

SOCIAL PURITY.

The work of social purity is one of the most delicate and difficult of all the departments of W. C. T. U. work and yet one of the most important. During the past year this work has been taken up under its threefold head—preventative, reformatory and legal. We trust seed has been sown which shall bring forth grand results for good. Mothers' meetings in homes have been held, at which leaflets have been read and talks given, discussions always following. A series of public addresses on this subject was given in Victoria by Miss Beeton, who was, when in England, associated with Mrs. Josephine Butler. The boys of the Y.M.C.A. were also addressed on the subject of the White Cross Pledge, and after talking and explaining fully, many were persuaded to take the pledge. In the other cities the work has been mainly that of reform. In New Westminster, a young girl rescued from a life of shame, who professed conversion, desires to work among the Chinese, and is now on her way to China. In Vancouver, all the houses of ill fame have been visited, and a few have been led to abandon their evil life: one married, and is comfortably situated in the city. We praise God for His blessing on the weak efforts of His children.

EMMA SPENCER.

HOSPITAL WORK.

The work in Vancouver is carried on by Miss Bowes, who reports thirty-two gospel meetings held on Sundays, 4600 pages of literature and Christmas letters distributed, four conversions.

In the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, a service is held every Sunday by one of the city Ministers. Christmas letters were distributed as well as other suitable literature.

In New Westminster Christmas letters were also distributed, and in other ways the patients were remembered.

JAIL WORK.

In Victoria there were made 237 arrests, 24 were for assault, 45 for drunkenness, 10 for selling liquor to the Indians, and 139 caused directly through liquor. The Superintendent visits the jail, converses with the prisoners and distributes literature, 17 have taken the pledge and several genuine conversions believed to have taken place.