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MARION'S MEMOS

"O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name." Psalm 105:1 "Wait upon the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:14.

Dear White Ribboners,

You haven't heard from me for some time, I know, but I think of you often: those whom I have met through the years of working for and with the North Dakota WCTU.

Our WCTU year is half gone. I trust you all have been involved in our great cause, making progress in your Union. We work for better conditions for loved ones, friends, neighbors, our country, and everyone all over this troubled globe.

We read, we hear on TV or radio so much violence, hunger, crime. It brings us more and more to our knees to call upon our God for strength, courage, wisdom, and ability to help those in need.

It is so sad to learn of Unions giving up. I firmly believe we are needed more than ever before in history. Dear ladies, though you may be unable to meet regularly as Unions, you can still be a large and great part of the ND WCTU by being members-at-large. Your dues help our cause financially. You receive our state paper, the White Ribbon Bulletin, to keep you abreast of projects, news of State activities. Above all we need your daily prayers and each and everyone of you can do that. Please don't give up your membership in the North Dakota WCTU. Remember, you are also a member of the National and World WCTU. You are a part of the foundation of the oldest world organization for women.

Spring is on the way - plans will be made for your District meetings. May there be times of renewed interest, inspiration and determination to keep going forward. Trust in the Lord; be of good courage; be much in prayer. Let friends, neighbors, and loved ones know of our work. Let them know that the North Dakota WCTU is alive and active on the front lines of battle against the evils of our day. Those things that would down-grade, enslave and destroy our children, youth, and adults, even our nation.

Be much in prayer for our officers on the local, district, state, national, and world levels and for individual members. Remember to pray for success of the work of each of these areas, too.

The poet said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

The Bible says, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man (or woman) availeth much.

Shalom,
Marion

VIEWS FROM VIVIAN

Dear Co-workers,

"Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off thou shalt see it. Psalm 37:34

This is one of God's wonderful promises. Let us work harder in 1984. The next goal is for each Union to become a Vanguard Union.

Our National Promotion Secretary suggests that we divide the local Union into fifths and let each be responsible for one area of the requirements:

I. MEMBERSHIP: There must be a net increase.

If two moved away and two are deceased, the Union would need to gain five new members to qualify.

II. ORGANIZATION: You must ORGANIZE an LTL or YTC

III. FUNDS: Self-explanatory - not all states have the Budget Fund

IV PUBLICATIONS: Your choice of 5 or more Union Signal or 3 or more combination subscriptions.

V PROGRAM: Nine regular meetings and use of Program Planner materials plus 2 others.

The awards are: Certificate, Union Signal (\$6.00) and Program Kit (\$1.25).

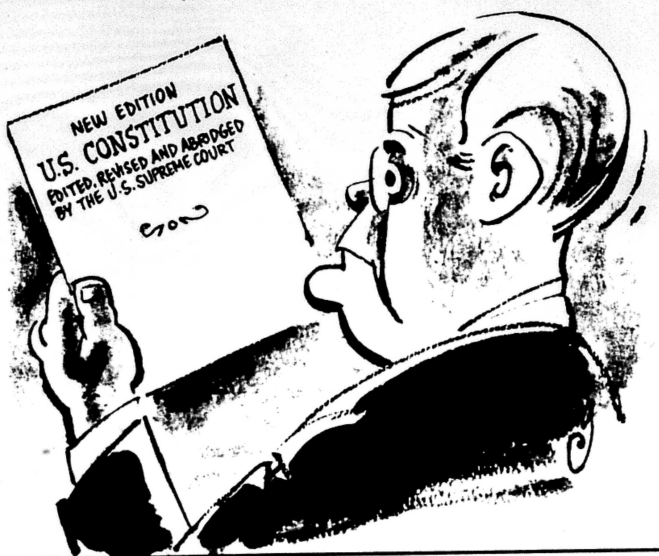
The Leadership Training School at National Headquarters is scheduled for April 24 - May 2. The registration fee is \$4.50. All registrations must go through to National Promotion Secretary Office. No registrations accepted after April 17.

The Reading List is found on the back page of the Program Manual. There are five areas and you need to read one from each category and send a short report to me. I have received one from Fargo already. I'm hoping to receive many more.

Thank you for your faithful work.

Mrs. Lyle Trapp
State Promotion Secretary

Greetings at Eastertime



HIGH COURT REDEFINES ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE

Why did the founding fathers create a judiciary more powerful than the other two branches of government?

They didn't. In fact, the founding fathers greatly feared what James Madison called "a tyrannical concentration of all the powers of government in the same hands." To avoid this, they designed a limited government with three separate and distinct branches: the legislative which makes the laws, the executive which enforces them, and the judiciary which interprets and applies them. One branch of government may not exercise powers given to another branch.

In light of the exceedingly powerful judiciary we have today, it is somewhat ironic to note that the founding fathers thought this branch would be the weakest. They reasoned that because the judiciary had no power over the sword (the executive power of law enforcement) or the purse (the legislative power to appropriate federal funds), it was "in continual jeopardy of being overpowered, awed, or influenced by its coordinate branches."

To remedy this imbalance of power, the founding fathers established a Supreme Court and federal judiciary with a few checks on its power. By giving the Supreme Court justices life tenure and final authority on constitutional matters, the founding fathers ensured a strong and independent judiciary.

But they never intended for the Courts to have the sweeping powers over individuals and states that it now has. Our activist Court is reaching further and further into areas which were once the exclusive domain of legislators, public administrators, the states, and the family. And in issuing social policies which have the effect of laws, it has assumed a

legislative role in violation of the separation of powers doctrine.

Worse yet, the Court has violated the founding fathers belief in a government based on absolute standards of right and wrong which are given by God. This Judeo-Christian worldview, according to historian C. Gregg Singer, guided the founding fathers as they framed the Constitution in 1787.

Unfortunately the framers could not foresee the rise of social Darwinism and secular humanism. These two philosophies now dominate our judiciary. Instead of the Judeo-Christian belief in God and absolute moral standards, they have substituted the belief that man is his own god and all laws are relative. The arbitrary values of powerful men now form the basis of our laws instead of the Constitution. Former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes put it succinctly: "Right and wrong is the decision of the courts".

As a result of the foundational shift in our judicial system, we are now vulnerable to control by the same sort of tyrannical power our forefathers sought to protect us from. For, as Thomas Jefferson warned, "Can the liberties of a nation be though secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?"

-Alexis Casey

JOGGING WITH JEANNETTE

It is a pleasure to bring you greetings on this beautiful spring day. "This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Spring is a time many of you will be planting your gardens. Be sure to add a few more rows of vegetables and flowers to share with the less fortunate. Spring is also a time when you clean out your closet. Remember the poor and the organizations which help clothe others. Your little used clothing can become a great gift to someone.

There are just so many things - practical things - you can do every day, like saving cancelled stamps off letters received, collecting used eyeglasses, baking cookies for neighbors and nursing homes.

Remember to take the school children, your own and-or your LTL'ers along this summer when you put on programs at the various homes for the elderly - they love the children so much.

"The Way to Life and Lining is not by Keeping, but in Sharing."

Love in Christ,
Jeannette Waldie
Social Service

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union says....

Over the past two years there has been a flurry of legislation across the U.S. aimed at getting drunk drivers off the highway. So far, legislation in this area has concentrated on the drinking driver, and there is no question that this has had a positive impact.

QUIZMANIA

These quizzes are among the requirement selections for the Vanguard Award as well as being informative in review. Study for them and take the quiz - send the results to the State Promotion Secretary so certificates may be awarded. Too few were reported to Mrs. Trapp this past year. Answers in next issue.

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WCTU QUIZ

Each correct answer is given five points. Score 70 for certificate. All answers to the questions, begin with a C or P.

1. The Woman's was the forerunner of our organization.
2. The name of our organization is Woman's Temperance Union.
3. A person must sign the and the dues to become a member of the WCTU.
4. The LTL is interested in the.....
5. The Youth Temperance is for the youth.
6. The Kit is designed for the use of the local members.
7. The Department with a spiritual emphasis is called
8. Mrs. Martha Edgar is the National
9. Legislation and were merged into one Department.
10. A new department was formed and namedDepartment.
11. Fruit juice drinks are a part of the Department.
12. Social Service Department stresses to observance of Jennie’s birthday with the giving of flowers.
13. The Education Department sponsors Poster and Essay
14. Home Protection Department is..... with anything affecting the home.
15. The Signal Press has a of items which may be purchased.
16. The, by-laws, and Standing Rules govern the work of the WCTU.
17. The Secretary the WCTU work.
18. Union Signal and Young Crusader are the WCTU’s
19. Audio-visuals is one area of the Department.
20. Anyone having 14 correct answers will receive a

PARLIAMENTARY QUIZ

on
PROPER TERMINOLOGY

Each correct answer is given 7 points. Score 70 for certificate.

TRUE FALSE

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|---|-------|-------|
| 1. The agenda is the official order of business. | | |
| 2. Pro Tem is a term used for one to act in an official capacity for a specified meeting. | | |
| 3. The Chair refers to the Presiding Officer. | ..... | ..... |
| 4. A person has the floor when she has been given permission to speak. | ..... | ..... |
| 5. A motion is a proposal that the Union take certain action. | ..... | ..... |
| 6. A person may speak without obtaining permission from the Chair. | ..... | ..... |
| 7. An ammendment does not make any change of the motion. | ..... | ..... |
| 8. A motion does not need to begin with the words, "I move..." | ..... | ..... |
| 9. When "Question" is called, the debate is closed and the vote is taken. | ..... | ..... |
| 10. There is only one way to vote and that is by uplifted hand. | ..... | ..... |
| 11. All speakers on the floor must address their remarks to the Chair. | ..... | ..... |
| 12. Unfinished business refers to business from a previous meeting needing action. | ..... | ..... |
| 13. A call to order is issued when a member has violated the rules of debate or has caused a disturbance. | ..... | ..... |
| 14. New business refers to business introduced in the meeting. | | |
| 15. A motion to adjourn is debatable. | | |

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PERSONAL MENTION

The General Officers extend their sympathy to the family of Joe and Mona Holt on the passing of his mother. He extended illness brought great trial and sacrifice to the family. We pray God's support and strength, and comfort as He releases them from this duty of love.

MRS. JAKE STEFFEN reports that:

The Minot Union met for its November meeting at the Minot Public Library on Veteran's Day with an attendance of eighteen; one being a new member, Irene Linenko.

Some reported being busy writing letters and circulating petitions to send RCA (the owner of the NBC Network) protesting the showing of the movie, Princess Daisy, and other objectionable films.

Rev. John Sortland challenged us with a message based on 2 Kings 5:1-19, and also favored us with several instrumental selections on the harmonica and ukulele.

Mrs. Serge Dubovoy, hostess, served a delicious lunch. A time of fellowship followed the meeting.

For our February meeting our Minot WCTU met in the Minot Public Library with President Dorothy Steffen presiding. There were seventeen people present. Serge Dubovoy was in charge of devotions - using the meditation from the Union Signal. Also, he gave some interesting highlights about and paid tribute to two great American leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Rev. Charles McClain gave a very inspiring message stressing the need for living a Holy life and complimenting our WCTU for the positive influence the organization has had on society. Mrs. McClain favored us with two beautiful vocal selections. Mrs. Howard accompanied at the piano. Mrs. Jake Steffen read two leaflets (1) History of Three Flags and (2) The Frances E. Willard Memorial Fund. (We sent our entire February offering to our state WCTU

treasurer.) Following our meeting our hostess, Mrs. Franklin, served a delicious lunch in keeping with the valentine theme.

READING LIST

ALCOHOL

Alcohol At The Wheel (1981 Revision)..... \$.60
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Marijuana: Current Perspectives..... .50
My Child on Drugs?..... 3.50

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Great Women of Faith..... 2.95
The Little Woman..... 2.95
This Day Is The Lord's..... 2.75
Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle..... 7.95
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Faith, Hope and Love..... 5.95

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Reflections Of The WCTU..... .50
Acorn People..... 4.95
The Porn Plaque..... 5.95
Kathy..... 2.50
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Smoking - A Habit That Should Be Broken..... .50
Teens and Smoking..... .50
The Scientific Case Against Smoking..... 4.95
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TREASURER'S REPORT

DUES

Women - Cavalier 15, Minot 5, Northwood 35.
 Members-At-Large - Women 12, Men 6
 Honorary Men - Minot 2, Northwood 6, Prosper 7.
LILLIAN STEVENS FUND - Bismarck \$5.00;
 Crosby \$3.00; Cavalier \$10.00; Fargo \$3.00; Marion
 \$3.00; Prosper \$5.00.
FRANCES WILLARD FUND - Bismarck \$5.00,
 Cavalier \$10.00, Fargo \$3.00, Marion \$3.00, Prosper,
 \$5.00.
STATE REPORTS - Bismarck \$10.00 (3)
LIGHT LINE - Bismarck, Fargo.
WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN - Bismarck \$20.00,
 Fargo \$10.00.
Y.T.C. CAMP - Bismarck \$25.00, Fargo \$34.00.
N.D.E.A. - Bismarck \$20.00.
MEMORIALS - In memory of Lila Muir: \$5.00 by
 Mrs. Frank Murray, \$5.00 by Florence Reed
 Owens, \$5.00 by Mrs. LeRoy Bartle. In memory of
 Grace Lovass: \$5.00 by Fargo Union, \$3.00 by Mrs.
 Frank Murray, \$2.00 by Adele Ottinger, \$2.00 by
 Mrs. Arnold Hanson. In memory of John Roorda:
 \$5.00 by Marion Union, \$5.00 by Mrs. Lyle Trapp.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Treasurer
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: From September 1, 1983
 to February 5, 1984 - Women 282, Men 85.

THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE SPRING FIELDS

Little, joyous, youthful Christ,
 Standing on a crocus lawn-
 Apple-blossom behind you makes
 Drifted snow across the dawn.
 At Your feet a shadow lies,
 Velvet on the springing grass,
 Over You the butterflies
 Dip with color as they pass.
 Little, joyous, white-clad child,
 In the soft, sweet, vernal air;
 How I wish that You could be
 In my thoughts still standing there.
 How I wish the shadow lay
 Always, only at Your feet-
 But I see You in my thoughts
 On a hill where shadows meet!
 Little Child, I would not let
 Calvary and all it means
 Slip away from out my heart
 Just to bask in happy dreams.
 But I love to think of You,
 Fresh and young in Your delight,
 Walking in the fields of spring
 In Your little robe of white!
 -Anne Coe Mitchell

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." Isaiah 62:10

A PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH

"Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind, a
 product of the emotions, a predominance of
 courage over timidity - an appetite for adventure."
 "Nobody grows old by living a number of years,
 people grow old when they desert their ideals.
 Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm
 wrinkles the soul."
 "Worry, self-doubt, fear and anxiety - these are
 the culprits that bow the head and break the
 spirit."
 "Whether 16 or 70, there exists in the heart of
 every person who loves life, the thrill of a new
 challenge, the insatiable appetite for what is
 coming next. You are as young as your faith and as
 old as your doubts."
 "So long as your heart receives from your head
 messages that reflect beauty, courage, joy and
 excitement, you are young. When your thinking
 becomes clouded with pessimism and prevents you
 from taking risks, then you are old and may God
 have mercy on your soul."

-Unknown

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A PG rating on a movie means "profanity galore."

The liquor of today is the hangover of tomorrow.

TOO YOUNG TO DIE

In October we attended our State WCTU convention which was held in the Priory at Richardton, N.D. The accommodations were just super! The Catholic Sisters did everything possible to make our stay there pleasant. We appreciated having a three day convention. We didn't feel pushed and there was plenty of time for the spiritual emphasis as well as the business matters.

We were made to realize more than ever each one of us needs to stand up and be counted. We all owe a debt of gratitude to one lady especially, namely, Thelma Klingensmith. She wielded a great deal of influence as an independent lobbyist at our last legislative session.

Recently I read an excerpt from a book entitled "America Is Too Young To Die" by Leonard Ravenhill. He spoke of how America ran ahead of other nations following the great spiritual revival of the nineteenth century. We are all aware of the many reasons why people migrated to America. The Statue of Liberty testifies to the compassion of the American Republic.

But now America is in the storm center of a fearful internal revolution and she has no alternatives but to fear God and cleanse her heart. This is a critical hour in American history.

Over a century ago the great American patriot, Abraham Lincoln, stated that if destruction is to come to our land, it will not come from abroad; it will come by suicide.

In a day when permissiveness is the unwritten law of millions, we need to heed the words of this impassioned statesman. Too many are like the ostrich with its head in the sand, and pretend that America does not have the disease that has destroyed every major civilization that ever was.

America can die, but it would have to be by suicide. It would be because she believes that His laws, which when broken have felled every nation that ever lived, did not in her hour of freedom and affluence include (or apply to) her....

We must go down to our knees, or we must go down into oblivion. Then God Himself will write us the epitaph He wrote for Israel: "The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, no mercy, nor KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the dead mourn....therefore shall thou fall in the day....My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....I will also forget thy children."

This is a doom too bleak to accept. Let us go down to our knees. AMERICA IS TOO YOUNG TO DIE!

Our hope for America is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

I trust that every Christian, and particularly those in our WCTU will spend much time in prayer for our nation and its leaders.

I am hoping that each of you who receives this letter will decide to be a part of our organization. We need all the help we can get. The annual dues remain the same - \$3.65 for women and \$1.25 for men.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Jake Steffen

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Labels are for products, not people.

Because of our all-too-human natures, we misuse labels. We want to believe in "people labels" so badly that we often sidestep in logic and common sense in the labeling of ourselves and others.

Reality blurs when we categorize people. For some reason, we have a deep-seated need to see everyone in every category dressing, moving, speaking, thinking, and acting exactly alike.

This is particularly true on Capitol Hill. There Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, radicals and moderates, wrap themselves, and their opposites, in larger-than-life labels. Within Congress and within parties and coalitions, rules, and traditions reinforce the idea that those draped in matching labels must march lockstep in blissful uniformity.

Labeling raises a formidable barrier for anyone desiring to act on principle or according to personal beliefs. Tragically "loyalty to the label" has, and will again, come ahead of loyalty to God, country and self.

In the nation's capital and elsewhere, this kind of thinking has hindered the Lord's work. It has prevented individuals and groups from cooperating with or reaching out to those huddles inside different labels.

Knowing this, THE FREEDOM COUNCIL has purposely set out on another course. As we go about our work in Washington and various state legislatures, in the courts and committee rooms, in the inner cities and on the college campuses of our beloved country, we wear one label only. It simply says "Christian".

AS A RESULT THINGS ARE HAPPENING in the halls of Congress and on the streets of our major cities. Once-closed doors are opening to welcome us. Raised fists are lowering and opening to shake our hands.

A new day is dawning in the area of religious freedom. We are moving past irrelevant matters and closer to the bottom line. We are moving past affiliations and philosophies...past considerations of turf and blind loyalties...and on to the tasks of defending the Church, praying for leaders and leading people to the Lord.

Ted Pantaleo
The Freedom Report 11-83

May God Give You Grace To Say "No"

Temptations are always abounding,
You'll meet them wherever you go,
But when and wherever you face them-
May God give you grace to say "No."

The tempter will try to defeat you,
Some sinful attraction will show,
But no matter where he may meet you,
May God give you grace to say "No."

One day he may offer you pleasure,
The next he may tempt by a blow,
But when you are tempted by Satan,
May God give you the grace to say "No."

When you shall have reached yonder city-
Temptations no more will you know,
But while you're on earth, when you're tempted,
May God give you grace to say "No."

-Samuel W. Beazley

ENERGY SAVING

- +It takes courage...to hang out the laundry when the neighbors use the dryer.
- +It takes perseverance...to smash tin cans for salvage.
- +It takes space...to save newspapers
- +It takes persistence...to carry garbage to the compost.
- +It takes time...to rinse out glass bottles for recycling.
- +It takes love...to eat less and share the hungry.
- +It takes patience...to walk instead of driving.
- +It takes dedication...to drive a small car when we'd rather have a big one.
- +It takes common sense...to conserve energy even when we can afford to pay for it.
- +It takes concern...to care for God's world.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our National Director, Mrs. Ralph Siivola, shared this poem entitled "Prayers" by Edgar A. Guest, with the state directors at the end of the year, and now I would like to share it with you.

I do not ask the load made light
Nor shortened pathways long,
Only make my prayer at night
The day shall find me strong.

I only ask the Lord for strength
The tasks I face to bear;
To go the miles required, full-length
And triumph over care.

I would not at the pane recline
And watch the morning through
I only pray that strength be mine
For all that I should do.

March is well on its way, and we as WCTU

Ambassadors need to be up and doing. Publicity is the most valuable tool in the area of public relations. Be enthusiastic but do not substitute zest for presenting factual, up-to-date and well documented information.

Use the five "W"s as a guide when writing a news story. **WHAT** union if sponsoring the meeting, **WHO** will preside and who will speak, **WHEN** will the meeting be held, **WHERE** the meeting will be held and **WHY** it will be held (regular meeting, special event program, youth group, etc.)

Observe deadline dates for reporting. Your cooperation will assure better news service. This applies to announcements in church bulletins as well as news service. This applies to announcements in church bulletins as well as newspapers. (I wonder if the Unions remembered to report the articles they had printed in the church bulletins.)

Mrs. Melvin Gangness
Director

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-O-

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-O-

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-O-

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HOME PROTECTION

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Protection of the home is the main job for a woman and mother. As this scripture points out, there is a job for all to do and it gives no indication that the work is ever finished. As long as there is a home there will be need for instructors - those to teach the younger women how to be a good wife and mother; how to keep her home in the best order; how to be an upright and alert citizen, and how to take pride in herself as a person complete in the Lord. Col. 4:12- "That ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

It is becoming a well-known fact that thousands of teenagers are bearing children. That puts the aged women's bracket lower than ever. Now a twenty year old wife and mother may well be suited to teach these children having children.

To teach the young to be sober will come more easily when we explore the definition of the word. One interpretation is "characterized by reason, sanity, or self-control; showing mental and emotional balance." What woman would not bring glory to her husband by being reasonable, and maintaining mental and emotional stability?

"To be discreet"-careful about what one says or does. Our words so often tell others how we feel about them or what we want of them. As wives and mothers we should continually praise those around us, and encourage them in all things, so as to make our homes a heaven on earth.

God's women are chaste and pure, being virtuous and modest not only in apparel but in behavior and speech. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:19-20

All of us are keepers of something, and here we are admonished to be keepers at home. A keeper is defined as a guardian or protector. How we do want to protect our children and loved ones from the traps of the evil one! One way to do this is by reading to them the Word of God and then diligently seeking wholesome literature for them to grow on. Even our school libraries are to be carefully watched for books that are not regarded by some as harmful, but are cleverly planting rebellion in the child's mind.

To teach how to be good is almost all-consuming of the others. The definition of God is "suitable to a purpose; producing favorable results; beneficial; fresh; uncontaminated; genuine; healthy; strong; vigorous; sound; honorable; worthy; enjoyable;

agreeable and happy; dependable; reliable; right; thorough; satisfying; excellent; kind; generous; sympathetic; well-behaved; dutiful; proper; becoming; skilled." Truly God has entrusted us with a great task! May we be as the one in Acts 9:36- "Now there was Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did."

I Cor. 11:3 "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ, God." What a beautiful umbrella of protection God has put us under by giving our husbands authority to keep us safe! When we obey our head we bring glory not only to him but to the Heavenly Father who is all-wise and all-knowing. We may at times feel inadequate for this task, but God tells us "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given to him." James 1:5

We have this promise from God: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me!" Phil. 4:13.

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GREAT IS THE LORD

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When Paul preached in Ephesus, the whole city was in an uproar, and responded for hours with the cry, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." However, it was the cry of superstition, and had no basis in fact or demonstrable proof. On the other hand, the statement of the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" is reasonable, demonstrable and self-evident. God's Word declares Him to be the Great Sheperd, the Great God and Savior, the Great High Priest, and One Whose name shall be great forever. All His wonderful works declare His Greatness, and there should be no praises like His praises.

It is told that Charles Lamb and some of his friends were talking one evening about those people that they wished they could have met. One said he would have liked to have met Chaucer, while another expressed a desire to have met Sir Thomas Browne. Someone mentioned Shakespeare, and then the name of Jesus Christ was spoken. There was a pause for a while, and then Lamb spoke in his gentle and stammering way, "If William Shakespeare came into this room, we would all stand up in respect and honor to him, but if Jesus Christ should come in, we would all kneel in reverence."

The Lord is great, and we acknowledge that greatness by giving Him His proper place in our life. It must not be just any place, but His rightful place. Henry Drummond once said, "Gentlemen, keep Christ in His own place - but remember that His place is the first." It isn't a place which Christ wants in your heart, but His place - the first place.