



My Dear Comrades,—

White Ribbon month has come and gone, but our efforts to win subscribers must not be shelved. Ours to try. If at first we don't succeed, try, try, try again. We are carrying out our programme of education as we circulate our "White Ribbon" paper. Our goal is to win abolition of the liquor traffic. Every effort helps. No effort is lost. Some may try to dissuade us, saying our goal is too high. Jesus set a goal long ago, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." Do we as Christians say Jesus set too high a standard? Do we not rather press on toward the mark, His goal ever before us? Not weary in striving after the perfect life, because we know that Jesus is with us, helping us to overcome, until we reach the Land where there is no sin. Now, when we strive for the abolition of strong drink, is not this goal one of the summits to be reached in our efforts to attain unto Jesus' goal?

Oh, that we had a vision of the world as Jesus came to make it. How we would long to clear the road of all that hurts and destroys mankind; how we would cultivate the gifts of leadership and of speech to give out the messages of God, messages of warning as well as messages of uplift. Only by baptising all work with prayer, and following all prayer with work, can we attain our end.

May God's richest blessing rest on each one of you, my White Ribbon comrades, and may this year see a real awakening, an enthusiasm that will not be quenched until the day of victory.

We are cheered to know that the Farmers' Union is taking up the cudgels against drink at dances. Soon there will be a great awakening to the dire evils resulting from the taking of alcohol by whatever name it is called. Fear not!

"I will stand in the pathway of duty,
For a cause which shall never retreat,
'Tis with God-given strength I shall conquer,
And the foe in the conflict defeat.
I will stand 'gainst a great host of darkness,
And list to the Master's command,
Hurl'd down from the heavenly portals,
The line must not break where we stand.

With love and greetings,

JESSIE HIETT.

Amalapuram,
East Godavary District, India.

30th May, 1936.

My dear Mrs Peryman and White Ribboners,—

This is to tell you about the happy times we had during the last few months. My husband is regularly going out to the villages to do the work among the victims of opium and alcohol. He is visiting about half a dozen villages, and we have much pleasure to let you all know that most of the people for whom we are constantly praying gave an oath that they would not touch alcohol in their life time. They are coming very near to our Lord Jesus Christ. "Praise the Lord!"

There is one village called Kodurupadu, about seven miles away from here, where a group of people gather every Sunday regularly to offer prayers to our Lord Almighty. We have opened a new Sunday School there in the beginning of the year, and you can see the group of our Sunday School in the enclosed snap. The man who is standing at the extreme left holding a picture-roll is really a child of God, and he is really saved from the pit of sin. He is very eager to take the Baptism. The Sunday School boys like very much the small picture cards, but sorry we haven't got them with us to give them every week. They are very eager, and looking forward for the day of annual prize distribution. If our Lord shows us any help, we are thinking of giving them prizes in the early part of December. Therefore, we request all the readers of the "White Ribbon" to cooperate in the work and lend your helping hand in the work.

We have undertaken another work to help the poor Christian widows of the villages. Most of the widows know knitting d'oyleys, centres, ovals, yokes, collars, duchess sets, laces by the yard, etc., in all sizes; but to their bad luck, there is no sale for their work in India, as the white population, who use this on large scale, is very scarce. We collect all the crochet work of theirs and send it away to the children of God who like to help the poor widows by disposing of it in the churches and to their friends. We are very glad to say that our Lord is showing much help in this way to assist the poor women of this

place. We thank the Editor and Miss M. Curle very much for their generous mind to help in this work. **More work can be done if more can help in the enterprise.**

The summer is very hot this year. At the beginning of this month my husband had been for a camp with some native brethren to a place called Molletimoga, which is a seaside place, where there is a big light-house. All the people who belong to that place are fishermen, and they are more or less equal to the wild animals. They work all night on the sea by fishing, and come out in the morning and sleep all day. At about three in the afternoon they go to the toddy shop, and return home fully drunk. Poor fellows! spend all their earnings in drinking. My husband says that when he visited last year a small village he saw all the people are idol worshippers and drunkards. He preached to them and gave some leaflets. But to his surprise, when he visited this year, he saw all people are worshipping only one God, and gave up drinking. What a wonderful God we have! He does very wonderful things. We shall be pleased to send you pictures of our work in India if you are at all interested. We are praying earnestly to our Lord Almighty for a magic lantern. Indians hear more interestingly if the work is done with a magic lantern. So we request you all please to co-operate with us in the prayer, and lend your hand in this enterprise also so much as God gives you.

We shall tell you more about these people in our next letter.

Yours, in His service,

MRS. G. ROBEENA.

HOW PROHIBITION WAS REJECTED IN U.S.A.

MANY MILLIONS NEVER VOTED
AT ALL.

Prohibition was not repealed by a popular ad hoc vote of the people, but by the election of State Conventionists. The result of the Convention contests showed that out of an electorate of 61,369,239, only 15,272,406 cast their votes for Repeal candidates. No fewer than 39,704,118 took no part at all in the elections, while 5,528,683 voted for Prohibition candidates. It cannot be said, therefore, with any degree of honesty, that a majority of the people of the United States demanded the repeal of National Prohibition. Then again, the vote was taken during the most severe depression the United States has ever experienced. This was an opportunity for the political wets to declare, "Whatever benefit there was in prohibition or evil resulting from the existence of the liquor traffic, the nation needs revenue, and that which comes from liquor will help balance the Budget."