

(2) "That this meeting of representative women of Nelson urges on the Government that the powers suggested in section 3, sub-section (d), clause (v.), should not include the power of re-introducing the objectionable features of the C.D. Acts. It urges that the right of examination of a woman should not be granted to any one but a suitable woman. It further urges that greater facilities be granted for free voluntary consultation and treatment, night clinics, and education in the scientific and moral aspects of venereal diseases. It is urged that any legislation on the foregoing lines should be incorporated in the Main Act, with every opportunity for open discussion, and not dealt with by Order of Governor-in-Council."

Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to the Premier, to the Hon. Mr Herdman, and to the Member for Nelson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Throughout the Dominion the question of the Social Evil is being discussed in the press and on the platform. I shall be grateful if members in the various centres will send me any such correspondence, reports of addresses on the subject, and also an account of anything that is being done to help parents or educate young people. For this purpose, I can heartily recommend Dr Mary Wood Allen's "Teaching Truth"; Ellice Hopkins' "The Story of Life," and Miss Austen's excellent series of booklets—all procurable from Mrs Dearlove.—I am, yours, etc.,

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PATRIOTIC VERSE.

In many schools in Victoria the following verse is sung as verse 3 of "God Save the King":—

God save our splendid men,
Send them safe home again,

God save our men;
Keep them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,
God save our men.

SAVING THE CHILD.

God wants the boys and girls. Do we put His claim before aught else? Is it with us Christ,—to bring the children to Christ, then that they may be saved **for** Christ, not for our glory and convenience as parent, superintendent, teacher, leader, employer, or what not; not for the honour of our church, society, class; but for His glory alone?

"God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,

The noisy boys, the funny boys,

The thoughtless boys;

God wants the boys with all their joys,

That He as gold may make them pure,

And teach them trials to endure;

His heroes brave He'll have them be,

Fighting for truth and purity—

God wants the boys.

"God wants the happy-hearted girls,

The loving girls, the best of girls,

The worst of girls;

God wants to make the girls His pearls,

And so reflect His holy face,

And bring to mind His wondrous grace,

That beautiful the world may be,

And filled with love and purity—

God wants the girls."

Asked a Sunday School teacher of her class, "At what age should a child give her heart to God?" Various ages were given, when a tiny girl piped in with, "Please, teacher, as soon as we know about God and Jesus."

There is no need for the "sowing of wild oats," no need for the feet to wander in bye-paths of sin. And in co-operation with God by the Holy Spirit, we may be used of Him to bring the children to the Saviour; used of Him by precept and example to build them up in their most holy faith. Then established and built up in Christ Jesus our Lord, they, too, will go forth to challenge that trinity of evil, the world, the flesh, and the devil, in His Name, for His sake. As in the Army, so elsewhere, there is constant depletion of forces, depreciation, loss, to be made good by the ever calling up of fresh recruits. Where better could we look for our spiritual warriors than among those whom we have cherished God-ward from their earliest years in

Infant, Sunday School, Society, and Bible Class? Who better fitted to meet the Holy Spirit standard of service and equipment? If not, why not? Are we aiming at child-conversion, and to this end are our works wrought in God? Surely, then, there must be wrought in our young people the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus, that finds expression in bringing others to like saving knowledge of the truth—truth not in the abstract, but as embodied in Him who is "The Truth." There should be in us the holy optimism that despairs of none. "Give us the material" should be our cry. "Give us the chance," yes, with "the child cursed from its birth," as said General Booth, and in co-partnership with our God, the results will be worthy of the Divine-human Firm. We have seen, have known, what the Divine alchemy can do in transmuting base metal into precious. "Who is sufficient for these things?" "Our sufficiency is of God."

A college professor relates how his horse once almost trod upon a little hunch-back girl. The foul epithets she hurled at him held him appalled. He could not get the child off his mind, and at length persuaded her parents to allow her to go to the Mission School. There, under Christian influence she blossomed out into sweet, chaste, holy girlhood. She graduated, became a teacher, and after a time offered herself as a missionary "to fill the hardest place." Her request was granted, and in the region of the Euphrates she founded four large churches, and was instrumental in leading many thousands to the Saviour.

The great Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, was it not, who raised his hat to the schoolboy as a possible future statesman of England. So we would honour the child, not alone for its possible honourable position as a citizen of earth, but for the sake of Him by whom childhood has been honoured, and in co-operation with Him, seek to realise all his untold possibilities for good, both as citizen of heaven and earth. Amen.

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