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Dr Armand Routh, Consulting Obstetric Physician to the Charing Cross Hospital and the Samaritan Free Hospital, declared that alcohol will sometimes revive an old complaint that is supposed to have been cured for years and years.

Other doctors testified to the same effect and it was said that after very extensive enquiries made in many countries, there was good reason to believe that eighty per cent. of the men who fall victims to these diseases have done so under the influence of some kind of alcohol.

It should be remembered that these are preventable diseases, the result of immorality, which goes hand in hand with intemperance, and the lesson is plain, that we must look to absolute purity of life, both of men and women, reinforced by total abstinence from intoxicants, for an untainted parenthood, which alone can produce a healthy and virile race, resolute in will, clear of brain, steadfast to purpose, and capable of high ideals for the progress of humanity.—S.B.

—"White Ribbon," England.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

The following Superintendents of Departments ask for a report of the year's work to be forwarded to them by December 31st:—

Home Meetings: Miss Dewar, 4, Pom-pallier Terrace, Ponsonby, Auckland.

Press: Mrs Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui.

Y's and Medal Contests: Mrs Peryman, Johnsonville.

As Mrs Moody will be absent from the Dominion for some time, she asks that all reports for Y's and Medal Contests be sent direct to the Editor of the "White Ribbon."

## "IN THE DAWN."

(V. Jane Sutherland.)

Dinna ye heart it? God's pibroch  
loud-sounding,  
For woman, long silent, in servitude  
dumb,  
Has heard, and has answered, her foe-  
men confounding—  
Jehovah's redemption of woman has  
come.

Is woman the "weak one"? Let  
those her disdaining  
Remember what God to the Serpent  
has said—  
"Oppose thee shall woman, My will  
her constraining,  
Her seed shall in victory trample  
thy head."

Soul-fettered, and silenced by priests'  
admonition,  
The ages have passed in one long  
travail-pain;  
Denied education, God gave intuition,  
To hear, see and know what man  
cannot attain.

And though 'mid the pots they have  
toiled for long ages,  
Dishonoured; degraded by foemen  
of old,  
Their wisdom and courage adorn  
Scripture pages,  
Though soiled, the doves' feathers  
flash silver and gold.

The word of the Lord has gone forth  
to His daughters,  
A great host of women-proclaimers  
has He.  
The power of Evil, their children that  
slaughters,  
Shall end its career in the fiery sea.

The march of events tell of coming  
salvation,  
Not only for women, but all of the  
race,  
For only "free" women can bear a  
free nation,  
Whom war shall not slaughter nor  
vices debase.

"Dinna ye hear it?" O ye, that are  
sleeping,  
Awake, and like Deborah, utter a  
song;  
Jehovah to woman His promise is  
keeping,  
He will "lead her captivity captive"  
ere long.

Jehovah! "His name unto each  
generation";  
Deliverer! Come down the woman  
to free;  
We stand in the dawn of Christ's  
reign for salvation,  
"And all flesh together God's glory  
shall see!"

## WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

My Dear Comrade,—

We have been earnestly hoping that the awful European war cloud would lift in time for us to call the Tenth Triennial Convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, to meet here in 1916.

With inexpressible regret, the general officers have decided to notify all our auxiliaries that the Convention, which ought to be held in 1916, must be deferred.

We are unitedly working, and fervently praying for the coming of international peace. We praise God for the fellowship of White Ribboners the world around, and thank Him that our precious bond of unity cannot be broken by the exigencies of this most terrible conflict.

With love, sympathy and best wishes.—Affectionately,

ANNA A. GORDON,  
AGNESE E. SLACK,

Hon. Secretaries World's W.C.T.U.

The second Vice-President of the Florida State Medical Association is a woman, Dr Mary Freeman.