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## A Song for the Flag

Here is my love for you, flag of the free, and flag of the tried and true,  
Here is my love to your streaming stripes and your stars in a field of blue;  
Here is my love to your silken folds wherever they wave on high,  
For you are the flag of the land for which 'twere sweet for a man to die.

Native or immigrant, here is the task to which we must summon our powers:  
Ever unsullied to keep the flag in peace as in war's wild hours.  
Selfishness, narrowness, graft and greed and the evil that hates the light;  
All these are foes of the flag today! all these we must face and fight.

Symbol of hope to me and to mine, and to all who aspire to be free,  
Ever your golden stars may shine from the east to the western sea;  
Every your golden stars may shine, and ever your stripes may gleam,  
To lead us on from the deeds we do to the greater deeds that we dream.

Here is our love for you, flag of the free, and flag of the tried and true,  
Here is our love to your streaming stripes and your stars in a field of blue;  
Native or foreign, we're children all of the land over which you fly,  
And, native or foreign, we love the land for which it were sweet to die.

—Denis A. McCarthy in Union Signal.

## President's Letter

The halcyon summer days are with us and harvesting is close at hand. How we thank our heavenly Father for giving us another year of bountiful crops in our fair land, so that hunger will be no more.

How we enjoy the sweet summer time with our gardens, the canning of fruits and vegetables, the visits of our dear ones and family picnics. How we loved our vacations spent at church camps, and car trips or at lake cottages.

We have celebrated Independence Day on July 4, realizing anew what a privilege it is to live in a free land where the individual is important. God has smiled on us and blessed us. May we be worthy custodians of His trust.

The primary elections on June 29 brought out a large vote all over the state. We are grateful that the liquor-food divorce-law was retained. What satisfaction it is to eat where liquor is not served and where diners are not exposed to the attendant disturbances of such service.

The WCTU played no small part in the retention of this law. A letter went out, from the state WCTU legislative department in which unions were urged to do personal work locally, also to promote publicity through pulpit and press. Just before the election a paid advertisement by the state WCTU was placed in five of our widely circulated state dailies. This was also done in weeklies by local unions. Most of all, our women made this an object of prayer, and we are confident that God's divine blessing was the greatest single force in this victory at the primaries. Nationally we made a good fight on the draft bill but we lost. However, we helped put a specific limit on the number of men needed and cut down the time during which the draft will be in effect to two years. We obtained a larger vote in favor of restricting alcohol than was cast on a similar amendment to the draft act in 1940.

A special session of congress is convening. Suppose you try and see how many letters you can get to your senators asking them, now that they are to have another chance to act, to get the Capper Bill S. 265 reported out and to pass it, also to pass the Pace Bill. These bills deal with the most serious problem which confronts this country the liquor problem especially as it has a direct bearing on our draftees who will be going into peacetime military training. North Dakota WCTU has worked hand in hand

## Call for State Convention

The 59th annual meeting of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union is hereby officially called to assemble at Minot September 29, 30, Oct. 1, 1948. The General Officers will meet at 2:00 o'clock and the executive committee at 3:00 the afternoon of September 29.

The executive committee is composed of the official board, (which consists of the general officers, honorary president and district presidents), the trustees, the general secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, the editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin, department directors, organizers, field workers and historian. The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate-at-large from each local union and one for every 30 paid members; one LTL delegate for every \$5.00 of LTL dues paid to the state treasurer, said delegate to be a superintendent. YTC is entitled to the same as the WCTU—one delegate-at-large and one for every 30 paid members of a council

The by-laws provide that the state treasurer's books shall close two weeks previous to the annual meeting, but because the National convention convenes immediately before the state convention, our state treasurer has set the closing date for September 1. Local treasurers please make a note of this, and meet the financial obligations of your union for the present fiscal WCTU year by September 1st, when the state treasurer's books will be closed.

### COMMITTEES

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Minot, N. D., September 29, 30, October 1, 1948  
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with our legislative chairman of the national WCTU, Miss Elizabeth Smart at Washington, and many letters have gone from our state to our senators and congressmen, on important bills pending. Eternal vigilance is the price of good legislation.

Eleven district conventions were held last spring during April and May. All 11 districts are active, organized for work with a staff of officers in charge. Bottineau district contains two fine unions. When this district is reorganized we will have 12 districts. It is planned to change the boundaries of some districts to strengthen the district work. Every county in the state, except perhaps those in the Badlands, should be included in some district as potential ground for organization work. This was recommended by the general officers at the midyear meeting, plans to be submitted to the state executive committee at the state convention. This plan is under advisement.

The state convention will meet at Minot on September 29-30, October 1, at the Presbyterian church of that city. We will be especially favored with guests from the national convention at Portland, Oregon, which convenes on September 22-26. Miss Estelle Bozman, national S. T. I. director, will conduct a two session workshop, Mrs. C. V. Biddle, state president of the Tennessee WCTU will be present at the banquet and speak the second night. Dr. Ward F. Boyd will give the address on the evening of October 1. Every union in the state should send delegates. Your local work will gain much from this convention. We are looking for a good attendance.

Dear friends, all over the state you have done much good work in your local unions. We have two months left until our state convention but our treasurer's books close September first. The report blanks will reach you soon. Will you not finish work you have begun, gain more members and gather data for your reports.

Let us put forth a very special effort to finish the year

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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creditably. We can do much in the weeks left in the present fiscal year to wind up our activities.

We were all saddened to hear of the departure to a better land of our dear friends and co-workers Edna F. Dugriad of Cando, N. D., and Mrs. Mae Kline, president of the Mott WCTU.

Let us pray for the national convention at Portland and for our state session at Minot that God will strengthen our every purpose and continue to guide us in the future as He has done in the past.

"For God is near and ever strong  
To win the battle 'gainst the wrong".

With best wishes and love,  
Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

## Notes From the Unions

Minot WCTU is planning an exhibit booth at the Northwest Fair beginning July 26. An exhibit visualizes to the public the truth about alcohol, and is a fine medium through which Narcotic Education can be promoted.

The Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo held a picnic at Oak Park in July. The president, Mrs. Mae Brudevold, went on a trip to the west coast, soon after.

The Parshall union contributed \$20 to help pay for the space purchased in five daily papers of the state before the primary election by the state WCTU. The space was used to urge re-entention of the Liquor-Food Divorcement Law. We thank the Parshall union, and the individuals who also contributed for this purpose.

The annual pot-luck picnic meeting of the Fargo union was held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mielke, July 23. Mrs. C. E. Webster gave a fine devotional service, which was followed by a talk from Mrs. Helen Porter. Little 3-year-old David Mielke sang "Every Day With Jesus Is Sweeter as the Days Go By" and "Jesus Never Fails." After the meeting, the picnic lunch was served in the garden, and a social time was enjoyed.

In June the Nekoma union met at the home of the president, Mrs. George Sholy, and some plans were made for work this fall. Three little children were dedicated as White Ribbon Recruits. Mr. Orville Crawford, the student pastor of the Lutheran church, told of some of the things that he had seen as results of liquor drinking, while in the army. Mrs. Sholy served a fine lunch. The July meeting, after being postponed because of rain, was held at the farm home of Mrs. T. O. Thompson, with Mrs. Bertha Flom and her daughter serving the lunch. Miss Christine Gjevre was in charge of the program, which consisted of several readings by different people, and two songs well rendered by Joyce Flom, who sang without accompaniment. Some visitors were present. A gift of \$4.00 for the Narcotic Education Fund was received from Mrs. Bertha Johnson, in memory of her brother, Oscar B. Oen.

A WCTU Institute of the Page, Prosper and Hunter unions, held July 15 at the Arthur Methodist church was very well attended. Group singing was conducted by Mrs. Marvin Johnson, with Mrs. C. G. Brandstead, at the piano, concluding with Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley's North Dakota WCTU song. The devotions were led by Mrs. Gunter, followed by a solo from Mrs. Emory Johnson, with her daughter as her accompanist. The speaker from Fargo, Mrs. Oscar Kjorlie, was introduced by Mrs. J. A. Burgum, who spoke of Mrs. Kjorlie's zeal in all good works, whether in PTA, Lutheran Welfare, or Crippled Children's Benefits, etc. Mrs. Kjorlie gave a splendid address, full information and inspiration. Mrs. Richardson presided and Rev. Gunter gave the benediction. A social hour and discussion followed. Refreshments were served in the church parlors, with Mrs. Rollo Winings, Mrs. J. A. Burgum, Mrs. Carl Lake and Mrs. R. H. oVsborg, hostesses. We are indebted to Mrs. J. A. Burgum for the account of this fine meeting.

The Flasher union sent food to Frau Fischer, president of the WCTU of Germany, which reached there in time to be used to help feed the 150 delegates who gathered for the post-war convention there. They received a card from the convention, and a personal letter from Frau Fisher with her thanks. "There are bands of ribbon white around the world." Flasher is helping to keep them there.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood of Park River is enjoying a visit from her two sisters, Mrs. Ena Craig of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Jessie Parke of Glasgow, Mont. The three sisters spent the day with their brother and his family, David Ford, July 17.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cross of Park River had visits this summer from their foster daughters, Shirley and Marjorie, and their families, from Vancouver, Wash. Ye editor is remiss in not remembering the married names of these girls, whose husbands

are twin brothers, but she does not forget the pleasant acquaintance she enjoyed with them when they were very little girls growing up in the home of their uncle and aunt. The Cross' daughter, Lillian, was recently married to Prof. Leroy Good, Dean of the Junior College at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mackley and daughter Joan of Minot, left in July for a trip to visit relatives and old friends in England. They visited with two married daughters on their way to New York, with one of whom Joan will stay while her parents revisit their old home. They plan to sail from New York on the "America" and will return on that ship early in October. They expected to ship their car also, for use while in England. We wish them a happy vacation, but we shall miss our Singing Lady when we are in Minot for the state convention. They had planned to go earlier, but could not secure reservations.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie writes that Dr. Raines, the much loved pastor of her church in Minneapolis, has been made a bishop. While they are proud that he received this deserved honor, they will miss him very much.

Mrs. C. F. Truax, president of the Minot union, left for a visit with relatives in the west in July. She will return before the state convention. She appointed her very capable committees to carry on while she is away.

Dear White Ribbon Comrades:

First let me thank you for the many fine reports. You will rejoice to know that we made a NET GAIN in membership before July first. Happy we are to merit the certificate of award, with its Gold Seal. Our net gain to July first was 85 members. New and renewed members were 173. There are 20 Fruitful unions.

This gain was made before the close of the National campaign. Now, our State campaign will continue until September first. If you study the above, you will note that there is a wide margin between the number of new and renewed members and the number of Net Gain. How may we account for this? First, some former members have moved away; Second, some of our beloved members have been taken by death; third, others have failed to pay annual dues. It would seem that something could yet be done about this. It is thrilling to obtain new members, but just as necessary to keep the ones now on the roll. Will you make an earnest effort to have these dues in to the state treasurer before the first of September?

There is evidence of devastation of the liquor traffic going right on; they spare no time, effort or money. May I suggest that you sit down, write the names of three women, then go to each, tell her of our work and ask her to join? It may surprise you to see how easy it is.

Also may I suggest to those who have secured new members, that you take the responsibility of keeping them interested? See that they get some literature on our work. Once into the work a member's interest will grow. It might be well to see that dues are collected for her the following year.

North Dakota WCTU convention meets in Minot Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Plans are underway for a splendid convention. We expect to have with us Miss Estelle Bozeman, National director of Scientific Temperance Instruction and Mrs. C. V. Bidle, president of Tennessee WCTU. We hope every union in our state will be represented.

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

## Keep Out of the Swamp

Just plain country preachers usually have an awful lot of sense. Not long ago a very brilliant man with an earnest desire to do something about the liquor problem was saying that the way to deal with it is to teach the young people to "be moderate."

Said the preacher: "Suppose I arranged a picnic for the young people in my church and took them to a very beautiful swamp not very far from town. 'Young folks', I might say, 'this is one of the loveliest and most interesting swamps I know anything about and I am going to take you for a walk in it but before we enter I must warn you that there are a lot of snakes in the swamp and at least one in every twenty of you will bebeten and die but of course that is just one in twenty and the rest of you may not be bitten at all.' What do you think those young people would say to me? They would say, 'You must think we are a lot of fools; we are not going into that swamp.' That's the way it is with liquor. We know that at least one in twenty will come to disaster if he begins to drink but we keep advising our young people to take a walk through the swamp. It doesn't make sense."

And it doesn't.

—The Voice.

## In Memoriam

"Oh, the friends who now are waiting in the cloudless realms of day;  
Who are calling us to follow where their steps have led the way;  
They have laid aside their armor, and their earthly course is run,  
They have kept the faith with patience, and their crown of life is won."

Miss Millie Burbidge, Life member of the N. D. WCTU, who for seven years was the treasurer of the Park River union, of which she had been a member for considerably more than a quarter of a century, passed away July 5th. She had suffered for five years from a heart ailment, which made her an invalid, and was cared for by her sister, Miss Anna Burbidge. In the recent weeks that preceded her falling peacefully into the sleep that knows no waking here, our Mrs. Nellie M. Cross, who is her next door neighbor, was constantly helpful.

Mrs. Gust Carlson, mother of Miss Hulda Carlson and 'mother-in-love' of Mrs. Percy Carlson, both officers of Grafton Union, was called to the Heavenly Home July 2, while she slept. She would have been 83 in August. She had been bed-ridden for some time, but did not suffer. Her husband and her seven children all were with her shortly before the end. This wonderful Christian mother was a member of the Grafton union for many years.

Mrs. May Kline, the beloved president of the Mott union, finished her earthly journey July 14. About a year ago she suffered from a severe heart condition which kept her confined for many weeks, but at the Southwest District convention last spring she presided in her usual sweet way, and poured at the Silver Tea. She seemed much improved, at that time. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Mrs. Kline has done outstanding work over the years, in the WCTU; nothing seemed too difficult for her to undertake. We deeply appreciate her service in our organization.

—Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

### EDNA FRANCES DUGUID

Edna Frances Bratton was born at Paris, Illinois, June 25, 1875, and passed to her eternal reward from her farm home near Cando, N. D. July 6, 1948, aged 73 years and 11 days. She came to North Dakota with her parents who homesteaded in Cando, township in 1888; she went to Terre Haute, Ind., for Normal school training and taught school near Bisbee for a time. In 1893 she was married to J. W. Salmons, and moved to the farm near Cando which was her home thereafter until her death. Mr. Salmons died in 1912, and September 3, 1918, she became the wife of William Duguid, who has been her loving companion and helper through all the years since. She was a very active member of the Methodist church in Cando. As a young woman, she became a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and never lost her interest in the work. She served ably as treasurer of the state organization 1914-16, but had to give up the office because of illness. She was a charter member of the old First District, and after holding different offices, became the president in 1919, serving capably and graciously for 14 years. Then the illness that made her unable to walk, cut off her activities outside her home, but she was mentally keen and interested in church and temperance work through all the 15 years that she remained 'stationary', as she said. Though she was a Life Member of the N. D. WCTU, she paid Willard dues, read the White Ribbon Bulletin and the Union Signal, and frequently contributed money for the promotion of the work. She slept away peacefully, at the last.

Funeral services were held at the home and at the Methodist church in Cando July 6, with the pastor of the church, Rev. Sumner Williams, in charge. He read many beautiful and comforting passages of scripture, and spoke of the testimony her life gave. A mixed quartette sang "Abide With Me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". "The Old Rugged Cross was sung as a solo. There were beautiful floral tributes, and many gifts of money to worthy causes, in her memory. Mrs. Duguid's niece, Mrs. Wm. Diers of Turtle Lake, Wis., was present, and a number of relatives from Egeland and Cando, besides many friends. Mrs. Frank Beasley represented the N. D. WCTU, presenting the wide white satin ribbon that was tied about the casket, with the large white bow that is the emblem of the organization. Interment was in the Cando cemetery.

### EDNA SALMONS DUGUID

Another of our heroic pioneer workers of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has gone to join that great cloud of witnesses, "who rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

To those of us who knew and loved her, the world seems lonelier, and some of its brightness has gone with her.

When the old First District was organized in the early nine-

ties, I was attracted by a young woman with blue eyes and auburn hair, who was friendly, alert, capable, and radiated good cheer.

She became the leading spirit in the WCTU of Cando, and for years was the competent president of the then famous First District. She also served as state treasurer, 1914-1916.

Fifteen years ago, Mrs. Duguid was stricken with paralysis which doomed her to a wheel-chair, and later, to invalidism, but her interest in our great cause has never failed.

One of the cherished memories of my early work in North Dakota, is that of the delightful visits I have had in her lovely farm home. All these years since we have kept in close touch, and I treasure the thoughtful gifts and loving notes, received from her.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the bereaved husband, Mr. William Duguid, whose devotion and care have been unflinching, and have made even the years of invalidism, peaceful and happy.

For our dear friend, we should have only congratulations that the journey is ended, that she has fought a good fight, kept the faith, and has now received her crown of rejoicing. Hall and Farewell! We shall meet again.

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

Happy memories cluster round the name of Edna Duguid. She was one of my dearest friends. For years we were associated in WCTU work, often attending state and national conventions together, and once the World's convention at Brooklyn. She was actively interested in every good cause and gave to it her loyal support. As president of the First WCTU district in North Dakota, she rallied her comrades and together they generally kept First District first on the list.

I visited Mrs. Duguid in her lovely home at Cando and enjoyed her gracious hospitality. Her friends were always welcome there. Then one day the blow came, and a stroke confined her to her chair for the rest of her earthly life, but she could use her pen, and many a cheery message came to me from "Edna and Billy." Her devoted husband tenderly cared for her all her years of inactivity. Now she has joined the host of our other White Ribbon comrades, where "Activity is not succeeded by weariness" and they "serve Him day and night in His temple." Happy Edna! We rejoice with you, but our sincere sympathy is expressed for Mr. Duguid.

Barbara H. Wylie.

I was sorry indeed to learn of the passing of Edna F. Duguid; I remember her well. When we had the state convention at Cando, I was one of those who enjoyed a dinner at her home on the farm. I thought of her when I passed through Cando on the train this spring.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke.

It was with a deep sense of loss that I received word of the ending of the earthly life of Edna Duguid. I do not remember just when I first met her, but we had so much in common that we were friends as soon as we became acquainted. I always looked forward to meeting her, as long as she was able to attend the state conventions, and our correspondence, though not regular, was a great pleasure to me. I visited her a year ago for an afternoon which I shall always remember gladly. It was my privilege to attend her funeral services; she looked lovely, as she lay there. The bright hair that had been like a badge of courage to us, in past years, had grown nearly white, but she had changed little in appearance otherwise. Her beautiful dress of black chiffon velvet made the little white bow above her heart stand out strikingly, and her influence is not ended as long as there are those who remember her. My life has been richer because I knew her.

—Elizabeth C. Beasley.

The deep sympathy of all our women goes out to all the friends who are lonely and sorrowful since the passing of these comrades. May Our Father comfort them.

## Building Up Big Hangover

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Americans spent a record of \$9,600,000,000 on alcoholic drinks last year, the commerce department reported Thursday.

That works out to an average of \$66.66 a person among the population of 144,000,000 as of last July 1, or \$103.22 for each of the 93,000,000 over 21 years old.

Total spending on alcoholic beverages, including taxes, was \$140,000,000 higher last year than in 1946, the department said. It was up a whopping \$6,010,000,000 from pre-war 1939.—Grand Forks Herald, June 11, 1948.

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## A Word to the Wise

Our summer is going rapidly, for me at least; almost as rapidly as it is said to do for children who love vacation time and dread the beginning of school again. There are not enough hours in the day for me to get everything done that I should do. Are any of you like that?

The prospects for the crops are good in this neighborhood at present; we have had plenty of rain and good weather for the grain heads to fill. Some of our friends in the valley have had

too much moisture, and in the western part of the state, not enough. We wish it could be distributed more evenly.

We are very happy that our Liquor-Food Divorcement law was not repealed at the June primary election; we can be very grateful for all the good work that was done before time to vote, to arouse the people to the need for action. However, the organized liquor traffic never sleeps on the job, and neither can we; the need for education to combat their unending propaganda is as great as it ever was. Let us use every opportunity that we can secure to "let the people know."

The temperance cause has lost another good friend in the passing of Edna Duguid of Cando. I went over to her funeral, to represent the state WCTU, and because she was my friend of many years. All the people were most kind to me; Mr. Duguid has been wonderful in his devoted care of her, without assistance much of the time of late years because help was impossible to secure. He spoke of her great love for the farm, and her desire to get it freed from debt and the buildings repaired. They accomplished this last year, so that she had a few months to enjoy the freedom from worry, and the beauty of the reconditioned and newly painted buildings. It is a beautiful home. After the services at the church, several of the women who had belonged to Cando union came to speak to me. I wish they would reorganize; it would be a fitting tribute to Mrs. Duguid's memory if they would take up again the work that was so dear to her.

The figures recently released by the commerce department of the U. S. government, show a steady and huge increase in the amount spent for beverage alcohol last year. The figures are given below. What else can be expected, from the advertising used by the traffic? One after another, the women's magazines are succumbing to the temptation to profit from the high prices offered for space, so I am told. I do not take any myself, that accept such advertising, but I know there are so many that do, that they cannot fail to be influential.

It is a matter of great regret to me, that our friend Senator Capper will leave the United States Senate when his term expires. We thus will lose, because of his advanced age, one of the best friends that our cause has at the Capitol. May God bless him for what he has done and has tried to do, and may we have many years to keep his dry publications going out to help the farmers and their wives.

The convention call appears in this issue. Will you help the committees in charge by sending them names of delegates as soon as you can? And do not forget about the reports that should go to the directors and state Corresponding Secretary on time. The blanks should be in the hands of your local president or secretary before you read this; I am sure that you will not neglect this.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Minot in September; let us try to have a good attendance. Your friend,  
 Elizabeth C. Beasley.

## Mrs. Catherwood Honored

The June meeting of the Park River union was held at the farm home of Mrs. David Ford and as usual for this Flower Mission meeting, the local director, Mrs. Spornitz, provided each member with a little corsage tied with white ribbon. Not just as usual, however, were the honors paid to Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, who has been a member of this union for 59 years. Mrs. Nellie M. Cross read a short history of the union, and then told of the faithfulness, efficiency, and sweet enthusiasm that Mrs. Catherwood has shown through all those years. She spoke of her work as state and district director of Medical Temperance, and as secretary of the district and local unions. She was presented with a beautiful corsage of iris, ferns, white and yellow roses and lilies-of-the-valley, and after the meeting she was taken to town, where the well-known photographer, Fred Hultstrand, took her picture. Mrs. Muriel Ford McCauley and Mrs. Mary Ford Larson, sang as a duet "This Is My Task", with Edith Ford as accompanist. All are nieces of Mrs. Catherwood. Mrs. Larson's baby daughter was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit, by her grandmother, Mrs. David Ford. Mrs. Catherwood's own comment was: "I felt that I had only done what I should do, and that I did not deserve any special honor for it."

## From Mrs. Franklin

Dear Friends: The words in boldfaced type in the poem are the things to have the children find pictures for. In case they cannot find the picture of a violet, use the word violas, for you can perhaps find pictures of those in flower catalogs. Paste strips of flannel on the back of the pictures so they can be used on the flannel board. Or you could call it just "An Alphabet Lesson" having the picture mounted on cardboard so the children can carry them to show in a public program. Many of these pictures can be obtained in coloring books. Hope this will prove helpful in teaching temperance truths to old and young alike.

Yours in the service of the Master,

Mrs. W. M. Franklin.

## Treasurer's Report

MAY 18 TO JULY 18, 1948

**DUES:** Cavalier 6; Tower City 2; Jamestown 3; Bowesmont 2; New Salem 5; Minot 11; Wildrose 7; Rugby 18.

**BUDGET:** Cavalier \$6.00; Edinburg \$1.00; Glover Union \$10.00; Grand Forks Frances Willard, \$68.00; Bowesmont \$60.00; Valley City \$43.00; Rugby \$26.00.

**L. T. L.:** Parshall 20; Grand Forks Frances Willard 11; Sawyer 4.

**WILLARD MEMBERS:** Elva D. Pehrson, Wenatchee, Wash.; Mrs. Howard J. Coombs, Mrs. Leslie Coombs, Mrs. Edith Fulkrod, Pickardville, N. D.

**NARCOTIC EDUCATION:** LaMoure District \$10.00; Ellendale \$10.00; Grand Forks Frances Willard \$37.00; Stanley \$5.00; Fargo Julia D. Nelson \$8.00.

**LIGHT LINE UNIONS:** Fargo Julia D. Nelson, Jamestown, Bottineau.

**DISTRICT PLEDGES:** Minot District \$15.00, Bismarck District \$10.00, Southwest District \$10.00, LaMoure District \$10.00, North Central District \$10.00, Bottineau District \$10.00, Fargo District \$17.50, North East District \$15.00, Grand Forks District \$25.00.

**STATE REPORTS:** \$6.50.

**HONORARY CHILD MEMBERS:** Darrel Dean Johnson, son of Mrs. Henry Johnson of Moorhead, given by Julia D. Nelson Union.

**LIFE MEMBER:** Mrs. Josie Dickson given by Gilby Union.

**MEMORIAL MEMBER:** Mrs. Margaret Wilkins of Thompson, N. D., given by Mrs. C. A. Jahnke.

**FOR FIGHTING REPEAL OF LIQUOR-DIVORCEMENT LAW:** \$23.00.

**MEMORIALS TO NARCOTIC EDUCATION FUND:** LaMoure District \$10.00 in memory of Mrs. Lydia Wanner, Mrs. Frank Beasley \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Lydia Wanner, Julia D. Nelson Union \$3.00 in memory of Mrs. O. E. Hadland, Mrs. Frank Beasley \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Edna Duguid.

**JAPANESE WAR WIDOW RELIEF:** Flasher \$8.00.

—Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

## Who Said "Prohibition Failed"?

- 1—The Eighteenth Amendment closed every brewery, distillery and winery in the nation.
- 2—It closed the doors of 177,790 saloons in the nation.
- 3—It brought an end to all liquor advertisements through all avenues.
- 4—It stopped the shipment of booze.
- 5—It made the liquor business an outlaw like the kidnaper, the thief, and the murderer.
- 6—It eliminated the need of the Keeley Cure institutions for drunkards.
- 7—It contributed to every legitimate business. Deposits in the banks increased in many places more than 400%.
- 8—It made a big contribution to education. From 1920 to 1930, high school and college attendance increase more than 50%.
- 9—It greatly reduced crime—many jails were empty during this period.
- 10—It reduced highway accidents.
- 11—Insanity was greatly reduced in the nation.
- 12—It cut down the list of dependent people in our country.
- 13—It greatly reduced disease—especially those diseases caused by alcohol.
- 14—It lifted the moral standard of living.
- 15—It brought comfort to thousands of homes which had been cursed by booze.
- 16—It contributed to the work of the Church of God.
- 17—It greatly reduced drunkenness among all classes.
- 18—It was the answer to the prayers of the best people of America.
- 19—It increased the self-respect of all decent people of the nation.
- 20—It lifted this nation in the good esteem of the best people of other nations.
- 21—It conformed to the teachings of the Word of God.
- 22—It threw a wall of protection around our homes.
- 23—It drove the bootleggers to their hiding places.
- 25—WHO SAID "PROHIBITION FAILED"?

—National Voice News Bureau

### WARNING! A WOMAN'S BRANCH

The Repeal Associates Committee has a woman's branch, the WCTE, Woman's Committee Temperance Education. Mrs. Pierre Du Pont is on the board.

Please note how easily WCTU and WCTE can be confused, yet they are as far apart as the North Pole from the South.—The Texas White Ribbon.

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

## Tomorrow

From the mists of the Middle Ages comes this strange myth. It is said that man on earth was seriously thinking of doing a great, good deed which would bless many people and purify his own heart. It happened that Satan was very desirous of preventing the man from this good decision. So he called a council of his imps to devise plans to accomplish his evil purpose.

"What can we do to prevent this man from doing his good deed?" asked the arch fiend.

One imp said, "Let me go to earth, Satan, and I will show the man by argument that this good deed is not really good, but that evil will come from it."

Satan shook his head: "That will not do. Arguments prove nothing. You would merely make him stubborn, and he would hasten to do his good deed."

Another imp approached the throne. "If you send me, I will confuse his mind so that he will not know good from evil."

Again Satan shook his head. "No, that will not do either. When men see the truth clearly, they go steadily toward it, even when opposed."

Then a contentible looking imp neared the throne. "If you send me, this is what I will do. I will show him that this good thing he wants to do is the highest action he can ever take, but I will convince him to not be hasty, but take more time for its consideration. I will get him to put it off until TOMORROW."

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A gleam of satanic satisfaction shone in Satan's eyes. He said: "This is the best idea I have ever heard in Hades. Go forth, touch this man with the palsy of procrastination and, when you have finished with him, remain upon the earth. I need you there."

That snaky, slithering little imp has been on earth ever since, whispering into the ears of people the tanglefoot idea of TOMORROW.

The Bible has this great word: "Today, if you will hear my voice, harden not your hearts." Today is the day of salvation."

Postponed good rarely ever gets done. What waits for tomorrow usually waits for eternity. How often a man has intended to repent of his sin and return to God. He still intends to do it, someday! How many a beautiful purpose has wilted down through inaction.

If one-half of our good resolves could be put into the present tense, rather than the future tense, what happiness would reign in our hearts.

Come to think of it: I have no assurance of tomorrow. Tomorrow belongs to God. Now is all the time I have, and the now is forever slipping into the past. If I am going to repent now is the time. If I am going to curb some vice that may have grown up in my mind, now is the time. If I am going to improve my mind, now is the time. If I am going to improve my farm, or my house, or my farm, now is the time.

Well does some writer suggest: "Tomorrow is a date nowhere to be found save in the fool's calendar."—Dr. John W. Holland in *The Farmer*. (Used by Permission).

## The Answer

They went unto a sage, and spake to him

In this wise, "Master, teach us how we may

Have lasting peace." And, eyes up to the rim

Of far horizons, he was heard to say,

"Teach men to pray.

But not in buildings only. They must learn

Of hills and stars, and each night they must face

The sky, and let its sunset glory burn

Into their very souls. It must efface each ugly trace

Of bitterness and striving. Let men find

They cast so small a shadow in the sun.

And only when they leave the world behind

The sword of conquest, and the jealous gun

Can their lives run

As God intended. Take the young child's hand

And show him hills and sky that dwarf his size,

Not man made things. Point out to him the grand,

The unattained, and let him realize that in the eyes

Of God, his stature is not reckoned by his might

In battle, nor his wealth, but by the height

His prayers attain, when he has spent his day,

As men should spend it, in a gentle way."

—Dorothy P. Albaugh, in *Ohio Messenger*.

## Grand Forks District

The Grand Forks District W. C. T. U. held its 38th annual convention in the Sharon Lutheran church in Grand Forks May 25, with the district president, Mrs. George Muir of Gilby, presiding, and Mrs. Mielke, state president, as guest of honor. Five unions sent delegates and there was a very good attendance.

The convention was called to order at 10 a.m. with assembly singing and the salute to the flag led by Mrs. O. J. Swanson. This was followed by the Crusade hymn and the Crusade Psalm was read in unison. Miss Sadie Austin of Grand Forks conducted the opening devotions. The reports of district officers, local presidents and district directors were then given. Mrs. Sophie Swarstad conducted the Memorial Service assisted by Mrs. Otto Knapp. This was followed by two duets, sung by Mrs. L. J. Sande and Mrs. Alfred Miller.

At noon a pot-luck lunch was served by the hostess unions. The afternoon session opened with assembly singing followed by devotions led by Mrs. Mowry of Larimore, then the welcome given by Mrs. Williams of the Grand Forks Union and Mrs. Bertheuson of Frances Willard Union.

The Workshop was carried out with the following speakers: Mrs. Bessie Darling, Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs. C. M. Carlson, Health and Medical Temperance; Speech Contests, Mrs. Urness of Larimore, Temperance and Missions; Mrs. O. J. Swanson, Visual Education; Mrs. S. H. Njaa of Northwood, L. T. L. and Y. T. C. paper prepared by Mrs. Martin Berg and read by Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. Mielke, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Hermanson. Vocal numbers were given by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sundberg of Salem Covenant Church, also by a group of L. T. L. children under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Dorland of the Frances Willard Union.

All district officers were re-elected.

A banquet was held at 6 o'clock in the dining room of the church. Rev. Lorentz asked the blessing.

The evening session opened at 7:30. Mrs. Bessie Darling led the Worship service. This was followed by a Vocal Solo by Carolyn Onstad. Mrs. Hermanson then introduced a group of young people taking part in a Silver Medal Contest. They were: Betty Beyl, Sharon Schleiter, Herbert Bronk and Luther Enstad of Grand Forks, and Lois Sherva of Northwood. The Silver Medal was won by Lois Sherva.

A vocal solo was given by Miles Carlson, then a piano solo by Betty Olson of Manvel. While the offering was taken Mrs. Harold Nelson played a violin solo.

Mrs. Mielke gave a very interesting address. She told about her son, who was only two months old when she attended the state convention in the Methodist church in Grand Forks in 1919 and he was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit; he is now a minister. She said we must ride into the wind and continue our fore-father's worship and the high ideals for which they came here. We are living in a drought of high ideals and a drought of good literature.

## Bismarck District

The admonition "not to lose any of the ground we have gained by allowing the repeal of the food-liquor divorcement act" was made Tuesday by state WCTU president Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Fargo, at the district meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union here. Convention headquarters were in the Trinity Lutheran church.

A discussion on current state and national legislation involving liquor by the newly elected district president, Mrs. Gideon A. Hample, Bismarck, featured the afternoon session of the all-day meeting. "We are living in a pressure group age," she told the group, "and whether we like it or not we also must use pressure to meet the situation." She also scored strongly the current campaign of national advertisers to picture liquor in pleasant, home-like surroundings.

Mrs. Hample succeeds Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Flasher, as district president. Other officers, all of whom were re-elected, include Mrs. Paul Salter, Menoken, vice president, and Mrs. A. A. Loehrke and Mrs. Gust Sjoblom, both of Bismarck, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Mielke conducted a memorial service at noon, when a pot-luck luncheon was served, and also conducted dedication services for four young "White Ribbon Recruits." During the services white ribbons symbolizing their dedication to a life of temperance were tied on the wrists of five-year-old Lois Benson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kasper Benson, Rodney and Curtis Carlson, the two small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carlson and eight-weeks-old Rita Kungel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Kungel.

A work shop period also was conducted by the state president during the afternoon session, during which she outlined the intensive state-wide anti-liquor advertising to be undertaken this year by the WCTU in North Dakota and discussed the increasing

acceptance throughout the public schools of the organization's material on temperance and narcotic education.

Special music was provided by Miss Margaret Aandahl, who presented a piano solo, and by vocal soloist Miss Beatrice Sjoblom, who was accompanied by Mrs. O. S. Rindahl. Refreshments were served by the Bismarck union at the close of the convention.

## Southwest District

At the district convention held at Mott in May, a motion was made and carried to reorganize the Hettinger district, and to name it the Southwest District, subject to the approval of the other unions in that district. Because of unavoidable circumstances, neither Hettinger nor Reeder unions could send delegates to Mott. However, a post convention meeting was held at Hettinger the next day, when a fine representative group came from Reeder and met with the WCTU women there. At this meeting it was moved and carried to approve the recommendation of the Mott convention to call the newly reorganized district Southwest District. The Mott convention elected the president and corresponding secretary for the district, and recommended by motion that the vice president and treasurer be elected at Hettinger, which was done. The following officers were elected to serve this district year: President, Mrs. Mae Skogley, Mott; Vice President, Mrs. Clair Stocking, Hettinger; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Marion Christianson, Mott; Recording Secretary Mrs. F. M. Amott, Reeder; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Lear, Hettinger.

## Alphabet Flannelgraph Lesson

A is for APPLE and not for a drink: Hard cider makes you unable to think.

B is for BEAR that will never drink beer: He's happy with honey. See his smile of cheer.

C is for CHILDREN and COLOR BOOKS too. I signed the pledge not to drink. Will you and you?

D is for DOLLHOUSE, well furnished and neat. There's no bar in my house, good milk is our treat.

E is for ELF who drinks dew from the flowers. Then there are no tears for drink-wasted hours.

F is for FIDO (MY DEAR LITTLE DOG. He'll never use liquor and act like a HOG.

G is for GINGER-BREAD (SHAPED LIKE A MAN): I'll catch him and eat him as fast as I can.

H is for HUMPTY DUMPTY (an egg white and fair: Don't drop him and break him: Just handle with care.

I is for INDIAN CHIEF (husky and strong: But if he drinks liquor he won't be brave long.

J is for JUMPING ROPE (hours of fun): Jumping from morning till set of the sun.

K is for KITE (flying high in the sky): Where air is so pure: No tobacco smoke high.

L is for LEO (the LION so brave): If offered a drink of beer how he would rave.

M is for MONKEY (whose tricks are so fine): We never give monkeys either whiskey or wine.

N is the NEST where the little bird swings: No drinking problems so LITTLE BIRD SINGS.

O is for OWL (sitting high in a tree: Calling so wisely, no beer for me."

P is for POLLY a PARROT who talks: If not given good food our polly sure squawks.

Q is for QUARTER (a piece of good money): Don't spend it for liquor: You'd better buy honey.

R is for ROCKING HORSE (going fast paces): Giving his riders some bright sunny faces.

S is for SQUIRREL (never gets in a rut): He'd not like tobacco but would take a nut.

T is for TOP (spinning 'round on the floor): It's not caused by drinking: Just spin it some more.

U is for UMBRELLA (keeping me dry): While raindrops are pattering down from the sky.

V is for VIOLETS (blooming so gaily): Remember your promise: Remember it dailey.

W is for WINDOW that shows me the street: I see folks in cars but some use their feet.

X is for X-RAY that shows inside trouble. Why will some folks drink and swell up like a bubble?

Y is for you . . . LITTLE GIRL . . . LITTLE BOY: Refuse to drink liquor and be mother's joy.

Z is for ZERO . . . for Zenith . . . for zealous . . . We'll all work together . . . Not one will be jealous. We have a big task to get rid of old rum . . . But we'll fight together . . . Prohibition will come.

—Mrs. W. M. Franklin.

## Socialized Drinking

By ROWENA C. KENDALL

One morning on a street car last month, a group of five girls were talking rather loudly about the perfectly wonderful time they had at a party last night. One girl was pale and listless and all of them lacked their usual clear-eyed exuberance of mind and spirit. They looked wilted and not fully awake. Some of them complained of a headache because they stayed out too late. In considerable excitement and with many laughs they began talking of the different people at the party.

"Didn't Jim make a fool of himself? He had no business drinking so much that the boys had to take him home. It was disgusting! And the way he talked and tried to entertain the whole crowd! Wasn't it silly? (laughter) I bet his folks will give him something to remember when they find out about it. I sure wouldn't want to be in his shoes. Poor Jim! He is not such a bad fellow after all if he only wouldn't get tanked up."

"Yes, and that girl Dora was so crazy in the way she simply threw herself at that boy. You would suppose she would have more sense than that! Silly little thing! Can't she see that all the boys are afraid of her? She is just too fast for them."

"But have you noticed that when she is not at a party where she has something to drink that she is a most sensible girl? Strange how it affects her. They say that her parents are dead set against it, but how much good does that do them? They tied her down with strings when she was small, but she is on her own now and they can't help themselves. I guess she goes the limit and how! I wonder how long she can last at the pace she is going? She and the old man will have a falling out one of these days and then there will be a regular toss-up and toss-out. Boy, wouldn't I give anything to be there and hear the excitement?" (laughter).

"That hooch was extra good last night. I guess we all drank more than usual, but what a glorious time we had! Did you ever notice that a party is no longer a success without drink? Remember that tame affair that Mary gave and how we all were bored stiff and longed for the time to go home? Poor girl, I did feel sorry for her. I guess she will never try that again. Did you ever notice that when we have drinks we don't have to plan any entertainment? We just all at once get jolly and hilarious over nothing and all want to talk at once. Sort of a madhouse at times." (laughter).

"I guess we get as much kick out of it as our Dads and Mothers. Poor dears, they never knew what it was to have a good time until just in the last few years. I remember when they first started drinking. They tried to keep it from me, but they didn't fool me one bit! Now we kids are the wise ones! We got an early start and we are headed for a steady round of gay times. And how! Every party we get noisier and better acquainted with each other. No secrets any more in our gang. Guess we know all that there is to be known about each other."

"Wouldn't our parents be sick if they know all about us and what we are doing? What they don't know isn't going to hurt them! They can live their lives and we will live ours! Some of the boys are getting good wages already. What is the sense of going to school? We will do well if we get through High School. Lots of girls get married at fifteen and sixteen and escape all that drudgery of four years of college. We should worry! But oh, how will we ever get through this day without having our lessons prepared? Just look wise and bluff it through. I hate school and those cranky teachers anyhow. Sooner I get out of it the better time I am going to have. Think I will take a job for a few years until I can find my man."

"Susie and her man. Ho! Ho!"

As they went out of the street car and drifted down the street, there were many serious adults left thinking about what socialized drinking is doing for our youth and their chances of future happiness in their own homes. What of their children?

—White Ribbon Ensign.

### FRANCES WILLARD'S LAST MESSAGE TO WHITE RIBBONERS

"There have never been such women as our white ribboners; so large minded, such generous patriots, such Christians. We have had a great beautiful past and the people don't know it; they think we are fanatics.

"It has been a great fight and they will never know what we have been through. Oh, how I want our women to have a new concept of religion; the religion of the world is a religion of love; it is a home religion; it is a religion of peace; and tell them not to forget it is a religion of patriotism. We have set up to be patriots, we white ribboners, and we have fought amidst much ostracism. Tell our white ribboners to study the New Testament! No human being has ever conceived what the New Testament means by loyalty to Christ."

## Stanzas on Freedom

Men! whose boast it is that ye  
Come of fathers brave and free,  
If there breathe on earth a slave,  
Are ye truly free and brave?  
If ye do not feel the chain,  
When it works a brother's pain,  
Are ye not base slaves indeed,  
Slaves unworthy to be freed?

Women! who shall one day bear  
Sons to breathe New England air,  
If ye hear, without a blush,  
Deeds to make the roused blood rush  
Like red lava through your veins,  
For your sisters now in chains.—  
Answer!! are ye fit to be  
Mothers of the brave and free?

Is true freedom but to break  
Fetters for our own dear sake,  
And, with leathern hearts, forget  
That we owe mankind a debt?  
No! true freedom is to share  
All the chains our brothers wear,  
And, with heart and hand, to be  
Earnest to make others free!

They are slaves who fear to speak  
For the fallen and the weak;  
They are slaves who will not choose  
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,  
Rather than in silence shrink  
From the truth they needs must think;  
They are slaves who dare not be  
In the right with two or three.

—James Russell Lowell.

## A Few Questions

Is it right to build churches to save men's souls and at the same time license shops that destroy men?

Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk and then punish the man for being drunk?

Is it right to license a man to make paupers and then tax sober men to take care of the paupers?

Is it right to license a saloon to breed vice and tax people to teach virtue?

Is it right to derive revenue from a traffic which scientists, medical authorities and educators cannot defend?

Is it right for our government to abet and support a civil enemy which killed in the two years following Parl Harbor more Americans than the Germans and Japanese combined?

Is it right for the law to punish a man for a crime which he commits after buying and drinking the stuff which the law-licensed tap rooms sell him?

Is it right for any so-called Christian, man or woman to touch, taste or handle or harbor in the home a product which, according to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F. B. I., is the basic cause of 80 per cent of all crime?

Is it right for a Christian to serve cocktails, little drinks of poison, that sooner or later call for bigger drinks of poison?

Is it right for any so-called Christian, man or woman, to touch, taste or handle or harbor in the home this the greatest enemy ever known to a home or church?

Is it right for anybody to go to church on Sunday and pray for God's blessings to be on the nation and then go to the polls on election day and vote in favor of the nation's greatest saboteur?

Church members, if you are guilty, sin cannot enter God's Kingdom, If you voted for it, you are with the liquor traffic. When you answer these few questions I have plenty more.—Rev. Robert W. Marlin, Greenway, Arkansas.—In the Arkansas Methodist.

A very worthwhile article for your program next year "Women Are Fools to Drink" by Nina Wilcox Putnam from "Your Life" magazine.

Local unions do not forget that September is the first month of our new fiscal WCTU year. August is the logical month for your annual meetings.

National has prepared the Program Guide for next year, also the membership plan, department plans and program packet. Place your orders and you will be served as soon as they are off the press by about August 1st.

## Prohibition Versus Moderation

(Mrs. Weech answers the communication from the Committee of Citizens for Temperance Without Prohibition.)

I thank you for taking so much time to explain what the Committee of Citizens for Temperance without Prohibition is, and what you hope to attain through it.

There are several things in your letter on which I wish to comment. You speak of the problem of the "intemperate use of alcohol"—that, to my mind means you favor moderation and thus you lend the support of your organization to the liquor business. We, of the WCTU, stand for total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquors, including wine, beer and cider. You discard the word prohibition, as do many other organizations, including the liquor interests in all its ramifications.

The Bible, which is our text book, is full of prohibitions that affect many things in our life. God passed the first prohibition law in the garden of Eden. The serpent did not like it and persuaded Eve to disregard it. Did the law fail or did Eve fail? Ruth went all the way and became immortal. Orpha turned back; do you know what became of her? King Saul lost his kingdom because he thought a little of that which belonged to the enemy was legitimate for him to use.

You state that our organization has worked faithfully for years, and things are worse than ever before. The same can be said of the Christian church and of many other good things. By inference you seem to say that prohibition is the cause of the present wide-spread drinking by all classes of people, and if we compromised and drank moderately, all the evils of drink would disappear.

In order to get a clear idea of what compromise means, let us, in imagination, picture a reversal of some of the great events recorded in the Bible.

Fancy Elijah on Mt. Carmel saying "Idolatry is sweeping the land, more temples are being erected all the time. It is true Moses gave us the law, but it was absolutely prohibitive, and it did not work, so in order to cure present conditions, let us give one hand to Baal and the other to God; it will not do to go too far and antagonize the idol makers; perhaps, sometime in the dim distant future we may be able to drop the hand of Baal and walk alone with God."

Then Christ came. Did He come to compromise and fit His program into the habits and customs of the leaders of His day? Did He say to the blind and deaf—"I am going to help you; I will cure one eye and one ear, it will not do to cure both of your eyes and ears—physicians and witch doctors have a business and pay taxes."

One day He and Mary Magdalene met. Did He say to her, "Well, Mary, you were not content to have a few devils, you have brought disgrace upon womanhood by going the limit, but there is help for you. I will cast out six of the imps and leave you one nice respectable little devil. Every one who is anything has one or two even three, and they get along all right; just go along with the crowd. It would hurt our cause if we went too far and became conspicuous."

Had Christ been such a leader, no doubt He would have had many more followers, but the world would never have been thrilled by those glorious words spoken by the open and empty sepulchre on that first Easter morning, "Mary"—"Rabboni."

You state in your letter we are concerned about the same problem, namely, the increasing drunkenness and social problems arising therefrom. You are mistaken. We are primarily interested in removing the root or cause of the above mentioned conditions, and that cause, as you and I both know, is the alcohol—the habit-forming narcotic found not only in the drink of the alcohol but also in the treacherous first drink, in the "couple of beers," spoken of so lightly; in the social glass offered so graciously and in the drinks served to so many over the cock-tail bar. These things are the warp and wool of the liquor business and it is because prohibition, rightly enforced would condemn and largely remove these things, that it is fought so desperately.

The cause of any evil must be removed before the effects will clear up, and we of the WCTU have dedicated ourselves and all that we have to fight along this line no matter how long it takes.

Those who do not drink have no drink problem; those who have been drinkers and have been wise enough to become abstainers, have no problem, but those who continue to drink even in a so-called moderate way, not only have a problem but force that problem into our homes, communities and nation.

Let those who drink QUIT and there will be no drink problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Amy C. Weech,

Honorary President Virginia WCTU,

Honorary President Virginia WCTU, in Virginia, Calif.

## COMMITTEES FOR THE 59TH STATE CONVENTION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINOT SEPT. 29, 30 AND OCT. 1

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Working in the garden, on a morn in spring,  
Apple trees in blossom, robins on the wing;  
Clearing off the trash and pulling up the weeds,  
Readying the borders for the precious seeds;  
Counting on their growth and sparing not the toil;  
Who would not be joyous digging in the soil?

Strolling through the garden on a summer day  
Cutting sprays of roses and other blossoms gay;  
What a radiant profit, in the sunny hours  
On spring's small investment in the plants and flowers!  
What a vast return for busy weeks of May,  
When we gather posies on a summer day.

Homes are so like gardens; we may gather here  
Life's best gift of beauty in the children dear;  
Sow the seeds of character, and with tender care  
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