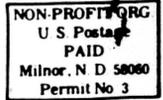


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## MARION'S MEMOS

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Psalm 136:1  
Greetings White Ribboners,

Weren't you thankful to be at State Convention in wonderful Williston? What abundant blessings we received from the Presence of God and our fellowship one with another.

The weather was beautiful. The ladies of the Northwest District treated us royally. Our chairman Mona Holt, co-chairman Phyllis Thoreson, and all the ladies of Crosby, Ray, Tioga, and Williston helped make our stay in Williston most pleasant. Helen and I very reluctantly started our journey home. It was wonderful on the mountain-top but come down we must and back to work once again.

We have been invited to Minot the Magic City for next year's Convention. Do resolve to be there. You miss so much when you are not present and we miss you and need you.

Congratulations to Northwood, the only Vanguard Union in the State. I was happy to bring home their award from National. There were 12 Advance Unions in North Dakota. Our Promotion Secretary said we had more; evidently some were not reported in time to be included in the report for National. Since we all enjoy the recognition our own Union has earned, let us be more earnest in sending those reports.

Miss Juanita Whisler, National Promotion Secretary, says everything counts. Even tho we sometimes feel we have not done as much as we could, she urges that we keep records right from the beginning of the year. It will surprise you what you have actually accomplished by the end of the year. More of us can become Vanguard Unions in '76 and every last Union among us will be an Advance Union if we really try: dues for every living resident member sent to the State Treasurer (Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, N.D. 58042) before November 30, 1975.

Strive to fulfill the requirements to become a Holdfast, Steadfast, even a Fruitful Union. For those who really take pride in a job well done, accept the challenge offered in the Pacemaker and Pilot Union plans. Requirements for these are found on the yellow sheet entitled "Membership Plans and Awards". Study it.

Thank you for the many things you have done this year. I am pleased to accept the information your District Presidents have given me as God's abundant blessing, the fruits of your labors. He has been good to us; let us continually thank Him for the strength and health to carry on in this His Service. Let none discourage you, even though the powers of evil are strong "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." Psalm 147:5

Prayerfully,  
Marion

## CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

Mrs. Jake Steffen

Those who failed to make it to the WCTU State Convention in Williston missed a treat, a blessing, and a challenge!

First of all, the weather was ideal. We truly enjoyed 'October's bright blue weather'. The host church and the group at Williston made us feel so welcome, and we are so grateful, too, for the assistance of the other Unions of the Northwest District: Crosby, Ray, and Tioga.

We are deeply appreciative of each one who contributed to the success of the Convention - our officers and their untiring labor of love - the participants in the different programs - the ministers with their inspiring words of wisdom - and the musicians - their renditions truly were superb. Also we would not forget those responsible for the beautiful decorations and the delicious meals served.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Chester Molm, Director

Before public relations, our most important decision is to seek the right Personal Relations with Jesus as we confess our sins and accept Him as our Savior and rely on His constant help.

But then Public Relations become very important, as Proverbs says, "A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city." We must be very careful of what we say and do all the time. It is especially important that we 'pray without ceasing' for God's help to live and speak and witness for our Savior and our temperance mission: to help others live victorious lives free of alcohol, harmful drugs, and tobacco.

All our contacts with other people involve public relations. It is a combination of all our departments as we live with others and report on events. We must remember to not only pray for and witness to our families but everyone, especially for the families and relatives of other WCTU families. Too often children, grandchildren, or even great-grandchildren of members are too indifferent or too busy to become involved. We should all be concerned about them, as we need them and their help. Perhaps if we subscribe to the Union Signal, Young Crusader, and Listen for more schools, families, young people, those who even don't read much, each one of us could reach one soul. Remember the whole of Heaven rejoices when so much as one soul is returned from sin and wandering. Share these publications with someone else; it could be a part of your mission work. Think of all the children, youth, and adults who should have them for Christmas or birthdays. If you have a Seventh Day Adventist Church nearby check to see if they will use part of their Temperance Fund to give the Listen magazine to those whom you suggest.

Do you know that cigarettes are about 2½ cents each and many spend at least 50 cents a day for their habit? Aren't you glad you don't smoke? How about using some of that money to buy the Young Crusader at less than ½ cent per day at \$1.50 per year? And consider the Union Signal at less than 1 cent per day or \$3.50 a year and the Listen magazine is still less than 2 cents a day or \$6.50 for 12 issues. Surely you can subscribe for yourself, your family, a school, or someone else. Only eternity will measure the full service you render.

Or offer fruit juice recipes or serve punch at other organization meetings, fairs, bicentennial, political, or patriotic gatherings and hot milk beverages at Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other winter parties.

Be sure to use publicity in all your local newspapers and on radio when possible. I have not heard the National News Releases on our local station. They wrote that they never advertise liquor, only beer, in answer to a letter with literature I had written. But I must keep trying.

Newspapers seem to accept simple statements but not much in emotional opinions. Those I write in Letters to the Editor are usually published. Give all the news you can before and after meetings to get the public interested. Sometimes it is the only way they can know. Have your congressmen speak at your meetings. We can't do everything, but let us try to do more to reach as many as we can using all the means we can.

Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is upon us.

## CITIZENSHIP

Dear Co-workers:

Next year the United States will be celebrating the Bicentennial, and I believe that more emphasis should be placed on the Citizenship Department. We should indeed count it a great privilege to be an American citizen, but let us not forget that with the privileges of citizenship come also the responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is to get out and vote. A survey conducted in Chicago showed the voting habits of its citizens over a period of ten years. It revealed that of Chicago's qualified voters, those who actually went to the polls included 99 per cent of the tavern keepers, 97.5 per cent of the gamblers and their employees, 16 per cent of the housewives, 17 per cent of the Protestant ministers and 20 per cent of the Protestant laymen. Perhaps this helps to explain why things are as they are.

Next year is also election year. The gambling issue will be coming up. Other states envy North Dakota because it does not permit gambling. We do NOT want legalized gambling in any form. Let us all vote NO on any proposed legislation that would permit gambling. Go and vote and urge others to do the same.

Sincere greetings,  
Mrs. Gilbert F. Johnson, Director

## HOLIDAY HINTS

**Christmas Cards**, new, new supply. Box of 12 cards with Bible verse, etc., \$1.25.

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**Anniversary Pins**, (large 1½" bow) No. 4167-J (back in stock by popular demand). 12 for \$30.00; \$2.75 singly.

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**Ball Point Pens with Signal Press**, Nat'l. WCTU imprint (like those at convention, sold so well...ordered more!). Avacado green, cadet pen, marvelous writing pen, \$.50 each or 12 for \$4.80.

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**Bible Wines or Laws of Fermentation**, (note corrected price please). Now \$1.50 each or 12 for \$15.00.

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**Special Deal on Victory Pins**, No. 4168-J (pre-inventory sale but good until 2-1-76). 6 for \$8.70 or \$1.50 each.

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### Checklist for the coming year:

- Pay dues promptly - that is \$3.65 to your Local Treasurer. She sends \$3.20 to the State Treasurer, who sends \$.85 to the National Treasurer, who sends \$.05 to the World Treasurer. Of the \$.45 left, the Local Treasurer sends \$.15 to the District Treasurer. You will find this on page 1 of your Annual.

### STATE PROJECTS - Each Union

- \$5.00 to the White Ribbon Bulletin Fund.
- \$3.00 for booth at State Teachers' Convention.
- Order and pay for the 1975 Annual. No Annuals will be sent out unless you send your order to Treasurer Mrs. Oscar Johnson. The price is \$3.00 for one or \$5.00 for two. This action was taken at State Convention. No order accepted after December 15.

### NATIONAL PROJECTS

- \$3.00 for Stevens Fund.
- \$3.00 for Willard Fund.
- \$9.30 to be a Light Line Union. Notice the change. Individuals may subscribe to this plan and be known as Beacon Lights.
- As desired, to help National spruce up, fix up, and paint up headquarters in time for the Bicentennial. A goal of \$10,000 has been stated.
- As desired, to help set up a Trust Fund for future upkeep of the National Headquarters and grounds.

Please send all funds for National Projects to your State Treasurer. All you need do is indicate how much goes for each fund you wish to help. We get no credit if you send it straight to National. Mrs. Oscar Johnson will be glad to hear from you.

Check off each project when you have done it. This is your record sheet.

### 101st NATIONAL CONVENTION

First I wish to express my deep thanks to those who made possible the marvelous opportunity and experience of attending this National Convention at Glorieta, New Mexico. For your love, prayers, and financial support, thank you, Adele Ottinger and Vivian Trapp. Then, too, my thanks, to my mother, Belle Peterson, for her two weeks 'mothering' my family.

Marion Bartle and I met Ragnhild Johnson and Ruth Holt on the bus at Jamestown on Labor Day. In spite of the eager conversation and happy anticipation in our journey, the most important lesson that day was-when traveling by bus on a holiday through South Dakota, pack your lunch! Darkness settled just as we left Rapid City so our view of the beautiful Black Hills was very limited.

Whenever time allowed at our stops along the way we made a tour of the depot or walked around the block or several blocks. Unfortunately we went through Wyoming at night. We were much impressed by the beautiful Trinity Methodist Church in Denver and the shining gold covered dome of the Capitol there. Here, too, we discovered that bus depots do not cash Traveler's Checks unless you are buying a ticket. Ruth and I will certainly recommend the bank just across the street from the depot at Pueblo, Colorado.

Arriving in Santa Fe just after the supper hour, Marion was able to check in in time to make the State President's Board. Ruth, Ragnhild, and I were glad for the opportunity for an evening free to freshen up after nearly two days. While Marion had meetings all Wednesday and Thursday morning, we enjoyed hiking over a large area of the Conference Center and a tour of the older section of Santa Fe, taking in the oldest house in the United States, San Miguel Mission which houses the oldest bell in the country as well as beautiful paintings and statues dating before 1800. We also stopped at the Loretto Chapel renowned for its 'Miracle Staircase.'

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Cleo Parrish presided over the Prayer and Praise service, which traditionally precedes Conventions, in the Chapel.

Immediately following, Mrs. Herman Stanley, President, declared the 101st National Convention open. I was awed at being a part of the beginning of a second century of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Having eight delegates and visitors from North Dakota answer roll call was a joy. Dr. Dalton McDonald accompanied his wife at the piano as she sang How Beautiful Upon the Mountain. In a later issue there will appear more about Dr. McDonald, a former North Dakotan.



National President, Mrs. Herman Stanley; Nat'l Promotion Secretary, Juanita Whisler; World First V. President, Mrs. Fred Tooze.

*Mrs. Bruce Goddard Northwood 838267 Mrs. Chester (Aylza) Webb*

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SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 5, 1975**

**DUES** — Women-Bismarck 5, Crosby 14, Fargo 10, Prosper 19, Rugby 10.

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE** — 13.

**WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN** — Crosby \$6.20, Williston \$5.00.

**STATE REPORTS** — Crosby (2) \$5.00, Grand Forks (2) \$5.00, Hettinger (1) \$3.00, McKenzie (2) \$5.00, Minot (2) \$5.00, Ray (1) \$3.00.

**MEMORIALS** — \$10.00 in memory of Otto Ness by Cleo Kulish, \$3.00 in memory of A.J. Wunn by Mrs. Carrie Murray, \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. Mabel Ellingson by Mrs. Glen Stemen, \$5.00 in memory of Mrs. John B. Adams by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle.

**CONVENTION OFFERING** — \$117.23.

**LITERATURE SOLD** — \$17.75

**LIFE MEMBERS** — (4) \$40.00.

**CONTINUING MEMBERS** — (1) \$10.00.

**MEMORIAL MEMBERS** — (2) \$20.00.

**CHILD MEMBERS** — (2) \$10.00.

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR SEPT. 1ST TO OCT. 5TH, 1975** — Women 70, Honorary Men 1.

Respectfully submitted  
Mrs. Oscar Johnson

**NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER**

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore." Lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10

**IN MEMORIAM**

We've no abiding city here;  
This may distress the worldlings' mind,  
But should not cost the saint a tear,  
Who hopes a better rest to find.

**EMMA JORGENSON**, 83, passed away August 15. A beloved member of the Rugby Union, Miss Jorgenson was a member also of the Bethany Lutheran Church. She had served as a teacher and a legal secretary. Two sisters survive.

**MRS. ANNIE NEWBRE**, 76, passed away September 14. After the death of her husband, James, Annie worked 22 years at the Grand Forks County Home. She was a member of the Larimore WCTU for 50 years and the past year of the Northwood Union. She is survived by one daughter, two sons, and one brother.



North Dakota President, Mrs. LeRoy Bartle.

During this session Mrs. Stanley gave her convention keynote address, "Widening Horizons." She emphasized the need for "legislation that will protect the citizens and restrict or prohibit the encroachment of the liquor industry in our communities....The question is which is more important, the voice of the people seeking protection, or the sanction of a business that not only destroys the individual but whole communities." She also called upon churches to again give support to the suppression of alcoholic beverages as a "foe to spiritual and moral living."

(Continued in next issue)



In the middle of the night  
at a little nowhere place  
two hundred decades ago  
half a globe away  
God revealed himself  
in a mystery interrupting history  
with the greatest event of his love.  
Listen, the universe is still rejoicing:  
Emmanuel! God is with us!

**JOYEUX NOEL**

**YTC CAMP**

Still there are echoes coming from the YTC Camp held in Cooperstown Bible Camp this summer. Spicing up the daily Christian Living, Citizenship, and Temperance classes were Stunt and hayride night, watermelon feed, educational films, slides from the 1974 World Convention in Norway, and Youth night and banquet. And for another year the 58 campers thrilled at the presence of our neighbors from Minnesota: Mrs. Mabel Solum, Don Schiller, Miss Irene Morse, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoover.

Many of the youth took part in a poster contest. Winners were:

- Elementary  
 first: Shelly Gangness second: Lori Marynik  
 second: Jean Hoaby third: Larry Bergemen  
 third: Paul Dire Senior High  
 Junior High first: Bonnie Fernow  
 first: Shelley Otterson second: Naomi Pribbenow

Craft time found the campers challenged with making plaques and shadow boxes with nature objects and using Indian clay.

Carrying out the Freedom theme chosen for the 1975-76 year, the YTC'ers enjoyed the table center hats in the traditional red, white, and blue. The cups and napkins continued the theme.

- Officers elected for the new year are:  
 President: Susan McDaniels  
 V. President: Ted Hoaby  
 Secretary: Carla Hill  
 Camp King and Queen: Ted Hoaby and Vicki Knudson

Take time this next year to spend at least one day at camp. Help a child come and pray that more will become laborers in the Lord's fields which are already white for harvest, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

- Dear YTC'ers,  
 Have you boarded YTC's FREEDOM TRAIN?  
 Full steam ahead if you have:  
 1-Outlined plans for the year.  
 2-Selected a study book.  
 3-Collected and sent in dues. (50 cents per member to Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Harwood, No. Dak. 58042).  
 4-Assigned department directors, and selected projects to attain your goals. 1976 should be a good year for floats.  
 Remember the seasonal holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas provide many avenues for FREEDOM TO LOVE the shut-ins, the elderly, and the less fortunate. To have a friend you must be one. At the same time acquaint them with the work of the YTC. YTC Week is November 9-15.  
 Make plans early to observe Anti-smoking Week, January 11-17, 1976. This is also the time to pay your Stevens and Willard Funds.

As you reach each station, please keep me informed. I am most delighted to share your activities with the women of the WCTU. Share the words from John 8:32--"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Sing jubilantly the words of the theme song, "Our YTC".

As you CHUG along, keep your eyes on the TRACK.

May you all have a blessed Christmas,  
 Mrs. Melvin Gangness  
 State Executive Director

**GIFTS TO YTC SINCE  
 MAY 1, 1975**

MEMORIALS:

Geneva Hanson (Family & Friends)	\$43.00
Gilbert Johnson (Benedict WCTU)	1.00
Fred Berg (Leona Johnson)	5.00
Lila Narum (Mrs. Nick Baklenko)	5.00
Bismarck Union	20.00
James Valley District	20.00
Fargo District	25.00
Grand Forks District	25.00
Adelle Ottinger	50.00
Bismarck District	10.00
Langdon Union	40.00
Prosper Union	20.00
Marian Bartle	10.00
Bob Hoover	50.00
Vivian Trapp	30.00
Vi White	25.00
Mrs. Mabel Solum	200.00
Leona Johnson	25.00
Mrs. Dick	10.00
Bonnie Fernow	3.00
Marlowe Kulish	25.00
Grafton Union	20.00
Mrs. R. Kraft	2.00
Tower City Union	5.00

Mrs. Melvin Gangness  
 State Executive Director

A long secret navy report was released on the 69th anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake.

The report says that drunken carousing citizens hampered rescue operations, and many were so drunk that they were unable to escape the roaring fire.

"The crowds rushed saloon after saloon and looted the stock, became intoxicated early in the day," wrote the late Lt. Frederick N. Freeman, Commander of a navy relief force in the stricken city.

"In my opinion great loss of life resulted from men and women becoming stultified by liquor and being too tired and exhausted to get out of the way of the fire."

Freeman said that many able-bodied persons refused to help with relief operations after the great earthquake.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Wilfred Greij reports:

The Hettinger WCTU had a booth along with other civic groups on the downtown Mall this summer when the City of Hettinger observed a Special Fourth of July Celebration. In recognition of the Nation's Bicentennial, old and new Bibles were displayed along with the American, Christian, and Temperance flags. The theme "Memorials of Freedom" appeared above the display. The banner which was carried in the Presidents March at the 1974 WCTU State Convention was hung above these for identification. Red, white and blue streamers completed the theme.

A food sale was held, also in the booth, to raise money of which part of the proceeds will be used to help along the Bicentennial projects under consideration by the City.

Mrs. George Fannik reports:

Twenty children attended a Day Camp held at the George Fannik home the latter part of August. It was a beautiful day and all enjoyed singing choruses, learning a Bible verse, and listening to the flannelgraph stories with temperance lessons. Several crafts were made. All had a delicious dinner from their sack lunches. The day closed with refreshments and games. Praise the Lord for a blessed day: all signed the pledge. Pray for these young ones. The leaders were Mrs. George Fannik and YTC'er Theresa Scheresky.

Mrs. A.H. Waa reports:

The Prosper WCTU held an Institute October 15 with two sessions. The first session opened with devotions using the theme: Who Am I? Mrs. Gordon Langseth used the scripture of Joshua 22:5 and 24:14-17 followed with meditation and prayer. Mrs. Gangness spoke on Homes of Yesterday and Today.

A panel consisting of Mrs. George Rust, Mrs. Clarence Rust, Mrs. Julius Morris, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, and Mrs. Walter Olson with Mrs. Melvin Gangness as moderator developed the topic "A Good Home Is..."

Mrs. A.H. Waa served the Fruesta and explained the purpose and encouraged the use of them in the home. The Fruesta-Betsy Ross Bicentennial leaflets were given to all attending.

The second session opened with Mrs. Carl Swanson leading the devotions from Psalm 78:1-8 followed by Helen Steiner Rice's prayer, O God Our Help in Ages Past. What God's Word Says was participated in by all present led by Mrs. Melvin Gangness. Mrs. Alvin Anderson presented the Friendship LTL plan. Mrs. Melvin Gangness spoke on Know What Legislators are Talking About.

The Institute closed with the benediction followed by lunch.

### BISMARCK DISTRICT

Members of the Bismarck District met at the Steele United Methodist Church on May 7 for their 76th district Convention. A registration and coffee hour were held at nine o'clock. The convention was called to order by Mrs. Olga Huhncke. Rev. Roland Voegeli led the devotions emphasizing the fact that we are the temples of God. Mrs. Elizabeth Lind gave a special in song. The flag salutes were led by Mrs. Emma Blattner. Mrs. Bonnie Spicer thanked the host Union and Church for their welcomes. After the morning session Mrs. Lester White conducted the Memorial Service. The ladies of the Steele Union served the noon meal.

The afternoon session of business opened with devotions by Mrs. Ruth Bickel, followed by a special from Mrs. Lind. Mrs. Bonnie Spicer brought a most encouraging message. Mrs. White installed the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Olga Huhncke, Pres.; Mrs. Neil Funston, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Henry Larson, Sec'y.; Mrs. Cornelius De Krey, Treas.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Bonnie Spicer. A Fruesta was served by the Steele Union.

### THANKSGIVING

O my God, how shall I thank Thee,  
how can I praise Thee for coming  
and bringing such a Life on earth  
and sharing it with me?



Lord, impart to me the secret  
of your own obedience,  
the open ear, the watchful eye,  
the meek and lowly heart:  
Let your Glory shine through me.

## UNCLE SAM AND THE SALOON DEVIL

### Part 2

By reason of its withering effects, numberless efforts have been made by individuals to check the insolent advance of the Rum Devil. All these proved but little account. The most effective work has been accomplished by one or another of the organizations having their sole aim the overthrow of the Rum Devil. One of the movements that has been, and is still endeavoring to destroy this Saloon Devil, is called Local Option. As this force marches towards the enemy, it finds that Uncle Sam and his soldiers are standing in defense of the whole liquor business. So, Local Option, with much difficulty, must labor heavily to operate even on a small area at one time. Local Option would accomplish much more if it were not for the respectability with which Uncle Sam has clothed the Saloon Devil.

One day the Saloon Devil noticed the army of the W.C.T.U., and he told Uncle Sam that he dreaded that crowd of women as much as anything else. "They are so sneaking in their work. Their indirect methods and round-about ways, I fear, will do more to cut off future supplies of customers than anything else."

Uncle Sam looked down upon the Saloon Devil and asked him what he thought of the Prohibition Hosts that were advancing?

"I shudder with dread as I think of them, but so long as I can keep the churches blinded to the value of a united move against me, I can smile at the few scattered votes that fall like lead upon me. I have worked harder to keep the saloon question out of politics than you can imagine. I always urge people to pray and talk and wait. Every single vote that hits the saloon, hits me and my trade. Bless you, dear Uncle Sam, nothing makes me feel so safe before my enemies as your strong arm raised in protection over me."

"Yes, my son," said Uncle Sam, "and you shall have my strong arm as long as you pay me such large sums of money to carry on your business. What think you of the Anti-Saloon League that is arrayed against you, farther?"

"I could no more stand before them than I could before any of the other powers if it were not for your blessed hand, my dear uncle. As long as you place your strong sanction of licensed authority upon my head, I shall feel safe from the armies that are moving upon me to bring about my destruction. As to the churches, I have but little fear, inasmuch as the attack from that source is scattered. And besides all that, some of my very best customers are church members in good standing; and dear uncle, you can never imagine what exquisite joy, satisfaction, and courage it afforded me when I succeeded in persuading one of the most popular preachers of the day to dedicate one of my saloons to the Lord, by prayer and song and benediction,

thereby giving it church sanction. Dear uncle, that was a grand stride forward for my business against my enemies. And I can only attribute that victory to your kind protection; I feel jubilant over the victory...."

"I must admit," smilingly, continued the Devil, "that if the churches were united against me they could do eternal damage to my business. I am even convinced that they would have the power to pull your strong protection off my head. But as some of the good church members, and some of the leading popular preachers are my warmest friends, I have no fear from that source."

"Never mind," said Uncle Sam, "just you go ahead creating widows and orphans, filling jails and almshouses, sending thousands to the penitentiary and killing thousands every year. Just go on and blast the hearts and hopes of many. Continue your robbing, plundering, and ruining. I will keep my strong hand upon your innocent head until there are enough voters in my dominion who will declare that you shall no longer be clothed with respectable authority. Then, my son, I shall leave you to fight your battle alone, and not until then."

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