

AMERICAN APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY.

The "Spectator" of 20th June prints an American appeal to the people of Britain asking them to set themselves against the smuggling of intoxicating liquors into America. In the course of it, the Citizens' Committee says:—"We assure you that Prohibition in this country is not a failure. We shall not argue about it—**WE KNOW IT!** There are here children who have never seen a drunkard. There are gaols which stand closed because they are needless. The saloon is now an evil memory. Our breweries have gone out of business, or are being padlocked. Hands across the sea! Let us play the game together. In some ways we have tried to help you. Our sons and brothers lie in silence beside yours. Help us! We venture no word as to method—you will 'find a way.' In the comradeship of great peoples let us give sturdy rebuke of what in common conscience we both know is not fair play; let us stand together for the common action which places character above gain, and expresses in very deed the heart-friendship of which no man, no nation, can rob us. Citizens of the United States to the citizens of Great Britain and Canada—we ask you to understand us and help us." Then follow the signatures, on behalf of the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand.

Does it not bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every right-thinking man and woman that such an appeal should be necessary?

STAGE PEOPLE SAID "NO."

How the wind is blowing in favour of Prohibition is shown by the recent action of the delegates to the Theatrical Mutual Association Convention in Toronto. A resolution was introduced, urging that the Association go on record as opposed to the Prohibition legislation of the United States and Canada. Before much discussion had taken place it was moved that the resolution be thrown out, and this was accomplished by a large majority. The theatres have been money in pocket ever since Prohibition built a dam forcing the golden stream flowing over the bar into other channels. Theatre people have been made wise on the financial results of Prohibition.

WORLD'S W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

My Dear Friends,—

Our plans for the World's W.C.T.U. Convention at Lausanne, July 25th-August 2nd, are every week gaining in interest and importance. As the delegation promises to be very large, our Swiss friends have made the delightful arrangement for the Convention to meet in the Aula of the University. The President of Conseil d'Etat, President Chuard, and M. le Syndic Rosset (the Mayor) have consented to be honorary members of the Convention. The two adjoining halls will be reserved for small meetings. The University will add to the importance of the Convention. The Conseiller Federal, representing the Swiss Government, will give an address at the opening of the Convention. The Conseiller d'Etat Vaudois Dubuis will represent the Canton, and will speak at the Reception to be given by the Canton and the town of Lausanne. On the Saturday we shall lunch at Montreux, probably at the picturesque Helvetie Hotel, which every Temperance person visiting Switzerland should see! Every country is urged to bring a national costume and banners. We may have a procession through the streets of Lausanne, and the banners will add to the International character. This procession may be on our way to the Sunday afternoon service.

We are hoping to welcome 300 American women. Amongst them will be Mrs and Miss Boole, Mrs Munns (National Treasurer), Miss Jewell (National Young People's Secretary), Miss Deane (World's Publicity Department), Mrs Frantz (President, New Jersey W.C.T.U.), Mrs Graham (National Musical Director), Mrs Brewer, of Arizona (National Evangelist), Dr. Len Hutching (National Director of Medical Temperance), Miss Page (National Director of Narcotics), Mrs Leavett, daughter of Mr Stevens, of Maine, Mrs Armor, Georgia. Miss Gordon and Miss Deane sail from the U.S.A. on June 3rd, and will come and stay with me and help to promote all Convention plans. Mrs Ohlin writes me from Stockholm that the 20 or 30 delegates from Northern Europe, including the Baltic States, will travel together through Germany to Lausanne. This party will include nine or ten from Sweden.

I shall be glad to address some drawing-room meetings in London to arouse

interest in the Convention. Every week I am receiving names of representatives from different countries. Please keep the Convention well to the fore at all meetings. I am so desirous for a large British delegation, for it means adding much to the enthusiasm of each delegate for our cause, and it will be of great educational value.

Affectionately yours,
AGNES E. SLACK.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

March 7. Seventeen Unions represented, Mrs T. E. Taylor presiding.

Vote of sympathy for relatives of Hon. Mark Cohen, a devoted friend to the women's movement.

Vote of congratulation to Misses Henderson and B. M. Harband on their appointment as J.P.'s.

Home meetings to be arranged and literature circulated.

April 4. Ten representatives, Miss Henderson presiding. Alteration in voting facilities for absentees and invalids was drawn attention to. Mrs Richards reported upon Convention, and spoke of the deeply spiritual tone pervading it. Arrangements made for Cake and Produce Stall.

TERRIBLE RECORD OF FIVE WOMEN.

The "Manchester Daily Mail" of 13th June gives the following facts concerning women who have been appearing before a Magistrate in that city periodically for some years past. Margaret Lawson, aged 45, 100 convictions; Nell Holdie, aged 40, 81 convictions; Anne Sladen, aged 45, 53 convictions; Ann Campbell, aged 30, 53 convictions; Kitty Ryan, aged 44, 53 convictions: total, 340 convictions. These figures say little for the chances of reformation of those whose only deterrent is recurrent sentences to gaol. So long as public-houses are everywhere these poor creatures are sure to be arrested again and again.

Washington: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God."