

them, because we had the vote and the/ hadn't, and wearing the badge wouldn't prevent their husbands from getting drunk. This was the only one present who refused to sign, but Sister Nicholls hopes to get her later. Wishing you all happiness in the coming festive year. —Believe me, yours for service,

N. FULLJAMES.

PEACE COMMITTEE.

The following resolutions were the outcome of the Peace Committee of the International Council of Women at their quinquennial meeting. All are recorded in the three official languages:—

The International Labour Organisation.

The International Council of Women recommends that National Council give their earnest attention to the work of the International Labour Bureau, and to place it upon the programme of studies for the coming year.

European Reconstruction.

The International Council of Women welcome the reconstruction schemes that are being put into effect by the League of Nations, and urges that similar schemes be put into force in other countries needing such help.

The Court of International Justice.

The I.C.W. requests members of the National Councils to urge their respective Governments to accept, if they have not already done so, the optional clause in the statute for the Court of International Justice, declaring that they are prepared to accept the jurisdiction of the Court in all disputes that may come within the scope of the juridical decision.

The League of Nations.

The International Council of Women hears with satisfaction of the efforts that many of the National Councils are making to ensure the success of the League of Nations. The I.C.W. urges its constituent members to make every effort to promote the highest ideals of the League and to use all their influence to procure the speedy inclusion of all nations.

That with the view of bringing the I.C.W. into close touch with the different activities of the League of Nations, the Quinquennial Council Meeting shall consider the desirability of appointing liaison officers to the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation at Paris and at Rome, and to any other institution where collaboration would be suitable.

IODINE FOR GOITRE.

We have been reading a great deal lately in regard to the treatment of goitre by iodine. One enthusiast in our Parliament went so far as to ask that it should be made illegal to sell table salt unless iodine was put with it.

It is just as well that mothers should be on the alert and know a little about this drug which it is proposed to force upon our children.

Goitre is very prevalent in Switzerland, but as long ago as November, 1822, the following appeared in Magendie's "Formulaire":—

"At the present day the Genevese and Swiss physicians are much less enthusiastic with regard to the advantages which they first imagined to have accrued from the preparations of iodine. They now say that serious accidents have followed their employment, such as chronic inflammation of the stomach, and considerable inflammation of the whole body, particularly of the mammac."

We do not profess expert knowledge ourselves, but give the following opinions for mothers to study:—

Dr. Andrew Crotti, medical expert on goitre, before the American Association for the study of goitre, said that iodine is not entirely a harmless agent, and while it may benefit some, it is very liable to convert a simple, non-poisonable goitre in some other children into severe poisonous ones.

The "Pharmaceutical Advance," a recognised drug magazine says: "Iodine in excessive quantities, when introduced into the human system, is as fatal, or more so, than the much abused venizolate of soda. The human body contains so little iodine that it is almost immeasurable, but nevertheless Nature has provided the essential elements in foods

in the proportion adequate for bodily requirements."

Dr. W. H. Hay, of Buffalo, N.Y., issued a warning against iodine poisoning, November 26th, 1923. He said it crippled the function of the thyroid gland. The only iodine acceptable to the body can be taken as food sufficiently in the form of a cabbage a week.

It has long been recognised that it is better to let sufferers from anaemia eat vegetables with a large proportion of iron, such as carrots, beet, etc., than to give it in mineral form. The same is evidently true of iodine. The one is iron prepared in the great laboratory of Nature; the other prepared by the inorganic chemist who, like all humans, is liable to err.

WHAT WOMEN ARE THINKING.

(From "A Pageant of Great Women.")

"I have no quarrel with you, but I stand

For the clear right to hold my life my own:

The clear, clean right. To mould it as I will,—

Not as you will, with or apart from you
To make of it a thing of brain and blood,

Of tangible substance and of turbulent thought—

No thin, gray shadow of the life of man!
Your love, perchance, may set a crown on it;

But I may crown myself in other ways
(As you have done, who are in one flesh with me).

I have no quarrel with you; but, henceforth

This you must know: The world is mine as yours—

The pulsing strength and passion and hurt of it:

The work I set my hand to, woman's work,

Because I set my hand to it."

—Cicely Hamilton.

A little boy when told not to mention a guest's amputated foot, said, "No, and when I get to heaven, I won't say anything to John the Baptist about his head."