

SOCIAL DANGERS DISCUSSED AT WELLINGTON MEETING.

The meeting called by the Mayoress to discuss social dangers at the Concert Chamber on April 23rd was well attended by women interested in the various subjects. Mrs Luke presided, and on the platform with her were Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Mrs Houlder, Mrs R. Pearson, and Mrs Brigadier Glover. Mrs Glover was asked to speak first, and she gave a short address on the dangers of the streets and parks, especially those which are not sufficiently well lighted. She urged that the lighting be improved, and that all parks and reserves should be closed at night. In speaking of rescue work, Mrs Glover said she realised what a burning and momentous question the protection of young manhood and womanhood was. Young girls of fifteen and sixteen in some cases simply disappeared, or were perhaps found herding with the vilest characters. She spoke in high praise of the ready assistance given by the Magistrates and police. There was urgent need of more strict supervision, and if men could not do this work, women should see to it.

Mrs Lee-Cowie then gave an impressive address, urging all present, and women in general, to make every effort to stop the drink traffic, and thus lessen all the terrible evils that come in its train. It was no time for women to sit idle while their sons at home and abroad were being tempted in all kinds of ways. She traced the rise of evils from the first days, and described how the horrors of contagious diseases increased and the numbers of victims multiplied. The awful consideration that these diseases not only ravaged those who sinned, but were handed on to the third and fourth generation, was one which should never be forgotten. How can we save the young and foolish? Only by starting to teach them from the beginning. Mrs Cowie quoted the directions given in Judges, "Drink no wine, eat no unclean food," and asked all mothers to listen to the angel's directions to abstain, as everything the mother thinks and says and does impresses the child yet unborn. Then comes the time for training the young boy or girl, and teach with such books as the "Story of Life," teach the glorious chivalry of manhood, and help him to control his passions; teach the

social dangers, and how to avoid them. "A white life for two" is the principle to be emphasised.

The following resolution was brought forward by Mrs Cowie:—"In view of the overwhelming medical evidence of the close connection of alcoholism and venereal diseases, this meeting of women calls upon the Government to put into effect drastic legislation to secure the closing of hotel bars for the duration of the war and also for the period of demobilisation that will follow."—Carried.

Mrs Glover proposed: "That this meeting call upon the Hon. Mr Herdman to follow, without delay, the lead of Great Britain and America, and institute women police for the better protection of our girls and boys."—Carried.

Mrs Boxall proposed: "That this representative meeting of women calls the attention of the Minister for Internal Affairs to the unsatisfactory character of picture shows and the posters exhibited where such pictures are shown, and thinks the censorship should be more severe."—Carried.

Mrs Beck proposed that a woman be appointed to the Censorship Board.—Carried.

Mrs Atkinson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayoress for presiding, the City Council for lending the hall, and the speakers of the afternoon.

Mrs Donaldson, in seconding the motion, said that women were apt just now to let their sympathies run too much in one direction. Women, as well as men, were open to new temptations through the war, and every woman should use her utmost energy to endeavour to bring about such a change as was made by Russia at the beginning of the war, when she abolished the manufacture of vodka.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

TWO RULES.

If you your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, to whom you
speak,
And how, and when, and where.

If you your ears would keep from
jeers,
Five things keep meekly hid:
"Myself," and "I," and "me," and
"my,"
And what I said I did.

WOMAN'S WORK.

A pastor of a Congregational Church in U.S.A. has just been granted leave of absence by his church and a continuation of salary for the period of the war, on condition that his wife serve as pastor during his absence. The pastor leaves for service in the French Red Cross. His wife has received theological training, and will be ordained before her husband's departure.

Canada has two women Police Magistrates, Mrs Arthur Murphy and Mrs Jamieson, both of Alberta.

Miss Louise Nolan has been decorated by King George with the military medal for valour. In the Dublin rebellion she dragged wounded soldiers to safety, although bullets were flying everywhere. The young lady is only seventeen years of age.

For the first time in the history of Germany a woman has participated in the business of the Reichstag. Fraulein Else Lueders, War Office chief of the female general staff, was recently invited to appear before the Anti-Race Suicide Committee of the Reichstag to take part in the discussion of questions pertaining to the protection of working women, especially in ammunition plants and other war industries.

The Petrograd Duma Committee for Municipal Affairs has voted in favour of a proposal that women shall be eligible for membership on Town Councils.

For the first time in the history of the First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, there will be women deacons this year.

Miss Maude Royden substituted for Professor Alexander Irvine at the City Temple, London, recently. Miss Royden is the second woman to preach in the City Temple. Mrs Booth, "Mother of the Salvation Army," once occupied the pulpit at the invitation of Dr. Parker.

Mrs Thomas A. Cooper has just been admitted as a member of the Ohio County Circuit Court bar. She will practise law in the seventh judicial circuit.

The citizens of Turon, both men and women, have nominated for Mayor Mrs Florence Lowe, who has been postmistress for years. Mrs T. F. Graff received the nomination for Police Judge, and Mrs Sarah Watson for City Council. There is no opposition.