

# THE W. C. T. U. MESSENGER

"O Woman, great is thy faith, be it un o thee even as thou wilt."

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## JUST FOR TO-DAY.

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs,  
I do not pray;  
Keep me from stain of sin,  
Just for to-day.

Let me both diligently work,  
And duly pray;  
Let me be kind in word and deed,  
Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to do my will,  
Prompt to obey.  
Help me to sacrifice myself,  
Just for to-day.

Let me no unkind word,  
Unthinking say,  
Set thou a seal upon my lips,  
Just for to-day.

So for to-morrow and its needs, Lord,  
I do not pray;  
But keep me; guide me; hold me;  
Just for to-day.

—Canon Wilberforce.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT.

1307 Welton St., Denver, June 29.

My Dear Women—My second venture into the Arkansas valley was made under favoring skies and I was happy to be met at Lamar by Mr. Gordon and taken to his home, nestling among pioneer cottonwoods ten miles north of the river.

Mrs. Gordon, the brave president of the Pleasant Valley Union, gave me a cheery welcome and after supper we drove over to Fairview church, several miles distant, which is the rallying point of all that region.

My audience was largely composed of young people and the strong temperance sentiment of the neighborhood was evident in their interested faces, some of the very brightest and sweetest girls wearing the white ribbon with pride.

The first day of June was signalized by a sort of conference dinner at the home of the district president, Mrs. Barnes, and a pleasant parlor meeting at Mrs. Woodbury's where I was glad to meet Mrs. Howes, an Ohio white ribboner, from whom we hope much. Later Mrs. Wright, the ardent young president, drove me out to her cosy home in the trees three miles and a half from town, where we remained in restful seclusion till time to go to the children's meeting Sunday afternoon.

The union service Sabbath night at

adobe lands, desolate beyond words. By and by the miles and miles of "Apple and peach trees fruited deep, Fair as a garden of the Lord"

began to dawn on my vision and I was repaid. Like "Drumtochly" it is one of those rare spots that must be seen to be appreciated, and that is equally true of the wide awake Paonians, who will not harbor a saloon in their midst. I had hoped to reorganize the union at Hotchkiss on Monday, but the time didn't seem to be ripe, so I left that for Mrs. Hastings to do this fall.

An ordination and an evangelist and a few other things again prevented the materialization of a Delta meeting, so pausing only for a brief conference with dear Mrs. Smith at Grand Junction, jubilant over twenty-eight new contest members, I hastened back to Denver, reaching home after more than a thousand miles of travel (over one hundred by carriage), grateful for the health and strength given me and for the safe keeping of my dear ones in my absence.

July and August are Chautauqua months, and I shall hope to see many of the rank and file at "Rest Cottage," where you know the state keeps "open house," glad to welcome any interested in our many-sided work. Lovingly,

ANTOINETTE A. HAWLEY.

## TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS AND PRESS SUPERINTENDENTS.

In view of the attitude of the great papers of the country on the canteen question, it is the plain duty of W. C. T. U. women everywhere to see that our local papers get the truth, and I hope that you will secure the publication of the following articles in all papers within your reach.

There is nothing so difficult to "corner" as a falsehood, that shelters itself behind a generality, and we want the people to know the exact situation.

A. A. H.

## CANTEEN CUTS NO FIGURE.

So Says the Commander at Fort Snelling.—Denies that He Has Officially Reported on the Subject.—Peculiar Methods of War Department Propaganda.

The reliability of the "inspired" utterances on the canteen question which

Ray, commandant at Fort Snelling, in which he denies that he has made any official report on the canteen question. He says that drunkenness and desertions have not increased at Fort Snelling, since the abolition of the canteen, and that new saloons have not sprung up about the post, and that the canteen cuts absolutely no figure in discipline.

Colonel Ray maintains that if beer is necessary for the soldier, it should be furnished by the government as a part of the regular ration. But he insists that it is not right to compel an officer to become a saloonkeeper in the management of the canteen. He favors the appointment of a post trader under the control of the commanding officer.

The company reading room plan at Fort Snelling, adopted since the canteen went, Colonel Ray says, has been most successful. Reading rooms have been fitted up in the company barracks, where the men may lounge. Cigars, fruit and the like are on sale at prices about a third less than at the old canteen, the profits going into the company fund. The company is the family of the army, and the company plan encourages a company spirit, always desirable in the army, and it keeps the men at home.

One trouble with the canteen, in Colonel Ray's opinion, is that the desire to swell the receipts for the benefit of the men tends to laxness of control, defeating the purpose of the canteen. In fact, in all his experiences, he has seen but one decently managed canteen.—St. Paul "Backbone."

## CANTEEN LIES REFUTED.

A committee appointed by the Baptist, Disciples, Methodist and Presbyterian ministers' meetings of Chicago to investigate the truth of the reports that drunkenness, disorder and crime had largely increased in the vicinity of the army posts since the abolition of the sale of liquor at the canteens has visited Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, and Highwood, the village where the disorder is said to have taken place. Their report denies the stories about recent rioting by drunken soldiers at Highwood. Highwood was not under martial law. Special patrols of soldiers were not sent into the village to quell disturbances or to arrest enlisted men, and no new saloons have been li-

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