

## DEPARTMENT LETTERS

### Institutes

Dear Co-workers:

Now that this severe winter is about over, I wish to remind you the time has come to be thinking and making plans for our Institutes — "Why of Institutes?"

An institute is a group of women who come together to learn how to do the best work through our several departments. Remember this as the year of "The Diamond Jubilee Celebration." We love the work Frances E. Willard gave her best years to promote, and we love her too for her ideals, which have given to us over 20 departments. The ideals exemplified in her life is why the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has stood behind more good laws which have come from high ideals than any other organization in Christendom. Because of these high ideals we are going "Forward Together"; what more appropriate theme could be chosen than "Forward Together" as we look ahead to "The Diamond Jubilee." Your National Director suggests we might try Institute Series. The number of Institutes in a Series will depend upon the type and size of your group and number of departments carried by your group. The particular object of the series will be to give adequate opportunity to present each department effectively during the year. Thus a small local union working only a few departments might hold two or three institutes in the series. A county or district group might hold four or five. States might conduct more than one series held simultaneously in different sections of the state.

As you begin your planning for an institute, secure a handbag notebook and a larger blank book—composition book, scrap book, or loose leaf book. The handbag notebook always with you to jot down anything pertaining to Institute Dept.

In the larger book you will keep detailed account of Institute plans, programs, ideas, suggestions and all literature, letters, clippings and material for the Institute work. At the end of the year making out your report is simple for it is only a routine matter of condensing the year's work already written in your Institute notebook.

An award will be given for the best Institute notebook, scrap-book shown at the 1949 Convention.—Please plan for good reports at this convention.

Yours for a Successful year,  
Mrs. C. F. Truax, Director.

### Temperance and Missions

Dear Sisters:

"They that wait upon the Lord" is a fitting verse for stormy North Dakota. Blocked roads, no mail, many miles to town; no wonder letters are late and literature is slow. But needs of others are always with us, and even though snowed in, we can work, plan and pray for Missions.

I have been given a fine department. Last year 47 unions reported work done, and we hope every union will respond in 1949. This is such unselfish work; it takes only time to collect, pack and mail things we do not need to those who suffer for the lack of them. We can send where we cannot go. Do study the work plan and the Signals for suggestions. Every union a Light Line Union is our goal. May the Lord prosper every gift we make to missions.

In His name, Mrs. Philip Stolberg, Director.

### Radio

The Theme is let us go "Forward Together" in the purpose of the woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Radio Broadcasting to disseminate the truth about beverage alcohol, to raise the standard and maintain a high level of radio programs in the home, are aims of this department.

As an opportunity for human betterment, Radio ranks first—Radio is for all—all may listen, few may broadcast. Whether or not you are "working a Department" you all have radio sets; you all listen to Radio programs, therefore, you all can take part in some WCTU Radio activities. Has it ever occurred to you to send a letter of appreciation to the Radio Station after hearing a fine high type program?

If we are sincere in our concern for better programs, we must do our part.

If you have access to Broadcasting Stations, inquire about their free "public service" time which is usually set aside by local Stations for local programs for local people.

Write your State Director for any information you wish.

Yours in the Service, Mrs. C. F. Truax, Director.

## None For Me, Thank You So Much

How to behave in high society. That's the question you've got to answer.

Let's take Washington, D. C., society as an example. In fact let's take the diplomatic set.

Embassy parties in the capital bring together leading figures in international life. Let's take some case histories to see what young people who don't drink do.

#### Case History I

Czechoslovakia invites Washington to celebrate the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Republic. The marble halls are thronged with distinguished leaders, talking, eating from the buffet in the dining room.—and drinking. A charming young woman is selected by newspaper photographers to pose with an air corps hero. When the photograph has been taken, she mingles in the crowd again, is ushered over to the bar, and smiling at the man mixing the drinks, says, "Orange juice, please."

That's what she wanted; that's what she got. Nobody in that throng of social leaders cared.

She didn't say, "I just had to take a drink. Everybody was drinking."

#### Case History II

A wealthy patron of the arts, whose estate overlooks the Potomac from the northwest hills, invites three distinguished journalists to Sunday dinner. The butler passes the drinks, liquors and tomato juice. Every man takes tomato juice, the liquors go back to the pantry.

Nobody had to drink that Sunday.

#### Case History III

An afternoon cocktail party convenes at the Mayflower Hotel. The United States Civil Service Commissioner comes in. Shaking his head at the bartender, he says: "None for me, thank you so much." And he goes on visiting with the people he knows.

#### Case History IV

A group of young men in a hotel room order drinks. They begin to mix. "Just ginger ale straight." That's all there was to his problem of social pressure.

If you move around much in society these days you're going to be confronted with liquor. Lots of people are going to tell you, "O, I just had to drink."

## Solving the Comic Book Problem

Magazine dealers and distributors at Topeka, Kansas, have found, a quick, easy, and Christian solution of the comic book problem. With no concern about freedom of the press, they have prepared a voluntary self-censorship plan to rid local newsstands of objectionable magazines and comic books — "all reading material branded as unsuitable for children."

A story in the Los Angeles Times of June 30 quotes County Counsel Harold Kennedy as saying that police powers might be invoked against sale of the books on grounds of contributing to delinquency of minors.

Mr. Kennedy makes clear, however, that "a long legal study will be the prelude to any recommendation to the Board." How typical of the masculine attitude toward reforms! Moral wrongs often become legal rights in the twinkling of an eye but moral rights must pass every detailed test of legal red tape.

While the lawyers are searching the pages of Blackstone, the citizens of Topeka, Indianapolis, Detroit, Akron, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a number of other cities are really throwing out the indecent comics. Dealers in these cities are more interested in the children of the communities than in their own profits. Self censorship by news dealers is one quick, immediate and effective answer to the comic book menace. More cities should try it.—From Union Signal.

#### WE ARE COMING

##### I.

Spring is coming!  
Spring is coming!

Don't you hear it in the rills  
Tripping gaily o'er the valley  
Flying o'er the sunny hills.

##### II.

We are coming!  
We are coming!

To our spring conventions soon  
Jubilee teas, pageants and contests,  
When the crocus is in bloom.

F. P. M.

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## A Word To The Wise

Dear Comrades:

The winter is about gone; by the time you read this, we can expect that the juncos will have made their brief visit to our states and gone cheerily on to their summer in the far north, along with the wild geese. Perhaps the robins and meadow-larks will be with us for the summer. Our women who have been snowed in for weeks and months, will appreciate the coming of spring. May the Easter season be a time of especial blessing to you all.

The papers that I have seen this winter, have given a good deal of space to the situation in Kansas, where the longheld prohibition law was repealed at the November election. The Kansas City Star of March 4 carried a cartoon which showed the whole United States a sea of wetness, with only two tiny islands of 'dry' land left; these were labeled Oklahoma and Mississippi. A most grotesque animal, with some characteristics of a camel, was shown shaking a wet foot from the spot where Kansas had just sunk below the surface, as it balanced itself precariously on the two little islands that were left. The heading was "Species Nearing Extinction?" The creature bore the name of "Dry Law". By such ridicule, the wets continue their campaign to discredit all laws that limit their profits in any way. The new Kansas law contains a local option provision, and the reports claimed that many towns would be holding elections this spring; as the law stands, a town that voted dry last fall cannot license liquor sales without a vote of its citizens to authorize it. They have raised the old cry that people will pass by the towns that do not sell it, to do their shopping in the ones that have it on sale. If the business men favor the sale of it, they may be surprised to find what effect it may have upon sales of their own commodities.

The one pleasing story that I saw, concerning the Kansas picture, was a quotation from Chancellor Deane W. Malott of Kansas University. He said, "In spite of the change in the state law, the University of Kansas does not permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any university of whatever nature. This applies, on or off the campus; in or on the premises of any organized house; and to its possession or consumption by students in their rooms in private residences." So the story says that those who would like to take a nip while watching football games in the university stadium this coming fall, may not like it, but must accept it.

Many people were thrilled over the story of the non-stop flight that Capt. William P. Odom made alone March 7 from Hawaii to Teterboro, New Jersey, in 36 hours; over 5,000 miles. In an article copyrighted by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc., he tells the story of his trip, with all its fatigue and strain; says that he drank orange juice, tea, beef bouillon and 'a lot of water.' He also said that he does not smoke. Perhaps these things contributed to his success.

I am in Minneapolis as I write this, where the little girl who makes her home with us, is in a hospital. She submitted to an operation for kidney trouble which has bothered her since babyhood, a few days ago, and will have another next week. We hope this will mean health for her, when she recovers. Will you pray for her?

Through an oversight, I have not seen the January-February issue of our paper. If I have repeated anything that was in that, I am sorry. It is hard to remember. I hope that as the spring opens up, that all our women will 'get busy' at our work as well as their own, and that we may have a lot of new members to report to Mrs. Brooks so she can send a good list to National before July first.

Best wishes to you all.

Your friend,  
Elizabeth C. Beasley.

### MIDYEAR MEETING

The general officers of the state WCTU met at Fargo on March 8 at the home of Mrs. Iver Fossum, vice-president at large. Mrs. Frank Beasley, state recording secretary could not be present as she is out of the state. Plans were made for the state convention to be held at Jamestown Sept. 28, 29, 30, which will be the 60th anniversary of the state organization and which will observe the 75th anniversary of the National WCTU. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin will be the honored guest at this convention. District convention plans were made for the spring to be held in April and May.

## Treasurer's Report

January 18 to March 10, 1949

DUES: Watford City 4; Napoleon 4; Bismarck 20; Hettinger 3; Larimore 2; Oakes 40; Fargo 15; Glover Union 16; Grand Forks 12; Valley City 14; Bowsmont 8; Prosper 21; Grand Forks (F.W.) 68; Lisbon 25; Mott 4; Sawyer 15; Bottineau 1; Langdon 14; Fargo (Julia D. Nelson) 19; LaMoure 11; Powers Lake 4; Calvin 29.

BUDGET: Bismarck \$20.00; Fargo \$15.00; Fairdale \$8.00; Valley City \$25.00; Bowsmount \$3.40; Langdon \$14.00; Calvin \$29.00.

NARCOTIC EDUCATION: Fargo \$16.80; Bottineau \$3.00; Oakes \$19.00; Stanley \$7.00; Parshall \$5.00; Edinburg \$5.40; Fargo (Julia D. Nelson) \$56.40.

L. T. L.: Casselton 15; Wheatland 30; Absaraka 15; Larimore 54; Grand Forks 11; Powers Lake 40; Edinburg 20.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Mott \$2.00; Hunter \$2.00; Napoleon \$2.00; Edgeley \$2.80; Parshall \$5.00; Edinburg \$2.00; Sawyer \$2.00; Langdon \$2.00; Calvin \$6.00; Lisbon \$2.15; Reeder \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Williston \$2.00; Mott \$2.00; Hunter \$2.00; Powers Lake \$5.00; Parshall \$5.00; Sawyer \$2.00; Bottineau \$2.00; Langdon \$2.00; Calvin \$5.00; Reeder \$2.00.

CHILD HONORARY MEMBER: Diane Kay Pruett, Edgeley, N. D., sent by Anna Sox.

LIFE MEMBER: Mrs. Emma Aker, Mott.

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WILLARD MEMBERS: Mrs. W. F. Combs, Anamoose; Mrs. Grace Kelly, Oberon; Mrs. Emma Egli, New Salem; Eleanor W. Ripley, Fairmont; Mrs. Wesley Willey, North Hollywood, Calif.

STATE REPORTS: \$22.50

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Williston; Grand Forks F. W.

HOLD FAST UNIONS: Dickey, Edinburg, Gilby, Hannah, Nekoma, Page, Park River, Prosper, Reeder, Sheldon, Tower City.

There was an error in the last report on Budget. It should have been, Bismarck \$6.00; Minot \$50.00

There are some new post office regulations which are very strict about addresses. Will you be especially careful about this when you send names of members. Also please send names of those who have dropped out and those who have passed away so that they may be taken off the Circulation List.

Mrs. Howard Kemis

## A Modern Miracle

When one is nine years old and his parents are not wealthy, it takes a long time to get together so large a sum as seven dollars. Remember?

This is so in Manila as in Maine, Michigan, Montana, and it was not without a sigh of regret that a nine-year-old Chinese boy living in the Philippine Islands took his seven dollars to the nearest bakery. That morning he heard his mother and father talk soberly of the plight of the starving children in China. And now he was putting his slowly accumulated bicycle fund at the service of the Chinese children who had no bread.

At the baker's, the boy spent all his fourteen pesos for bread. He piled those loaves on a handcart and took them to the Chinese YMCA. The secretary was equal to the occasion. He thanked the boy, helped in unloading the cart, and then got busy on the telephone while a mountain of bread occupied the top of a table in his office.

There was a meeting in the Manila Y that evening of men and women the secretary had summoned. During the meeting those loaves bought from a small boy's earnings were auctioned for near one hundred times what he had paid for them. That money went to China the following day in the boy's name. Other generous gifts have been following as other groups in Manila heard the story of self-denial.

Anne Guthrie of the Manila YMCA brought the story with her when she returned to the United States to report to one of the national boards of her organization. As the group was breaking up, a motherly woman from the Middle West pressed a bill into Miss Guthrie's palm.

"Could you see to it that the boy gets his bicycle, after all?" she asked.

The money was on the way by clipper within twenty-four hours. As in the case of the lad of Palestine, a Chinese boy in Manila has seen a few small loaves go a long way to meet need and to stimulate the loyalty of others.

Anna May Karn in Deaconess News

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

## A Litany Of Our Time

O God of all the agelong yesterdays, and of the infinite tomorrows, give us new faith, new hope, new power;

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

O thou who, when the earth was without form and void didst breathe thy spirit through the darkness, come with thy new creation to the chaos of the world today;

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

O thou who didst touch the prophets' lips with fire, send us thy prophets for our dreadful days;

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

For the great visions that will not be dimmed by the terror and the confusion of our time;

We give thee humble and hearty thanks

For belief in human brotherhood and for will to make it true;

We give thee humble and hearty thanks

For all who follow that hope in spite of postponement, persecution and pain;

We give thee humble and hearty thanks

For those who, in the radiance of their living, have brought into our darkness the witness of a brighter world; for the joyous abundance of their self-giving;

We give thee humble and hearty thanks

For those who, in the radiance of their living, have brought into our darkness the witness of a brighter world; for the joyous abundance of their self-giving;

We give thee humble and hearty thanks

That thou would'st turn and save the peoples of the earth: even those who are consumed in mutual hatred and bitterness,

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

That mankind may come out of tribulation and live together in fairness and peace,

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

That out of the agony of the world and out of thine own great mercy toward us, peace enduring and universal may come at last:

Hear us and help us, we beseech thee, O Lord

—White Ribbon Herald.

## IN MEMORIAM

"She is not dead—such souls forever live

In boundless measure of the love they give."

Mrs. Vernie Johnson of the Minot union is bereaved in the very sudden passing of her husband in February. The end came without warning, while he was in a store.

Mrs. Edith Swenson of the Plaza union passed away Feb. 5th from a heart ailment. Mrs. Swenson, who was the mother of Mrs. Don B. Fish of Williston, president of the Northwest district, attended the state convention in Minot last fall. She was deeply interested in temperance, and her passing is a loss to our work.

Mrs. John F. (Laura) McGrann, a resident of Fargo for eighteen years, died Sunday, March 20, in a Fargo hospital. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. O. L. Vennes, Carrington, and a granddaughter, Mrs. A. O. Solberg, Hunter. Mrs. McGrann had been a member of the WCTU for many years and served as treasurer of the Fargo union for several years.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, husband of Mrs. W. J. Thompson of the Fargo union, passed away last month. Mr. Thompson had been in failing health for several years. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

Dr. Irving Fisher says, "The idea that the liquor business creates something economically is on a par with the idea of an undertaker who complained that the pure milk committee in his town had ruined his trade in babies' funerals."

The liquor traffic is sacrilege; for it seeks profit from the damnation of human souls.

—Dr. Harry E. Fosdick.

## Six Stages Of Distinction

ROY L. SMITH

In John Barleycorn, Public Enemy No. 1

Dr. Emil Bogen, of Olive View Sanitarium, California, has described six stages of drunkenness, measuring each and naming it according to the amount of alcohol in the blood of the drinker. (It is agreed by most authorities that the most scientific measurement of drunkenness is by the amount of alcohol in the blood of the drinker). The first stage, where there is less than one milligram of alcohol in a cubic centimeter of blood, he calls "Dry and Decent." In other words, there is no evident effect from this small amount of alcohol in the blood, at least none that can be measured by the instruments thus far devised.

The second stage, which he calls "Delighted and Devilish," is the one in which there is one to two milligrams of alcohol in a cubic centimeter of blood. In this stage the drinker appears "lively" and "good company." He laughs hilariously over nothing, talks boisterously and makes himself conspicuous and then seems proud of it. Women in this stage of intoxication become coarse, descending to vulgarity and minor indecencies.

The third stage, called "Delinquent and Disgusting," appears when the alcohol in the blood measures two or three milligrams to one cubic centimeter of blood. In this condition the drinker finds it difficult to walk, talks stupidly and is offensive to all those about him. He denies that he is drunk, but still is unable to exert authority over his muscles or his senses.

The fourth stage is named "Dizzy and Delirious," because, with three to four milligrams of alcohol in the blood, the drinker rapidly loses all self-control, will not listen to advice or reason, and is utterly unfit for companionship.

With four to five milligrams of alcohol in one cubic centimeter of blood, the drinker is "Dazed and Dejected," in which condition he is unmanageable, helpless, and almost beyond consciousness. He desires nothing more than to be let alone, and will fall asleep in the gutter, in a hallway, in a taxi, or wherever else he chances to be.

More than five milligrams of alcohol in the cubic centimeter of blood and the drinker is Dead Drunk, unconscious and perfectly helpless. His skin is cold and he seems to feel nothing, not even the most serious wounds. His pulse is scarcely discernible and his breathing is slow. In such a condition he is nearer to death than the average person realizes. Only a little more alcohol in the blood and death will ensue (six to ten milligrams of alcohol to a cubic centimeter of blood).

—National Voice.

## A Lenten Call

By E. A. P.

America must mend her ways,  
Or doom, dire doom must swiftly fall.  
E'en now there hangs o'er all the world  
Vesuvian pall!

We cannot court Belshazzar feasts,  
Strong drink, and flippant light divorce;  
Lest all our thanks and super-forts  
Fail of their force!

Where, where, are penitent hearts, throngs bowed,  
And souls made calm in new-found peace?  
How, if we call not on our God,  
Gain "Victory-Peace"?

God, God, touch, rouse the souls of men.  
Through all our broad, beloved land,  
And to our nation as of old  
Reach out Thy hand!

—The Lutheran Companion

Alcohol in the brains is like sand in the motor.

What big business is ashamed of its finished product?

Conscience dissolves in alcohol.

"Every drink is another link to chain the man who will not think."

Local unions please report any change of officers, or directors locally; also removals or death of members to the state treasurer, Mrs. Howard Kemis.

## Why Drink At All?

One of the most distinguished writers on health in the nation's press is William Brady, M.D., whose articles are released for publication through the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Daily News, and about 160 other papers throughout the United States and Canada.

Out of many comments on the Relationship of Alcohol to Health, Dr. Brady recently answered, forthrightly, the question of a reader, "Why Don't You Drink?"

Dr. Brady's reply as it appeared in the Los Angeles Times, March 2, 1948, is as follows:

"Then Why Drink at All?"

"Recently a dozen drinkers—social, occasional, periodic or habitual—contributed their answers to the query: Why do you drink?—confidentially.

"I have a smug notion that a good many readers of this column may be as much interested in the reason or reasons why I am a total abstainer as they would be in the details of my operation or yours. Further I have been led to believe that some readers of this column may be influenced one way or the other by what they read here.

"Why don't I drink?

"Well, why should I drink?"

"If I were your friend, your guest, your boss, your poor relation your superior officer or your best customer would you feel offended or insult me if I chose milk, water or fruit juice when you prefer to drink liquor? Or if I propose a toast in pure wood alcohol would it be improper or discourteous if you chose to drink the toast in some milder solvent?"

"In my youth I never did apply hot and rebellious liquors in my blood, mainly, I think, because as a child I had promised my mother I would not use alcohol or tobacco before 21. Only that pledge kept me from taking my first drink in my teens, particularly when I was in medical school and most of my classmates, at least in the freshman and sophomore stage, considered it smart, funny or a mark of sophistication or manliness to join a drinking party or to get drunk occasionally. Each young smart aleck just had to show that he could handle the stuff, lest some halfwit regard him as a sissy.

"If one can cut one's wisdom teeth as a teetotal abstainer the likelihood that one will acquire a taste, desire or need for alcohol after that becomes remote indeed . . .

"A weak, sickly, abnormal young person may have inferiority feelings, worries, fears or anxieties which a narcotic, such as alcohol, makes him or her forget for an hour. A healthy, normal young person enjoys life as it is, and doesn't want to miss anything, so he or she naturally prefers not to dull or benumb higher consciousness with alcohol or other narcotic."—The Foundation Says.

## MINNESOTA WHOLESALE LIQUOR DISPENSARY LAW DEFEATED.

The United Temperance Movement of Minnesota took a stand against the state owned and operated wholesale liquor dispensary system which is also called state ownership, viz:

1. Because of moral issues involved, because it is opposed to any type of dispensary—private or state.
2. Because graft and corruption has occurred in states which have the dispensary system.
3. Because there is danger of building and perpetuating a corrupt machine.
4. Because profits, regulation, and control are weakened and often completely destroyed.
5. Because other states which have tried it have found it has increased rather than decreased their debts—such as Michigan, Ohio, Utah, Oregon, and Wyoming!
6. Because of the example we will set before our youth; should young people be made to feel that it is justifiable to drink because — the state is in the business.

The bill for the state owned and operated wholesale liquor dispensary system in Minnesota was defeated in that state legislature recently.

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again—The eternal years of God are hers.

—William Cullen Bryant.

Count that day lost, whose low descending sun views from Thy hand no worthy action done.

—Stanford's Art of Reading, 1803.

One gallon of gas plus a pint of liquor may equal one funeral.