

traffic, and urged all present to consider if the drink voted for by Christians did not do as much harm as that voted for by the trade.

Papers were read by Mrs Ostler and Miss Powell on the subject of "A more complete appropriation of the women's vote for No-license," both ladies showing clearly that education is greatly needed on this point. Nearly all present were agreed as to the advisability of asking ministers to observe two Temperance Sundays in the year.

The evening meeting was very good. Mr Yates, an hotel employé, came on the platform in response to an invitation, and spoke in a pleasant, straightforward manner, which won the respect of all. Many of us felt sorry for him, for what *can* a man say in defence of drink? Let us all join in the prayer that he may soon be won to the Lord, and so cease from helping to ruin others. Mr Taylor and Mr F. W. Isitt replied to Mr Yates, and pulled down his arguments without any difficulty. One remark made by Mr Isitt struck me as forcible, *i.e.*, that the reason we go for prohibition is because we are tired of providing an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff instead of placing a fence at the top. At both meetings Miss Sears sang two songs, which were much appreciated. It was pleasant to notice the spirit of enthusiasm and friendliness which ran through all the meetings. I am sure it would be impossible to lodge and entertain 137 delegates more comfortably than those at Convention were entertained. It seemed to me as if all Palmerston must be very much interested in our cause.

While the various speakers dwelt on the subject of Woman's Power, I felt as if we ought to add the "King's Daughters'" motto to our own:—"Look out, not in. Look forward, not back. Look up, not down, and lend a hand."

### Evangelistic Department.

#### ITS OBJECT AND AIM.

This department is the most important of the many departments of our W.C.T.U. Its mission is to keep brightly burning the sacred fire which was kindled in the Crusade. When, under a mighty outpouring of the Divine Spirit, the Women's Christian Temperance Union was inaugurated and consecrated, its foundation stones were laid at the foot of the Cross. And we must definitely place Christ in the forefront, and claim Him as the only Saviour of men, and the source of power, strength, and goodness.

If our work is to be successful, we must pray for the vital spark, the power of the Holy Spirit. Our work can only be permanent and increasingly a power, as true spirituality grows in individual members. Our wish is to permeate the effort and undertakings of our W.C.T.U. with the Evangelistic spirit. Only as we have the Divine anointing can we fulfil our great mission to the world. The work which is not anointed with power from on high is ganged by God's standard a failure.

Soul as well as body must be fed with living bread. The problem before us is, how to reach those who are living in utter indifference to the best interests of their immortal souls.

Consciousness of the need of our service is greater than ever in view of the appalling mischief intemperance, and vice are working every day.

In the evangelistic work all can take a part, there are so many different lines of work to take up.

Would that all members would join in the "Noon-tide Prayers!" This is the golden chain which binds us as workers to each other and to God.

Let us as servants of the Lord but manifest our deep-toned faith in the principles we profess. Let us show that we are as certain that the gospel, as we believe it, shall have universal sway, as we are sure that the sun shall gild tomorrow's horizon.

Thou must be true thyself,  
If thou the truth would'st teach.  
Thy soul must overflow, if thou  
Another's soul would reach.  
It needs the overflow of heart  
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts  
Shall the world's famine feed;  
Speak truly, and each word of thine  
Shall be a fruitful seed.  
Live truly, and thy life shall be  
A great and noble creed.—H. Bonar.

I will suggest a few plans of work, which I am sure some of you will be able to take up.

1st. That of prayer. We can all join in that, for it is the real secret of our strength. Those who pray do best of all—exercise the mightiest influence of all.

2nd. Visitation and Distribution of Gospel Literature. Members might visit say six or more families in their own localities, have a little talk about the temperance work and what is being done in the various departments connected with the W.C.T.U., and, if convenient, ask them to their house some afternoon for prayer and Bible reading. Where possible, every local Union

should hold a devotional meeting for the reinforcement of its members in spiritual strength and temperance enthusiasm.

3rd. Mothers' Prayer Meetings, where incidents of answered prayer might be given, which would gladden hearts and call forth praise and thanks to God.

4th. Wayside Service.—Evangelistic work means visiting the sick, also frequent meetings in prisons, jails, almshouses, efforts for the fallen women, work among children, factories, indeed meetings wherever a soul needs the Gospel.

I appeal to you dear sisters of the WHITE RIBBON, for your earnest endeavours in service for the Master.

Yours in the work,

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#### THE "NEW WOMAN."

She does not "languish in her bower,"  
Or squander all the golden day  
In fashioning a gaudy flower  
Upon a worsted spray;  
Nor is she quite content to wait  
Behind her "rose-washed lattice pane,  
Until beside her father's gate  
The gallant prince draws rein."

The brave "New Woman" seizes to sigh,  
And count it "such a grievous thing"  
That year on year should hurry by  
And no gay suitor bring;  
In la'our's ranks she takes her place,  
With skilful hands and cultured mind;  
Not always foremost in the race,  
But never far behind.

And not less lightly fall her feet  
Because they tread the busy way;  
She is no whit less fair and sweet  
Than maids of olden days,  
Who, gowned in samite and brocade,  
Looked charming in their dainty guise.  
But dwell like violets in the shade,  
With shy, half-opened eyes.

Of life she takes a clearer view,  
And through the press serenely moves,  
Un'ettered, free; with judgment true  
Avoiding narrow grooves,  
She reasons and she understands;  
And sometimes 'tis her joy and crown  
To lift with strong yet tender hands  
The burdens men lay down.

E. MATHESON.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps says:—"When our bodies cease to be drugged into disease and sin, it is my personal impression that our souls will begin to stand a fair chance, perhaps not much before."