

OTTAWA—Mrs. M. J. Scott, Superintendent—The Superintendent of this Department accompanied by the President, Mrs. A. Gordon, made two visits to the encampment during the time the Rifle men were there; on each occasion they were most cordially received and kindly treated.

Most of them appeared to appreciate their intentions, and not only thankfully received the tracts and literature distributed, but at once proceeded to read them. They found some who were Christians, and not only total abstainers, but strong advocates of the principle of prohibition. Many of them were acquainted with the work of the W. C. T. U., and highly commended our motives and aims.

Fellow-workers are we ready to go on with this Department. Will every county come to our aid.

Let us "Put on the whole armour of God," "Having on the breastplate of righteousness," "Taking the shield of faith," "The helmet of salvation," "And the sword of the spirit which is the word of God."

It is discouraging to have a county write and say there is nothing we can do, our battalion encamps so far from home, when their neglected work is probably being done by the Provincial Superintendent, who is still further from the encampment field.

By actual count, within fifteen minutes sixty-eight men in uniform of the defenders of Candaa were seen going into a bar. Is not this an appeal to us to be up and doing, these are brothers, husbands, fathers of our land.

May I here ask for a discussion or the opinion of the Convention as to a question of whose duty or right to act in the following case:

The York Rangers were encamped at Niagara this season. I wrote to York County urging that they improve the opportunity for work by making an effort on behalf of these hundreds of men. But, alas, the reply came:—"No Superintendent can do the work." I next appealed to Toronto District, but they said:—"These are county men, and the counties ought to look after them," and there it ended.

After twelve days' outing the corps returned. I happened to be near the wharf when the boat came in, and the men got off for a few hours in the city on their homeward journey. I was surprised to see that many of the corps were very young men, and possibly this had been their first outing. I could not but say:—What an opportunity we have lost.

Now, was it the duty of Provincial Superintendent to supply literature? There were Unions in the county.

I wrote to Niagara re work along this line, but got no reply.