

World Court of Justice. They also tell how it is fitting itself to deal with the ever-growing, ever-widening problems of world government.

That wars must cease, no sane person can doubt. In the youth of the world, when personal combat settled disputes, and when even wars were but a series of such combats, then it served to train men in loyalty to their friends and chivalry to their enemies. It was a factor in the upward struggle of the race.

But war is now impersonal. The scientist and the engineer are the decisive factors, and neither on land or sea, in the upper air, or in the waters beneath, is there safety for the non-combatant. With its dirty trench warfare, its cruel gases, and its death-dealing bombs, it is no longer a help to man in his upward progress, but is an enemy and a potential destroyer of all that is valuable in our civilisation. Man's very existence depends upon the outlawry of war and the creation of Peace sentiment.

When nations grew strong, tribal wars ceased, family feuds were forbidden, and the courts of the nation dealt with its law-breakers. A relic of these ancient days—duelling—came down almost to our own times, but to-day the duellist is a murderer in the eyes of state, and would be punished as such.

The day is surely coming, and more speedily than many think, when the nation that dares to go to war to avenge an injury will become a criminal in the eyes of Humanity and an outlaw from the Commonwealth of nations.

Public sentiment against war is growing in our own Dominion. In 1917, at a W.C.T.U. Convention, a resolution against Compulsory Military Training was withdrawn, so strong was the opposition to it. Ten years later, at a Dominion Convention, a resolution to substitute physical for military training was carried with one dissentient. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are being trained, and their motto is: "Trained and Fit to Serve." This is the ideal that the State should put before its young manhood—physically trained, mentally developed, and morally disciplined, all that they may be fit to serve Humanity.

What a wide difference, psychologically, there is between the new motto: "Trained to Serve," and the old military one: "Trained to De-

stroy." Which will be the more uplifting to our youth? The League of Nations Union is silently leavening the thought of the world, and bringing nearer the time when nations shall change their weapons of war into the peaceful implements of husbandry, and the huge sums spent in armaments shall be used for the development of peaceful arts and crafts. May God speed them in their work of love!

"New occasions teach new duties;
time makes ancient good uncouth;

They must upward still and onward
who would keep abreast of truth.

Lo, before us gleam her camp-fires!
we, ourselves, must pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower, and steer
boldly through the desperate
winter sea,

Nor attempt the Future's portal with
the Past's blood-rusted key."

The nasty things nice people believe
and quietly pass on would fill a library.

The subtle selfishness of the unselfish
is most mysterious. No wonder some
one has said:—

There is so much that is bad in the
best of us,

And so much that is good in the worst
of us

That it does not behove any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

"My dear," remarked Jones, who had
just finished reading a book on "The
Wonders of Nature," "Nature is mar-
vellous! When I read a book like this
it makes me think how puerile, how in-
significant is man."

"Huh!" said his wife. "A woman
doesn't have to wade through 400 pages
to discover that."

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MISS C. E. KIRK, J.P.



Herewith we present a photo of our new Recording Secretary. Miss Kirk has been cradled in the lap of the W.C.T.U. Her mother was, for many years, President of the Wellington Union, and her sister, Mrs. A. R. Atkinson, was one of the finest speakers and wisest administrators our Dominion Union has had.

Miss Kirk is Secretary for the Society for the Protection of Women and Children. She is held in high esteem by the troubled wives and mothers, who go to her for advice and help. When she takes her holiday, the members of Committee, who attend to the office and visiting, are constantly met with this plaint: "Isn't Miss Kirk here?" or "I thought Miss Kirk would come to see me."

EXPERENTIA DOCET.

The experience of the Temperance and General Life Assurance Society of Melbourne showed that in the temperance section the death-rate was 43.2 per cent., and in the General Section 60.2 per cent.—a difference between the total abstainer and the moderate drinker of 17 per cent. in favour of the total abstainer.

Worth thinking about, isn't it?

"The man whom I dread to see entering the operating theatre is the drinker."—Sir Frederick Treves, physician to H.M. King Edward VII.

"I most confidently declare that alcohol never in its history cured a disease or saved a life."—Dr. W. A. Chapple.