

Miss Fraser, Principal of the Girls' College. The magnificent audiences furnished ample proof that both sexes are deeply interested in the purity question and fully alive to the necessity of such teaching. The lectures to women are, of necessity, couched in general terms, but, while both are useful, we are of opinion that the talks with men and boys will be the means of preventing an incalculable amount of mischief. We wish Mr Bligh all success and most heartily commend his work to our Unions everywhere.

HAWERA.—Our Hawera correspondent writes:—In compliance with Mrs Webb's request, although there is no Union at Hawera, Miss Maunder wrote inviting Mr Bligh. He sent some circulars, which were given to the schoolmaster and members of school committee several months ago, so when Mr Bligh's agent came at the end of last month we were prepared to go forward. We had two meetings for women and two for men. At the women's meetings Miss Maunder presided at one and the Hospital Matron at the other. Two or three hundred were present each time, and seemed much interested, and Mr Bligh sold a good deal of literature. Those present expressed themselves well pleased with the address. Many young mothers were glad of hints as to how to talk to their little ones.

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.**

The meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council were held in Paris in June, under the presidency of Lady Aberdeen. Two new National Councils were affiliated—Belgium and Queensland. A gold monogram pin, I.C.W., which had been presented to Miss Anthony at the time of the formation of the Council in 1888, had been sent to Lady Aberdeen, by Miss Mary Anthony, with the request that she wear it as President; the brooch passing from one president to another. The Baroness Bertha von Suttner was congratulated on the fact that the Nobel Prize for Peace had been awarded to her. Lady Aberdeen reported that she had opened up correspondence in Greece, Turkey and Portugal, with regard to the formation of Councils in those countries.

A new scheme, proposed by Mrs Ogilvie Gordon, Hon. Corresponding Secretary, was unanimously adopted.

It aims at organising an International system of Educational Information Bureaux, whereby in each country information should be available for private individuals, both with regard to the educational facilities for particular courses of training in their own country, and also the educational facilities in other countries, in which boys and girls or young students may desire to reside for a time for purposes of education.

The Executive Meeting of 1908 will be held in Switzerland, and combine with it a meeting of the full Council. The Quinquennial Meeting and Congress is to take place in Canada in 1909.—Abridged from *The Englishwoman's Review*.

**Items from the World's W.C.T.U. Bulletin.**

WORLD'S CONVENTION, Boston, Oct. 17-23. Arrangements are progressing most satisfactorily for a helpful Convention. The veteran President of the Japan W.C.T.U. (74 years old) expects to be present. Baroness Von Hausen and Fraulein Nix will represent Germany, and Fraulein Julle Kassowitz, the daughter of the famous physician and scientist, Austria. Greece will send as representative Miss Callesperi, of Athens (Inspectress of Schools). The B.W.T.A. expects to send 56 delegates or more and Scotland 23.

U.S.A.—The W.C.T.U. shipped from Pasadena to San Francisco 15 sacks of good, clothing, and organised an employment bureau for the women wanting work. Mrs Bainbridge, county president of San Francisco, opened a tent reading room in Golden Gate Park, for the dwellers in the tents erected there, to whom books are now indeed a boon.

GERMANY.—The Union is growing steadily and now has 20 branches, besides several young girls' branches. A union of women teachers was formed in 1904 and is working zealously, having recently issued a publication on "How to Introduce Temperance Teaching in the School Code."

LIBERIA.—Unions have recently been formed in Liberia, West Africa.

**Substitutes for Brandy.**

For faintness, palpitation, or relief of pain, such as colic:—

(1) Water, as hot as can be conveniently swallowed, either alone or

slightly sweetened, to be sipped. Even cold water sipped stimulates the heart.

(2) Ginger tea: One teaspoonful to a teacupful of boiling water; sweeten, sip hot.

(3) Herb tea: A teaspoonful of powdered sage, mint, or similar herb, to a teacupful of boiling water, sweeten, sip hot. Camomile tea, taken warm, is especially suitable for colic.

Other measures: Flapping the face and chest with a cold, wet towel; putting the hands in hot water; ammonia or smelling salts to the nose; tickling the nostrils with a feather, &c.—  
DR. J. J. RIDGE.

DURING a discussion on alcohol as a medicine, which took place at the annual meeting of the B.W.T.A., one speaker recommended sal-volatile as a substitute for brandy, saying that, although it contained alcohol, it was so far from being palatable that a person would not continue taking it. Lady Carlisle said that in case of a faint a packet of mustard leaves placed on the heart restored life. Hot milk and cayenne in milk were remedies given by other delegates for heart weakness.

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