

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

Please remember the 17th of February, Frances Willard Day, of all our red letter days the most notable, for on that date we commemorate the heavenly birthday of the founder of the W.C.T.U.

"My first **whole day** of real spiritual, joyful, loving study of the kernel of God's Word, simply desirous to learn my Father's Will is this 17th day of February, 1877, with the Boston work just begun. And on this sweet, eventful day, in which, with every hour of study, the Bible has grown dearer, I take as my life-motto henceforth, humbly asking God's grace that I may measure up to it, this wonderful passage from Paul:— 'And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.'"

February 17th, 1898:—"How beautiful it is to be with God."—Frances Willard.

Will all Unions endeavour to observe this red letter day by holding some form of education social gathering, and trying to interest people who are not acquainted with the aims and objects of our Organisation. In this way many new members may be gained, and fresh enthusiasm aroused. Will any Unions who have not reported Notable Day gatherings send along a report as soon as possible.

Collections on 17th February go to World's Missionary Fund.

A. C. JONES,

Dominion Supt. Notable Days.

Ngaere,

31st December, 1918.

CRADLE ROLL, L.T.L., and BAND OF MERCY.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

Though many Unions are doing Cradle Roll work, some are still waiting for more workers before beginning.

Many "Y" Branches have been organised this year, and where the mother union has not taken up Cradle Roll work, I would suggest that the "Y's" begin.

Our Organisation has been called "Organised Mother Love," we begin with the baby; the mother signs a card promising not to give, or to allow her child, to take any alcoholic liquor, and the child's name is placed on our Cradle Roll.

The Superintendent cannot always visit the mother and child in the home, but she can see that helpful literature reaches that home.

I have leaflets for mothers, on social purity lines; packets, price eight pence, post free. The Medical Temperance leaflets should also be used for this work.

L.T.L.

At the age of eight years, the child should be passed into the Loyal Temperance Legion or Band of Hope, otherwise we lose sight of the children at their most impressible age, instead of training an army of Temperance Workers, familiar with all the latest scientific facts concerning alcohol.

Here, too, the "Y's" may help in this very important work. To be a leader in the L.T.L. does not require that you know everything, but that you study the lessons for the boys and girls, and help them to a knowledge of the truths contained in these lessons.

I supply the following helps for the work. Eight graded charts on alcohol and tobacco are as follows:—

With Manual explaining the charts, 7s 6d.

Lesson Manuals—

Temperance Tales, 8d.

A Handful of Hints, 8d.

About Ourselves, 8d.

About our Country, 8d.

It is Written—Bible Stories, 8d.

Side Lights from Shakespeare on the Alcohol Question, 11d.

Marching Songs, Nos. 1 and 2, 8d.

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

The Anti-Cigarette Speaker, 8d.

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

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

Programmes for Children of all ages sent on appo. "The Young Crusader," a monthly paper, price, 1s 7d per year.

BAND OF MERCY.

The aim of this department is to secure a more wide-spread knowledge of existing laws against cruelty, the enactment of new humane laws, especially those for humane education and to work for the general development and promulgation of the humane idea as a means of preventing injustice and cruelty, and of hastening the coming of the Golden Age.

Every L.T.L. should appoint a Mercy Superintendent, who should keep a record of pledges signed,

literature distributed, and work done in this department. All Legioners should sign the Mercy pledge, and should report humane acts they have performed and deeds of cruelty they see perpetrated. Sample packet of Band of Mercy literature, price 3d, post free. Band of Mercy pledge cards, 5d per dozen.

Trusting that reports of work done in these departments will be sent in without delay.—Yours in W.R. bonds,

CLARA M. NEAL,

Dominion Supt.

3, Fitzroy Street, Feilding.

Dear Sisters,—So far I have only received annual reports in this department from the following Unions: Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, Timaru, Pahiatua, and New Plymouth. I know what a difficult year this has been in this department, but if any Union can report any work done, I shall be glad to receive it at once. Acknowledged with thanks the following donations up to date:—Oxford, £1; Dunedin, £1 5s 6d; South Dunedin, 10s; N.E. Valley, £1 7s; Wanganui East, £2 13s 6d; Nelson, £3 16s 6d; Ashburton, £3 14s; Ponsonby, £1 10s; Gisborne, £1 13s 6d; Auckland, £2; Winchmore-Greenstreet, 9s; Richmond, 5s 9d; Hawera, £3; New Plymouth, £2 2s; Wellington District, £1; Pahiatua, 12s; Waimate, 15s; Napier, 10s; Dunedin, 11s; Waipukurau, 8s 6d; Otamatea, 5s, and £1 to Lee-Cowie Fund; Ngaere, 14s 6d; Onawhero, 5s, and £1 to Lee-Cowie Fund; Pahi, £1 to Lee-Cowie Fund; Mrs Toneycliffe, Gisborne, 10s.—Yours in Union Service,

N. F. WALKER.

"Gortgowan," Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

LOST.

During her travels, Miss Powell has lost a small, black-covered note-book containing cooking recipes, medical prescriptions, etc., which was probably lent to some one who neglected to return it. As many of these cannot be replaced, the owner will be glad if the friend who borrowed it will kindly forward to Miss Powell, The College, Turakina.

In U.S.A. grain used in brewing of beer, ale, and other malt liquors would make four million loaves of bread daily.