

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

A Notable Woman Worker

Vancouver, Victoria, and a large number of the other towns and cities of British Columbia have recently been visited by Miss M. C. Ratte, who has been for two years in charge of the Redemptive Work among girls—under the General Assembly's Board of Social Service and Evangelism.

Miss Ratte was converted from Catholicism through the work of our Presbyterian French Evangelization Board, and for several years afterward she gave herself to the task of helping her own people. While engaged in this work, she was unconsciously fitting herself for the large place which she is now filling in the life of the Church.

As a worker, Miss Ratte is unique. Her strong and attractive personality, and her consecrated devotion to the work of her Master, win for her a large interest among Church people wherever she goes. No one can hear her speak without being stirred by the story which she tells. She is able to go down to the lowest places and to rescue those whom few can reach. Since she undertook this special work for our church, she has been instrumental in establishing five rescue homes in the Dominion—and during her two years of service in this connection, she has dealt personally with over 300 girls who needed the help which she could give.

There is a vast amount of work to be done in this province, and there is a probability that Miss Ratte may undertake a part of it. We cannot go where she goes and we cannot do the work which she is doing so nobly. But we can make the way much easier for her by letting her feel that the Presbyterians of the province—and especially the Presbyterian women—are behind her and will support her in whatever she undertakes for the betterment of conditions here.

—H. F. Taylor

The Dangers of Ignorance—A Well-Worded Warning

We believe we cannot utilize the remainder of our Woman's Page better this month than by reproducing the following well-worded warning to young women, which has just been issued by the National Vigilance Association of 12 Dalhousie Street, Glasgow, and 8 Bank Street, Edinburgh:—

Parents should bring this notice under the careful attention of young women, for doubtless the practice of the injunctions therein given would prevent many of the terrible tragedies that so easily occur in the large centres of population. We note our valued contemporary "Life and Work"—the Church of Scotland Magazine—gives space to the notice, which is as follows:—

Owing to thousands of innocent girls being led into great danger each year through ignorance, we would warn you—

1. Never speak to strangers, either men or women, in the street, in shops, in stations, in trains, in lonely country roads, or in places of amusement.
2. Never ask the way of any but officials on duty, such as policemen, railway officials, or postmen.