

and huddled together, with nothing but a little carpentry and masonry between them, crammed in, like salted fish in their barrel, or weltering like an Egyptian pitcher of tame vipers, each struggling to get its head above the other. Such work goes on under that smoke counterpane."

What an awful, yet beautiful picture. Much of this sorrow we cannot reach but we have no idea how much we can prevent if we but try. We can stop the chariot wheels of Vanity by using the God-given time and talent we possess for the good of our neighbor and our families, instead of frittering it away in gossip, card parties, dancing, etc. If only the time that is being killed and the brain and energy that is being wasted by women everywhere could be gathered up like wheat or oats, and be put to a good use.

We can relieve the wretchedness which shivers hunger-stricken into its lair of straw. By noble example, careful rearing and education of our children and a sympathetic interest in those of our less fortunate neighbors, we could prevent much of the condition shown in the picture of the Thief and of those in the condemned cells, who look for the light of a last morning. The mothers and wives who are bearing burdens so heavy they almost faint beneath the load: can we not aid them by sympathy, cheer and love?

I have not yet mentioned Safety First or the prominent part it takes in human uplift. I shall leave you to figure that out and will dwell upon the fact that we are a League of Sisters and we want love and fellowship, courage, cheer and mutual helpfulness to be the ideals of the League.

At this time, of all times, when we celebrate the birth of Him who said, "Love one another. Bear ye one another's burdens," let each sister resolve to make her life count for more in the coming year, for the proper training and education of children, the promotion of clean living and clean thinking, for everything that will make for a clearer and more

optimistic view of life, than it has in any previous year.

Rabindranath Tagore, the philosopher and poet of India, quotes from the Upanishad: "In the midst of activity alone wilt thou desire to live a hundred years," and says further: "When a man cuts down the pestilential jungle and makes unto himself a garden, the beauty that he thus sets free from within its enclosure of ugliness is the beauty of his own soul. Without giving it this freedom outside, he cannot make it free within. When he implants law and order in the midst of the waywardness of society, the good which he sets free from the obstruction of the bad is the goodness of his own soul. Thus is a man continually engaged in setting free in action his powers, his goodness, his beauty, his very soul, and the more he succeeds in so doing the greater does he see himself to be, the broader becomes the field of his knowledge of self."

Thus we see the inevitable happens: the love we pour out comes back to enrich our own lives, our vision is clearer, our outlook broader, our whole nature expands and grows until we are transformed from idle, thoughtless butterflies to earnest, useful, lovable women.

Let us take a long breath and square our shoulders for the responsibilities of the coming year. Take a good look at them and we will find them to be blessed privileges of usefulness, opportunities for growth of soul.

Sisters all, my heart goes out to you this Christmas tide. Join with me in Tiny Tim's immortal Christmas prayer: "God bless us every one!"

Kansas City.

The Frisco Woman's Safety League met at the home of Mrs. Frank Reber, November 16. They report a good meeting at which plans were made for future work. The next meeting will be held December 14, at the home of Mrs. Morgan, secretary.

Fort Smith.

Mrs. H. Gunn presided at the meeting of the Frisco Women's Safety League, Friday afternoon, November 6, Woodman Parlors, Fort Smith, Ark.

Excellent papers were read by Mesdames W. G. Koch, George Daniels, O. B. Willis; also a letter from Chairman W. B. Spaulding, of the Central Safety Committee, and one from Mrs. Geo. Green.

Short talks were made by Mrs. J. T. Wilkerson. Musical selections by Mrs. Gorman completed the afternoon's program.

The ladies have decided to meet on the first Friday of every month in future, and for each of the meetings two of the vice-presidents elected when the branch was organized will prepare papers, or have someone from their department prepare them, to be read at the meetings.

The meeting was pronounced a decided success and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

"Appreciation."

That little attentions attract notice and add materially to the reputation we are building up for the Frisco, was strikingly brought out in an article published in the November issue of the Railway Journal by R. R. Jester, entitled "From My Observation Car." The portion of interest to Frisco men is quoted below:

I believe railway employes are habitually courteous; in fact, I know they are. Personally I have found them not only courteous, but also go out of their way to assist the public.

A few weeks ago I was traveling on the Frisco system through the Southwest, and in my trip got separated from a piece of baggage I had checked. The Frisco agent at Piedmont, Kans. W. Byrd, got it located soon and took the trouble to deliver it to me out in the country several miles from the station. His duties as an agent did not require that extra service, but his courteous obliging disposition prompted him to go out of his way to assist a patron of his road. Similar instances are often cited in the experiences of patrons of the railways, with the employes. For my part I never find a better class of people to do business with than the average railway employe.

Editor Woman's Department:

Being an advocate of Safety First, I am greatly elated with the opportunity afforded us through the Woman's Department.

Now that we women have the opportunity, we should use every chance to do good, not only by using our influence with our loved ones employed on the railroads, but with the general public, who it seems so hard to convince of the dangers of trespassing.

Living as I do, close to the Frisco tracks, I observe this daily and reading some of the convincing addresses published in last month's Frisco-Man, prompts me to comment on how splendidly such true facts brought forth conditions as they really exist.

Dear league members, let us try to advance and always use our best efforts for the good of Safety First.

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ALONG THE LINE

Ozark Division.

The Ozark Division Safety Committee held its bi-monthly meeting at Memphis, Tenn., November 21.

The employees of the Ozark Division are glad to learn that James J. Joslin is rapidly recovering from an operation performed at the St. Louis Hospital recently. Mr. Joslin is chief clerk to superintendent.

The F. C. P. C. work on this division is being taken hold of in a lively manner by the employees.

Passenger train movement over this division for November was very satisfactory and we hope to make a first-class showing on passenger trains during the holidays.

Kansas City.

The Frisco-Man joins with other employees in extending sincere sympathy to Edward Nagle in the loss of his son, whose death occurred November 28. Mr. Nagle is machine foreman at Kansas City and is one of the oldest employees in point of service at that point.

Kansas Division.

J. A. Finckenbinder, B. & B. foreman, is repairing and remodeling the roundhouse at Joplin, Mo.

J. N. Fountain, B. & B. foreman, has just completed driving twenty-one bridges between Ellsworth and Pierce City.

H. N. Searcy, B. & B. foreman, is renewing 1911 bridges in the vicinity of Medora.

J. W. Waterbury, concrete foreman, is renewing tile openings with cast-iron pipe between Sherwin and Columbus.

E. G. Caskey, paint foreman, and men are painting highway signs between Pierce City and Baxter.

Bridge Inspector B. O. Coleman has just completed his monthly bridge inspection on the Kansas Division.

C. E. Murphy is appointed section foreman at Piedmont, Kans., succeeding H. White resigned. Mr. Murphy has been in charge of Section F-17 at Brooks, for the last three years.

Track forces on the Kansas Division are making fence repairs and doing considerable ditching.

The Kansas Division Safety Committee met in the office of Superintendent H. H. Brown, Neodesha, Kans., November 28, for its regular monthly session. A good meeting was reported.

Yard Foreman Beaugardner, of Neodesha, Kans., has been making some changes in track for the Standard Oil Company, locating a loading track. When completed this will be quite an improvement.

The Kansas Division has in the neighborhood of 50,000 ties distributed and piled over the division for early spring work. Track and roadbed are going into the winter in better shape than ever before and it is hoped the spring will find it in as good condition.

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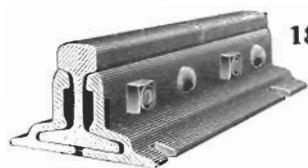
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