

which is really very good, Dovercourt being the only silent one, but of these ten, only two Unions are carrying on Bands of Hope. These are the Western, which has two, with a total membership of 600. It has weekly meetings, and has distributed 2,000 pages of literature. They teach the Temperance Catechism and have given prizes at Christmas. In addition to this, they have two teachers at the Baptist Band and three at the Methodist.

The Willard Band has had 22 meetings with an average attendance of fourteen. They also distributed prizes, nineteen being given for attendance and good conduct. They also had a pic-nic which was very enjoyable.

The Central "Y's" have continued the teaching in Miss How's school; between 40 and 50 children during the school term receiving Miss Wills' instruction with the greatest interest and attention. Prizes were given at Christmas for written examination, which is the true basis for the distribution of rewards, the 1st prize being given to one obtaining 97 per cent of the whole, and the second, 85 per cent. The answers were very original, and showed that the teaching had been thoroughly understood. They have unfortunately been unable to do any Kindergarten work, owing to lack of workers.

The only Kindergarten classes in our city have been carried on from October to April, by the Gorden "Y's"—48 were enrolled and the attendance was fairly good; 40 signed the pledge.

It has been decided by the Central "Y's" to begin a training class for the Kindergarten work as soon as possible. A suggestion has been made in connection with Band of Hope work, which I will refer to my successor, who may find it practicable, that is, that a monthly Normal class should be formed that should equip those interested in the young, but feeling that they do not know what to teach. That seems to be the regular excuse for neglecting Band of Hope work. Oh! I do not know how; I would not know what to teach.

Then, if we could but buckle the armor on to a staff of new workers and send them out to gather in the children from all quarters and teach those who are already gathered in our public institutions, much more would be done towards the education, which is to be the great lever to lift the liquor traffic from our midst.

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