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President's Annual Address

We are meeting in annual convention in the beautiful and prosperous city of Minot for the sixth time in the history of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Our meeting in your city is also of special significance to the Minot WCTU, which so graciously welcomed us and is our hostess union, for it marks the sixtieth anniversary of the small beginnings of your local temperance work when Minot was a frontier town in Dakota territory. It may surprise you to know that in the annual report of the Dakota Territorial WCTU of 1888, Minot is listed under the column of unions of that year with Mrs. M. B. Mears as president, and again in 1889 when our statehood was accomplished. Then there were several years when the name of your city was not given; but a few years later dues were being sent to the state WCTU, and before the turn of the century in the middle nineties, Minot union took its active place in the temperance work of our state and has been a vital part of our organization ever since. Minot union shares the honor with the Bismarck and Bottineau unions for the early beginnings of the work of the WCTU in western North Dakota. Congratulations.

Forty years ago when the state WCTU met here for the first time, it marked the period of land openings and the platting out of many of our towns and cities in western North Dakota. At that convention, in her annual address, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, the state president, refers to this western part of our state as "the hunting ground of the red men a few years ago." Quoting further she says, "The area of farming lands has moved westward until the great desert blossoms like a rose, laughs out its golden harvests and an empire is fast building."

These words were almost prophetic for North Dakota is, indeed, building a vast empire from its golden harvests in recent years. God has bountifully blessed our state and the fruitful fields of the wheat areas of North Dakota and other wheat states, have produced an unprecedented amount of grain to meet the dire needs of the world for food and to assuage the hunger of a suffering humanity.

God has done His part. He has blessed us bountifully as a nation and in His divine mercy and grace and good will has given us this food. He has given us the increase so needful to help in the rehabilitation of a world hungry, crushed, and hopeless because of a devastating and cruel war.

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The question arises—"Why is there still so much unappeased hunger for bread, especially in the cities of the affected war

areas? It takes millions of bushels of wheat to supply this need but if all the grain not used for food products in this country were shipped across for bread, this hunger could have long since been alleviated.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, our national president of the WCTU, says, "Enough grain has been wasted in alcoholic beverages since repeal to feed all the starving of the world and the amount of money spent for drink similarly would more than pay for all the world relief needs, currently and years ahead."

From an article "Bread or Booze" it is stated that over a period of one year, 67 million bushels of grain were used for distilled whiskey alone, which could produce four billion, five hundred million loaves of bread. Every bushel of grain is equivalent to 65 loaves of bread, but is made by the distillers into five gallons of degenerated distilled drink instead. To say that limiting the amount of grain, or prohibiting entirely the use of grain by distillers would not save grain nor deprive the world "of a single slice of bread," simply ignores the facts.

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Ofsetting the 20 million pounds of grain which the distillers claim to have purchased for the starving people of Europe, is the government record that these same whiskey makers last year diverted from food channels for hard liquors no less than 3,381,915,267 pounds of grain and food materials—more than one hundred ninety-nine times the amoun they boasted of sending.

Notwithstanding the desperate need of grain for starving peoples around the world, the distillers during the 90 days from July 1 to September 30, 1947 inclusively, used more than one hundred twenty-five times as much wheat as for the similar three months the previous year.

Statistics show that beer is the nation's greatest growing threat to sobriety, since its 1947 consumption recorded, climaxed an ever-increasing deluge. The increase in beer drinking is caused by the erronious assumption that it is non-intoxicating and by the uncurbed advertising of brewers to promote home drinking. Actually beer is intoxicating. It is as habit forming as hard liquors. A bottle of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ beer, an ordinary glass of wine, and one ounce of whiskey contain about the same quantities of alcohol by weight.

So the driver can get practically the same effect from a bottle of beer as he does from a glass of wine or a shot of whiskey and the pedestrian he hits will be just as dead.

The number of beer drunks is steadily increasing. One-fifth of those arrested for drunkenness are under 25 years of age and the majority of these profess to have had beer. Yet brewers have been as successful as they have been blatant in their drive to promote drinking in the home, and package beer for home consumption has increased 600 per cent since repeal. The brewers Foundation is carrying on an advertising campaign through their "Home Series" lavishly illustrated in colors, to reach 18 million of homes. The object is to make more women and girls drinkers and 10 million more young men to add to those whom they already had taught the taste of beer while in the armed forces.

In the year 1946, 9½ billion dollars were spent for alcoholic liquors and it will be close to 10 billion in 1947. What an indictment against our people for we have become a drunken nation. Over and again the appalling sum spent for liquor we only spend five and a fifth billion for education and 1½ billion for church contributions. Truly, we have lost our sense of values.

Liquor advertising claims an expenditure of 100 million dollars a year. According to averages, newspapers use one-fourth space for news, one-fourth for entertainment, and one-half for advertising. Anyone can conclude, in face of the enormous expenditure for advertising by the liquor people, who has the monopoly on the ½ space, in our newspapers.

Why does a nation tolerate such un-checked advertising to popularize a product which is a depressant drug, which is degenerated food changed to a drug which destroys,

Which is one of the major causes of our national crime which is a 15 billion expense to our government annually.

Which causes 68% of our highway accidents and the appalling casualties resulting from it.

Which causes alcoholism, a self-inflicted condition, now listed as the fourth most serious cause of the physical breakdown of our people.

Which produces millions of excessive drinkers.

Which is a contributing factor in the increasing divorce rate and the resultant problem of child delinquency.

Boston has the care of 1500 children under child welfare because of drunken parents.

In spite of all the discouraging factors enumerated, there is much to encourage the advocates of the dry cause. Approximately 25% of the population of the United States, exercising their privilege of the vote, are at the present time living in communities prohibiting the sale of distilled alcoholic beverages.

In the American Issue, January 1948, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National WCTU, estimates that the number of legally dry areas jumped about 500 during 1947 as the result of local option elections. She said that year had brought abundant evidence of a "new trend toward temperance", and predicted that still more areas would be dried up in 1948. The WCTU was particularly encouraged last year by indications of "an increase of the number of reformed drinkers."

Public opinion polls indicated that 37 out of 100 Americans are now non-drinkers. Two years ago only 33 out of every 100

adults were non-drinkers.

The latest Gallup poll reports that 33% of all voters say they'll vote for National Prohibition. Since there are 76 million qualified voters 33% would mean that 25 million would now vote for the return of prohibition as against 14 million who voted in repeal 15 years ago.

Much good legislation is pending in Washington for the next session of Congress. Miss Elizabeth Smart praises the women of North Dakota for their interest and for the many letters sent. Our Senators and Representatives have been most co-operative. We wish at this time to pay special tribute to Senator Capper of Kansas, senior member of Congress, who is retiring this year, for his fine support to the dry cause, and for his many years of conscientious service which he gave to his country. The Capper bill S265, which prohibits the transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising over the radio and in interstate commerce is still waiting for passage. Every Christian mother of our land should do her utmost for the passage of this bill because it prevents the inroads of liquor advertising into the home through the printed page and radio.

We wish to thank the women of our organization for the splendid personal work they did all over the state before the primaries for the retention of our Liquor-food divorcement act. It was retained by a substantial majority and we claim a part in this law. A space of four by four inches was spread over the newspapers of our state before the election and the women did much local personal work.

The presidential election comes in the next fiscal year. It is a major election in our state also. Our organization urges the election of men who will be a credit to their offices, men of integrity and worth, interested in the moral welfare of society in state and nation. May we be guided by our conscience and faithfully vote at the polls in November.

We wish at this time to thank our retiring Attorney General Nels G. Johnson, for the fine services he rendered to our state while in office, who at all times sought to keep our good laws

active on our statute books without fear or favor.

We made a good fight on the draft bill nationally, but we lost. We do not believe in peacetime conscription for it is the beginning of militarism. Our forefathers came to this land for freedom to escape the military peacetime training of their native land. We did urge our legislators to put a limit on the number of men needed and cut down the time during which the draft will be in effect. This was done and we are graetful. There was much pressure against this bill but world conditions played a great part in its passage, also pressure by military men in our country advising the same.

The militarism of Europe during peacetime ended in two devastating wars. War settles nothing and unsettles everything as the world has found out since. Viscount Bryce says: "Either we will end war or war will end us." We view with grave concern. the struggling efforts for peace in the world today. World War II, the most devastating war in the history of the world is long since past and yet there is no peace. The will of the peoples of the world is overwhelmingly for peace, but the efforts of the United Nations has not moved us much nearer to the goal. The blessings of liberty-freedom of religion, of speech, and of the press-the worth of the individual, the sanctity of the home and freedom from fear and want is the longed-for hope of the people

of the world.

We are living in difficult times of serious world conditions, and our hearts ache with the burden thereof and with apprehension for the future. Frances Willard was a great advocate for peacetime arbitration and the WCTU has had a department of International Relations and Peace for many years. Good will and understanding is the basic task of every individual citizen in each country. When good will and love is born in the heart of each individual and "man's inhumanity to man that makes countless thousands mourn" will cease, then peace will cover the earth like a mantle. God is a God of love and peace and we must humbly kneel before his mercy seat in faith that He will bring it to

Last year it was my privilege to see the historic Independence Hall at Philadelphia. At the end of a beautiful corridor hangs the liberty bell, the most beloved symbol of liberty—the independence of our country from bondage. Our forefathers faced terrific odds to win the freedom, which this bell symbolizes, and which we now enjoy. There's a feeling of great reverence akin to a prayer of thankfulness that this was done for us by the people of that day, suffering even unto death that it might be accomplished.

The liberty we enjoy in our land is now our most precious, earthly possession. Are we preserving it for future generations? Are we courageous enough to defend it against those forces which seek to undermine and to destroy it?

The liquor traffic is an exponent of enslavement. It wages a cold warfare on our churches, our schools, and our homes by taking away the high principles on which our country was founded, and by creating in our youth an appetite for that which destroys. The damage wrought by alcohol and its attendant evils are known to every one and it is appalling what part liquor plays in the social problems of today. The liquor traffic next to war is mankind's greatest destroyer, taking its toll from everything that is sacred, sparing no one even unto death, and closing the very gates of heaven to thousands of its victims.

Is it nothing to me that this enemy of God who defies the church and home should be allowed to operate in this land of liberty?

Is it nothing to me that this enemy of God takes childhood and youth, men and women, as its victims and deprives them of the heritage of a normal life?

Is it nothing to me that it takes every opportunity to break down the convictions of our people and spends billions toward that end through false propaganda, false advertising, the wet press and radio?

Dear friends, it is everything to me when it does that to my home, my life, to my community, to my country-it does concern me and is an important problem to me, to you, and every Christian mother of our land.

The 74th Annual Convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union met on September 22-27 at Portland, Oregon. The Convention marked the 75th Anniversary of the Woman's Temperance Crusade as distinguished from the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary making the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be celebrated in Philedelphia in 1949.

Our state was represented by your state president, by our state treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis, delegate-at-large for our organization, and Mrs. R. A. Salter of Menoken, North Dakota. It was a great experience to go to this wonderful Convention, to fellowship with God's chosen leaders in the national work. It was a great experience to go through the magnificent Rockies and view the wonders of God's creation. It reminded us of the words, "What is man that Thou are mindful of him," and "How wonderful are Thy works, oh Lord."

The convention was a great blessing to us all and the attendance was excellent. What a special blessing we received from the beautiful worship and praise service on Tuesday events. ning led by Mrs. Paul Halladay, national director of Spiritual Life. The prayers, testimonials, Bible verses and songs flowed from the hearts of a large audience of Christian women. It was a meeting of reconsecration and rededication for us all. Our beloved president, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, was a great inspiration to us, giving us much to think about and many new tasks to do in the coming fiscal WCTU year.

Much work has been done by the women of our state in our organization during the almost 60 years since its beginning and even before in territorial days. We feel humble before those early veterans of God who brought this work into being and fostered the tender plant into wholesome growth.

What it has meant to this state to have the Woman's Christian Temperance Union active in its borders can never be fully estimated, but North Dakota came in dry as a state and was kept dry until repeal nationally. Since repeal the state WCTU has at all times used organized effort to promote the cause of temperance,

We know

"There's many a poem unwritten.

There's many a song unsung"

of the hundreds of members who did such splendid work to support the state program over the years. We feel a deep gratitude for them all.

We do not wish to enumerate the accomplishments, the legislation, the organization, the education that was accomplished during these years, but will leave that for the anniversary convention next year.

We are beginning the new fiscal year, the 60th year of our work in this state. We can feel proud that our organization has stood the test of time and like a staunch tree, buffeted by the winds, has rooted even deeper to work for God and home and every land.

But we must look forward. We cannot rest on the laurels which surround the early crusaders. It is in our providence to move forward, "Forward Together" in this anniversary year. We must have vision like the woman who put oil in her lamp, the oil of prayer and preparation for the task ahead. We must labor as never before, patiently for the pearl of great price, which was lost awhile, but which was found and will be found and become a reality—a sober nation. We must work persistently and courageously, like the man who knocked at the door for bread, until the door is opened and we receive a blessing and our work will go forward.

The needs of our young people and children is ever before us in this present day. Alcohol education, leadership training, and building of Christian character are the three major fields in the educational training of the Youth's Temperance Council. Then the spiritual experience and fellowship followed by a social and recreational program for our young people and we have in a nut shell the splendid possibilities of such an interdenominational group in your communities. May God direct us to find leaders in our state for this work among our young people. Fiftyfive new Youth Temperance Councils were organized the past fiscal year in our national WCTU.

It is gratifying that North Dakota WCTUU was in the list of states which went beyond the quota given us for members in the Loyal Temperance Legion. Our state secretary, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, has done an excellent piece of work. We now have a membership of 540. Let us not be content with this, however. Each union should sponsor one Loyal Temperance Legion and at least a Friendship group. The children are willing. A judge recently said: "The child delinquency problem is not a child probleb, but an adult problem."

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What can we do with the responsibility that is ours toward this problem, toward the well-being of the children in our community?

Whatever you write on the heart of a child A story of gladness or care Will linger unchangeable there. That heaven has blessed or that earth has defiled Who writes it has sealed it forever and aye He must answer to God on the great judgment day.

—Clarence E. Flynn.

Many Iota Sigma groups have been organized in the national WCTU. The Iota Sigmas are our young women's groups, our young WCTU'S. How needful this work is today! Young mothers need to be informed, need narcotic education, need child welfare work, need the direction given under several departments for their children.

We suggest for the coming year 60 organizations to celebrate our sixtieth anniversary.

Sixty—WCTU's, Iota Sigma WCTU's, Y. T. C.'s, and L. T.

Not 60 each, though we would be so pleased if possible, but 60 all told of these four groups. Let us begin this fall immediately. Find a leader for one of these, invite friends and organize. Let us pray each day that this will be accomplished. If we believe it can, the battle is half won. Pray to God fervently as if it depended entirely on Him, and ask for His blessing, then work as if all depnded on you. Dear friends, if we will do it, God will give the increase.

Our educational program through visual education, scientific temperance instructon, narcotic education in schools and colleges is a big project in our state. Much has already been done but there is a great field in our state to bring this work to every school and college. Miss Bozman, our National Scientific Temperance Director is here to help us in this most essential project, to help us expand the program in this field. We recommend the

- Adah Mohn Landis Essay Contests for Senior and Junior High School groups with topics assigned to choose from, and substantial national prizes for the best nationally in each group.
- The Short Story contest beginning at once and ending March 31, 1949. This contest is for grade school ages 6-13. The stories are based on character building subjects and must emphasize the benefits of total abstinence from beverage alcohol. A fine first and second prize is offered by the National WCTU.
- 3. The regular essay contests in our schools for which our state offers prizes at our state convention for High

School and grades.

Membership is of great importance to spread our work even further. All Christian women should belong to this so worthwhile group. Every community is blessed for having a WCTU. Let us have many women in our state who will win a beautiful pin from National for winning 25 members this coming year. Each WCTU will sponsor a community membership drive for new members and also organize a union in a neighboring town or country community.

We would remember those who have gone before this past year and especially mention two former state officers who served the state for many years.

Mrs. Lydia Wanner, the beloved vice-president and president of our state who with her helpfulness, her cheery spirit and love has now a host of friends.

Mrs. W. E. Black, state treasurer, who gave us years of service. Mrs. Black was a sister of Edith and Mary Carey of Bottineau.

We pay special tribute to their devoted services to our state. A year ago, at the Grand Forks Convention, when Mrs. Bessie Darling was obliged to lay down the work because of ill health, and you elected me into the office as president of the state organization, I knew that you had placed upon me a great responsibility and trust.

It has been a very happy and busy year. We did organization work in the state in the fall for six weeks and loved meeting the WCTU friends everywhere, also at the district conventions in the spring. We wish that we could have gone out even more but God's blessing has rested on the work in the past and we invoke His guidance and strengthening power in the future. The field is ripe for the temperance cause. May we all at this convention consecrate ourselves anew to the unfinished task for greater service in His Kingdom, is our prayer.

For right is right
And God is God
And right the day will win
To doubt would be disloyalty
To falter would be sin.

Jesus and Alexander the Great

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One lived and died for self; one died for you and me,
The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross;
One's life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss.
One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone;
One shed a whole world's blood; the other gave His own,
One won the world in life and lost it all in death;
The other lost His life to win the whole world's faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
One died in Babylon; and one on Calvary.
One gained all for self; and one Himself He gave,
One conquered every throne; the other every grave.
The one made himself God; the God made Himself less;
The one lived but to blast; the other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell his throne of swords;
But Jesus died to live forever Lord of Lords.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three,
The Greek made all men slaves; the Jew made all men free.
One built a throne on blood; the other built on love,
The one was born of earth; the other from above;
One won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven;
The other gave up all, that all to Him be given.
The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives.
He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.
—Civic Bulletin.

Americans now spend about \$25.00 more per person annually for alcoholic beverages than the people of any other English speaking nation. The comparative figures are: Americans, \$55.00 per capita for liquor, wine and beer per year; The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), \$30.00 per person; Canada, about \$24.00 per person. These figures are taken from reports of the United States Department of Commerce and the British Information Service.—The Outlook.

I need wide spaces in my heart,
Where Faith and I can go apart
And grow Serene.
Life gets so choked by busy living,
Kindness so lost in fussy giving,
That love slips by unseen.

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A Word to the Wise

Dear Comrades:

Another year in our work has ended, and the state convention has been held. On another page you may read the story of what was done there; it was a fine meeting. Our only regret was that a number of our women whom we had hoped to see there, could not attend. Especially among our state directors, there

were many absences. Several were ill, to our regret; two were visiting their old homes overseas, and could not get home in time to come. We were happy to have five new district presidents there before the meeting closed; it gives great happiness to some of us who are growing old, so see younger, capable women in these offices.

Among other things, it was decided to ask for more Life Patrons of the N. D. WCTU, and to use all funds thus received for the new Organization Fund that was established. Ye editor claimed the privilege of being the first Life Patron, but I wish that we could have quite a number. Do you know some man or woman who would like to help us in this way? Think it over, and see if you cannot find some more Life Patrons. The \$25.00 each will bring, will help a lot in sending workers out into the field to organize, and to inspire and encourage our unions.

Our Memorial List was a long one-too long! We must have the help of younger women, for the Old Guard is passing rapidly. Have you really tried to interest the young mothers of your community, or your teachers, both in school and Sunday School? Perhaps the idea of an Iota Sigma union would appeal to them. I hope you will all give this matter thought and prayer, and ef-

I am very grateful to all of you who have sent in items about your local work; the only trouble is that you are too few. I know that more of you are doing fine work in your unions, and we want to know about it. Tell us about your meetings, regular or special, because in that way we all get new ideas. We need more news-we want more news!

On the back page is a reprint of a letter about China's Chil-

dren. Read it.

It is a matter of deep regret to me, each time our paper is late in coming out, and this last time it was very late. Our printer, like many others who are employers, finds it difficult to keep competent help. I hope that this situation can soon be overcome. However, the delay was not all caused by this; my husband's severe illness just when it was time to finish up and send the copy to the printer made me a week late with it. I hope this will not happen again, though this issue is delayed somewhat so as to have the convention material in it. You will find the president's annual address, the resolutions, the recommendations and the account of the meeting, in this issue, and most of this had to wait till the meeting ended to be collected and prepared.

I hope you are all getting a good start on your work in the new fiscal year. November is the time to collect dues for old members, but you can secure new ones any time. Let us get right

after them! Cordially yours, Elizabeth C. Beasley.

In Appreciation

An Edinburg mother, upon learning of the action taken by the states attorney and sheriff of Walsh county as soon as they learned that a tavern keeper was selling to minors, wrote to thank the states attorney for his work. How many of our women do likewise? We are all too apt to condemn officials for inaction; let us not forget to give credit where it is due. These officers of Walsh county have an excellent record in the matter of trying to prevent or punish for sales of liquor to minors. More power to them, and all others who do the same. The following reprint from the Grafton News and Times tells the story:

LANKIN TAVERN OWNER SELLS BEER TO MINORS

A pleading letter from an Edinburg mother telling about her son being able to buy liquor on dance nights at Lankin, N. D., brought prompt action from Wallace E. Warner, Walsh county states attorney.

Upon receipt of the letter, he and Walsh County Sheriff Peter Aafedt drove to Edinburg and interviewed the boy involved and three other boys aged 17, 18, 18, and 20 respectively. Sworn statements were taken from all four boys naming a beer parlor at Lankin, N. D., as the only place they were able to buy been directly.

As a result of these statements, Sheriff Aafedt signed a complaint agains Frank Machart, Lankin beer parlor proprietor, charging him with sale of beer to a person under the age of 21. At a hearing held Friday afternoon before Justice of the Peace L. N. Altendorf, Frank Machart entered a plea of guilty and was fined the maximum fine on first offense of \$100 plus costs. In addition to that a complaint will be signed and submitted to the Attorney Generals office by Kirb Parnell, and a hearing will be held on whether Machart's license will be suspended or revoked.

In commenting on the case, Walsh County States Attorney

Wallace E. Warner said:

"Peace officers must have the support and cooperation of parents and the public before the laws can be enforced, and I appeal for a continuation of support from the sublic in supplying evidence of law violations since only in this manner can the laws be properly enforced."-Grafton News and Times.

Treasurer's Report

JULY 18 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 1948

DUES: Edgeley 2, Fargo Julia D. Nelson 4, Page 10, Williston 10, Grafton 12, LaMoure 13, New Salem 2, Minot 3, West Fairview 12, Jamestown 1, Northwood 17, Grafton 8.

BUDGET: Glover \$10.00 Alamo \$6.00, Page \$13.00, LaMoure

\$3.90, Sawyer \$14.00, Monango \$10.00, West Fairview \$12.00.
L. T. L.: Flasher 7, Fairdale 10, Williston 30.
NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Oakes \$34.60, Edgeley \$20.00,
Napoleon \$12.00, Grafton \$2.10, Williston \$3.00, Nekoma \$4.00, Mrs. Beasley \$12.50 to be used to fight repeal of Liquor-Food Divorcement Bill, Prosper \$12.00, Minot \$6.00, Page \$13.80, Hatton \$16.80, given by Mrs. G. L. Thompson in memory of her husband; Jamestown \$2.70, Stady-Zahl \$10.00, Williston \$3.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Fargo \$3.00.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Fargo, Calvin.

STATE REPORTS: \$7.50.

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LITERATURE: \$26.60.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

"Forward Together"

"The WCTU promotes scientific alcohol education for youth and adults through the organization program for all age groups. the twenty-one departments and the printed page. Members are needed to promote this total program.

"The WCTU promotes a legislative and citizenship program which is designated to protect the sanctity of the home, and the

citizens of our nation from the liquor traffic."

Lily Grace Matheson.

November is dues paying month. Have a dues paying tea, get all living resident members dues in early and you will be a Holdfast union long before March first. Get new members also. This is the best time of year to secure them. Then you have the help of the new members all through the year. If there are members who do not get to the dues paying meeting, assign names to members to call upon them and report before the end of the month. if possible. Let's get off to a good start this year. May it be the best yet!

> Yours in His service, Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

District Boundaries

AS ADOPTED AT 1948 CONVENTION

- Bismarck: Burleigh, Kidder, Emmons, Logan, S. McLean.
- Bottineau: Bottineau, Pierce, Rolette.
- Ellendale: Sargent, Dickey, McIntosh.
- Fargo: Cass, Steele, Traill.
- Grand Forks: Grand Forks, Nelson.
- Southwest: Hettinger, Adams, Bowman, Slope, Grant.
- James Valley: Barnes, Griggs, Stutsman. New Rockord: Wells, Eddy, Foster, Sheridan. Minot: Ward, Renville, McHenry, N. McLean.
- North Central: Towner, Ramsey, Benson. 10.
- Northeast: Cavalier, Walsh, Pembina.
- Northwest: Mountrail, Williams, Divide, Burke, McKen-
- Ransome-LaMoure: Ransome, LaMoure, Richland.
- Dickinson: Stark, Morton, Billings, Golden Valley.

In Memoriam

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Miss Mary Ida Torr of Bantry, life member and for years a

Willard member, passed away a few months ago.
Mr. John H. Potter, husband of Mrs. Jessie A. Potter of

Fargo, was called home unexpectedly in August. Our sympathy is extended to the families bereaved in the passing of these.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Isabel McPhail, former LTL secretary, sent the editor the address of Mrs. George E. Black, who for many years was secretary of the Grand Forks union, with the word that Mrs. Black is very ill in Sacramento, Calif., and would appreciate hearing from any of her old friends in our work. Mrs. Black's address is 2929 Muir Way, Sacramento, Calif.

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

China's Children

We saved 50 cents and let her go blind. Jade Chung is only a young girl with all her future—such as it must be—before her. If she had been treated at the clinic two days sooner her sight would have been saved. But now she will be blind for the rest of her life. There will never be another morning for her. From now on she must always grope her way in the black night of darkness. It would have cost only about 50 cents for the treatment, but her eyes are past saving now. In the Chengtu district in China, where she lives, hunger and particularly lack of vitamin A is causing the children's eye balls to burst. Hundreds of children are hungry there. Some will go blind and some just starve to death.

Rev. V. J. R. Mills, our North China superintendent, pleads for us to make it possible for our Chengtu orphanages to take in more children. He writes, "We should double the 1,000 we are caring for in the five Chengtu orphanages. It breaks me to see those poor, forlorn tots on the outside. I don't even see how the vermin live on them, they are so thin. Their skin is covered with sores. I would shoot a dog in their condition but you can't shoot a child. You can let him starve to death right before your eyes, though. It's horrible to keep the orphanage gates shut against them. Can't you somehow impress the folks back home with what it's like-what these ragged, skeletons, with their sores and their pain, are like?"

Calvin Lee, of our staff in Canton, recetly wrote us that in some ways the people were suffering more now than during the war. And that is in South China where there is not the refugee

problem the Communists have caused in the North.

According to Dr. Hollington R. Tong of the Chinese government, "The Communists are turning to murder, torture, arson, religious persecution and wholesale population displacement. Millions of refugees are pouring into Government held territory."

These refugees left their farms and everything except what they could carry on their backs. Many of their children have become separated from them. China's Children Fund provides full care for such children in 55 orphanage schools located mostly in China but also in Burma, the Philippines and Japan. The children are given schooling and vocational training. They are taught democracy and the Bible. Very few of these children are blind and they are a healthy, happy lot.

We will pick up a Chengtu child from the streets for you and place it in an orphanage, if you wish. I wish you could see, as I have seen in China, what a little care and a lot of love can

do for a child.

Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke, Main St. at Fifth. Richmond, Va.

The Converted Liquor Glasses

By Mrs. Bessie Lee Cowie

At the World's WCTU Convention, a lady and gentleman played beautiful hymns on what had once been liquor glasses. A delegate said, "Oh, Mrs. Cowie, do write a poem for The National Voice." As the sweet tremulous notes of "Lead Me to Calvary" floated over the vast audience, there was a hush that proved how God could use "converted" material to do His will. An array of glasses with water so clear

No whiskey, no brandy, no wine, and no beer— Tenderly, sweetly they're singing to me: "Lead me—" "Where?" "Lead me, Lord, to Calvary." Lead me to sacrifice, service for Him, Who saves the poor lost one from sorrow and sin. Gethsemane's garden and Calvary's tree Are bridges to Heaven for you and for me-And for others, too, since the glasses sing low, "Go save all the nations from drink's awful woe." And, should I forget this lesson to me, Then again "Lead me, Lord, to Calvary." This is the song, so searching and clear, Fram the glasses converted from whiskey and beer, That strengthened each woman—the Saviour to crown; With "glasses"—"drugged glasses"—forever turned down, While songs of "Redeemed," like the waves of the sea, Are singing of triumph through dark "Calvary."

Many things may be preserved in alcohol, but law and order are not on the list.—Chicago Daily News.

President's Recommendations

To put special emphasis on membership this year in order to increase our membership roll and to assist the National plan for a million members in 1949.

To observe the November roll call, collecting dues of all living members of the previous year by March 1. You will then be a Holdfast Union.

That each union organize and carry out some plan for a membership drive this fall. To enlist young mothers into an Iota Sigma, and organ-

ize LTL's and YTC's. To organize new unions.

Special Memberships:

That each union continue to seek more Life, Memorial, Continuing, and Child Honorary memberships to finance the extension of our work in the state.

That we enlist the men as honorary members to help with the local scientific temperance instruction in public schools

III. State Awards:

> We recommend that every local, district, and state officer organize a new union, Iota Sigma, Youth Temperance Council, or Loyal Temperance Legion winning a \$15 award for her WCTU treasury from the Anderson Organization Fund for each perfected group.

> That every local WCTU strive to be a Banner union, and strive for the largest net increase in membership with its award of a beautiful loving cup as first prize, three subscriptions to the Union Signal as second prize and two subscriptions as third prize.

We recommend that the districts organize for concerted action on an increase in membership for similar

IV. Education:

Visual—That we continue to put special emphasis on poster contests, the use of the flannelgraph talks, illustrated lessons, leaflets and blotters in the public schools and Sunday schools of our communities. Because what people see will do more good than talking, we urge Unions to put on local exhibits and booths at your county and state fairs.

Movies. That we continue to make good use of the WCTU movie films, film strips and slides, recommending them to all churches, public schools and organiza-

tions which have projectors for their use.

S. T. I.—That scientific temperance instruction be given in the public schools of our state by correlating it with the regular school work, and that essay contest work be promoted, reference materials for this purpose being provided for the students by the local Union at the beginning of the contest.

We recommend that narcotic education be taught in our colleges, and that teachers be trained for that purpose.

That every member is urged to keep posted on pending legislation in Congress by reading the "Washington Letter" in the Union Signal by our Washington Correspondent.

That we continue our effort to support every campaign made to retain our good laws and to help pass laws which will protect our communities and homes, never forgetting that total abstinence for the individual and national prohibition is the only safe goal.

That our members exercise the rights of their franchise faithfully at the polls and that they be guided by their

conscience and the worth of the candidate.

VI. Anniversary Year. Since 1949 marks the 60th anniversary of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the 75th anniversary of the Nation, we recommend:

That this year be known as the Jubilee Organization and Membership year.

Every union be a Holdfast Union.

- Every union be a Fruitful Union. Payment of Narcotic Education fund in full. Quota 60 cents per member each year for five years. 1949 is the fifth year.
- That each union make a special effort to do an outstanding piece of work in their local organization this anniversary year.
- That in the state, we organize L. T. L.'s, for children; Y. T. C.'s for young folks, or a young woman's WCTU (Iota Sigma). one for each year since the state work was organized.

That we use the "Program Guide" with the slogan 'Forward Together" and have an early planning conference for the year ahead.

That we appoint a topic leader for each meeting who can also be a local director of a department.

That we subscribe to the Union Signal for our local officers, also equal our subscriptions to one-sixth of our membership. The Union Signal is indispensible to local program work.

Order two annual reports for each union. They are 50

cents apiece.

We recommend that the full amount of the Ten Dollars received from each Life, Memorial and Continuing Membership be sent to the state treasurer and divided as follows: \$2.50 to be credited to the local union from which the membership comes; \$2.50 to be credited to the district, and the remaining \$5.00 to be used to create an Organization Fund, to continue until such time as a greater need for the money arises.

We also recommend that Life Patron memberships be especially stressed during the coming year, and that the entire amount of the \$25.00 be used to increase the

Organization Fund.

Begin now to gain points for a banner Union.

May our heavenly Father guide and bless and strengthen you all to do this constructive work in your community, is our prayer.

—Mrs. H. E. Mielke, President.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in convention at Minot Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 1948, do gratefully acknowledge the guidance of our Heavenly Father, giving thanks for his loving care.

Peace-We call upon our members to study with discrimination all efforts toward world peace. May we cultivate understanding, cooperation and patience, leading to a world order established on constitutional government instead of force. We deplore the peacetime conscription of our youth; we pray for peace.

Prohibition and Total Abstinence—The repeal of the 18th amendment did not repeal the effects of alcohol. The visible results of the years of manufacture and sale of liquor show incalculable costs in health and happiness, besides the ever mounting toll in lives and dollars. We reaffirm our belief that prohibition is the best method yet tried, and continue our efforts toward that end. We believe that total abstinence from beverage alcohol is the only safe rule of life for any individual, and continue our opposition to the moderation propaganda of the liquor interests.

Narcotic Education-Realizing the alarming increase in the use of narcotics among the youth of our country, we urge that every opportunity available be used to acquaint them with the truth regarding alcohol and tobacco, especially through the medium of the public schools. That we also endeavor to find new fields in which to enlarge the program of narcotic education. We suggest the distribution of literature on narcotics in the schools. and recommend that every union contribute its full quota to the fund for promoting our program of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Advertising—Whereas liquor advertisements often contain scientific untruths and are deliberately framed to induce young people and women to form the habit of drinking, we call upon our government to prohibit entirely the advertising of alcoholic drinks, and emphasize the urgency of the passage of S. 265, the Capper Bill, which prohibits the transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising in interstate commerce and over the radio

Legislation-We recommend continued vigilance and support of laws pending in Congress and our state legislature, which have direct bearing on the moral welfare of our homes. We recommend that in the coming election in November the Christian women of our state go to the polls and vote for the candidates of individual worth who will count it a sacred trust to execute the

duties of office conscientiously.

Thanks.—We wish to extend our hearty thanks to all those who welcomed us to Minot, to those who entertained us in their homes and to those who served the banquet, and the luncheons in the church for our convenience; to the musicians who favored us with special music, particularly the pipe organ numbers which some of us hear so seldom at home; to those who arranged the flowers and exhibits; and to the press for fine reports of our meetings. Special gratitude is due to our guest speakers, Mrs. C. V. Biddle, president of Tennessee WCTU, and Miss Estelle Bozeman, National director of Scientific Temperance Instruction for their help and inspiration; and to Dr. Ward F. Boyd of Fargo for his thought-provoking address. To these and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of this 59th annual convention, we again extend our most hearty thanks. We leave this convention to carry home ideas and inspiration, new friendships, and a deeper sense of sisterhood and love for His work.

VII. Program:

Convention Story

The weather was fine, the flowers were lovely, the music was beautiful and our welcome to Minot was all that could be desired when the state convention met in the First Presbyterian church there September 29, 30 and Oct. 1. This church is a fine one, and besides providing for our bodily comfort, the beauty of the stained glass windows and the tones of the organ in the numbers provided by the music committee were uplifting to the

soul. The convention theme was "Forward Together."

As usual, meetings of the Executive committee and Official Board preceded the convention. Business matters were discussed and several important recommendations were made, which were adopted by the convention. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling was thus made an honorary president of the N. D. WCTU, and the departments of work used by National but not by our state were added to our roster and directors for them named. (The new roster will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN. Editor.) Re-districting of the state, to facilitate field work and help in other ways, was approved; the changes in the boundaries of districts will be given elsewhere. A committee appointed to revise and clarify Article IX of the by-laws, reported at a later meeting and their recommendations which made no change in the by-laws, were adopted.

The convention dinner was held in the church dining room Wednesday evening; the blessing was sung, and Rev. Jack L. Zerwas, pastor of the church, gave the invocation. After a fine meal, Mrs. Mielke introduced Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, who served well as toastmistress. All joined heartily in community singing, led by Mr. Hayden Williams and musical numbers by Jean Toyama, who also served as accompanist for Annabelle Opland's fine vocal solo, were greatly enjoyed. Greetings were given for the city by Mr. J. W. Bliss, City Manager, who did a little quite justifiable bragging about Minot, and told us that he was not a stranger to the WCTU, for his mother had been a member.

Dr. C. A. Hoffman spoke for the Teacher's College, Supt.
Paul A. Miller for the city schools, Rev. Reuben Teslow for the churches, Mrs. F. T. Brooks for Minot District W. C. T. U. and Mrs. C. F. Truax for the local union. Mrs. Philip Stolberg made response. After this Mrs. C. V. Biddle, president of the Tennessee WCTU, was introduced, and gave a fine speech on the subject, "Is It Well With the Child?" She told the story of the woman in the Bible, who answered "It is well" when the question was asked her, and wished that we might be able to say the same now. She said that young people of today draw their ideas from a variety of sources, and that the idea of discipline is a thing of the past in the majority of homes. She told us that when she was a baby in western Illinois, Frances Willard pinned the white ribbon upon her mother, and put one on her own little white fur bonnet; she still has the bonnet! She gave thanks for the fact that she was reared in a white ribbon home. She brought us greetings from the five thousand white ribboners of Tennessee, and told us several funny stories that made us laugh. She quoted "Unless the souls of men catch up with their minds, we are doomed. We cannot put children on the good ship Environment and expect them to ride safely to harbor without the rudder of spiritual training.'

The N. D. WCTU song beginning "There's a state in the west where the wild roses grow" was sung in closing, and Rev.

Teslow gave the benediction.

The following morning the convention proper opened with Mrs. H. E. Mielke, state president, in the chair. She read the Crusade Psalm, the Crusade hymn was sung, and then Mrs. Biddle, guest speaker, led a consecration service during which Bible verses were given by nearly every woman in the house, verses of loved hymns were sung, and prayers offered by many. Mrs. George Campbell of Minot led in the salutes to the U. S. and

Christian flags.

Roll call followed, and greetings were read from Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, Mrs. Necia E. Buck, and Mrs. Jessie A. Potter. A special greeting was also received from Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National president. Greetings were ordered sent to these in return, and to all absent members of the executive committee, several of whom wrre kept away by illnss. Those ill were Mrs. Andrew Hay, Mrs. Lavinia Bignall, Mrs. Jessie Potter, and Mrs. O. J. Swanson. Others to whom greetings or letters of sympathy were sent included Mrs. Robert B. Reed, Fargo; Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, Park River; Mrs. Alberta Lundhagen, Fargo; Mrs. Sara E. Ferber, Oakes; Mrs. F. W. Treleaven, Grand Forks; Mrs. Elias Porter, Calvin; Mrs. C. A. Jahnke, Rock Lake; Mrs. E. C. Starks, Mott; Mr. Wm. Duguid, Cando.

Business followed its usual routine; the presidents recommendations were read and adopted, the reports of the treasurer and corresponding secretary were given and were adopted with thanks and appreciation. The Memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Beasley, during which the names of 26 members and several others of relatives of members or honorary were read, the delegates who knew them standing in silentt ribute. When the name of Mrs. Wanner was given, the entire convention rose. The state has lost much in the loss, the past year, of Mrs. Wanner, Mrs. Ella C. Boise, Mrs. Edna Duguid, Mrs. W. E. Black, Mrs. May Kline and all the others. Their names will be in the state report. Mrs. Jessie A. Potter, Fargo, made her late husband, John H. Potter, a Memorial member.

That afternoon Mrs. Iver Fossum, the vice president, presided, and Mrs. Mielk egave her annual address, which is given in this issue. District presidents also reported, and Mrs. Howard Kemis, state treasurer, who had attended the national convention as a delegate-at-large, gave a fine report of things at that great meeting which had especially impressed her. Little Vanna Lou Sorenson, aged five, was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit by Mrs. Mielke, and Mrs. Thos. F. Jones of Fargo made her new grandson, a Child Honorary member. Miss Estelle Bozeman, National director of Scientific Temperance Instruction, was introduced; she and Mrs. Biddle were made members of the con-

vention.

That evening Mrs. G. A. Hample, new president of the Bismarch district, led devotions, and a feature of the meeting was "The Reviewing Stand" with Mrs. Fossum as announcer, during which department directors or someone representing them, gave short talks about their work. Mrs. C. F. Truax described Institutes, Mrs. George Campbell told the duties of Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Mae Brudevold gave points on Child Welfare for Mrs. Potter; Mrs. Phlip Stolberg discussed Social Morality; Mrs. H. O. Hermanson pleaded for Speech Contests, Mrs. Chas. Minard told of Visual Education, Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas spoke of the use of the Union Signal, and Mrs. F. T. Brooks discussed Legislation for Mrs. Mielke. Mrs. Biddle gave the convention address on "Safeguarding Today for Tomorrow's Security." She said there never had been a time when the home had so many competitors. She told of a visit to an old mission in Texas when she was stopped at the door by a guard who did not allow her to enter. Because of the failure of an old cess-pool, moisture had escaped and the foundation had sunk, making it possible that the walls of the building might collapse, so they were safe-guarding visitors. She gave appalling statistics about liquor control, about girls in mental hospitals because of drink, and about children being given beer. She read a report of a county in Kentucky were murders and killings were rife, and how they decreased after the county went dry. She told the Bible story of how Abram was called to go to a new country and set up altars. His obedience to God's command kept the dream alive. We women must keep the dream alive in the hearts of men. She closed with an old poem—"I want to let go, but I will not let go—". Friday morning Miss Bozeman spoke on "The How and

Friday morning Miss Bozeman spoke on "The How and Why of STI Goals" and answered questions from the floor. This was after Mrs. Bessie M. Darling had led a fine devotional service during which many women gave testimony of answered prayer, and for encouragement. The election of officers followed Miss Bozeman's talk, with Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Don Fish and Mrs. G. A. Hample serving as distributing and collecting tellers, while Mrs. Geo. S. Muir, Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas and Mrs. Philip Stolberg were counting tellers. Prayer before the election was voiced by Miss Bozeman. All general officers were re-electd, and were cheered after the election. Mrs. Muir led in noontide prayer.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Minard led devotions. Mrs. H. O. Herman emphasized the need of having reports of medal contests sent to her promptly after contests are held. Mrs. George Campbell told about the proposed Municipal Liquor-store bill, which is to be voted upon in November. It was stressed that the WCTU has always opposed any law permitting sale, or so-called liquor control. Miss Bozeman then gave a most interesting glimpse of a WCTU work shop; there was not time for a real one. She showed how to interest children, and displayed much literature, most of which was eagerly acquired by the delegates afterward. A telegram of greeting was received from the Park River union, which was much appreciated. For the first time in many years, no one was present at convention from Park River. Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, L. T. L. secretary, gave a report of her work, with a very practical explanation of its possibilities.

Friday evening Mrs. C. A. Zook of Minot led devotions. Mrs. Mielke introduced Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, director of Speech Contests, who was in charge of the gold medal contest in which four young people took part. Three others who had expected to be there, could not come. The medal was awarded to Nona Kipp of Williston, who gave the selection "Thief at Large." Other contestants were Leland Skabo, Crosby; Donna Huus, Parshall; and

Maridell Reid, Stanley.

The contest was very interesting and after it Dr. Ward F. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fargo, and (Continued on Page 8)

CONVENTION STORY

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president of the United Temperance Movement, gave a fine address, in which he analyzed the name of our organization, word by word, telling of the great meaning behind each one. With vivid illustrations, he made his telling points. He likened the present times, with its problems affecting all people, to a frog in a shallow pan of water, over a low flame. He said the frog will slowly boil to death, when he could jump out, any time! He said that a man may breathe for a hundred years, but he has not 'started to commence to begin' to live, till he lives in Christ. At this meeting the resolutions were read and adopted, Mrs. Don Fish reading the main body of them and Mrs. Stolberg the resolution of thanks. A prize for the best scrap book submitted by a state director was awarded to Mrs. Hermanson for her very artistic book, with Mrs. Franklin's receiving Honorable Men-tion. As Mrs. Bignall had been too ill to come and bring the posters, those that had been brought to convention were sent to her, to be judged with the others. These posters, with the scrap books and the fine exhibit which Minot had shown at the fair, were studied with much interest by the delegates, and the long table where the literature was displayed, also received much attention. After the convention ended, Mrs. Brooks received a Life Membership sent for Mrs. Ellen E. Stone of Minot, and Mrs. N. R. Heinzen of Plaza made her grandson, Ralph Nichols Heinzen, a child honorary member. The music provided for the convention was of high quality. Besides those numbers already mentioned, the organ preludes given by Mrs. C. A. Waldron and Eltzabeth Person were a great pleasure. Gordon Flom and Ida Thunscell gave vocal solos, Arlene Buckneberg and Richard Hofstad sang a duet Thursday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Monk sang Friday evening, all of which numbers were greatly enjoyed. Connie Isaacson gave a piano solo, and Bill Bradley a violin solo to add to our pleasure. It was a great treat to have so many young people take time to give us music, and Minot is to be congratulated upon her fine musicians. As the delegates left for home, it was with happy memories and renewed determination to proceed with the tasks ahead as we go "Forward together."

Right after the fourth child in a year had been stricken down in Greeley, Colorado, by a drunken driver, the following advertisement appeared in the local daily: "Get the Children Off the Street-The Man of Distinction is Wriving."-The White Ribboner (Wash.).



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