

Willard, and others, will prove in the years to come, when history is written, to have been a mighty factor in bringing about the overthrow of the saloon, which is sure to be accomplished.

Christ says: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and many a man has been set free from prejudice against the Temperance cause by listening to these splendid selections delivered by the young people of the community.

It is the uniform testimony from every place where these contests have been held, that they have had a great influence in educating public sentiment in favour of total abstinence, and against the saloon. They have been helpful in warning the young against liquor drinking, and in arousing the voters to do their duty at the ballot box. Through the influence of these contests in many places, drunkards have been reformed, whole communities have been improved, and No License has been carried at Municipal elections.

Numberless testimonies come from all parts where contests have been held.

Mrs E. L. Bowman of Ohio, says: "Medal Contests of Ohio have done as much, if not more than any other department in educating public sentiment against the great saloon evil."

Mrs S. L. Jeffries, State Superintendent of Michigan, says: "That the Medal Contest is rapidly gaining in interest and popularity is evident from the fact that the Pere Marquette Railway has given special rates to contestants and their friends wishing to attend these educational entertainments. The testimony of some of our best workers is that these contests are a powerful factor in making prohibition votes."

One writes: "A drinking man who heard his child speak in two contests has reformed and become a Christian. The fathers of four contestants (all drinking men) were present at our last contest."

Another writes: "The conditions of our community have improved fifty per cent. since these contests began."

Another: "The Medal Contest was the grandest Temperance meeting we ever held in this city, and helped us wonderfully towards our successful No License vote. The Medal Contest was the best thing we ever tried for a No License meeting—Church crowded.

It helped more than any other agency to carry our city for No License.

Charles L. Fenwick, of St. Louis, had his first ambition for oratory fired by Medal Contest work. He won the W.C.T.U. series of four medals in his own home city. Then he attended a school of oratory in Chicago, and won the diamond medal on a Temperance oration, delivered at the commencement exercises of the school. He is a strong temperance young man, and he credits his positive convictions to the influence of these Medal Contests.

I could write pages of testimonies from all parts, but I am afraid of wearying the readers, but would like to add that as a money raiser the Medal Contest is an excellent method.

I hope to hear of more Unions holding these contests this incoming year. Temperance education is the crying need of the hour, and that is just what these contests furnish.

To the Nelson "Y" Union: Sorry not to have been able to accept invitation being rather out of the way, but hope to do so later on.

Yours for service,

S. A. MOODY.

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