

the child of acquiring in that direction with ease and pleasure.

Dr. Chapple, once a member of New Zealand Parliament, gives a very interesting case of this description. A country storekeeper had an accident, which made him an invalid for some time. The manager they got for the store was dishonest, and had to be dismissed. The next, incapable. The storekeeper worried so much it retarded his recovery. His wife, who was pregnant, and poorly educated, began quietly to practice in figures, in the hope of relieving his anxiety. She plodded patiently and persistently on until she was able to take over the books herself. One of the earliest amusements of the child that was born was to have a pencil and paper and work at figures. He carried all before him on those lines in the country school, and later took some high degree in the world of figures, to the amazement of the neighbours, who knew how ordinary his parents were. The parents themselves could not understand until the mother was relating to the Doctor the effort she made to keep the business together when her boy was coming, and he told them this was the cause of the boy's talent in this same direction.

Well may one writer say as follows: "As mother, my dignity is supreme, for I am sculptress of the race, the architect of humanity. My body is the temple, the holy of holies, wherein are fashioned into indelible shape, for weal or woe, the children who are to come. My part is difficult, but I will not flinch. I must be as strong as the oak on the bleakest hill, and tender and sweet and pure as the flower which blooms in the valley below. For freedom's sake I must be free, for I am Sculptress, Architect of Humanity, its Citadel, its Oak, its Blossom. I am woman, mother, and moulder of the race."

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SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

Dear Sisters,—I have had several applications for papers as the result of my letter in the June issue. I did not append my address, as it appears in the Convention number, which should lie on the table at every meeting. However, I here do so, as I find letters being sent to the wrong town.—Yours in the Work,

M. S. POWELL.

C/o Rev. A. Doull, Palmerston N.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Our next special day is July 27th, when we in some manner celebrate the life and work of the late Mr T. E. Taylor—in the language of Browning: "One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,

Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were
worsted, wrong would triumph,

Held we fall to rise, are baffled to
fight better, sleep to wake.
No, at noonday in the bustle of man's
work time,

Greet the unseen with a cheer;
Bid him forward, breast and back as
either should be.

'Strive and thrive' cry 'speed—fight
on' forever There as here!"

A sketch of Mr Taylor's character and career appeared in the July 19th, 1915 issue of the White Ribbon. It would be well for any Union which does not possess this number to try and secure a copy.

A. C. JONES,

Dominion Supt. Notable Days.
Ngaere, 5th July, 1920.

CRADLE ROLL, L.T.L., AND BAND OF MERCY DEPT.

Dear Sisters,—I would urge every Union who has not already done so to take up Cradle Roll work. First appoint a Superintendent, then let every member resolve to help her with the work. "The hope of the nation is the child." Our desire is that the children be given the opportunity to grow up men and women physically, mentally, spiritually strong and good. This can best be accomplished by training a nation that shall not know the taste of alcohol.

The mother signs a card, promising not to give, or allow her child to take, any intoxicating liquor. The Superintendent sends the child a card on each birthday, and at the age of eight years the child is passed on to L.T.L.

Will all Cradle Roll Superintendents note that we now have a card for every birthday, and when ordering cards, will they state whether for first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth birthdays, and whether for boys or girls?

The price, post free, is two pence each, and for enrolment cards one penny each.

Mothers' Purity leaflets, to enclose with the birthday card, eight pence per packet. Many of these are quite new this year.

Loyal Temperance Legion.

It is most important to insure that all young people be thoroughly instructed as to the evil effects of alcohol on the human body. Failing Scientific Temperance Instruction being given in the public schools, Convention urged that Unions continue the L.T.L. and Band of Hope work.

In the Manuals, the lessons are all fully prepared, and the L.T.L. Handbook is supplied free.

Five Lesson Manuals, Marching Songs, and Recitation book, all at 8d each.

Shakespeare Manual, 11d.

Marching Songs, and Recitation book, all at 8d each.

L.T.L. Badges, 4s per doz.

L.T.L. Buttons, 2s per doz.

"The Young Crusader," 2s per year.

Programmes, to prepare children for public meetings, from 4d to 1s each, sent on appro.

Band of Mercy.

The object of the Band of Mercy is: "To move the heart of every child to be kind toward all that lives—toward all animals and toward each human brother; to teach the evil of war and violence, the beauty of mercy and of love."

The Pledge is: "I will try to be kind to all living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

There should be a Band of Mercy in connection with every L.T.L. and Band of Hope.

Mrs Mary Lovell, the World's Superintendent of this department, has again sent a free parcel of story leaflets. Will members distribute these? Price 3d per packet, to cover postage.

Band of Mercy Pledge Cards, 5d per dozen.

Mercy Calendars, for 1920, 1s, post free.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds.

CLARA M. NEAL,
New Zealand Superintendent.