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## The Old Year

The Old Year is past and gone,  
With all of its hopes and fears;  
With all of its joys and sorrows,  
All of its smiles and tears.

And as we cast a backward glance  
Over the vanished year,  
Can each of us say with honest heart,  
That we've given our share of cheer?

Without remorse or regret,  
Have we seen the old year end?  
Have we always been kind and gentle,  
Each proving himself a friend?

Have we been true to God and man  
As the days were passing by?  
Or have we been thoughtless and careless  
Causing a heartache or sigh.

If the leaves of the old year are blotted,  
And stained, by mistakes we have made,  
Let us close the book with repentance  
Before away it is laid.

Then take the pure white pages  
That are brought by the glad New Year,  
And strive to keep them spotless  
All through the coming year.

—Ada Amsbaugh,  
Williston, N. D.

## The President's Letter

At this writing we are well into the new year and the days are longer even though the cold is stronger.

The month of January just past is a month of legislation. Both Congress and our state legislature are still in session and are considering vital legislation. It is the time when as a local WCTU and as individual members we must keep ourselves informed on the bills which are up for passage. It behooves us to be alert and active, making it our responsibility to write our representatives and senators, our stand on vital issues which are pending.

Miss Smart, our national legislative director, urges all members to write General George C. Marshall at the Pentagon and Richard B. Russell, Armed Service Senate Ch., Senate office building, both of Washington, D. C., begging them — for the safety of our boys and our country — to get beverage alcohol out of the armed services and from the vicinity of camps before taking many more teenage boys for army service.

In our own state much vital temperance legislation hangs in the balance and we mean temperance legislation—dry legislation.

House bill 768 seeks to disqualify our present liquor-food divorce law.

House Bill 679—seeks to permit soft drinks, candies, confections, popcorn, potato chips, crackers, pretzels and peanuts where liquor is sold. This law would entice our young people into liquor places for drinks, etc. Why increase the problems we already have of minors drinking in liquor places, by placing the products named above as alibis for being there. It would also promote the spiking of soft drinks. Urge your representatives to vote against this H.B. 769 and also against the return of food service with liquor in H.B. 768.

Use your influence with your senators to vote against Senate bill No. 99 which seeks to tax gross wholesale liquors for revenue to be used for operation of organized municipalities in our state. We can not afford to depend for revenue on a business which produces such grave economic, social and moral problems in state and nation.

Also urge your representatives to vote against H.B. 617. The implications of this bill are subtle and could easily work indirectly into the present moderation program of the liquor people. It stresses aid for the alcoholic and outlines an elaborate program to combat alcoholism and to create a state

board of commissioners on alcoholism which includes the state superintendent of public instruction and the commissioner of the board of higher education. Why should this bill not include a program of narcotic education and total abstinence when educational agencies are to be used and other avenues too numerous to mention here. This bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000. We favor a system whereby the business which causes alcoholism would foot the bill for the rehabilitation of the alcoholic.

The word temperance will always mean total abstinence as it has for many generations past. That is what we mean when we speak of the name of our organization, Women's Christian Temperance Union. The word temperance will always keep its true meaning in spite of the all out campaign of the liquor group to adopt it, to mean moderation.

We will also support the early closing bill with reference to bars, taverns, etc.; the appropriation bill for narcotic education in our schools to back up our present law Section 15-3805—Revised Code 43, also the placing of "Minors not permitted" on the doors of every liquor place in the state.

In spite of the cold, spring is just around the corner and the general officers of our state will soon meet to make plans for the spring district meetings and the state convention in the fall.

The membership work is very important. It is our duty and privilege to invite every woman of the community to have the opportunity to join. Let us also organize new unions. Alamo is our newest one with eight new members and more to come. Who will be the next?

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin will stop at Hettinger, N. D., March 31, enroute from the west to Minneapolis. She will conduct a workshop there on March 31 and speak in the churches on April 1. All unions nearby in western North Dakota are urged to attend. It will be a distinct privilege to attend, to meet the national president and to learn about our work. Plan to come to Hettinger March 31, meeting to be held from 10 to 12 A. M. and 1:30 to 4:00.

How is the poster and speech contest work coming? Send for number 16 and 17 Recites for contest work and begin now. Also write to national WCTU for poster contest helps.

Please do not forget the "budget dollar" and the "Crusade Fund". The former keeps our state work going and the latter pays for the movies we produce nationally, the advertising and new materials published.

The state has bought "The Vicious Circle", a black and white movie which will be used at our district conventions this spring.

"Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we will reap if we faint not."

With very best wishes, very sincerely

Mrs. H. E. Mielce.

## REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Regional workshops of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held all over the United States this spring.

North Dakota belongs to the North Central area which will convene at Minneapolis April 3-4 at the First Baptist Church, Tenth and Harmon Place from 10-12 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. both days.

National officers in attendance will be Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, national president and Miss Violet T. Black, national treasurer, both from Evanston, Illinois.

States participating will be: Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

For information regarding hotels write Miss Elizabeth Bartlett, 5409 Dupont Ave., S., Minneapolis 19.

We hope many can go from North Dakota.

## Barbara H. Wylie Passes Away

Just as our White Ribbon Bulletin goes to press, we have had word of the death of Mrs. Barbara H. Wylie, who passed away on Thursday, February 8th at Minneapolis. Barbara H. Wylie served faithfully for 35 years as Corresponding Secretary of the state WCTU, during which time she was managing editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin for fifteen years. She was deeply loved by the women of our state, and many remember her kindness, her unselfish devotion to our work and her love for her friends. The White Ribbon Bulletin for March-April will be dedicated to her memory.

## Notes From The Unions

The Prosper Union has had a good year, for which they are thankful. Last year they worked four departments, but this year they have voted to work five. They had their annual Christmas party at the Maple Sheyenne church parlors, with Mrs. A. W. Johnson as hostess. Instead of taking gifts for each other this year, they contacted the North Dakota Children's Home, getting the children's names and ages; then they brought to the party a gift for each child, with his or her own name on it. They made four scrap books for the children, as well as three for the Veterans' Hospital in Fargo. Good work!

With Mrs. C. F. Ramage and Mrs. O. J. Bilstad in charge, the Langdon union has sponsored a poster contest on the subject of "Total Abstinence from Alcoholic Beverages" in the Fifth and Sixth, and Seventh and Eighth Grades of the two schools in that city. The posters were judged January 18, by a committee which consisted of States Attorney Robert Q. Price, County Superintendent of Schools Gladys Shanks, and Mrs. Emil Vallager, wife of a member of the public school faculty. It was planned to display all the posters at the high school as part of the observance of Temperance Day, Jan. 19, and later in some public place on the street. This union is receiving very good publicity in the local paper; they must have a good publicity lady! It is not too late for any of our unions to sponsor poster contests in their local schools; it is a fine thing to do.

The Frances Willard union of Grand Forks held the December meeting at the Home for the Aged. It was in the form of a Christmas party, with children from various churches taking part in a very good program. There was a fine attendance and the residents of the home enjoyed it very much. The hostesses were Mrs. G. Steen, Mrs. A. Korvestad, Miss Olga Bonlie and Mrs. Lena Buchanan. We thank Mrs. Lunseth for the news of this fine meeting.

Mrs. N. J. Walper reports some of the recent activities of the Grand Forks union. In October they held a joint meeting with the Frances Willard unions at the YWCA, and Mrs. Bessie M. Darling gave a report of the state convention at Williston. In November they held their Roll Call meeting at the home of Mrs. Darling; there was a good attendance, and they were privileged to have the state president, Mrs. Mielke, and Miss Clara Lobben, state director of STI, with them. The talks they gave were inspirational and encouraging. In December they met with Miss Marvaret Hyslop for a Christmas party, at which the 89th birthday of Mrs. Isabella Morey was celebrated. Mrs. Morey, very frail, but mentally keen and happy then, passed away a few days later.

The Fargo union met at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mielke for the December meeting. A good program was given, arranged by Mrs. T. F. Jonas and Mrs. Haibeck, and included a short dialogue. Money was pledged for sending fruit juices to the soldiers in Korea, and a cash Christmas gift was sent to their members. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Franklin, former Fargo resident, who live in Indiana now. Both Rev. Franklin and their son are in ill health. Mrs. Mielke served a fruit drink with the lunch.

The McKenzie WCTU held its annual banquet at the parsonage Dec. 29, with seven members and their families, and two visitors present. A pleasant evening was spent playing games and visiting. We are glad to have this report from Mrs. R. W. Lang, president.

The Watford City union, in the following brief report, has 'hung up a mark for us to shoot at.' Organized late in 1949, they have done well, indeed. We are indebted to Mrs. Mabel Neubauer, their corresponding secretary, for these items. In September they put The Young Crusader in every rural and grade school in their county for the nine months' school term. In October they invited the Williston union to meet with them for a potluck picnic in a beautiful grove at the home of a member. In November they showed the film, "The Vicious Circle," in the afternoon to the school in the next town, and then in Watford City to high school and grade pupils. They showed it again that evening to students and adults, with a program, in their high school auditorium. In December they sold a number of pretty Chinese baskets, which helped their treasury. They visited an "Old Folks Home" in a nearby town, held services and sang Christmas carols, served lunch for residents and visitors and left an ample supply of food for the home, donated by the members. They paid their budget by January 1st, 1951, and they meet regularly the second Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Temperance Day, Friday, Jan. 19, was observed at the Arthur (Cass county) high school by the Student Council. There

are 78 pupils. They presented news clippings on temperance, and two book reviews. Kent Hoag, a senior, reviewed "Alcohol Problems" and "The Scar." Keith Farnham, a freshman, reviewed "Youth Talks to Alcohol." The seventh and eighth grades and their teacher, Mr. Frost, also attended the program. Supt. Zenner, Mr. Musselman, Miss Landbloom and Mr. Kenecky, high school teachers, also were present. The books reviewed had been donated previously to the library by Mrs. J. A. Burgum and Mrs. Rollo Winings of Arthur.

The Park River WCTU met at the home of Mrs. M. C. Adams, December 14. Mrs. John B. Rockne led in the singing of Christmas carols; Mrs. John Shaw led devotions and offered prayer. In spite of the stormy day, several guests were present to enjoy the delicious Christmas lunch that Mrs. Adams had prepared.

The Williston union held the November meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Framstad, with 21 members, and 7 visitors present, one of whom became a new member. Mrs. Don B. Fish served as pianist, Rev. Framstad led devotions, and Mrs. George Canfield, president, conducted the business meeting. Nine department directors reported, as did the secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Waldo Leonhardy, was the program leader; "Without Spot or Blemish," a demonstration of gifts and giving was presented, with "Give of Your Best to the Master" as the theme hymn. Mrs. Elmer Lien was the soloist, with Mrs. Fish at the piano. Those who took part in the demonstration were Mmes. Minnie Brown, Ada Clark, John Birkeland, John Stuart, R. T. Wicks and Ada Amsbaugh. Mrs. Canfield read "That Hand Upon the Wall," an address delivered by Rev. Merle L. Edwards at the National Convention at Denver. The book, "Where Prayer and Purpose Meet," was presented to the James Memorial Library, in memory of Miss M. Inez Lee; Miss Bertha Rachel Palmer's "Syllabus in Alcohol Education" was also presented to the library. This union was planning for a bronze medal speech contest with children from grades 4, 5 and 6 to be held in December. They also planned for a speech recital to be given at the same service with first, second and third grade children and pre-school youngsters appearing, directed by Mrs. Framstad. A detailed account of this fine meeting appeared in the Williston Daily Herald, and the Farmers' Press. We are indebted to Mrs. Amsbaugh for this report.

Under the direction of Mrs. Charles Atherton, the Christmas theme was carried out in the program at the regular meeting of the Valley City WCTU held at the home of Mrs. Oscar Larvick on Friday afternoon, Dec. 8th. As the roll was called, each one present responded with a poem, song, prayer, or by telling of some outstanding experience in the manner of spending Christmas as a child. Among these was a song, "Oh Christmas Tree," sung in German by Mrs. C. F. Luessen, a duet by Mrs. D. W. Clark, the oldest member, and her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, and a vocal trio composed of Mmes. Atherton, Kern and Worley. During the singing of Christmas carols, Mrs. Kern accompanied the group on the autoharp. Each contribution carried a Christmas message of reverence and love. The hostess, with her gayly decorated home and lovely refreshments, lent the proper atmosphere to the occasion.—From Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, Secretary of Valley City Union.

When the Park River Public Library celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding with a silver tea and open house in November, the fact that the WCTU there had been the sponsors of the project received due recognition. At the November meeting of the union, held in the Federated Church parlors, the faculty of the grade school were guests of honor, a program was given and refreshments were served. The hostesses were Mrs. M. C. Adams and Mrs. Hugh Loughead. At the business meeting before the reception, in charge of Mrs. Carl Larson, the president, it was voted to donate \$5.00 to the city library, as this had been a long-standing interest. The records of the union, quoted in the local paper, showed that the union appointed a committee to confer with the city council in November, 1899, and see if a room would be allowed them, rent free, in the City Hall, for a library and reading room. Succeeding records showed that this was done; the WCTU sponsored concerts and community socials to finance the purchase of books. Lorne Hughes was the first librarian; his salary, paid by the local union, was \$6.00 a month, and the library was kept open seven days a week from 2 until 6 p.m., with four hours extra on Saturdays. A total of 826 books composed the library at that time, in 1909 magazines were added. Now it has 3,000 books and 20 magazine subscriptions, under the capable management of Miss Vera Warner, the present librarian. The WCTU records, most faithfully kept for the most of these 50 years by Mrs. Annie F. Catherwood, contain the details of this accomplishments of the pioneers.

## Traveling With Mrs. Truax

Dear sisters:

It is a privilege to share with you some of my experiences on the tour of Ireland, Scotland and England; then on to Hastings, England, for the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting there June 3-10.

Left home May 5th, arriving in Minneapolis Friday evening. Visited with friends, attended Westminster church Sunday, and left Monday for New York, arriving there Tuesday forenoon. Stayed at Prince George hotel where reservations were made for the delegates; they began arriving Wednesday. Some of us took a bus out to see the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest building I have ever seen. A guide took us through, explaining all the interesting places, its immense sanctuary and ten smaller chapels for worship. It surely is a work of art. Just before we arrived they held a memorial service in memory of Florence Nightingale who died in nurses' service. Eight hundred nurses attended the service. Went back to our hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon we were invited to the home in Brooklyn of our former World's President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, the occasion being a bon voyage tea given for the delegates who were to sail next morning on the S.S. Washington for the World's Convention; there were 88 in our party. She was assisted by her daughter, and two days before she gave a similar tea for 32 who sailed on the Queen Mary. Our National President, Mrs. Colvin, was in this group; they were going on the Continent before the convention. It was most fitting that the departing voyagers should greet Mrs. Boole, for so many years the greatly beloved president of National and World's WCTU organizations.

In the evening we visited with other delegates at the hotel. A friend, Mrs. Youtz, called and took me out, first to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, then to Radio City, all lit up. The lights were beautiful.

Thursday morning, we went on board the S.S. Washington, 1100 passengers. There was a great throng of visitors waiting to see the ship sail out. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed being on deck. Photographers from Pathe News and Press were busy trying to get pictures of our group. It was after noon, when we sailed out past the Statue of Liberty. It was quite late before we went down for lunch as we were so interested in seeing the ship going out to sea.

We found our cabins after lunch and tried to get unpacked. Found so many letters, telegrams and flowers in the cabin from my family, friends and Order of Eastern Star. Then I met my room mates whom I had never seen before. Mrs. Olivia Davis, World and National Director of Christian Citizenship; Mrs. Allan, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Nelson, of Seattle. We were soon acquainted and enjoyed each other.

In the afternoon we were told to put on safety jackets and go on deck to participate in lifeboat drill. The sight of those orange colored life preservers will linger long in our memories.

Friday and Saturday we spent visiting other delegates who were from different states, north, south, east and west. Many of us did not keep our deck chairs as it was cold and windy, but we walked around the deck and enjoyed the sea breezes.

We attended the movies every day after lunch, except on Sunday. There were different deck games and sports. Afternoon tea and cakes were served every afternoon in the lounge and an orchestra played during tea time. In the evening there was music and dancing.

We were each given a table number and were assigned to the first table setting: 8:00 a.m., 12:00, noon, and 6:00 p.m. I never missed being in my place. We had to set our clocks forward an hour every night. We were interested in looking at the chart on the wall showing us where we were and how far we traveled each day.

Saturday and Sunday were a little rough, lots of white caps as far as you could see. Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock some of our delegates had charge of the Sunday school lesson. Rev. Haverkamp, of Virginia, gave a talk on Hosea which was very interesting. He and his wife were in our group. The Catholics held their services after ours, then at 11:00 o'clock we had our church service. A young Baptist student presided at the service, the message was given by a young man going to Germany as a missionary for the Church of God, and the Scripture was read by a young woman missionary on her way to China. The rest of the day was spent writing and reading. A little paper published every day kept us informed about the news.

Sunday evening our women had charge of a Vesper service in the lounge. Mrs. Esther Wang Park, of Korea, told of conditions in her country. She had spent a year in California and was returning to her native country to try and help her people with what knowledge she had gained in this country.

She told about how destitute a great many of her people were. She was so sad, and no doubt, could see what was going to happen over in her country. She had a husband and four sons in Korea. She is a lovely Christian woman.

Just visited Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday morning, May 17th, we landed at Cobh, Ireland. It was a lovely morning. A tender came out to meet the boat as the big steamers do not go in. We were on deck early, saw the sun come up, had breakfast and started in line to get off. They tore a little corner off our going off card, stamped our passports and we stood in line until 11 o'clock when we got onto the tender. Passengers for Ireland were taken into Cobh. There we had to have baggage examined, declare our money, how much we had, then we were put on buses and driven to Cork, four buses taking the delegates. It was late in the afternoon before we had anything to eat after our breakfast. Lunch was ready for us when we did arrive. After lunch we were taken for a drive around Cork and to Blarney Castle. Most of us climbed to the top of the Castle and were given an opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone. Had a lovely view of the "Emerald Isle" from the top; the lovely shades of green and flowers everywhere. Rhododendrons were in full bloom.

After seeing Cork we left by motor coach and drove over the picturesque route by Glengarriff to Killarney. Spent two nights at the International hotel.

May 19th was a lovely morning and the country was beautiful. We rode in jaunting cars to see the lakes of Killarney; spent the forenoon going there and back. The car was drawn by a horse and we had a driver who kept us laughing, telling us Irish stories. We caused lots of amusement sitting in those jaunting cars. The drive was so beautiful we enjoyed driving slowly; flowers everywhere. Had some time here for shopping, bought a tablecloth and napkins with money given me by my local WCTU. Saw Ross Castle and Muckross Castle.

May 20th we took the train for Dublin; a queer little train. Traveled six hours through Ireland, arriving in Dublin in the evening. We all enjoyed getting into the stores but here they were closed, it being Saturday night, so we did not shop any in Dublin. Sunday, May 21st, we all went to the church of our choice. In the afternoon we were taken on a tour of Dublin, through Christ's church and St. Patrick's Cathedral, which dates back to the 11th and 12th centuries. They have a most interesting history. The lecturer in St. Patrick's Cathedral said: "If there were not so many 'public houses' there would be less poverty. Drink was the curse of the country." Leaving here we were taken to see the beautiful parks and flowers.

May 22nd we left Dublin in four motor coaches for Belfast, arriving in the early afternoon. We were met by Mrs. Graeme Cook, President of Ulster's WCTU. We were taken to the City Hall where we were greeted by the Lady Mayoress. From there we went to Storemont, the House of Parliament, and were greeted there by Mrs. Irene Calvert, member of Parliament, who took us through this lovely building up on a high hill, where we got an inspiring view of the country around. We had the pleasure of sitting in the seats in the Senate, also House of Commons, while we listened to her give the history of Stormont, which is very new, opened in 1932. Then we went into the Senate dining room where we were served a delightful tea. From there we were taken for a pleasant drive around the city, saw where many of the big boats are built. We came back to Belfast Castle, where we were entertained at a banquet given by Ulster WCTU. The Castle was given to the city by the Earl of Shaftsbury. Being located high above the city the view was a perfect panorama of sea, mountains and city. Several of the Ulster members gave words of greeting and welcome. Responses were given by a number of the U.S. delegates.

At 9:30 p.m. we were taken to our boat to sail for Glasgow. Went on deck to watch the boat sail out and saw where they were building two large new boats. Met a missionary and his wife of South Africa going to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of Scotland. Also met a Miss Dunlop from India, and enjoyed a visit with them. After a good night's rest I awoke to find we were in quite a fog. Had breakfast on the boat and landed at Greenock instead of Glasgow because of being late we were put on a small train and seated at tables where we had our lunch, a six hour ride before arriving in Glasgow. Four motor coaches met us there and we started for Edinburgh. We drove through the Frossachs and stopped to look at beautiful Lake Kathrine. The hills were covered with heather but no blossoms as it was too early in the year for blooms. We had afternoon tea at a place called Calandar, arriving in Edinburgh in time for our evening meal. At St. Giles Cathedral, the General Assembly was in session (the Scotch Presbyterian church). Another lady and I hurriedly ate our evening meal and went to St. Giles to attend the General Assembly. It was quite a thrill to have the privilege of

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## IN MEMORIAM

Death is only an open door  
In an old garden wall.  
On gentle hinges it swings—  
At dusk, when thrushes call.  
Above its lintel, there are green leaves—  
Beyond, the light lies still.  
And willingly the weary feet  
Go over its well worn sill.  
There is nothing to trouble any heart—  
Nothing to fear, at all.  
Death is only a quiet door  
In an old garden wall.

—Nancy Byrd Turner

Mrs. Isabella A. Morey, whose 89th birthday was celebrated by the Grand Forks union December 8, passed away Dec. 19, 1950. Mrs. Morey was born Isabella Kenmir, in England, and came to Grand Forks county, N. D., in 1878. She was married to Frank E. Morey in 1901. She is survived by her adopted son, Willard, a brother and a sister. Mrs. Morey was a faithful and enthusiastic temperance worker all her life; last year she wrote that she joined the Band of Hope in England as a child, and still had her pledge card.

When the state convention was held in Grand Forks in 1919, the record shows that little Willard Morey was dedicated as a White Ribbon Recruit; when we met there in 1947, Mrs. Morey was our efficient timekeeper. A member of the Fifty Year Club, but unable to attend the celebration at the Jamestown convention, she wrote an appreciative letter when she received the badge sent to her. Grown very frail in recent months, her last illness was short. Funeral services were held December 23 in the Methodist church with Rev. Fouke in charge; it was an uplifting service. Her son and his wife came from California, and before going back, gave the Grand Forks unions the money to make his mother a Memorial member. She will not soon be forgotten; surely the 'crown of life' is hers for she was 'faithful unto death.'

## Treasurer's Report

November 15, -1950 to January 15, 1951

DUES: Stady-Zahl 11; Underwood 12; Grafton 12; Larimore 51; Ellendale 15; Bowsmont 8; Grand Forks 28; Edinburg 11; Hunter 18; Bismarck 45; Drayton 20; Northwood 39; Watford City 11; Mott 27; Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown 19; Powers Lake 32; Gilby 19; Hannah 8; Williston 46; West Fairview 14; Cavalier 23; Bottineau 26; Page 18; Minot 6; Parshall 16; Flasher 11; Calvin 30; Julia D. Nelson Union, Fargo, 44; Lisbon 30; Dickinson 1; Langdon 20; Sheldon 6; Hettinger 16; Oakes 31; Prosper 19; Napoleon 6.

BUDGET: Stady-Zahl \$11.00; Underwood \$.60; Edgeley \$25.00; Larimore \$57.00; Bowsmont \$2.40; Grand Forks \$33.00; Edinburg \$11.00; Northwood \$27.00; Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown \$37.00; Gilby \$20.00; Hannah \$8.00; Williston \$46.00; West Fairview \$14.00; Cavalier \$23.00; Watford City \$42.00; Page \$19.00; Parshall \$21.00; Flasher \$10.00; Calvin \$30.00; Dickinson \$1.00; Langdon \$17.00; Sheldon \$3.80; Bismarck \$25.00; Northwood \$7.50; Hunter \$5.75; Mott \$22.50; Hettinger \$16.00; Prosper \$19.00.

LTL. Larimore 17.

NEW CRUSADE FUND: Beach \$8.00; Stady-Zahl \$5.50; Larimore \$23.50; Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown \$5.00; Page \$8.50; Calvin \$15.00; Lisbon \$15.00; Hunter \$9.00; Flasher \$5.50; Napoleon \$8.00.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Stady-Zahl \$2.00; Langdon \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Langdon \$2.00; Mott \$2.00; Hettinger \$2.00; Napoleon \$3.00.

WILLARD MEMBERS: Mrs. George Brown, Ardoch, N. D.; Mrs. Carl Swanson, Eleanora Ripley, Mrs. Leathart, all of Fairmount, N. D.

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Kari Bendixson, given by Stady-Zahl Union.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Mr. Iver Fossum, Mrs. Jens Aker.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Stady-Zahl; Fargo; Larimore.  
Fruit Juice for Korea Project: Parshall \$10.00; Lydia Wanner Union, Jamestown, \$6.25; Williston, \$22.00; Julia D. Nelson Union, Fargo, \$26.00; Fargo, \$25.00; Hazelton Methodist W.S.C.S., \$5.00; Cavalier, \$50.00.

STATE REPORTS: \$5.00

### HONOR ROLL

Unions who paid budget in full by January first:  
Calvin; Cavalier; Crosby; Dickinson; Edinburg; Edgeley; Fargo; Flasher; Gilby; Grand Forks; Hannah; Julia D. Nelson, Fargo; Larimore; Langdon; Minot; Monango; Northwood; Page; Prosper; Parshall; Reeder; Stady-Zahl; Watford City; West Fairview; Williston.

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer.

## Personal Mention

It seems that the winter months have brought illness to many of our WCTU homes; flu or some similar ailment has interfered with the work and happiness of many. Among those so afflicted were Mrs. T. H. Ferber, state director of Institutes; Mr. F. T. Brooks, husband of our Corresponding secretary; Ralph Darling, husband of our director of Child Welfare; Frank Beasley, husband of the recording secretary; and our state president, Mrs. H. F. Mielke. We regret to report that Mrs. M. C. Adams, treasurer of the Park River union, at last report was confined to the hospital at Grafton with a severe head injury, caused by fainting and falling in her basement. And our dear Mrs. Annie Catherwood, Fifty Year Club member, suffered a light stroke about the middle of December and has since been hospitalized at Grafton. We are glad to report that she is much better.

Mrs. J. P. Reiton, another Fifty Year Club member, was honored with a farewell party by the Grand Forks union, of which she has been a member for a long time, and was presented with a gift. Mrs. Reiton has gone to live at the Eastern Star Home at Fessenden. We hope she will make new friends and be very happy there.

Mrs. Faith S. Combellick, our new state director of Temperance Education in Church Schools, planned to leave in January with her husband to spend several weeks in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kemis, our state treasurer, and her husband, also planned to see what Florida looks like, this month. We hope they will all have a good vacation.

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, our director of Temperance and Missions, writes that she is enjoying this winter at home, as they have little snow, and the REA has come in to give good light for reading. Her second son has been in the army since September, and the older one was called to go Jan. 30, interrupting his school work.

Our Barbara H. Wylie, though very frail now, is enjoying the honor of being a great-grandmother. A son was born to her granddaughter namesake and her husband, Dec. 7, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young, our temperance friends who lived at Drayton for many years, have moved to Glendale, Calif., where Mr. Young is employed on a newspaper. He was editor and publisher of the Red River Valley Leader for many years, till he sold the paper a few years ago. We wish them comfort and happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, our Honorary President, who lives at Penney Farms, Fla., sent her usual beautiful and inspiring Christmas greeting. We are happy to see that it is printed in full in the Union Signal of January 13, at Mrs. Colvin's request. There is no one like our Mrs. Anderson! May her Christmas wishes be granted. Read it in the devotional column.

Mrs. Annie Porter of Calvin, who suffers from arthritis and cannot get out much, was honored by her friends on her 77th birthday recently, with a pleasant gathering at her home. We wish to add our congratulations and good wishes.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Richter of Hunter, have moved to Ferguson Falls, Minn., where the doctor has joined the staff of the State Hospital. Mrs. Richter was treasurer of the union last year, and will be missed very much. Another of our most dependable workers, Mrs. Carl Aaker of Larimore, has moved with her husband to California, so the paper said. She was the leader of the fine LTL at Larimore, and assistant state LTL secretary. We wish them well in their new home, although we regret their departure.

Mrs. Archie Sillers of Calvin made a trip to Rhode Island in November to visit her son, Collin, who is an officer in the navy flying service and is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I. On the journey she visited many points of historic interest in Connecticut and New York, but her most interesting experience was a day at the United Nations Assembly at Lake Success, N. Y.

Mrs. H. E. Mielke attended the hearing at the state capitol at Bismarck of House Bill 617 before the Legislature Research committee and the Appropriations committee. Mrs. Mielke spoke on the bill as did also Rev. G. O. Parish and Rev. R. O. Steinke of Jamestown. While at Bismarck Mrs. H. E. Mielke called on Mrs. O. E. Erickson, president of the Bismarck WCTU and Mrs. Chas. Liessman, State Historian. She also placed the annual reports issued before 1900 in the WCTU steel file at the state Historical Building. Does anyone have the annual report for 1939? We need it for our files at Bismarck.

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

## Greetings From Florida

Christmas greetings to you from the Pines, Penney Farms, Florida, the pleasant home of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman. My apartment looks eastward toward a row of bamboo trees, so thick that they form a great wall of living green. On the north is a group of stately pine trees. This view brings a feeling of peaceful solitude, far removed from this warring, suffering world. However, I am only a block from the post-office and the beautiful Quadrangle. There are still left here some prized new acquaintances. Soon after I came, the Hoffmans had my old time friends in for a heart warming reception, and last spring they gave me a lovely birthday party.

It has been a quiet year, the first in many that I have spent continuously in one place. I suppose this is a delusion, for if I remain on this planet until next spring, I shall have completed my ninetieth trip around the sun, traveling most comfortably about two million miles a day. What a marvelous universe we have! It makes us wonder what heaven will be like. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered the heart of man, the things God hath prepared for those who love Him."

It is nearly 20 centuries since the first Christmas carol, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth," was sung by the angel chorus to the shepherds of the Bethlehem hills. There is infinite pathos in the words recorded by St. John, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." After all these years there is still no peace on earth, for the world still does not know Him. If everyone of His followers would make the things of the kingdom FIRST, the world would know Him, and there would be peace on earth.

The event of the year here was the dedication of the handsome Quadrangle, with its 120 apartments for single people, offices for the Superintendent and doctor, social room and cafeteria. A charming reception was given on Friday evening, November 3rd. to the Christian Herald staff and all the newcomers. Sunday morning the sermon was preached by Dr. J. C. Penney, founder of the Memorial Home Community. The dedicatory services were held that afternoon with Governor Warren and Dr. Daniel Poling as principal speakers.

Howard and Margaret are still in Alaska. They were packed and had their boat reservations and an attractive position waiting in the States, but the new doctor failed to appear. Howard could not leave Skagway, among the mountains, with no doctor within reach. We are looking forward to their return next spring, and plan to be together again.

I am thankful that I enjoy good health for one of my age, and that I can still go about alone in familiar places. I was blest with fairly good sight and hearing for nearly fourscore years. Now as the house of clay in which I live is growing dark and silent I hope I can hear more clearly the still small voice, and feel more surely the touch of His hand on mine.

I wish for you all that brings joy to life—health, happiness, friends and the companionship of the unfailing Friend, whose birth we celebrate.

—Elizabeth Preston Anderson

## CHRISTIAN LIVING

Blend one cup of Love  
With one half cup of Kindness  
Alternately add in small portions:  
One cup of Appreciation  
With three cups of Pleasant Companionship  
Into which has been sifted  
Two teaspoons of deserving Praise  
Lightly fold in one cup of Cheerfulness  
To which has been added a pinch of Sorrow;  
Pour with tender care into clean  
Hearts and let bake until well matured.  
Turn out on the surface of Society,  
Humbly invoke God's blessing  
And it will serve all Mankind.

Sara Halladay,

Nat'l. Spiritual Life Dept. Dir.

## DEPARTMENT LETTERS . . .

### CHILD WELFARE

Dear Co-workers:

Greetings! A brand new year before us with new opportunities, new plans and new goals. Our organization is 62 years old this year (1951) and in all that time our interest in children and their welfare has never dimmed or lessened in the slightest degree, therefore we must put forth special effort this year to make it the most important of all our departments.

Last year we more than doubled the number of White Ribbon Recruits of the preceding year. I have no past figures by which to compare my records but we can with a little extra effort break all records this year. Are you willing to cooperate?

Let us make our goal this year—at least five new White Ribbon Recruits in every union and a White Ribbon Recruit Dedication Service as part of every district convention program. Report all children's names, date of birth and parent's name and addresses to your state director so that they can be placed in her record book. They are all remembered on their birthdays with greeting cards.

Beverage alcohol is public enemy No. 1 and our pioneer leaders brought their organization into being because they saw the need of protection for their loved ones from this insidious foe. The need is just as great today so let us stress the importance of narcotic education in the home by the use of literature, films, discussions etc. Let us visit the homes of non-church parents and encourage them to enroll the children in nearby Sunday schools and to become active church members themselves. Let us seek to enroll children from infancy to six years of age in our White Ribbon Recruit band. Names can be secured from newspaper birth lists, church cradle rolls, nursery schools and kindergarten. Make calls at homes where there are small children and let every member of the union be responsible for at least one little recruit.

Use the WCTU Ritual for Dedication of White Ribbon Recruits. Have a good program but not too long so that children will get restless. Invite every mother to become a member but above all show your interest in her and her child or children. Keep in touch with these young mothers and give them a helping hand if they need it. Show by your interest that you are a real friend. If possible have a local director for this department and send her name to the state director.

Encourage your union to make layettes for needy children; to work for better and more protective laws for women and children; to cooperate with other child welfare agencies; to observe Health day in May and to have at least one program during the year dedicated to Child Welfare.

Last but by no means least let us not forget the Child Honorary Memberships. Such a membership costs five dollars and a beautiful certificate is sent to the child and a picture of the child and the donor is placed in the scrapbook if the donor provides the pictures. Last year I received only picture of one child and its donor. There were many Child Honorary members — Will you please help to keep this book up-to-date. Thank you and let me have a shower of new White Ribbon Recruits this year.

Yours in loving service  
Bessie M. Darling, Director.

### CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear Friends:

It seems that I have said everything that I can, on the subject of Christian Citizenship, and I have no new ideas. I wonder if we appreciate the privilege we have of citizenship in this country of ours; do we exercise our right to vote? Township, village and school elections will come along in the spring; will our women make any effort to see that the ones nominated are suitable for the responsibility given them? Every citizen should be a Christian; every Christian should feel the responsibilities of citizenship. Will you look over the report of this department in the state report, and see if we cannot do better than we did last year, on some points? Please study the plan of work for this year!

I have been addressing Christmas cards; I thank God for the wonderful friends I have made in this work, that we do with Him and for Him.

Sincerely, (Miss) Grace R. Higgins, Director.

### FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF

Dear WCTU Members:

I would like to quote a motto that is particularly applicable to the department of Flower Mission and Relief, "Enter Every Open Door With Temperance Truth." Bouquets for churches are fine. Place a basket of white flowers in as many

churches as are represented in your union on the Sunday nearest Frances Willard's birthday, September 28th, and her Heavenly Birthday, February 17th. Ask the pastor to insert a note of explanation in the church bulletin.

Ask shut-ins and elderly people to pray definitely with you for the projects of this department, and for the goals of our organization, as well as for local needs. Let us send clean but discarded rayon and nylon hose, slips and undies, to be knitted into socks, moccasins and suits for small boys, to our girl in Japan. The address is:

Miss Hisa Iida,  
Care of Mrs. C. T. Gauntlett,  
360 Hyakunin - machi  
3 Chrome, Shinjuku-ku,  
Tokyo, Japan.

Send no less than 10 nor more than 20 pounds per package. Mark "U.S.A. Gift Parcel." List hose and undies as "rags." Evaluate total at rummage sale prices.

Sincerely, (Miss) Grace R. Higgins, Director.

### INSTITUTES

The national director of Institutes, Mrs. Lila D. Warren, has said that "An Institute is a school of methods and an important training field for members of WCTU." The purposes of an institute are as follows: to aid in the promotion of the principles of the organization; to inform the membership by explaining, over and over, the work of the various departments; and to develop an informed leadership, which is sorely needed in our troubled world of today.

The "musts" concerning this type of meeting, are, that there must be two sessions, altho three are better. At least three departments must be explained. Local conditions make the plans quite elastic. There may be a question box, a skit or playlet bearing on the work. A few musical numbers are always welcome. This year, a short review of "Where Prayer and Purpose Meet" is suggested. How many unions have purchased this invaluable history of the organization?

Institutes may be local, neighborhood, county, district or state. Plans and suggestions for this year's meeting have been sent to each union, and what plans they are! Excellent!! If there is no local Institute director, a committee may be appointed to make the plans. Public officials may be asked to participate in the program. Ministers, teachers and lawyers are suggested.

A luncheon at noon or a tea at the close of the afternoon session gives time for discussion and good fellowship, and often is a means of gaining new members. It is the firm conviction of this director that institutes are just about necessary for the intelligent promotion of our work. Through this medium we can educate, inform, give publicity, and in general spread the gospel of WCTU work.

Local presidents, won't you please begin now to plan to have an institute this year? Read the new "Plan of Work" carefully and prayerfully. The organization's theme this year is "Enter Every Open Door with Temperance Truth." Your institutes will be a means to help open doors. Let's have an Institute!

Mrs. T. H. Ferber, Director.

### NATURAL FRUIT PRODUCTS

You will notice that during the past year, the WCTU had a department known as Non-alcoholic Fruit Products, the name of which now has been changed to Natural Fruit Beverages. Do you like that better? This department, during the past year, has furnished information, printed materials, personal assistance to thousands interested in the making and serving of superior beverages. We, over the nation, have begun what may become a Service Bureau in every state.

You no doubt have read about the Ohio project — sending a truck load of fruit juices to G.I.'s in Korea. This is a state project, and it is best for each state to make her own arrangements. This project is to furnish America's fighting service men with a beverage (the social glass) free from alcohol. You say "Doesn't the government furnish fruit juice?" Yes, they do furnish some orange and lots of grape fruit juice, but that is at breakfast in camp mostly. If the war in Korea ends, we can send juice to other fronts. Read the CHRISTIAN HERALD of December 1950., and read the article deploring "free beer", which concludes "...consider whether any group or individual has offered to send free daily cokes or something else to the boys. If we don't want to see beer get a foothold — free beer at that — what alternative are we prepared to offer, and for free?"

Colonel Gosorn said that the offer of the fruit juices should be made to Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army, Washington, D. C., with a statement of how many cases of fruit juices there are, and what the weight is. They would like it if you would pay the cost of transportation to the port of embarkation. If the women are willing to do that, then the letter

should offer to transport them to the port of embarkation. If they are not willing to do it, then the letter should state that they are desirous that the government pick it up at such a place, where you will have it gathered for them.

The president of Pennsylvania WCTU got in touch with the sales manager of the Pittsburgh Heinz plant, and told him what Ohio is doing, and what her plans were. She called the post office to ask for information, and was referred to the Postmaster, who suggested that she place her order with the Pittsburgh Heinz plant, who would ship the goods to the plant on the west coast, which would naturally serve as the clearing house to the soldiers. She called the sales manager to report on this, and found him busy going over the files for Ohio. He had become quite enthusiastic about the project, and said with such a big thing in the offing, naturally they wanted to have a part in it.

We are stressing the fact that the fruit juice is to supplement the poor water supply; it is for those who may prefer juice to beer. Lots of men do not care for grapefruit, so we are sending more grape juice, orange juice, pineapple juice and tomato juice. Tomato juice is a great favorite with many young people today, because they have been brought up on it, just as they have on orange juice and milk. Also, they can hardly arrange to make tomato alcoholic, as some might the fruit juice, thinking it a cute trick. But I recommend an assortment in each shipment, since tastes differ, and folks do appreciate the opportunity to choose. There is a psychological factor involved, I do believe. Apple juice is good, but the canned supply seems short this year. Women of the WCTU, here is your opportunity. May God's great energy for good be manifested through you. Mrs. H. G. Poulson, Director.

#### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

Dear S. T. I Co-worker:

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and I hope it will be a Blessed and Prosperous Year for us all and may I also wish for a Peaceful Year.

I was glad of the opportunity of meeting many of you at the State Convention, at Grand Forks and at Grafton and presenting some of the work of the S.T.I. department.

If you read the Plan of Work for 1950-1951 you will see that we again want to concentrate on getting the teachers interested in this work as it must be a day by day job.

We must all seek for information and we can only get that by studying our material. Before we present it to the teachers we must be so well prepared that we can almost give "pages". Be ready to show them that it can be correlated with every subject that they teach, that it is not a new subject but an enriched program.

After we are prepared ourselves be sure to find the opportunity time and make the right approach, as it is not easy to sell total abstinence to those who believe in moderation.

We would urge you to put into the hands of every teacher "Narcotic Education (Elementary Lesson Plans)" by Bozeman and Others and it would be well for each of us to get familiar with the material that it contains. This is especially for the first six grades. "A Syllabus in Alcohol Education", by Bertha Palmer is good for the upper grades and for general information The Annotated Reference List will help you in selecting other material.

Another leaflet that I think is very good is Liquor vs The Family Budget. It shows what the money spent for Alcoholic Beverages in 1948 would have supplied each of 5,000,000 families with. This may not be the right approach but sometimes, "Seeing is Believing."

Would you please send me a penny postal telling what you have done and how many of the books you have placed. I know that some of you have been doing some good work but I do not get it for my National Report.

May we all "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2-15.

Sincerely (Miss) Clara H. Lobben, Director.

#### SOCIAL MORALITY

Dear Co-Worker in the Cause of Temperance:

Please give the material sent your union your careful and prayerful consideration. There never was a greater opportunity for Christian people everywhere to put forth every effort to guard and lovingly counsel your youth in the better way of life. It is up to us as parents and friends of youth to inspire them to accept the righteous way of living not only on the Sabbath but every day in every department of their lives.

Inspire each member of your union to pray each day for at least one opportunity to contact a child or young person and ask for guidance to give them a special message which will prove a blessing to them because of your kindly word and interest.

Our Master said "Suffer little children to come unto me"; and He also said "Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven". Receptivity to good is an essential for our youth of today to become righteous citizens of tomorrow.

The problems we face today are grave and our most productive field is with the child thought, that this world may become a better and more "peaceful habitation".

Yours sincerely, Luella P. Diesem, (Mrs. H.R.S.) Director.

#### SPEECH CONTEST

This is an interesting and important department because through it we are working with youth and helping mold their lives. Here we have a chance to help teach our boys and girls the evils of alcohol. They learn through memorizing and giving selections. Those speeches may come back to their minds when later in life they are tempted to drink. The one who coaches the speaker also has a wonderful opportunity to tell the boy or girl of the effects of alcohol on human lives. Such a personal and private conversation is of much value. We can warn them against taking the first drink. "Train up the child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Let us advertise our W.C.T.U. to the public by being present at the speech contests. Your presence will help show your interest in our cause and your interest and concern for the youth of today.

Let me encourage every union in the state to have several speech contests during the year. We hope to have contestants from the eastern districts, have a gold medal contest at the convention in Fargo and then too it would be quite possible to find enough gold medal holders from over the state to have a pearl contest.

Since I do not have the names and addresses of the speech directors I have sent speech material to the local and district presidents.

Mrs. C. Framstad, Director.

#### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION IN CHURCH SCHOOLS

I feel very new in my work as director of Temperance Education in Church Schools for though I have been a member of the W.C.T.U. for many years, my work as a teacher and my household have kept me too busy to do much outside work.

There is a great need for temperance education for our youth of today. Our generation, who learned about the evils of alcoholism in public school, gave the nation prohibition but the next generation who knew very little about it listened to the liquor interests and repealed it during a period of national depression.

Our hope for the future lies in our youth for they are more amenable to new and to good ideas than any other strata of society. Let us teach temperance and teach it hard in our church schools.

The W.C.T.U. "Plan of Work" for Temperance Education in Church Schools has been sent to all district presidents and by them to the presidents of the various unions. Combine it with your own ideas as to what will best fit your community. The W.C.T.U. catalog for 1950-1951 lists much material which can be used in the work. It may be obtained by writing to the W.C.T.U., 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

May God bless you in your work and may you work hard, for the hour is late.

Mrs. Faith S. Combelleck, Director.

#### VISUAL EDUCATION

The opportunities afforded by the Visual Education Department are so great that I feel every union should make a special effort to work this department. It can reach so many who would not otherwise be reached — children who cannot read the stories by pictures in flannelgraph; passers by with window displays; casual readers of scrap-books in places where they wait; in lobbies of public places, and in schools. Older members, or those partly shut in, can make interesting scrap-books with pictures, jokes, puzzles, along with very interesting articles on temperance and lives of prominent persons. Testimonial stories from great coaches and athletes are good.

The flannelgraph is very adaptable to many uses—Bible stories of all kinds, and Temperance stories. The Mother Gray Bunny figures can make many stories. If you think you can't use flannelgraph, start in a small way; it will soon grow and grow. Children love the flannelgraph stories. One can hold their attention so, and they will never forget the lessons they learn.

Encourage Chemistry students in high schools to work up an exhibit on alcohol as their project. In many places, you can use temperance films. If you do not know where to rent them, your pastor or district president may be able to help you. Urge poster contests in schools, and get your union, a

church organization or individuals to sponsor them. This is important.

I have started a Round Robin letter through the districts of the state, and you may give ideas to others if you tell what you have been doing. Please send it promptly to the next district; a list is enclosed. Each union, no matter how small or large can work this department in many ways.

If you have a fair or large gathering where opportunity is offered a booth or window exhibit can be arranged. In small towns, put an exhibit in a store window. Gather material from any sources and try to use it in several towns. Have your home town paper call attention to it. Put posters on school bulletin boards, either bought or hand made.

Very sincerely, Mrs. R. G. Winings, Director.

#### TEMPERANCE AND MISSIONS

Dear Sisters:

It is time again to be choosing our department work, making our plans and 'doing' them before the busy summer days are upon us. We are told to enter every open door, and of all the doors open to us, those of Missionary societies make us most welcome. Every worker in foreign fields can tell of the problems of dope and drink they face daily, and of the satisfaction they find in the knowledge that the WCTU backs them in their every effort.

So let us make it our aim this year to present our material to the churches and missionary societies; use the leaflets I am mailing to each union president, and, though it means a cash outlay of \$7.75, make your union a Light Line Union. We had only 16 last year; let us double it this year. Send me the name of your director, so she will receive the World's White Ribbon Bulletin; twelve copies come every two months for me to mail out.

May we light a candle for your union at next fall's convention?

Yours in Christian love,

Mrs. Philip Stolberg, director.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Our Union Signal is our official publication and is very necessary in the work of our organization. There is the Washington Letter, giving us reliable information regarding bills coming up in Congress relative to our work. I love the day by day letters of our national president, Mrs. Colvin. The articles by prominent temperance workers, including addresses given at conventions, are splendid reading and very instructive. After taking and reading the Union Signal for awhile, one would not be without it, and the couple of dollars it costs us looks small.

The Young Crusader is a character building as well as interesting magazine for children, and makes a good present, costing but 50c per year. It should be in grade schools and libraries as well as the home. These youngsters will and should read. What they read affects their thinking, having much to do with what kind of citizens they become.

I hope your union has a reporter for our publications. We should have at least one subscriber to the Union Signal for every six members. Please observe Union Signal Day, which comes in March, by exhibiting our publications, calling attention to their merits, and getting subscriptions. Would love to get a good report at the end of the year, from each union.

Mrs. Thos. F. Jonas, Promoter.

### From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

Holdfast by March first!

In the Bible we are told to "cleave to that which is good."

Also "Holdfast to our profession." Let all WCTU members pay dues for this year by February 28th. Our treasurer must send dues to National promptly. If dues of all living resident members of last year are paid by March 1st, your union will not only be Holdfast but will also gain 10 points toward a Banner Union. Who is the honor union to date? Be sure to state when sending in names whether they are for old or new members.

The Annual Reports of Convention at Williston with president's address and officer's reports and district directory are in your hands. Will you please remit \$.50 per copy (it costs very much more). Read it, enjoy it and use it.

Each union is entitled to one-third of the New Crusade fund which you paid last year, toward the purchase of literature. Use your credit, please order through the state headquarters for this. Let's "paper the state" using temperance truths in schools, churches, institutes, conventions and fairs.

Hoping that your membership campaign is well under way and wishing you success in all undertakings. May God lead you in every way.

Cordially yours, Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Cor. Sec.

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seeing this great body of Ministers in session. Later we stood on Princess street and looked up at Edinburgh Castle where the floodlights were turned on, this day being the Mother Queen Mary's birthday; also it was to honor the General Assembly. Crowds stood and gazed at the Castle all lit up, against the midnight sky.

The next morning I attended the missionary group in Ulster Hall and heard the Lord High Commissioner bring greetings from the King of Great Britain. The next day we had a tour of the Castle and saw the changing of the guard; both the Scottish soldiers in their kilts and the Scottish sailors took part, as the bagpipes were played. Then we were taken to see Hollyrood House; we were only allowed inside the gate, no farther, because a representative of the king was in the house. Then we were taken to see the beautiful war memorial for boys who gave their lives in World War I. One room is a memorial to the American boys. (To be Continued)

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