

loved by all, both on sea and ashore. Queen Victoria frequently sends her acknowledgments and encouragements in her work, and also contributions in money for carrying it on. We will conclude this little picture on Miss Weston by saying, as all her sailor-boys do when her name is mentioned,

"GOD BLESS HER!"

While in Paris last October, on my return from a six weeks' Continental trip, I stayed at the Hotel Dominici in the Rue Castiglioni, where I had the pleasure of meeting with

MADAME HANNA K. KORANY, of Beyrout, Syria; and a delightfully interesting woman she is. Although there were a large number of visitors of different nationalities staying at the hotel, she and I quickly found each other out, very soon exchanging ideas, and experiences. She is the lady who represented the Syrian women at the World's Fair, Chicago, and it was interesting to hear from her own lips the difficulties she met with in rousing her countrywomen to realise what a good thing it would be for them to have an Exhibition at the Fair. Madame Korany had to bear almost all the expense connected with the Exhibition, as well as having most of the trouble. She told me how, ever since she was a little child, her heart had ached for the women of her country, her indignation being often aroused at the treatment they received, which, practically, was little better than that accorded to slaves. The most implicit obedience was demanded of them by their male relatives, and when they failed in this they had a hard time of it. Everything was arranged for them from the cradle to the tomb; no voice whatever being accorded to them in the framing of their own destinies. Ever since her marriage, which took place when she was too young to know what marriage meant, Madame Korany has devoted her life

to the emancipation of her countrywomen, and while she often feels despondent at results, she works on bravely. At the World's Fair she gave several lectures and addresses, and evinced great interest among the Americans in the Syrian women. She is apparently about twenty-five years of age, quite a pretty woman, of an Oriental type, with large, liquid, dark eyes, which can soften with sympathy, brighten up with enthusiasm, or flash with indignation by turns. She has a soft face, beautiful dark hair, and is altogether very charming. Her English is perfect, but she has the faintest suspicion of a foreign accent, which is uncommon and musical. She seemed delighted to hear about New Zealand, and congratulated us over and over again on our political enfranchisement. Since her visit to the World's Fair, which she said was like a beautiful dream, she has acted as correspondent to several of the American papers, and when she left Paris in October to go to Beyrout for the winter, it was her intention to return to London in the spring, then to lecture in response to invitations from several Women's Societies. Before leaving she gave me a photograph of herself, which I value highly, and when the circulation of the WHITE RIBBON is considerably increased, and funds are forthcoming, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have her picture reproduced in these pages.

JUSTICE.

Three men went out on a summer night;
No care had they or aim;
They dined and drank—"Ere we go home,"
Said they, "we'll have a game."

Three girls began that summer night
A life of endless shame;
And went through drink, disease, and death,
As swift as flying flame.

Lawless and homeless, foul, they died;
Rich, loved, and praised the men;
But when they all shall meet with God,
And Justice speaks,—what then?

STOFFORD A. BROOKE.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

CANTERBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—A meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Women's Institute was held on Saturday evening at Chancery Lane Hall; the President in the chair. The platform forwarded by the Progressive Liberal Association was approved of, but it was resolved to ask the Society to consider planks three and four as one, and to add to the platform, "The removal of all political and civil disabilities from women." In answer to the circular forwarded by the Wellington Women's Social and Political League, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That as the Canterbury Women's Institute is a non-party organisation, it cannot see its way to co-operating with the Wellington Women's Social and Political League in the matter of presenting a congratulatory address to the Premier." The need for the appointment of a suitable commission to inquire into the present method of the treatment of criminals having been long recognised by the Institute, the Secretary was instructed to forward to the various social and political leagues throughout New Zealand a petition for their endorsement embodying this view, the petition to be forwarded to the Minister of Justice. The delegates to the Surplus Labour League presented their report. Their actions were endorsed. The Premier's reply to the deputation which waited on him on Saturday afternoon was considered very unsatisfactory, and it was resolved to continue to agitate on the lines of the following resolution passed by the National Council of the Women of New Zealand:—"That the establishment of co-operative industrial settlements, formed with a farm as a basis, and gradually embracing all kinds of industries, would do much to solve the unemployed difficulty—more, indeed, than any remedy that has as yet been applied." A general meeting followed the meeting of the committee, when the subject of marriage and divorce was considered. At the conclusion of the debate the following resolution was passed:—"That this Institute is in favour of the Hon J. Macgregor's Bill of 1895, which provides that divorce be granted for adultery or desertion."

AUCKLAND WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC UNION.—The usual fortnightly meeting of this Union was held on June 22, in