

and I have tried to show you, by holding up our sister colony, something of what the result is when justice has begun to be accorded to all citizens, and when men and women co-operate in great purposes.

The second great evil is intemperance. I put this second because we are told it causes more deaths in the long run than war.

Intoxication is at the root of most of the murders and suicides. Cruikshanks, the artist, offered £100 for proof of a violent crime committed by a total abstainer, and the money remains unclaimed till this day.

But here in the darkness of license and national drinking, we see a gleam of light—prohibition has swept along in the United States with a swift and steady stride, also in Iceland, New Zealand and our own Prince Edward Island. It is coming, but let each one of us help it to come faster!

The Curse of Militarism.

And the third great evil is militarism.

We have hardly yet realized what a curse that is to progress and prosperity.

We point to Germany as the great military power in the world. She may be that, but has it prevented the cry of the unemployed? Misery and poverty are there side by side with this great military splendor.

Gaze on the gleam of shining armaments and then look on this side!

Some significant facts have just been made public in Berlin—in the year 1906.

In twelve months no fewer than 7,298 persons ended their own lives!

Do you believe that the spirit of militarism and constant increase of armaments means national prosperity in all classes? I tell you this increase of armaments means the sucking of the nations' lifeblood! It causes the cry of the starving, the unemployed; suicides and murders of desperate creatures! Yes, militarism gives glory to the few, but death and misery to the many. Suffering, want and starvation, always follow in its wake.