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Next meeting in Temperance Hall, Thursday, Aug. 14th, at 3.30 p. m.

The meetings are always open to any who wish to become members. Visiting members of other W. C. T. U. Unions are cordially welcomed.

Miss Agnes Weston.

(From the Daily Chronicle, London.)

Miss Agnes Weston is a specialist among philanthropists. She is a temperance reformer, it is true; but here is applied temperance; and applied in a highly specialized form to the cause of the poor.

Her Majesty's ship, the *Claspnet*, is a floating school for the poor.

She has preached with voice and pen Christianity and temperance to the British blue jacket. But she has done more than preach and teach. She has by her efforts provided them with homes on shore which make the way of total abstinence easy—bright, cheery, almost luxurious buildings, to which Jack steers, as to a port—and she has stood their friend whenever and wherever they need one, and she was willing to accept help.

She has indeed earned the title by which the sailors have learned to know her, that of "The Blue Jacket's Mother."

The personality of the worker explains the success of her work. A generous, expansive, motherly face, with a smile never far from eyes or lip, a generous tolerance of the cause which is called common, a God-given sense of humor, without which work among blue jackets at any time could never succeed, fact amounting to genius for saying the right thing to the right person, an enthusiasm for total abstinence, and a firm belief in the God of the Bible—these are the qualities which have made Miss Weston's name a household word in the navy, and have made it honored wherever it is known.

Her interest in all who go down to the sea in ships, whether belonging to the navy, the marine or the coastguard, is the more curious, as she was born in London, the daughter of a brewer, and had the greater part of her early life in Bath. It was while there, indeed, that she began her life's work by a letter written to a soldier on a troopship going to India, whom she had befriended in the Bath Hospital. The soldier, by chance, as it seemed, showed that letter to a seaman, who expressed a wish for a letter too. One letter grew to many hundreds, and out of the limits of a pen, and to day, these letters, called by the men "blue-jackets," form an important feature of Miss Weston's work and a catalyst to the number of over half a million a year.

Another apparent chance led her to visit friends at Devonport, where the sight of so many boys from the training ships, and seamen in uniform lying in their bunks, wandering about with no apparent place to rest and no one to care for, led her to consider what could be done to provide them, in the words of a sailor himself, with a public-house without the drink. Eventually, on the most ideal of favorable sites, close to the dockyard gate, a "Sailors' Rest" was an accomplished fact. And each year since it has become a more and more substantial fact, until now it is a large and imposing building, with an other like unto it at Portsmouth. The motto of the Rests, as well as of their founder's life, is "For the glory of God and the good of the service."

The Rests, in addition to the highly successful restaurant, contain hundreds of cabin bedrooms for Jack's use on shore, many, indeed most of them, given by different donors, the memorial brasses bearing the names of the givers. One cabin, whose brass bears the inscription, "Given by Queen Victoria, 1895," is a room all seamen are proud to occupy.

Another useful feature of the Rests is the lockers, rented at so much a month, for the storing of a sailor's treasures, and last, but not least, the bath, each in their cubicles and all continually in request. Perhaps the success of the building and the catering, as well as of Miss Weston's speeches, which she prefers to call "talks," lies in her intuitive appreciation of what her audience and those for whom she is catering in a material way will like. Everything is bright, cheery and pretty. But in substance and usefulness are the only famous suggestions about the Home, except the motherly touch when Jack is ill or in trouble. There is no charity and nothing to suggest it. When Jack enters the Rest and orders his plate of "sausages and mash" (mashed potatoes) or a "bit of plum duff" (a bit of the national for peace), he is not oppressed by the feeling that he is there because he and his fellows are being reformed. He gets because he likes it, and because he gets what he wants, and gets good value for his money. In fact, the place is run on sound commercial lines, and nothing is done that is not served out with the coffee.

And how popular that it may be judged from a week's housekeeping account at Devonport. In one week was consumed and paid for, one shilling and sixpence, and nothing more—1,200 eggs, 150 dozen milk, 1,200 sausages (all made on the premises), nine hams, thirty gallons of tea and coffee, while 2,100 were taken over the counter in small sums. The fact that the Rests are made to yield each year a clear profit of 100,000, which is devoted to carrying forward the flag of temperance and goodness into the future, is due to the business efficiency of Miss Weston, who is also given up to this work. To her also is due the success of "Ashore and Afloat," the monthly magazine, which circulates to the number of 400,000 a year on all Her Majesty's ships, in lonely coastguard stations, among deep-sea fishing fleets, and, by request of the American naval authorities, on board the ships flying the Stars and Stripes.

There is no temperance work carried on on board these ships than Miss Weston's. She aims at being the sailor's best friend, even when he is most drunk, and any man who has sufficient sense to so much as sing himself against the swinging doors of the Rest, finds that Miss Weston's staff within are ready to help even him. No one who has not seen it can imagine the scene at either of the two main entrances, when the Channel Squadron is in the harbor. All the afternoon and evening the hall, the reading room, and the bar are crowded with men, but when night comes they literally pour in, and then the difficulties begin. The manager has filled all the cubicles and the dormitories, and still there are more who imperiously insist that they must be taken in at either of the two main entrances. The difficulties begin for the home rulers are many—or with the boys from the training ships. These things tell more emphatically than figures of the fine work of Miss Weston.

NEARLY DISCOURAGED.

The Experience of Mr. Ralph Gibson, who suffered greatly from General Debility.

From the Advertiser, Hartford, N. H.

Ralph Gibson, postmaster at Monkton, Carleton Co., N. B., is also known as a prosperous agriculturist and an enthusiast in his line. Now, at the age of 35, weighing 250 pounds, he would be recognized as the man who at months ago was the picture of one suffering from the terrible symptoms of general debility. He was run down in health, suffered much from dizziness, almost blindness, general dullness and depression of spirits. He had a poor appetite and such food as he ate gave him great distress. He was incapacitated for the work that fell upon him and was well nigh utterly discouraged. The symptoms bordered on those by which hypochondria is manifested. Through reading the Advertiser he learned of the particular benefit that several of his friends in this vicinity had received by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and by the hope held out by their testimonials he decided to try a supply and took them according to directions. The result was almost magical; immediately his symptoms began to become less disagreeable, and he steadily gained until now he is perfectly free from his old troubles. He gladly and freely gives this testimonial, that all who may read it may know the remedy if ever they are troubled with general debility.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They cure and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. The genuine can only be had in boxes, the wrapper around which bears the full trade name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

Receipts for Good Time.

Don't kick.

Cheer up. Keep cool.

Joke as often as possible.

Put your best foot forward.

Think of the sunshine of life, not its clouds.

Think of all the good short life is, and make the best of it.

Help some other poor devil, and some of your money may help you.

Pay your bills promptly, and that will help some other struggler in the battle of life.

Find out more unfortunate than yourself and content with it and the place of complaint.

Dress neatly—some men foolishly suppose the harder they look the more sympathy they will receive. It is just the reverse.

A silent man is never interesting, never attractive, never popular. The shyer speaker who does not advertise himself shares the same fate.

Aunt Mary's Timely Visit.

The other evening Aunt Mary took the electric car and rode eastward to the house of her niece who a few weeks previously had just commenced housekeeping. Without ceremony the old lady entered the house and found her niece in the kitchen looking very dejected. Aunt Mary soon discovered that her niece had tried to dye an old dress opera shade, a cardinal red, with some poor cheap dye. The result was certainly enough to test the patience and good-nature of an angel. A miserable mixed color, half red and brown, was the result of failure. Aunt Mary deeply sympathized with her horror-stricken niece, and advised her in future to use nothing but the Diamond Dyes that had given her such satisfaction and profit for over twenty years. The unsightly, variegated shawl was then washed in several waters in order to get rid of the horrid colors, and was then put into a bath of Diamond Dye Cardinal Red for Wool. It is now a thing of joy and beauty.

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A soap has been produced which gives perfect satisfaction. Try

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In Red and Grey Polished Granite and Marble.

Strictly first-class work.

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Having one of the best Harness Stores in the Province, I am prepared to give you Horse Goods of all kinds, consisting of Harness, Rugs, Robes, Whips, Collars, Oils, Brushes, Combs, &c. My Harnesses are the best made in the County, for the price asked; all Hand Made. Call and inspect.

WM. RECAN.

Wolville, Oct. 14th, 1897.

Selling Off Surplus Stock!

Great Bargains Offered in Pianos and Organs, New and Slightly Used.

So Also in New Raymond, New Williams and Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines.

USED SEWING MACHINES AT HALF PRICE.

DON'T KEEP BACK because you cannot pay more than \$3.00 per month on a PIANO, \$2.00 per month on an ORGAN, and 50¢ per month on a SEWING MACHINE.

WE SELL SO WE CAN SELL to your FRIENDS after we have sold to you.

MILLER BROS.,

101 & 103 Barrington St., Halifax.

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Every requisite for the application of

STEAM, WATER AND GAS.

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A great summer luxury—even necessity—for a small outlay.

These goods are warranted best made, giving a positive, continuous circulation of pure, dry, cold air. Strongly and handsomely built. Immense variety to select from. Big discounts from list prices.

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Agents for Nova Scotia.

Hardware, Cutlery, House Furnishings, Novelties, etc.

Xmas Klondike Gold in Kentville!

Opposite the Porter House.

Solid Klondike Gold Rings, with Opal, \$2.00; Klondike Solid Gold Rings, with Ruby and 2 Pearls, \$1.50. 1000 Solid Gold Rings to select from. We have the largest stock of Silverware of any Jeweller in the Province. Silver Cake Baskets from \$2.25; Cutlery, with 5 bottles, from \$2.00; Pie Knives, Gravy or Egg Ladles, Cream Ladles, Spoons, Forks, Knives, Berry Spoons, etc.; Klondike Gold Watches, with fine American Movements, from \$6.00 to \$20.00.

JAMES McLEOD.

Sole Agent for Klondike Gold Jewellery for the County.

THE SLATER SHOE

"What's a shoe for?"

"To cover the foot?"

"That's all?"

"Not for a moment," says Fanny Foot. "Well, I guess not," chimes Old Feet. "To sell" chuckles Fanny Foot and his friend, TO FIT Fanny Foot's shoe bluntly puts in "Now you hit me," cries Conny Toe. "Just my shoe," sings old Bunion Joint. "Who'd a thought it," whined Bunion-o-toes. Are you hit, shoe wearer?

Foot fitters are the genuine, God-given, stamped on the sole \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00 per pair.

"The Slater Shoe."

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THE QUICKEST TIME, 15 to 17 hours between Yarmouth and Boston!

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UNTIL further notice, commencing July 5th, on these steamers will leave Yarmouth for Boston every TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

Evening after arrival of the Evening Express from Halifax. Returning every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY at 12 noon, making close connections at Yarmouth with Dominion Atlantic Ry. and Coast Ry. for all parts of Nova Scotia.

Regular mails carried on steamers. Tickets sold to all points in Canada, via Central Vermont or Canadian Pacific and Boston and Albany Ry., and to New York via Fall River Line, Stonington Line, New England and Boston and Albany Ry.

For all other information apply to Dominion Atlantic, Intercolonial, Central, and Coast Ry. agents, or to W. A. CHASE, L. E. BAKER, Secretary and Freight Manager.

Yarmouth, April 30th, 1898.

DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

"LAND OF EVANGELINE" ROUTE

On and after Mon., August 1st, 1898, the Steamship and train service of this Railway will be as follows:

TRAINS WILL LEAVE WOLFVILLE (Sunday excepted).

Express from Kentville.....5.50, a.m.

"Pig Blues" from Halifax 10.40, a.m.

Express from Yarmouth.....8.50, a.m.

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