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DRUNKARDS' WIVES AIDED.

New League Aims to Join With Saloon
Keepers for Law and Order.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—Christmas Day, 1910, a woman, poorly clad and with face swollen with weeping, came to the home of Mrs. Stella Masters, in the fashionable East end district of Pittsburg.

"I saw your name in the paper and how you were working to help people made poor by drink," she said between sobs. "I didn't go to my pastor because he couldn't do anything. I'm afraid my husband wouldn't listen to him. My husband makes six dollars a day in the mills but he spends it all for drank and today — Christmas Day—just think of it—he drove our six children out on the street and beat me. He was drunk. Is there nobody who will do something for drunkard's wives? Can you help me?" She grew hysterical and could not finish her pathetic story.

Mrs. Masters, W. C. T. U. and church worker, club woman and suffragist, today said she was taken aback by the appeal of the woman and she realized that the 14 years of her work along charitable lines, had somehow failed to hit the mark. Right then and there she made the resolve, "I'll do something for drunkards' wives and children."

A short time later the Protective League for the families of drunkards, the most unique organization of its kind in the country, was formed.

Mrs. Masters laughed when she was asked whether the league of which she is president, had secured any swearing off pledges.

"We don't do things that way," she said. "Most pledges are jokes. They are made only to be broken."

"First we appeal to the saloon keeper and then to the erring one himself.

If neither of these two appeals does any good we go to the courts.

"Our work is broad in scope. We have monthly meetings, but we have no paid treasurer or secretary. Our dues are only 25 cents a year. We banded ourselves together like the Crusaders of old and aim to do just what our name implies. Protect drunkards' families.

During the past year we have helped fifty families. That is, we were successful in that many instances in weaning away supporters of families from the curse of strong drink.

"Fifty families sounds small and inconsequential, doesn't it? But isn't it a remarkable thing when only one person is turned into better paths. We do not assume things, or go by hearsay. Our members go into saloons themselves, right up to the bar if necessary.

"We are the saloon keeper's friends and they are our friends. We work together. They know now that we realize they have a legal right, at least, to make their living as they do, and the better class of saloon keepers welcome our aid in conducting respectable houses.

"Most saloon keepers are not bad at heart and then we always have the law to back us up in our demands and licenses are hard and expensive to get if protests are filed in license court. But we make no threats. We talk it over with the saloon keeper and give him a chance to mend his ways. A second offense means more drastic methods."

Here is how the league goes about its work, quietly and unassumingly.

A drunkard's wife or mother or some woman of the family writes to the league, asking for help.

One of the members looks into the case. This woman detective gets the names and addresses of the places where the husband or son spends his money for drink. Then she goes to the saloon keeper and talks the matter over with him.

If he refuses to act at the first appeal which usually falls on deaf ears—the league member tries a talk with the drinker himself.

If this fails a printed notice is given the saloon keeper warning him not to sell to John Doe who is a person of intemperate habits.

A copy of the liquor laws of Pennsylvania goes with the notice and the saloon keeper has learned by this time that failure to comply with the notice means trouble getting a new

license next year.

A particularly hard fight was put up on Christmas and New Years day last year to close all places where strong drink is sold.

The court refused Mrs. Master's request on the grounds that it could take no action within the bounds of law.

Nothing daunted, Mrs. Masters and her colleagues carried the matter to the liquor dealers' association. The dealers were ready to promise if all

and bar room drug stores were closed also."

But the women haven't given up the fight and mean to accomplish their aim before the end of another year.

While Mrs. Masters reluctantly admits it is rather Utopian, she is pushing a fight to have women barred at all times from all places where strong drink is dispensed. The work is beginning to attract country wide attention, and letters are pouring in asking for information relative to organizing leagues in other cities.

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