

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

—William Pitt.

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## Mrs. FORRESTER-PATON

### President of a World-wide Sisterhood

In our happy anticipation of Mrs. Forrester-Paton's visit to New Zealand, one great factor is that in her we shall see the actual personification of the "tie that binds" so many women, of so many lands, in one united army, organised to make war upon the Root Evil of our time.

Each country in the World W.C.T.U. has its own problems, its own methods and its own organisation. In our land we have certain aspects to consider which do not enter into the working of the Union elsewhere. But, these differences are merely skin deep. At heart there is one glowing core of intense belief in the rightness of our cause—that of educating and agitating until we have secured "Total abstinence for the individual and Prohibition for the Nation."

Here east joins west, and north, south. And, when we see a woman, chosen by her comrades from all parts of the world, as their leader and President in this holy war, we shall welcome her, not only for her own sake, however warmly and whole-heartedly we shall do that, but because she represents the women of lands we shall never see; and because she has brought from them something of courage in danger and disaster, of heroic battling for God, Home and Humanity, which she will pass on to us, in her contact, brief as it must be, with us in our far-off islands. Her personal dedication of her life to the work of Temperance will inspire and nerve

many timid souls, and strengthen those whose years of service may have wearied somewhat. We pray for the richest blessing of God upon her and her husband during their stay here; and for a safe and happy return to their own beloved Scotland.



Mrs. J. Forrester-Paton  
World President, W.C.T.U.

#### Arrangements for Auckland and Wellington

Tuesday, September 6th—Arrival in Auckland by air.

Wednesday, September 7th—2 p.m., Public Reception in Edinburgh Street Hall, Newton, Auckland; arranged by Auckland District Union.

Thursday, September 8th—8 p.m., Public Reception in Town Hall Concert Chamber, Wellington; arranged by Dominion Officers.

Friday, September 9th—10 a.m., Morning Tea; arranged Wellington Branch of National Council of Women.

2 p.m., "At Home," in Wesley Hall, Taranaki Street; arranged by Wellington District Union.

Saturday, September 10th—10 a.m., Morning Tea at Dominion Headquarters with Dominion Officers.

The remainder of the time will be spent at Wairakei near Taupo, and Rotorua, in sight-seeing and resting. On the 15th, a visit will be paid to Waitomo, and on the 17th, the visitors will leave Auckland by air for Australia.

### FRANCHISE DAY September 19th WOMEN LEGISLATORS

Women are playing an important role in India today. There are at present 53 women members of Central and Provincial legislatures, the youngest being Mrs. Sudha Kumari Rai, 25, in the Central Provinces Assembly. Three of them are deputy speakers of Provincial Assemblies. As a result of the recent order opening all government services to women, a number of them are beginning to fill executive

posts; two are sheriffs and one is a magistrate in Delhi. There are three top positions held by women, namely Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Panditas, Ambassador to Moscow; Mrs. Sarajini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces; and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister of the Government of India. There are at present 5,000 women doctors, 7,000 women nurses and many thousand women teachers.

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