

this kind before men, and many scoundrels get off free because the mothers will not take their girls before a court so constituted.

(4) Overthrow the Drink Traffic, which by all persons of experience and intelligence, is admitted to go hand in hand with this evil. According to the doctors, drink is a great predisposing force, and on the other hand alcoholic patients have less resisting power against the disease. This is an uphill fight, but we must plant our standard and never halt until all the world recognise our demand, "A White Life for Two."

"NOUGHT TO YOU."

Would that every hotel proprietor and every man who feels inclined to invite a soldier to drink could appreciate the force of the following lines written:—

And you—a patriot in your prime,
You waved a flag about his head,
And hoped he'd have a high old time,
And clapped him on the back and said:

"You'll show them what we British
are,
"Give us your hand, old boy," to
shake!"
And took him round from bar to bar
And made him drunk for England's
sake.

That's how you helped him. Yesterday
Clear-eyed and earnest, keen and
hard—
He held himself the soldier's way,
But now they've got him under
guard.

That's nought to you. You're all
right,
Your easy conscience takes no
blame,
While he, poor boy, with morning's
light
Just eats his heart out—sick with
shame.

Why should you care? You under-
stand
Nothing of all his bitter pain
YOU have no regiment to brand,
YOU have no uniform to stain.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 2nd, the deputation (Mesdames Atkinson and Evans) appointed by Convention to wait on the Minister for Education re Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools, were received by the Minister. They took with them the chart that had been forwarded to Convention by Mr J. W. Maunder, and also a copy of the chart and manual supplied by Mrs Neal, Superintendent for Scientific Temperance. The Minister was greatly interested in both of these, considering the former eminently suitable for the higher standards, especially if the sheets could be printed in larger type, so as to be easily read when hung on the wall. The subject matter in them appealed to him as being excellent. It was most unfortunate that the manual belonging to them had been lost in transit, as he considered that of equal importance with the charts themselves. Mrs Neal's chart and manual also aroused very great interest, particularly the graphic representation of the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body and on the efficiency of the workers. The Minister requested the presence of the Director of Education, Dr. Anderson, but as he was away, Mr Caughley came instead, and after examining the charts, he expressed the highest opinion of their value, being most struck by the coloured graphs and the general suitability of Mrs Neal's sheets for school use.

The Minister referred to the circular that he had sent last year to the Inspectors, and again stated that he considered Scientific Temperance ought to be a compulsory subject, and that he had requested the Inspectors to intimate to teachers that they were going to examine on the wall sheets.

An exceedingly interesting conversation followed, in which the Minister deplored the fact that modern education was to a large extent receiving a wrong bias in making boys and girls regardless of the true dignity of labour. It was the tendency for them to aim at being clerks and typists, instead of going on the land or taking up domestic work. He was grieved to find that while the commercial classes in the High Schools and Technical Schools were crowded, comparatively little use was made of

the facilities provided for agricultural or domestic science courses. He wished that parents would realise that six or twelve months' study of Latin or French was really of very little value, and the time would be far better spent in work of a more practical nature, that would fit for life on the farm or in the house.

Another lamentable fact was the unwillingness shown by boys and girls to give assistance in the home as soon as they began to attend the Secondary and High Schools.

After thanking the Minister for his courteous and sympathetic reception, the deputation withdrew.

AS TRAINMEN SEE ALCOHOL.

(From the Railroad Trainmen, official organ of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.)

Railroad men throughout the United States have received a document dedicated to "the well being of the general public." It is from the pen of a "safety first" advocate. It is a New Year's pledge, circulated by the Frisco system. Summarized it is as follows:—

"Alcohol: It is bad company and unsafe to be with. It throws switches wrong; it reads orders wrong; sends orders wrong. It receives orders wrong; it calls red white; it never calls white red. It makes caution orders without effect; it makes slow flags without colour.

"It makes one meeting point another; it makes wakeful men sleepy.

"It makes duties dangerous, hot boxes cold, rough journals smooth. It makes pilots and footboards death traps. It makes good men bad men; it makes two limbs one and it makes widows and orphans. It is against safety; unsafety is its name.

"Statistics show that it has killed more people than all the wars of the world since the dawn of history.

"It has been said and proven that it sank the Titanic."

FIRST WOMAN IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

Miss Pressley-Smith has been appointed Secretary to the British Legation at Christiania, Norway.