

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"The greatest influence for good or for evil, is hidden in the hand of a woman."

—Adolphe Monod

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## The Challenge of Our Youth

The young people of today, apart from the privileged few, in our Churches and Temperance Societies, are growing up quite unaware of the grave and deceptive qualities of alcoholic liquor. The tremendous power of the liquor trade advertising and propaganda has so glorified drinking, as to camouflage the truth of its evil results. The radio, the newspapers and motion pictures all tend to make our youth believe **drinking** is the proper thing. On every hand, throughout the cities and country, there are temptations of major proportions facing them and the greatest of these evils are the **Drink** menace and the **gambling** habit.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this and every land has a gigantic responsibility resting upon it, for there never was a time in history when there was a greater challenge to work for the Master, in this field of service.

**We have the facts, but what are we doing about it?**

The need for educating children and adolescents in the harmful effects of alcohol is a fact we cannot escape. Dr. Haven Emerson says, "By the gradual building up of informed and prepared minds in children at the early grades, the intricate and involved effects of alcohol on human conduct and social behaviour, can be taught in the later years of schooling, without any reaction when they later meet the challenge of the drinking environment.

Convictions must be sufficiently strong to give self-justification for saying, "No, thank you," when alcoholic drinks are offered.

"Where have we failed?" cried an agonised parent in a Children's Court. "Where?" Yes, if we want our young people to grow up and become upright, honest and responsible citizens, we must find time and ways of implanting in their minds, the principles of the Christian Faith, of righteousness and of temperance.

We have the facts and we have the channels, but we need workers with vision and determination to reach out to the children and youth of today. Unless we, who are members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will face the issue and step in, in every district of our Dominion and educate our boys and girls to the dangers that confront them, while impressing upon them the saving value of the love of Jesus Christ, they will become the drinkers of tomorrow. Will we, as Unions, take up the challenge?

"An angel paused on his onward flight. With a seed of love and truth and light,

And cried: 'Oh, where shall this seed be sown

That it bear most fruit when fully grown?'

The Saviour heard, and He said, as He smiled,

'Place it for Me, in the heart of a child.'

## COUNT NOT THE COST

I. H. Evans

Count not the cost, if thou wouldst gain the goal,

The world is naught when measured with thy soul.

If thou wouldst win the fight,

Then set thyself aright,

And reckon naught as loss,

But bravely bear thy cross.

Keep thou thine eye, not on the crown you'll wear,

But on thy Lord, Whose burdens now you share.

Ask not to lay thy burden down nor quit the fray;

The battle must be won while waits the day.

Take up the fight anew;

No need to thee is due

Till thou hast done thy best!

Till then, what need of rest?

Thy blade, unworn, is long—far from its hilt.

Spend all thy strength! What if thy blood is spilt?

The prize awaits the ending of the race;

Till then no service shun, nor home-ward face.

Thy peace? Of self there's none!

Thy hope? In Christ to come!

Thy joy? To hear, "Well done!"

Thy song? "The victory won!"

Then gird thy loins, and face thy Master's foe.

The cause is His. With Him, who fears to go?

—"Australasian Record."

## £100,000 MANSION GIFT TO SCOTTISH TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

A £100,000 Mansion, Gean House, Alloa, has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Forrester-Paton, to the Scottish Temperance Alliance as a conference, holiday and recreation centre.

With the mansion go 22 acres of gardens and woodlands, furnishings, and £2,500 to form the nucleus of an endowment fund. Announcing the gift

at an Alliance Meeting in Glasgow, the chairman, Mr. Duncan McLennan, launched an appeal for £10,000 needed to equip and adapt the house.

"The Temperance Movement in Scotland has long awaited the time when it would own a centre such as this," he said. "All organisations connected with social welfare will be allowed to use it, and I call on these

organisations to help to raise the money needed for its upkeep."

Until the Mansion is officially opened to guests this summer, it will cost the Alliance between £30 and £40 to maintain.

The mansion, built in 1912, was a wedding present to Mr. Alexander Forrester-Paton, from his father. Mr. Forrester-Paton is chairman of Paton and Baldwin, the Alloa woollen firm, and is a brother-in-law to Mrs. John Forrester Paton, President of the World Women's Christian Temperance Union.