

A PAGE FOR Y's.

TWENTY-FOUR THINGS A BRANCH CAN DO.

1. Subscribe to the "White Ribbon" for libraries, hotels, and other public institutions.
2. Organise a Sunshine Band to visit sick, make scrap books, dress dolls, etc., for sick children, sing in homes for the aged, distribute flowers, fruit, etc., among the sick.
3. Have a toy social, asking friends to bring discarded toys; these to be distributed among poor children (broken ones should be mended first).
4. Organise and conduct a Junior Y.
5. Remember Red Letter Day.
6. Remember Frances Willard Day, and send a collection to the Organisation Fund.
7. Organise weekly entertainments as counter-attractions.
8. Ask Honorary Members to help with these.
9. Hold a reception for old people, and ask some to speak.
10. Always have flowers at the meetings; these to be taken to sick or absent members afterwards.
11. Hold a rummage sale.
12. Have a Temperance Library.
13. Hold a medal contest (public meeting).
14. Ask a doctor or other suitable person to give a Scientific Temperance address.
15. Make comfort bags.
16. Hold a members' afternoon (or evening), each member to take part.
17. Have literature for sale at all public meetings.
18. Take a collection at all public meetings.
19. Hold a meeting for Junior Y's. Let some of them entertain, while you provide the address and refreshments.
20. Have a Little White Ribboners' meeting, and get a member from the Women's Union to give the address.
21. Have an address on Moral Education.
22. Advertise in the "White Ribbon" the name and address of your President and Secretary. (This is to help White Ribboners who may be visiting your town.)

23. Study the life of Frances Willard.

24. Study the history of the W.C.T.U., its methods and departments of work. Study Scientific Temperance, and, in fact, learn all you can about our work.—Exchange.

NEW ZEALAND AND THE WAR.

The appearance almost daily of casualty lists in the papers has brought home very forcibly to us that our Dominion is bearing its part bravely and well in the present European struggle. We are proud of "Our Boys" at the front; proud that they are willing to give their lives for the Defence of Home and Native Land. Many of them have only just left boyhood behind them, most of them under fire for the first time, and yet they bore themselves bravely as veteran troops. What an object lesson for the Germans, who have sneered at Britain's untrained troops and contemptible army; when Canadians in France prove superior to Germany's well-drilled army, and Australians and New Zealanders landing at the Dardanelles, charge with all the élan and dash of young soldiers, and stand with the courage and steadfastness of veterans. Nearly 2000 wounded, some, alas, fatally. When troops fight bravely under heavy fire, as the cable told us, it cannot be done without the price being paid.

Our parsonages and White Ribbon homes have suffered heavily. To mothers and sisters of our wounded boys we tender our sincerest sympathy, and pray that their loved ones may be restored again. For those whose loved ones have passed "within the veil" we pray that the God of all comfort may be with them, and that amid all the sadness of farewell they may feel that "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori," and may realise that their dear ones are "not lost, but gone before." To the many who are anxiously scanning the daily list of wounded, dreading to see a familiar name, may God give "peace, perfect peace," even "with loved ones far away," knowing that in Jesus' keeping they are safe.

HOW CAN A WHITE RIBBONER BUSY WITH HOME DUTIES HELP THE CAUSE?

(Pearl Chenoweth, Jennings, Kansas).

History and Scripture attest to this truth—that God has never called upon the lazy or the idle when help was needed for His service. When He has important work to be done He goes to those who are already at work.

When Jesus wanted James and John for His disciples, He found them busy mending their nets. When God sent for Saul to be king over Israel he was found searching the hills for his father's lost beasts. When He wanted Gideon for one of the deliverers of Israel he was busy threshing wheat. When He wanted a prophet and sent for Elisha, they found him out in the field ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen.

When God wants some great work done for temperance, He often asks it of the woman who has many household cares.

First. She can pay her dues, which help in carrying on the work all over the world.

Second. Since no influence is so potent as example, the busy woman can live temperance every day in the year.

Third. She can wear the white ribbon on all occasions, thus preaching temperance and purity to all whom she meets.

Fourth. The very busy woman might talk in an interesting way of the work of the W.C.T.U. to callers, visitors, and to anyone who comes into her home.

Fifth. The busy woman might occasionally ask the Union to meet in her home and invite neighbours who have not been interested, thus creating a wider interest in the work.

Sixth. The home worker can teach the principles of temperance to her children, making sure that none will go astray from her household. If possible, get the boys and girls to sign the pledge and wear the white ribbon.—"Union Signal."

IMPORTANT.

Will Unions kindly note that the Superintendent for Educational Bureau is Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert West, Palmerston North?