

Superintendents throughout the Dominion attain the age of eight years they should be passed on to the Loyal Temperance Legions; we should not lose sight of them.

Up to this time we have endeavoured to educate the parents in purity and temperance; the time has now arrived to educate the child.

Every Branch of the W.C.T.U. should have a L.T.L.

The Lesson Manuals, for the use of L.T.L. Superintendents, have been revised and brought right up-to-date, the lessons are fully prepared, all that is required is that the Superintendents study the lesson for the boys and girls and help them to a knowledge of the truths contained in these Lessons.

If each local W.C.T.U. would take up the regular, systematic study of the L.T.L. Manuals, the members would become intelligent upon the great question of the liquor traffic, and incidentally there would come forth leaders for the L.T.L.

Our aim is to make our boys and girls intelligent abstainers.

I would urge all Superintendents to follow the suggestions contained in the Hand-book, and give the children three months' instruction before allowing them to sign the Pledge.

Up to this time we have not asked our Legioners to pay dues to our Dominion Treasury; we wish them to know, and feel proud of the fact, that they belong to our world-wide organisation.

We ask the Superintendents of all Legions to explain this to the children, and ask each Legioner to pay an annual fee of 3d to the N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Will Superintendents please note this, and send 3d for each L.T.L. member to Mrs Bendely, Dominion Treasurer.

I regret that the arrival of our supplies of books, etc., has been uncertain, and much delayed this year, nevertheless, all orders have, so far, arrived safely.

The Marching Song Books, formerly Nos. 1, 2, and 3, have been revised, and the best songs culled from each, and now appear in a revised No. 1. As soon as a new edition of No. 4 is printed it will be called No. 2.

All L.T.L. Superintendents should subscribe to the "Young Crusader," a temperance paper for boys and girls, issued monthly, price 1s 7d per year, posted to any address. As well as

fascinating stories of character and heroism, it gives new lessons, songs, recitations, and programmes. The Legioners should be encouraged to become subscribers.

You will note by the list given below that I have a few new programmes.

The L.T.L. Handbook and "Parliamentary Rules for Boys and Girls" are supplied free.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards, 1s per dozen.

L.T.L. Badges, 4s per dozen.

8 Graded Charts on Alcohol and Tobacco, size 24 x 36 inches, with Manual, 7s 6d set.

5 Lesson Manuals, at 8d each.

A Handful of Hints.

Temperance Tales.

About Ourselves.

About Our Country.

It Is Written (Bible stories for boys and girls).

Marching Songs (with music), Nos. 1 and 4, 8d each.

Questions Answered about the L.T.L., 1s 4d each.

Memory Gems (to hang in school-room), 4d each.

Anti-Cigarette Speaker, 8d each.

Medal Contest Reciters, Nos. 3, 5, 7, 15, 17, 20, 21, 8d. each.

Short Recitations for Young Recruits, 6d each.

Knights of the L.T.L., 2d each.

Programmes.

A Lark in Nonotuck Hall (for Seniors), 1s 2d each.

A Sick Baby, 8d each.

Entertaining Moments with Great People, 8d each.

Temperance Pleas in Columbia's Court, 8d each.

A Temperance Tally-Ho Trip, 8d each.

Frances E. Willard Programme, 8d each.

Moving and Living Pictures, 8d each.

At the White Queen's Court, 8d each.

The Children's Tribute to Prohibition States, 8d each.

Glimpses of 50 Countries, 8d each.

Men and Women of To-morrow, 4d each.

Lester Brown's Battle, 4d each.

Prohibition Axemen, 4d each.

My Temperance Dolly (song with music), 4d each.

The Saving of Daddy (a Service of Song), 8d each.

The Man who Spoiled the Music (a Service of Song), 9d each.

Temperance Served in Social Shapes, 2d each.

Evening Pastimes, 2d each.

BAND OF MERCY.

As all L.T.L. Superintendents are supplied with a Handbook, and are expected to study it, and adopt the suggestions contained therein, I hope to hear that many of our Legions have this year formed Bands of Mercy, and that at stated intervals lessons are given on kindness to animals.

The Mercy leaflets, packets of which are 4d each, post free, contain many incidents about pets and animals generally, and teach many lessons on kindness to animals. Enclosed is a Catechism on the "Duty of Mercy," and the motto is, "Love, Mercy, and Justice to Every Living Creature."

The children are required to sign the following pledge:—"I will try to be kind to all living creatures, and will try to protect them from cruel usage."

It is desirable that Bands of Mercy should also be formed in our Sunday Schools. As many of our White Ribboners are Sunday School teachers, I would urge them to look into this question, and decide to take up the work.

Trusting to have a full report from all Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy Superintendents before December 31st.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

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Dominion Supt., Pahiataua.

STATE REGULATION A FAILURE.

While the C.D. Acts were in operation in England, the number of recruits per thousand who were rejected for syphilis varied from 10.56 to 10.57. After the repeal of the Acts the number immediately fell, and continued to fall almost continuously from 8.18 per thousand in 1886 to 1.85 in 1911. (Flexner's "Prostitution in Europe.") Contrast these figures with those which the same authority gives (page 378) for the German army, where "regulation" has been enforced with all the thoroughness for which the Prussian police are famous, and has been in existence almost as long as in France. Flexner shows that the number of recruits in the German army venereally affected is practically constant at 7.7 per cent. It varies with the size of the towns, and in Berlin it rises to the enormous number of 41.3 per cent.