

Loyal Crusaders' Department.

A GOOD PLEDGE.

Three things there are I'll never do,
I'll never drink, or smoke, or chew;
I ne'er will form an appetite
For whiskey, beer, cigar or pipe;
No alcohol or *nicotine
About may persons shall be seen.
And three things more will I beware,
I'll never lie, or steal, or swear,
I'll speak the truth to every one;
What is not mine I'll leave alone;
My lips I pledge shall ever be,
From naughty words and swearing free.
Now these six things will I forbear

I'll never drink,
Nor smoke,
Nor chew,
Nor lie,
Nor steal,
Nor swear.

* Nicotine: the botanical name of tobacco.

WANTED: 10,000 BOYS.

The liquor traffic *must* have boys or it must shut up shop. It can no more run without boys than it can make the deadly poison without destroying good wholesome grain made by God for man's food, or turn its engines without steam. The liquor traffic is a great drunkard factory and unless it can get 10,000 Ontario boys a year for raw material, some of the factories must close down and the whiskey sellers go to work to earn a honest living. One family out of every five must contribute a boy to supply this demand. Please come forward with your boy. If you default your neighbors must contribute more than their share.

My Dear Young Friends:—

December has come and with it the last letter we promised to write for this Department.

When you receive your next paper the officers in the Grand Division will have been changed, and we believe and trust that this department will be conducted by an abler pen than mine.

We thank all the young friends who have written us such nice letters, and if anything has been said that has proved helpful to any one, we feel fully repaid for any time given to it.

We hope to watch the course of some of the young friends whose acquaintance we have made through this paper and expect one day they will make men and women strong to help in the cause of right, and of whom we will be proud to say "we thought so."

*Talmage says, "Our life is a book,
Our years are the chapters
Our months are the paragraphs
Our days are the sentences."*

Do we realize that this year now drawing to a close is a chapter in our lives?

Perhaps there are sentences or whole paragraphs which we would gladly erase if that were possible, but we cannot do so.

Oh may we construct our sentences aright and then we will know that the chapters will be sure

to be right, and finally when the book is completed, whether it contains many chapters or few, that it may be such that, we need not fear the perusal of the "All Seeing Eye."

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

I remain your loving,

AUNT BEE.

A few weeks ago a commander of one of our companies asked the comrades to write papers on the tobacco habit. Thinking you might be interested we publish a sample one written by a boy of 9 years:

FOUR REASONS WHY TOBACCO SHOULD NOT BE USED.

Temperance people should avoid the taking of tobacco in any way, either by chewing or smoking a pipe, a cigar or cigarette. The first reason is that it weakens the force of the heart and interferes with the regularity of its action. The second is that it makes the breath bad so that it is very unpleasant to sit by the smoker or chewer. A third one is that it cracks the voice so that the person cannot sing or speak to advantage. The last is that it makes the person nervous. Tobacco has a greater effect on the young than on the old because they have not so strong a constitution, but neither old nor young should have the filthy habit of chewing and smoking.

H. E. R.

SUGGESTIONS TO SENIOR OFFICERS.

Get up an entertainment for the children at Christmas time. Change your methods frequently. Give prizes for the best essays on the effect of tobacco and alcohol. Arrange an open meeting and invite parents and friends. Teach the children Julia Coleman's Temperance Catechism. Make your meetings bright and attractive. Announce at the next meeting the Senior Officers will provide the entertainment for the children. Be patient, resourceful and zealous; do your duty as it presents itself, leaving results to the future and God.

Elizabeth, N.J., Nov. 15th, 1898.

My Dear Aunt Bee:

Just a few lines from a little Jersey girl. I am nine years old but not too young to be a Loyal Crusader, I have two brothers, Herbert Vaughn aged seven, and George William, aged three, who are also members.

We have very nice meetings at Company (A) Branch of 27 S. of T. Last summer we had a trolley ride to the Orange Mountains and we were not afraid to let the people know we were temperance girls and boys; we had several picnics to the woods.

Now we are preparing for our anniversary. I hope it will be a success for our officers work hard with us.

*I close with love, from your friend,
FRANCES AMANDA MANNIFIELD.*

GOOD OF THE ORDER

DON'T COMPROMISE WITH SOCIAL CUSTOM.—Samuel N. Rhoads in the American Friend "has an interesting article on Bible Temperance of which this is a paragraph: * * * it was the Lord's design to test these faithful Rechabites and test their tetotalism to the utmost in the very "house of the Lord" itself. And what did they say to Jeremiah? They didn't say, "Oh, we're not thirsty to-day," or "No, thank thee," or "Has thee any soft drinks?" or "I'll take a cigar." Not so the descendants of Jonadab, but they said, "Jeremiah, *We will drink no wine*, for Jonadab, our father, commanded us, saying, ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons forever."

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD DIVISION.—Every Div. must depend for its success upon the energies, loyalty, and determination of its members. No machinery will work without power, and no power will keep that machinery in motion for long together without frequent oiling. These preliminary truths must never be lost sight of, else all efforts to make a Div. successful will end in failure. Much zeal for the cause among all the members, tempered with a large-hearted love for those who are fellow-laborers with us in the work is essential. Bearing in mind these principles, I might ask, When may a Div. be considered successful? My reply is:

1. When it is laboring to reclaim the intemperate.
2. When it keeps its members banded together in a holy crusade against strong drink.
3. When it trains its members, especially the younger ones, to look upon alcohol as a deadly enemy.
4. When it works harmoniously, and in full sympathy with its neighboring Divs.
5. When it watches, takes an active interest in, and, as far as possible, guides the temperance affairs of the district.
6. When it follows eagerly every national movement, especially in connection with its own Grand Division.
7. When it circulates Temperance literature, and keeps the Prohibition question well to the front.—*Rev. G. Edwards in Temperance World.*

YOUR ORDER.—The lodge is an aggressive force, and there is no organization like it in uniting all classes of the community in a continual warfare against the drink curse.

Drink undermines and destroys the individual. The lodge puts a foundation under him and builds him up.

Drink disrupts and breaks up the family. The lodge cultivates by precept and example those qualities which bind the family in one, and make it strong.

Drink brings a discordant element into the community, disturbing the quiet of the day, and making night hideous. The lodge overcomes this discordant element, and gives peace and contentment.

Drink demoralizes law. The lodge makes it strong and abiding.