

Get into the fight. Time wings its flight,
Get into the fight to-day
There is work to do, and the call means you:
Get into the fight to stay."

3. Press for Scientific Temperance teaching to be compulsory in our schools and training colleges. Our children must be taught not fancies and isms, but facts. The medical profession know the facts, and are teaching them, as anyone reading the account of the Christchurch meeting in this issue can see. What our doctors tell us about alcohol must be taught to every child in this Dominion, and through our schools is the only way to reach practically every child.

We must start our New Year with definite plans of work. Let those be faithfully carried out, praying earnestly, working steadily, never omitting one opportunity to win another member. The new year is before us. Let us write upon its pages a record of loyalty and devotion to God and the Right.

"Sing who will of dead years departed,
I shroud them and bid them adieu,
And the song that I sing, happy hearted,
Is a song of the glorious new."

"THERE IS NO DEFEAT."

Words spoken by Lillian M. N. Stevens, September 10, 1911.
Katharine Lent Stevenson.

Written on the occasion of the Prohibition Victory in the House of Representatives, December 17, 1917.
O Prophet soul, rapt Seer, whose vision clear
Pierced through night's darkness to the coming day,
We give thee joy; thy radiant dawning draws near,
Thy truth's great triumph sweeps its onward way;
In whatsoever far-off world thou art,
We know the joy-bells ring in thy great heart.

"Within a decade," spoke thy faith serene,

"This truth shall written be in our land's laws."
Was ever faith more built on things unseen,
Had ever courage less of outward cause?

A David 'gainst Goliath thou didst go,
And lo, Goliath meets his overthrow.

Four years are lacking of the decade still,
Yet now we read, writ by the nation's hand,
The confirmation of thy dauntless will,
The earnest of the long-sought Promised land.

Great Heart of faith, for this thou gavest thy life,
And thou art victor in the glorious strife.

We follow in the path trod by thy feet;
Our faith mounts up to meet thine on Heaven's height;
There shall be "no defeat"; no called retreat
Shall sound forth from the bugle of our right.
We pledge ourselves to God, and thee, anew;
Thy vision for our land we'll help make true.

The evolution of humanity, the democratic emancipation, is a long road. Imagine the time that must elapse before the same or similar forces that produce our organisations that fight or arbitrate to determine the allocation of the fruits of industry have operated upon the people of every country and evolved a universe of people whose lowest races are intelligent enough to insist upon justice being done to them. When that has come to pass will those who labour have the determining of the allocation. It would seem that no other persons would be so free from the partialities, and it would merely be the application of "He who pays the piper calls the tune." The question that is vital is this: Are there no means other than force—the accident of circumstances—to bring about the evolution of humanity?—"Education World Charter."

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

FAMINE IN VIENNA. THE CHILDREN SUFFERING. (To the Editor).

Madam,—The following are extracts from cabled news appearing in our newspapers, dated 10th November, 1919:—

Vienna, 6th November. Sir William Goode, British representative, telegraphed to Reuter, to the effect that conditions in Vienna are well nigh desperate. . . . There are absolutely no reserves of bread, meat and fats."

Another cable extract reads:—
"London, 6th November. Mr Philip Gibbs, writing from Vienna states: The vast majority are on the verge of starvation. Children are scrofulous, though the American Relief Committee has provided twenty million meals. . . . The British Mission is also doing splendid service."

I beg to suggest, Madam, that as winter is nigh in Europe, steps be taken at once to raise an Xmas Famine Fund to supply the Vienna children with food and later with warm clothing.

Our Mayors and State School teachers could receive donations, etc., I have proposed above for, the following reasons:—

(1) No great charity appeal has been made of late.

(2) England cannot spare food. In any case an "Enquiry Cable" should be sent to Mr Lloyd George, and if help is needed I know that every Colonial boy and girl will assist to make the children of Vienna happy this year.—I am, etc.,

A BRITISH COLONIAL.

PROHIBITION THE ONLY REMEDY.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—We are as you know passing through a time pregnant with destiny in our fair land of New Zealand. I think that the liquor question needs even more emphasising than it is getting. The revenue is a weighty question at the present time, especially as world bankruptcy is staring us in the face. I know of no better solution of this problem than one given years ago by Sir Robert Stout, and his arguments are as weighty now as then. Some one interjected, "Where is the revenue to come from?" to which he replied, "Where does it come from now? Do you suppose that the brewers or publicans pay the revenue out of their own pockets? No, it is you, who go there drinking, who pay the revenue. For every £1 you spend in drink, the very most that goes to the revenue is 1/6. Would it not be better for you to pay that shilling to the