

offices are the last word in sanitary science. The restaurant is open to the general public, and the presence of women has the best influence upon Jack, bringing into play all his native chivalry and manliness.

Before the war soldiers and sailors did not mix. But when I went to the restaurant for tea, the wearers of khaki were almost as numerous as those in serge, and were accompanied in many cases by their friends and relatives. There was a general outcry when, on the outbreak of war, Miss Weston replaced the waiters by waitresses. Worse still, she insisted on equal pay for equal work. The change has been justified. Perfect order is maintained, the men themselves dealing with any customer who threatens to become difficult.

In addition to the two unions already mentioned, there is a branch of the Alliance of Honour. It is **no cost to a man to belong to any of Miss Weston's activities.** Members of that Alliance pay is a year, and Miss Weston defrays the subscription for every one of her men who joins the Alliance. No man spends money at the Rests unless he buys something, or pays for a bed. Then he receives the best possible value for his money. A cabin, with good bed, feather pillows, quilt, carpet, chair, and pictures, with heated dormitories, and a good supply of hot water can be obtained for sixpence, also good food on equally advantageous terms.—From the "Christian Commonwealth," January 31st, 1917.

STRONG OPINIONS.

Dr. Mayo, the noted Minnesota physician, in his Presidential address before the Medical Association of U.S.A., declared: "Alcohol's only place now is in the arts and sciences. National prohibition would be welcomed by the medical profession." Dr. Mayo said: "We must aid in all that will elevate the general standard of and conserve the American citizen. Prohibition is a war measure, the value of which is beyond discussion. Medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, having been displaced by better remedies."

The Commissioner of Health for New York City said the nation requires to-day three times as much alcohol as formerly, but needs it for munitions. "We want it," he added, "to explode in the enemy's trenches, and not in our own stomachs."

WILLARD HOME (PALMERSTON NORTH).

OPENING CEREMONY.

On October 9th, 1917, the Willard Home was officially opened in the presence of a large number of people. Speeches were made by Mr J. A. Nash and Mrs Crabb, and Mrs Nash (who was presented with a beautiful bouquet of lavender and white flowers) turned the key.

Mrs Crabb, as President of the W.C.T.U., said she was pleased to see so many guests at their opening ceremony, and in the name of the Union she extended to them a hearty welcome.

Mr Nash stated that such a home as they had established had become an absolute necessity, and he congratulated the ladies on their work in this direction. There were about 50 married men now in camp at Awapuni, but if the war continued they would have considerably more married men there soon. These men were prepared to make great sacrifices, and it was only reasonable that something should be done to give their parents or wives an opportunity of coming to see them while in camp. He stated the Salvation Army hutments at Featherston had proved a great success, and their only trouble was that they could not provide sufficient accommodation for the people applying. In connection with the Ladies' Board who controlled the institution, there was an Advisory Board of men. The only thing needed was money to liquidate the debt still remaining on the furniture. "We don't want to furnish it at the soldiers' expense," concluded Mr Nash.

Private Finnis thanked the Committee on behalf of the soldiers at Awapuni, and said they would greatly appreciate the facilities afforded them, particularly the married men, as the Home would fill a long-felt want.

During the speeches the Awapuni corps marched past, and halted a moment at the gate to give three cheers for the Willard Home, which was replied to with three cheers for the soldiers from the guests.

A brief service was held by the Ministers' Association prior to the official opening. Rev. Doull offered the dedicatory prayer, the lesson was read by Rev. F. W. Boys, the prayer

and Benediction were pronounced by Rev. Macdonald-Aspland, and Rev. Haslam gave a short address.

A delightful programme of music was contributed by the Awapuni Orchestra, and afternoon tea was served to the guests in the dining-room and hall. When the coins were counted up it was found the contributions in the plate, which was held out invitingly at the entrance, amounted to £26.

The building, which is situated in Fitzherbert Street, is very cosily furnished. There is accommodation for about 15 married couples and a few odd single people. Some of the rooms are already occupied, and the management anticipated having a full house very soon. Altogether the Willard Home is a delightful place, and should find favour with the soldiers and their relations.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Comrades in Christ,—Do not cease your prayers just because six o'clock closing has been gained. A greater battle with greater victories lies just ahead of us. The Local Option poll may come at any time, for causes are at work that may precipitate an election, and we must be ready to spring into line instantly. By daily, fervent prayer, and by getting in tune with the Infinite, will be the best, and indeed, only possible preparation. Next, will every member try to secure a new subscriber to the "White Ribbon"? We must reach the outside masses now if we would be ready for the contest.

During the approaching holidays speak to all your friends and visitors about becoming W.C.T.U. members. Plan for bright open-air meetings on Sunday afternoons and week evenings. Try to catch the man in the street, who will have no open bar to go to. Cater for him by joining forces with other Temperance bodies, and having warm, cheery, homely little gatherings wherever possible.

Love much, pray much, work hard, and "Thy God, Who hath commanded thy strength," will give you joy in service, and an abundant harvest.

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.