

from which those of London's one-room people generally hail. Now you "other sisters" and you brothers of both, who read this, you, if you fail to alter this sad state of things, are guilty. You cannot evade the facts as though they had ever been shown you. If you doubt them, make enquiries, many enquiries, from those who are not afraid to tell you the truth. It is vain to appeal to legislators; it is futile to wait for a better state of things. What you are asked to do is to see that hostels are constructed, similar to that built at Kelburn, Wellington, by the English Quakers who, seeing the sad state of things in the city, nobly and generously came forward and subscribed the money to erect, in Wellington, the building which offers a home-away-from-home to girl students, and is known throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion as "The Friend's Hostel." Fine porcelain baths, a copious supply of hot water—heated by an outside furnace—large, light, airy bedrooms, a spacious dining hall, and equally spacious and well-furnished sitting-room, a kitchen, in which any girl students might graduate for the degree in domestic science, before being "promoted to housework, and full board, all at the inclusive figure of 18/- a week!" And the Friends' Hostel pays!

What will you who read this do? Will some one or two or three "come forward," as the term is, and give a liberal donation to build one, two, three, four, any number of such places in all cities of New Zealand, for these our dear sisters, the future wives and mothers of the New Zealand people? It would be no gamble with money, but a first-class business investment, capable of yielding, in time, substantial dividends and also of providing homes for one of the most worthy sections of the people. It is only a question of putting yourself in her place. There could then be but one answer. Have you enough sympathetic imagination to do this? If you were she?

"If we have lost
The fondest hand that ever crossed
Our own, and so hath passed
For us Time's light, we will not cast
Life's warp away, but quickly take the
thread
That fell from out the quiet hands and
tread
The loom, or spin
Beside the distaff where Love's hand
hath been."

A BRANCH OF MANY ACTIVITIES.

SPECIAL MEETINGS IN DUNEDIN.

April 18. The Society for the Protection of Women and Children asked for a speaker from the W.C.T.U. to explain their objection to the compulsory clauses in the proposed Social Hygiene Bill, to be dealt with by Parliament this coming session. Mrs Peryman acceded to the request of the Executive of the Dunedin District W.C.T.U. that she should undertake the task. At the meeting of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children on April 18 she delivered a very able address on this subject, being highly complimented by a gentleman opposed to her views on her "special pleading." A discussion between members of the W.C.T.U. (present by invitation) and members of the Society followed. One member of the Society hoped that some common meeting ground would be found that all might unite in stamping out this great evil.

April 19. A representative and largely attended meeting of women was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., to discuss the measures of the proposed Social Hygiene Bill. Mrs Hiatt was in the chair. Mrs Peryman briefly outlined the reasons why the W.C.T.U. is opposed to the compulsory clauses of the proposed Bill, quoting the latest expert opinion and statistics to show that compulsory measures have always failed. Mrs Don pointed out how the Bill would operate chiefly against women, and gave instances where men were astonished at the suggestion that compulsion should be applied similarly to men as to women. Discussion followed. A resolution was carried urging the establishment of free clinics, where patients could be treated, and that these should be open at night, and also that the treatment should be obtained without publicity.

April 28. Under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and the W.C.T.U., Mrs Lilian Francis Fitch, of New York, who was travelling with her father, Mr Francis, and gathering information for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Education in the United States, gave a most interesting lecture on "Japanese Manners and Customs," with beautifully tinted lantern pictures (the lantern manipulated by Mr Simpson), to a

crowded audience in Burns Hall. Sir George Fenwick presided in his usual able manner. The meeting opened with the National Anthem, followed by a short prayer offered by Mrs Driver. Mrs Fitch was present at the Convention of the World's Sunday School Association, held in Tokio last year, and she gave a short graphic account of the proceedings, illustrated by lantern slides. She touched on religious work among the Japanese, and stated that out of a total population of 67,000,000, only 1,000,000 were Christians. The lecturer spoke most interestingly of the daily life of the Japanese people, and gave her hearers a valuable insight into the manners and customs of the people, introducing many personal and intimate touches. Collection, £21, two-thirds to go towards Y.W.C.A. missionary work in Japan, one-third to go towards W.C.T.U. missionary work for World Prohibition. Mrs Fitch had stipulated that proceeds should be devoted to missionary work. Miss Ivy Mazengarb gave a splendid rendition of American Battle Hymn. Mrs Dick, on behalf of both Associations, presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs Fitch. Miss Bentham (Secretary Y.W.C.A.) and Mrs Hiatt proposed and seconded vote of thanks. During evening Mrs Fitch appeared in two Japanese costumes, and displayed the exquisite workmanship, and explained meaning of parts of dress. Meeting concluded with singing of Doxology.

May 15. At the invitation of the pastor, Rev. R. Stewart, Church Parade was held in the Caversham Baptist Church at the evening service. A total of 50 White Ribboners attended, including representatives from N.E. Valley, South Dunedin, and Kaikorai, as well as Dunedin District members. Mesdames Don and Hiatt led the procession, and Mrs Allan and Mrs Macartney were the other officers present. The Rev. Mr Stewart preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon on "God in the Home." The whole service was beautiful and uplifting.

No cause is great that is not hard to gain.

No right so clear as not to be denied. Else in the past no martyrs had been slain,

No prophets stone'd, no saints by torture tried.