

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, belonging to Rev. Samuel Houston's Presbyterian Church, Kingston, having no W. C. T. U. to work in this line.

The Royal Grenadiers, under command of Lieutenant-Col. James Mason, spent the above-mentioned holiday at Berlin, and the W. C. T. U. of Berlin kindly received the literature provided by the Toronto District and distributed it there. The 48th Highlanders also went for an outing, under command of Colonel John J. Davidson, but as that officer is not as yet in sympathy with all our work, we were unable to reach the corps, though Wentworth County responded heartily to the call, and were willing to do whatever they could. However, we were thankful to Colonel Davidson for permission to distribute literature at the armories to his corps, and hope during the coming year to win more of his sympathy.

Total amount of literature distributed at camps, armories and Stanley barracks, 3,053 pieces. An effort was made to distribute literature at Boys' Brigade at Niagara, but we were too late arranging for it.

The 15th Battalion encamped at Kingston in September, and knowing that there was no local Union there, your Superintendent sent literature to the officer, Lieut.-Col. Vidal, asking if he would kindly have it distributed. The following reply speaks for itself:

CAMP BARRIEFIELD, 1896.

DEAR MADAM—I received your letter of the 17th inst., to-day; also the package of papers, which I have directed to be distributed among the different corps in camp. We are all much obliged for your kind thoughtfulness. The members of your society will be pleased to hear that so far not a single case of intoxication has come to my notice.

I am, madam, Faithfully yours,

F. H. VIDAL.

In looking over the *Military Gazette* it occurred to me to write to the editor and ask him to publish my letter in his paper asking officers in command of battalions to notify us when their battalion intend going to camp, what effort on our behalf would be acceptable to the corps, etc. The following is his reply:

OTTAWA, October 16, 1896.

DEAR MRS. STARR—I have your letter of the 14th, and I shall only be too happy to insert it in the *Canadian Military Gazette*, and we will also draw attention to it in our editorial columns. Anything further we can do to help on the good work you have inaugurated—you have only to suggest—and we will endeavor to carry out your ideas. I hope the day may never come when Canadian forces will require to go on active service, but if it does, we feel that the little attentions to the soldiers at camps of training simply show that the members of your association would render much more substantial assistance at a time when it would be indeed necessary.

Yours very truly,

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