

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

The plank of memory is watered by showers of loving thoughts.

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A NEW ORDER

A world at war! Chaos and suffering all around and about us. What is the cause? Let us look back and we can trace how nations settled down, too satisfied to fight their national sins, forgetful of God, seeking wealth and pleasure. Look around! In our own land our youth without any standard of conduct, till magistrates from the bench speak of increase of dishonesty, crimes of violence, etc. Now look forward! The world moves forward on the feet of little children, and the future of our Dominion, our Empire and the British Commonwealth of Nations depends upon the race we are breeding now. What do we see? Three acknowledged racial poisons, Alcohol, Nicotine, and Venereal Disease rampant all around. Not a farmer would breed his stock as carelessly as New Zealand breeds its future citizens. And because alcohol is not only itself a racial poison but aids and abets venereal disease. "Alcohol and syphilis go hand in hand and probably form the most disastrous of all pathological combinations" is the verdict of Dr. C. F. Marshall, M.D., M.Sc., F.R.C.S. Another leading medico gives this opinion. "Every friend of alcohol is marching under the flags of syphilis and gonorrhœa to our racial ruin."

Yet how carelessly we view this tragedy! How little we do to arrest it!

Shortly after the close of the World War No. 1 a liquor trader in New Zealand informed the trade: "We have no further need to fear our trade being outvoted. **The women have learned to drink.**"

The years since then have proved the truth of his words. Said an overseas visitor: "Never in all my travels in many lands, and over many years, have I seen so many young women drinking in hotel lounges as in New Zealand."

These women who drink and smoke are the mothers of our succeeding race. The child is denied its right to be well born. Before its birth its delicate blood vessels have been bathed in alcohol or nicotine or both in the blood

RACIAL POISONS.

1. Alcohol.

(a) Alcohol, when taken into the system goes directly to the generative organs, and epileptics, feeble-minded children are those whose life started when one or both germ-cells were alcoholised.

(b) The individual is "the trustee of the germ-cells."—Galton.

(c) Children in East London are not born into the world, they are damned into it and the cause is alcohol.—Gen. Booth, S.A.

2. Nicotine.

(a) "When the women smoke as freely as the men, God help the children; they'll be past all human help."—Dr. Saleeby, world-famed specialist.

(b) After extensive research in U.S.A. the educational institutions gave this verdict: "Not one student of first rank was either a smoker or the child of a smoker."

(c) "Died of a nicotine heart." Verdict of a N.Z. jury on the body of an infant two weeks old.

3. Venereal Diseases.

(a) "I talk to you in medical terms, and I say drinking alcohol is racial poisoning. That, worse than that, it is a cursed confederate of the worst racial poisons, syphilis and gonorrhœa. And I say, therefore, that woman is no woman who betrays her sex if by voting for alcohol she thereby betrays the future."—Dr. C. W. Saleeby.

Gonorrhœa is a poison which tends to **destroy the race outright** by causing sterility. **Syphilis** is a still more terrible enemy of the race, because it has the power of originating degeneracy in healthy stocks; but the real tragedy is that the poison is so firmly implanted that not only is it very injurious to the unborn child, but it is liable to be transmitted even to the third generation.

circulated from its mother. After birth it is fed on milk poisoned by nicotine.

Whose Responsibility?

Every citizen is responsible and every woman who loves her child should study and learn how to bear and rear her children.

Arise and Build.

The W.C.T.U. with its world-embracing motto: "For God, Home and Humanity," should lead the way to the heights of Christian citizenship. We have God's promise, "According to your faith it shall be done unto you." This is a law as certain as that 2 + 2 makes 4. Believe and receive! From our Convention go back to pray, believe and work! But above all expect the victory over all evils. Visualise a Dominion set free from the curse of licensees; remember you are one of many working and praying for the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Einstein's Meditation.

The greatest scientist today, the most creative genius, in so far as he opens doors and uncovers vistas unknown to modern thought, Einstein, came to his marvellous clarity of perception by ecstatic meditation upon the attributes of God as absolute good, inherent in all nature and manifest in all law, expressing himself in his youth in a constant outpouring of rapturous hymns and psalms upon the nature of omnipotence.—The Gleaner.

SERVICE NOT SELF.

Nations, like men, are never safe, when their chief thought is their own safety.

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.

All service ranks the same with God; there is no last or first.

The happiness of your life depends upon the character of your thoughts.