

everywhere X-hibited and fearfully X-perienced.

X-tains awake! X-plore this X-eerable drink curse; X-clude it from your lips; X-orcise it from your homes; take a firm and X-plicit stand; allow no X-cuse; admit no X-ception; spare no X-ertion; abridge no X-pense; but by X-hortation, by X-clamation, by X-ample, and by X-pectant prayer, strive to X-tricate its perishing victims; to stay its X-tension; to X-terminate its power; and X-pect no repose until it is X-iled out of X-istence.

WANTED, EAGER HELPERS.

"No worthy fight is won
Without the rank and file to see it
done;
Great tasks demand that back of
those who lead,
Stand many helpers eager with their
deed,
Pledged to service in a work well
planned,
Alert to follow those who give com-
mand."

—"Author Unknown."

"Yes, John," began Mrs Jones, "as I was saying, Miss Blank has no manners. Why, while I was talking to her this morning she yawned eleven times." "Perhaps, my dear, she wasn't yawning; she might have wanted to say something," replied the husband.

A lady who was somewhat in the habit of using colloquial phrases, went into a greengrocer's shop and asked hurriedly:

"What have you got in the shape of cucumbers?"

"Bananas are the nearest thing, madam," replied the facetious shopman.

An English doctor says there would be less drunkenness among men if women learnt to cook roast beef and bake potatoes. Women answer that there would be more money to provide roast beef and baked potatoes if men did not drink.

Below are Thirteen Points against alcohol that have been enumerated by Dr. Haven Emerson of Columbia University, formerly Health Commissioner of New York City.

1. Alcohol is a cause of death.
2. Alcohol is a cause of primary disease.
3. Alcohol causes disabilities through inheritance.
4. Alcohol lowers resistance to infection.
5. Alcohol increases susceptibility to poison from heavy metals.
6. Alcohol increases mortality rate of infections.
7. Alcohol increases the severity, complications and time of recovery from industrial accidents.
8. Alcohol increases the prevalence of venereal disease.
9. Alcohol increases the general morbidity and mortality from other diseases than those due directly to the use of alcohol.
10. Alcohol shortens the span of life.
11. Alcohol delays and renders inaccurate neuro-muscular reactions.
12. Alcohol reduces judgment, discrimination, endurance and precision of action.
13. Alcohol reduces consumption of milk in the United States.

"I believe

In the Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

In her place in the world,

In the vision of her leaders,

In her part in the Dawn of a New Day

I believe

That her holy purposes must be guarded,

That the mothers of to-day

Must have within their heart

The spirit of the Mothers of the Crusade.

I believe

That tears and toil and sacrifice,
Are mothers' share to-day, e'en as before,

If children are to be guarded,

And lives saved for higher things.

Those who have led us on

Still guide our way.

We look to Thee and Thou dost give,
To mothers who thus serve, a glori-
ous heritage

For their united work brings victory.

Y REPORTS.

CAMBRIDGE.

September 7. A successful meeting. A very interesting paper on "Alcohol, a Cell Poison" was read and followed by a good discussion. One new member was initiated. Many more are expected, and we are hopeful of a great future.

AUCKLAND.

September 2. Miss A. M. McLay presided over a good attendance of members. The meeting was opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Miss Latham, who has travelled the world over, and studied adolescence in many different countries and conditions, then gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Ambition and Citizenship." A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed unanimously.

WAIMATE.

July 13. Miss Beer presided over good attendance. Mrs Dr. Pitts gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Alcohol, its Uses and Abuses, and Effects on Human Body" and was heartily thanked. Solo given by Miss Woods. Time was arranged for practising for coming Band of Hope; programme to be supplied by "Y" girls. At the close, dainty supper provided by Miss Smart was greatly appreciated. Two new members.

August 10. Before meeting, short time spent practicing for Band of Hope. Miss Smart presided, and welcomed our South Canterbury President, Mrs Boag, who gave a very interesting talk on work of the W.C.T.U., dealing especially with work among young people. Mrs Boag was thanked for her inspiring talk, and in honour of our visitor we sang the verse "Our Union's glad to own You," etc.

September 6. Miss Beer presided. Miss G. Dennison elected delegate to District Convention. We hope to have a visitor to address us at next meeting. A short time spent practicing hymns.

AUCKLAND.

August 12. T. E. Taylor Day; the President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided; fair attendance. Papers on the Life and Work of T. E. Taylor were read by Miss Barry and the President. Two excellent original Temperance stories were read by Miss Olive Harvy and Mr James Davison. Our Superintendent, Miss Read, gave a recitation, and the Misses Logan sang a duet. A very interesting and inspiring evening was spent. One new member was initiated.

NEW BRIGHTON.

August 13. The quarterly social was very well-attended, and the programme of musical items, games and competitions very much enjoyed. The President, Mrs Mitchell, cordially welcomed members of the newly-formed North Beach "Y" Branch, and also from Christchurch "Y's," who were the guests of the evening. Mrs Eames returned thanks on behalf of the North Beach members, and Miss E. Spedding on behalf of Christchurch members. Four new members were initiated.

PLEASANT POINT.

August. Inaugural meeting at Mrs Miller's residence. A goodly number present. Miss Bishop presided, and explained the object of the world-wide organisation, and the benefits of forming a branch at Pleasant Point. Miss Millicent Jennings, President of Christchurch "Ys," Mr Maze, Chairman of Town Board, and Mr W. J. Clarke, all spoke in favour of organising. Following Officers were elected:—President, Mr R. Roberts; Vice-President, Miss L. Smith and Mr T. Smith; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Cartwright; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Cox; Treasurer, Miss A. Boyd. Decided to meet the fourth Tuesday next meeting at Mrs Wooffindin's. Several members contributed musical and elocutionary items, Miss Jennings charming all present by her glorious singing. A bountiful supper and votes of thanks closed a pleasant evening.

Prohibition didn't corrupt people.
It merely mobilized the corrupt ones.

—"San Francisco Chronicle."