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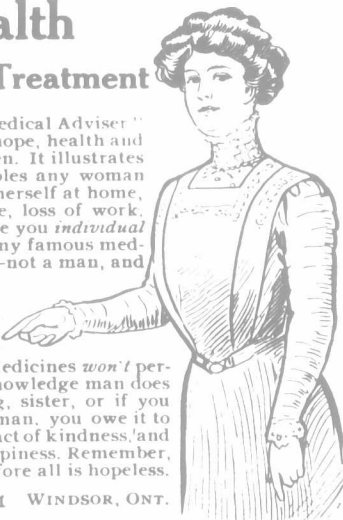
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International Council of Women.

The motto of the International Council of Women has been, from the first, "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." The only variation of it that is permitted is used by the branch that is making the fight against tuberculosis its special work. Its members say, "Do unto your children as ye would your parents had done to you." This seems to be a good place to say something of the

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

Many addresses were given on the subject, but Lady Aberdeen's summing-up covers almost the whole ground. She spoke of the centuries in which consumption raged unimpeded, because it was regarded as a visitation from God that could not be withstood. Dr. Koch's discovery of the tubercle bacillus proved that it was a communicable disease, and so a preventable one, but it has taken nearly twenty years for the world to realize what that discovery means. The present obstacle arising from that awakening is that people are panic-stricken over the fact that the disease can be communicated, and the poor consumptives are shunned, and deprived of the care that would cure them in the early stages of their trouble. This fear will be lulled into a respectful acknowledgment of the power of the plague and the necessity for preventive measures, which will include a system of notification of the disease; a hospital for advanced cases, to protect the community, as well as to care for the sick; a sanatorium for early cases, to effect a cure; a well-equipped dispensary, and instruction school for patients.

Purely preventive work will educate the public to appreciate fresh air, playgrounds, outdoor sleeping, nourishing food, and, above all, pure milk for the children.

In Lady Aberdeen's own words: "We have set ourselves to hunt out one demon of the world who has too long been allowed to flourish unmolested; and, in carrying on our relentless hunt, we shall find we have sapped the life-blood of many another enemy of the human race; and, in the end, the world may bless the foe whose depredations awakened the nations to the imminent danger, and to find, in their hand-to-hand struggle to escape, a new and higher form of life in the cult of fresh air, simple diet, healthy surroundings, temperance, and self-control."

THE CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

So important was this subject considered that three sections united to discuss it together. A representative of that little but progressive Holland led off. Miss Van Ewijk said that in Holland children were sent home from the schools who were epileptic or moral defectives, as well as mentally weak, but so far no other provision had been made for them. Miss Denby, of Manchester, England, was the chief speaker. When serving on the school board of that city, she was appalled by the number of backward children in the schools. She investigated, and found terrible conditions in some of the homes, and out of 38,400 children inspected, 500 were found to be decidedly defective mentally, getting no good at school, and proving detrimental to the other children. Private charity supplied a tract of land, and money came in freely, and in 1898 she founded the Lancashire and Cheshire Society for the Permanent Care of the Feeble-minded. Other institutions of the kind kept such unfortunates only till they were sixteen, and then they went out into the world to perpetuate their kind. Miss Denby holds that the great work is to segregate the defectives all their lives. The defectives are not always the products of the slums. Rich and poor, city and country, supply them in

about equal proportions. There are three defective boys to every two girls, and Canada has her share among the nations. The marriage of mental defectives is a crime.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

The plea for the criminal was an earnest one, not running to sentimentality, and with a full realization of the heinousness of crime. Mrs. G. Loring Spencer, of New York, has devoted many years to visiting girls and women in prison to make their acquaintance, preparatory to helping them on their release. The matron of the Mercer Reformatory, in Toronto, says that there is "no large percentage of reformed women coming out from the Mercer. The seed of reform seems to be cast on rocky ground with our women. They make such rapid growth, and give such promise of betterment, but the moment they are liberated it is all gone. They say we don't give them a chance when they get out. Perhaps that is true, and it is more the fault of us on the outside."

Miss Sadie American pleaded for the provision of more places of innocent amusement for young people. There are plenty of evil places, and youth will go to them if there are no clean places. She asked for kindly pity and help for the girl who has gone wrong. Hers is not the only wrong. "Young girls are forced to work. Their fathers are not able to earn enough to keep them according to the modern standard of living. They get small wages, and some of them go wrong. But it isn't only the girl who goes wrong. Isn't it immoral to work girls 16 or 18 hours a day? Isn't it immoral for us to forget the needs of these young girls?"

Miss Rose Barrett, of Ireland, read a paper on juvenile courts, holding that, since the establishment of properly-governed children's courts, the volume of crime had materially decreased. It has been found that a large proportion of childish evil-doers are illiterate or mentally defective, and prison life, with hardened prisoners, is no cure for either of these diseases.

CAREERS AND PROFESSIONS FOR WOMEN.

This section of the great congress seemed invariably well attended, and one gleaned some interesting facts about the kinds of work women have undertaken successfully. There are seven thousand woman doctors in the United States, and their work was related by Dr. Rosalie Morton. Miss Janes, London, England, had made a list of occupations which women could do well in England. There were registrars, rate collectors, school-attendance officers, road contractors, botanists, accountants, police matrons, librarians, telegraph operators, factory inspectors. Some of these combined genuine philanthropy and charitable work, such as rent-collector and property supervisor for landlords. This scheme was described by Marion Blackie, of Glasgow, in which city it has been tried. The idea is to secure from landlords the position of rent-collector. The worker then arranges to collect the rent weekly, and in this way rents are paid promptly, the necessities and general condition of each household is known by the collector, and the proper aid can be given without appearing to interfere unduly with the household affairs.

The place of women in outdoor careers aroused interest. Miss Nellie Edwards, one of the delegates, is an advocate of poultry-raising. She speaks from experience, because in Gloucester she has the largest pure-bred poultry farm in England. Her stock is all sold alive for breeding purposes, and her farm comprises a hundred acres. Her Buff Orpingtons were the first of that breed to come to America.

England has a Horticultural College for women in Kent. The head of it, trained as a landscape gardener, and her school is finding good positions. One girl is gardener for