

LITTLE WHITE RIBBONERS

Read at Dominion Convention

I am pleased to have this opportunity to offer suggestions which will help those engaged in this most important branch of our work. It is valuable for two reasons. First, because it is concerned with the welfare of the child from its earliest infancy. Our L.W.R. Department aims at foundation building, the teaching of Temperance in the early years when the child mind is most impressionable. Second, its aim is to influence the mother through the child. The centre of child-life for years is the mother, and the home environment is the chief factor in moulding the character of the child. To help the mother to realise the importance of Temperance teaching in the home is an important part of our task. This can only be done by personal contact.

The size of a Cradle Roll is not the hallmark of its efficiency. No name should be placed on the roll until the mother has signed the required pledge, "I promise to teach my child to live a pure and temperate life." Mothers should be encouraged to bring their children to an initiation service at a Union meeting, interest and sympathy in our work being thus stimulated. The pledge cards and initiation form of service are obtainable from Headquarters.

It is important that Birthday cards should be posted in time to be delivered on the proper day. Literature—arresting and concise—can be enclosed to interest the mother. Many superintendents deliver the cards personally, and make this an opportunity for a visit to the home. Extra copies of the "White Ribbon" could be circulated in this way.

The annual party is also a valuable means of contact and an opportunity to stress to mothers the dangers of an even moderate use of alcohol, and its menace to the future life of the child. This party is looked forward to by the children, and arrangements should be made for them to be amused elsewhere while the talks to mothers are being given; for it is their party.

When a member of the Cradle Roll reaches the age of eight years and has to be removed from the roll, he should be transferred to an L.T.L. or Band of Hope, if possible. Transfer cards are obtainable at H.Q. Unfortunately, this is sometimes not possible, as so few of our Unions have either. This weakness and lack of continuity in our Youth work is to be deplored and should be remedied. The foundations are laid, but the building stops there. Our contact with both child and mother comes to an end. Little Temperance teaching is given in our Sunday Schools, and less in our day schools, so does not this responsibility for continuing the work begun in our L.W.R. Department lie with our Unions?

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In Memoriam



It is with mingled feelings of thanksgiving and deep sorrow we record the Home Call of our stalwart worker, Mrs. Nellie Peryman; our thanksgiving that her pain and weariness are over and that she now stands in the presence of the Master whom she so desired to serve through a long life, and our deep sorrow that we must go forward to the victory which lies before us without her physical presence and encouragement.

For thirty years Mrs. Peryman held the important position of Editor of our "White Ribbon," and through her work there became almost a household friend in many of the homes of our members; her Union membership was of long-standing and for a short period she was Dominion Recording Secretary, leaving that position to take charge of the "White Ribbon." She was awarded the Long Service Badge, which she wore with pride. She was one of the most faithful in her care to always wear the white ribbon bow, saying that when she fastened that on her lapel she felt that "no higher ornament was necessary."

Mrs. Peryman had a special gift for obtaining facts and figures which were of immense value to our work and, since her retirement a few years ago, we have greatly missed her help in this, as in many other, directions.

The securing and management of Headquarters was a part of our work that was of unflinching interest to her and her attendance at the monthly Committee meeting was most regular until weakness of body compelled her to remain at home.

Mrs. Peryman was invariably ready to supply information regarding our work to any Union member and new officers found her ready willingness and sound advice both encouraging and friendly.

Those who worked closely with her feel the loss of a personal friend, while to all Union members there is the knowledge that a person of great good-will has gone beyond our sight for a time.

To her family we extend our sympathy and pray that God will bless them in their life and work.