

IPSWICH WOMEN'S PEACE ARMY.

A meeting of the Ipswich branch of the Women's Peace Army was held in Cameron's rooms on Thursday, July 5. Miss Thorp, Mr. J. S. Collings, and a few local gentlemen were present by invitation. Mr. Collings gave a splendid address, expressing his pleasure in being able to attend the gathering of enthusiastic peace advocates. In outlining the progress of the organisation he remarked that Miss Pankhurst was treated shamefully when she first broached the subject of permanent peace, but she would be welcomed if she came here to-day. If one woman could do what she had done he was quite sure a dozen or so would soon make their presence felt. Touching on the war, Mr. Collings said that this war had been going on for nearly three years without any sign of abatement. As long as such men as those in the big shipping firms were making their enormous war profits there would be war. Soldiers brought home tales of the horrible massacre going on at the front, where strong men (both British and German), whose wives and children, or whose sweethearts awaited them at home, were mown down like hay. Although the Germans were looked on as beneath contempt, they, too, had their wives, children, and sweethearts awaiting them. They had the same anguish and pain. There was just as much suffering in Germany over the loss of loved ones as there was here. The peace movement in Sydney and Melbourne was steadily growing. Miss Johns and Miss Goldstein were to be complimented on their unceasing work.

Mr. Collings also spoke highly on the ability of Miss Thorp and her splendid courageous efforts for the peace movement in this State.

Miss Thorp gave a short address, saying that although the branch was starting in a small way she was confident that, as time went on, it would swell in numbers. It is well-known that there is a strong peace feeling throughout the country, but people are afraid to express their opinions in face of the prevailing rampant jingoism. A vote of thanks was heartily given to Miss Thorp and Mr. Collings, Miss Thorp promising to give the branch all the assistance her time would permit.