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OUR KINSHIP IN SERVICE THE WIDE WORLD OVER.

"In Love Serve One Another."

On April 13th, I had one of the great pleasures of my life—to demonstrate in practical form the unity of thought and community of service which marks the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. With two friends, Mr. H. Cecil Heath, Editor of the "Alliance News," and Mr. Ernest Winterton, Editor of the "White Ribbon," I met, in response to their invitation, some of the leading officials of the W.V.S. (Women's Voluntary Service) whose war work in Britain has taken such practical forms as the provision of canteens, food for the "blitzed," the transport of evacuees, and even the organisation of motor-cars to convey hard pressed members of the Government to important engagements!

It was a delightful spring morning when we met outside No. 88 Eaton Square, one of London's most beautiful open spaces, where already a Snack Bar Trailer was drawn up. The cost of this trailer had been met by the W.C.T.U. of Quebec Province and I had the pleasure on their behalf of handing it over to the W.V.S. for service in Greenwich. In doing so I recalled Frances Willard who more than half a century ago, stood on a jutting rock overlooking the beautiful bay at San Francisco, where she watched ships sailing with liquor to distant countries. It was then she had the vision of a world-wide society of women who would, as an organised body, combat this evil. Women were sent forth to different parts of the world and thus the first

women's international organisation, the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union was formed. I told the assembled group that the United States and Britain are to-day welded together as never before since the separation, and that in both nations, as in the British Dominions, the spirit of service of the W.W.C.T.U. was being manifested. The White Ribbon Women of British Columbia had sent £500 to provide a Mobile Canteen to work in the London District, while the W.C.T.U.'s of Australia and New Zealand had, during the past six months, raised over £1,000 for canteens, rest houses for seamen and soldiers, and a much needed hostel for Maori girls.

I stated that the W.V.S. was meeting a great need and that the provision of this Snack Bar Trailer—which can be transported by an ordinary motor car—would help to link the English speaking peoples in common service. It would also probably lead to developments of the same kind.

Lady Iris Capell, Vice-Chairman of the W.V.S., in accepting the gift, expressed appreciation of the interesting account I had given of our W.W.C.T.U. She was sure our Canadian friends would like to feel how they were helping to make W.V.S. work more efficient by bringing comfort to homeless people after raids, and serving those who were engaged in most arduous work in a most practical way.

I should like to pay a deserved tribute to the work of Mrs. Dunbar, head of the Overseas Department of the W.V.S., for her help in connection with the presentation of the gift from Quebec.

May I pass on to my comrades in the White Ribbon movement some words of the great logician Professor Jevons, who said in my hearing: "It is little unremembered acts of kindness and of love which lead to the greatest things of life."

AGNES E. SLACK.

Half-heartedness does more damage than out-and-out neglect. People watch us and say, "It can't be much of an organization if they are not more enthusiastic about it than that." Can we not be as enthusiastic as our nurses at the war front. We are at war too in the interests of a clean, sober Dominion.

"LOTS OF SCOTCH, TOO FEW GUNS."

London, Feb. 25.—Rev. Duncan McTavish, secretary of the London Temperance Federation, told a meeting of London General Ministerial Association yesterday that at Hong Kong there were 600,000 bottles of whisky, but only 223 machine-guns.

"Liquor is trimming us," he said.—
"The Daily Province."

KENTUCKY.

Was five-sixths dry before prohibition; Keen Johnson, its new governor, has imposed a "no liquor" rule for the mansion during his administration. Rutherford B. Hayes was the first President to apply such a rule to the White House.
—"Christian Science Monitor," Jan. 1940.

A SPIRITED OASIS.

Finland may be defeated, but in the hearts of inspired men Finland can never die. For in this sad era in man's history, when people after people have accepted willingly a life of slavery under the heel of vicious despotism, Finland stands out, a spiritual oasis, a beacon of decency, a hope for regeneration.

—George E. Sokolsky, in "New York Herald Tribune," Jan., 1940.

BONE DRY.

When Canada went wet under State Control, Prince Edward Island refused to allow the return of liquor. Mr. Justice Arseneault stated that this island had had no criminal case for trial during the past 17 years.

NO LIQUOR—NO CRIME.

American people did not vote "wet." They did not vote against prohibition. They stayed at home.

Total population entitled to vote	60,135,604
Total vote on Repeal	20,101,860
Total who did not vote	40,033,744
Total vote for Repeal	14,811,529
Percentage of vote for Repeal based on total voting population	24.6
Percentage of "stay-at-home" vote	66.5