

know of none more competent to speak on this subject, in speaking a year ago on "The Children in War-time," said: "If the world of to-morrow is a cleaner, saner, and more fraternal world, it will be largely because the children of to-day have been kept clear of the old weary-eyed evils. I can conceive no meaner, more miserable act than that which plants in the minds of the young the promise of another war. . . . (One of the chief penalties of us grown men and women is that we are imitated by the children. Our behaviour teaches more forcibly than our talking. . . . I suppose we cannot expect them to do anything else than make into games what we have made into enterprises of shattering pain. I wish they were not quite so fond of playing at soldiers. I wish adventure and glory would fasten themselves to other ideas for their admiration. I speak with sympathy. No boy was ever more fond of battle games than I was twenty years back. The day before yesterday I was confronted by a tiny boy armed with a toy rifle. He fired merrily and without mercy, and of course I had to fall. It was only a game—and yet—

The rain is slipping, dripping down
the street,

The day is grey as ashes on the hearth,
The children play with soldiers made
of tin,

While you sew
Row after row.

War is slipping, dripping death on
earth.

If the child is father of the man,
Is the toy gun father of the Krupp?

For God's sake **think**,
While you sew
Row after row.

There are better avenues. . . .
There are possibilities of a play which
exercises imagination and energy in
ways constructive. . . . It promises
a better outcome than the age-long
game of soldiers. It re-inforces the
best of the grown-up world, not the
worst. . . .)

"Let us beware lest we do anything
to mutilate and slay the best instincts
in the hearts of the children. Let us
see to it that we are the guardians,
not only of their bodies, but also of
their inner selves, which are the founts

of future betterment on the sad earth.
It is for us to nourish the children on
the ethics of robust comradeship and
the spiritual power of Christ. It is
for us to set the children marching
with the rhythm of the universal love.
Locked within the hearts of the children
are the tremendous potencies
which promise a better world. Our
task is to release the innate friendliness
which will lead us to the realm
of equity and joy."

It is because I have so strong a
conviction of the truth of all this, that
I have asked the Unions to send this
resolution to the schools in their districts.
Several have already acted
upon the suggestion, and I trust that
many others will take part in the
work. The deliberate emphasising of
the principles which it embodies will
surely help in the creation of a better
thought atmosphere; and though we
may not see an immediate result, we
shall at least have tried to do our part
in the sowing of the seed that shall
ripen into a harvest of peace and love
amongst all nations.

MARIAN JUDSON,
N.Z. Supt. Peace and Arbitration.

GIRLS!

God and your country need you.
Why? "That our daughters may be
as the polished corner stone." Polished,
not veneered, not varnished,
not painted; but polished, beautiful,
enduring, and strength-giving psalm.
Your mother needs you helpful, reliable,
loving and kind. Your Father
needs you quick, bright, wise, and
clever. Your Brother needs you as
confidante, chum, and counsellor. His
mate needs you as a strong, pure,
brave helper. Other boys need your
wisdom, power, and girlish goodness
to help them resist temptation and sin.
Other girls need your modesty,
strength, and courage to help them in
times of terrible difficulties and dangers.

Drink and vice and awful disease—
the outcome of evil—are imperilling
our Empire. Drunkenness destroys
thousands and tens of thousands.

We want you to join our Young
Women's Christian Union, to make a
purer world to live in. Membership
fee, is a year.

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Since the war began, 15,000 women
have been added to the teaching forces
in France. They have entered the
faculties of all schools except the
great universities.

For handling all cases in which
young girls are defendants, the
Juvenile Court of Los Angeles is
peculiarly well adapted. Miss Orfa
Jean Shontz is the referee, and every
member of her Court is a woman—
clerk, reporter, and even bailiff. The
girl who is tried in Judge Shontz's
Court is always given an opportunity
to make good if she wants it.

AN ADAMLESS EDEN.

In the office of the County Recorder
of Yavapai County every official or
attache of the office is a woman.

Miss Alice Burdsall is the only
woman reporter of decisions in the
U.S.A. It is common gossip in
Arizona that the position of Assistant
Attorney-General of Arizona
will shortly be tendered to the young
woman attorney.

Gisborne returned three women, all
White Ribboners, to the School Committee.

LADY DELEGATE.

At the Anglo-German Conference
over the exchange of prisoners, for the
first time in English history a woman
diplomat acted for Britain.

CHICAGO JUDGE ON LIQUOR REVENUE.

Every bandit crew that goes forth
to murder starts from a saloon; every
panderer has his rendezvous in a
grog-shop; every den of thieves
makes its victims drunk before it robs
them; every house of prostitution has
its bar, or is in partnership with
booze; every gambling den either is
in a saloon or sustains a close relationship
with one; the pickpocket
trust is housed in a saloon; the pay-off
joint for the crook and the crooked
policeman is in a saloon; the professional
bondsman and character witnesses for
thieves and hold-up men are saloon-keepers
or bartenders. Booze has caused 200,000
divorces in the United States in the last
twenty years, and adds 25,000 to the number
every year. It divides more homes,
empties more churches, and fills more
gaols than all other influences combined.
—"Union Signal."