

night she felt comforted by the thought that the Captain of the football team,—a scholar, an athlete, and a born leader, idolised by his team—was the son of well-known leader in the Temperance Cause.

That same night, the Captain's mother, as she wished her son "Good-night" said, "I wish you a good trip a good game, and a victorious return. Remember, son, that others follow where you lead, not only on the football field, but round the Social Board."

"Good old Mum," smiled the Captain, "Don't worry." You pledged me like Samson of old to drink no wine or strong drink, and I shall not break that pledge."

CHAPTER II.

It was evening after the match, and the Northern team were celebrating their victory around the festal Board. Strict training rules were relaxed for once, and all were enjoying their freedom. Then came the toasts, glasses were being filled with wine.

Jack Waters dreaded to be laughed at, and wondered if mother would mind if he put his lips to the glass. Then he saw his Captain turn his glass down, and heard him say: "No thank you, I drink my toasts in water. I am always in training, because I must keep fit."

Jack's brow cleared, with a gay laugh his glass was turned over, and he said: "What suits Captain is good enough for me."

Several others did the same, and those who took wine, used it sparingly.

They could do no other with their Captain's glass of water before them, and the Captain piloted a clear-headed, bright-eyed team to the train for the homeward trip.

CHAPTER III.

Jack Waters told his mother the story of the match, and very proud was she to hear that he had scored a try which his Captain had converted into a goal. Also, he told the story of that dinner party.

The Captain's mother opened a letter, addressed in a strange handwriting. It was from Mrs Waters. "I cannot refrain from telling you how much I appreciate your son's action at the football dinner. My boy, is one to whom alcohol is, a hereditary poison. He does not know this, and, but for his Captain's example, might have yielded to temp-

tation and broken his Temperance Pledge."

Silently, she handed the letter to her son, remarking: "Leadership is a privilege, but it carries responsibilities with it." And, as he handed it back, he quietly said: "It pays to lead your men straight on life's battlefield, as well as on the football field."

Y REPORTS.

AUCKLAND.

October 7. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided over a good attendance of members. Rev. Mr Braddock, School Missioner, asked for prayer on behalf of his work in the Schools. He said that during a recent eight day's campaign he had addressed 26 meetings, and 90 children had joined the Pocket Testament League; altogether, 2,500 Testaments had been distributed, but 8,000 children are still untouched. Thereafter, several extracts from Mrs Lee-Cowie's Autobiography, "One of Australia's Daughters," were read. Several good recitations were rendered. A most inspiring evening was spent.

(Thanks for prompt sending on—Ed. "White Ribbon.")

WAIHI.

September 30. At a social evening, held in the Presbyterian Hall, on September 29th, Miss McLay, our Organiser formed a branch of the Y's with nineteen members. The officers are: President, Miss Hollis; Vice-Presidents, Misses McFarlane and Brown; Secretary, Miss Collier; and Treasurer, Mr Hope. Mrs Brown was chosen as Superintendent. Miss McLay gave a short address, explaining the meaning and origin of the W.C.T.U. During the evening, the Misses Collier and Brown sang a duet, Miss Armour, a solo, and Mr Hope gave a pianoforte solo, for which he was recalled. Supper was dispensed at the close.

(Heartly congratulations to our newest Y's.—Ed "White Ribbon.")

INVERCARGILL.

September 6. The President opened the meeting with a hymn and Bible reading. Three new members were welcomed to our Union. We had a visit from the District Union members, Miss Birss giving a short address on Prohibition. Mrs Challis then continued her interesting talks on First Aid. As a surprise, supper, which was enjoyed very much, was provided by the District Union members.

HASTINGS.

September 9. Miss Beale presided over a fair attendance. Sick report received. An interesting article was read out of the White Ribbon Y. Column. Miss McArthur gave an interesting demonstration on making paper flowers. A fruit supper and the Benediction closed the meeting.

PLEASANT POINT.

September. At the residence of Mr and Mrs Wooffinden, Mrs R. Roberts presided. There was a very large attendance of members and their friends, and an exceedingly pleasant time was spent with games and competitions, interspersed with musical and elocutionary items. Songs were contributed by Miss Mildred Kee, Miss Myrtle Christie, Messrs. R. Roberts, H. Roberts, W. Crawford, while the accompaniments were played by Miss Olive Halstead. Before dispersing after a jolly evening, Mr R. Roberts, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr and Mrs Wooffinden for their hospitality.

What is it grows longer the more it is cut?—A ditch.

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Badges, Brooches, and Pins, 5/- per doz.; Star of Honour, 2/- each; Hymnals 2/3 per doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt.; Constitutions, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts" about W.C.T.U., 6d per doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips 1/- 100; Pledge Books, 6d; Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1/6; W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d doz., 5/100; Promise Boxes, 1/6 each.

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