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1922.

Another milestone on life's journey has just been passed. 1921 we leave behind, and move forward into the unknown 1922. From many hearts through all this land our noon-tide hour has borne ascending prayers that 1922 may be the year of our emancipation from the control of strong drink. We have wished each other "A Happy New Year," and that wish, if breathed in earnest, should be our vow of consecration that this may be the Happy Year of freedom to the slaves of King Alcohol. During the years of war the watchword was Efficiency, and Alcohol was shown to be the greatest foe to either individual or national efficiency. Now politicians and preachers are calling for Economy, and what costs a person, a family, or a State more than "The Trade" does—money which is worse than wasted, spent to do ill.

It is our task this year to convince a majority of the electors to give Prohibition a trial as the greatest and to economy. A backward look brings hope, and not despair. For over a quarter of a century no new license has been granted in New Zealand; in fact, the number has been reduced in early days by reduction vote, and by electorates adopting No-License. This has meant much, increase of population, decrease in facilities for drinking. These facilities were still further reduced by six o'clock closing. The citadel of King Alcohol has begun to sway in the breeze of public opinion, and it only wants a long, strong, steady push, and over it will topple. For this great push let us

use every cent in our treasury and every ounce of energy and strength among our members.

THE WORKER'S ALPHABET.

(By Mrs Mary Kuhl.)

- "Apply thine heart unto wisdom."
Believe for present victories.
Co-operate with all well-devised methods.
Distribute freely good literature, books, benefits.
Execute thoroughly the work in hand.
Fortify mightily all weak places.
Give practical aid in the way of self-help.
Hold fast all that has been gained.
Instruct, agitate, organise.
Justify not the wicked for reward (license).
Kep the principle of Prohibition ever before the people.
Labour to keep in touch with the needs of humanity.
Mass all the forces for local work.
"Neglect not the gift that is in thee."
Obey marching orders to the letter.
Purpose to do something definite each day.
Quietly rest in God's promises.
Report all work done—on time.
"Sow beside all waters."
Totally abstain from all that is evil.
Undertake the hardest task first.
Value each life worth saving.
Watch to improve each passing opportunity.
Xenophon-like, be truly courageous.
Yield no compromise with sin.
Zeal according to knowledge is most helpful.

A FEW POINTS AND PRINCIPLES FROM THE LIFE-WORK OF FRANCES WILLARD.

As the swift flight of time brings again the anniversary of the death of that noble and fearless advocate of the great cause of Temperance—Frances E. Willard—it is surely a fitting tribute to her memory to recall her strenuous warm-hearted work and to revivify, even if in a few brief passages, her eloquent words of reasoning and appeal.

We who are in the stress of conflict with the many-sided evils of intemperance are apt to sometimes lose heart, and to deem our isolated efforts and work useless, and it is well, therefore, to link up with the record of this courageous life to enthuse ourselves anew, and perchance to reach and touch some new workers with the renewed remembrance of undaunted work which has never lost its beneficent, far-reaching results.

The story of Miss Willard's earlier career, when brilliant prospects were laid aside for the poorly-paid and arduous work appertaining to Temperance reform, is probably familiar to most of us. It was in 1874, at the age of 35, that her interest—always keen and sympathetic on the subject—became roused to white heat, although her nearest friends and trusted advisers strongly deprecated the throwing of her whole future life into the movement, which it must be remembered was then but in its infancy, and far from popular, even in religious circles. Bishop Simpson, an esteemed friend, sagely