

Graduation
Ceremony
of
Members of L.T.L.
to
Junior Youths
Temperance Council



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GRADUATION CEREMONY

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Leader: "One day a boy who was in the Canadian army received word that he was being promoted to the rank of officer, and that any day he must be prepared to leave for overseas action. His father, when he said 'Good-bye' to him said 'Son, you are graduating to a harder field of service when you cross the ocean but I trust you. You are an officer. You have men under you who will look to you for direction. You are in the King's service, and I know you will never do anything to disgrace the army, yourself, or your family. God be with you, whatever happens.' To-day, you too, come to the parting of the ways.

Members from the Loyal Temperance Legion, you are graduating into service in another field,—into the 'Junior Youths' Temperance Council'. As you get older it will be harder to be faithful to your ideals; but each year should be making you stronger and ready to meet temptation, especially the temptation of Strong Drink. Always remember the two Bible verses: 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise,' and, 'No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven'. Your friends, and those around you, will look to you for a standard of behaviour because you have been trained in the Loyal Temperance Legion. You, too, serve a King,—King George VI, head of the British Empire,—and also Christ our Heavenly King. Like the officer who was going overseas, resolve never to do anything to disgrace the 'Junior Youths' Temperance Council', yourselves or your families.

At this solemn moment let me ask you to stand, in silence, remembering the words of your L. T. L. Pledge,—and then repeat it, once more, in unison."

(Pledge repeated in unison.)

Leader: "You found different things in your L. T. L. work, which you will never forget, and I will ask you to mention a few of them now."

(Each girl and boy will tell something that they will always remember about their L. T. L. days), for instance:

1st Girl or Boy: "I have always enjoyed our games."

2nd Girl or Boy: "I am thankful for our good times together."

3rd Girl or Boy: "I will remember the good training we have had."

4th Girl or Boy: "I have learned that drinking of intoxicating liquors will never make people happy."

5th Girl or Boy: "We have learned the injurious effect of strong drink and tobacco on body, mind and spirit and the danger it is to others."

6th Girl or Boy: "We know that people who drink cannot drive high-powered cars safely."

7th Girl or Boy: "Every boy and girl, man, and woman should be physically fit, mentally alert, and stamp out all waste, so we learned to be patriotic as well as L. T. L. members."

(Etc.)

Leader: "We are Christians too, girls and boys, and the Christian religion has been the motive of

all great reformers, including Temperance reformers, like Frances Willard. So let us 'fight the good fight' of Temperance Workers as good Soldiers marching onward all through our lives.

Will all those who are graduating form a straight line and face those who are left in the L. T. L.,—then repeat with me this little prayer:

'Lord, as I have tried to be faithful to my L. T. L. pledge, at all times, keep me true to my "Junior Y. T. C." pledge, and may I never break it as long as I am a member. I shall promise

My Head,

My Heart,

And this Right Hand,

For God and Home and Native Land.'

We will now close our service by singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers'."

