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## PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

We are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the spiritual host of wickedness. Ephesians. 6:12

Dear Co-Workers:

The 87th year of the North Dakota WCTU will have begun as you read this. The record stands for the past year with our accomplishments, the goals we reached, as well as those we failed to reach.

Each day is a new beginning, each year a new challenge. Let us resolve to do our very best in this New Year of our organization. Start now by paying your dues. September was dues paying month so they can be sent in by October. Your State Treasurer needs the money to meet commitments to National and to advance work in the state.

YTC Camp was once again a time of fun, learning, and spiritual uplift. I trust we all are remembering our youth in prayer daily. A heartfelt thank you to all who made this camp time possible for another year. Only Eternity will reveal the good done: lives changed and enriched because of lessons learned, pitfalls avoided, the Savior met at camp.

Comparing membership roll for the end of August, I find we are quite short. In '74 (Active Women) members totaled 669 and Honorary (men) members were 140. This August we find a membership of 607 women and 145 honorary men. This gives us a gain of five men but a loss of 62 women. I know we have had deaths in our unions but not 62 ladies! If you did not keep up your dues in 1974-please pay them and for 1975. We need you.

Please don't let your unions disband without letting State Officers know so we may meet with you to discuss your problems and situation.

It may be that you can keep on. We must keep our unions and organize new ones. Many areas of the state are not organized, and at one time had thriving unions.

Indeed we contend against powers and rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Paul tells us we need to put on the whole armour of God and above all to pray. The scriptures say pray without ceasing - 1 Thess. 5:17 - and that men ought always to pray and not faint - Luke 8:1. Also we are encouraged to: Ask and ye shall receive; Seek and ye shall find; Knock

and it shall be opened unto you. Perhaps we have not asked friends, neighbors, and loved ones to join us. Do we faithfully seek opportunities to advance the work and program of the WCTU? Remember our booth at the State Teachers' Convention in Fargo Oct. 22, 23, 24 with your prayers and financial help.

Do remember the Williston ladies in prayer as they prepare for State Convention.

You know they tell us that National Prohibition failed. Here is proof that prohibition can work when properly enforced:

Prince Edward Island, Canada, with a population of 90,000 has only 13 policemen. There is no unemployment. Since 1967 there has not been a single case of assault on a wife, desertion of children or neglect of children. There is no penitentiary.

In 1900 Alcohol was abolished from the island and never has been allowed to return. (National Voice)

We must not give up the fight, but keep on working while it is day, not in our own strength but that which comes from above.

Prayerfully,  
Marion Bartle

## CONVENTION DATES CHANGED!

Because of unforeseen circumstances the dates for convention have had to be rescheduled for September 30-October 2, that is Tuesday thru Thursday. Please note and make your plans accordingly. The schedule of meetings listed in the last issue will be on Tuesday evening:

- General Officers 6:00 p.m.
- Official Board 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee 7:30 p.m.

Convention site: Wesleyan Church  
512 West 17th Street  
Williston

Prayer and Praise Service: 9 am Wednesday  
Banquet: Wednesday Evening

Williston Armoury, 10 Main

Our speaker will be Mrs. Major Ralph Spicer whom we enjoyed so much last year. It will be a privilege to hear her speak so do make plans to come. Be much in prayer for her and her family. We are saddened that they are unable to appear as a family group as they did last year, however, because of a heart attack suffered by Major Spicer. So please remember them in prayer.

## NEW DEADLINE FOR NEWS

The deadline for news for the White Ribbon Bulletin for all issues beginning with December will be the 5th of the month. This means I must receive your letters and articles by the 5th day of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Dear Local Presidents,

It is harvest time when I'm writing this letter. Many farmers will be pleased some very disappointed, but we as workers for the Lord know that if our harvest is not as we wish. It was you and I who failed. God never fails. (Deut. 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.)

Let's look forward to the next year that starts in September. May this next harvest for the Lord be our best.

I believe that God wants us to work with the children and youth in our own communities. Let's put literature and books in our school. There are many film strips that can be used for PTA programs or in school room classes.

I hope you are thrilled by the Promoter packet that each local society has received this year. Order extra copies of the new literature that you find in the packet. It helps so much to have a sample copy of each new leaflet. We are happy that our State WCTU could order one for each of you. Please let us know how much you have used this material.

Hope to see you all at State Convention at Williston.

Promotion Secretary,  
Mrs. Lyle Trapp

## FARGO DISTRICT

The 84th Annual Convention of the Fargo District WCTU was held at the Maple Sheyenne Church in Prosper on May 5. The meeting was led by the president, Mrs. Oscar Johnson. Opening devotions were given by Rev. O.E. Olson, Harwood Zion Lutheran Church.

Our state President, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, gave us a wonderful challenge in her message which was the highlight of the day. In her enthusiastic dedicated manner she emphasized "We are our brothers' keepers" We must be 'minding God's business' as did our Lord Jesus Christ and Frances Willard. "Christian" is the cornerstone of our organization and prayer is our greatest power and by-word. God is counting on us to act against our greatest National problem - alcohol! He is counting on a love that will share love, life, prayer, and money was the essence of her closing words.

Mrs. Melvin Gangness gave an excellent report

on our State YTC activities and the fine opportunities offered at our youth camp at Cooperstown.

The Memorial Hour conducted by Mrs. Harry Anderson paid tribute to Mrs. George Blit, Mrs. L.O. Grondahl, Mrs. Peder Haaland, and Miss Dorothea Mevermon; and Honorary members, Dr. A.D. Ottinger, Magne Ueland, and Gilbert Johnson.

Reports of all the Unions showed concerned participation in numerous areas of public interest.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Miss Bertha Stedge; 1st Vice president, Mrs. Norman Swanson; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Henry Johnson; secretary, Mrs. A.D. Ottinger; and treasurer, Mrs. A.H. Waa.

The noon luncheon and morning and afternoon coffee hours were served by the Prosper Union. The meeting was closed with "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" followed by the benediction. Attendance registered was 30.

## COMPLIMENT CLUB

Do you belong to the Grumble Club? Wouldn't you feel better if you were a member of a Compliment Club? Compliment Club members look for the good things in every one. When they find a desirable trait or characteristic, they immediately praise the owner.

These members are positive personalities. It is this positive approach to social problems that Jesus demonstrated so beautifully. If the Compliment Club were faithfully applied on an international basis, we'd all soon see such rich dividends in better world relations. Our huge warfare appropriations could be reduced substantially.

We must not allow our compliments to become limited to our friends and relatives. It is very proper to praise casual acquaintances. It is a simple way to put the Golden Rule into effective daily action. Each one of us knows someone who lives in a cold, dark, lonely corner of this world. Warm that heart, be that spark of hope and that corner will no longer be lonely. The tongue is as sharp as a two edged sword. Will you use it to cut or heal?

Try paying three honest compliments a day. One to at least three different people. Try it for a month. It will become a habit and way of life. And smile! let them know that God loves them, as He loves us all. Practice living the Compliment way. It will remove many strains from relationships and family ties. This compliment Club works for all ages. It is no DINKY LITTLE thing; It is BIG; it is unlimited potentials.

Let us of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the prayer and penny a day band, give this fine club a chance to circulate in our lives.

Violet White  
Vice President

## PEN POINTS

Dear White Ribboners:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Ps. 46:1. What a promise in these troublesome times! As one listens to the TV, radio and reads the news, then read II Tim. 3:1-13 and you will surely believe that we are living in the "last days", and this means be prepared to meet our Lord in the air at any time.

I suppose most of you know what a time we in Enderlin have had with flooding - so many lost homes which were so damaged that it didn't pay to move back, while others talk of moving their homes out of that location. We, however, were not affected by the flood as we are on a higher level than the downtown section and Valley street and many of the surrounding streets where most of the damage was done. Enderlin was not alone in losses - some farmers lost entire crops from it and great canyon washouts were made in many fields. Other cities also suffered and as it is with the human body, when one part suffers, we all suffer in some way.

After the flood came that intense heat which caused headed out grain to shrink and become very light. This, along with the multitude of "cut worms" which eat only the leaves of plants and do not eat the roots, unless they bore into the potatoes and such vegetables helped to destroy other crops as well as gardens in some places. Is it any wonder that all of this trouble has come to the world at large, and the just seem to suffer with the unjust? However God has said to His children, "My Grace is sufficient for thee" and that they'll not be tempted more than they can stand, with His help.

The following statistics come from the June 1975 National Voice. "The income to our Nation from the sale of all kinds of alcoholic beverages is 21.5 billion dollars in 1973. At the same time the estimated cost of buying alcoholic beverages plus alcoholism cost inflicted upon the American economy was in excess of 50 billion dollars. The total federal revenue tax from beer, wine and distilled spirits was only 5.15 billion dollars — a loss of nearly 10 to 1. How long would you operate a private business at this loss ratio?"

We not only think of the financial loss but also of the moral and Spiritual loss to our nation, which is that element which unities us and makes us strong. "United we stand, divided we fall." God is the refuge of His people, but when 100 million persons over the age of 15 in this country drink alcoholic beverages and we know that alcohol in any form of drink destroy brain cells, which can never be brought back and the Bible says that no unforgiven drunkard can go to Heaven, and God's people do not drink alcoholic beverages, they will naturally be divided in their opinions and relations with those who do, the 100 million, so how can a divided nation stand with God's blessing upon it?

With alcoholic beverages flowing so freely in the governing body of our nation, how can right laws be made or passed by those whose brain power is weakened by the use of this drug? It has weakened their ability to stand against the evil which is rapidly taking over our nation. This is what communism wants and also the devil. Beware!

Don't forget that permissive gambling may be brought up to vote on this fall. So far we've kept it out of North Dakota, also the Equal Rights Referendum will likely come up. Whether you are a Union member or a member at large, it's your business to write letters to your Senators and Representatives. We are NOT drinkers of alcoholic beverages and have all of our facilities, so lets use them to keep evil down in our state, at least, as far as possible.

Yours for TOTAL ABSTINENCE!  
Mrs. (E.J.) Hazel Huntley

## PROHIBITION PARTY CANDIDATES

At it's National Convention, June 27, in Denver, the Prohibition party nominated candidate for President of the United States, for the next year's election, Rev. Benjamin Bubar, Superintendent of the Maine Civic League, and for vice-president, Earl F. Dodge, Executive Secretary of the Prohibition National Committee, and the editor of "The National Statesman." The plan is to campaign all over the nation, representing you and me and all who believe in and hope and work for national prohibition, and reaching many millions of citizens. Money is needed for this campaign. It will not receive any government subsidies, nor share of the dollars taxpayers set aside on their tax returns for campaign expenses, nor will it receive help from the liquor, tobacco, or gambling people.

These men may not be so well known as some other candidates - perhaps an advantage over several, but who knows? - they may be men God has raised up for these times. They are honest and capable, at any rate - and Christians. How about giving them your support? Every little bit helps.

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Virginia Call

## I DON'T DRINK

Everybody's doing it? No, not yet.  
Because I'm somebody, don't forget.  
Anybody with courage to stop and think  
Is certainly somebody: I don't drink.  
Maybe a "Somebody" who didn't think  
Became a nobody because of drink.  
Anyone can follow what crowds do:  
I'm trying to be a somebody - how about you?

By a High School Girl

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NORTH DAKOTA WCTU SONG

(Tune: Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms)

There's a state in the west where the wild roses grow

And the prairies lie rich in the sun;  
Where the North Star looks down and the Northern Lights glow

When the long summer daylight is done,  
There are valleys and buttes, there are coulees and dells,

There are waters that run to the sea;  
Oh! Every good gift that in Nature's store dwells  
She has shared, North Dakota, with thee.

There are dreamers of dreams in this beautiful state

And a vision most wondrous they see -  
Of homes never harmed by greed, evil, and hate,  
And a people all happy and free.

There is one faithful band - the white ribbon band -  
Some dreams they have dreamed have come true;  
Still for God and for Home and for dear native land,  
They pray and they labor anew.

North Dakota, be proud of this white ribbon host,  
They have helped make thy history fair;

The service they've rendered can never be lost -  
These women of vision and prayer.

This wonderful band, this white ribbon band,  
These thousands on guard every day!

Oh! Best beloved state of our glorious land,  
God bless thee and guide thee, always!

- Elizabeth C. Beasley

Ever since I first heard Mrs. Beasley's North Dakota WCTU Song sung, I have wanted the words to it. Perhaps you have hoped to obtain them, too. Here they are, with the hopes that they will help you not only to recall the past kindly but to let the vision to the future be an inspiration. By the time she had written this song she had helped make some of the past to which she referred. She was among the many to 'pray and...labor anew'. Do remember her as she fulfills the course the Lord has given her.

*to decide for God no more  
is lost decide now.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 15TH TO AUGUST 15TH

4. DUES- Crosby 1, Oakes Iota Sigma 7, Williston  
HONORARY MEMBERS - Oakes Iota Sigma 5,  
Williston 2.  
LIGHT LINE - Dickey, Northwood, Prosper.  
N.D.E.A. BOOTH - Prosper.  
U.S.O. JUICE PROJECT - Bismarck \$10.00,  
Dickey \$20.00 Grand Forks \$25.00, Hettinger \$10.00,  
Langdon \$5.00, Lisbon \$5.00, Prosper \$17.20, Y.T.C.  
\$42.25.

MEMORIALS - \$2.00 in memory of Gilbert  
Johnson, by Mrs. Leonard Bilden, \$2.00 in memory  
of Mrs. P. Stenno by Northwood Union, \$2.00 in  
memory of Alice Jennison by Violet White, In  
memory of Mrs. John B. Adams: \$5.00 by Mrs.  
Harry Anderson, \$20.00 by Mrs. Adele Ottinger and  
Friends, \$25.00 (White Ribbon Bulletin) by Mrs.  
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memory of Mrs. L.O. Grondahl by Friends, \$18.00  
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TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FROM  
SEPT. 1ST 1974 TO AUGUST 15TH 1975- 607  
women, 145 men.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

The 64th Annual Convention of the Northwest  
District was held in the First Presbyterian Church  
of Crosby on Friday May 23, 1975.

Delegates were registered from all unions in  
the Northwest District. After registration dinner  
was served by the Crosby Union to all delegates  
and visitors in the Church dining room.

The Convention session, held in the sanctuary,  
opened with a prelude of sacred songs played by a  
trio, Mrs. Kenneth Hellen and Pastor Vernon D.  
Erickson, violinists, and Mrs. Frank Schell,  
pianist.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Milton  
Thoreson, District President. A Centennial hymn,  
"Pure White Ribbons", was sung by all, and  
special music was provided by the trio.

Opening devotions were given by Pastor  
Harold Irvin, a greeting was given to all by Mrs.  
Gordon Hector, and the response was given by Mrs.  
Marlon Westby. Guest speakers were Mrs. LeRoy  
Bartle, State President, and Mrs. Robert  
McCleary, Managing Editor of the White Ribbon  
Bulletin.

### NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER IN MEMORIAM

I shine in the light of God;  
His likeness stamps my brow;  
Through the Valley of Death  
My feet have trod,  
And I reign in glory now.

MRS. ALFRED RUDE, 90, a very active member  
of the Grand Forks Frances Willard Union for  
many years, passed away recently. She had  
resided in Bismarck the past two years. Mrs. Rude  
was also a member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

### A STACKED DECK

When President Ford appointed the  
"Commission for the Review of the National Policy  
Toward Gambling," he tipped his hand. It is now  
clear that the the hand dealt by "Mr. Clean" was  
from a stacked deck. Charles H. Morin, chairman  
of this National Gambling Commission, has  
already made it clear what he will push for. The  
Commission is gearing up for a massive federal  
entry into the gambling business.

During hearings before the Commission,  
virtually every leading sports official in the  
country testified against legalized gambling.  
George E. Killiam, executive director of the  
National Junior College Athletic Association, said  
that intercollegiate athletics is having enough  
problems without adding gambling to it. Several  
professional and collegiate sports officials  
indicated that legalized gambling would be more of  
a problem than illegal gambling is now.

Clarence Campbell, President of the National  
Hockey League, testified that "sports betting could  
do irreparable harm," to his sport. "When you  
subordinate the entertainment aspect of the game  
in favor of a gambling interest, you have  
completely changed the nature of the sport."

Commission Chairman Morin showed his bias  
in his reaction to reporters: "Their arguments are  
not convincing me. They say they can live with  
illegal betting but not with legal betting." He went  
on to say that he intends to amass all sorts of  
evidence of illegal gambling to justify legalization.

In other words, sports betting may be  
undesirable or inappropriate. But if there is an  
illegal numbers operation, it must be legalized and  
taxed. Once these Mafia operations are an  
institutionalized part of the Internal Revenue  
Service, what will be next? Shall we legalize arson  
and put a tax on it, simply because there are so  
many fire-bugs around?

It has been many years since the country was  
rocked by scandals involving game-fixing and  
gangland assassinations of uncooperative athletes.  
Federal enforcement of gambling laws has kept

such things to a minimum. But the syndicate is ready to come up out of the cellar again. The ouster of Wright Patman of the House and Banking Finance Committee has removed the last obstacle to bring legalization to the floors of congress. Morin's Commission has already made up it's mind what it's recommendation will be.

Roger C. Storms  
The Civic Forum

### PERSONAL MENTION

Pearl McLean reports that:

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon are leaving Grand Forks to make their home in Garrison. Their leaving will leave some gaping holes we must try to fill. We are very grateful to God and to them for the fine working relationship we have enjoyed these many years. Trusted and true friends, they have been a creative stimulus of Christian Commitment to many. We uphold them to God's love and care in their new home.

Marion Bartle reports that:

She has been invited to speak to the Minnesota State WCTU Convention, meeting in Moorhead, the latter part of August.

The Dickey Union celebrated their 50th year with a Tea on June 18, at the Dickey United Methodist church. Thirty-three friends and members signed the guest book presided over by Laura McCleary. Local president Mrs. George Lewis, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Earl Chappell gave the devotions followed by Psalm 146, Frances Willard's favorite, read by Mrs. Glen Stemen. Mrs. Robert McCleary led the flag salutes. The North Dakota WCTU Song was sung by Mrs. Tom Waldie. Mrs. LeRoy Bartle spoke concerning the organization of the Union in 1925. There had been a Union during the 1890's but no records are available to verify their work or when they disbanded. A memorial was followed by a moment of silent prayer for all departed charter members during the candle-lighting. Although not able to be present, four charter members, Mrs. E.A. Scea, Indiana; Mrs. Helen Schmidt, Texas; Mrs. Blanche Waldie, Minnesota; and Mrs. N.O. Larson, Jamestown; were remembered. During the singing of "Wind the Ribbon Round the Nations" Mrs. Bartle did just that with a ribbon and a globe.

Rev. Wesley Hart, Marion, gave the benediction. Mrs. Fergus McCleary sang "For Those Tears I Died." Mrs. Howard Stemen served as Pianist.

At the fellowship which followed, Mrs. Robert McCleary was assisted at the punch bowl by her daughter, Laura, and Elise Waldie. Mrs. E.A. Martin and Mrs. Pearl McCleary poured. Mrs. Tom

Waldie and Mrs. Fergus McCleary cut and served the three-tiered cake, iced in white and highlighted with gold top and WCTU letters which they baked and decorated. The tables were decorated in white, blue and gold.

### 50 YEARS IN DICKEY



Left to Right: Mrs. George Lewis, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Mrs. Earl Chappell, Mrs. Tom Waldie, Mrs. Fergus McCleary, Mrs. Pearl McCleary



Back to Front: Mrs. Mildred Baska, Mrs. June Olson, Mrs. Violet White, Mrs. Elmer Dick, Mrs. Wayne Lewis, Mrs. Pearl McCleary, Elise Waldie.

Mrs. Junko Kawashima, Japan, was a guest in the home of the Tom Waldies for a month this summer. She was the host mother when the Waldies' son, Scott, was in Japan last year. Junko enlightened the ladies on Japanese culture and their youth in today's world as part of the program at the July meeting held in the Glen Stemen home.

## UNCLE SAM AND THE SALOON DEVIL

Once upon a time Uncle Sam was out looking over his domain, and the Saloon Devil was also looking around, seeking whom he might devour and when he met Uncle Sam, the following dialogue took place: The Saloon Devil looked up into Uncle Sam's smiling face and said,

"Uncle Sam, I am seeking for employment; what can you do for me?"

"What kind of work do you want?" said Uncle Sam, as he bent his tall form to catch the answer of the low Devil.

"To create and satisfy the appetite for strong drink."

"Very well," answered Uncle Sam, "you may go to work at once in any manner you choose."

So the Saloon Devil went to work with a high hand. He sold to the rising generation and those of riper years all manner of intoxicating beverages. The results of his work were very disastrous. He made such things as produced ruined souls, broken hearts, broken homes, and all manner of woe, want, wretchedness and death; to say nothing of the almshouses, asylums, and penitentiaries that he helped to fill.

Now it happened that Uncle Sam noticed the nature of the work done by this Saloon Devil, who in turn well knew that Uncle Sam was watching him; but the Devil did not know how to cover his evil work. Sometime afterward the two met again, and the following conversation took place:

"You remember, Mr. Saloon Devil, that I gave you permission to do a certain kind of work, but I never dreamed that your work would be so horrible. Now be honest, if there is any honesty in you, and tell me what you have accomplished."

"I admit," confessed the Saloon Devil, "that my work is looked upon as being disrespectful, and I pray that you will this day make me appear more decent in the eyes of the public. By reason of your great strength and influence you have the power to place upon me a new robe of respectability."

"And how can I do that?" asked Uncle Sam, in a friendly manner.

"You can adopt license laws to regulate the liquor business, and by complying with these laws I can do an honorable business under the sanction and authority of my great Uncle Sam."

"But that will be putting my approval upon it," said Uncle Sam, suspiciously.

"You can easily do that with profit to yourself by charging me a nice sum for the license. The money you get through the granting of licenses alone will be more than sufficient to run the public school, so if there is a little harm done by the business on one side there will be untold blessings poured out upon your children on the other side."

Uncle Sam chuckled in an odd fashion as this ingenious scheme was unfolded to him. "You are indeed a clever old Devil, and I have a mind to comply with your request. If you pay the amount of money I fix, I will protect you in your business by making it legal. Then if anyone forcibly interferes with you, I will fight him off, even if I must use the whole army and navy of the United States to accomplish it."

The Saloon Devil was highly elated over his fortunate deal. He knew that he could not live long under natural freedom unless he won some kind of public endorsement. He was perfectly willing to pay any price that Uncle Sam might demand, knowing that he could produce a cheaper liquor, or sell it at a higher figure, or in some way conduct the business so that the extra cost of the license would fall upon the consumer instead of the saloon keeper.

A short time after this, one could see the powerful hand of Uncle Sam placed in protection over the Saloon Devil, and the people stood wondering at the situation. The Saloon Devil, although robed in a respectable garment, continued to do the same horrible and dirty work as before. It seemed that nothing satisfied his greed but the most terrible outrages, resulting from the use and abuse of intoxicating drinks. He always put a screen between the outside and inside signs of his business. He rejoiced at the thousands of delirium tremens patients that were carried to hospitals, or madly tore their way through the open door of hell, reeking, foaming, and screaming as they went down. The Saloon Devil loved crepe, and rejoiced time after time as he saw it hanging from the doors of homes wherein a son lay dead who had fallen down early under the juggernaut wheels of the Demon Alcohol.

Whenever jails and penitentiaries were too small, this same demon laughed in ghoulish glee, and when fresh idiots were pushed into crowded asylums, he grinned with satisfaction that was sickening and revolting to contemplate. Whenever a frenzied brain directed a murderer's hand to plunge a fatal knife or discharge a deadly weapon in a saloon quarrel, the Saloon Devil would cry out as he saw the crimson heart's blood flow in spurts: "That's my favorite color, now. Hurrah for blood red!"

Such common spectacles as suffering and starving orphans and widows served to whet the appetite of this demon, as seasoning does in the food of mortals...If it ever happened that anyone told him to stop his hellish business, he would point with pride to his license, neatly framed, and declare that he was doing an honorable business, under the sanction of Uncle Sam. Just as honorable as the grocery or dry goods business. No tongue or

pen can portray the terribleness of this whole business.

(This is the first of two parts of sermons and articles of Elder J.S. Roth taken from his book entitled The Gospel Messenger, of 1915. It is reprinted here as food for thought, Ed.)

**ALCOHOLISM  
AN ACQUIRED DISEASE**

**Where does one acquire alcoholism?**

- From the tavern, the cocktail lounge, the liquor store.
- From the home, friends, cocktail parties.
- From any place where alcohol is sold or served.

**How does one acquire alcoholism?**

- By drinking alcohol.
- By drinking more alcohol.
- By keeping at it until addiction has set in.

**How can one avoid alcoholism?**

- The only sure way is by never drinking alcohol. It's as simple as that. Recovered alcoholics learn what abstainers have known all along.

**Did you know that children from families where no parent was alcoholic have a very minor chance (2-3 percent) of becoming alcoholic?**

**Did you know that if one of your parents was an alcoholic, there is more than a 50-50 chance that you will become an alcoholic, too?**

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**THE LORD IS MY TEACHER**

He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning;  
 He prepareth a lesson for me each day;  
 He bringeth me to the clear fountain of instruction;  
 Little by little he showeth me the beauty of truth;  
 The Lord is my Teacher, I shall not lose the way.  
 The world is a great book that he has written;  
 He turneth the leaves for me slowly;  
 They are all inscribed with images and letters;  
 He poureth light on the pictures and words.  
 He taketh me by the hand to the hilltop of vision;  
 And my soul is glad when I perceive His meaning;  
 In the valley, also, He walketh beside me;  
 In the dark places He whispereth to my heart,  
 Then, though my lesson be hard, it is not hopeless,  
 For the Lord is patient with His slow scholar;  
 He will wait a while on my weakness,  
 And help me to read the truth through tears.

Henry Van Dyke

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 Nor things you remember  
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 It's ACTION that counts,  
 Not what's in your head;  
 For Faith without works,  
 Is Faith that is dead!

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