

a department that means much to its students and to the churches. It is to be known as the "Department of Field Study and Practice." Rev. C. A. Vincent, a graduate of Oberlin, and pastor of the Congregational Church in Sandusky, Ohio, will have charge of the department. His brilliant success as a pastor eminently qualifies him for the position. The aim of the department will be two-fold—to bring the successful clergymen in contact with the students, and the students in contact for a part of each week with the churches and missions in the vicinity of Oberlin. To accomplish the first, a series of eight monthly conferences will be held with the students by prominent clergymen and lay workers. At each of these conferences some practical theme will be presented by the one conducting it, followed by an opportunity for the students to ask questions. The themes for the coming year are "The Minister in his Study," "The Minister as a Preacher," "The Minister among his People," "The Minister in a Village Church," "The Minister in Relation to Public Questions," "Institutional Work," "The Minister's Place in the Solution of Industrial Problems," "The Evening Services."

SHOW YOUR COLORS!—One of the W.C.T.U. delegates at Grimsby Park said, "Wear your *white ribbon* always!" A good piece of advice. A poor homeless boy in Chicago, a year or two ago, wishing to do better, and if possible "make something" of himself, applied at a venture to a white-ribbon lady he met on the street. He knew what the badge meant, and thought she would advise and befriend him. *And she did*: and then told the story to inspire others. The influence is "many-fold": it helps constancy, and zeal; and the *esprit de corp* of the workers—it gives courage to the hopeless and "submerged"—and it shows the enemy that the watch is set, and the camp-fires are burning, and the forces of Christ are on the alert. One of the greatest failures and discouragements of the Salvation Army, when they first "opened fire" on Quebec Province, was the fact that they could not get their recruits to "wear the red" when at their work! In the "march" and at the "barracks" it was all right; but they were afraid of their fellow-workmen. And so their influence would be *nil*. And so with the white ribbon. And so with the profession of Christianity. "Ah,

men!" said an old preacher to two careless men who had made up their minds to use abusive language to any of the "workers" at a revival meeting who should speak to them, "*don't put it off!*" And one of them told the editor of this magazine how it conquered him, and brought him to God. A soldier gets off or covers up his uniform when he wants to commit crime; and a church member generally gets "out of connection" before he disgraces himself: and the getting out of "uniform," in both cases, is generally the first guilty step! And the outward badge of a pure cause aids the cause, both in the mind of the wearer, and in its influence on the beholder.

Editorial Articles.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

At a "W. C. T. U." rally at Grimsby Park in August, Mrs. Macdonell, of Toronto, advocated that "Peace and Arbitration" among nations should be actively inculcated in their women's work. One difficulty they found: a mother would say, "My son is in the Queen's Own," or "My son is in the Volunteers; and it would not look well to be active in this matter." Nevertheless, the world is getting its eyes opened more and more, to the beauty of peaceful settlement of national difficulties.

As showing how the military and belligerent spirit gets in among boys, and is fostered by those who should rather teach them "Peace on earth," she said one of the school inspectors recommended that the Minister of Militia should furnish rifles for 10 companies of boys in the public schools—50 to each company. And if the "W. C. T. U." had not been on the watch, and at once protested against it, the report would have been sent on, and the request granted. And now it is quite understood and seen, that the "drill" in the public schools is for *physical culture*, and not for military efficiency.

And the same thing of the "Boys' Brigades" in the Sunday school. They also have had a narrow escape. Such men as Lord Wolesley warmly welcomed the coming of the "Boys' Brigades," as furnishing a splendid nursery for the army: and