

## OUR MEETINGS\*

"Are we making our meetings as attractive and educational as possible? Do we prepare the Agenda well ahead? Whatever else we do, let us not get into a rut in arranging meetings.

"Try to obtain a cheery meeting place. Have you noticed how bright and comfortable the lounges at most of the hotels are? The very best methods are used to induce people to come in and drink. They are made attractive and up-to-date. In some of the hotels in Canada large 'Welcome Cards' are placed in a conspicuous place with these words: 'Enter soberly. Drink moderately. Leave quietly. Come again.'

"In a few words I would like to throw out a few suggestions. They may not be new. You may already be carrying them out; but just reminding ourselves occasionally may serve to renew and increase our usefulness and efficiency.

"Do you work for your Union's success? Do you try to gain new members, especially young women? Do you familiarise yourself with the history and background of the W.C.T.U. so that you can intelligently answer questions?

"Do make it plain in all your announcements that all women will be welcome at the meetings.

"Do have a Literature Table at hand every meeting, some for sale, and some for free distribution.

"Do give a personal invitation to the meetings, and give visitors an opportunity to join without pressing them to do so, explaining that the requirements are the signing of the total abstinence pledge and the payment of the subscription. The allocation of the money should be made clear.

"Do speak so that you may be heard in any part of the room, and if possible, avoid reading what you have to say. Please do not feel or act apologetically when seeking new members or when inviting speakers or helpers to your meetings."

## APPEAL OF UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO WOMEN OF THE WORLD

An appeal "calling all women of the world to safeguard Peace" was issued on January 16 by the 15 members of the Commission on the Status of Women.

"We, the representatives of 15 countries," says the appeal, "gathered in the Status of Women Commission of the United Nations to safeguard the interests of all women, appeal to many millions of women throughout

\*Extract from message from World Superintendent of Methods, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, sent to all lands where our Sisters are working with us in the great cause.

the world to work in every possible way for the peace and prosperity of peoples everywhere.

"The world is divided by fear. Let us calmly and in good faith analyse the elements of our fear and let us proclaim that there is no material difficulty or mental conflict between peoples that can be in reality solved by war.

"It is our common lot to live our short span of years together on this planet. Let us use our time wisely. Let us show the world that the growing influence of women in public life is an influence for good Peace and for patient striving to build friendly relations between all states and nations.

"There is no woman anywhere in the world who wants war, who does not know that the only guarantee for the happiness of her children and her home is that the peace of the world should be secured.

"United therefore in the knowledge that war brings misery and ruin to peoples everywhere, let the voice of the women of the world ring out strong and clear to remind statesmen that their most urgent task is to work to remove the causes of war.

"We have a meeting ground for constructive work for peace in the United Nations. Let us strengthen this instrument so that it can realise the deepest aspirations of women everywhere for a world of peace and freedom and opportunity for their children and generations yet to come."

## LETTER FROM MRS. LEE-COWIE

The following letter recently received by Mr. George Dash, will have much interest for the many friends of the writer:

My dear Friend,—

What a pleasure your letters, papers, etc., are. Such a link with the past, and a "cheerio" for the present.

I am rejoicing in the resurrection glory all around, in masses of flowers, singing birds, golden sunshine, all telling of the wonderful transformation that God can bring about in so short a time.

I had a week's mission in a country town this month, and returned home with a relaxed throat. Do you wonder, when I tell you I gave 16 addresses in that time, and, with other meetings awaiting me here, I have not had time to recover. It is a joy to be still a messenger of our great Master, telling the people, "He is not willing that one should perish, but that all should have everlasting life."

We are making more advance in our Temperance Cause than we have been able to do for many a year. Everywhere the people are awakening to the awful evils of the liquor traffic. Our "Prayer Crusade" has

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Home. Here we are members of a family. No jarring note, no incongruity will trouble or annoy us here."

In the large room, portraits of workers and leaders, now at rest, mementos of a long-past day, remind us that our work, our hopes, our difficulties were known before our turn came. Heroes and heroines of the past, they seem to be part of the "cloud of witness," from whom come inspiration and encouragement. An atmosphere pervades this room. It is hallowed by prayers and holy aspiration towards the reaching of our great goals; and by the knowledge of the Presence realised so often there. Headquarters is more than all this. It is a symbol. It is our badge of National Organisation. It stands there for all to see; and its name recently placed prominently above the portico, tells to all that we are active, strong, and earnest in our work. Much, much more could be said. But, what of that request at the end of the Report, quoted above? What are we doing? Have we, among the many calls being made in this post-war period, kept before ourselves and our Unions, the urgency of this plea? A little quiet, but persistent organisation can be wonderfully effective. In our meetings, let us always remember that request for our prayers. It could be a feature of each meeting, the reminder of this, our own responsibility.

A Donation Card is obtainable from H.Q. on which any small or large donation can be recorded and acknowledged. It is a good plan to have this on the table at meetings, leaving it to members' own initiative to use it if they can spare even a small sum once in a while. A calculation was made by someone at Convention which showed that if each member gave 1/- a week for a year, the whole mortgage would be wiped off. Can it be done? It is worth trying.

really shaken the world. "Praise the Lord." Not only are the Temperance people and the Churches awakening, but the secular Press, the men in authority, and others are taking up the matter of Women Drinking, Juvenile Delinquency, and the terrific burden on taxpayers. "While men slept, an enemy sowed tares."

Have you met our dear Mrs. Mackie yet? We grew to love her when she was here.

Now with most cordial good wishes for your continued health and happiness, I will close.

Ever in our Saviour's glorious service,

Your old-time fellow-worker,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.