough to make lasting impressions on their character.

Money is needed to carry on our work. Not huge sums to be wasted as we see it wasted in our nation today, but sufficient to branch out in all phases of our work. Dear Comrades—we need to pray for a greater vision of our work and then support it as it should be supported. No one should consider it a burden to give of that which has been given to us, for so great a cause. Not until we put it on such a basis will our work be truly successful.

Eight years ago at the Golden Jubilee celebration of our state organization, you elected me as your state president. Although I had served as a local and district president and also three years as your state vice president I entered upon my new duties with fear and perplexity. You overlooked my mistakes and continued to re-elect me year after year. It has been an experience that has greatly enriched my life and one that I will look back to with happy memories. Words are inadequate to express my profound appreciation of your love, loyalty and co-operation. These have been eight busy but happy years, rich in friendship and in service to God and Humanity. Now the time has come for me to lay down the work as state president and I do so with a feeling of regret; but I shall continue in the fight against the liquor traffic as long as I am given health and strength to work. I rejoice that there are trained workers ready to carry on and that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota will go forward for God and Home and Every Land.

In these eight years we have seen the demoralizing effect of repeal on a state that was born dry and kept that splendid record for 47 years. It is to the credit of North Dakota WCTU that we have fought repeal every step of the way. We have had an active part in every campaign for the betterment of moral conditions in our state. We had a leading part in the three campaigns to divorce food from liquor and victory was ours in November, 1946. During World War I our women responded to every call for patriotic service. Great effort was made through personal letters, telegrams, and petitions to have our service

men protected by their own government from beverage alcohol. Through our educational program we have increased our membership and organized new unions. For seven years we have supplied special trained narcotic education teachers for some of our Teachers colleges, as well as materials and literature.

The work of the WCTU is not all a matter of record. Work is carried on by the rank and file of our organization in all parts of our state. A little here and a little there—teaching children and youth through LTL and YCT; training members in citizenship, legislation, and parliamentary law; giving valuable assistance to young mothers through Child Welfare, Health, and Religious Education; cooperating with Public Schools, Vacation Bible school through Scientific Temperance Instruction. The department work of our organization has put temperance reform in every line of organized work and made a place for every Christian woman interested in the work for sobriety. With thanks and praise to the Heavenly Father for the way He has led us and with Faith in the ultimate victory of right over wrong, we rededicate ourselves to greater service in the year ahead.

### W. C. T. U. Convention

Convention time has come and gone with challenges galore. We've heard reports of what's been done. Get busy, do some more.

The fight is on against the wrong we see on every hand, So stand for right and trust God's might and join the loyal band.

Our women all believe in Christ, we organize to work. We stand for Prohibition, so our duty we'll not shirk.

The Y. T. C. and L. T. L. Iota Sigma, too; And Honorary Members are all W. C. T. U.

And now go home and work and pray, and educate the youth. Then organize, and legislate, and agitate for truth. Mrs. W. M. Franklin, Fargo.

### Personal Mention

Our second Honorary President, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, has been very ill for a time, but we are happy to report that she is now a great deal better.

Two Grand Forks ladies, Mrs. O. J. Swanson and Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, were visitors to the west coast in August. The latter went to attend the wedding of her daughter, Ada Mae.

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