

Her eyes closed, her senses were locked in a deep sleep, from which she wakened never more on earth. A week later mother and lover stood beside the new-made grave. That day she should have been a happy bride; instead of that she slept in her quiet grace, sent there by a drunken driver's hand.

"Eric, my boy, who dare say the drink trade is no business of mine?" murmured this bereaved mother.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss McLay, after her long, strenuous, and very effective campaign in Waikato and Bay of Plenty districts, is resting in Auckland. Did I say resting? Well, perhaps so, in any case she is helping with seashore missions around Auckland.

Miss Bradshaw finished in the Manawatu District, and went a motor tour with friends, and we wish her a happy and health-giving holiday.

Miss Burls has concluded her four months' engagement with the W.C.T.U. She did good service under adverse conditions, weather and other kinds. The Executive officers, taking all these circumstances into consideration, decided not to renew the engagement; they thanked Miss Burls for her work, and wished her every success in her future sphere.

HEADQUARTERS.

What is a Headquarters? Why, a home, of course. For 42 years our Dominion Union has been and still is homeless. We have started to save up for a home, and have about £900 in hand. Now there is the prospect that a fine, new up-to-date and most suitable building may be obtainable. The Executive officers are most anxious that we should be able to secure such a suitable building. But it will need a large sum to be raised. An appeal is to be made to our Unions to ask that they send their delegates to Convention with suggestions as to what Unions can do to help in this matter. The need is urgent. We should have a home where all our literature could be kept, and where eventually all our activities could be centred. Now please don't think this is a difficult matter. It only wants the hearty co-operation of every Union

and every officer, and it would be an accomplished fact. Please remember Headquarters, plan for it, pray for it, think about it, talk about it, interest others in it, and come to Convention full of faith and ready to do great works.

WOMEN JUSTICES.

At last, after years of waiting, the Government has appointed Women Justices of the Peace. We congratulate the Minister upon the appointments made. The choice is excellent, and we venture to say not many lists of male Justices have been so very suitable. The different women's societies are well represented, and all are women who have done social work of a high order. The W.C.T.U. has provided several women who will perform their duties with ability, fairness, justice, and dignity. Mrs Taylor, our Dominion President, is one; also Mrs McCombs, President of Sumner W.C.T.U., and an ex-Dominion officer; Miss Kirk, President of Wellington Central, who is also Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children; Mrs McVicar and Mrs Herbert are both White Ribboners, and Mrs Leech, Secretary of League of Nations Union, has been a frequent speaker at our Dominion Conventions. Mrs Gorliss and Mrs Fraser are both social workers, and Dr. Hilda Northcroft is a member of Women's National Council. We are glad to get this reform in our Department of Justice, and trust soon to have Women Police and Women Jurors.

The British Government report a profit of £82,000 on the Carlisle undertaking, which represents just under 7½ per cent.—and this without any deduction for taxation, such as private businesses pay. The Government still declines to say how much was spent by the people on liquor in order to give this profit.

Samuel Jordan, the well-known minister, having cause to be anxious about his son's college examination, told him to telegraph the result. The boy sent the following message to his parent: "Hymn 342, fifth verse, last two lines."

Looking it up the father found the words: "Sorrow vanquished, labour ended, Jordan passed."—"Indian Witness."

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE U.S. AND PROHIBITION.

(By Blanche Read Johnston, Hon. Secretary, World's W.C.T.U.)

One of the most delightful experiences of my last visit to the South (United States of America) was the great pleasure I had in meeting Mrs Maudie Perkins. Mrs Perkins is the National Director of the Young People's Work for the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the United States. She is bright, keen and alert, and enthusiastic upon the question of young people; an eloquent exponent of their cause. The important position she occupies in relation to the work gives her authority to speak of conditions. She visits and addresses the young people in the educational institutions throughout the United States. Therefore she is right in the heart of the young life, knows how its pulse beats, its aims, ambitions, and ideals. We discussed the question of the insidious propaganda which is being directed against the young people of the United States by the anti-Prohibition forces. She assured me that it was a malicious scheme of misrepresentation.

FALSE REPORTS.

We continually hear that the young people of the United States indulge in drink more freely than before Prohibition was enacted. We hear of "petting parties," of "hip flask," and a general downward tendency of the young folk of the American Republic. Doubtless there is a class who so indulge. They are always looking for some new excitement and some fresh extravagance and new indulgence by which they may spend their money. "The occasional flask displayed at social gatherings is often the expression of bravado." It is a shame to stigmatise the young people of the United States in this manner because of a limited class of transgressors. Of course, the whole object is to discredit the Prohibition law. It is an inspired attack on the good name of the young people of that country.

Mrs Boole, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, says:—"There has been no cheaper trick in all American politics than this false picturing of youth. No meaner political slander has ever been invented than this business of rubbing smut on the boys and girls by the liquor interests and their friends."