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Set Free

"You are not dead; life has but set you free
In that fair country where you longed to be.
Your years of life were like a lovely song,
The last sweet, poignant notes of which, held long,
Passed into silence while we listened; we
Who loved you, listened still expectantly.
And we about you, whom you moved among,
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong;
You have but passed beyond where we can see,
Into a life abundant, full and free.
For us who knew you, dread of death is past;
You took life tiptoe to the very last;
It never lost for you its lovely look;
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;
To you death came no conqueror in the end;
You merely smiled to greet another friend."

—Author not given. Colorado WCTU Messenger.

Lydia Scott Wanner

Lydia Scott was born at Rio, Wisconsin, June 2, 1870, the daughter of God-fearing parents. She attended school there, and as a young teacher, came to North Dakota, where she taught for several years, at Pingree and Edmunds. She was married to Frederick M. Wanner, at Rio, December 28, 1892, and came with him to the farm near Pingree where they lived for some time. Mr. Wanner, also an educator, combined teaching with farming; he was head of the Cooperstown schools for a time, and in 1901 was elected superintendent of the Stutsman county schools. The family then moved to Jamestown, where Mrs. Wanner has lived ever since.

Mr. Wanner died in 1913, leaving her with a family of two daughters and three sons, to rear. How very well she completed this task, those who know her children can testify. Her oldest son, Kennedy Scott Wanner, enlisted during World War I, and made the supreme sacrifice; he is buried in France. The others are Anna, (Mrs. H. Ray Sweetman), Briar Cliff College, N. Y.; Donald F., and Edith F., of Jamestown; and Daniel, of Bowbells. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three sisters: Mrs. Frank Walker and Mrs. Clarence Salisbury, both of Rio, Wis., and Mrs. R. A. Purcell, Zion, Ill.

It is impossible to say whether it was the inherent instinct of a Christian teacher to give to others the truths that shall make them free, or the real mother heart that wants only the best that Life has for all, which made the greatest contribution to Mrs. Wanner's character. The combination of the two inevitably led her into self-sacrificing work for the church and for the cause of temperance. She taught a class of young people in the First Congregational church of Jamestown, of which she was an active member, for more than a quarter of a century. She was the efficient recording secretary of the state executive board of her church, for several years. The records of the District WCTU, show her serving as chairman of various committees, promoting medal contests, vice president of the district, for a time, and then president for several years. The minutes of the 1912 convention state that she and her daughter Anna sang "Don't Say GoodBye" and "Little Boy Blue" on the program that year. In Jamestown, she served as president of the local union more than once, and at other times presided in the absence of the president, took someone's place on a committee, entertained the meetings in her home frequently, gave a talk if the expected speaker failed to come—in short, she was the person who kept the wheels going.

In 1917 she was elected vice president of the state WCTU, which office she filled most acceptably, serving also as a field worker and as general secretary of the Young People's Branch for a time. In 1933 she became state president, serving till 1939, when she retired at the insistence of her physician. She did not retire from the work, however, but was state director of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction till 1946. After that she was Willard secretary till her death. She was elected Honorary President in 1946. The value of the service she gave to the women, children, and young people of the state as she travelled about doing her work.

Late in 1945, she suffered a compound fracture of the hip, and since then, had been a semi-invalid. January 31, 1948, while



MRS. FRED M. WANNER
1870-1948

she slept, her tired heart ceased its labor. She was 77. Funeral services were held at her church, The First Congregational, Tuesday, Feb. 3; her pastor, Rev. W. A. Ebertz, was assisted by Rev. L. R. Burgum, pastor of the First Methodist church. Miss Beryl Livesay, organist played appropriate music as friends came to and left the church. Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Nagle sang "Crossing the Bar"; a quartet composed to Dr. and Mrs. Nagle, Gloria Buck and Eldro Hammer sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" and "Abide With Me," with Miss Livesay as accompanist. Many came to the church before the services began, for a last look at their friend. She looked lovely and peaceful, in her blue knitted dress, with a corsage and her white bow pin. Her snowy hair framed her face beautifully, as always, and she looked younger, as she lay just as if she were asleep. Many flowers gave mute testimony of the love and esteem with which she was regarded. Burial was made in the family lot in Highland Home cemetery, Jamestown.

HER DOOR STOOD OPEN

Her home was one in which her friends could find
Comfort of body, deep peace for the mind,
And the rare feeling that this house was blest,
That here the Lord came as a welcome Guest
Her door was never closed to need or pain,
And those who sought her often came again,
Not understanding always what they sought
Except the comfort that her presence brought.

—Helen H. Prommel, in The Outlook, N. J.

Tributes to Mrs. Wanner

Lydia Scott Wanner

Lydia Scott Wanner lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her,—a wide circle! Hers was an unusually lovely character. She liked folks, and her hospitable home as well as her kindly heart, were always open to her friends and to any one in need. She was cheerful, hopeful and optimistic, even in these last two years, when she suffered much.

The value of her services to the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union can scarcely be overestimated. She was a constant inspiration to the local union, and to the district and state organizations. For the last sixteen years that I served as state president, she was the helpful, dependable vice-president, and when I retired in 1933, she was elected president. For six years she held this office with fidelity and ability. She was an attractive and convincing speaker. She kept her audiences on the alert by her wit and humour, and her rare ability to tell a story well.

More than thirty years ago, she was left a widow with a family of children. She brought them up to be an honor to her and to the community. Her eldest son, Kennedy, gave his life in service to his country in World War I. In the Gold Star Pilgrimage of 1931, she visited his grave in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France. During the last World War, she corresponded with thirty-five young soldiers; most of them had been members of her Sunday school class. We shall never know what faith and courage and hope these letters brought to lonely, homesick boys, facing death in that awful struggle.

She was a wonderful mother to her own family and her heart was big enough to mother many others. The delightful hospitality of her home blessed, not only her friends, but any one she could help. She was a faithful servant of our Lord, and her influence for clean living, sobriety, law and order, still lives and will live.

Our deepest sympathy is with every member of Mrs. Wanner's family, her White Ribbon comrades and to the many young people who looked upon her as a mother.

In a letter written me just a week before her death, she said: "I am ready to go when the call comes." How thankful we are that the "call" came while she slept, and that she did not suffer at the last. What a glorious surprise to awaken and find it Heaven!

THINK

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

Elizabeth Preston Anderson
Honorary President N. D. WCTU

A Tribute To My Friend

It is difficult to write a fitting tribute to the rarely beautiful life of our dear Mrs. Wanner. To know her was to love her. It was a privilege to call her friend. She was kind and generous, with sympathetic understanding.

For years we worked together in the North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance Union. When she served as State President, I was her secretary, and we enjoyed that close companionship which only those can know who are working in a common cause. Her keen sense of humor was refreshing. Many of us enjoyed the warmth and comfort of her comfortable home. She spent her life in service for others and when her call to higher service came suddenly she was all ready. So with patience we wait until the day dawns and the shadows flee away, when we shall meet her again with all those whom we have loved and lost for a while. Her memory is precious.

Barbara H. Wylie,
Former Cor. Sec. N. D. WCTU.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Mrs. Wanner lives on in the hearts and lives of her many, many friends. Her principles of goodness and right can be carried on in the lives of these friends;—no greater tribute can be made to her memory than to follow these principles. Her friends meant a great deal of Lydia Wanner, and words cannot express what she meant to all of us. Her ready cheerfulness, her understanding kindness, and her dauntless courage made Lydia Scott Wanner a rare friend. She lives on in our hearts.

Edith V. Reed,
Former Treasurer N. D. WCTU.

Farewell Lydia Wanner

We all felt a bit lonely when we heard that our dear Lydia Wanner had gone home, but we knew that she had gone where she longed to go—to Heaven, to be with her Lord and with those she had lost awhile.

Just like the rosy afterglow of a sunset, which leaves the western sky bright, her life leaves a radiance and a benediction which is felt by all who knew her.

It was our privilege to attend the last rites of our dear friend. The services and the floral offerings were beautiful. Soft organ music, and vocal selections of her favorite hymns were given; the words of her pastor paid tribute to her life of service.

A spray of rose carnations, snapdragons and yellow daffodils, tied with a bow of white ribbon bearing the words "State WCTU," was given as a tribute to her from her White Ribbon friends all over the state.

How well we remember her devotion to the temperance cause in our state—to her beloved WCTU—over a period of many years. In memory we still can see her at the state conventions, lifting us up with her optimism, and fine understanding Christian personality.

Mrs. Lydia Wanner's fine spirit lives forever in the presence of God. Her memory will be an inspiration and a challenge to us all. May we meet this challenge worthily and with courage. God bless her memory.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke,
President N. D. WCTU.

It was with a very real sense of personal loss that I received the message of Mrs. Wanner's passing, for although she had been confined to her home for a long time, the influence of her fine Christian spirit was a joy to us all. The friendly notes of encouragement which I received from time to time warmed my heart again and again. To us who are younger in the work, her life was an inspiration that shall live on. It has been a rich experience to have been counted among her friends.

Mrs. Iver Fossum,
V. P. N. D. WCTU.

Words cannot express what the life of Lydia Wanner meant to North Dakota WCTU, which was so dear to her heart. We loved her because she was so interested in us, for her sense of humor, for her courage in her illness and her fine Christian principles. Many of us cherish her kind words of guidance and appreciation. We thank our Heavenly Father for the heritage of her life.

In loving appreciation,

Mrs. F. T. Brooks,
Cor. Sec. N. D. WCTU.

"I did not know Mrs. Wanner very well; I heard her talk at the convention at Valley City, and loved her then. When I became state treasurer, she wrote me a lovely letter which was an inspiration."

Mrs. Howard Kemis,
Treasurer N. D. WCTU.

Mrs. Lydia Wanner was a grand person. Her devotion to the temperance cause was true and loyal. In her travels she was often a guest in our home when our children were small. She showed an understanding of children and a gracious attitude toward home life, as well as knowing how to present her work to the public. We miss Mrs. Wanner, but of us who yet remain should work all the better to further the temperance cause.

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie,
L. T. L. Secretary.

"To know her was to love her." Always cheerful and smiling, in spite of discouragements; full of enthusiasm for the work to which she gave so much of her time and strength, she was and will always be an inspiration to all who had the privilege of working with her. I am glad I was one of those for even a short time. I shall miss those letters, always so beautifully written, which were a joy to receive.

Alberta W. Lundhagen,
Former Cor. Sec. N. D. WCTU.

"When Mrs. Wanner was in and around Park River, she usually stayed at our place; we were always so happy to have her. She was so jolly, and a lovely Christian woman. Andrew drove her to many of her appointments, and it was a pleasure to us all. She surely served her country well, and her God was her guide in everything."

Mrs. Andrew Catherwood, Park River.
Former State Director.

A Tribute to our Sainted Leader, Lydia S. Wanner

There are no words to adequately express the loss to our state especially the North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance Union in the Home-coming of our beloved Honorary president, Lydia Scott Wanner.

It was a high honor to be counted among her friends and it was my great privilege and pleasure to serve with her on the official board of the N. D. WCTU for more than a decade. Her great vision, persistent courage, sympathetic understanding, and largeness of heart made her a valuable member of that board. Her great faith, her strong devotion to family, friends and causes, her loving sympathy for all, endeared her to those who came in contact with her.

She was a real home-maker and a wonderful hostess, a cheery welcome was extended to all who entered that home. It was a haven of rest for weary field-workers and she reigned over it like a queen.

She loved youth, and her greatest work was done in interest of youth. She was known as "Mom" to many college boys and girls. Her regular letters to thirty-five soldiers of World War II showed the great influence she had had in shaping their lives.

She was a great lady with personality plus, and though she is gone—her spirit will linger on amongst those who so dearly loved her.

Bessie M. Darling,

Former President N. D. WCTU.

A Tribute to Mrs. Lydia Wanner

"The Old Guard dies but never retreats" can truthfully be said of Lydia S. Wanner, who recently passed on to hear the applauded "Well done good and faithful servant."

Although physically handicapped in all the years I knew her, she was ever a cheerful and intrepid worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, traveling by train and by car to visit districts and unions all over the state. While in the field, she often gave two addresses a day, besides several short talks as she gave out information and help. She gave us many years of service as state vice president and later as state president. Failing health kept her home the last few years but she did her bit there by doing Department work.

Her charming personality, ready wit, and kind, understanding nature endeared her to all she met. She was a woman of strong convictions who did her duty as she saw it but always in a kind and loving manner. I remember one of her statements used to be that "Christ hated sin but he loved the sinner."

Truly a great woman lived among us and has left her footprints, not only, on the sands of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union but on the entire state of North Dakota. Blessed be her memory.

With many fond personal memories,

Elva D. Pehrson,

(State vice president 1934-'35 and 1935-1936)

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

The life of Mrs. Fred Wanner was always an inspiration to me: She was always optimistic that Righteousness shall prevail, and working diligently in the Kingdom of Christ to bring about such objectives. Her faith was deep, assuring; believing that our Lord "heard the desire of the humble . . . to judge the fatherless and oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress." Her faith and her works do follow her—her life and spirit are still among us, for she lives. Mrs. Wanner dead! Never! She is alive, and active, in "another Room."

"Think of her faring on, as dear

In the love of There, as the love of Here.

Think of her still as the same, I say:

She is not dead, she is just away."

The "Land of There" is bring new thrills as the days pass on. Our work here in helping to bring in the Kingdom of Christ keeps us active, and constantly alerted, and the service is interesting, indeed. But, O, the thought of Eternity! When the Great Morning comes, and The Gates open, "What a meeting, What a meeting that will be!" And our faithful Lydia Wanner, Kate Wilder, and my precious son, Clyde, will be among the first I see, I am sure.

Is it any wonder that we feel that this life, and the Life Beyond are separated by a slight margin, only?

Mrs. E. C. Watkins,

Former Treasurer N. D. WCTU.

"I had met her first thirty years ago, and to meet her is to love her."

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth, Edgeley.

When I received Donald's card saying "Mother passed away—in her sleep just as she prayed she might" a great wave of loneliness swept over me. Then I remembered how often, as we discussed our home going, she had expressed the hope that she might go this way. Now that her hopes are realized and her prayers answered, why should we be sad? What more wonderful thing could happen to a Christian than to fall quietly asleep here and awake in the presence of the King!

Mrs. Wanner literally gave herself for others. Her hospitality was unbounded; I am sure that I am only one of many who found her home a haven of rest. When, in my wanderings as a WCTU organizer in North Dakota I turned Jamestown way, there was always a warm welcome awaiting me and her sunny smile and cheery words lifted my spirits and sent me on my way with renewed courage. I will be looking forward to that same welcoming smile, when I to say "Good night here and good morning up there."

Necia E. Buck,

Former vice president and field worker, N. D. WCTU

In thinking of Mrs. Wanner much these days, I am reminded of her pleasure in what we called "Adventures for God." Some years ago I bought a new car, and as soon as I felt that I could manage it safely, I called on her and asked if she would feel safe on the highways with me as driver. She said "Why not?" Then and there we planned a trip, between Jamestown and Fargo, visiting every school, village or rural, in session within that area. After that we took other trips, north, south and west, doing the same thing, and by fall had travelled more than a thousand miles, just she and I alone. She spoke to the older children, and I to the smaller ones. We made many friends, and we hope many children were won for our cause.

Myrtle Bordwell,

Former LTL Secretary, N. D. WCTU.

Truly in the going of Lydia Wanner, whom we mourn, Heaven is vastly richer and Earth poorer. A woman beloved by all, greatly revered for her life of deep unselfishness and efficiency—methinks I hear the Master say "Lydia, come higher." In loving tribute,

Edna F. Duguid,

Former treasurer N. D. WCTU.

So our dear "Auntie Wanner," as my children called her as their term of endearment, has gone—and her passing was just a sounder sleep. Was not this a wonderful way to fulfill the dream of a beautiful life? Her recipe for daily living was ever a running over of prayer and good works; no day was long enough for her to accomplish all the things for every good cause for which she lived and worked, yet she always had time to welcome both stranger and friend into her hospitable home.

Of her, it could be said that she was as eager to mend a sock or a toy, as a broken heart—for her understanding was ever a balm to humanity. Her buoyancy of spirit was always an aid to mental and physical digestion; and now every kind word she spoke or every tear she shed has become a living flower of lovely fragrance. May the Temperance work go forward as never before, in memory of our loved one and her untiring efforts and courageous spirit. "Such a good life needs no epitaph."

Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman, Seattle, Washington.
Former president James Valley District WCTU.

"Out of the storm comes rest and peace,

Out of the darkness, light;

Out of the mists a morning star,

And hope that is ever bright;

Out of despair and sorrow—

The pain of a dear one gone—

Comes courage, for tomorrow,

And faith in a fairer dawn."

In the dawning of a new day, the Infinite Father whispered "It is enough, enter into rest," and the soul of our loved friend and co-worker went home, leaving us to sorrow. She was one of God's noble women and a very dear friend. I cannot remember how many years I have known Lydia Wanner; I always looked forward to having her as my guest when she came to visit the unions in the Minot district. She was a true-hearted woman, with a fixed purpose; determined to do what she thought was right, even under trying circumstances at times. Now that she has gone from us, let us take up the work more faithfully and earnestly. Let us follow in her footsteps, imitate her love and devotion in trying to make better and safer conditions for the young people of our state. There could be no more fitting memorial to our friend than for us to increase our efforts, for then "Her works do follow her."

Mrs. C. F. Truax,

State Director, and former president Minot district WCTU

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A Word to the Wise

This issue of our paper is dedicated to the memory of Lydia S. Wanner; I think no woman in our ranks, has been more loved than she. We can do nothing more for her, except to go on with the work for which she gave herself unsparingly. Let us do so!

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

REMEMBERING HER

"She who lived valiantly has passed—why should we grieve?" I first met Mrs. Wanner at the state convention in Valley City, in 1917, when she was president of that district. I was a beginner, with everything to learn. She was kind to me then, and ever after. A year later I became state recording secretary, and as she was the state vice president, I learned to know her well. It was a privilege for which I always have been grateful.

When she was doing field work, and came into my district, she stayed with us. Once when I was taking her to an appointment, something went wrong with the old Model T; I was compelled to leave her, wrapped in blankets, in the car, while I walked a mile to get help. She did not mind; that night she made the best twelve-minute speech I ever heard her give, preceding an Uncle Tom's Cabin show which had the crowd. She so inspired the manager of the travelling group, that he gave several stories from his experiences, that proved her points. I never travel that road without thinking of her.

I always loved to watch her busy hands; at any meeting when she did not preside, she usually had something to sew, or some knitting; something that she planned to give away. She never ceased to think of others first. When arthritis came upon her and a walking-stick became necessary, she never complained, but was distressed because someone had to take her to meetings. How we all admired the perseverance with which she continued her work, even when every step meant pain! But now—"How swift—how very swift and glad her feet must go!"

She loved a good story, especially those about the Scotch, from whom she traced her ancestry, and she could tell them vividly. Those stories have brightened more gatherings than we can count, and her infectious laugh at another's humor is unforgettable. She loved music, and pictures; flowers grew for her, and she kept a lot of little slips in pots, to give to the sick. She was happiest when her friends came to her home, so that she could do things for them. I wonder if ever a list was compiled, of workers for church and temperance, who have shared the hospitality of her house? It would be a long one.

After the duties of life took her children away from home, she gave a room to a college boy, in exchange for the work of caring for her furnace and other seasonable chores. Over the years, a number of boys thus shared her home and felt her influence; one stayed with her through four years of college, and I believe felt almost as much affection for her as he did for his own family. Some of those boys were among the soldiers to whom she wrote regularly during the last war. What wonderful letters she could write—even a postal card from her carried more of value than some could get into a long letter.

In November 1945, after her heart began to give her trouble, and shortly before she had the fall that made her a semi-invalid for the rest of her life, she wrote to me: "I have had a full, rich life—so many opportunities given me; only wish I could have done much more. Many of my boys are home now, or on the way, so that big job will soon be over, I hope. I have kept up correspondence with thirty-five for over a year. It is such a joy to welcome them home, and so far, I have been able to keep the cook jars full for them, by learning to use part honey, or syrup."

I wonder what task her deft hands find to do,
Now, in the home Over There;
Does she make heavenly cookies there too,
For little boy angels to share?
Or do soldier laddies, whose graves lie afar,
Dip happily in a celestial jar?

Her children and grandchildren have a rich heritage of memories; may all of us be true to the standards and principles by which she lived. "Thanks be to God that such have lived, though they are here no more."

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

"Words cannot express my appreciation of Mrs. Wanner; she was a real haven to me. I think that the secret of her success in this difficult field of temperance education, was her very real concern; her love for all of God's children."

Mrs. Alex C. Burr,
Pres. James Valley District WCTU.

"How sad to lose Mrs. Wanner."

Mrs. C. A. Bone, Langdon.

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January 18 to March 18, 1948

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L. T. L.: Wheatland 30, Absaraka 15, Casselton 15, Ellendale 28, Bottineau 30, Edinburg 25, Larimore 1.

WILLARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Wesley Willey, Mrs. Catherine Evers, Mrs. Mandus Hultstrand.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Larimore \$25.80, Grand Forks \$10.00, Hatton \$11.80, Fargo (Julia D. Nelson Union) \$59.40, Gilby \$5.00, Fargo \$10.20, Grand Forks Dist. \$6.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Cavalier \$7.50, Dickey \$2.00, Hunter \$2.00, Oakes \$2.00, Langdon \$2.00, Bismarck \$4.50, Mrs. Catherine Evers \$1.00, Gilby \$2.00, Flasher \$2.00, Edinburg \$2.00, Bottineau \$19.07, Parshall \$5.00, Mott \$3.71, Crosby \$3.50, Edgeley \$2.00, Fargo \$3.85, Reeder \$2.00, Minot \$2.60, Edinburg \$2.00, Stady-Zahl \$2.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Fairdale \$2.00, Napoleon \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Grafton \$2.00, Minot \$2.00, Bottineau \$2.00, Parshall \$5.00, Edgeley \$2.00, Calvin \$2.00, Reeder \$2.00, Langdon \$2.00, Crosby \$2.00, Stady-Zahl \$2.00, Jamestown \$2.00, Powers Lake \$5.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Larimore, Northwood, Bismarck.

STATE REPORTS: \$15.15.

Powers Lake should have been on the Honor Roll in my last report. I am sorry for this mistake.

HOLD FAST UNIONS: Those having paid dues for all living resident members before March first.

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| Alamo | Hannah | Sawyer |
| Bottineau | Jamestown | Sheldon |
| Bismarck | McKenzie | Prosper |
| Calvin | Northwood | Tioga |
| Edgeley | Glover Union | Tower City |
| Fairdale | Parshall | Underwood |
| Fargo | Powers Lake | Flasher |
| Gilby | Park River | Bowesmount |
| Grand Forks | Reeder | Larimore |
| Hettinger | Rock Lake | Zahl |

Mrs. Howard Kemis.

From the Corresponding Secretary

Some new officers have been elected since the Directory was made and some new unions have been added. You will like to make the following changes and additions to your State Report.

Prosper; Mrs. Albert Ackerson is president.

Larimore; Mrs. Carl Aaker is L. T. L. leader.

Parshall; Mrs. A. B. Newnam is L. T. L. leader, instead of at Plaza.

Rock Lake; Mrs. V. R. Burkholder is secretary-treasurer.

Hannah; Mrs. Wm. Atchinson is newly elected treasurer.

Tioga; Mrs. Irvin Iverson, Mrs. Mabel A. Marshall, Mrs. Anna Nylander.

Larimore; Miss Phyllis M. Baker is president.

West Fairview; Mrs. Mae Hanson, Mrs. Iva Anderson, Mrs. Geneva Hanson, all of Englevale.

New unions are:

Hettinger; Mrs. Glen Palmer, Mrs. J. C. Boyce, Mrs. Amy Banning.

Napoleon; Mrs. E. J. Huntley, Miss Gladys Peterson, Mrs. Lillian Engleking.

Harvey; Mrs. Oliver Sidney, 820 Alder ave., Mrs. Larson, of Methodist parsonage, secretary-treasurer.

Steele; Mrs. G. F. Meier, Mrs. Archie Thornton, Mrs. R. Phelps.

If there are other changes, please let us know.

In Mrs. Kemis report you will find the Holdfast unions. Congratulations. You have worked faithfully.

Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Cor. Secretary.

Our National convention of the WCTU will be held in Portland, Oregon in the City of Roses, September 20-26. We hope many of our women can plan to attend this great meeting. You always come away with information, inspiration and spiritual blessing.

Because of an oversight, Miss Helen Storwell of Valley City was listed as assistant L. T. L. Secretary in the annual report. Please correct same in your copy.

The mid year official board will meet this month to make plans for the state convention. Watch for further notices.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

Immortality

Death is not the end; it is only a new beginning. Death is not master of the house; he is only the porter at the King's lodge, appointed to open the gate and let in the King's guests into the realm of eternal day. And so shall we ever be with the Lord. And so the range of three score years and ten is not the limit of our life. Our life is not a land-locked lake enclosed within the shore lines of seventy years. It is an arm of the sea, and where the shore-lines seem to meet in old age, they open out into the infinite. And so we must build for those larger waters. We must lay our life plans on the scale of the infinite, not as though we were only pilgrims of time, but as children of eternity. We are immortal! How, then, shall we live today in prospect of the eternal morrow?

—John Henry Jowett, in the Watchman-Examiner.

The Lord Is Risen!

All night the clanking sword of Roman guard,
The raucous laugh, the curse, the ribald jest
Profaned the holy hush about the tomb,
Wherein the Crucified was laid to rest.
Then heavenly silence came. God's messenger
Had put to flight Rome's vaunted guardians there.
And through the garden's brooding, moonlight peace
Two women came in trembling haste and fear.
But when they saw the stone was rolled away,
And heard the angel-word: "The Lord is Risen!"
They turned with singing hearts to tell abroad,
How Christ had burst the bonds of death's dark prison.

—May T. Hoffman in White Ribbon Herald.

Guest Room Message

Last fall Mrs. Mielke spent the night with Mrs. Wanner. A motto on the wall of her guest room impressed her so much that she copied it. Here it is:

"Sleep sweet within this quiet room,
My guest, who'er thou art,
And let no mournful yesterdays
Disturb thy peaceful heart,
Nor let tomorrow scare thy rest
With dreams of coming ill;
Thy maker is thy changeless friend—
His love surrounds thee still.
Forget thyself and all the world—
Put out each feverish light
The stars are shining overhead;
Sleep sweet; good night, good night!"

May this verse be a comfort to us all.

Spring Flowers

A crocus lifted its tiny head;
A little daisy peeped from its bed;
Old Mr. Sun, 'way up in the sky
Saw the flowers from his perch on high,
And sent warm raindrops to dance to and fro
On their way to the beds where flowers grow.

Soon other flowers poked up their heads
And others peeked from flower beds,
As Old Mr. Sun sent the raindrops down
To all the flowers in country and town.

—Judith Ann Ferber, 10 years old.

Granddaughter of Mrs. Sara E. Ferber, Oakes.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kemis are the proud grandparents of Richard Michael Kemis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kemis of Hudson, Wis., born February 14, 1948.

A baby girl, Renee Romine, came January 3, 1948, to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Romine Harvey. Mrs. Romine is the president of the Harvey WCTU.

A darling little two-year-old girl has come to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Grostephan, of Park Rapids, Minn. Mrs. Grostephan is the daughter of Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

Thought for the Month

"Spin cheerfully not tearfully,
Brave heart as on you plod,
Spin prayerfully, spin carefully,
But leave the threads with God."

—The White Ribbon.

The President's Letter

Spring is in the air even though we are all shovelling out from heavy snowfalls in recent weeks and being snowbound in parts of the state. But we hope soon to be able to say with the poet:

"Like an army defeated the snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill on top the bare hill."

The Easter season is near at hand as I write, in spite of snow and winter winds to the contrary. It is the harbinger of spring, the forerunner of the beautiful warm days to come. Just as spring brings the certainty of flowers and green grass, Easter brings the assurance to our hearts of a resurrected Christ and Saviour. Luke 24: 34, 44.

It will soon be spring district convention time, when we shall conduct one day sessions in every district in the state. We know that by the time you read this, your plans will have been made for a good district "get together." Mrs. Iver Fossum, our able state vice president, expects to assist with the district meetings this spring. Your state president hopes to do some field work in connection with the district conventions, and will attend as many as she possibly can in order to meet every one of you who attend. At each convention we expect to conduct a 'workshop,' where workers may become more familiar with the many interesting phases of our organization, and learn about their official duties. We anticipate fine sessions, and are eager to meet our many workers all over the state.

At this time the papers state that an initiated measure to repeal the food-drink divorce act may go on the June 29 primary ballot. We worked hard to secure this fine law and it has been an asset to our state; we must put forth every effort to retain it. Do not forget, dear workers, that eternal vigilance is the price we must pay to keep our good laws, and to back up those pending in state and nation. Write our representatives—both senators and congressmen, at Washington, D. C. Read the Union Signal for information and details on bills before congress.

We must plan our poster contest work in every locality, and aid our district presidents to conduct exhibits at fairs this coming summer. Write our state director of Visual Education, Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Valley City, for information. We have much available material at our publishing house, which educates through the eye, not only for this department, but in S. T. I. and institute work. Let us make it available for our schools.

Special honors will be given unions this fall which excel in various phases of our membership work. Obtain new members, more honorary members, Y. T. C. and L. T. L. and let us gather all local babies into the White Ribbon Recruit band. Details will come to you soon.

This issue of our paper is dedicated to the memory of our beloved state worker, Lydia S. Wanner, who passed into her heavenly reward January 31. Mrs. Wanner served us long years, faithfully and well. Her prayers while she was with us will continue to bless and sustain.

With affection, and every good wish,

Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

Notes From The Union

The Park River union was obliged to cancel the February meeting, because of the severe storm that day, one of the very few meetings that this union has ever cancelled. They served lunches and a ham dinner one day while the Potato Show was on there, and cleared the substantial sum of \$75.00, in spite of heavy costs.

The Langdon union has not been able to meet regularly during the winter, but three new members have been secured, and they hope to get more women interested when spring comes.

The January meeting of the Flasher WCTU was held at the home of Mrs. Algot Monson. Baby clothes for the "Save the Children" Federation were given out to be sewed. This union has done a great deal of relief work, which is very fine, and are continuing to do it.

The Powers Lake union has held regular meetings this winter, and one public meeting, at which Rev. Rett gave an address and showed a picture. Using the interesting tabulation that was found in the July Union Signal, the corresponding secretary made a poster to illustrate the figures given. The effect was shown by using narrow ribbon and letting one inch of ribbon equal 50 million dollars. The "Liquor Ribbon" reaches across an ordinary room. The chart has been displayed at the Sunday Schools of the different churches. They are looking forward to the spring meeting with other workers. We are indebted to Mrs. Delmar Dahl for this story of their good work.

The Grand Forks WCTU joined with the Frances Willard union there for a Willard Memorial meeting, held at the YWCA, at which Dr. A. W. Munk was guest speaker. His message was called "Christ or Chaos"; a new member was secured at this meeting. For the Union Signal meeting, the Grand Forks group met with Mrs. O. J. Swanson; Miss Margaret Hyslop read a part of the state report.

The January meeting of the Williston union was held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Stockman, with 21 members and two

visitors present. Mrs. Don Fish presided, and Mrs. Ernest Huston was leader of devotions. After the business meeting, the program chairman, Mrs. George Canfield, introduced Rev. Stuart A. Parvin, guest speaker, whose subject was "The Peril of Liquor Advertising." The Capper Bill was discussed and petition forms given to volunteers to circulate for signers. A new member was secured. The hostess was assisted in serving a dessert lunch by Mrs. Wallace Stockman, Mrs. Francis Stockman and Mrs. John Gutschmidt. In February, the annual Frances E. Willard Memorial meeting was observed at a tea held in the parlor of the First Methodist church, with Mrs. Stuart A. Parvin as general chairman. The room was arranged with old things brought out for the occasion such as a red cloth for the round table, a large pink-flowered lamp and a Delineator magazine of 1897 recalled the 'best room' of the nineties. Mrs. C. S. Scharnberg led the devotional service, and after the business meeting the following program was given: Alcohol and Other Narcotics, by Mrs. Clarence Framstad; What is Alcoholism? by Mrs. Leslie Chase; The Life of Frances Willard, by Mrs. Stuart A. Parvin; The Willard Quiz, by Mrs. George Canfield and Mrs. John Birkland. Myrna Weston, wearing a black lace dress of the 90's and carrying a black lace parasol, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" with Claire Sveen at the piano. Miss Sveen also played a violin solo, "Sylvia." Mrs. L. E. Hennigar and Mrs. Don Fish poured at a lace covered refreshment table centered with tulips and carnations.

The Valley City union met in February at the home of Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, with Mrs. T. J. Blewett as assisting hostess. The afternoon's program was a memorial service in honor of Mrs. Fred M. Wanner. Miss Mildred Davidson sang two beautiful numbers and Mrs. Stella Kelley composed and read a very fitting tribute to Mrs. Wanner. A memorabilia gift of \$5.00 was given by the union for Scientific Temperance Instruction, in which Mrs. Wanner was deeply interested. A report was given on petitions sent to senators and representatives.

Mrs. A. H. Waa, state director of Health and Medical Temperance, spoke at the February meeting of the Fargo union. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Virgil A. Reed.

The Hettinger union is conducting a poster contest in the school, and plans to show a temperance movie in March.

Mrs. W. M. Franklin, state director of S. T. I., spoke in the schools of Jamestown and Valley City recently. A meeting with local teachers informed them of the extensive reference and graded temperance materials available from our WCTU Publishing House at Evanston, Ill. These have been used extensively in the Fargo city schools.

The Julia D. Nelson union, Fargo, met at the North Dakota House of Mercy for their regular meeting. A grocery and canned goods shower was given to this institution, as well as an offering.

Two woolen comforters and some warm clothing have been sent to Frau Fischer, at Bremen; she is the president of the WCTU of Germany, and has known great hardship.

Our state president is much pleased with the list of unions on the Honor roll for budget, and also those that are Holdfast. She urges us all to work for more and more members, this spring.

Jamestown Union held a Willard Memorial meeting in February, at the Evangelical United Brethren church, at which Rev. L. R. Burgum was guest speaker. Mrs. W. A. Ebertz, program chairman, president; Miss Bertha Ebel was in charge of general arrangements. Mrs. Myrtle Bordwell spoke on the international work of Frances Willard; Rev. Bergum explained the workings of the United Nations, and said "War does something to people. We cannot destroy as we do in war, and then expect to go on as usual. We must work for peace through union." Mrs. Ebertz paid tribute to Mrs. Fred M. Wanner, and the congregation stood for a moment of silence as a tribute to her, then sang her favorite hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mrs. Gerald Splinter, accompanied by Mrs. Roger McCommon, violinist, sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." Miss Alice Fuehrer was the accompanist for the evening. Mrs. Walter Weispfanning led the worship service and gave a short talk on prayer; Miss Ebel read the scripture. Mrs. N. E. McCoy and Miss Nelda Weber sang "Just Keep On Praying." The tea was served in the church parlors, and was in charge of Mrs. John Sherbenske, Mrs. Rachel Anderson, Mrs. Jacob Guthmiller and Mrs. Henry Jeske.

To You Lydia Scott Wanner

O Mother Heart, whose riches never failed us,
But only grew as others came to share,
How we shall miss your kindness, long availed us;
Your wisdom, laughter, and your constant prayer!

You helped us learn how love can conquer sadness,
How faith can hold and strengthen and give light;
We will 'hold high the torch' you bore with gladness,
Remembering how you ever kept it bright.

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Personal Mention

Mrs. John Shaw, treasurer of the Park River union, spent most of the winter in Philadelphia, Penn., with her brother and sister who live there.

Mrs. Lulu Wylie Zimmerman, former president of James Valley District WCTU, and a state director for some time, is now the vice president of the University WCTU of Seattle, Wash. She is the proud grandmother of six little people, and says that the newest one, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Speers of Vancouver, B. C. has been named "Barbara". We join in Mrs. Zimmerman's expressed hope that the little lady will grow to be a sweet and good as her namesake, our Barbara H. Wylie.

Mrs. E. C. Watkins, former state treasurer of the WCTU, who has lived in Glendale, Calif., for a number of years, is now president of the local union there, which has 500 members. They are hoping to build it up to 1000, before long. Success to them! We know they have a good president to lead them.

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth and Mrs. Anna Sox of Edgeley were among the many who attended the funeral of Mrs. Wanner in Jamestown. Mrs. Farnsworth and her husband had lately returned from a two month visit with their daughter Alice and family at Cocoa, Fla.

The state president and vice president, Mrs. H. E. Mielke and Mrs. Iver Fossum, both of Fargo, went to Jamestown for Mrs. Wanner's funeral. Many more of her friends over the state would have attended if it had been possible.

Besides those already mentioned, people from a distance who attended the funeral for Mrs. Wanner included Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wanner and family, Bowbells; Mrs. H. Ray Sweetman, Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y.; Rev. and Mrs. Hewison Pollock, Iowa City, Ia.; Mrs. E. G. Wanner, Dr. Ralph Montague, H. H. Montague, S. H. Bickell and Leonard Dalstad, Bismarck; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dysart, Mandan; Mrs. W. B. Wanner, Wimbeldon; W. M. Bartholomew, Pingree; Mrs. Frank Walker, Rio, Wis.; and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Purchell, Ellendale.

Mrs. Emma Nelson, member of the Edgeley union who now lives in Ellendale, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip while visiting at Edgeley in February. An honorary member, Mr. Wm. Howe, who lives in Minnesota, fell from a silo and injured his back so severely that it was expected he would be in the hospital at New Ulm, Minn., for at least three months. We regret these misfortunes.

Mrs. Necia E. Buck, 437 North 16th St., Corvallis, Ore., writes that she spent two months in California, and one of the high lights of the trip was a visit with Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson at her home in LaJolla. They walked to the beach each day, sat in the patio with the California sun shining down upon them, "As only California sun can shine," she says, "and I read her Christmas cards over to her again, and read the last issue of the White Ribbon Bulletin to her from 'kiver to kiver'. You can imagine how we reminisced. It was a joy to find her so well, and so well cared for."

A number of our women have had a bad time with flu this winter. Among those who have been ill are Mrs. Iver Fossum, state vice president; Mrs. Alex C. Burr, president of James Valley District; and Mrs. Isabella Morey, grand elderly lady of the Grand Forks union. We hear that Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, Rock Lake, who is president of North Central District, is at Rochester, Minn., where she submitted to an operation, and will be there for some time. Grand Forks Union has a number of shut-in members, including Mrs. Chas. Allen, Mrs. E. L. Baughman, and Mrs. R. A. Sprague. We hope that as spring comes on, all these will entirely recover and feel new energy for their tasks.

Interesting letters have been received this winter from Mrs. Elise J. N. Snippen, formerly a resident of Ryder, N. D., who now lives at 5051 Beach Drive in Seattle, Wash. She is a new subscriber for the WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN, and lately sent subscriptions for two more of her friends, Mrs. A. P. Matson and Alice Granum. Speaking of our state president, she says: "Isn't she a wonder? It did not surprise me to see Mrs. Mielke's name as state president and editor-in-chief of the White Ribbon Bulletin; I believe she is capable of filling any place." We agree! (Mrs. Mielke, of course, has not seen this item.)

Mrs. Elva D. Pehrson, former state vice president, who now lives at 516 First St., Wenatchee, Wash., spent Willard membership dues for two years, and a donation besides, for the work. She teaches in East Wenatchee, driving over with another teacher. She likes it there as she has sisters and a daughter, besides several other relatives there, and expects to stay, though she plans a trip back to Montana in April to visit her children there. She inquired about the workers of other days, when she was here, especially Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. Darling.

Mr. Howard Kemis is improving, but his doctor will not allow him to go to work till warm weather, as the injury to his back, in the railroad accident, was quite severe. May his recovery be complete.

Jack—You look like a sensible girl. Let's get married.
Jill—Nothing doing. I'm just as sensible as I look!

In Memoriam

Oh, these parting days will end
Some sweet day, by-an-by;
We shall gather, friend with friend
Some sweet day, by-and-by;
There, before our Father's throne,
When the mists and clouds have flown
We shall know as we are known,
Some sweet day, by-and-by."

Mrs. Mae Caine, member of the Edgeley union, died not long ago at a rest home in Inglewood, Calif.

Mrs. Peter Holand, a member of the Frances Willard union of Grand Forks, died March 2, after a long illness. She was 76 years of age. She is survived by a daughter and five sons, of whom Atty. Roy A. Holand of LaMoure is one.

Mrs. Ann Hesketh of Rolla, charter member of the old First District WCTU, and Life Member of the state organization since 1913, passed away at her home in Rolla March 11, less than a week after celebrating her 90th birthday. Mrs. Duguid of Cando says of her: "Another saint is called. She was a worker in all branches, especially the Evangelistic. She leaves a family high in all walks of life, who have tenderly cared for our beloved friend." Mrs. Hesketh is survived by three sons and three daughters; there are twenty grandchildren.

Mrs. Ella C. Boise, of Bismarck, died at the home of her son Charles, of Pipestone, Minn., March 3, 1948, at the age of 83. A member of the Bismarck union and a Life Member of the state WCTU, she had held many responsible positions in this work during her lifetime and was well known in the state. She had a wide circle of White Ribbon friends, who knew her as a valiant worker for temperance, who also did much for woman's suffrage in North Dakota. She came to this state in territorial days, and herself homesteaded in Steele county. Her husband, Charles G. Boise, preceded her in death, in 1943. She is survived by three sons, three daughters and thirteen grandchildren. Funeral services were held at McCabe Methodist church in Bismarck, March 6. She was still deeply interested in temperance; every time she passed through Fargo, she called Mrs. Mielke on the telephone. Delegates to the state convention at Bismarck in 1946 will remember that she was introduced and gave a short talk at the last evening meeting.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, former state president, was called to the home of her brother at Iola, Wis., March 7, to be with her sister, Miss Alma Erickson, who had been ill for several months. After a happy visit of three days, Miss Erickson suddenly passed 'beyond the swinging curtain' into Another Room. She was cheerful to the end. The deep sympathy of all our women is with Mrs. Darling and her family in their bereavement, as well as with all others who sorrow for loved ones mentioned here.

L. T. L. Report

Last year we reported a total of 344 L. T. L. members in North Dakota. This far, to date, we have received dues for 266 members. We realize that the 10 cents annual dues per member is not the most important thing about the L. T. L. work but it is the yardstick which we must use for reporting membership.

The need for informing children about the harmful effects of drinking alcohol is very pressing. Many times, when the children learn the lessons, they in turn inform and teach the parents. Interesting new L. T. L. blotters, in attractive colors may be secured from the Publishing House.

Every place, where there is a grade school, can at least have a Friendship L. T. L., if there is not a regular L. T. L. leader available. Let us each one teach one—or more—children and give more than just "lip service" to the temperance cause.

Yours for North Dakota's children,

Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, L. T. L. Secretary.

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley's Rule.

SOLVENT

I paid my dues to the D. A. R., Colonial Dames and Eastern Star.

The P. T. A. and the U. D. C., American Legion Auxiliary; College Alumnae—that check's been made, Country Club statement is due and paid; Everything settled—a clean white slate. My church pledge? Well—it will just have to wait.

—D. B. Thompson.

And what about W. C. T. U. dues? Did you help make your union a Holdfast, by paying before March 1st?

Living In The Light of Eternity

Funeral sermon for Mrs. Lydia S. Wanner, by Rev. W. A. Ebertz, Jamestown. Text: "O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord . . . Therefore . . . be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain."

The news of the slipping away of Mother Wanner was a shock to all of us. It was a surprise, and yet not entirely unexpected. Those of us who were associated with her intimately knew that her health and strength were failing fast. I believe that she passed away just as she had wanted to. All her life Mother Wanner had been a busy person; even when she was in the hospital she was writing letters or doing something of service. The thing she dreaded most was a long period of disability; God spared her that. Although she had grown weaker, she was busy to the end. When her work was done, she just closed her eyes and went to sleep, to be forever with the Lord. While we mourn her departure, we praise God for the wonderful way that she could go.

There are two things especially that impressed me personally, about Mrs. Wanner. The first was her fine spirit of understanding. Mother Wanner had deep convictions; much of her adult life was spent in active work in behalf of the Temperance cause, and she was a crusader for righteousness, unafraid to stand up for the right. And yet, because of her loving and understanding spirit, she was loved even by those who disagreed with her. Her righteousness was not a self-righteousness that becomes offensive, but a goodness that radiates blessing.

The second thing that impressed me was her love for young people. She loved them, and they loved her. She may have become old in body, but she never grew old in spirit. For about twenty-five years, she taught a young people's class; it was only a few years ago that she stopped doing that. She loved to have young people come to her home for social meetings and visits; college students were often guests at her home for dinner, and during the last year she wrote to many boys and girls in service. She would send them "The Upper Room", jokes that she had clipped out, and other things to cheer them. Throughout this country, and perhaps even in far away lands, young people will mourn when they hear that Mother Wanner has gone home.

One secret of her life was that she lived, not only for a few years—she lived in the light of eternity. In the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of Christian immortality. At some length, he explains the nature of our Christian faith on this subject; then at the close of the chapter, there is an interesting series of verses. In verse 55 he writes: "O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Then, in a remarkable way, St. Paul goes on to say "Therefore"—(because you have this triumphant faith in eternal life) "Therefore be ye steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

I have chosen this 58th verse as my text this afternoon, because as I thought of Mother Wanner's life, these words came to me as very appropriate. She lived in the light of eternity. She measured things, not merely by the results and the rewards here, but by the results that would come in the end, in the sight of God, the Eternal One. She worked and fought and prayed for the cause of personal and civic righteousness, not only along the line of temperance, but also in other lines, in a period when it was difficult. Often her work must have seemed in vain, when she would see conditions get worse rather than better. Many times, no doubt, she would be tempted with a sense of defeat, but she never lost courage and heart. To the very end, she was a crusader for temperance, confident that in due time, righteousness would prevail. That is what St. Paul meant: "Therefore, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

I would like to have you notice three words in that text, because they apply so well to her life. "Steadfast" . . . "unmovable" . . . "always abounding". On the surface, one might think that these words meant the same thing, but as Dr. G. Campbell Morgan points out, each of these words has its special meaning. "Steadfast" refers to personal faithfulness—sticking to a cause. It means "personal fidelity." The word "unmovable" in the original means faithfulness against opposition; not only being faithful personally, but even under the criticism and attack of one's enemies. And "always abounding" means "running over"—doing more than is demanded of you. It means being so eager in the work of the Lord that you do not measure what you do for Him.

All three of these words apply well to her life. Mrs. Wanner was "steadfast". Through her long life, she was personally faithful to her God, to His righteousness. She was faithful to her church, coming to church and doing things sometimes beyond

her strength. She was personally faithful to the cause of temperance, to which she had dedicated so much of her energy and time. Mrs. Wanner was "unmovable"; she stood for what she believed, even against opposition. It is not easy to stand for these ideals in these days, when the trend of modern society seems to be going the other way. And she did have opposition—there were those who saw in her work a threat to their own gain, and who hated her for it. She stood her ground, however, in a sweet and loving way, yet uncompromising, for the right as she saw it.

And she was "always abounding"—she was always doing more than was really expected of her. For over twenty-six years she worked actively, as either the vice-president or president of the state Woman's Christian Temperance Union, traveling all over the state, giving addresses many times a day, speaking sometimes under very adverse conditions. After all those years of intensive work, one would think that she had done her share and had won the right to retire. But when she could no longer travel, she took responsibilities which she could do through correspondence, at home. Just this last year, she took on the responsibility of being Temperance Chairman for the County Sunday School Council. "Always abounding"—always doing more than her share.

And now her labors are over. "I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto her Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them". To her the Lord has said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And to us who are left behind, the memory of her faithfulness remains as an inspiration and a challenge. May God help us also to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord", that the ideals for which she lived and worked may be carried on to triumph in justice and righteousness.

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