

police was not catching a criminal—it was preventing the young, especially the girls, from becoming criminals. At the close of the Conference, as no one else rose to do it, I felt it would be ungracious and ungrateful not to pay some tribute to the one who had been the head and the heart of this world-wide organisation of women. I regret that I was not in any way prepared for the honour which I took upon myself at the last moment, for Miss Newcomb deserved very much more than what I was able to express in the few hurried sentences I succeeded in putting together. It is impossible to overestimate her enthusiasm, her unselfishness, her tact, her single-eyed devotion to the work she has undertaken. Long may she be spared to continue the scheme for the amalgamation of the British women's societies, that she has so nobly and so successfully started. Miss Hodge also deserves our thanks and gratitude, for she devotes her time and money and great ability to the same cause.

RUTH ATKINSON.

WHITE RIBBON HUTMENT FUND.

Dear White Ribboners,—

In connection with the above fund, it is imperative that all money collected must be sent to me by 24th February, on which date the Fund closes.

Now that the war is over there is no need for Hutments in France; but the fund is to be devoted to the benefit of soldiers—probably through the Y.M.C.A. War Fund.—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

WINIFRED B. YOUNG,

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OUR CONSECRATION.

To bind earth's broken hearts and
sore;
To tread the way Christ trod before;
To know Thee better, serve Thee
more;
We take Thy cross, our Lord and
King.
To help the weary to Thy rest,
To heal and comfort the distressed.
To show the world we love Thee best,
We wear Thy cross, our Lord and
King.

PROHIBITION AND THE WAR.

INTERVIEW WITH TEMPERANCE SECRETARY.

During the course of an interview with a representative of the "Standard," Miss Agnes Slack, hon. secretary of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Association, and hon. secretary of the National British Women's Temperance Association, disclosed some interesting facts relative to the great work Miss Slack has, and is still actively carrying out in various parts of the world. In view of the fact that this untiring temperance worker is to deliver an important lecture on Monday, the following incidents in her career should give increased weight to her words next week.

Miss Slack has had a wide experience on four continents, and she has addressed meetings in many of the principal cities and towns, thus being afforded an exceptional opportunity of studying the social and economical questions and conditions in each of the continents. In Italy particularly has Miss Slack favoured with her presence, and it was due to her strenuous endeavours that the Women's Temperance Movement was commenced in Italy prior to the war. Miss Slack was specially received by the Qu who was much interested in her work, at the ancient Quirinal Palace in Rome, and she expressed appreciation of the work. Previous strength was given to the cause by the establishment of the movement in both Belgium and France, which benefited materially by the meetings addressed in the principal towns of Belgium and in Paris by Miss Slack. Whilst in the former country she was much struck by the general feeling that a great European war was pending. Continuing her tour, Miss Slack visited India, where exceptional opportunities were afforded her by the potentates for visiting the people. The hospitality extended to her, by both low and high caste, proved a feature of the trip. The latter were very interested in the work she was doing, and never lost an opportunity of telling her of how the Mohammedan and other Indian religions taught total abstinence as an essential part of their creed. While in the country she was the guest of Viceroy Lord and Lady Minto, at their Calcutta palace.

Miss Slack has travelled in South Africa, and three years after the Boer War had the pleasure of addressing the first meeting of British and Boer ladies in Pretoria. One interesting feature of the visit was the delightful day spent as guest of Dr. Jameson, at Grootteschur, where she met several Cabinet Ministers. During the day she spent some time examining the priceless curios and old Dutch furniture, collected at great trouble, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Dr. Jameson called special attention to the bedroom occupied by the great Premier, from which a wonderful view of Table Mountain was to be obtained, and explained to Miss Slack and her friend that the room was arranged in such a position that Mr Rhodes could see the mountain, adding that "his greatest ideas always came to him as he looked at the mountain." Miss Slack replied that "it seemed very fitting that Cecil Rhodes lies buried at the top of the great Motoppe Range in Rhodesia."

In conclusion, Miss Slack referred to the temperance existing among the American troops in Britain, and spoke of the dangers of the liquor to the wounded coming home in their weak or highly-strung condition.

WHY ONE WIFE?

A woman missionary in China was taking tea with a mandarin's eight wives. The Chinese ladies examined her clothing, her hair, her teeth, and so on, but her feet especially amazed them.

"Why," cried one, "you can walk and run as well as a man."

"Yes, to be sure," said the missionary.

"Can you ride a horse and swim, too?"

"Yes."

"Then you must be as strong as a man!"

"I am."

"And you wouldn't let a man beat you—not even if he was your husband—would you?"

"Indeed I wouldn't," the missionary said.

The mandarin's eight wives looked at one another, nodding their heads. Then the oldest one said, softly:

"Now I understand why the foreign devil never has more than one wife. He is afraid!"