

The White Ribbon

FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY

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OUR NAME.

Women's

The World's Women Christian Temperance Union was founded by Frances Willard. It was indeed a flash of inspiration that came to our great leader in which she saw the women of the world joined together in one vast union for the protection of their homes, the uplifting of humanity, and the glorifying of God. This Union was to have no bounds either of class, creed, or race. It was to be international and unsectarian. How close are the ties which bind the mothers of every land together. All bend before the cradle and desire the best for its little inmate. All that hurts the child will be overwhelmed by the mighty onrush of enfranchised mothers. No other Union is strong enough to stop the red scourge of war. Nothing but the organised enfranchised women of the world will be equal to this task. International Socialism has failed. A writer, before the war, expressed the opinion that German workmen would never shoot down their brother-workmen in France at the bidding of a ruling class. Alas! he was deceived. Ranged under their national banners, they shoot and kill each other. But we believe the women of the world, when thoroughly organised, will be strong enough to compel every nation to adopt international arbitration for the settlement of their disputes. They will refuse to allow their sons, bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh, brought into this world at the price of so much suffering, to be used as food for powder. Women emerging from the awful suffering of this great con-



A WHITE RIBBONER IN CONGRESS.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, the first woman to have the honour of being sent to Congress, is a White Ribboner. She was born on a Montana ranch, and is a graduate of the University of Montana. She won the nomination against seven men opponents by a 7000 plurality. She was one of the foremost workers in the campaign to drive the liquor from her native State. Montana was known as the wettest State in the Union. Now it has gone dry, and has elected as its representative to Congress a woman who is a strong opponent of the liquor trade.

flict will unite so closely that never again will men of any nation dare to declare war without their consent, and that consent will not be lightly given. Women of each nation will stop those nations becoming the aggressors, and with no aggressors there will be no defenders needed.

Christian

What does it mean? Christ-like. Does it refer to our members? Are we Christians? Perhaps, according to the conventional use of the word, but in its deeper sense the best of us are only learning slowly and painfully to be like Christ. Does it refer to our work? Emphatically yes! There is no work more Christ-like than to raise the fallen and to clear the stumbling block out of the way of our weaker brethren. The creed of our Union is as wide as that expressed by our Master in His marvellous word-picture of the Final Judgment. At that judgment there was no question of creed, only of character. Did you feed the hungry, visit the sick, clothe the naked, etc.? Not what did you believe; but what did you do? A world union of women joined to do Christian (Christ's) work, following the Master with faltering feet, making many mistakes, yet trying by His help to obey the injunction of the late W. Stead, "Be a Christ."

Temperance

The greatest enemy to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom is the licensed liquor trade, not only because it is harmful in itself, but it is the parent of almost every other evil. So every member of this Union must be a personal abstainer. Our aim is total