

Shocked and dazed she hurriedly turned to leave and collided with a gentleman just entering. It was the doctor from the hospital, and something in her strained, white face made him pause and ask.

"What is the matter, Nurse?"

"Doctor, look in there, what is the matter with our girls."

"Claret-cup," briefly replied the doctor. Don't you indulge in it, nurse?"

"Oh, no, look at my White Bow."

"Then, nurse, you can thank whoever gave you that bow. A quiet dance may not harm a girl occasionally, but dancing and wine are a rotten combination. Keep your pledge, nurse, and you'll keep yourself from sinking into the depths. The descent into Avernus is easy, and wine floats many a craft down it."

Just then the Doctor's wife approached, and was introduced to Mollie.

A fine motherly woman, she pitied the girl's apparent weariness.

"You look tired, my dear, can we take you home with us?"

"Thank you, I'll be so glad to get away."

Safe in her room, too excited to sleep, Mollie penned the account of her evening's doings to Mrs Wilson, the Superintendent of her old Y. Union, and concluded with these words. "I'm so glad you got me to sign the pledge, and wear the bow, or I might have done as those other girls were doing, and then I never could have faced my mother with a clear conscience."

And a day later the heart of a sorely discouraged worker was cheered, she thought the work was worth doing, and resolved to "Carry on."

Y REPORTS.

CARTERTON.

November 9. Annual meeting, Miss Tyler presided; good attendance. Officers were elected:—Supt., Mrs Pepperell; Pres., Miss M. Tyler; Sec., John Denbee; Treas., Ruth Simpson; Vice-Pres., Maurice Brassendale. Games were played, songs sung, and supper served.

HAMILTON EAST.

November 26. Miss K. Dey, President, presided over a good attendance. Mrs Mears, Secretary Local W.C.T.U., gave a very interesting report on District Convention. Mrs Morgan, Superintendent, spoke on "Alcohol in Relation to the Human Body and Mind." Three new members were initiated. Supper was served.

HASTINGS.

November 12. Annual meeting. The first meeting next year in March. Mrs Wilson read a very interesting chapter from Richard Dobson's Book, "Alcohol." The officers' reports for the year were read, each showing that keen interest had been taken in all departments of the work. Election of officers held over until next year. Social evening followed, games were enjoyed. The following items were contributed:—Mrs McArthur, Vocal Solo; Mrs Banks, Vocal Solo; Miss D. McArthur, Pianoforte Solo; Miss N. Slater, Vocal and Pianoforte Solos; Mr G. Warren, Monologue. A dainty supper was then dispensed, and "Auld Lang Syne" sang.

WAIMATE.

October 4. Miss Beer presided over a very good attendance. Miss G. Dennison gave her very interesting report of Convention. We then adjourned to the residence of Rev. Mrs Nicol, "The Manse," where a delightful evening was spent in games, competitions, etc. A bountiful supper and votes of thanks brought a happy evening to a close.

November 8. The Mayor, Mr Dash, presided over an excellent attendance, there being a large number of Adult Union members present too. The guest of the evening was Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, who gave a most helpful and stirring address on the "Need for Prohibition." During the evening, musical items were rendered. At the close, one new "Y" member initiated.

November 15. Break-Up Social. In spite of the wet night, "Y" members and friends spent a very happy social evening together, which I am sure, will live long in the memories of those present.

DUNEDIN.

October 11. A faithful band has met twice a month to work for a Sale of Work, which was held on October 11th. The various stalls were in charge of members who did good business throughout the evening. Musical and elocutionary items were given, and a happy time spent. The sum of £8 15s. 5d. was raised. We hope to send a delegate to Auckland next year.

November 8. Attendance fair, members of Adult Union welcomed. Annual meeting. Election of officers resulted thus:—President, Miss J. Armit; Vice-Presidents, Misses A. McClean, M. Walker, A. Gwyn; Secretary, Miss M. Duncan (re-elected); Treasurer, Miss D. Ritchie. Mrs Hiett gave a talk of encouragement.

NEW BRIGHTON.

November 17. There was a very good attendance of members at the quarterly social, the President, Mrs Mitchell, presiding. Games and competitions were much enjoyed, and supper was served.

AUCKLAND.

December 2. Miss A. M. McLay presided. The Secretary's report for the past year was submitted; also the Treasurer's statement, which showed a credit balance of £11 11s. 4d. These were adopted. The re-appointment of the present officers was confirmed with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary, whose resignation was received with regret. Her duties have been combined with those of the Recording Secretary. Mr S. Purselove was appointed to assist Mr Leckie with the Evangelistic Work. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a short Temperance Address, and the meeting closed with a hymn followed by supper.

PLEASANT POINT.

November 30. Good attendance, and Mr R. Roberts occupied the chair. The first part of the evening was devoted to business matters, and an inspiring address on "Peace" by one of the members; this being followed by games and competitions. Musical items were pleasingly rendered by Misses D. Saunders and L. Bishop; Messrs R. Roberts, H. Roberts, and F. Smith, while part songs by the company greatly added to the pleasure of the evening. We are pleased to relate that during the evening, eight new members were enrolled. After supper had been partaken of, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

INVERCARGILL.

November 15. At Mrs Norman James's residence. The President was very gratified to see a very good attendance of members. The meeting was opened with a hymn, Bible reading and prayer. The Secretary then read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. The Treasurer's report was submitted, and the accounts passed for payment. Officers elected:—President, Miss Matheson, Rugby Street; Secretary, Miss D. Blackmore, 140 Crinan Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss G. Fraser, c/o Fraser's Store, Elles Road; Treasurer, Miss Dawson, 283 North Road; White Ribbon Agent, Miss Blaikie, Crinan Street; Press Reporter, Miss G. Pearce, 3 Beatrice Street, Wellesley. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all retiring officers, and the repetition of the pledge.

SCOTTISH EXPENDITURES.

The people of Scotland spend £6 3s. per head on drink (intoxicating), £1 18s. on education, £1 17s. on bread, £1 15s. on milk, and £1 11s. on War pensions. It is not a very flattering comparison.

QUITE TRUE.

An American Prohibitionist, arguing with a Wet, said: "With the tremendous increase in motor cars, booze would add to the dangerous traffic problem." "Yes," replied the Wet, "but if we had booze, we should not have so many cars."

TAXES REDUCED.

The United States Budget for 1924-25 shows a huge surplus which Mr Coolidge estimates will reach 500,000,000 dollars (£100,000,000). It is expected that the income tax for 1926 will be reduced from 30 to 50 per cent. Who said Prohibition would ruin the country?

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