

Department in scores of congregations yield rich encouragement for its wider adoption and more vigorous prosecution. Blessed are those that sow beside all waters. The harvest will be rich and sure.

### The Prohibition Plebiscite.

**T**HE vote will probably be taken in October. There are only four months in which to prepare for one of the most important reform campaigns that has ever been fought.

The deliverance of our land from the blight of the drink curse is an object so noble and inspiring that every patriot should lend his most earnest efforts and influence to secure it.

Every member of every society should endeavor to be mustered into the brigade of temperance workers that will uphold the standard of righteousness in the campaign.

The first thing required is organization. Every municipality should be thoroughly organized at once. If it has not been undertaken in your municipality, will you do what you can to have the work hastened? Organize!

Meetings should be planned for every church and hall in your district. Get the very best speakers available to present the cause of prohibition. Bright, stirring music is an important point to remember in planning for enthusiastic meetings. Get the best singers together and form "prohibition choirs" for the practice of suitable music.

Printers' ink will play a leading part in securing a victory for reform. What is needed is the circulation of information in every home in the land. Facts tell. Make use of every local paper. Sow your neighborhood broadcast with prohibition literature. Facts are the fuel of temperance as well as of all other fires.

Send a delegate to the convention of temperance workers which will be held in the Pavilion, Toronto, on Tuesday, July 5th, at 9 a.m. Mr. F. S. Spence, Toronto, will send full particulars on request. The information and the enthusiasm which the delegate will bring home to the society will be invaluable in getting the work properly under way.

### New Readers.

**A**S the circulation of the HERALD grows wider with the passing months, it is our privilege to enter new societies and speak to new members. From the warm words of commendation we are daily receiving, we know that our visits are appreciated. Some article, or story, or poem, or editorial, lifts the cloud, or strengthens faith, or leads to more consecrated service for the Master. This is what our paper exists for. We would have little interest in it otherwise. But we wish to extend our sphere of usefulness still further. There are thousands of Endeavorers in Canada who do not yet enjoy the privilege of our monthly visits. We depend upon our readers to

make the HERALD known. We want your help in the matter. Will you not seek to secure a new subscriber for us? Just one. Among your friends there are many who would be delighted with the HERALD, if they only had an opportunity of reading it and subscribing for it. If you care to get up a club, our Business Manager will be glad to hear from you and offer you special inducements to take up the work. In aiding the HERALD you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping every one whom you induce to subscribe, strengthening your society, and extending the movement throughout the Dominion.

### Cigarettes have Done It.

**T**HE raising of the volunteer army in the United States has led to some interesting revelations. The authorities have not been pleased at the slow progress that has been made. Now it appears that the delay has been largely due to the number of volunteers rejected, and the rejections have been mainly caused by the disastrous effects of the deadly cigarette. The physicians report that outside of the ranks of the smokers the number rejected is even fewer than in the days of the Civil War, but that among the habitual users of cigarettes the rejections are about ninety per cent. These have weak hearts or lack the vitality necessary to make good soldiers. This is strong testimony. It only confirms what physicians and scientists have all along been declaring, that the cigarette habit leads unerringly to physical and mental decay.

### The Nashville Programme.

**T**HE provisional programme for the Seventeenth International Christian Endeavor Convention has just appeared. It is full of good things. The topics are of a practical character, and the speakers among the ablest and most eloquent on the continent. Nashville '98 will be a great occasion.

The convention opens with ten simultaneous meetings in ten churches, on Wednesday evening, July 6. The topic to be considered at each of these meetings is "The Enduement with Power." Each service will close with a "Quiet Hour."

The convention choruses will be under the direction of Mr. E. O. Excell, of Chicago, and Mr. Percy S. Foster, of Washington. These names guarantee inspiring singing of a high order.

The daily "Quiet Hour," under the direction of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., of Philadelphia, from 8.30 to 9.30 will bring thousands of young people face to face with the deep things of the Christian life.