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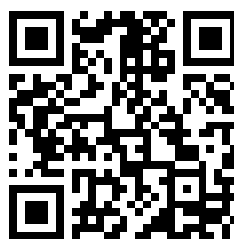
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FORTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION

1918-1919

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REPORT

OF THE

Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

HELD IN

GETCHELL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, WATERVILLE

DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH

1918

**WESTBROOK
H. S. COBB, PRINTER
1919**

Loyalty

Still we are hers, and hers we shall remain.
Absence and silence, strangeness and the pain
That pierces deep; questions that, wrestling, try
Earth, tide and sky, and bring back no reply;
Forgetful nights, and days of lash and strain,
To break love's covenant conjoin in vain;
Still we are hers, and hers we shall remain.

And are we sure? Who asks has never yet
Looked well within those eyes of clearest thought,
Of brave, bright faith, where truth and kindness met—
Those eyes that shine uncertainty to naught!
Nor ever followed that on-gleaming hand,
Nor ever wore this little knot of white
That binds the earth in service, land on land,
And tokens share in country out of sight.

Great, noble life! All added proof were vain.
Yea—we are hers, and hers we must remain.

—*Frances B. Damon.*



MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS

Proclamation

SEPTEMBER 10, 1911, at the last meeting of the notable campaign for the retention of Maine's Prohibitory Law, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens made a declaration in favor of National Constitutional Prohibition. She did this in the name of the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and closed with the following:

"TO AMERICA, the birthplace of the local, State, National and World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we hereby proclaim, amid the smoke of the second great battle of Maine, in the home of Neal Dow and in the State which longer than any other has had a Prohibitory Law, that within a decade Prohibition shall be placed in the Constitution of the United States; and to this end we call to active coöperation all temperance, prohibition, religious and philanthropic bodies; all patriotic, fraternal, civic associations, and all Americans who love their country!"

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REPORT

OF THE
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Maine Woman's Christian Temperance
Union

CONVENTION, December 4, 1918, 9.30 A. M.

The Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened its 44th Annual Convention at the Getchell St. Baptist Church, Waterville, with a service of prayer and praise led by Miss Harriet J. Loring. Owing to the unusual condition prevailing throughout our country, caused by an epidemic of influenza, our convention, which was scheduled for October, was postponed to December.

The formal convention was called to order by President Quimby. Roll call by the recording secretary, Vena L. Johnson.

Miss Mary Ball, president of the Waterville Union, gave a word of welcome to the convention. Mrs. Small of Waterville, chairman of the entertainment committee, was introduced.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Courtesies—Miss Mary E. Ball, Mrs. Jennie McAndrews, Mrs. Esther Gilman Hews.

Credentials—Mrs. Alice M. Bigney, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes.

Appropriations—Mrs. Emma E. Watts, Miss Alice A. Clough, Miss Emily Miller. Miss Miller resigned and Mrs. Sadie H. Bates was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Voted that the recording secretary send a message of love to our corresponding secretary, and regrets that she is unable to be with us. Also a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. Stickney.

A message of greeting was received from So. Windham.

Mrs. Bigney was appointed to ascertain the plans of the county presidents in regard to the itinerary of Mrs. Maud Perkins as speaker for county conventions. President Quimby announced that Miss Elizabeth Gordon is to come to the State to work in the counties during the spring months. Each county president is asked to consider an itinerary for Miss Gordan. Miss Lord of the *Lewiston Journal* was introduced to the convention.

Adjourned.

Noontide prayer was offered at this time by Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh of Gardiner, followed by the memorial service, which was conducted by Mrs. Walsh, as follows:

Solo, "Who Are These Arrayed in White?"

MEMORIAL

The names of the promoted comrades were read:

1. ANDROSCOGGIN: Mrs. Sarah Sampson, Mrs. Almon C. Day, Mrs. Frederick Newport, Mrs. W. O. Pennell, Mrs. Jennie Cox, Mrs. Ellen Mitchell.

2. AROOSTOOK: Mrs. Annie White, Mrs. Nellie Roberts, Mrs. Geo. Colbath, Mr. C. H. Richardson, Mrs. Nancy Sewall, Mrs. Laura Higgins, Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, former treasurer Maine W. C. T. U., Mrs. A. M. Hill, Mrs. Annie Fanjoy, Mrs. Noah Brown, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Mrs. Orlando Smith, Mrs. Adelaide Hill, Mrs. Hannah U. Tracy, president of Cary and Amity W. C. T. U., Mrs. Frances McLeod, president Houlton Union.

3. CUMBERLAND: Mrs. Jennie Eaton, Mr. E. T. Burroughs, Mr. J. R. Libby, Mrs. Alton Marshall, Mr. Ed Baltonhouse, Nellie Mayberry, Mrs. Bertha Walsh, Miss

Martha Trott, Mrs. Walter Fickett, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Christine Bohnsen, Mrs. Oliver Cobb, Mrs. Elizabeth Bancroft, Mrs. Mary J. Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Cotton.

4. FRANKLIN: Mrs. Carolyn Kyes, former county president, Mrs. Elizabeth Kyes.

5. HANCOCK: None reported.

6. KENNEBEC: Mrs. Bessie B. Gile, Mrs. G. D. B. Pepper.

7. KNOX: Mrs. Caroline Sawtelle.

8. LINCOLN: Rev. J. M. Wyman, Mrs. Abbie K. Hilton, author of county hymn.

9. OXFORD: Mrs. Inez D. Leavitt, Miss Jessie A. Kimball, Mrs. Ruth Frederick. Mrs. Lizzie Morse, Miss Hattie Doble.

10. PENOBSCOT: Mrs. Sarah Grinell, Mrs. Lois Bemis, Mrs. Adrianna Eastman, Mrs. Lizzie Miller Wadleigh, Mrs. Alice K. Eastman, Mrs. Amanda Savage, former county superintendent, Mrs. Osen Harris, Mrs. Alice DeWitt, Mrs. John Herrick, Mrs. Nancy Bemis, Mrs. Chas. Dennett, Mrs. Mattie Freeze, Mr. Robert Hurd, Mrs. Melissa Keith, Mrs. Emma Smith.

11. PISCATAQUIS: Mrs. Laura T. Davison, Mrs. Mabel Bromley, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Otis Wood, Mrs. Myrtrice M. Randall, president Milo Union, Mr. F. A. Genthner.

12. SOMERSET: Mrs. Emily Stuart, Mrs. Eliza Bragg, Mrs. Frances M. Chandler.

13. SAGADAHOC: None reported.

14. WALDO: Mrs. Geo. K. Young, Mrs. Sadie J. Adams.

15. WASHINGTON: Mrs. Abbie Worcester.

16. YORK: Mrs. Anna D. Webb.

Among those of whom especial mention was made were: Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, Mrs. Frances McLeod, and Mrs. G. D. B. Pepper.

President Quimby presented a pledge from Leon S. Merrill of the State Food Conservation Committee. The pledge was adopted by a rising vote.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, December 4th, 1.30 P. M.

After a short devotional service, led by Miss Loring, President Quimby called the convention to order, and a message of loving greeting was read from our beloved National president, Miss Anna A. Gordon.

The report of the corresponding secretary was read by Mrs. Alice M. Bigney in the absence of Miss Isabel H. Stickney, corresponding secretary.

Voted to accept this report.

The report of the morning session was read and approved.

The state treasurer, Mrs. Emma E. Watts, read the treasurer's report, followed by the auditor's report, which was accepted. The treasurer's report was then accepted with thanks.

The report of state headquarters was given by the state treasurer. The auditor's report was given and accepted. The treasurer's report was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

A telegram of greeting was read from Mrs. Forbs, president of Presque Isle Union.

Voted to send a message of greeting in response.

Singing, "Hats off to the Flag," by Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh.

President Quimby presented her address, with recommendations, which was an up-to-date record of temperance victories.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt moved that the president's address be accepted by a rising vote of thanks, and the recommendations placed on file. It was so voted.

Mrs. Walsh sang at this time, "We Love Her."

A letter from our National president, Miss Anna A. Gordon, was read by Vice President Bigney.

Voted that the recording secretary, with Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Bigney, be instructed to send a message of greeting to Miss Gordon, also to the National Executive Board now in session.

Mrs. Roy, Chapman of Fairfield was invited to the platform with her baby and President Quimby tied the white ribbon on baby Charles' arm—thus dedicating him to the temperance work as a White Ribbon recruit.

Rev. A. A. Walsh was introduced to the convention and spoke briefly.

Miss Mary Ball and Rev. Isabel McDuff were made life members of the W. C. T. U. by the payment of ten dollars by friends.

At this time, Miss Margaret Sargent, superintendent of Literature, was presented with a membership certificate. Miss Sargent accepted in her usual graceful manner, and improved the opportunity to speak of her work.

As Mrs. Augusta Irish, superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors, was unable to be present, her report was given by Vice President Bigney. It was voted to send a message expressing regret that she was unable to be at convention, also appreciation for her excellent work in this department.

The report of the department of Moral Education and Race Betterment was given by the superintendent, Miss Mabel Irish.

Reports of superintendents continued as follows:

Americanization, by Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows.

Editor *Star in the East*, Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt.
Business manager of *Star*, Miss Margaret L. Sargent.

Following Miss Sargent's report, President Quimby requested that any member of the convention who would pledge

one subscription to *Star in the East* beside her own, to rise. The request met with a generous response.

President Quimby then introduced Dr. Sarah Street Windsor, head of the New England staff of Women Physicians, representing Social Hygiene division, section on woman's work, war department, commission on training camp activities. It was a masterful address, full of stirring helpful suggestions.

Dr. Windsor was given a rising vote of thanks.

The entertainment committee was presented to the convention from the platform.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 4th, 7.30 P. M.

Opened with music, Scripture reading and prayer.

Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor B. C. Wardwell and Rev. Charles F. Robinson.

Miss Claire Grondin sang the "Marsellaise" in French.

Rev. C. E. Owen, secretary of the Civic League, spoke at some length, giving an interesting account of the convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America recently held in Ohio.

Mrs. Beulah S. Oxtan, state superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, spoke of the importance of public health as a reconstruction necessity, in a brief address in the interests of her department.

Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh, state secretary of the Young People's College Branch, urged the importance of enlisting the young people in W. C. T. U. work.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt gave the closing address, her subject being "What Next." She made plain the fact that in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union women may find a field for all kinds of constructive endeavor.

The service closed with the singing of "Victory" by Mrs. Ruth Walsh, acting musical director for the convention.

CONVENTION, December 5, 9.30 A. M.

The devotional service was led by Miss Harriet J. Loring. The formal convention was called to order by President Quimby. The report of the previous meeting was read and approved. Also the reports of the executive sessions were read and approved.

Mrs. Wallace, of the Waterville *Sentinel* staff, presented the compliments of the paper, also copies of the morning paper to the members of convention.

President Quimby presented Mrs. Wallace to the convention, and she responded in a pleasing manner.

During President's hour one-minute speeches were made by the county presidents or her representative.

Androscoggin county, having obtained the greatest number of subscriptions to our State and National papers, was presented the banner.

The report of the resolutions committee was read by Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted as a whole:

RESOLUTIONS

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in forty-fourth annual convention assembled, lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for victories at home and across the seas, in legislative halls and on the battlefield, by forces that make for temperance, democracy and peace.

We already hail a nation's response to the proclamation sent forth from this state in 1911, and we rejoice that Maine, true to her own constitutional law, by her recent election assures us of continued activity in temperance legislation and law enforcement.

For the ultimate triumph of the principles for which we have always stood united, we renew our consecrated service.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE

Resolved, That as the Scriptures, history, exact science, medical authorities, leaders in moral, philanthropic and civic movements bear witness to the beneficent effects of total abstinence as a rule of living, we reaffirm our belief in and adherence to this, the basic principle of our organization.

PROHIBITION

Resolved, a. That we again declare our faith in prohibition as the only means of effectually dealing with the liquor traffic and pledge ourselves to renewed endeavor until prohibition shall be written into the constitution of this and all other lands.

b. That it is our conviction that the incoming legislature of the state of Maine should unanimously ratify the amendment for national constitutional prohibition.

c. That realizing that the re-election of Gov. Carl E. Milliken is in the interest of law enforcement and the well being of the state of Maine, we express our gratification at his return to office.

FRANCHISE

Resolved, That we work as never before that the ballot be granted to women on equal terms with men. We believe, especially in this world-crisis, that only in such a measure lies the fullest conservation of our national power.

THE YOUNG

Resolved, That as in the children lie the hopes of the future, we will redouble our efforts, through scientific temperance instruction, teaching in the Sunday schools, the Loyal Temperance Legions and the Young People's Branch, that they may grow to manhood and womanhood rooted and grounded in the basic principles of temperance and purity.

OUR DEPARTMENTS

Resolved, That we recommend that each local union should work earnestly in as many departments as possible, giving, at this time, in the interest of true patriotism special attention to those departments which have to do with nation-wide prohibition, home and allied relief, moral education, child welfare, women in industry, Americanization.

OUR PAPERS

Resolved, That we recommend that our members subscribe for and read *The Star in the East* and *The Union Signal*, and endeavor to place *The Young Crusader* in homes, public schools, Sunday schools and libraries; and it is our belief that a woman to be eligible to office in our organization should be a subscriber to our papers.

COURTESIES

We tender our thanks to the Waterville Woman's Christian Temperance Union for their hospitality and successful plans for the care of the members of this convention; to those who have entertained us in their homes; to the Getchell St. Baptist church for the use of its edifice; to those who have rendered special music; the press for the reports of our proceedings; the various local committees who have contributed to make the convention successful and enjoyable.

The report of the committee appointed to present a plan for a campaign for new members was given. The report was accepted and the plan adopted.

The report of the credential committee, stating 43 delegates present, was accepted.

The election of officers followed.

Prayer was offered by President Quimby.

Distributing and collecting tellers were duly appointed, and reported. The officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Althea G. Quimby.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Isabel H. Stickney.

Recording Secretary, Miss Alice A. Clough.

Treasurer, Mrs. Vena L. Johnson.

President Quimby nominated Mrs. Alice M. Bigney of Greenville as vice president-at-large, and Miss Clough nominated Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram as assistant recording secretary. The convention confirmed the nominations.

Mrs. Emma E. Watts, the devoted and beloved treasurer of many years' standing, positively declined re-election. The general officers presented to Mrs. Watts a Maine tourmaline pin as an expression of their love.

Mrs. Beulah S. Oxton presented President Quimby with a pretty cream pitcher and sugar bowl in behalf of Knox county, saying that the pitcher typified the milk of human kindness with which our president is endowed, and the bowl signified her sweetness of disposition.

Voted to give President Quimby leave of absence from desk work for six months.

Delegates to the next National convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows, Mrs. Esther Gilman Hews, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Knight, Mrs. Geo. Clark, Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh, Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames, Mrs. Henrietta M. Chapin, Mrs. Sadie H. Bates, Mrs. Jennie Price White. Alternates: Miss Jennie Chenery, Mrs. Chas. Bain, Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford, Mrs. Geo. Bass, Mrs. Harriet R. Perry, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Mrs. Annie Conant, Mrs. Georgia Norwood, Mrs. Frances Damon.

Voted these nominations be confirmed by the convention and the general officers have the privilege of filling any vacancies which may occur.

Voted that the reports of superintendents be accepted.

Voted to accept the nominations of State superintendents and they were elected.

The members of the Waterville Union, who had looked

after the comfort and entertainment of the delegates, were invited to the platform and given a rising vote of thanks by the delegates.

The convention united in singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh leading.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4th, 8.30 A. M.

President Quimby in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. Alice M. Bigney. The superintendents for the departments were the first consideration of the executive.

Voted to recommend changing the name of department of "Work Among Foreign Speaking People" to "Americanization" to conform with the National; and the name of the department of "Work Among Railroad Employes, Lumbermen and Quarrymen" to "Temperance and Labor."

Voted to recommend sending a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. T. R. Catland, who is unable to be present because of serious illness.

Voted to recommend that a superintendent for the department of Juvenile Courts, Industrial Education and Anti-Child Labor be left to the general officers, Mrs. T. R. Catland having resigned.

Following Mrs. Edith N. Oakes' announcement that she had worked in the department of Fairs and Open Air Meetings for twenty-five years, the members of the executive sung one stanza of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Watts, giving her resignation as manager of headquarters, it was voted to recommend leaving the matter in the hands of the general officers. President Quimby made a few remarks concerning our relations to the Red Cross and advised that we pay our Red Cross dues and do our patriotic work, but that it be done through our local W. C. T. Unions.

President Quimby also recommended a drive for new members in the W. C. T. U. Suggestions were offered by Mrs. Hews and other members of the executive.

President Quimby recommended that each county president have a county superintendent for our State and National papers appointed in her county. Voted to recommend that the price of State paper, *Star in the East*, be raised to 35 cents per year.

Voted to recommend that we adopt the program on War Time Service sent out by our National president. President Quimby appointed Mrs. Vena L. Johnson, Mrs. Esther G. Hews and Miss Margaret Sargent a committee to bring plans to the morning session of the executive for a patriotic drive for new W. C. T. U. members.

Committee rose to meet at 1.15 P. M.

December 4th, 1.15 P. M.

Executive met according to adjournment. President Quimby in chair. Voted to recommend Mrs. Ida L. Cochrane of Monmouth as superintendent of department of Soldiers and Sailors.

Mrs. Quimby spoke of the fund for the electric fans and how promptly the money came in. A few fans were sent out, but at the request of the government no more were furnished. The balance of the fund still remains in the State treasury. The National hopes to furnish a hospital mother at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and our National superintendent of Work Among Soldiers and Sailors has asked the State to help in this work. Mrs. Quimby described the Reconstruction Hospital in Iowa, built and maintained by the Iowa W. C. T. U. Voted to recommend giving twenty-five dollars from the unused funds collected for the electric fans towards the support of the hospital mother at Fort Sheridan.

Committee rose.

December 5th, 8.30 A. M.

Executive meeting called to order by President Quimby.
Prayer by Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford.

After remarks by Mrs. Quimby, it was voted to recommend that the department of Anti-Narcotics be combined with Medical Temperance. The department of Temperance and Labor to be left with the general officers to fill.

Voted to recommend that Mrs. Mary Bass be appointed to fill vacancy in department of Franchise.

Voted to recommend that Miss Elsie I. Hannaford be appointed associate with Mrs. Annie M. Frost on Flower and Relief Work.

Voted to recommend that Mrs. Oakes choose her associate for department of Fairs and Open Air Meetings.

Voted to recommend that Miss Margaret Sargent be appointed as manager of headquarters.

Voted to recommend that Mrs. Ruth E. Walsh be appointed musical director.

Voted to recommend that we finance the department of Americanization, and that a part of the unused funds contributed for patriotic service be used for this department.

Voted to recommend that a letter of greeting be sent to Miss Farwell and Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey; also any other absent members.

The report of the appropriation committee was accepted.

Mrs. Emma E. Watts resigned as State treasurer after serving so efficiently for many years.

Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to present plans for a patriotic drive for new members, using the methods adopted by the Southern California W. C. T. U. and recommended by National W. C. T. U.

The committee rose.

POST EXECUTIVE MEETING, Dec. 5th.

Mrs. Beulah S. Oxtan, president of Knox county, extended an invitation for the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union to meet at Rockland at the time of their next State convention in the fall of 1919. Mrs. Oxtan stated that dates during either the second or third weeks of September would be the most convenient for Rockland.

All unfinished business was referred to the State general officers.

The executive adjourned.

Appropriations

State president	\$300.00
Vice president-at-large	50.00
Corresponding secretary	50.00
Recording secretary	30.00
Treasurer	75.00
Editor <i>Star in the East</i>	35.00
Management of state headquarters	25.00
Office secretary, \$12.00 per week	624.00
General secretary Loyal Temperance Legions and Young People's Branch	15.00
Superintendent Scientific Temperance Instruction..	20.00
Superintendent of other departments	5.00

EMMA E. WATTS,
ALICE A. CLOUGH,
SADIE H. BATES.

County presidents and State superintendents may present bills for traveling expenses in attending State convention at convention or for ten days thereafter.

It is expected, however, that counties or local unions will make it possible for their county presidents to make the local unions, in their counties, at least one annual visit, when the presidents can do so.

It is also expected that State superintendents will attend, as a rule, the entire convention, otherwise the educative features hoped for by this outlay of State money will be lost.

Annual Address of the President of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union

In the sacred stillness of a world at peace, in the midst of the most eventful period the world has ever known, with a song of Thanksgiving in our hearts that passes all understanding, we praise God for the blessings and the victories of the past year. We prayerfully remember those who with matchless patriotism have given their dear ones—some to receive the crown of Immortality—that the blessing of peace might come to the world.

It thrills us to recount the achieved victories for temperance and righteousness. By no means the least of the victories was the re-election of our own noble, Christian Governor and many other staunch, high officials. It was a victory for righteousness of unusual significance and marks an epoch in the history of our State. Maine will continue to sustain and uphold her beneficent laws and rejoice in their impartial enforcement. When called upon to lend aid in the world-conflict, Maine responded with a patriotic loyalty that might well be expected to characterize a State that has so long been a leader in the Nation.

The major victory from a national outlook was the passage by the United States Congress of the Federal Prohibition Amendment Resolution, December 17, 1917. The measure then went to the states for ratification. Already 14 states have ratified this amendment and it will doubtless be one of the first measures brought before the legislature of Maine when it convenes next January. How Maine White

Ribboners, led by that invincible patriot, Lillian M. N. Stevens, have worked and prayed for this glad day! With what confidence and exultation shall we continue to press the battle to the gates!

We rejoice that four more states have entered the prohibition ranks, making 32 prohibition states, and the very favorable vote in other states assures us that during the year 1919 the required 36 states will have ratified the Federal Amendment and that by "1920 we shall have prohibition plenty when Columbia drives the drink away."

November 12th, President Wilson signed the Emergency Agricultural Appropriation Bill with its legislature rider providing for national prohibition from next July 1st until the American army is demobilized. Under the amendment the manufacture of wine will cease next May 1st. On December 1st the manufacture of beer in the United States was prohibited as a war measure by order of the President. The manufacture of whiskey was stopped soon after the nation entered the war. We hail with delight the action taken by the Federal Railroad Administration, which has ordered that the sale of liquor and intoxicants of every character in dining cars, restaurants and railroad stations under federal control, shall be discontinued and all brewery advertisements removed from the refrigerator cars.

The W. C. T. U. has been a mighty factor in bringing about these victories by tenaciously keeping to our course in educating the young and arousing public opinion, and in Congress we have "stirred up their pure minds by way of remembrance." That master stroke of the Woman's Petition when 6,000,000 women, representing not only America's outstanding women, but all the leading national organizations of women, united in an appeal to the chief executive of this nation for War Time Prohibition—that "win the war"

petition was the thought of our National president, Anna A. Gordon.

When America became involved in the present world crisis, the first moral issue to be met by the Government was the moral safeguarding of our soldiers. The W. C. T. U. had years before forewarned the Government of this need, and our appeals finally brought fruition when the anti-canteen law, credited time and again by its enemies to "those women of the W. C. T. U.," was passed. In our present time of stress the Government at once recognized its intrinsic value by further strengthening it and by establishing dry zones around Naval Stations, Military Camps, Arsenals, Munition and Shipbuilding plants, and prohibited the sale of all alcoholic beverages to men in the uniform of the United States Army and Navy. Later the war and navy departments extended anti-vice zones around Military Camps, Stations, Post Cantonments and all districts under Naval jurisdiction to *ten miles*. The Navy Department has issued "bone dry" orders to all Naval forces and the whole United States is now "bone dry" for our noble army.

A message of appreciation from this convention should go to the fearless sheriff of Cumberland county, who recently, under this ten mile anti-vice law, brought before the Federal Courts some of the base desecrators of the manhood of our soldiery stationed at the camps and forts in and around Portland. It is our patriotic duty to encourage the enforcement of these laws by expressing our approval of the work of faithful officials, while we should as courageously and respectfully remind delinquent officials of their high privilege of service.

It came as no surprise to the temperance workers in Maine, as elsewhere, when the President of the United States Brewery Association made public a letter in which he frankly confessed that the association furnished funds for the purchase of a great newspaper in the very capital of our nation

that has since been fighting the battle of the liquor traffic. It was further admitted that the assets have generally maintained lobbyists at Washington and in various state capitals, "who's business it was, to try, when possible, to protect us and check-mate those representing the opposition to our industry."

That these emissaries have so often been check-mated themselves at our own Capital city is a credit to the manhood of Maine and accounts for many hard fought legislative battles at Augusta. The most unpatriotic institution that has existed in the United States has been the American saloon. There have been no greater defenders of our nation than those who have striven to overcome this virulent evil.

September 10th, 1911, at the close of one of the greatest moral battles the world has ever known, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens issued her famous proclamation for national constitutional prohibition and "for a great crusade to carry the vital truth to the peoples themselves in all lands and through them to place prohibition in the organic law of all nations and ultimately in the organic law of the land."

In the holy hush of a world at peace on the wonderful victory morning of Nov. 11, 1918, our present heroic leader, Anna Adams Gordon, has sent out from the home city of Frances E. Willard, the founder of the World's W. C. T. U., the following ringing Victory Proclamation for World Prohibition by 1925—the jubilee year of the National W. C. T. U.

PROCLAMATION

"World democracy, world peace and world patriotism demand world prohibition. Representing the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States, a Republic about to write prohibition in its constitutional law, we hereby call upon the peoples of all faiths and of all organizations in the world's family of nations, to clasp hands

with the World's W. C. T. U. and to help bring to full fruition its hopes and its heroic service of thirty-five years on behalf of a sober world. Science declares against alcohol. Health, conservation and business prosperity demand total abstinence and prohibition. Together let us agitate, educate, organize and legislate, until the exalted vision of the founder of the World's W. C. T. U., Frances E. Willard, is realized; until the Gospel of the Golden Rule of Christ is worked out in the customs of society and in the laws of every land. At the close of the devastating world war, in the white heat of the limitless, unparalleled opportunities of a new internationalism, depending upon the help of God and of all who love humanity, we hereby proclaim, by the year 1925, the triumph of world prohibition. Rest Cottage, Evanston, Illinois, U. S. A., November 11, 1918, Anna A. Gordon."

Because of these many victories, because we seem so near the goal of national prohibition and the final over-throw of the liquor traffic, our optimism must in no way cause inactivity at the very time when we should work most earnestly. Never was there such a demand for consecrated, persistent effort on the part of every woman who wears the white ribbon, as to-day. A good soldier never relaxes his efforts as the hour of victory approaches and Maine White Ribboners are good soldiers.

President Wilson has well said, "Next to the duty of doing everything possible for the soldiers at the front, there can be no more patriotic duty than that of protecting the children." Can you conceive of any more direct protection for children than the work of our department of Medical Temperance, Mother's Meetings, Moral Education, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Work in Sunday Schools, our Loyal Temperance Legion and Young People's Branch? These are our child welfare departments and no union can allow them to languish for want of our best endeavor.

Some years ago our leaders of the W. C. T. U. put their heads to the problem and through our department of work among foreign speaking people, we have cleft a rift in the problem and placed an opening wedge in another of the great questions of to-day. As we develop our department of Americanization we are doing up-to-the-minute patriotic work of a high order and carrying out one of the Government's first after-the-war plans. The work already accomplished by the Maine W. C. T. U. has attracted the attention of workers in other states. I hope the Americanization work may be more largely developed by the Maine W. C. T. U. Our National president declares, "I cannot think of anything more important than to establish friendliness with foreign speaking people at this critical time. The right treatment of the laboring classes is the only thing that can take the fangs of the red flag from the revolutionists, who will watch their opportunity to do their deadly work in our own Republic." To meet this condition, all must be taught the significance of our Flag.

"O brave Flag! O free Flag! Flag of all seas and skies!

Flag of our heroes wherever they sleep!

Guidon of Brotherhood! Flame of the sacrifice,

Guide well, O Children, this treasure you keep!

Hail, then, the new Peace, the strong Peace, the wise Peace!

Fling wide the doors of the bright coming day,

Justice that sees the cause, Progress and equal laws;—

This is America, nations shall say."

No wonder our National officers say in their war-time service program, "As White Ribboners check up the W. C. T. U. war-service program with the lines of service recommended by the Woman's Council of the Committee of National Defense, they may well be startled at the proof that they have been in the vanguard of the army of patriotic Americans the emergency has called forth." Never before has it been so evident that every bit of work we do as an or-

ganization is patriotic service and in the present crisis it has helped to win the war. Never before have all the women of the country been so aroused to the value of all the things for which the organization stands, and this is the psychological time to ask women to join the W. C. T. U. and enroll in some of its varied activities.

Through the year the slogan of the members of the Maine W. C. T. U. has been, save, serve and sacrifice. This will continue to be the slogan during the momentous days that are before us. The urgent call from the United States Food Administration for still further pledges for conservation should receive our hearty support. We have conserved, planted our war gardens, canned and preserved, helped in the liberty loans and patriotically turned our pin money into war saving stamps. Gladly have we responded to every call of the Government as well as given our best endeavor to the development of the plans of the commander-in-chief of the White Ribbon army, Anna A. Gordon. Let us not be weary in well doing, let us continue to work for the physical, moral and spiritual comforts of our soldiers and sailors, remembering that "life is more than meat and the body is more than rament."

On Victory morning, Nov. 11th, Miss Gordon writes, "Service, sacrifice and patriotic relief work must be continued for our great army and for the Allies. The period of demobilization, reconstruction, rehabilitation of devastated sections, etc., with hospital relief work for our own brave wounded ones who are coming home, challenge our courage, Christian faith and optimism for an unfinished and supreme task."

We have been deeply touched and moved to admiration by some of the reports of war work service that have come to us from the various unions over the State. The amount of work accomplished has been a marvel of marvels. These re-

ports have come not alone from our large city unions, but from the little band of workers in the scattered country communities. Shut off from the inspiration of larger numbers, these consecrated women have raised their funds and driven long miles that they might serve and sacrifice. "Ah! there never were such women as the women of the W. C. T. U." Sometimes no record of their work has been kept, but work they have.

We deeply appreciate the splendid work of several of our unions that responded to the Government call for the weighing test of children and other special plans for child welfare week. Let the good work of co-operation and co-ordinating departments go on, let us continue to labor, to strengthen our soldier life, our home life, our child life, all of which make up our national life. Every thoughtful person can but recognize, as has the Government, that there is no greater foe to the national development, to the civilian army, to the home, than the drink habit and its attendant evils.

Not even when the goal of national constitutional and world-wide prohibition shall have been reached will the holy purpose and high mission of the W. C. T. U. have been accomplished. Far from it, my beloved comrades! We, in Maine, who have so long combatted the law defier and the law violator, well know that the sharpest vigilance must prevail that we may hold inviolate these great home defending laws, these conservators of America's most valuable resources, the men, the women, the children of our beloved country. We must educate the youth of to-day who will be to-morrow's defenders of these laws. Far from having accomplished its mission the W. C. T. U. is just now on the threshold of its usefulness. Our educational features, under the new condition of nation-wide prohibition, will become even more necessary than in the past. Great opportunities for service loom large in the rapidly opening vista of our responsibility.

We must have carefully laid plans whereby we may bear our full share in the mighty problems of reconstruction that are just before us. To Maine the world will still look, expecting her to continue to be a leader, a blazer of the trail, towards all that is holiest and best. You, my beloved comrades, will courageously meet the grave responsibilities of to-morrow.

EXTRACTS FROM PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

In order that the organization may adequately meet the needs of the hour for patriotic welfare service, we recommend that each county and local union continue its war work committee until peace is signed, sealed and delivered and our soldiers over seas, home and demobilized, this committee to be known as the sub-committee on Soldiers and Sailors, Home and Allied Relief, Moral Education, Child Welfare, Women in Industry and Americanization.

We recommend that careful thought be given to the families of our men in the army. A little friendly, neighborly attention may be the means of a cheery letter being sent that will be "like apples of gold in pictures of silver" to the brave boys still carrying the Flag. Neighborhood meetings or receptions to these families will give opportunity for acquaintance and for friendly exchange for news from men in the service. Each locality can best outline its own program.

That we study the war service quiz and the war time service program for 1919, that we may better understand our relations to other war service organizations and that we may more effectively stress our departments most closely related to patriotic emergency service. That temperance and purity may be promoted some unions are making a point to place the Hobson Leaflet, *A Friendly Word to Young Men*, and Dr. McCowan's Character Building Stories, not only in the

hands of soldiers, but in the hands of men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are still in their homes.

We recommend that whole-hearted and vigorous attention be given to our department of Loyal Temperance Legion, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Work in Sunday Schools, Mothers' Meetings and White Ribbon Recruits. Well do we know that no organization is meeting the demand of the hour to mothers better than the W. C. T. U. with its Mothers' Meetings and Child Welfare departments. Every union should throw around the children of the immediate community the protecting influence of the Loyal Temperance Legion as a patriotic measure.

We recommend the placing in schools and in public libraries the book "What Lillian M. N. Stevens Said," together with the picture of this great patriot.

That we emphasize in public schools on temperance days and in Sunday Schools, and that we post in public places, the anti-tobacco law of Maine.

We recommend the winning of young women as W. C. T. U. members. We need their vigorous activity and they need the moulding and the inspiration of our great educational system. Let us earnestly invite the young women to join with us that their aroused patriotism may be directed into our lines of endeavor. We earnestly believe that a harvest of young women recruits awaits our solicitation. Say to your co-workers in the Missionary and other societies, "I count one in your society, won't you count one in mine?"

How can we keep in touch with our great reconstruction program unless we have our State and National papers? These papers give us not only the latest news regarding the rapid advance of temperance and prohibition, but they will also give us, from time to time, the important plans issued by state and nation during the period of readjustment in the nation and the world. No White Ribboner can keep up-to-

date or render her best service unless she is a reader of the *Union Signal* and the *Star in the East*. In no better way can we invest two cents a week for Child Welfare work than by placing the *Young Crusader* in every family where there are children.

We recommend the earnest and careful observation of the day of prayer, Jan. 9th, and all other campaign plans and the new constructive W. C. T. U. plans about to be issued by the mother National.

When from Massachusetts and from all the licensed states and counties intoxicating liquors can no longer be surreptitiously sent into Maine a new era will be ours. We hail the day, but think not that our work will have then been accomplished. When the government of the United States called upon the women of the nation to help win the war, the great body of the W. C. T. U., through our chief officer, Miss Gordon, responded; beloved country "we are here."

Comrades of Maine! Here we will remain on the firing line of holy endeavor, not only until charity, justice and equity shall guide the nations in their conduct one with another, but until the organized liquor traffic and all else that seeks to hurt and destroy shall have been vanquished. In the important period of reconstruction with the widening ways that will be ours with the coming of national prohibition, we of the Maine W. C. T. U. will joyfully go forward in our privilege of service for the hastening of the coming of Christ's Kingdom, believing with Mrs. Stevens "that the overcoming and all conquering powers in this world is after all the gospel of Christ."

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Androscoggin: Nine unions, seven report; 540 active members; 55 honorary; three L. T. L.'s with 170 members. Money raised outside of dues, \$623.44. Special work for year, war relief and suffrage.

Aroostook: Nine unions, all report; active members, 503; honorary, 61; three L. T. L.'s with 157 members. Money raised outside of dues, \$546.51. Special work for the year, war relief and flower mission.

Cumberland: Twenty-four unions, eighteen report; active members, 862; honorary, 68; one L. T. L. with membership of 17. Money raised outside of dues, \$532.55. Special work has been for suffrage, war work, teas and increased membership.

Franklin: Active members, 70. Money raised outside of dues, \$23.20. Special work for year, war relief.

Hancock: Six unions, five report; active members, 107; honorary, 1. Money raised outside of dues, \$77.76. Special work, war relief, Red Cross, soldiers and sailors.

Kennebec: Ten unions, all report; active members, 351; honorary, 25. Money raised outside of dues, \$300.00. Special work, patriotic war relief, flower mission and franchise.

Knox: Nine unions, seven report; active members, 167; honorary, 6. Money raised outside of dues, \$158.09. No special work reported.

Lincoln: Ten unions, seven report; active members, 93; honorary, 16; seven L. T. L.'s with 100 members. Money raised outside of dues, \$88.00. Special work for the year has been L. T. L.

Oxford: Eleven unions, all report; active members, 168; honorary, 16; one L. T. L. Money raised outside of dues, \$184.65. Special work for the year has been charity, flower mission and various lines of war relief.

Penobscot: Eighteen unions, all report; active members, 320; honorary, 48. Money raised outside of dues, \$372.60. Special work for the year, Red Cross, flower mission, L. T. L., and national prohibition.

Piscataquis: Nine unions, seven report; active members, 211; honorary, 15; one L. T. L. Money raised outside of dues, \$277.35. Special work has been Red Cross, war relief, suffrage, L. T. L. and flower mission.

Sagadahoc: Five unions, only one reporting. Bath has held meetings twice each month. Active members, 52; honorary, 5. Money raised outside of dues, \$17.00. Special effort, new members, personal work for national prohibition, Americanization, Sabbath observance, and Red Cross work.

Somerset: Nine unions, all report, with a total of 191 active members and 20 honorary. Money raised outside of dues, \$89.90. Special work has been war relief.

Waldo: Six unions, all report; 82 active members. Money raised outside dues, \$11.75. Special work has been flower mission and war relief.

Washington: Fifteen unions, all report; active members, 329; honorary, 8; two L. T. L.'s with 136 members. Money raised outside dues, \$380.97. Special work has been war relief.

York: Ten unions, all report; active members, 211; two L. T. L.'s with 65 members. Money raised outside of dues, \$152.00. Special work in W. C. T. U. departments and Red Cross.

Summary: Sixteen counties; fourteen reporting; 155 unions; 129 report; 4,133 active and 339 honorary members; 39 L. T. L.'s with a membership of 645. Money raised outside of dues, \$3,705.67. The special lines done by all the unions have been war relief, Red Cross, national prohibition, increase of membership, flower mission, S. T. L. and L. T. L.

Report of Treasurer

October 17, 1917, to October 10, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Collections at 1917 convention	\$ 54.55
Life members	10.00
Memorial members	20.00
Gifts for State work	120.00
Loan from trust fund	100.00
National treasurer for Americanization work.....	200.00
Willard memorial fund	161.30
Stevens campaign fund	58.24
Memorial fountain fund	111.04
Field kitchens and S. and S. department.....	406.83
Electric fan fund	627.85
"Maine room" in W. C. T. U. Home at Camp Devens	83.15
W. dues	1,769.50
Y. P. B. dues	5.60
L. T. L. dues	40.35
L. T. L. missionary fund	6.16
French orphan fund	7.28
Mrs. Perkins, State speaker, over all expenses	9.89
Rebate on mileage	3.76
Rebate on superintendents' appropriations.....	8.00
Use of Viopticon	1.00
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	\$3,804.50
To cash from last year	496.55
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	\$4,301.05

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of 1917 convention	\$ 108.15
County presidents' traveling expenses to convention	33.00
Superintendents' traveling expenses to convention	132.37
Mrs. Georgia S. Vaill, musical director	30.00
Harris & Williams, programs and badges	51.59
General officers' appropriations	565.00
Superintendents' appropriations	176.00
Headquarters secretary, traveling expenses and entertainment at convention	16.30
Corresponding secretary, telephone, telegrams, express, etc.	27.00
Miss Sargent, salary and extra service	666.00
Stock for <i>Star in the East</i>	40.00
Deficit on <i>Star</i>	80.00
Expenses Old Orchard Interstate Institute	3.88
Mrs. Wight, field worker, balance salary	9.68
Mrs. Oxtan, for grade school medal (S. T. I.)	5.00
Mrs. Wells, for gold medal (L. T. L.)	10.00
Treasurer's bond and safety box lease	10.00
Mileage for State speaker	11.25
Excess dues returned	8.40
Mrs. Fellows, L. T. L. supplies	6.85
Mrs. Fellows, salary superintendent Americanization work	145.00
Mrs. Fellows, rent and incidentals	27.35
H. S. Cobb, printing State reports, etc.	264.56
Postage on State reports	15.00
Extra supplies for office work at headquarters	22.73
Insurance	94.96
Balance on memorial fountain	138.64
Treasurer's book	2.00
"Maine room", W. C. T. U. Home at Camp Devens	84.15
War service expenses at State headquarters	42.57

TREASURER'S REPORT

National treasurer, W. dues	\$439.60
Y. P. B. dues	1.40
L. T. L. dues	21.85
L. T. L. missionary fund	6.12
Willard memorial fund	161.30
Stevens campaign fund	56.24
Electric fan fund	50.00
Field kitchens	100.00
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	<hr/> \$3,663.94
Cash to balance	637.11
	<hr/> \$4,301.05

EMMA E. WATTS.

REPORT BY COUNTIES.

	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Dues.</i>
Androscoggin	519	\$207.60
Aroostook	533	213.70
Cumberland	795	318.00
Franklin	70	28.00
Hancock	105	42.00
Kennebec	312	124.80
Knox	168	67.20
Lincoln	85	34.00
Oxford	229	91.60
Penobscot	362	144.80
Piscataquis	204	81.60
Sagadahoc	120	48.00
Somerset	231	92.40
Waldo	89	35.60
Washington	347	138.80
York	210	84.00
Members-at-large	17	9.00
	<hr/> 4396	<hr/> \$1,761.10

I have carefully examined the treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

ANNA K. BISBEE, Auditor.

Oct. 10, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT

Year ending September 16, 1918.

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To balance from last year	\$ 317.06
Rent of rooms	\$1,217.35
Rent of rooms to Portland union.....	20.00
Telephone tolls	2.13
Parking automobiles	7.00
Brush and Thimble Club Christmas sale	10.00
	<hr/> 1,256.48
	<hr/> \$1,573.54

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By paid:

Taxes	\$110.34
Interest on guaranteed note	150.00
Interest on note held by Portland Union	4.00
Water rates	19.95
Electric lighting	46.47
Telephone and tolls	63.48
Housekeeper	162.00
Laundry	50.85
Coal and wood, 1917.....	\$240.50
Coal and wood, 1917.....	213.28
	<hr/> 453.78
Ashes removed	11.50
House cleaning	16.26
Repairs	254.78
Supplies	119.15
American Flag	10.00
	<hr/> \$1,472.56
By balance	100.98
	<hr/> \$1,573.54

EMMA E. WATTS.

I have carefully examined the Headquarters account and find them correct.

ANNA K. BISBEE, *Auditor*.

Oct. 10, 1918.

REPORT OF STAR IN THE EAST.

October 1, 1918.

933 subscriptions	\$233.25
State W. C. T. U. for deficit of last year	40.00
Gifts	88.07
Cash on hand Sept. 17, 1918	18.27
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	\$379.59
Printing	\$312.00
C. M. Rice Co. for paper.....	30.61
Cartage on <i>Star</i>	3.75
Stamps	27.78
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	374.14
Cash on hand	\$ 5.45
Due from National for advertising.....	18.00
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	\$23.45
Owe for printing, etc.	\$30.00
Credit <i>Star in the East</i> account.....	23.45
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Deficit	\$6.55

MARGARET L. SARGENT.

I have examined the accounts of the superintendent of Literature and also of *The Star in the East*, with the receipts and vouchers of each, and find them correct.

ANNA K. BISBEE, *Auditor*.

November 22, 1918.

Report of Superintendents

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

The work done in this department the past year has been very encouraging. We have sent literature in abundance, especially along war relief lines. Within the past few weeks there has been a great demand for the leaflet, "The Nurse and the Knight." The new Memorial Fountain leaflet issued by this department has been popular. In fact, there has been a call for all kinds of W. C. T. U. literature.

Through the headquarters office we have sent 325 *Union Signals* and 187 *Young Crusader* subscriptions to the Evans-ton office. I can report 933 subscribers to *The Star in the East*.

We must continue to keep our official papers and our literature on the firing line.

MARGARET L. SARGENT.

LITERATURE ACCOUNT

September, 1917, to October, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Sales	\$208.31
Cash on hand, September 13, 1917.....	10.35
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	\$218.66

EXPENDITURES.

National W. C. T. U.	\$121.26
C. O. Barrows Co. for supplies.....	9.55
Loring, Short & Harmon for supplies.....	22.42
Expressage	11.58

Stamps	29.39	
Harris & Williams for printing.....	5.50	
Messenger Publishing Co.	1.50	
Remington Typewriter Co.	1.10	
Miscellaneous expenses	11.06	
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		\$213.36
Cash on hand		\$ 5.30
Outstanding bills due literature account		10.00
Late stock on hand		10.00
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		\$25.30
Liabilities		20.15
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Credit literature account.....		\$5.15

MARGARET L. SARGENT.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

The Loyal Temperance Legion has been able to hold its own this year despite the unsettled conditions and the many difficulties confronting organization work. We closed last year with 22 legions, and while nine of these have disbanded during the year, we have been able to organize a new one to take the place of each one that disorganized, so that we are able to report at the end of this year the same number of legions without gain or loss. Five legions have won the Star Pin, qualifying on every point of the scale: Auburn, Hebrew Legion in Lewiston, and the three divisions of the Exeter L. T. L. Notable work has been done this year by Lincoln county where four new legions have been organized. The county president, Mrs. Evie Studley, deserves great commendation for her excellent plan for the Sunday School Legion and that it is most workable and practical is well testified to by her splendid success. Androscoggin county is

also a winner this year. Mrs. Nellie Fellows has organized two legions among foreign speaking children and is doing a really great work through her department. This county holds two star legions and also the legion that wins the State flag for the largest paid membership—Auburn paying for 75 members this year.

Patriotic service has been the keynote of all legion work this year, and that we have aided the larger work to some appreciable extent is evidenced by the amount of work done by the legioners. They have made 110 comfort pillows, 100 eye wipers, 100 handkerchiefs, 4 napkins, 2 afghans, 100 crutch pads, washcloths for soldiers, garments for war orphans, given Belgian clothing, sent a quilt to W. C. T. U. home in Ayer, and sent in contributions for the various war activities.

The regular meetings of the legion have been maintained largely and the teaching given from the manuals. Work has been done in the Mercy Department and the pledge circulated. Twenty-three hundred pages of literature has been distributed, 33 social meetings and red letter days held, 240 bouquets distributed.

A new secretary will be chosen to serve you this year, and I am sure that under her leadership the work will progress. There is a large work to be done in the state and we trust that the local unions will strive to gather the children together and teach them the important principles for which we stand. Their hands will be full of work in the coming years and much will be required of them. Help them to get ready now by organizing for them a Loyal Temperance Legion.

EDNA ROWAN HARVEY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRANCH.

Again I extend greetings and thank you for what you have done for the young people of the State of Maine.

How we are rejoicing that the clouds have rolled away and the sunshine of peace radiates around us again. It will fill us with renewed courage and determination as we face the duties of another year.

I have sent out report blanks to all branches, but I think we fail to realize the importance of sending them back properly filled.

We have all done well, but special mention should be made of Greenville Branch. They are always so prompt. They still continue the study course. Oh, that more might do likewise. They do lots of war work and their contributions are not lacking.

The Y. P. B. dues are a source of considerable trouble. Let us be careful in this very important part of our work.

Now, dear workers, let us march with heads erect, still steadfast to our principles of purity, total abstinence and prohibition, and thus help to usher in that day when there shall not be a legalized saloon in this old world of which we, the young people of Maine, are a part.

ESTHER GILMAN HEWS.

COLLEGE Y. P. B.

At our last annual convention it was voted to take up the College Y. P. B. work and your newly appointed secretary at once began correspondence with the National secretary and leaders in our own State regarding the nature and scope of the work, and methods of procedure for organizing, et cetera.

Through a change in the National head of this department, "Plans for Work" were late in reaching me, and, owing to the early closing of our colleges, it seemed advisable to wait until fall for organization. It is hardly necessary to state that the unprecedented conditions at our colleges this fall,

including the quarantines, caused that matter to be still later deferred.

However, letters from the heads of the colleges are encouraging for the future, and I quote from one recently received: "I think it probable that sometime next term, when we get back to normal peace conditions, it will be possible to organize a branch of your society at ——."

In addition to a large correspondence regarding the work, your secretary has presented some of its features at two county conventions, and the New England inter-state conference at Old Orchard, also through the columns of our *Star in the East*.

The timely coming of Mrs. Maude Perkins, National secretary, helped to give publicity to this branch of our great work.

The following are some of the special characteristics of the College Young People's Branch (which also includes Normal Schools): The pledge includes not only total abstinence from alcoholic liquors but also from tobacco and narcotics, a most important feature, in view of the alarming increase in the use of cigarettes among our young people of today.

It provides for a definite four years' course of study, giving reasons for total abstinence, prohibition, and purity. The National W. C. T. U. issues a diploma to all who complete this course.

Unless our young people are identified with the Y. P. B. in their college years, they will lose touch with the organization that may have meant much to them before entering. The work may be so carried on as to become a course in applied sociology. More than two hundred colleges have such a course and about one hundred give curriculum credit for the same.

There are also original oratorical and essay contests on the alcohol question; news items sent to local papers, and

up-to-date temperance books and magazines placed in the libraries.

Regarding the books, will say that through the efforts of our State president, the counties concurring, shelves of temperance books have been placed in the libraries of all our Maine colleges, Normals and many fitting schools, previous to this year.

From an educational standpoint the College Y. P. B. is decidedly "worth while," and who can measure the moral value coming to our young people at a critical time in their lives, caused by the removal of the restraint of home-life? Let us all co-operate in helping to throw around them the protecting arm of "organized mother-love!"

"Better guide well the young,
Than reclaim them when old,
For the voice of true wisdom is calling.
To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best
To prevent our young people from falling.
Better close up the source of temptation and crime,
Than deliver from dungeon or galley;
Better put a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff,
Than an ambulance down in the valley."

RUTH E. WALSH.

AMERICANIZATION.

After reading a few extracts from the daily press of that wonderful address of Secretary Lane's, spoken to an assemblage of state governors, chairmen of state defence councils, heads of civic organizations, industrial leaders and business men gathered at the invitation of the Department of the Interior, I felt convinced that I had something definite to do. The keynote of this conference, said Secretary Lane, is our responsibility. I took that word home to myself and believed I had some responsibility as a State superintendent of Americanization and must do more than write letters and send

literature to county and local superintendents. I could see a splendid opportunity in my home county and city for work, and as this was to become one of the many war measures, I resolved, God helping me, to do my "bit" in this vast undertaking of the Americanization of the foreign people of our nation. So with plans and advice from our State president, I began work in Auburn, among the French and Jewish people.

We opened two rooms and furnished them with chairs, tables, a sewing machine, an organ, pictures and posters. The walls are covered with conservation, prohibition, anti-narcotic and anti-beer cartoons, and posters; our large bay window is decorated with the French and American flags, and a sign reading, "W. C. T. U. Rooms. Come in. You are Welcome."

The children began to come in with an inquiring look, and we asked them if they would like to meet and make garments for the war orphans and learn patriotic and temperance rally cries, etc., etc., and they seemed very eager to do so. Thirty-five booked their names the first week. I cannot go into the details as much as I would like. The beginning was very interesting and exceedingly trying,—but I will tell you some of the things we have done since May 1st.

We have made patchwork enough for one big quilt or two small ones; have made eight waists for the war orphans; have knit and crocheted wash cloths for the soldiers. Now, each girl is learning to cut and make her work apron. This apron is made of five pieces. This is to be kept at our room, and the large pocket across the front holds the knitting or sewing work. They have learned many of the first aids in sickness and injuries. The girls live "hospital days," as they call it. They put on their Red Cross veils and you would be surprised to see what a good job they will do in bandaging a hand, finger and wrist or ankle. We have played "keep house" for mother while she is on a vacation. The thoughts

emphasized were, thoughtfulness of mother, willingness to help her with the care of smaller brother and sister, looking after father and older brothers, keeping house tidy, keeping clean, clean food, clean teeth, hands and face and clothing, gentleness to the little brother or sister, learning to feed these with good and healthful food. We learn patriotism, temperance, pure living, doing by others as we would have them do by us. Last, but not least, we have organized a Loyal Temperance Legion of 26 paying members. We have observed Miss Gordon's birthday by having a luncheon in our rooms, as we were disappointed in taking a hike and a picnic on account of rain. Our children love to recite rally cries, particularly this patriotic rally cry:

Here we come, Dear Uncle Sam,
Ready to help you all we can:
We'll dig and hoe, and make things grow,
We'll help the orphans across the sea,
But hear, O hear us, this our plea;
Kill old King Booze.
He's our greatest foe.
Hurrah for the Flag that will make him go!
Whose Flag will make him go?
Our Flag, the Stars and Stripes of America.

And they love to give allegiance to our Flag. It would do your heart good to see their zeal and enthusiasm.

They have learned what the cigarette rally cry means: We'll exterminate; We'll agitate; We'll Legislate; the cigarette must go; and you would think it was going, if you could see them. We have observed Flower Mission Day by taking 18 bouquets to the hospital.

We subscribe for six *Crusaders* and contributed to the Anna Gordon missionary fund.

We take up the departments of hygiene and medical temperance, anti-narcotics, mercy and literature. Have given away 150 magazines and papers, paid our dues and become a star legion in five months. The children in this legion

are Jews and French. July 4th, we had a big celebration. Twelve different nationalities, dressed in their native costumes, formed a parade. It was the greatest parade that ever marched our streets—a three mile route. In the afternoon a fine entertainment was given by French, Greeks, Syrians, Lithuanians and Americans, on the Athletic Field. Last spring "A Dinner of Nations" was given in the City Hall, cafeteria style. Each nation had its booth and sold the things they were in the habit of eating. French, Greeks, Lithuanians, Jews, Italians and Americans were represented.

Since July we have spent two afternoons in each week with the Y. W. C. A. work in Lewiston; have helped teach the children to knit and sew; have called on some of the young married people and advised them in the ways of living and doing for their children; have organized a Loyal Temperance Legion of 15 paying members. Greeks, Syrians, French and Albanians are in this legion.

We carried 24 bouquets to the hospital and eight to the sick children, and we are giving out papers and magazines and teaching the same things as in our other legion; subscribed for four *Crusaders* and National gives us two for the ten subscriptions at one time and sent to one address, for which we are thankful.

Six counties in our State are doing work in this department. About thirty local unions are getting acquainted with the foreign in their community. Over 2,000 leaflets have been distributed in French, Finnish, Danish, Polish, Swedish, Italian and Greek. Over \$15 has been spent for literature. A number of families have been visited and made to feel that someone is interested in them. Most of the work has been done in Androscoggin county but Mrs. Ella Lord of Cumberland county has been untiring in her efforts to bring up the work in her county.

There are 110,133 foreign-born in our State; 2,297

speaking English; 110 attend night school; 52 mothers, 31 near relatives are near men in service; 7 families on calling list and one immigrant woman to become Americanized.

The population of Lewiston is 27,000; Auburn, 16,000. In Lewiston there are 10,000 French, 8,000 Jews, Greeks, Syrians, Swedes, Italians, Chinese, Finns, etc., and 9,000 English speaking people. Twelve thousand English in Auburn. There are 1,300 French children in Lewiston, and between five and six hundred in Auburn. Most of these attend parochial schools. About 120 French children attend public schools in Auburn. All other nationalities send their children to public schools. All Jewish children speak English and most of the French children. English is taught in their schools some part of the day.

NELLIE E. FELLOWS.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

Thirteen counties have superintendents of this department. Seven superintendents have reported; 2,500 pages of literature distributed; 25 meetings in part or wholly on medical temperance.

Mrs. M. A. Allen, our National superintendent, says: "There will be plenty of work for this department for some time after we get prohibition, as things look. We must work to get the medical exemptions out of all state and national laws."

MRS. JULIETTE H. OAKES.

County superintendents of Medical Temperance:—Androscoggin, Mrs. Juliette H. Oakes, Livermore Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. Velma Libby, Blaine; Cumberland, Dr. Florence Corey, 633 Congress St., Portland; Franklin, Mrs. C. W. Noyes, E. Wilton; Lincoln, Mrs. Ethel Redonnett, Wiscasset; Oxford, Mrs. Clara Foley, Mexico; Penobscot, Mrs.

Addie Chase, Le Grange; Piscataquis, Mrs. A. H. Warren, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Francis Gilman, Woolwich; Somerset, Vida L. Marcia, Fairfield, R. F. D. No. 1; Waldo, Mrs. O. W. Newhall, Liberty, R. F. D.; Washington, Mrs. Frank Stone, Calais; York, Miss Amelia Shapleigh, West Lebanon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Through the impetus given the work by the faithful and efficient service of the former State superintendent, Mrs. Pierce, and her co-laborers, the temperance work in the Sunday School has continued even though conditions have been in a measure unfavorable—fifteen counties have reported. One very encouraging point in nearly every report was that the county superintendent had written each union, in some cases every quarter, previous to the temperance lesson. Another feature was the presentation of the work where there is no W. C. T. U. by personal visits and talks to Sunday Schools.

At the beginning of the year your superintendent urged unions not having a regular L. T. L. to organize the junior and primary departments of the Sunday School and have a meeting once each month. Few counties have reported endeavor along this line. To show the possibilities, I will quote from one report: Four L. T. L.'s have been organized, making a total of seven L. T. L.'s in as many Sunday Schools, with approximately 100 members, a considerable part of which are paying dues. One L. T. L. raised \$5.00 by selling squares for a quilt which was sent to the White Ribbon home at Ayer. It will be used in the room furnished by Maine W. C. T. U. Another L. T. L. is doing a large amount of Red Cross work. Three L. T. L.'s sent \$7.25 for the field kitchens. All L. T. L.'s are now at work raising money to adopt a French orphan. After reading this, what county will fail to try the Sunday School L. T. L.?

A summary of work in this department is as follows: Literature circulated, 39,786 pages; pledges signed, 868; temperance books placed in libraries, 98; concerts held, 39; rallies, 11; Sunday Schools having temperance secretaries, 28; temperance departments, 46. Charts, posters and picnics have all added to work.

L. H. WIGHT.

County superintendents:—Mrs. A. N. Jones, Turner, R. F. D.; Mrs. M. A. Burlt, Bridgewater; Mrs. B. H. Elkins, So. Windham; Mrs. L. H. Gould, Wilton, R. F. D.; Miss Alice Clough, Winthrop Center; Mrs. Hope Brewster, Rockland; Mrs. Jennie T. Hall, Nobleboro; Mrs. Susie E. Chapman, So. Paris; Mrs. Phœbe Hodgkins, Endfield; Mrs. Ella A. Dunn, 52 Dean St., Ellsworth; Mrs. L. H. Wight, Parkman; Mrs. Grace Webb, Pittsfield, R. F. D. No. 2; Miss Emily Miller, No. Seasmont; Mrs. Sarah B. Abbott, Milltown; Mrs. H. Abbie M. Goodwin, Kennebunk, R. F. D. No. 1.

MEDAL CONTESTS.

The superintendent of this department is not proud of the work done in Maine during the past year.

Only thirteen contests have been held, eight of these being held in York county—one of these, a ministers', netting nearly ninety dollars for the Red Cross.

The Medal Contest was organized to educate in the principles of total abstinence and the prohibition of the liquor traffic; but it has expanded and is now an inspiration to patriotic living, an eye opener to the selling of tobacco and cigarettes to minors, as well as a help to world-peace, and woman's suffrage.

If the W. C. T. U. does not help in the educating and moulding of our young people, evil influences are ever present to work their will. Can we not, with His help, do more in this department during the year to come?

JULIA E. WELLS.

PRESS REPORT.

All counties have a superintendent save one or two, where the county president acts. With some persuasion, seven counties were reported. Papers everywhere are glad of news, be it W. C. T. U. news or otherwise, and Maine papers on the whole are very friendly.

Two more counties are now using the prepared material, Franklin and Knox, making four in all.

About 150 columns have been printed through this department. Lincoln county's superintendent was planning for the printing of Charles Stilylis' articles in the "Strengthen America Campaign."

The new National superintendent has sent occasional news-letters, which have been sent out to the several counties, and about forty communications besides.

May I urge that we keep persistently at it, always sending items that are worth while and carefully written. The papers reach those whom we never see, and as a man readeth in his paper, so he thinketh; and having done the work, report it.

EMILY F. MILLER.

County and local officers—Belfast: President, Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Belfast; secretary, Mrs. Minnie D. Coombs, Belfast. Jackson: President, Mrs. Etta A. Dolliff, Brooks, R. F. D. No. 4; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Boyd, Brooks, R. F. D. No. 4. Knox: President, Mrs. Annie B. Aborn, Brooks, R. F. D. No. 2; secretary, Mrs. Persis S. Stevens, Thorndike, R. F. D. No. 2. Monroe: President, Mrs. Lizzie Haskell, Monroe; secretary, Mrs. Annie Conant, Winterport. Searsmont: E. F. Miller. So. Montville: President, Mrs. Fannie E. Howes, W. Appleton; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Adams, Liberty; county president, Emily F. Miller, No. Searsmont; secretary, Mrs. A. M. Frost, Belfast.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

From year to year some advance in interest in this practical and most important department is evident.

The most complete reports this year came from Oxford, Cumberland and Piscataquis counties.

Some counties and some of the smaller unions find it difficult to secure superintendents. In these cases I am suggesting that the local president give special attention to this study as of necessity it is much in their province.

Literature will be sent out and we hope "Heaven's first law" will be observed more and more to our edification.

CORA KNIGHT CLIFFORD.

INSTITUTES.

Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Penobscot and Washington counties have superintendents of this department. Washington county, Mrs. Sarah B. Abbott, superintendent, reports three successful and inspiring institutes held at Milltown, Woodland and the Jacksonville camp-meeting, where the institute was given a whole day. A special feature of the institute held in Milltown was a "round table" where "all felt free to ask questions" and express opinions. At Woodland the welfare of children and young people was interestingly presented in the study of the L. T. L. and Y. P. B. departments, also the Junior Red Cross and Sunday School work. At Jacksonville the most absorbing topic was America's part in the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Knox county held a profitable meeting at Union, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Beulah Oxtan, county president.

Penobscot county held an institute in connection with the annual meeting of the county executive committee.

No doubt this department has suffered along with many

other activities, on account of the greatly increased demands on time and energy for war work, but it is the earnest conviction of your superintendent that patriotism will be promoted, information much needed in all communities may be spread among the people, and the day of freedom from the rule of "King Alcohol" be hastened by a more general use of this splendid department of Institutes.

Washington county still holds the Institute banner.

SADIE H. BATES.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The passing of Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, for many years National superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, was a great loss to our work. She gave unstintedly of her time and talents and wore herself out in forwarding the blessed cause of temperance. She is succeeded by Mrs. L. O. Middleton, a woman of wide experience in school work and of ability and consecration.

This department has been affected by the exigencies of war work—time and effort of workers directed to other lines—yet it has not languished; and real constructive work has been done in many parts of the State.

Your superintendent sent out the usual amount of literature to the counties, including a printed letter for each local union, new leaflets and new subjects for essay contests.

An important communication was sent to the *Star* containing valuable suggestions to local superintendents.

It was deemed desirable to secure definite knowledge concerning the place of temperance teaching in Maine High schools. To that end, your superintendent prepared and sent out a questionnaire to one hundred and seventy-five High schools (fifty including return postage). Only twenty-eight replies were received from which the following record has been made:

Temperance hygiene is correlated with the following subjects in the number of schools indicated. General science, eight; civics, eight; English, six; current events, five; history, four; chemistry, four; biology, four; botany, one. Temperance subjects are used for rhetorical in eight schools, essays, six; debates, two.

Schools reporting libraries supplied with standard physiologies, fifteen; temperance reference books, six; temperance biography, five; temperance fiction, four. Schools supplied with temperance charts, one; teachers' manuals, two; temperance posters, two. One principal asks that scientific temperance instruction literature and helps be sent for examination.

One school reports having a special, separate course in temperance hygiene for freshmen not taking general science. Four schools report no temperance teaching whatever. Your superintendent feels that sufficient answers were not received to warrant definite statements regarding temperance teaching in Maine High schools. But the record of charts and manuals indicates that local superintendents have overlooked or neglected the High schools in their efforts to forward scientific temperance instruction.

The High schools are training young men and women who are soon to become parents, teachers and voters. These last years of school life (for the majority of pupils) should contain definite, forceful teaching regarding temperance hygiene, especially as it relates to individual and community life. No course in history is complete that omits reference to national and international prohibition. Perhaps these desirable ends would be more universally accomplished in High school teaching, were teachers and pupils supplied with modern aids to their work.

This year has seen the creation of the special Scientific Temperance Instruction number of the *Signal*. It is appre-

ciated and subscribed to by many local unions for their schools. This is important work and should be heartily recommended and encouraged. "Give the people the truth!" "The truth shall make you free."

Only a few essay contests were held; not enough to make possible a State essay contest. Let us do better in 1919.

An exhibit of this department was made for the State convention to have been held in Rockland. It will keep until next fall. More teachers' pledge cards are desired. Let us pledge our teachers and send the signed cards to your State superintendent for exhibition purposes.

This department was represented at the Waterville convention by your superintendent in an address at the evening session. A conference of county superintendents was called in connection with the Waterville meeting, but only two replied and that by letter.

With the return of peace our workers can give their attention more closely to work of reconstruction, at the head of which stands national health—of which the corner-stone is sobriety. The necessity of teaching the rising generation the truth concerning alcohol and narcotics is therefore apparent. Let us make our work for this department a thank-offering to the gallant heroes who have died for human liberty, that they shall not have died in vain.

Special work in local unions:

Cary and Amity mourn the loss of their beloved and faithful superintendent, Mrs. Hannah Tracy, whose last report told of schools and teachers visited and most important work done.

South Paris: Composition work in sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Papers read at county convention. Fifth grade reproduced stories told by teacher; third and fourth grades learned temperance poems; seventh and eighth grades made prohibition maps.

Kennebunkport: Charts and manuals used in schools; teachers co-operate.

Guilford: Held teachers' and parents' reception; essay contest, where two prizes were given; sent twenty-three *Crusaders* to as many contestants; ten *Crusaders* to teachers; three hundred cigarette blotters to schools.

Greenville: Held teachers' and parents' reception. Faithful temperance teaching is given in all of the schools.

Thomaston: Twenty-five hundred pages of literature distributed; two copies of *Scientific Temperance Instruction Signal* for schools; prize offered seventh and eighth grades for essays.

Cumberland: One thousand blotters placed in schools; three essay contests; one teachers' reception.

BEULAH S. OXTON.

County superintendents: Mrs. J. P. Irvine, Blaine; Mrs. E. C. Knight, 90 Stroudwater St., Westbrook; Miss Margaret Koch, Franklin; Mrs. Lillian C. Libby, Pittsfield; Mrs. Marian L. G. Joy, So. Paris; Miss Ann Robinson, Bath; Mrs. Florence W. Barry, Kennebunk; Mrs. Lillian Andrews, Stillwater; Mrs. Aborn, Knox; Mrs. Charles Noyes, E. Wilton. New superintendents in Piscataquis, Washington and Lincoln counties.

ANTI-NARCOTICS.

Those who are inclined to be pessimistic would doubtless say the W. C. T. U. had been fighting a losing battle against narcotics, especially the cigarette, this year; but others believe that "the battle is the Lord's", and finally right and truth will win.

The great war gave the tobacco trust a tremendous advantage, which was used with keen business insight to bring into its treasury millions of dollars, to play upon the sym-

pathy of the American people for the soldiers, and to subsidize the press of the country.

The W. C. T. U., as an organization and as individuals, protested in every way against the tobacco propaganda and aided in having cigarettes omitted from the Red Cross comfort kits and in stopping the work of "Tobacco Clubs." It conducted a campaign of education throughout the land and did valiant work in public schools, through essay contests; in the Sunday Schools on Anti-Cigarette Day, and through the use of "stickers" and posters.

It must be confessed that many of our own workers were deceived by the tobacco propaganda in spite of the long years of faithful teaching received in the public schools, Bible schools and local unions. It cannot be denied that public opinion is divided on the cigarette question and that here in Maine, as in every other state, the great task for the W. C. T. U., after national prohibition, will be "Nicotine Next."

Let every faithful worker gird on her armor anew and go forth to the conquest of "Prince Nicotine." While other thrones are falling this should fall also. Let us provide ourselves with the latest department literature and push the publicity work which must be done in order to combat the pernicious influence of the tobacco propaganda. Let us see that our State anti-cigarette law is enforced; enthuse teachers in public and Sunday schools to increased efforts, and protect our children and youth in every possible way.

"Good Health" is the slogan of the hour. Good health for individual or community cannot exist while the cigarette is abroad in our land.

Your State superintendent sent important communications to the *Star* and literature to county superintendents, and answered and supplied, when possible, individual calls for helps. She spoke in the interests of department work at the State Child Welfare conference at Augusta last May.

Only three county reports received. Mrs. Oakes, for Androscoggin, says: Two hundred pages of literature distributed to nine unions; conferred with local workers at county convention and read article on tobacco. Auburn union used five hundred pages literature; conducted essay contest in grammar school, giving seventeen dollars in prizes, blotters, leaflets and two hundred stickers used.

Somerset: Pittsfield held public meeting; elicited co-operation of pastors, scout masters, teachers, merchants and parents in a fight against the cigarette. Those who sold same were waited upon by committee of citizens who presented the matter and placed framed copies of law in stores. Public schools were visited, talks given, literature distributed and an essay contest held. All honor to Pittsfield!

Knox county report shows special work done in the Sunday Schools of Rockland on Anti-Cigarette Day. Stickers, posters, pledge cards and programs used. Pastors and superintendents of schools co-operating.

Recently, forceful articles against use of tobacco have been published in the *Courier Gazette*, paid for by members of local union. These articles have received wide attention and commendation.

Mrs. Maud Perkins, National college secretary of the Young People's Branch, gave much attention to the tobacco question in her brilliant addresses before our conventions, and must have sown good seed all over the State.

BEULAH S. OXTON.

SYSTEMATIC AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

As I look into this work year after year and talk with people about it, I realize a growing interest in it for which I am deeply thankful. In the midst of her many war activities, Maine has kept this department well up to what we could expect.

We have supplied 224 families with literature, distributing in that and other ways 6,261 pages. We have 103 tithers reported and that is but a small part of all our tithers. We have held fifteen meetings in the interest of this department and three addresses have been given on tithing.

Last year at the annual meeting quite a number promised to give to the support of the *Star in the East*, one-tenth as much as they spent for dress. Two that I am personally acquainted with kept the promise. Miss Sargent reported to them 12 copies of *Star* due their union by reason of their gift.

Since the unions opened this fall, their savings enabled their union to send one dollar more to the Stevens fund. These items are given to remind us how much the tithe of even a small sum will accomplish with God's blessing.

SUSAN M. GRANT.

PRISON AND JAIL WORK.

Androscoggin county: Meetings have been held the fourth Sunday in every month in Auburn jail; literature has been distributed and much personal work done.

Penobscot county: Meetings held on Sunday mornings, 26. Nine hundred papers, 500 magazines, two Bibles and two Testaments have been distributed. The county superintendent often visits the jail on Saturday afternoons and gives the men reading matter and talks with them, trying to tell them of a better way, and some of them seem much interested. At the beginning of the year there were 79 prisoners. Now there are only 31, three of whom are women.

At Christmas time the *Crusade* sent a bushel of apples to the jail, which were given the men on Christmas morning, and were much appreciated.

Pastors of the several churches are always ready to give their services on Sunday and they give heart-to-heart talks, which the men receive much better than they would preach-

ing. Good music is also furnished at these services, which the men especially enjoy.

The superintendent tries to keep in touch with the men as they go out—for a time, at least—and she knows of some who have made good.

Somerset: Meetings have been held at the jail. Literature has been distributed and work done.

In the Reformatory for Women at Skowhegan there were fifty-five women the middle of September—the number increasing every month. Some sixteen or more are out on parole. There are at present ten officers and care-takers. Everything possible is done for the instruction and well-being of these sentenced women.

The W. C. T. U. is related to the Reformatory through years of faithful effort in helping bring it to pass. Let us continue our relations by using every possible influence on our coming legislators in order that there may be provided suitable shelter and hospital care for diseased mothers and their children. It is not enough that the State has established a Reformatory. It should now see to it that we have a Reformatory equipped for the best possible service. To half equip and half support an enterprise of any kind is to throw money away. We should also use our influence to have all women who would otherwise be lodged in jail sent to Stevens cottage. The idleness of jail life and the contact with men presents a great contrast to the clean, active, safeguarded days at the Reformatory. The Reformatory believes very heartily in giving the girls and women sufficient and wholesome recreation, but it discourages idleness in every way. There is at least one other important way in which the W. C. T. U. can continue to relate itself to this State institution. Whenever a White Ribboner has need of kitchen help, we urge that an application be made to one of the women trustees or to the superintendent of the Reformatory, for a trial of one

of the paroled inmates. Here is a chance often to help yourself and at the same time to throw a helping and often a saving influence over a misguided life.

Washington county: Meetings have been held at the jail in Machias every Sunday. The services are conducted by the pastors of the churches. The work will be faithfully continued for the coming year.

In the counties where there are jails the work has been well cared for. In the other counties the time has been spent in work for the soldiers and sailors. We have not had as many prisoners this year. Many went into the war; in some of the jails hardly a man has been in for any length of time.

SADIE E. BOIES.

EVANGELISTIC WORK, BIBLE READING AND ALMS HOUSE WORK.

So far as reported there have been held 28 Gospel Temperance or Evangelistic meetings during the year. Two special days of prayer have been observed; 95 personal visits and interviews with sick or unsaved, and 55 letters and cards. Two new members have been added to a union; 45 Bible portions and Testaments given out and six "dainties." Two members have joined a church, and inmates of almshouse have been remembered at Christmas with candy and gifts; 1210 pages of literature have been used, and 185 good papers; 20 bouquets given to sick ones, and influence used to make meetings of Christian Endeavor Societies and Sunday School Evangelistic. Much charitable work has been done.

There are on my records the names of fourteen county superintendents, and I have reports from four counties from which to make this report to State.

HARRIET J. LORING.

SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.

We are fortunate in having at this time many societies for the protection of children. We find it wise, however, to continue this department in our society, as we often have calls for assistance and advice with the children. Our county superintendents are often able to be of assistance to the State agents, the police and the different societies for the protection of the children. They are also able to open the way for placing children in childless homes.

Androscoggin county is our banner county. We would recommend that each county make a special effort to see that no opportunity is lost to aid this department for the children and that all work done be reported to your State superintendent.

VENA L. JOHNSON.

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

In this, my first year as superintendent of this very important department of our work, I have been unable to do as much as I hoped when I consented to take the department.

I am sure many of the departments have suffered, not from neglect so much as from the war conditions. So many calls for war relief work to all of which White Ribboners everywhere have responded so promptly.

At the commencement of the year, I wrote to each county, sending plan of work and literature. Received replies from nearly all—some encouraging and some a little discouraging—but all hoping to take up the work again at close of war.

And we thank God from our hearts that the day has come when we can say we are at peace.

HELEN THOMAS.

WORK AMONG LIGHT STATIONS.

In presenting this report upon the activities of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union among the children of our State living in the lighthouses of the United States, I wish to say at the outset that this work is so interwoven with the educational policy of our State, and so influenced by the inaccessible location of many of the lighthouses and the exacting duties of each person living in them, that it is necessary to consider the question along broader lines than would otherwise be relevant in order to lay a foundation for future work.

The Maine coast, with its lighthouses, has great fascination and attraction for everyone. To visit a lighthouse is to become very fond of it. The visitor carries away a loving memory and delightful friendliness for the family and children who work and play in and about the light.

It is hard to describe them. It is still harder to convey in words any clear idea of what they represent. To us they are known as lighthouses. To the government official they are known as light stations. They are scattered along our coast from Quoddy Head to Kittery Harbor.

They are generally located on bleak and rugged promontories overlooking the sea, on the ledges in our harbors and on peaks of mountains cropping out of the ocean. Many of them are inaccessible by man or woman for weeks.

The homes in which the attendants live are towers on a rock or a small dwelling nearby. They are occupied by families, consisting of man and wife and the children God has placed in their care. There are no playgrounds for the children's use, only a circular room in which to run about. No visitor reaches them for weeks and then only after a tempestuous voyage over the ocean waves.

The Federal Government has recognized the loneliness of the situation, which is without words of description, and

has endeavored to remedy it by distribution of libraries and reading matter, while the State of Maine has taken up the question of school instruction and is sending a teacher to the lighthouses at regular intervals throughout the year, except January and February, of which we are very proud, for Maine is the only State in the Union attempting such a work.

It is estimated that during the present year forty-nine children, living at ten different stations, have come under this teacher's care and are distributed as follows: 2 at Libby Island and Avery Rock, Buck's Harbor; 5 at Nash Island, South Addison; 7 at Petit Manan, Milbridge; 4 at Egg Rock, Bar Harbor; 2 at Great Duck Island, McKinley, Maine; 3 at Mount Desert, South West Harbor; 5 at Matinicus Rock, Matinicus; 3 at Franklin Island, Loudville; 2 at Ram Island, Boothbay Harbor; 3 at Seguin, Popham Beach; 8 at Boon Island, York Harbor, and 2 at Baker Island, Isleford.

Instruction is now given in all the branches taught in the common schools so far as time will permit, and I am assured from the well known faithfulness of our teachers and their sturdy temperance habits, that the study of temperance has not been forgotten.

So successful has been this work that negotiations are now going on between the State Department of Education and the Lighthouse Department at Washington for materially increasing the number of teachers and extending the work during the coming year.

I am glad to say that a bill has recently passed Congress making an appropriation which will allow the management of the lighthouses to pay all traveling expenses of the teachers and their board while at the stations.

From my personal knowledge of the character of the libraries furnished the lighthouses, I would suggest that books and papers treating the subject of temperance be furnished through co-operation with the State School Depart-

ment in addition to those furnished by the union. It is possible, also, that larger packages could be sent on the United States lighthouse tenders during their regular visits to these stations.

It will be noted that the libraries I have spoken of have been furnished by private donations and that gifts of books on temperance subjects will be gladly accepted and added to the collections.

Have you ever pictured life on a lonely rock with only vessels passing to and fro and dolphins sporting in the sunlight? The home a simple apartment, the outside cleanly washed by the ocean spray, the inside equally as clean, with fragrant flowers at the windows, often a can, labeled corn, holding a wonderful heliotrope full of delicate purple blossoms, others full of beautiful roses. Their life is here, their love is here and if transferred to more favorable locations their minds naturally turn back to the lonely rock on the distant sea. Exacting duties well performed develops the inner life. Under such environments heroes and heroines are born. Grace Darling was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper. Her deeds are immortal. Though living alone, their life's duties are well done.

HATTIE M. ALLAN.

RAILROAD WORK.

Notwithstanding the many things which have come to us the past year to take our time and attention, I am more than pleased with the reports coming to me from faithful superintendents who have not forgotten our railroad employees, street car men, postmen, policemen and firemen. And surely there has never been a year since this department was taken up in our State when work was so much needed.

Your superintendent has written more letters and sent

out more literature than in any previous year, all of which has been gratefully acknowledged.

There is no class of men who respond more readily to kindness than the railroad men.

Twelve of the sixteen counties are doing good work, and we hope in the year which is before us we may do more and better work than in the year just past.

I will again urge, as I have so many times in the past, that the county presidents shall urge that this department shall be taken up in every one of our sixteen counties, and that county superintendents shall appeal to the local unions for superintendents.

HELEN A. THOMAS.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MAINE W. C. T. U.

Never in the history of the W. C. T. U. has there been such a demand for work to be done for our brave soldiers and sailors, and the patriotism of the unions has been far beyond what has been reported.

My report will be far from complete, as many of our members work with the Red Cross and other organizations and keep no account of time or work done.

Reported money raised for electric fans, \$627.85; for field kitchens, \$203.42. Money raised for work at headquarters, \$203.42. Money raised for W. C. T. U. home at Camp Devens, \$74.00.

Nine thousand four hundred twenty-two pieces of hospital supplies, such as pillows, slip-over aprons, service bags, tray cloths, napkins, etc., have been made and sent to the British War Relief, Red Cross, National Surgical Committee, A. F. F. Wounded and other kindred organizations.

More than enough comfort bags have been made to fit out a regiment; 1,604 comfort bags have been made; 300

were given sailors on the U. S. S. Jupiter; two submarine chasers have been fitted out and the remainder of the bags given to local soldier boys or sent to our State coast patrol missionary to be distributed. The estimated total value of these bags is \$1,830.99.

At Christmas the soldiers at Fort Baldwin, on the Maine coast (230 in number) were remembered with books, magazines, knitted garments, such as stockings, sweaters, mufflers, and wristlets. So. Portland union contributed \$26.00 worth of music rolls for their player piano. The unions of Cumberland county sent fifty luscious, home-made cakes for the mess table on Christmas Day, while every soldier and officer found beside his plate a well filled comfort bag, a gift from the local unions of the Maine W. C. T. U.

One thousand one hundred twenty-seven books, 2,966 magazines and 14,720 leaflets have been sent to our camps and forts. Piscataquis county reported 180 books and magazines mailed each week to Camp Devens. Androscoggin county sends the *Union Signal* regularly to some of the forts.

Twenty-seven thousand five hundred forty-four hours' work reported donated by our members to the Red Cross; many hundred hours to the National Surgical Dressing Committee and other war relief organizations.

The following contributions of knitted goods have been reported: 1,498 pairs of socks, 449 sweaters, 91 mufflers, 314 pairs wristers, 105 helmets, 16 pairs mittens, 56 eye bands, 129 wash cloths, 1 pair gloves, 6 afghans, 12 pairs bed socks. Other articles unclassified, 550 cootie belts, 12 rolls of old linen, 5,977 gun wipes, 560 many-tailed bandages, 50 cakes, 1 pair binoculars.

Many letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from officers and men.

Last February, through the generosity of the local unions and the patriotic devotion of the unions of Cumberland

county, our State headquarters were open to the soldiers and sailors in and around Portland. Games and books were provided and refreshments furnished three evenings per week. A strict quarantine and the approaching warm weather, combined with other local conditions, made it impracticable to continue this work during the summer.

Profoundly thankful that the war is over and glad that I could do my bit, I now turn the work over to more efficient hands. Much relief work will be found to do the coming year.

AUGUSTA S. IRISH.

HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

In all probability no department of the W. C. T. U. has such an individual interest in its subject matter at the present time as that of the Health department. From its eight county superintendents I have received many answers, but in fact, only two detailed reports of work accomplished according to the requirements of the report blank sent out by the National superintendent. So prolific is the propaganda of health notes in magazines and by the press, that other measures suggested are not appreciated as being necessary, and the superintendents think that if they, too, distribute literature they have done their part. These several superintendents state their union's interest in the war relief work, and in conservation in conjunction with their unions, though not specifically under the Health department. The libraries of Maine seem well equipped with articles pertaining thereto. The State Department of Health most generously furnishes literature to be distributed at conventions, and by request have furnished health exhibits. Nurses, physicians and speakers have willingly given of their services on programs. I am assured that literature is used throughout Maine in unions where no superintendent of this department has been appointed, and has

profited thereby. Child welfare is receiving much attention, and this department is ready to co-operate with bureaus established for this purpose. In view of the threatened menace of the prevailing epidemic, the women of the W. C. T. U. are ready to do their part in its warfare for the best interest of the health of the people of Maine. The superintendent of Sagadahoc county should have special praise for personal interest in this department, especially in Bath. I refer to Mrs. Frances E. H. McFadden.

ABBIE A. PEASLEE.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Taking all things into consideration, this department has been very well reported this year.

In May your State superintendent sent out the Call to Prayer leaflet as directed by our National superintendent. This was quite generally responded to by the unions over the State.

Androscoggin county reports five sermons on Sabbath Observance and ten prayer meetings held during week of prayer. Two Sabbath Schools taught the fourth Commandment. Many children gathered into the Sunday Schools.

Lincoln county reports two sermons and literature distributed, and promises a bigger report next year.

Knox county reports seven sermons and several prayer meetings, and literature distributed.

Piscataquis county reports much personal work done and two or more stores closed that were open Sunday in defiance of the law.

Other counties, although sending no definite report, say that sermons have been preached, prayer meetings held and literature distributed.

No greater encouragement could have come to our de-

partment than the action of our Governor in the Sunday closing at Old Orchard.

"Christian civilization without a Sabbath cannot long continue to endure."

GEORGIA R. NORWOOD.

MOTHERS' MEETING AND WHITE RIBBON RECRUITS.

Aroostook: In the recent Home-going of the county superintendent, Mrs. Hannah W. Tracy, the department, as well as the W. C. T. U. at large, has lost a faithful, consecrated worker who brought things to pass. Her county work was reported at county convention.

Franklin: Two Mothers' meetings, one hundred White Ribbon recruits; 100 pages literature distributed; three mothers won to our cause through this department.

Knox: Department presented at county convention; 15,000 pages of literature sent out; two unions have loan libraries.

Oxford: One Mothers' meeting; one hundred pages of literature distributed; 258 White Ribbon recruits; four mothers won.

Piscataquis: Seventeen Mothers' meetings; two Child-Culture clubs, under auspices of W. C. T. U.; four subscribers to Mothers' magazines; two loan libraries containing twenty-seven books; 450 pages literature distributed; forty-seven White Ribbon recruits; four mothers won.

Penobscot: One Parent-Teachers' meeting; 300 pages of literature distributed; 40 White Ribbon recruits. Department presented at county convention by State superintendent.

The encouraging thing about this very incomplete report is the number of mothers won through this department.

MYRA W. McKECHNIE.

MORAL EDUCATION, RACE BETTERMENT AND PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART.

These two departments were combined last year, and in the latter I have sent out report blanks and samples of literature to counties, and to some local unions. Partly, perhaps, because we could not be at convention, reports have come in slowly.

Androscoggin: Several hundred pages of literature distributed. Bible study introduced into clubs; resolutions against indecent literature; protest against the immoral in art, etc.

Kennebec: Literature distributed. Work for girls.

Knox: 30,000 pages of literature distributed. Special work for soldiers and sailors. Many copies of "A Friendly Word to Young Men" and "Parents' War Problems" used.

Piscataquis: Meeting for girls, literature distributed; a good loan library.

Our department is closely connected with the Woman's Committee of National Defense, the State superintendent being chairman of the Committee of Rest and Recreation.

A partial record of Maine's W. C. T. U. war work is as follows: The unions have co-operated for war-time protection of girls with the Y. W. C. A., Epworth League and other Church Societies, Associated Charities, Suffrage Association and Police Municipal Court Officers. Three unions report curfew law enforced. There are six police matrons, two policewomen, one woman agent for protection of girls. Six unions report co-operation with local welfare committees to prevent loitering of girls around camps, parks and other public places. Six unions report investigation of questionable neighborhoods, boarding houses and soft drink stands. Fifteen unions report effort to raise the standard of patriotism in girls. One union entered heartily into a "clean-up" cam-

paign for benefit of soldiers. Fourteen unions report the challenging of girls of High School age to completing school work. Also report Study Clubs, Mothers' meetings, Parent-Teachers' meetings, a loan library for mothers and children. The co-operation of mothers and teachers for the special instruction of girls has been sought.

Three unions report exerting influence to prevent the employment of young girls in stores in camp communities. Our W. C. T. U. has pioneered in moral education and we ought to be in the forefront in all advanced steps taken. I am anxious that the local superintendents in every town and city be fully aroused to the needs of our State, and enlisted in enthusiastic co-operation with all agencies working for moral uplift. We have worked faithfully in all material things, and we may have been so busy that we partly forgot other important issues in making our country safe for democracy.

I would like to emphasize the need of having local and county superintendents and of sending in reports promptly.

County superintendents—Androscoggin, Mrs. L. M. Collings, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Mary M. Boynton, Mars Hill, Mrs. Hannah W. Tracy, No. Amity; Cumberland, Mrs. A. I. Andrews, Gorham, M. K. Varney, Windham; Kennebec, Mrs. Mary L. Smith, Hallowell; Knox, Mrs. Sarah Bramhall, Thomaston, Mrs. E. S. Ufford, Rockland; Oxford, Mrs. Anna W. White, W. Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. Alice DeWitt, La Grange, Amy E. McKusick, E. Corinth; Piscataquis, Mrs. Lenora McKusick, Guilford; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Etta Doughty, Lisbon Falls, Mrs. Hattie Collins, Woolwich; Waldo, Mrs. Laura Chase, Brooks, R. F. D.

MABEL M. IRISH.

SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS.

We are reminded by a world's secretary that social meetings, where the small groups are gathered in the parlors or on

the lawns, are the best ways to increase membership and educate the public to the tremendous scope of our organization. Literature blanks have been sent out to all counties and eleven have utilized this department. Next year we hope to have every vacancy filled. Once this valuable machinery has been put in operation surely it will be continued, for its effectiveness will be seen and felt at once. The report by counties is as follows:—

Androscoggin: Superintendent, Mrs. Ida Z. Eveleth, Lisbon Falls, R. F. D. No. 2. Red Letter Days observed, 27; social meetings, 20; lawn socials, 3; Fourth of July celebration, 1; Frances Willard memorial, 3; honorary members gained, 12; new members, 6; Mothers' meetings, 1; offerings, \$6.83 contributed to memorial fund, \$3.00; distributed 673 pages of literature; comfort bags made and work done for war orphans.

Aroostook: Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Twist, Mapleton. Social meetings, 25; Red Letter Days, 8; lawn socials, 7; Frances Willard memorial, 2; Mrs. Stevens' birthday, 1; new members, 27; honorary members gained, 6; Fourth of July celebration, 1; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; offerings, \$51.38; Jennie Cassidy's birthday celebrated with fine program, many bouquets sent to sick and an offering of \$12.25; two social outings joined with L. T. L.; two public church meetings with special programs and speakers. Much work done for Red Cross.

Cumberland: Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Hurd, Gray. Social meetings, 11; Red Letter Days, 27; Frances Willard memorial, 5; Neal Dow, 3; Mrs. Stevens' birthday, 4; Temperance Sunday, 2; Day of prayer, 1; reception to honorary members, 2; flower mission, 1; lawn socials, 1; Mothers' meetings, 2; public meeting for suffrage; patriotic concert, 1; collections, \$30.85; 100 pages of literature distributed.

Franklin: Superintendent, Mrs. Fannie Howe, King-

field. Social meetings, 2; Red Letter Days, 2; Frances Willard, 1, and sent \$2.00 to fund; new members, 4; Mothers' meeting, 1; offerings, \$18.50.

Knox: Superintendent, Mrs. L. O. Norwood, Union, R. F. D. Social meetings, 16; Red Letter Days, 20; lawn socials, 2; Frances Willard memorial, 1; new members, 3; honorary members gained, 2; 5,000 pages literature distributed.

Lincoln: Medormack union held a Patriotic Rally Day, by Loyal Temperance Legion boys and girls, in observance of Anna Gordon's birthday. One new member gained.

Penobscot: Social meetings, 31; Red Letter Days, 6; lawn socials, 3; Frances Willard memorial, 3; new members, 3; honorary members gained, 6; circulated *Union Signals* and 6,942 pages of literature; collections, \$72.45. Dexter union held a prize contest and prize knitting contest.

Sagadahoc: Social meetings, 4; Red Letter Days, 1; Frances Willard memorial, 1; distributed year's magazines; offerings, \$4.50.

Somerset: Social meetings, 12; Red Letter Days, 5; lawn socials, 1; Frances Willard memorial, 1; offerings, \$.70. Skowhegan union held an interesting meeting at the Woman's State Reformatory, program furnished by the children.

Waldo: Superintendent, Mrs. Annie Conant, Winterport. Social meetings, 3; many Red Letter Days observed, 10; flower mission, 2; Frances Willard memorial, 1; sent \$4.00 to fund; offerings, \$10.20; Fourth of July celebration, 1; honorary members gained, 3; 53 pages of literature distributed; one joint meeting with Red Cross, one ice cream sale, and a great deal of relief work done.

Oxford: Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. Stickney, E. Brownfield.

Piscataquis: Superintendent, Mrs. Oscar Degestrom, Derby, P. O. Box 34.

Washington: Superintendent, Mrs. John Leeman, Calais.

York: Superintendent, Mrs. Julia R. Staples, South Eliot.

Kennebec: Superintendent, Mrs. Ella B. Smith, 4 Melvin St., Augusta.

The returns which have been received indicate that in nearly every instance where an effort has been made to keep the department active the local union has reported a marked increase in membership and local importance.

LILLIAN R. QUIMBY.

FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

I am pleased to bring you again a report of this important department of our work.

Temperance victories are coming thick and fast, but the end is not yet, and this department must not relax its efforts.

Miss Gordon says in her recommendations: "Utilize oftener W. C. T. U. windows, fair and poster exhibits, to make converts among the masses who furnish for such exhibits a moving audience reached by no other advocate or argument."

In the campaign plans for national prohibition, the section devoted to demonstrations reads: "Multiply posters, parades, poster hikes and bill-boards, use exhibits in conventions, windows and other public places, illustrating the financial and other phases of the drink problem."

Although many of our White Ribboners have divided their efforts with the Red Cross and other organizations doing war work, yet reports show that much has been accomplished along our own special lines. If the work at fairs

this year has been less than formerly, the need may not have been so great as officials are more alert and active.

The Waterville union at the Maine Central Fair pitched its tent and served meals during the four days with good success both financially and socially. Hundreds of pages of literature were given away. The union, by invitation, had a booth in the city council rooms in connection with the "Child Welfare work", which was made attractive with striking posters, some contributed through the courtesy of our State president. A large amount of literature on different departments of work was distributed. The Sunday before election appropriate posters were hung in vestibules and Sunday School rooms of the churches.

The Rockland union had two dinners held on the regular day of meeting with good attendance. These social gatherings are much enjoyed and looked forward to with pleasure.

At East Livermore camp meeting, Hartford union (Oxford county) distributed leaflets on Sabbath observance. An effort was made by the unions in the county to close the grounds to the public the Sunday preceding the fair. The weather closed it this year. May the unions succeed in their worthy efforts in the future.

Owing to war conditions, Piscataquis county held no fair this year. Temperance Day was observed at the M. E. campground in Foxcroft with Dr. Berry as speaker. Many White Ribboners were in attendance. "Field Day" was held at the campground with a good delegation from the unions in the county and a talk by Mrs. L. H. Wight was an inspiration to all present.

The Parkman W. C. T. U. presented a fine service flag to the town on Memorial Day with appropriate exercises, consisting of singing, marching of school children carrying flags, music by the band and inspiring addresses by Rev.

Vrooman and the county president, Mrs. Bigney. This patriotic act of the union was much appreciated by the townspeople.

The Dover-Foxcroft union served a patriotic lunch on the porch of one of its members. The decorations and program were along the lines of patriotism and prohibition.

At the Waldo and Penobscot fair held at Monroe, the unions of Waldo county did excellent work in serving the needs of the people in attendance. Their headquarters were warm and comfortable for the babies and elderly people. The Baby Show was held at their rooms. Literature was given out freely, also ice water and tea was served. They found opportunity to render assistance and sympathy to an afflicted family and they are deserving of great praise for their Christian service.

The "Open Air Meetings" Committee of the Machias union (Washington county) commenced its work by opening a Rest Room on Main street during Patriotic Day in June. The opportunity for rest and brushing up was much appreciated by out of town visitors. The letters W. C. T. U. puzzled some of the people present who evidently did not know of our organization, but finally decided that W. C. T. U. stood for War Saves (Caves) the Union. The committee also arranged for a W. C. T. U. home on the campground on Temperance Day, making it attractive with flags and banners.

Fair work has for several years presented an opportunity for these loyal women to do temperance work. They now have commodious quarters, providing a Rest Room where mothers and little children are welcomed. Refreshments of an excellent quality are served in an adjoining room and they are well patronized. National prohibition was their sign.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

W. C. T. U. represented at fair grounds, seven; open air meetings, 17; Temperance Day observed on campgrounds,

four; pages of literature distributed, 3,000; posters displayed, 600; money raised, \$392.94; W. C. T. U. exhibits, four.

EDITH N. OAKES.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

This year all our hearts have been turned toward assisting the boys who were giving their lives for us "Over There" and to rendering what relief was possible to the children of the Frontier.

While each county has a faithful superintendent, but few have reported on the regular statistical blanks. The special one furnished by the National and State committees on War Work contained the items along which most definite work has been done.

Many thanks are due the assistant office secretary, Miss Elsie Humaford, and our president, Mrs. Quimby, for their assistance.

We have tried to help a bit but the greater part of the work has been done at State headquarters. Many pages of literature have been sent the county superintendents, and will, no doubt, be used in regular channels in the future.

Our boys are coming home, and while it will take time to get everything adjusted, our hearts rejoice that war is at an end. We are ready to "lend a hand" to suffering humanity wherever found and feel that it can truly be said that this department has been one of real service during the year just closed.

The chairman of the New England clothing committee, Miss Constance Hall of Cambridge, Mass., expresses her thanks for the "valuable help in sewing and knitting for the Frontier children. It has been a pleasure to receive and pack such well-made garments."

The work of the State will be interesting reading to those

who have labored long and well to present the following report:

Twenty-one unions have extended material aid to families of soldiers and sailors with money, clothing, bedding material, 2,000 garments, cost \$178.00. Thirty-nine unions have co-operated with the house service committee of the Red Cross. Have assisted church societies, patriotic bodies, clubs, Rebekahs, Eastern Star and Y. W. C. A. Nine unions have contributed to the fund for adoption of fatherless children in France, \$421.00. Three children have been adopted. Sixty-four unions have made clothing for the children of the war devastated zones, 2,433 garments, 5 quilts. One union donated and knit 7 lbs. of wool. Others, 52 skeins for stockings, 18 skeins for sweaters. Shipping charges, \$68.72. Sixteen unions sent clothing to local Red Cross. Four unions have sent delicacies to base hospitals through the W. C. T. U., flower mission; Red Cross and relatives. Seven unions observed flower mission day by gifts to families who have a son, husband or brother at the front.

ANNIE MAE FROST.

FRANCHISE.

Although very little active work has been done during the past year, the interest in this department is steadily increasing.

The war conditions, bringing so many other lines of thought and work have claimed some of the time, but reports come to me of meetings held and literature distributed much the same as in other years.

Through the year our attention has been turned toward the passage of the Susan B. Anthony Federal Amendment. Many letters and telegrams were sent to our Congressmen from the State W. C. T. U. The amendment has gone

through the lower House of Congress by more than a two-thirds vote and lacked only two votes of the needed two-thirds in the Senate.

We have had much to encourage us this year; three full suffrage states have been added to the list. These victories bring the number of suffrage states to fifteen. Ten of the full suffrage states, Alaska Territory and the seven states with presidential and municipal, or presidential alone, have been gained since your superintendent took up the work in 1910. All over the world suffrage is sweeping along as rapidly as in this country. We read that even in Germany the choice of a form of government is to be decided by the people "irrespective of sex." Since the war began France, Belgium and Italy have announced their readiness for woman's suffrage. England, Canada and Denmark have achieved it.

Let us believe that the next full suffrage state may be Maine.

MINNIE K. HOUSE.

"STAR IN THE EAST."

No special changes have been made in the paper the past year.

Prohibition news has at all times had right of way and will continue to have until the federal amendment has been ratified and has become the law of our land.

National matters have been presented at different times as the case demanded, for we believe that our women should be in close touch with National plans.

Our president, Mrs. Quimby, has sent us frequent and interesting letters, giving us a vision of helpfulness.

War service plans have been fully discussed and instruction for development carefully given.

National, state and county conventions have been re-

ported in order that those who did not attend might receive a measure of inspiration from these gatherings.

News from local unions and from the different counties found the accustomed place in the paper.

The State superintendents have sent letters; at least, some of them have. All might do so if they would, and in this way there is direct communication established between superintendents and subscribers. I wish I might say "all members" instead of subscribers, but unfortunately all members are not subscribers.

The Honor List, showing number of members gained since State convention, has been maintained as it was last year. Of late we have published a service list showing what boys and men have gone into their country's service from White Ribbon homes.

The business manager will tell you the financial standing of *The Star*. We both wish that every member took the paper, that all understood what is so plain to us,—that *The Star* is not ours, but theirs. Our part is to serve and we try to do it well in order that the paper, small as it is, may yet have a part in bringing nearer day by day, the glad and glorious tomorrow of national constitutional prohibition.

GERTRUDE STEVENS LEAVITT, *Editor*.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

The report of the department of Peace and Arbitration will of necessity be meagre this year. Three superintendents have reported. Others have written that it has not seemed wise to prosecute the work of the department this year lest we be misunderstood.

Sagadahoc county reports that the work has been kept up. Hague Day was observed in one school; peace stories distributed at one school. The county superintendent has



spoken on the subject at one convention, at one Church, three Sunday Schools and five day schools. She did work for the cause at three W. C. T. U. county conventions in Maine. Gave Hubbard Library, Bowdoin College, a valuable collection of peace periodicals.

Kennebec county has done some work along the line of this department this year. More than twelve hundred pages of literature have been distributed.

Androscoggin county superintendent, Miss Laura A. Ellison, writes that she "has corresponded with all the unions in her county. There have been three regular meetings devoted to the subject of peace and one public evening meeting. This was one of the Christian Endeavor subjects in December and many young people prayerfully considered it in the C. E. meetings throughout the county. Seven peace papers are taken."

"At present," the superintendent writes, "Our work centers around war relief."

Now that the cruel fighting is over and the world preparing for peace again, we must renew our efforts along educational and constructive lines and do all in our power to make another war impossible and to bring about the time when the Prince of Peace shall reign supreme.

ALICE A. CLOUGH.

NOTE.—For list of Memorial Members, Life Members, Constitution and By-Laws, see Report for 1917 or previous years.

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