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## SHE WHO LIVED VALIANTLY

She who lived valiantly has passed;  
Why should we grieve?  
Why should it break our hearts like this  
If we believe?  
Surely she lives more valiantly  
Than ever before,  
Freed, as she is, to move without  
The weights she bore;  
Freed for the sweet adventurings  
Of heavenly days;  
Lightened, to go exploring down  
The glory-ways.  
What must these first hours be to her  
Who loved earth so?  
How swift, how very swift and glad  
Her feet must go!  
She who lived valiantly has passed,  
Why should we grieve?  
Why should it break our hearts like this  
If we believe?

—Grace Noll Crowell.

## Elizabeth Preston Anderson

When word of the passing of Elizabeth Preston Anderson came to us, the one cause for gratitude was the knowledge that she had gone into the Heavenly Home without extended illness, but as she had wished she might, while asleep. She had taken a walk with Margaret, as usual, had eaten supper at the table with the family. Later in the evening she became short of breath and two doctors from the clinic where Dr. Howard Anderson practices, came up to see her. As they predicted, the valiant heart that had served her well for nearly 94 years, was wearing out, and about five o'clock the next morning, Nov. 30, 1954, it stopped. Her awakening was in Heaven.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church in Fargo at two o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 6th. Dr. C. Maxwell Brown, pastor of the church, and Rev. C. A. Armstrong, Superintendent of the North Dakota Interchurch Council, officiated. With Miss Clara Pollock at the organ, Vincent J. Dodge, director of the church choir, sang with beautiful expression "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me." Dr. Brown's reading of the comforting words of the funeral service, and Rev. Armstrong's tribute to her life and influence, will be remembered by those who heard them. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, beside the grave of her husband.

Honorary pallbearers, all officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, were Mrs. A. D. Ottinger, Mrs. Jacob Jacobsen, Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Mrs. Frank Beasley, Mrs. Howard Kemis, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Miss Grace Higgins, Mrs. A. G. Martin, Miss Clara Lobben, Mrs. Andrew Halbeck and Mrs. Iver Fossum. Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Mielke and Mrs. Darling were unable to be there. The others, with a goodly number of the members of the two Fargo unions, sat together at one side of the church, wearing their white ribbons, and formed a guard of honor outside on the steps as the casket was carried out. After the service, a committee from the two unions served a lunch in the church dining room for the relatives and guests from out of town. Members of the family present included Dr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson of Miles City, Mont.; Mr and Mrs. Edgar Preston of Tower City, their son and daughter, and Mrs. Cuyler Anderson of Valley City.

A half dozen beautiful sprays of flowers brightened the church, but it had been Mrs. Anderson's expressed wish that those who wished to honor her memory in that way, send the money to the State WCTU instead. A number of such gifts were presented at the funeral, and many more have been received since. It was the skillful fingers of Mrs. Kemis, our state treasurer, which fashioned the large bow of white satin ribbon, given by the State WCTU, which, at the wish of the family, was the only decoration upon the dark blue casket. It seemed a symbol of hope. The tired little body of our friend went to its eternal rest with the same emblem



ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON  
1861 - 1954

pinned over her heart. It was fitting that a telegraphed message from Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Honorary President of the National WCTU, should be read at the service.

The life story of this consecrated woman is not a long one, though volumes could be written about her. Elizabeth Preston was born in a Methodist parsonage at Decatur, Indiana, April 27, 1861, the daughter of Rev. Elam S. and Maria Shepley Preston. Her mother died just before the little girl's second birthday. Her education was received in the public schools of the villages where her father was pastor; at DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind.; Taylor University at Upland, Ind.; and the University of Minnesota. She interspersed her years at college with teaching, beginning when she was fifteen years of age.

In 1880 she came with her father, brothers, stepmother and some other relatives, to Tower City, Dakota Territory, where they had filed upon land. That fall she taught the first school at Sanborn, later transferred to Page and continued teaching for some years. It was while she was teaching at Page that her call to service in the temperance work came to her. The window of her hotel room there looked out upon the back yard of a saloon, and she witnessed scenes that aroused her action. When she found that the women there wished to organize a sewing society, to bring them together, she persuaded them to organize a WCTU. She was elected president. It seems incredible to us who admired her poise and efficiency as a presiding officer, that then she suffered from such nervousness that she would be ill after the meetings. Her ability was soon recognized. In 1889 when the constitution of North Dakota was adopted, she worked ably and successfully, speaking in many places, to secure the adoption of the prohibition clause. In 1889 she was elected assistant organizer and evangelistic superintendent of the State WCTU, and in 1893 she became state president. It was her policy to visit every union in the state once a year, and to organize as many new ones as possible. She retired at her own request in 1933, after 40 years of splendid leadership. In 1904 she was elected assistant recording secretary of the National WCTU; in 1906 she became National recording secretary, and continued to serve in that office till 1926, the time limit she had set for herself. She was called upon frequently to serve as convention speaker in other states and for special occasions in North Dakota. For many years she was the only North Dakota woman listed in "Who's Who."

On Dec. 11, 1901, she became the wife of the Rev. James Anderson, whose first wife had died a few years before, leaving him with four motherless children, for whom she cared with true mother love. She and her husband had 40 happy

years together before his death in 1941. Three of the fine young people they reared died in their youth; Annetta at 18, of tuberculosis; Fletcher, killed in World War I; and Cuyler, who also contracted t. b. while overseas, died a few years after his return from the war. The survivor is Dr. Howard Anderson, of Miles City, Mont., a fine surgeon, with whom she has made her home for the past several years, and whose wife, Margaret, has been her "eyes and ears" for all her outside contacts. Two grandsons also survive, and six Preston nephews and their families of whom Edgar, of Tower City, is the only one living in North Dakota; the others are located in Indiana and Michigan.

As head of the department of Legislation, Mrs. Anderson attended almost every session of the legislature during her 40 years as state president. During that time, some two dozen or more laws to safeguard youth and the health and happiness of the people of the state, were enacted, with the help of the WCTU, but this statement gives but a faint idea of the battles that were fought to get and to hold these laws. A number of them have since been repealed, with results that few consider beneficial.

As a National officer, she was regarded with respect, admiration and deep affection by her fellow officers, who called her "Andy," and others who knew her. One of them once said, that her clear thinking and ability to express herself was a great asset. She said that more than once during National conventions when some question was under discussion, as it became evident that some were becoming confused as to the real point to be settled, she had seen Mrs. Anderson quietly lay down her pencil, address the chair, and with a few brief sentences make the issue so clear that all understood. She had an excellent speaking voice, clear enunciation, and forceful delivery. Her words and her manner of saying them are still remembered by some after more than 30 years.

Her Christmas messages have been greatly anticipated by those fortunate enough to receive them; the last of these appears in this issue. Her continued interest in people and events of the nation and world, in spite of her handicaps physically, and her vision of future usefulness in the Life Beyond, was inspiring. In her Christmas letter of 1946, she quoted a poem by Fredrick Lawrence Knowles, called "The Tenant," which she often repeated to herself. It begins:

"This body is my house; it is not I,  
Wherein I sojourn till in some far sky  
I lease a fairer dwelling, built to last,  
Till all the carpentry of earth is past."

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It ends:

"This body is my house, it is not I.  
Triumphant in this faith I live and die."

Another quotation that she loved may be a comfort to all of us:  
"Think—

Of passing from storm and tempest to a calm harbor,  
Of going on shore and finding it Heaven!  
Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand,  
Of breathing new air and finding it celestial air,  
Of feeling invigorated and finding it Immortality,  
Of awakening and finding it Home!"

## Tributes to Her Memory

I am glad to be one of those who has the privilege of making a small contribution to the North Dakota WCTU in memory of Elizabeth Preston Anderson. I never had the privilege of knowing her personally, but I felt the reflection of her glowing personality through the enthusiasm of many mutual friends.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, President, National WCTU.

It has been my very great privilege to have known and worked with some of the great women of the National WCTU, among whom was Elizabeth Preston Anderson. I met her first at Hartford, Conn., in 1906, when she was serving her second year as National Recording Secretary. I met her again in the summer of 1907 as we were changing trains in Mandan, N. D., going out to our ranch 60 miles south of Dickinson. She also was changing trains, and we had a little visit.

As vice president of the New York State WCTU, I represented the state on the National Official Board, since Mrs. Boole, our state president, was also vice president of the National; so I got to know Mrs. Anderson well from 1921 to 1926, in the work of the National organization. I admired her greatly.

Mrs. Anderson was a rare soul. She had a keen mind, a winsome personality and was a devoted Christian. She gave herself to the Temperance cause in North Dakota for

forty years, as well as being one of the beloved officers of the National WCTU for twenty-two years.

Her Christmas messages were newsy, humorous, appreciative of God's great goodness and of her children's thoughtfulness and their care of her. This year she spoke of Christ's gifts to us—Redemption and the Holy Spirit. Fortunately for us, she had prepared and had them mimeographed before the Lord took her. Mine came to me with the word of her home-going on the back, mailed the day she passed away.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, Honorary President, National WCTU.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson was one of God's gifts to this world. Stalwart, steady, dependable, her logic and her good common sense made her an able advisor and an outstanding executive.

She was recording secretary of the National WCTU when I became treasurer in 1915. Ever since she has been a very dear friend. The other officers valued her counsel and sought her advice many times when problems of administration arose. Always calm and courageous, she faced every difficulty with Christian fortitude. She also had a sense of humor that helped out many times.

She recognized the value of the local WCTU. She said towns where there were active local unions always voted against the liquor traffic whenever there was opportunity, while those with no local unions voted wet.

Her life almost compassed a century and the many who loved and admired her are glad she can now see and hear and rejoice in that home the Lord had prepared for her.

Margaret C. Munns, former Treasurer National WCTU;  
Treasurer Emeritus World's WCTU.

Words fail to express what Elizabeth Preston Anderson meant to me personally. In those early days she always had much greater faith in me than I ever had in myself and would insist that I could do things that I just knew I could not do. But her powers of persuasion were hard to resist, I usually yielded and tried to do what she wanted me to do, and succeeded after a fashion at least. It has been a blessed privilege to have kept in close touch with her all through the years. I am sure that what she has done for me she has done for many others; thus her influence has widened and will be felt for generations yet to come.

It is such an inspiration to know that she was able to keep her wonderful spirit and her ability to express herself, as shown in her beautiful Christmas letter to us all. The house she lived in for over 93 years wore out, but Elizabeth Preston Anderson never died, she just moved on into another realm of eternity, leaving us a little lonelier but thanking God for her life.

Necia E. Buck, Editor Oregon White Ribbon Review,  
former V. P., N. D. WCTU.

In the Home-going of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, North Dakota's Women's Christian Temperance Union has lost a great leader, a splendid organizer, a wonderful teacher and a tried and true friend. Although she had been inactive for a long time due to ill health and advanced age, she never ceased to be interested in the welfare of our organization, its members, and all good Christian work that helped to make this a better world to live in.

When I moved to North Dakota in 1925 I met Mrs. Anderson, who was then serving as state president and also National recording secretary. Later on it was my privilege to serve with her on the State executive committee. We who knew her best like to think of her as North Dakota's Uncrowned Queen. For forty years she led our organization and worked unceasingly for sobriety in our state and nation. The long retention of our state prohibition law in our state was due largely to the valiant fight of the dry forces led by this sainted leader.

She had a keen interest in legislation and was gifted with a legal mind. It was through her influence that many of our social and moral laws were placed on our statute books. For many years before the women of our state had the right to vote she was a guiding influence at every session of the state legislature. Men who did not always agree with her had a great respect for her opinion and advice. Needless to say she was an ardent worker for woman's suffrage and was present with a group of workers in the governor's office when he signed the bill.

She was the greatest parliamentarian that it has been my privilege to know. No one could attend a meeting or a convention where she presided without being impressed by her dignity, tact and fairness. And one who had anything to

offer for the good of the work was given a fair hearing. I feel greatly indebted to her for the training I received under her.

The last few years she has lived in a silent and dark world because her hearing and sight were about gone, but suddenly on Nov. 30th she went forth into Light to join her loved ones that had gone before. We will not mourn because we know she had prayed for this day but we will miss her and she will live in our hearts forever.

"There is only a curtain between us  
Between the beyond and the here;  
They whom we call dead have not left us--  
Nay, they were never so near."

—Author unknown.

Bessie M. Darling, Honorary President, N. D. WCTU.

We who knew and loved her cannot grieve, for it is now day for her. Then, too, it makes us happy to know that at this Christmas time she is hearing celestial choirs. Her unselfish life and the work she did lives on forever. Her funeral, as her son, Howard, wrote me, was a "triumphant event." The gifts in her memory are still coming in; they will be used to promote the work she loved so much. May God bless her comrades, each and every one.

(Mrs. A. D.) Ruth Cooper Ottinger, President, N. D. WCTU.

It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson. Although I never met her personally, I saw her many times. In the late thirties I attended the Annual North Dakota Methodist Conference for six years—four years as lay delegate from the Mott Methodist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson were always there and Mrs. Anderson gave a talk on temperance every year. I recall the year that Rev. Anderson retired from the active ministry. Mrs. Anderson dedicated her life to the temperance cause; she was one of the greatest women of North Dakota. May we be inspired by her excellent example to rededicate our lives to the cause of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

(Mrs. Jacob) Hazel Jacobsen, V. P., N. D. WCTU.

I did not know Elizabeth Preston Anderson intimately, but have admired her in many ways; for her clear thinking, her well planned and spoken addresses, and her legislative accomplishment. I knew her best through her Christmas letters, which were sent out annually. They were messages of Christian faith, expressing hope and courage for a better world "some glad day." Her spirit is here while she has received her crown of immortality and is blessed with peace.

"Death doth hide, but not divide,  
Thou art but on Christ's Other Side;  
Thou art with Christ—and Christ with me—  
In Him still united are we."

Mrs. F. T. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary, N. D. WCTU.

Although I did not have the privilege of knowing Mrs. Anderson so well, I have had many letters from her and they were indeed an inspiration. I shall miss those letters "Dictated to Margaret."

Mrs. Howard Kemis, Treasurer N. D. WCTU.

The whole story of her life is an inspiration, but in recent years her letters have been inexpressibly dear to me. The Bible promises she included have helped many times. Her last message to the state convention concluded with Isa. 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." What better encouragement could she have given us for the long "walk" still ahead?

Elizabeth C. Beasley, Recording Secretary, N. D. WCTU.

"For us who knew you, dread of age is past!  
You took life tiptoe, up to the very last;  
It never lost for you its lovely look;  
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;  
To you Death came no conqueror; in the end  
You merely smiled to greet another Friend!"

— Author Unknown

## The President's Letter

Dear White Ribboners,

"What Do You Care About?" was the topic which Mrs. Chris Miller of Jamestown used for her devotions at a meeting held in the Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. So often her words have come back to me to strengthen me during difficult days; and here may we pay a tribute to the ministers' wives who, in spite of their busy schedule, find time to "care about" and strengthen our organization by their devotion.

Thanks for the fan mail you sent. A group of our Larimore women met at the home of Mrs. Bates and enjoyed my first television appearance; also Northwood, and thanks, Mrs. Burgum, for your grand letter, and yours, Mrs. Bilden.

The United Temperance State Board meeting which Mr. George Parish held on Tuesday morning, Nov. 23rd, was an inspiration to us. Following the business meeting we enjoyed dinner together at the Graver Hotel and I was glad when Mrs. Fisher of Cavalier and Mrs. Parish came in, so I was no longer the "lone woman."

Have been kept busy accepting requests to speak and show my Holy Land pictures, and winning new members for our WCTU. The trip up to Bessie Beasley's farm home, where Mrs. E. G. Ranum accompanied me, was the first for both of us but not the least, we hope. Mr. Beasley is a lover of fine horses and we enjoyed seeing one eat sugar out of Bessie's hand. Bessie accompanied us to Calvin where Mrs. Renfrow opened her home for the WCTU meeting and my talk. She and Mrs. Ranum were girlhood friends. Enroute back to Nekoma, we showed the Holy Land pictures in Langdon at the home of Mrs. Cecil Bone. We had a grand time at each place, including Nekoma, where Bessie had arranged for me to speak in the public school for a Community Club family gathering. A large picture of Frances Willard adorns the wall of the assembly in this fine school. The superintendent was most cordial and asked us to come again. This fine fellowship means much to our organization.

The more I travel about our state and meet our fine women, the more courage comes to me from our Master, to fight intoxicating liquors and what they are doing to America. Six minors, two or three cars and a case of empty and cracked beer bottles were involved in the death of a senior in Clearwater, Idaho, High School. Alcohol has at least 600 industrial and scientific uses. Its beverage use is the cause of many of the ills and tragedies of our present day civilization. "Alcoholism is a disease of vast social importance, a destroyer of minds and bodies, a prime cause of vice and crime, a major factor in violence and death. It was bad enough when, as was once true, the culprits were men in the vast majority, but nowadays women, and often minors of both sexes, are creeping up in numbers to the total of male sots. Something must be done and done quickly, to prevent the self poisoning of American men, women and children." The above is a quote of William Randolph Hearst.

The Scriptures contain numerous passages referring to the "potter and his wheel." God used this personage as a Biblical comparison between the "human and the Divine Potter." "Behold as the clay is in the hands of the potters, so are you in my hand." (Jeremiah 18:6). "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?" (Romans 9:21). Perhaps because he has pressed his clay too thin, or the potter has suddenly changed his mind, he instantly crushed his half finished jar again into shapeless clay to begin anew, he "made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Watching the potters of Jerusalem, or the famous potters of Hebron, or elsewhere in the Holy Land, we are inspired to know that such craftsmen have made similar earthenware jars in this land since earliest times. The Lord Jesus saw in the work of the potter an allegory of the Divine Power that molds our human lives. Through the centuries his work and the Scriptural application have gone unchallenged and unchanged.

As we go about our work at this most sacred season, may we say with Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone."

Ruth Ottinger.

## SPEECH CONTESTS

"Listen carefully to my words, and let my declaration be in your ears." Job 13:17. This verse of Scripture heads our "Plan of Work" this year.

I am sending literature on "Speech Contest" Department to each union. Kindly make use of it. Especially do I call your attention to the "Plan of Work." Do start plans for Speech Contests, using methods best suited to your own community. May I hear from many?

Mrs. H. O. Hermanson, Director.

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## STUDIES IN PARLIAMENTARY LAW

I. Name five fundamental principles underlying parliamentary law.

Ans. 1. Only one subject may claim the attention of the assembly at one time.

2. Each proposition is entitled to full and free debate.

3. Every member has rights equal to those of any other member.

4. The will of the majority must be carried out, but the right of the minority must be preserved.

5. The personality and desires of each member should be merged into the large unit of the organization.

II. Give the eight steps in transacting business.

Ans. 1. Stand and address the presiding officer, "Madam Chairman" and wait for recognition.

2. The chairman speaks your name and thus gives you the floor—(permission to speak).

3. You say "I move that—" And state your wish.

4. Any member (without standing) may say "I second the motion."

5. The chairman states the motion, as made and seconded.

6. Discussion follows, usually opened by the proposer. Both sides should be presented alternately. The chairman does not discuss the motion without asking the vice-president to take the chair.

7. After discussion is finished the chairman says "All in favor (of the motion) say Aye." When the Ayes have responded, she says "All opposed say No."

8. The chair announces the vote: "The motion is carried" or repeating "The motion is lost." Then she states "The assembly will (repeating the motion), or the assembly will not (repeating the motion)."

Thanks to last year's WCTU members for your splendid cooperation and efficient work. I know you are each planning how to be ever more effective in promoting this work.

Reward of Merit certificates were issued to those qualifying for them, numbering "82 in '54". "The highest reward of our best service is the ability to do better."

Elsie Hart, Director.

## NATURAL FRUIT BEVERAGES

Dear Co-Workers.

Again I am trying to construct a letter for the White Ribbon Bulletin, hoping that all the unions will try to accomplish as much as possible in 1955, and also send me a report.

During the past two years, I hope your union has received the leaflet, "One Leap Ahead." This is to be used as a textbook to help people to lift themselves up and out of subversive social life.

There is a new beverage leaflet, "Drinks of Variety and Novelty" which can be ordered from National WCTU Evanston, Illinois. (Price per copy, 5c; per dozen, 50c; per 100, \$3.00). These double leaflets can be used for gifts, or be made up-to-the-minute greeting cards or favors.

Let us, at all times, supply wholesome, delicious beverages that promote health; also rejoice in doing it. Let us never be deterred or discouraged, or miss any opportunity to demonstrate our beverage recipes—let us be the type that will advertise and present our products—natural food beverages; also give our merchants encouragement, inspiration, and patronage, to those who sell a good grade of preserved juices and bottled soft drinks.

Let us remember that God will be with us wherever we go or in whatever situation we find ourselves. It means we are never alone, if we respect God, as our landlord; and we as tenants. He is always with us, will guide and give us aid to a successful outcome of anything He has inspired us to undertake.

Keep smiling; Prov. 17:22. May God bless you all!

(Miss) Borghild C. Bue, Director.

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

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

## A Word To The Wise

Dear Comrades of the White Ribbon:

A Happy New Year to you all! May 1955 hold only the best of everything for you, and may you "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is with sorrow and yet with solemn pride that we dedicate this issue of our paper to the memory of Elizabeth Preston Anderson. "Thanks be to God that she has lived, though she is here no more." The things some of you have expected to find in this issue will appear in the next one, since there is not room for all. The department letters from the state directors need the space, and we know Mrs. Anderson would want that work to receive our careful attention and energetic assistance. Next time we will have lots of news about all of you, we hope.

Remember the special days and offerings we are urged to observe in January and February. Don't forget to watch the papers for news of what goes on in the Legislature at Bismarck, and be ready to act any time that Mrs. Ottinger calls for your help. Letters and telegrams can be very important at the right time. I expect to be out of the state for a time.

The new state reports are in your hands; I regret that some errors in printing are very apparent, but please use them, hard!

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Beasley.

## NOTICE

Because of postal and bookkeeping costs the National WCTU Publishing House will be unable to handle orders for leaflets costing a total of less than \$1.00 after March 1st. Please anticipate your needs and combine them in one order totalling not less than \$1.00 when you order from National WCTU Publishing House.

## In Memory of Elizabeth Preston Anderson

We were saddened to hear of the homegoing of our dear friend and leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who passed away on November 30 at the home of Dr. Howard Anderson at Miles City, Montana. My heart was lifted to God in silent prayer, thanking Him for our dear leader who gave such a full measure of devotion in Christian service for others and who eagerly looked forward for the end of her journey, to meet her Savior and to enter her heavenly home. It brought to mind the words expressed by Mrs. Anderson at a state convention, "On some morning think of stepping on shore and finding it heaven."

Our thoughts were with the dear relatives and WCTU friends who gathered for the last rites at the Fargo Methodist Church where homage was paid to Mrs. Anderson for her outstanding leadership of two score years in the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union, her twenty years of faithful service as National recording secretary, and her contributions to the temperance cause through her legislative work and as a great leader and administrator.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson was the Frances Willard of North Dakota and her long and noted service in the WCTU qualifies her as one of the great Crusaders of all time in our organization. Much could be said about our great leader and national worker, a book could be written about her illustrious life. The history of her life and her accomplishments will stand as a memorial to her and will perpetuate the temperance cause even after she has gone to her reward.

In memory of our dear leader and white ribbon friend who gave her whole life to promote the temperance cause in Christian service we can truly say,

"How beautiful it is for man to die

Upon the walls of Zion! To be

Called like a watch-worn and weary sentinel—

To put his armour down, to rest in heaven."

To us who are left behind may we "take heed to the ministry which we have received from the Lord that we fulfill it" and may each member of the WCTU in North Dakota rededicate her life anew to the unfinished task which our beloved Elizabeth Preston Anderson has so nobly advanced.

Freda P. Mielke, National Corresponding Secretary.

## Treasurer's Report

October 15 to December 15, 1954

DUES: Tower City 14; Oakes 15; Larimore 18; Bismarck 24; Arthur 6; Minot 29; Julia D. Nelson 89; Watford City 34; Napoleon 13; Douglas 12; Monango 12; Sheldon 6; Prosper 19; Lydia Wanner 13; Gilby 16; McKenzie 10; LaMoure 15; Drayton 35; Northwood 36; Edinburg 10.

BUDGET: Tower City \$14.00; Oakes \$30.00; Larimore \$38.00; Bismarck \$24.00; Arthur \$6.00; Minot \$40.00; Julia D. Nelson \$75.00; Edinburg \$10.00; Fargo \$54.00; Douglas \$12.00; Monango \$7.00; Sheldon \$2.00; Prosper \$19.00; Gilby \$17.00; McKenzie \$13.00; LaMoure \$15.00; Northwood \$44.00.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CRUSADE: Tower City \$3.50; Larimore \$4.50; Bismarck \$6.00; Arthur \$1.50; Minot \$10.00; Mrs. Mabel Jordre \$1.00; Edinburg \$2.50; Douglas \$3.00; Monango \$3.25; McKenzie \$2.00; LaMoure \$3.75.

WILLARD MEMBERS: 10.  
L. T. L.: Mott 39.

STATE REPORTS: \$15.75.  
LITERATURE: \$81.16.

LIGHT LINE UNIONS: Tower City, Fargo, Bismarck.

WILLARD MEMORIAL: Dickey \$2.00; Bismarck \$2.00; McKenzie \$2.00; Gilby \$2.00.

LILLIAN STEVENS LEGISLATIVE FUND: Bismarck \$2.00; McKenzie \$2.00; Gilby \$2.00.

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Mrs. Howard Kemis.

## From The Corresponding Secretary

Dear White Ribboners:

The blessed Christmas season is past. I trust that yours was a happy one. The new year is at hand, may yours be a happy and fruitful one both personally and in WCTU work!

One mile stone is past, either you were a Holdfast union or you were not, which was it? Now strive for a net gain in membership; July first is the next special date, but do not put off the work. "Now is the Time." Have interesting programs, the Union Signal is full of good helps. Get other women and men to join in our efforts for total abstinence in the home, safety on the highways, sane thinking, and spiritual living. Yours in your strife for a fruitful union, may bless you now and always.

Sincerely, Mrs. F. T. Brooks.

## From The Historian

We were told at the 1,000 foot deep Royal Gorge in Colorado, that it had been three million years in the making! The Arkansas River cuts down through it about 400 feet each million years. It gave us inspiration to keep on working in our great battle against intemperance. With the Lord's help, we will wear it down. The evil forces take no vacation.

We are happy that many unions are working to secure data on their own histories. We will welcome inquiries and be glad to answer if we have the material desired. Many dates have been secured from "Way Back When" columns in newspapers. Also from old letters, but best of all is contact with the oldest citizens of a community.

We were greatly blessed to be contemporaries with our beloved Elizabeth Preston Anderson, who, when she slipped "Home" Nov. 30, was still active in her research work. She was writing a book which will take us back in history to territorial days, when she began her militant work.

With the Legislature in session during January and February, 1955, you can secure names and bills for your scrap books. We realize that it takes the longest time to compile your earliest history, and that it is a continuous work even if you send in your history up to 1955. You will find unexpected items of interest at any time from the past as well as the present, to add to your story. One good item for 1955 would be to present our pledge cards to non-members, and especially to little boys and girls who still hate to see and hear liquor advertisements. Pray without ceasing.

Mrs. Charles Liessman, Mrs. P. O. Sathre,  
State Historians.

## Her Last Message To Us - Christmas 1954

Dear Friend:

It seems but yesterday since I was wishing you a happy Christmas. One of the joys of old age is the fact that time passes with incredible swiftness.

The Babe in the manger brought God's greatest gift to mankind, redemption. Without any merit on our part, it is for all who will receive it. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." When Jesus, by His suffering on the cross, accomplished our redemption and went back to His throne. He sent us the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. I have often wished that we could have walked and talked with Jesus when He was here. That wonderful privilege was for a very small group, but the Holy Spirit is for everyone who will receive Him. Blindness, deafness, illness or any handicap can not shut Him out. Many people, when ill, find it difficult or impossible to pray. I have had that experience and a spiritually wise friend said, "When you can not pray, then the Holy Spirit prays for you." Romans 8, verse 26. What a comfort and joy this brought to me! How much better the Holy Spirit knows my need than I do. What a wonderful Christmas gift, redemption and the companionship of the Holy Spirit!

Nineteen fifty-four has been a busy year for the Anderson family. It has been impossible to secure help for Cuyler on the ranch. Margaret and Howard carry out supplies and repairs. He can not leave until after the clinic closes at five p. m. and must be back at eight o'clock in the morning. Margaret drives part of the time to give Howard an opportunity to take cat naps. They keep up their courage in spite of the decline in cattle prices.

Our happy-go-lucky Cuyler of a few years ago, has developed into a thoughtful father who does not hesitate to discipline his children, and Mary is an unusually wise mother. Attending church means a drive of forty miles to Broadus, where Cuyler directs the choir and when the minister was vacationing, he preached the sermon one Sunday, most acceptably, according to reports. When their church work at Broadus demanded the entire day, Margaret and Howard drove out to the ranch to take care of the children, making a "Sabbath day's journey" of two hundred and forty miles. If our Lord should come today, with radio and television, practically the whole world could hear His voice and see His face. What a wonderful age we are living in and what a privilege to live in it!

I am thankful for the interest in life that the great-grandchildren give me. Susan, before she was four years old, listened to a long story read to her several times by her grandfather, Dr. Dunn. Then she "read" the story to him verbatim. Several weeks later she "read" the story at our Christmas party. Before Daphne was three, she had something to relate while her eiders were talking. She was reminded that when they had finished she could talk. When her father said, "Now, Daphne, it is your turn," she replied, "I have nothing to say." Another time after she had been reproved she said, "Are you talking to me?" Bruce is a handsome child and all boy. He seems determined not to be ruled by the eternal feminine. However he is, as a rule, a very loving youngster. Fletcher's chief interest now is in checks and balances. He can stand beside a chair and walk around it and he creeps with amazing swiftness. His large and unusually beautiful eyes are filled with questions which must wait until he learns the language of the strange world into which he has come. He is named for his great uncle Fletcher Anderson, who by his last act of heroism won the Distinguished Service Cross and whose broken body lies in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery in France. The children are fortunate in having parents who delight in them.

I am thankful to report a great improvement, since last Christmas, in my ability to get up and down and around. Margaret and Howard take me for walks and rides every day that it is possible. After ninety-four summers I can hardly expect a permanent cure. My ability to sleep is marvelous and I am grateful for that.

How thankful we are that the prayers of our fathers are being answered in the spiritual awakening that is reaching world wide proportions. If there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, we can not imagine the rejoicing there was, when during the Billy Graham revival in Europe and now in this country, hundreds and thousands are accepting God's Christmas gift of redemption. How the bells of heaven must be ringing and the choirs of heaven singing! Included among those voices are many we knew and loved.

His kingdom may be nearer than we think. We may not know the times and seasons, but we do know this, "It is coming, the morn for which we pray, we'll take the world for Christ's own kingdom, some grand day!"

Yours in this faith  
(Mrs. James) Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

## DEPARTMENT LETTERS

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR PEACE

Dear Co-Workers:

The heading of this department letter, may seem a little ironical as events in our day seem to be to the contrary in our international involvements. We would want to throw up our hands in despair, but the gladsome Christmas season is with us again, with its inherent message of Good Will to Men, and Peace On Earth. Then comes a rekindling of hope, yearnings for such an objective, and thus the feeling of our individual responsibility in the matter.

You will have received departmental literature as a help in your December meeting with the topic "Paths of Peace." In view of the current news items, it seems that the leaflet "Shall We Revise the Ten Commandments?"—by our National director, Mrs. Broyles, has much to offer, if such were to be taken seriously as our National policy.

Recent news reports indicate that another drive will be made when Congress meets again, to secure some form of Universal Military Training. As an organization, we oppose this, as well as peace-time conscription. Let our representatives at Washington, D. C., know how you feel about this.

The verse with which I conclude has been chosen by the National director, Mrs. Broyles, as the inspirational challenge of her Plan of Work: "Wherefore, girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

With every good wish for a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

(Mrs. George Campbell, Director.

### UNION SIGNAL AND YOUNG CRUSADER

Dear WCTU Members:

The Union Signal is a must if we are to be intelligent WCTU members. It is our contact with National. It is the only means we have of knowing what is going on and what we can do to further our work. It prints the speeches of the most able speakers in this and other countries. We don't know very much about our own organization unless we take the Union Signal and read it. With its material that we can use for schools and women's and men's church societies, the Union Signal is a very important tool with which to work, a fine weapon with which to fight the liquor traffic.

Not only WCTU members need the Union Signal, but schools and church societies. By explaining the importance of Miss Smart's page, I have sold the paper to the W. S. C. S. where there is no WCTU. This next year I will give a free subscription for one year, to the Union Signal, or \$2.00 in cash to the WCTU member who will get the most new subscriptions to this paper.

The Young Crusader is very important. It is both entertaining and instructive. All children love it. It is a very appropriate gift for boys or girls, or for a family. For the boy or girl sending in the most subscriptions to the Young Crusader, I will have a gift at the next state convention. The Union Signal is \$2.00 per year for single subscriptions, or \$1.50 per year in a club of 10 subscriptions to one post office address. The Young Crusader is 50c per single subscription, but 35c or 40c in a club. Last year the Parshall WCTU had 100 Young Crusader subscriptions, and 95 of them were gifts. What a wonderful thing to do!

The back page of the White Ribbon Bulletin usually has ideas and suggestions for securing subscriptions. Let's see what we can do. Don't forget that the Union Signal has valuable news stories which are absolutely authentic. They are checked and double checked before they are printed.

With Christian love and best wishes, and a plea for your prayers,

(Mrs. R. A.) Mabel Salter, Promoter.

### INSTITUTES

Dear WCTU Members.

I am sending Plan of Work for Institutes and other leaflets to each local and district president. Mrs. Lila D. Warren, the National director, sent a new leaflet, "There Is a Difference," which I hope we will all enjoy.

Will each union and district president please fill in all the spaces in the report blank that will be sent to you in August? Only six did so last year. Give number of people who attended, the name of each department presented and the number of pages of literature sold and given away. Please help me to have a complete report to send to Mrs. Warren this year. Thank you.

(Miss) Celia Ulness, Director.

### CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear Co-Workers.

My letters and materials were sent to the presidents of the unions in November, so you can surely have a good program on Christian Citizenship at your January meeting as scheduled by the program guide.

The emphasis in this department is on the usual four phases of work which I hope you will stress throughout this year when our National organization is putting special emphasis on Christian Citizenship.

Let us now resolve that 1954-1955 will be the very best in our history and let us set ourselves with renewed vigor to creating sentiment that will make every Christian see his or her duty as a citizen and the responsibility to vote at every opportunity so that God's will may "be done on earth as it is in heaven;" to do everything possible to have laws passed that will outlaw gambling in every form, and where we have such laws to see that they are enforced; to make friends of the foreign born women in our communities; and to work for proper detention homes for juvenile offenders. These are the four phases of work given to our Christian Citizenship Department. Let us work for them.

I should like to see our unions using our very splendid "Studies in Government" booklets which give a real insight to the workings of our national government. Why not have a lesson presented at each meeting of your union?

Yours for a successful year of Advance with Total Abstinence along the Path of Progress in Christian Citizenship.

(Mrs. Andrew) Christina S. Haibeck, Director.

### DRAMA AND PAGEANTRY

Greetings to all fellow workers for total abstinence:

May we hold our torches high and pray for guidance and blessing. The department of Drama and Pageantry unlocks the stage door of opportunity. It is the channel through which all departments can be made to sparkle,

First, by training our own people.

Second, by presenting our own wealth of total abstinence literature in a manner far beyond the ordinary. Our National director really wants us to go through a period of training in speech so the timid ones who dread to stand before a group and talk, will gain confidence and be able to portray all materials of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union with enthusiasm and perfection.

We must look first within our own ranks for leadership. She wants us to have a five minute Drama Clinic at our local meetings. It would be a lot of fun and also make us more efficient. Besides the Drama Clinic, she wants us to have a discussion panel, prepare puppet plays, make book reviews live, and give plays, pageants, dialogues, living pictures and demonstrations.

Puppet skits are now very popular. On-the-hand puppets are used frequently. Make a collapsible carton stage which can be carried in a car and adjust a drape for draw-curtain. Our National director wants pictures of puppet plays given in our state, so she can have a display at the National convention. The plan of work will be sent to you as soon as I receive it. Please continue to place plays and playlets in libraries and distribute literature to schools, Sunday schools, their teachers and ministers. Please appoint a director for this department in your union and see what we can do this year.

God bless you all through this New Year.

Josephine M. N. Jones, Director.

### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION IN CHURCH SCHOOLS

Dear Co-Workers for Temperance Education:

Temperance Education is more urgent than ever if we shall curb the appalling juvenile delinquency problems of today. We must fight all liquor and crime shown in the movies; in publications; on TV; over the radio and in comic books. We must do our utmost to interest our youth in wholesome activities and entertainment.

Let us, the WCTU, use the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching method to protect our youth from the dreadful liquor curse. Enlist all church and various group workers, teachers, preachers, every Christian to present Temperance Education whenever, wherever and in whatever way possible.

Consult your catalog for material to be used and provide same.

Last but not least, PRAY; pray earnestly that God will bless our work; and let us WORK as never before to save the lives of the precious children He has entrusted us.

Yours in Christian Service,

Mrs. K. R. Thorstenson, Director.

### HEALTH, MEDICAL TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL MORALITY

More and more we are reading in the newspapers and hearing on the radio the results of the liquor traffic. I read in the Union Signal some time ago of some teen-agers telling of the wrong in alcoholic beverages. A girl of Ashley, Ill., named Loretta Dudek, wrote: "When alcohol is consumed, it undergoes oxidation in the body, just the same as sugar and starch. Alcohol is an anesthetic. The first or second drink stimulates the heart and relaxes the blood vessels of the skin, causing a feeling of slowness and warmth. Larger quantities have a narcotic effect upon the brain and spinal system, causing stupor, and in case of large enough quantities, death." Alcohol does harm to our bodies and sometimes the use of alcohol in medicines has been the beginning of a craving for it in beverages. We must give out the information concerning the dangers of alcohol to our health to all we have any contact with.

Observation surely teaches us that the alcohol problem is a moral problem. Look at the homes of alcoholics; immorality, profanity, obscenity all go hand in hand with the use of alcoholic beverages. Most divorce cases are brought on directly or indirectly by this liquor scourge.

Our only hope is in God. In His Word we find the moral standards, necessary to maintain good citizenship. In Him alone we find strength and help to resist the temptations and drowsy attitudes in the world today concerning these things. Our lives are so short and there is much to be done.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

Mrs. George Brown, Director.

### WILLARD MEMBERS

Having been appointed Willard Secretary at the State Convention in Grand Forks in October, I should have written all Willard members before the end of November, since November is our dues-paying month, but just have not been able to get it all done.

There is a longer list than before due to our large increase during the past year, for which we are very thankful as we value our Willard members very highly.

I had a letter from a dear lady of eighty years who said: "I cannot do anything any more but will pay my dues." She didn't realize how mistaken she was. She can pray and I am sure that such a consecrated Christian as she, does pray continually for our cause. I firmly believe that prayer is the most powerful weapon our organization has, and no matter how near the sunset of life we may be, nor how poorly in health or weary of body, we can still pray.

Our Willard members often make a nucleus round which we can form a union later on in the smaller towns or rural communities, and perhaps each one of you can gain another Willard member. We need many to fill the places of such loyal workers as our dear Elizabeth Preston Anderson, whom we shall miss very much.

Right must eventually triumph, so I ask each of you faithful Willard members to continue steadfast in prayer for our great cause. You can do no greater service!

Mrs. George S. Muir, Secretary.

### VISUAL EDUCATION

Dear Fellow Workers:

Another year of work is open for us with opportunities as never before. Let us drop less important things and concentrate on this so very important work. The Visual Education Department is a "Method Department" for other departments. Even shut-ins and all others temporarily shut-in, in winter, can make scrap books. They should be interesting, full of pictures, puzzles, quiz questions, etc., besides short articles with temperance teaching and stories of great and near great persons who lead temperate lives and give advice to young people. Let us add more highway billboards to the start we have. That reaches so very very many. Work in the schools is so important. Teachers welcome your interest and most will respond to your offers of literature. Poster contests are great for the help to children and parents. Write if you plan a contest so we can have entries uniform. I would say this is one of the best ways and easiest to stir interest in work in schools. Be sure you furnish leaflets, clippings and booklets to schools before January Temperance Day in schools with a reminder to teachers of this day. Every school should have a Temperance Shelf. We can use flannelgraph stories, color cards, rulers, etc., in our work.

Let us use our motion picture films more this year than we did last year. They are so very worth while.

Let's do even more this year than we have done in the past year in our great work.

(Mrs. R. G.) Lura Winings, Director.

### FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF

Dear Friends of the Womans Christian Temperance Union:

The department of Flower Mission and Relief is of great importance in each union.

This year the Plan of Work is divided into two sections with definite projects considered under each section. I hope these will be studied well and a careful record kept of the activities undertaken.

#### 1. Flower Mission Activities.

May we stress Prayer Projects for Shut-ins. Ask shut-ins, elderly persons, and each member to pray definitely for the projects and goals of this organization.

Use leaflet, "Shut In But Not Shut Out for its inspiration. Look for and report results in the annual report. A new project is "Cancelled Stamps to Aid the Sick." Collect cancelled stamps of all kinds and denominations, especially commemorative stamps. Cut out with quarter inch border to insure perfect condition and mail to: Sanitorium Aid Society, 201 Cooper Bldg., 1009 17th St., Denver, Colorado. They will be sold to aid the Swedish National Sanitorium, a charity institution for care of pulmonary tuberculosis. Please keep record of number sent.

#### 2. Relief.

Because the need for clothing continues to be extremely urgent in several countries we are urged to send packages to Japan, Korea, Greece and Germany. Definite suggestions as to articles needed are to be found in the Plan of Work, also addresses where such packages are to be sent.

(Miss) Grace R. Higgins, Director.

### CHILD WELFARE

Again we stand at the threshold of a new year and as your director of the Child Welfare Department I am very anxious to make it an outstanding year in this particular phase of our work.

I was pleased with the fine response to my request for a larger enrollment of White Ribbon Recruits last year but I know we could have increased that number if we had worked harder. So many unions think we can only enroll children of members. The plan is to seek little children of the community by inviting young mothers to your meetings. Explain the dedication service to them when you invite them to come; always get their consent before the day of enrollment. Arrange an interesting and informative program but not too long. Special numbers by children add to it and a speaker who is well informed on child welfare will be an attraction.

Through this department we stress physical strength, mental and moral training and spiritual guidance for every child. An organization known as "Organized Mother Love" should be intensely interested in the welfare of all our children. American parents are deeply concerned about the health of their children, but do they realize the relation of total abstinence to good health? What about the moral training and spiritual guidance . . . even in our sparsely populated state we have thousands of unchurched children. Let us concern ourselves about such a condition and seek to change it.

We need women in every union who can see the advantage of enrolling our babies up to six years of age as White Ribbon Recruits so that we can get our young mothers to see the value of total abstinence in the home. Present day conditions in homes and communities are not the fault of the children, and if they are to have a chance at the better way of life we must sell the program of total abstinence for the individual to the parents.

This year there were 122 graduates from this department or little White Ribbon Recruits that had attained their sixth birthdays. If every union had a Loyal Temperance Legion these children would be enrolled at once in our total abstinence training program.

Every union president should appoint a child welfare director and work should get underway at once for at least one White Ribbon Recruit. Dedication service this year. May I stress again that you send names of children, dates of birth including year, and parents' names and addresses to your state director, for her record book. I have had to write some union and district directors for this information and then do not always get it. Unless I do have it I can not send birthday cards to the children or promotion certificates when they graduate. Then too it means more postage and often a disappointed child and mother.

Let every union give at least one program on child welfare this year. For practical work, make baby layettes, get some child to Sunday School, help a young mother by caring for her child or children while she shops, be a friend when some one needs your help.

Bessie M. Darling, Director.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Dear WCTU Members:

"The pressure and tensions of life in today's world affect us all. We cannot escape them, but we can determine how we will deal with them. We have two choices. We can attempt to meet them with our own meager wisdom—and become frustrated or disheartened—or we can draw on Divine resources and become a blessing to those who are groping to find the Light." These meaningful words are given to us by Mrs. Paul Halladay, National Director of Spiritual Life. Surely in our own strength we would not dare to undertake the tremendous task that is ours as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

As I studied the annual reports of our unions, I could see a definite need of greater emphasis upon the spiritual. The National Monthly Worship Service suggestions in The Union Signal are prepared for us to use. They correspond to the monthly theme and give good spiritual foundation to your program. Why not use them every month?

Many WCTU members are shut-ins. When did your union last enlist these persons to observe the nine o'clock prayer hour for the Temperance cause? Let us also take leaflets to them that will help them be informed and also help them keep in touch with our work.

Let us continue in our effort to have the Bible read in the public schools. Some children will never hear it unless they hear it there. The Word unifies all of Christendom and helps our children to respect it as the textbook for all faiths.

Each union will be receiving the Plan of Work plus several leaflets for your inspiration. Kindly note the questions for annual reports on the Plan of Work. Start now to achieve the goal's set up for us by National.

May you find the fulfillment of the divine promise: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Eph. 6:10.

In His Service,

Mrs. A. G. Martin, Director.

**SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION**

Dear Co-Workers:

The Plan of Work is very similar to last year, and of course the big job is to Win the Teachers One by One. Let us each try this year to contact at least one teacher and give her some material. We have the new books "Lessons About Alcohol" and they can be gotten from Mrs. Brooks for 50 cents apiece or 38c if 12 or more are ordered, plus postage.

Another book we want to get into the schools is "Alcohol at the Wheel." From our convention reports, a lot of these had been distributed but let us keep up the good work. These are 25 cents apiece or 20 cents each for 12, plus postage.

The booklet "Beverage Alcohol and the Brain" by A. C. Ivy shows the effect of alcohol on the brain; it is very concise and gives the facts very clearly. It costs 10 cents apiece or \$1.00 per dozen.

The leaflet "A Philosophy" is really an approach to and a study of "The Alcohol (drink) Problem. It is compiled by Miss Bozeman and A. C. Ivy. It costs 3 cents apiece or 65 cents for 50.

"An Appeal For Temperance Education" by Hannah Jordet Ericson is really for the Church Schools but it has much information for parents and teachers so can be applied to the public schools as well.

The leaflet "An Open Letter to Church Members Who Drink" by Earl F. Zeigler is very timely. If we could get the church people aroused and working, the task would soon be done. Mr. Zeigler thinks that many of our church members are unaware of the nature of alcohol and their own Christian responsibility.

Let us all put forth an effort this year to get the teachers interested but we must have material to give them, so I would suggest that each union get some of these books and leaflets and each member could buy them and give to their teacher, as they are not expensive.

Since the Convention I have had several requests for suggestions and I am glad to give them, but remember that you report to your S. T. I. Director or your President so that when I send out my questionnaire next August they will have something to report.

Our Bible verse this year is, "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said: Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are able to overcome it." Numbers 13:30.

Yours for a Blessed and Purposeful New Year.

Clara H. Lobben, Director.

**GOODBYE AND WELCOME**

The short December days glide swiftly by,  
Low circling suns but gleam and disappear,  
And Nature from her hard breast heaves a sigh  
Of tender pity for the dying year.  
Full shod in steel the eager skaters glide  
Over the smooth floor of the glassy pond;  
With merry peals the sleighing parties ride  
Through shining vales and up the slopes beyond.

Thus be it ever—let the year go out—  
In glad rejoicings let the children go;  
There is no sin, though innocence may shout  
A laughing chorus o'er the winter's snow.  
Our Father gives the years. Another stands  
With both hands closed on what we cannot see.  
God grant that as his shining palm expands  
There may be blessings seen for you and me.  
—Alexander Thomson.

(The above poem was written by my pastor of many years ago. Editor.)

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