

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs Louise McKinney, the honoured Vice-President of the Canadian White Ribbonees, was the first woman Parliamentarian, not only of Canada but of the Empire.

Of the trustees of the King's Fund for the Disabled, five are men the sixth is Mrs Lloyd George.

Mrs Rivers Moore, a daughter of the Dean of Worcester, has been appointed woman probation officer at Croydon Police Court, at a yearly salary of £200.

Dr Anna Shaw, who is seventy years old, has taken the oath at Washington as a policewoman in the district of Columbia. She says: "They made fun of me when I suggested it forty years ago."

The following were the number of votes polled by the women candidates at the historic occasion at which women first stood as candidates for the British Parliament:—Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8,614; Countess Maekievicz, 7,835; Miss Mary Macarthur, 7,587; Mrs Despard, 5,634; Miss Alison Garland, 4,283; Miss Violet Markham, 4,000; Mrs Dacre Fox, 3,615; Mrs Pethick Lawrence, 2,985; Miss E. Phipps, B.A., 2,419; Mrs How-Martyn, B.Sc., 2,067; Mrs J. McEwan, 1,987; Mrs Corbett Ashby, 1,552; Mrs Oliver Strachan, 1,263; Miss Eunice Murray, 991; Miss W. Carney, 395; Hon. Mrs Mackenzie, 176.

The first object of the National Union of Woman's Societies in Britain was to obtain the Parliamentary Franchise for women on the same terms as it was granted to men; but to this is added the endeavour to secure a real equality of liberties, opportunities and status between men and women. While the position of women in industry is as insecure as it is at present; while the special work of women as mothers is not paid at all; and is hampered and starved in every possible way; while the conditions of marriage are what they are; while a woman is sometimes treated by law as not a parent of her own children, and sometimes as not a native of her own country; while she can have no women lawyers to defend her before the courts, no woman M.P's. to represent her in Parliament; while a number of

women are condemned to the most horrible kind of slavery by the double moral standard; while all these things still happen, real equality is a vision of the future.—"Common Cause."

The first great South American Anti-Alcohol Congress is to be held in Uruguay. Free passes have been given over the railways to the Women's Christian Temperance Union representatives in order to expedite the arrangements.

A Social Hygiene Conference was held in New York last October, at which some 200 people were present from all parts of the United States, and to which Canada also sent representatives. A Findings Committee was appointed. Amongst those appointed to sit upon it were Dr. Abram Flexner, Captain Bates (Canada), Dr. Exner, Colonel Snow, Madame D'Avril, de St. Croix, Miss Una Saunders, Dr. Katherine Davies, and E. Picton-Tuberville, O.B.E. The following resolutions were drawn up by this Committee, and passed unanimously by the Conference:—

(1) That the single standard of morals should prevail for men and women.

(2) That continence is compatible with health and intellectual vigour for both sexes.

(3) That men and women should serve together whenever possible on bodies whose functions concern the development and enforcement of moral standards.

(4) That prostitutes be not treated as a class apart from other women, and that prostitution be not recognised as a trade.

(5) That all measures, either preventative or repressive, concerned with social morality apply impartially to men and women.

(6) That a simultaneous, vigorous attack on venereal disease should be made, and that the issues of public health and morals be thoroughly correlated.

(7) That sound sex education be incorporated in one entire educational system in homes, schools, colleges, and the church and press.

(8) That social and economic adjustments granting to the individual decent living conditions and adequate recreation are essential to progress in social morality. These adjustments concern especially:

- (a) Housing conditions.
- (b) Industrial conditions including conditions of work and wages.
- (c) Proper and sufficient recreational opportunities.

PROPHETIC WORDS OF FRANCES E. WILLARD.

When we began the delicate, difficult and dangerous operation of dissecting out the alcohol nerve from the body politic, we did not realise the intricacy of the undertaking, not the distances that must be traversed by the scalpel of investigation and research. One thought, sentiment and purpose animated those saintly "Praying Bands," whose name will never die out from human history: "Brothers, we beg of you not to drink, and not to sell!" This was the single wailing note of these moral Paganinis, playing on one string. It caught the universal ear and set the key of that mighty orchestra, organised with so much toil and hardship, in which the tender and exalted strain of the Crusade violin still soars aloft, but upborne now by the clanging cornets of science, the deep trombones of legislation, and the thunderous drums of politics and parties.

PRAYER.

Help me, O God, to keep before my eyes

The larger visions of this war; to be inspired each day by noble thoughts that rise

Of duty, honour, Country, and of Thee.

Help me to think of war as one vast whole

Of human effort struggling towards the right,

Ever advancing nearer to the goal

Of freedom, from the iron rule of might,

Lest I forget, and in my sorrow see
Only the face of him who goes from me.

—Anonymous Soldier's Wife.

Taken from the "News Letter" of the Woman's Committee Council of National Defence.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.—Ps. cvii. 29, 30.