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WE THANK THEE, FATHER

We thank Thee, O Father, for song and feast—
The harvest that glowed and the wealth that increased;
For never a blessing encompassed Thy child
But Thou, in Thy mercy, looked down and smiled.

We thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour,
The generous heart and the bountiful hand,
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be—
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee;
That all our eternity may form through Thy love
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Valley City.

Dear White Ribboners:

Time has a way of speeding by very rapidly when we are busy, doesn't it? Today I went out alone to secure new members because my good neighbor was in Rochester. Together we have secured sixteen new members since the convention in Bismarck. How many new members have you won? It is easy to do. Go out in pairs and call on and invite people whom you feel will be glad to help us fight this evil which is harming the youth of our land and causing so much crime.

Today we feel very happy because of a letter which came from Jamestown telling us that they have a teacher who is interested in the Y. T. C. work and they want to organize a Y. T. C. Isn't that wonderful? Our Y. T. C. met this morning. Mrs. Aaron Boom is our leader and gave a fine lesson to our girls and boys. We met in the home of Darleen Englert, the Y. T. C. Secretary. Dennis Boom plays the piano and we had a lively song fest. Then too, Jamestown invited me to speak at a meeting on November 24th. We shall drive to Jamestown as soon as it is possible to leave the Rotary meeting here where my talk will be at noon here.

The Larimore Institute was heart-warming, the women were grand. Saw many old friends of my parents, for my father preached there years ago. We received more invitations to speak and accepted of course.

Have dedicated my Holy Land pictures to the W. C. T. U. The offering here at our City Hall was a generous one and we were most happy to receive the \$42.00 to help promote our W. C. T. U. program. Miss Gladys Helmers of LaMoure gave the talk as the colored slides were shown. I spoke preceding the showing of the slides. Miss Helmers wouldn't accept money for her gasoline and the City Hall allowed us the use of it free, so our money was clear. The crowd was large.

Will each one of you kindly assist your District President by suggesting to her a town in which a new Union could be organized? A group of women from various church groups form a nucleus; they set a time and place with your help and invite your District President and perhaps we can come to speak, and Lo! a new Union is launched, as it was at Steele through Mrs. Salters' effort. Who'll be next? Write to Mrs. Salter at Menoken or to me for more information, or to Mrs. F. T. Brooks, 419 Eighth St. N. W., Minot, for material.

Please gather in your dues at once and send them to Mrs. Kemis (address in this issue), our State Treasurer, at once. She will be glad to receive what you have, even though not all the dues are in.

It was a year ago that my first letter came to you in the White Ribbon Bulletin. The past year has been the richest year of my life with its varied experiences; the St. Louis National Convention; the Evanston Workshop; Laurie's graduation from Hamline; the Holy Land trip or Palestine tour; our State Convention in Bismarck and another year to serve as God gives me the strength and understanding. Thank you for your prayers. We need a stronger spiritual approach, for there the enemy is weakest and our resources are great.

No other temperance group has the tools for work that we have. Our eleven motion pictures should be used con-

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

By Berton Braley

Read again in the Bible's pages
The old, old story that never ages,
A tale that never has lost its thrill
Of tender splendor—and never will.

Where is a story lovelier, stranger—?
A baby born in a stable manger
To fill the earth and the skies above
With the power and glory of infinite love.

Beauty, adventure, and peace unfold
In a story fashioned with words of gold
To lift and magic the hearts of men.
—Read the story again—again!

—The Modern Woodman.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

State directors please read this! In order to be counted an Efficiency Director, your department letter to the White Ribbon Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor not later than December 20. If you fail in this respect, it counts you out of that fine list. The reason it is asked for early, is so that all our women will have a chance to know what you want them to do about your part of our work. We have five directors whose letters appear this time. Good work!—Editor.

stantly. Name of last one, "Any Boy, U. S. A." Our slide films should be known to all teachers and leaders of youth groups. Our books are legion. A wide variety of leaflets and booklets provides help for all people if they knew about them and would use them. Mrs. Brooks, our Corresponding Secretary's address is in this letter. Write to her. She welcomes your mail.

We hate the liquor traffic for what it does to people. The mothers and the children in the home have been the sufferers when liquor entered the door. So often it binds the father as its slave and makes little children tremble with fear. We are working for conditions under which little children may go to bed unafraid. Remember in the book of Matthew where the story is told of the woman of Canaan who appealed to Jesus to heal her daughter? Jesus answer, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." We members of the W. C. T. U. have a burning desire to protect mankind from alcohol. Our faith is great.

Merry Christmas and Blessings,
Ruth Cooper Ottinger (Mrs. A. D.)

My Trip To The Holy Land

Dear Members:

My trip to the Holy Land was a big surprise to me as it was to you. It was while attending a District W. C. T. U. meeting in LaMoure last May, and being invited to the home of Gladys Helmers and her mother, that I learned of the Palestine Tour. Gladys said she was going and that there was room for one or two more. There were to be 28 in the party and it was comprised of religious-minded people—ministers of all faiths, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers. When my husband heard about it he talked me into going since he had planned a fishing trip way up to Prince Albert in Canada. On June 9th, the morning after Laurie's graduation from Hamline University, I had a fall in our kitchen and dislocated my right shoulder. It was like this: breakfast was ready for Laurie's room-mate and her parents from Havre, Montana, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Vick, when I turned to get a chair, and my feet went up in the air and I landed in such a way as to have the arm-pit strike the floor. Three chiropractors put my shoulder back in its proper position. With my arm in a sling for two weeks there seemed to be sufficient reason for backing out of the trip (or so I thought), but my husband said I would only feel sorry for myself if I stayed home and that each 24 hours I'd be much better, so with a hat-box which weighed only 18 lbs.

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Personal Mention

Our state president, Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, is getting many requests to give talks about her trip to the Holy Land. We who were privileged to hear her at Bismarck, and to see her souvenirs, know how interesting it all will be to everyone.

Mrs. R. O. Winings of Arthur left for a visit with her children in Illinois, the last of October.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gorder of Grafton will be busy writing letters this winter, as their only child—a nephew whom they reared, Edward Skime—entered the army Oct. 26. Mrs. Gorder is president of Northeast District WCTU.

Mrs. T. H. Ferber of Oakes, who was released from a Fargo hospital in September after spending weeks there with a broken hip, has had a good deal of trouble with lumbago this fall. This delays the complete recovery we had hoped for, but she is faithful about reporting the work of the union there.

Mrs. J. A. Burgum of Arthur had the pleasure of seeing her first great grandson, Keith Alan Peltier, baptized in October, at the Methodist church, by Rev. R. E. Holden. Four generations of the family were present—Mrs. Burgum, her daughter Mrs. Marjorie Peltier, Mrs. Peltier's son Joe Peltier, and Baby Keith. Mrs. Peltier Jr.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Skunes of Grandin, were also present, and were dinner guests, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burgum and Bradley Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Skunes and family, and Rev. and Mrs. Holden and Elizabeth Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peltier and Baby Keith led the next day for Martin, N. D., where he teaches Mathematics and serves as basketball coach.

Mrs. Chas. A. Zook of Minot is spending several months in Chicago, but she wants her White Ribbon Bulletin so as to know what home folks are doing.

Among the teachers listed in Grand Forks county this year, is Betty Sondreal. The ability that made her winner of medal contests in other years, will help to make her a successful teacher. Our Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, state director of Temperance and Missions, is also in the teaching ranks again this year, serving a country school not far from Mandan.

With the arrival on September 14, 1953, of Carla Joan Main, daughter of Phyllis Stolberg Main, of Lacy, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Stolberg of Flasher have joined the ranks of proud grandparents. The small girl's father, Mr. Main, is a student pastor for the Methodist church, while attending college. Congratulations to all the family.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling reported, about the middle of October, that she had seen Mrs. J. W. Scott again, and she is making considerable progress toward recovery. Our women who deeply regretted that she was stricken with illness while attending the state convention at Bismarck, will be glad to know that she has been transferred by ambulance to the Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, and so is near her family and many friends. While still unable to talk at that time, she was able to read her notes and cards, and recognized all her friends. May her health and strength come back rapidly.

A special privilege of the editor right after state convention, was to go on west to Miles City, Mont., and spend two days with Elizabeth Preston Anderson. In the large pleasant room which she occupies in the apartment of Dr. and Mrs. Howard C. Anderson, every piece of furniture and each article that she uses, has its own special place. When well enough, does the dusting, so as to be sure that she knows exactly where to find each thing. She can distinguish moving objects against the light, but her reading is done in Braille, and this is not easy, as she must spell out each word with her fingertips. She has suffered much, in recent months, from lumbago, and her hearing is greatly impaired, but mentally she is keen and interested in all that takes place, the world around. She was eager to hear all about our state officers, and the new National officers; she was pleased to hear that I had some acquaintance with all of them. She listens to a sermon by radio on Sundays, as she can get little from going to church. She spoke wistfully of no longer being able to hear prayers offered. A hearing aid does not give her much help, but she uses a speaking tube, with which she can hear one person at a time. However, she has to hold that in her ear, and her frail hand tires and cramps, if she holds it long at a time. In spite of her handicaps, she never finds the days too long. She gave me a copy of an article called "Youth" which I think she said appeared in the Reader's Digest some time ago. I do not know who wrote it. Her grandson's wife, Mary, has made a beautiful hand printed copy of it, with illustrated text, that she has framed and hanging in her room. The article will appear in the paper.

Notes From The Unions

The Beach WCTU entered a float at their county fair Sept. 12. They had a car decorated with white streamers and a large poster on each side with the words "Drinking Prevents Thinking"—"Thinking Prevents Drinking." They were given a small space for their booth at the fair. A poster, "The Liquor Traffic vs. The Church," formed the background for a table which held the three flags, an open Bible and the tract "75 Bible References on Drinking." Mrs. Olsrud sends us this good news.

The Glover and Forman unions met in Oakes Aug. 27, at the home of Mrs. O. A. Juelke. The Oakes YTC and Glover LTL officers were installed in a candlelight service, after which the two unions went to the Towers Rest Home and served coffee and cookies. The Glover union met at the home of Mrs. Odin Olson Oct. 14, with the teachers as their guests. Convention reports were given. Discussion with the teachers to ascertain what help they could use, disclosed that they were in need of more material on cigarettes; they also asked for more blotters. It was decided to get the cigarette device and use it in the three schools. Mrs. O. A. Juelke is the reporter for these good meetings.

The Parshall union is again sending out 100 "Young Crusaders"; 91 of these go to all grade schools in the county, together with literature enclosed in letters to the teachers. Mrs. Frith is the active local director in charge of the department of Spiritual Life, which is being worked as a new department this year, by this union. We thank Mrs. Axel Olson for this good report.

The members of the Monango union were guests of the Oakes union Wednesday, Sept. 23, at their regular monthly meeting. The report of the state convention was given in detail by Mesdames Minard, Brokaw, Gregory and Miss Ulness. These get-together meetings are a fine thing; we thank Mrs. T. H. Ferber for telling us about this one.

The Julia D. Nelson union of Fargo held a reception for the teachers at the YWCA the last of September. Thirty-five teachers came and they seemed to be interested. Miss Clara Lobben, State director of STI, talked about the new course of study on Narcotics; Mrs. Stephen Olson, a new member of the union, sang two solos. The union served coffee, tea, cookies, candy and nuts. The union hopes that more of Fargo's large number of teachers will want to attend a reception next year. Mrs. Howard Kemis kindly told us about this one.

The Minot union met with Mrs. C. F. Truax early in October, with Mrs. Ellen Stone assisting her. Mrs. Zook, Mrs. Hans Nelson and Mrs. A. C. Christenson gave the report of the state convention. Mrs. J. H. Mackley led devotions. Our busy Mrs. Truax took time to send this report.

IN MEMORIAM

The charmed circle broken, a dear face
Missed day by day from the accustomed place,
But cleansed and saved and perfected by grace.
One more in Heaven.

—Author unknown.

The Oakes union has been bereaved in the passing of Mrs. Lizzie R. Craig on July 16th. A faithful member, she is greatly missed by her sister white ribboners.

Mrs. C. E. Aaker, vice president of Grand Forks District WCTU, suffered a loss this fall in the death of her ten-year-old grandson in a tractor accident near Sharon.

Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, 88 years of age, passed to a better world about the middle of September. She was a most faithful and helpful member of the Parshall union, a charter member who never lost interest. Recently she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Tommerdahl, at Sanish. She is survived by five children, 27 grandchildren, and 33 great grandchildren. In token of their sympathy and admiration for her, the Parshall union will present a book, suitably inscribed, in memory of her, to the High School library.

The Valley City union lost a member by death, in the passing of Mrs. Helen Piper, who had lived at Sheldon of late. Many memorial gifts to the union testified to the love and respect felt for her.

Our state historian, Mrs. Chas. Liessman, suffered a great loss in the passing of her only brother, Theodore Stramblad, shortly before the state convention.

To all who sorrow for these friends, the women of the WCTU extend their sympathy.

Treasurer's Report

August 15, 1953, to October 15, 1953

DUES: Powers Lake 24; Minot 13; Steele 12; Williston 9; Bismarck 18; Oakes 7.

BUDGET: Minot \$30.00; Bismarck \$15.00.

NEW CRUSADE FUND: LaMoure \$5.50; Mott \$2.50; McKenzie \$4.50; Northeast District \$10.00; Douglas \$6.50; Beach \$16.00; Williston \$16.25; Bismarck \$9.50; West Fairview \$2.00.

L. T. L.: Mott 8; Glover 7.

WILLARD MEMBER: Mrs. C. J. Kuehl, Wilton, N. D.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

CHILD: Dorothy Lynn Cox, given by Mrs. Jacob Jacob-Valley City.

CONTINUING: Mrs. Ella Erickson, Bismarck; Mrs. Howard Kemis, Fargo.

MEMORIAL: Mrs. H. P. Cooper, given by Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, Valley City; Mrs. John Fuller, given by Mrs. Robert McKechnie, Cavalier; Mrs. John Glen, given by Mrs. Roy Kissinger, Fargo.

CHILD: Dorothy Lynn Cox, given by Mrs. Jacob Jacobson; Stuart Douglas Thompson, given by Mrs. Geo. Muir, Gilby; Keith Allen Peltier, given by Mrs. Jessamine Burgum, Hunter; Ralph Peter Darling, given by Mrs. Bessie Darling; Barbara Lee Jenkins, given by Mrs. Frank Beasley.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Grafton, Northeast District.

DISTRICT PLEDGE: Northeast District, \$15.00.

ORGANIZATION FUND: Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, \$50.00.

OFFERINGS AT CONVENTION: \$120.74.

Mrs. Howard Kemis.

From The Corresponding Secretary

My Dear White Ribboners,

"Advance with Total Abstinence" is our theme for 1953-1954. Let us carry the inspiration and enthusiasm of the Bismarck convention into our WCTU work at home. We welcome three new organizations this year: Douglas, Frances Willard (Arthur, and Steele).

Win a Holdfast Good certificate for your union, (with dues of all living resident members paid to state treasurer by January 1, 1954).

November Roll Call 1. make calls on all women of last year's membership, "by two's" or, 2. have a Roll Call luncheon, or 3. hold a Roll Call tea. Following the last two contact all who did not respond. Those dues may be in before Christmas. Dues will then reach Mrs. Kemis, treasurer, by January 1.

Work for NEW members. Because North Dakota WCTU was net gain in the year just closed we are entitled to free room for one at National Workshop in Evanston, sometime in April. Let's accept the slogan, "Each one win one." Please report to me the number of NEW members by January 1st. The union having the most will be announced in the Union Signal. Whoever wins 25 or more members during the year will receive special recognition and have her way paid to the annual meeting. Be attractive, enthusiastic, earnest. "Be winsome, that you may win some." Smile and arouse the uninterested. Indifference is one if not the greatest menace to the cause of total abstinence. Whether we will or not, we are our brothers' keepers.

A good union must be well informed; we have our hand program guides and 6 program guide packets, 9 study books, "The American Way." Order now, if you do not have them, for the programs the rest of the year.

The holidays are very near. May our loving Heavenly Father bless you all richly and keep you through the coming year.

With love and best wishes.

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

GO FORTH IN FAITH

Wait, and be strong, and let thine heart take courage!
Fear not the shadows lying on the way.
The light of God illumines every shadow . . .
The path is upward to the Perfect Day!

Wait, and in waiting, listen for His leading.
Be strong. Thy strength for every day is stored.
Go forth in faith, and let thine heart take courage;
There is no disappointment with the Lord!

War Cry.

Our New National President

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will step up its program for the "Protection of the Home, Children and Society generally, from alcoholic beverages," Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Ransom, Kan., its new President, pledged in taking over the office in Evanston, Ill., the first of November.

Mrs. Hays succeeds Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, who retired from the office at the end of her ninth term. She became the famed dry organization's eighth President, others besides Mrs. Colvin having been Mrs. Anna T. Wittenmeyer, Miss Frances Willard, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Miss Anna Adams Gordon, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, and Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith.

Mrs. Hays had for three years been National Vice-President-At-Large. Ceremonies of the change were customarily brief, consisting mostly of greetings and well-wishes of friends and associates in the oak-trimmed President's office in the red brick headquarters building.

"The principles and purposes of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union have remained the same throughout its 80 years of existence," Mrs. Hays said. Methods and means may change from time to time, but protection of the home, children, and society generally from the deleterious effects of alcoholic beverages will remain our objective increasingly.

"It is absurd for the customs and laws of the land to encourage the use of beverages which have never benefited anyone, but have brought irreparable harm to so many. We will continue to cooperate with all agencies which strive for the betterment of mankind, and support any just practice to eliminate the liquor traffic, and its degenerating effects and influences."

Mrs. Hays is a veteran of National, State, and Local Temperance work and campaigns. She is a past-president of the Kansas WCTU, and the wife of Glenn G. Hays, a Ransom wheat and cattle rancher. Both are active in the Christian Church and former high school teachers.

She has run the scale of Church as well as WCTU activities, having been a member of her church board, a Sunday School teacher, Ladies' Aid President, Christian Endeavor Director, Young People's Speech Contest Organizer, Youth Camp Worker, and sponsor of a Loyal Temperance Legion, a WCTU children's affiliate.

Mrs. Hays was born Agnes Dubbs, one of seven sons and daughters of W. O. Dubbs who with two brothers homesteaded at Ransom, later also becoming a storekeeper; and Florence LaPlante, of French-Canadian descent and the town's school teacher. All but one of her brothers and sisters became high school or college teachers.

After going through the Ransom High School, which her parents organized, and in which she was one of its first year's four Freshmen, she obtained her teachers' certificate from Emporia Normal, now Emporia State Teachers' College, and went to teach at 21 in the High School at Waukomis, Oklahoma, where she met and married young Hays, the principal.

They taught for some twenty years in Kansas and Oklahoma High Schools, Mrs. Hays as English and Latin teacher and Hays as principal.

Although growing up in a prohibition environment, Mrs. Hays became more interested in the movement while teaching and especially under the inspiration of her mother, a county WCTU officer. While teaching in Utica, near Ransom, she became President of the County WCTU on nomination of Mrs. George Schoepel, mother of U. S. Senator Schoepel, who was retiring from the office.

Six years later, and shortly before the death of her own mother, she was elected President of the Kansas WCTU, which carried with it a place on the Board of the National WCTU.

Mrs. Hays has a wide range of interests and activities. One of these is sports, especially football and basketball. On her travels she collects unusual teaspoons. She has written many skits and plays, some of which have been published for use in high schools.

Her latest work was a book, "The White Ribbon in the Sunflower State," a history of the Kansas WCTU which was published on its diamond anniversary this year.

With her husband, she administers a student loan fund, established by her family in eight colleges in the southwest in memory of her younger sister, Rebecca, to help worthy students through college, and also to provide awards for high school seniors selected competitively.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays will reside in Evanston in Officers Cottage, adjoining the National WCTU headquarters, and Rest Cottage, the former home of Frances Willard.

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A Word To The Wise

Again I wish to thank all of you who have sent in news about yourselves and your unions; it all helps a great deal to make our paper interesting. Don't forget that we would

Our wonderful sister at Arthur, Mrs. Jessamine S. Burd- like to hear from every union that we have, in the course of the year.

gum, for whom the members and the state convention wished to name the new union there, has declined the honor, emphatic- allv. Modest ever, she feels that it should be named for the great leader Frances Willard, and in deference to her wishes, it will so appear in the new state report. Mrs. Burgum feels, no doubt rightly, that modern young people know very little about Frances Willard, and she wishes to do her part to keep green the memory of that great woman. She has pre- sented a book about Miss Willard to the school library there, and has ordered other literature for the young people. Good for Mrs. Burgum! Let her example stir us all to be sure to hold a Willard Memorial meeting, when the time comes, and try to use young people in the program, so that they will have some idea of what her life meant.

Again we have had wonderful fall weather, though windy and dusty days recently have not been pleasant. So far, we have had no snow in this part of the state, and some hardy flowers in my Old Fashioned Garden were still fragrant, till the mercury dropped to 16 one night last week.

The trip that I took to California in September was a wonderful vacation for me, and the delightful visit that I had with my brother and his family will never be forgotten. It was a great satisfaction to me, that so many friends attended their Golden Wedding reception, and so many showed their affection for them by gifts; flowers, fruit, pictures, jewelry and money, to say nothing of towels, blankets, dishes and many other practical gifts. Several who could not attend the reception for different reasons, called at their home before or afterward. Both my brother and his wife are 84 years of age, neither hears well, and my sister-in-law has very poor eyesight, but they are able to get around a good deal. My brother belongs to a painting class, which makes a field trip about once a week, and a long walk does not bother him at all. I am very thankful that they are so well.

The journey itself, by train across the rolling prairies of our own state and Montana, then the mountains in their rugged grandeur, and the tree-clad heights and valleys of Washington and Oregon, were wonderful to me. The colors of autumn were everywhere. California was a land of sun- shine while I was there—hot sunshine, most of the time! The flowers were beautiful, where there was water for them, but the hills and fields were dry and brown, and many grass- fires filled the air with a blue haze. On my way home I stopped once over night and again for just a few hours, to see old friends from this state. If my work as your secretary and editor had not been piling up here at home, I should have made a longer visit; as it was, I was gone just three weeks.

This issue of our paper will be delayed some, because I just could not get everything ready at once, but I hope it will not be too late.

Don't forget that the Congress will convene again in January; write to our North Dakota senators and representa- tives, so that they will not forget that we want action on the Bryson Bill, and we want something done now, about the sale of liquor on army installations. DO IT NOW!

Yours, with love,

Elizabeth C. Beasley.

Christmas will be here before we know it; shall we try to make it a **Holy Day**, not just a holiday?

Mrs. W. E. Bayley of Page, who is president of Fargo District WCTU, Mrs. R. G. Winings and Mrs. J. A. Burgum of the Arthur Frances Willard union, spent a day at the WCTU Health booth in the Horticultural Building at the State Fair in Fargo. A fine exhibit of posters was made by school children of the state, and other displays attracted many visitors. Mrs. Burgum is the faithful reporter who sends us the account of this fine booth.

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Brooks, Corresponding Secretary

Field Service—State President, District Presidents

Mrs. Colvin Retires

Evanston, Ill., Oct.—Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin will retire this month-end from the Presidency of the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union which office she has held for nine years, to become known as the country's "No. 1 Temperance Leader."

She will be succeeded by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Ransom, Kan., who was elected at the Organization's Convention in Seattle in June, where Mrs. Colvin was not a candidate.

Mrs. Colvin announced that she and her husband, Dr. D. Leigh Colvin, noted Temperance lecturer and writer and candidate for President in 1936 on the Prohibition ticket, will reside in New York City, their former home.

She will remain active, however, in Temperance, church and social work, as First Vice-President of the World's W. C. T. U., and of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, and member of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church.

Taking the helm of the National WCTU in 1944, Mrs. Colvin is credited with reactivating the famous 80-year-old Womans' Organization as a force and a voice against alcoholic beverages.

Her attacks were swift and sharp, pointing out that drink is the first step of the individual away from religion, and exposing the part of alcohol in crime, disease, insanity, poverty, juvenile delinquency, broken homes, and other human and economic loss.

She spurred local option elections, and led repeated fights in Congress for enactment of bills to outlaw the advertising of alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce and over the radio and television to "take pressure off of people to drink."

Her influence was felt not only in National situations, but internationally as well. She was one of the first to expose the part played by drink in the Yalta and Potsdam conferences, and the unpreparedness of Americans on a Saturday night of revelry when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Colvin is a Prohibitionist, and believes that prohibition was and is the best solution to the drink problem. She refused to compromise on this issue, turning down such "ideologies" that moderation is a drink solution, that the alcoholic is first of all an abnormal person, and that alcoholism is a disease restricted to a small fraction of all drinkers.

She assisted in exposing the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies, father of these theories, as having been founded with the assistance of money from a maltster, a Yale alumnus, whom she names. This information came directly from the then head of the school, and never has been denied.

During the nine years of her administration as National President of the WCTU, great stress was placed upon the expansion of a comprehensive, robust program of education in the field of Temperance. Notable in this program has been the addition of five new motion pictures with color and sound (now twelve in number), based squarely upon scientific data and now being used in the educational endeavors of many other organizations, as well as the WCTU.

During her administration repeal of state prohibition was defeated in Oklahoma and Mississippi. Dry forces in many states stirred by her leadership reactivated local option. Thousands of political subdivisions went, or were kept dry.

The alcoholic beverage press shortly after her election tried to stop her with campaigns of vilification. She subscribed to some of these papers and enjoyed reading this evidence that the WCTU was worrying the traffic.

She sparked in this press a reiterated fear of prohibition's return. A now forgotten editorialist in a liquor paper wrote, "There is no doubt that the alcoholic beverage industry could do anything it set out to do were it not for the WCTU."

Mrs. Colvin stressed that she will not "go into retirement," but will remain active in the cause which she has led since a young woman. Her friends and associates believe her.

She is a member of the Methodist Church, and was elected as a delegate to the 1948 Quadriennial General Conference of the Methodist Church, as well as to its General Conference in Columbus in 1936, and to its Northeast Jurisdictional Conference in 1940, 1944 and 1948.

When elected President of the National WCTU in 1944, Mrs. Colvin had been President of the New York State WCTU for 18 years. She is a past vice-president of the National Council of Women Voters and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is a graduate of Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.), and took two full years graduate study at Columbia University in Political Science, and is the holder of numerous honorary degrees, including LL.D. from Wheaton and Houghton Colleges; D. A. O. (Doctor of the Art of Oratory) from Staley

NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

Field Service And Other Work 1952-53

Our first field work for this new year was in Bismarck where Mrs. Houle, National L.T.L. Secretary, spoke five times on Oct. 21-22, 1952.

In November your president talked with women in Botineau, Harvey and Kenmare on the 18, 19 and 20th.

In January, 1953, a new union was organized in Arthur at the home of Mrs. Winings, when the Misses Helen Stowell and Elsie Reid accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Ottinger to Arthur.

Mrs. Ottinger spoke at a Willard Tea in Jamestown at the A. C. Burr home on January 20 and in Bismarck on February 10 where she was entertained at the home of Judge and Mrs. P. O. Sathre. She attended sessions of the legislature both in the house and senate.

On February 17 she spoke on legislature at a Community Club meeting in Valley City. She secured members in most of these places.

On March 7 she organized a Y.T.C. in her home and also a second L.T.L. was launched.

From April 8-22 your president attended the Work Shop in Evanston, Illinois.

On April 28 she spoke at the church at Stady-Zahl. She also sang several solos and led a White Ribbon Recruit and a memorial service. Your president sang at the Bowman Methodist church the morning of May 3 and in the evening at Hettinger where her husband spoke. The roads to Mott were impassable and the district meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4, had to be postponed. The L.T.L., Y.T.C., and WCTU all met that week. A report was given of the Workshop at all meetings here in Valley City.

On May 10 at Lisbon your president was invited to tie white ribbons on 21 children at a special service. Two speech contest numbers were given by Dennis Boom and Darleen Englert of Valley City, the former being the silver medal winner in the contest here.

On May 12, Ransom-LaMoire District meeting was held at LaMoire and on May 13 the Ellendale District meeting was held at Monango. At both places she spoke, sang, conducted a memorial service, and a White Ribbon Recruit Service.

On May 22 the Minot District meeting was held. Your president sang a solo in the morning; gave an address in the afternoon; conducted White Ribbon Recruit Service and led group singing.

While in attendance at the Workshop she did the accompanying each day for the group and singing a two weeks session.

On August 11, she spoke in the Methodist Church in Grand Forks at their District meeting, at which more than 30 women were present. Mrs. Leonard Bilden of Northwood gave a fine talk. It was an all-day meeting and members came from Grandin, Larimore, Northwood, etc. Fargo was represented, too. Mrs. Bessie Darling was in charge.

College of the Spoken Word, Boston, and LHD from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.

She is known to millions who have heard her from the rostrum and on the radio as a forceful and dynamic speaker. She did not hesitate in numerous occasions to debate the liquor issue on the air with representatives of the alcoholic beverage industry, as well as before congressional committees.

In her retirement, many members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will remember her best as she concluded her annual address at its 74th Annual Convention in Portland, Ore., in 1949, with the following:

"Our goal is the complete elimination of the alcoholic beverage traffic from the social life of America. We serve notice here and now on those engaged in the alcoholic beverage traffic that we shall wage eternal war upon their business which has wrecked more homes and destroyed more lives than all the wars combined

"There shall be no peace between right and wrong, no peace between Christian womanhood and the soul- and body-destroying liquor traffic!

"We have enlisted for this war and when we are gone, our daughters will take our places. With God's help we will continue to stand, and with God's help we will win."

The half-dozen representatives of the alcoholic beverage industry who nearly always are "observers" at National WCTU Conventions during public sessions, left their seats soberly and grimly.

DEPARTMENT LETTERS

CHILD WELFARE

These beautiful fall days give us an incentive to get our W. C. T. U. work well organized and going strong before the wintry blasts and cold weather.

Now is the time to appoint a local director for this very important department. The unions that have directors always send in the best reports. Plan of work and leaflets will be sent to local presidents unless I have the local director's name and address. Please use the materials that you receive—study the plan of work and apply it to your local needs.

Efforts should be made early in the year for a White Ribbon Recruit service. Visit young mothers in your community and explain this little dedication service and invite them to bring their little children up to six years of age. Several such services can be held in a year. Send names of children, date of birth including year and parents' name and address to your state director so that names can be entered in record book.

There are many other ways in which a local union can carry on Child Welfare work. Layettes can be made to help when the family budget is small; mittens knitted, scrapbooks made for children's wards in hospitals, baby sitting so young parents can attend church functions or other worthwhile meetings. Sometimes young mothers find it very difficult to leave home for necessary shopping,—be a kind neighbor and friends and stay with the children. Let us not forget the sick or shut-in children, provide picture books, games, and scrapbooks.

Let us remember every child's right to be physically strong, mentally alert, morally and spiritually trained. We can help by bringing to the homes and little children in our community, a message of the gospel and of the harmful effects of alcohol and other narcotics on the human body.

Let us give service, money and prayer to safeguard the paths of little feet.

Yours in His Service,
Bessie M. Darling, State Director.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear Co-Workers:

Four special phases of work are included in the Christian Citizenship Department:

1. Stimulation of all Christians to recognize their stewardship of the ballot, and to vote in every election.

(Because the Bible teaches "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when the wicked bearth rule the people mourn.")

2. Anti-Gambling.

(In the coming year let us emphasize the need of a Federal Anti-Gambling Law, and do our utmost to stir our Christian people to realize the dangers of allowing legal or illegal gambling in any form in city, county, state, or nation. The last figures available show that 21½ billions (\$21,500,000,000) in one year were diverted from legitimate business to this octopus that covers every street and alley in our nation. The committee in Washington has revealed the unholy alliance between gambling and corrupt politics.)

3. Americanization of the foreign-born woman in the community.

(Try to be a true friend to her, letting her know you are interested in her and her welfare in her adopted country. Invite her to your church, to your home, to your W. C. T. U. meetings, and to other gatherings.)

4. Detention homes for juvenile offenders.

(J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I. says the greatest crime wave in history is coming! We must have a real concern about our youth—their activities and recreation—and do more to prevent crime. While we could hope to eliminate need for detention homes, we should see that juvenile offenders are kept separate from adult offenders or the jail itself becomes a school of crime.)

My letter to the local directors of this work will be sent out soon and I trust every Union will really stress this very important department of work this year.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Andrew Haibeck (Christina S.)

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION IN CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear Temperance Co-Workers:

The longer I work in this department the more convinced I am that here is where we can best reach the youth.

Therefore use every possible opportunity, method and means to teach the terrible results and evils of liquor. Use materials received, consult your W. C. T. U. catalog for more.

Movies, film strips, flannelgraph material and posters. Posters can be very effective and left before the eyes of the people for a longer time. Use them in Sunday School, D. V. B. S. Scout rooms, any place you are permitted to put up posters.

All the horrifying news and reports of accidents and crimes resulting from liquor should make every serious-minded thinking man and woman do all in his power to curb this evil and work hard for total abstinence. So again I say, PRAY, TEACH, and STRESS temperance wherever and whenever opportunity presents itself.

Remember the Temperance Sunday dates and send for your lessons from W. C. T. U. headquarters. In 1954 dates are, January 31, June 13, August 15, November 7, World Temperance Sunday October 31.

May God bless the work, and let us strive more earnestly to save the precious children entrusted us by Him.

Yours in Christian Service,
Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson.

UNION SIGNAL AND YOUNG CRUSADER

Dear Co-Workers:

I must first of all apologize because I allowed my name to be read as an efficiency director at the state convention in Bismarck. I did not get my letter to the White Ribbon Bulletin sent in time to deserve this honor. I did not realize this fact until it was mentioned at a board meeting. I am very sorry; it was a mistake, not an intention to deceive.

I should like to remind you that it is very important to renew your subscriptions promptly, to keep both the Union Signal and Young Crusader in your homes even though there are no longer young children in the family. The Young Crusader is a wonder gift for birthdays and Christmas, and for Sunday School attainments.

We cannot over-estimate the importance of these magazines. The Union Signal is the chief cornerstone of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Young Crusader is an investment in the future. If you do not receive the Union Signal when you have paid for it, please feel free to write me; I will straighten it out if I can. But it is not necessary to send the money to me; send it in direct, for the subscriptions. You will save time and postage, if you send your own subscriptions. The address is The Union Signal, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois. The address for the Young Crusader is the same. The letters will get to the right place without the street address, but of course it is better to use it.

I am happy to renew my offer of a year's subscription free to the union having the largest percentage of membership subscriptions at the time of the state convention. Also I make the same offer to LTL's and the Young Crusader.

With love and prayers, very sincerely yours,
(Mrs. R. A.) Mabel Salter, Promoter.

VISUAL EDUCATION

Dear WCTU Members:

Another fine state convention is now history, and we are starting on our new year of work. The department of special interest to me concerns itself in great part with children's work. May I urge more poster contests. They are best in schools, but can be in LTL groups, Girl Scout, Sunday School classes, 4-H, Campfire or similar groups. A small town school might invite rural school pupils to join with them, where there are only a few. Please write to me if you are not sure of some of the rules. Be sure to group 3rd and 4th grades, 5th and 6th grades, and 7th and 8th grades. This year let us make an extra effort to interest 7th and 8th grades. And please don't forget to send or bring your first prize winning posters to me for the state convention. I know the contestants were disappointed this year, when some posters were forgotten and were not there to be judged with the others. I will be glad to write a letter to anyone interested, sending leaflets of instruction and to answer any questions you might have.

Prize winners in the state contest for the year just past were: 5th and 6th grades, first, David Quaife, Hunter; second, Terry Olson, Mott. 3rd and 4th grades, first, Calvin Nelson, Amenia; second, Francis Bowles, Northwood.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. R. G.) Lura Winings.

TEMPERANCE AND MISSIONS

My department leaflets this year are not new but are very good repeats. The one "Shut In, But Not Shut Out," should be a source of inspiration to every praying sister, and a means of enlisting the help of every shut-in member. The leaflet "All Around the World" should be ordered in quantity for the joint Temperance and Mission Society meeting in May.

This year the Plan of Work has an excellent idea for educating along Mission lines. Use a map of the world, or a globe, and mark each of the 60 or so WCTU countries with a star or bow of ribbon. I would have liked to have had one at state convention.

We had a fine list of Light Lines last year, and three Beacon Lights. Make this department a first order of business for the new year. Include the \$7.75 in your budget and send your temperance influence around the world. Remember to send the \$7.75 to Mrs. Kemis.

In His Name.

Mrs. Phillip Stolberg, Director.

FROM THE HISTORIAN

Bismarck, Sept. 16th, 1953.

Two poignant illustrations have just taken place, of the need to gather historical data from our oldest living friends, **right now**, while they are with us. They can supply items which cannot be found in records or papers.

To attend our recent convention was the most ardent wish of 90-year-old Mrs. J. W. Scott of Gilby. Before I had an opportunity for an interview with her, she had a stroke during the session and had to be carried out to the hospital. We lost the chance to question her about her early knowledge of the Temperance movement in our state.

In my own personal life, the two people whose memories had aided me the longest, both have passed into the beyond within the last eighteen days. My only brother from Houston, Texas, enroute to Bismarck, visited our brilliant cousin, aged 91, in Sioux Falls, S. D. My cousin's last conscious act was to have his nurse send me a requested address! A few days later, my brother and I attended his funeral. Ten days after that, my brother died, while enroute to his home, and was brought to Sioux Falls for burial beside our mother. Thus these chapters of the past are closed forever.

Because many of our unions lack data of their own organizations, a resolution was passed in convention that:

Each union in the state compile a brief, concise history, with date of organization, names of some of the oldest members, and any outstanding event that will enrich our history, to be placed in the state files this year.

Please begin to collect your information at once, from any available source.

As host convention city, we felt that it would be a rare privilege to show you a few of the historical items from our state files. These were on display throughout the convention. Side by side with our state flag was a hand embroidered white satin T banner, with the date 1925. In a 1935 T scrap book from Bismarck was found older WCTU data and YTC material. The oldest item was a facsimile of the original poster of the First Annual Banquet of the National Temperance League, in New York City, Feb. 18, 1852. Among speakers and officers named were Neal Dow, Henry Ward Beecher, Horace Mann, Horace Greeley, Gen. Sam Houston of Texas, and P. T. Barnum. Tickets were \$3.00. A gold medal presented to Neal Dow then, was willed to Frances E. Willard, and is preserved at Rest Cottage, Evanston, Ill.

The famed quill pens used by Lt. Governor Krabel and Gov. Lynn J. Frazer when signing the Suffrage bill and the one providing for Temperance Day in the schools; framed pictures of Elizabeth Preston Anderson in the '90's, and of Frances Willard, and many others are testimonials of the good influences of the workers in territorial days and later, when North Dakota was admitted to the Union as a dry state.

To carry out the patriotic theme at our banquet, each guest was presented with a white-ribbon-tied scroll on which was pictured our state flag and the Great Seal of North Dakota, our state flower and the Capitol. The chamber of commerce, among other things, presented each guest with a welcome map of Bismarck and the state Capitol Building, with the motto "Where East Meets West."

Your local union histories will be a tribute to the faithful women who have helped to give North Dakota a wonderful clean heritage in which to live.

Viola A. Liessman, Mrs. P. O. Sathre,
State Historians.

He who picks up one end of a stick picks up the other. He who chooses the beginning of a road chooses the place it leads to. Always the means we use must partake of the quality of the goal we seek.—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

MY TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND . . .

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when packed (we were allowed 44 lbs.) and my right arm in a sling, I set forth on the long journey which was to cover 20,000 miles and which to date has been the trip of my lifetime. Each day's journey is a book of travel. I took notes on all of it. Looking at my note book now I read, "City Terka. Saw children eating grass. As we drove away from Terka, Jericho, July 1st;" and "All roads lead up to Jerusalem;" and "Emmaus—a day's journey. The place where the Ark of the Covenant was left for three years, eight miles from Jerusalem;" "Baalbek—Temple of Baal, June 29th." "We entered the Great Court of the Altar. The Romans worshipped 12 gods and goddesses. Jupiter was the chief."

My "Impressions of the Bible Lands" will come to you as space permits in the W. R. B.

Mrs. Ottinger Gives Impressions of Tour

One who has not followed carefully, during the past decade, developments in the history and geography of the Near East, may be somewhat confused with the mention of Palestine and the Bible Lands. Among these, the bounds of Italy, Greece and Egypt have changed little in recent times. After the expiration of the mandates given France and Britain, following the first World War for the control of Arab and Jewish territories, many changes in governments and boundaries took place. Even now, some maps printed during the last year or two, are inaccurate. From the time that my own visa was issued to enter Egypt, and before my arrival there, the government had ceased being a kingdom and had been declared a republic. As things now seem to be shaped, the western part of old Syria, bordering upon the Mediterranean and famous for its Cedars, is the Republic of Lebanon, with its capital at Beirut or Beyrooth. The eastern part is the Republic of Syria, whose capital is Damascus, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. South from Syria, the territory east of the Jordan River; and west, including Jericho and half of the Dead Sea, with a large part of the city of Jerusalem included, comprises the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan. The Republic of Israel includes the remainder of old Judea, Samaria and Galilee. Most of this transformation has taken place in a period not much in excess of the last five years. How I know this is by taking a look at the visa stamps in my passport.

On a flying (actual TWA 15 day) visit to these lands, one gains many vivid impressions that never will be effaced. The great difficulty is to present in a few words, any idea of the wealth of such an adventure, therefore, brevity must sacrifice many tales that may not be here related, as each day's experiences are equal to one book of travel.

The first stop-over was made at home. Ours was a religious-minded group, consequently the first thrill came with the discovery that a part of the route to be followed from the airport, traversed the original Appian Way. It was there that early Christian martyrs, when they would not recant their faith, were smeared with pitch, tied in the trees that then bordered the avenue, and were burned as human torches. Soon the ancient wall and city gate of Rome was reached, and shortly after passing through, the outline of the Coliseum was seen in the moonlight. Here a pause was made for a short service of a devotional nature as a memorial to the Christian martyrs whose blood was spilled there for their faith. Where the group stood was said to be the site of the Emperor's box when he turned thumbs down to indicate when Christians were to be sacrificed to the beasts. On a day of sight seeing, two other shrines that seem to be authentic were visited. The Mamertine Prison where the Apostle Paul was incarcerated, is a cold cistern-like place with originally only an opening in the roof. Is there wonder that in his letter to Timothy he wrote for the younger man to bring his "cloak that I left at Troas"? The Catacombs, out near the airport way, have two or three underground levels, eleven miles in extent. They were used by early Christians, both as burial places and for secret gatherings — places of worship. St. Peter's Cathedral was among the great churches visited, and Rome's 300 acres of ancient ruins held much attraction for the historically minded. Two sites connected with Mussolini's career that were of interest, included the portico where he delivered his tirades to the people, and a sports arena which he is given credit for starting, where one Olympiad has been held, and likely the location for the next Olympiad. The Eternal City on the Tiber, with its seven glorious hills, is rivalled in beauty only by the city of Paris, in the minds of most foreign visitors.

Continued Next Issue.

North Dakota's First Prohibitionist— Sitting Bull

Many moons ago,
The Teton Sioux,
With their famous chiefs,
Sitting Bull and his uncle Black Moon,
Roamed with their tribes
Up and down, on their expeditions,
The Red River valley,
On the trail for War and Meat.
The Chippewas were their hereditary enemies,
And many a battle was fought
By the Wild Rice river and
The Red River of the North,
Between these indomitable tribes.

In 1865 there came
To Fort Abercrombie
In the Red River valley,
A Missionary priest
From far-off France; he came
First to teach at the Seminary
In Ottawa, Canada,
But his soul longed to bring
The message of Christ
To these poor pagans of the plains.

He left high ambitions
Far behind him
With no thought of wealth
Or fame—to minister
To the lowly savage,
To plant the cross in his Savior's name.

Those children of Nature
Trusted him,
And strove faithfully
To follow through,
To return good for evil
And to cease their inter-tribal strife.

But the good priest soon learned
There was a stumbling block,
A force of evil,
That did his work undo.
It was the legalized liquor traffic
Of the fur traders and Post-traders
Of the military Forts.

When the Indians came
With tales of furs—mink, otter,
and beaver,
Deer skins and buffalo hides;
They were quickly demoralized
By the 'palefaces' firewater'
So freely dispensed to them,
Bringing losses and cruel suffering
And untold tragedies
To them and their families.

Sitting Bull was beseeched
By Father Genin, to forbid
The sale of liquor to his people.
Sitting Bull never did things by halves, nor hesitate.
At once he decreed,
The pain of death for sale
Of liquor to his people, by
Any person, white, red or black,
Guilty of giving or selling liquor to them.
The same penalty, he decreed against
Any of his tribe who bought or received
Liquor, or who refused to reveal the name
Of the party from whom he received it.

This law, proclaimed and approved
At the Sioux Nation's Council in 1868,
Was the First Prohibition Law
In North Dakota,
And was rigidly enforced.

—Jessamine Slaughter Burgum

"FATHER(FORGIVE—"

Once in the long and long ago
A little Child was born:
But, ah, they pierced His hands with nails
And crowned His head with thorn.
Year after year, as long ago,
We sing, "A Child is born!"
O shame that we, as yesteryear,
Still crown His head . . . with thorn.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

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Scripture Art—\$22 per 100; \$12 per 50
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PINS

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PLAYLETS

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3c each.
God's Son—\$2.50 per 100; \$1.50 per 50; 4c each.
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50c per doz.; 5c each.
Blue Angel—\$3.00 per doz.; 30c each.

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