

veterans, shall I say with the flower of the field, the rank and file at home bearing us up, we hope, with their prayers at this time, for us, it is a time of trial. This evening the Young Woman's Unions are represented and given equal rights with all the other white ribboned sisters all over the Province. Side by side, we may stand with the Woman's Unions, gladly looking up to them for the help and advice we so much need, and gladly giving them in return all the assistance in our power.

United we are against a common foe, an enemy that, no matter how we slacken our efforts, never takes a vacation. Let us then never grow indifferent or at ease with regard to this foe, intemperance, let us fight "all along the line," in the Home, the Church, the Sunday School, the Day School, the Kitchen Garden, every branch in which we can introduce our temperance sentiments; and as every town and village in England has a road leading to London, so in every branch of our work, if effectual, there will be a road leading to Christ. Let us believe wholly in our work, that it is God's work, and never fear the consequences, and do let us be enthusiastic, for the best workers of the best work done in the world have always been enthusiasts, with this motto carried out in their lives: "This one thing I do, forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Dear Sisters, the "forgetting" is sometimes the hardest part, forgetting the prejudices and the unsympathetic surroundings forgetting the half-heartedness and want of zeal in many who ought to come to, our help and do not, but reaching forth, earnestly striving till the "day break and the shadows flee away," and we stand in the glorious light with the Master's "well done" sounding in our ears.

In the past year it has been my privilege to visit many of the Young Women's Unions in Ontario, and if I was interested in the work before, my interest has become intensified to such a degree, that I regard the young women of this Province as the future hope of the temperance cause. All honor to the fair city of Hamilton where the first Y. W. C. T. U. was started, and whose grand work among the children has given an impetus to all other work of the same kind. Many instances might be given of the self-sacrificing work done in the Y. Unions, and strange though it may seem the best workers are not those who have much leisure time on their hands, but those who are employed in other ways during the day, and can only give their evenings and Saturdays to the beloved cause. In a Western Union, celebrated for its energy, one young woman, employed in her father's store, constantly keeps a book under the counter, where, in the between times, she can study the lesson she teaches to the Band of Hope children.

In another Union in the Eastern part of the Province, one composed mostly of factory girls, all their temperance work has to be done in the evenings, and they carry on a Flower Mission and Sewing Circle. Every day these young girls at their work, may be distinguished from the other factory employees by the white badge, which sometimes is just a knot of white wool tied in the button-hole. This Union I think, made the deepest impression on my heart, and some day, when "Our ship comes home" we hope to see a girls' reading room with bright, pleasant surroundings in that town, where those young women may find a relaxation from a factory boarding house, which is not always the pleasantest place.

In another Union, with a dear Christian girl at its head, their Flower Mission was "baptised with suffering" as the very first bouquet taken by the girls was to one of their own number, who was lying dangerously ill. Eagerly she looked forward to the next visit of the bright missionaries, but our Heavenly Father took her to Himself where the redeemed go no more out forever. He saw that "her

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