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# The White Ribbon.

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## THAT WHITE BOW.

Yes, it always speaks and carries its silent message. The bootlegger on trial in U.S.A. objects to many white bows in the court, because of their influence on the jurors. A city Union takes part in a social function with other women's societies. Every facility for smoking was provided, but never a one lit up. Habitual smokers denied themselves their usual indulgence. Why! too many white bows in evidence. They bore silent testimony to the worth of self-denial to keep one's body clean from the pollution of nicotine and alcohol. Said Dr. Saleeby, the greatest eugenist of our age, "When the women smoke as freely as the men, God help the children, for they'll be past all human help."

A student went out to supply the pulpit in a country church. It was a scattered district, but it had a real live Union. After service, taking his

ease at the fireside, his hostess asked him what drink he liked for supper. With a twinkle in his eye, he replied: "Anything out of a bottle." "No! No!" replied his hostess, "don't you see my white bow?"

"Oh! by the way," said the student. "What is that badge? I've seen it all over the place to-day. I don't remember noticing it before. Certainly, I'm not a very observant fellow, but to-day there have been white bows wherever I went."

So our White Ribboner got an opportunity to tell the story of our badge, our motto, our work.

The President of that country Union says: they often get discouraged because they cannot do all they would like, "but" she adds, "at least we're wearing the bow."

Do all members of our Union wear the bow? If not, why not?

Put it on every dress and packet. Many members never consider a dress finished, until the white bow is on it. And some have loved it so, that their children have pinned it on their last robe, e're the lid closed over the face for ever.

Wear it, ever.

## OUR SECRETARIES.



MRS EVANS, M.A.,  
(Recording Secretary.)



MISS HENDERSON, B.A.,  
(Corresponding Secretary.)

We present to our readers, photos of our National Secretaries, two learned ladies of whom the Union is very proud. Mrs Evans (nee Miss Edger) was the first lady in the British Dominions to hold a University degree. She has been engaged most of her life in scholastic work, teaching and examining, and for many years was one of the examiners for the New Zealand University. A keen prohibitionist, pacifist and feminist, she is giving of her time and her talent to advance the cause of God, and Home, and Humanity.

Miss Henderson retired about 14 years ago from the teaching profession. She had been for a long time on the staff of the Christchurch Girl's High School. In 1913, she was elected Corresponding Secretary for our National Union. She has occupied the position of Dominion Secretary of the National Council of Women, of which Society she was also Local President. A keen sympathiser with Mission work, she was Dominion Secretary for the P.W.M.U., and still assists as Editor of their Harvest Field. All her time and energy are given up to Church and Reform work. She is Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent for the National W.C.T.U., and her vast knowledge of this branch of our work is always at the disposal of her colleagues. She is a valuable asset to our Union, and by her devotion to the work has won the abiding love of all the inner family circle who work in close contact with her.

God bless our Secretaries and strengthen them for their arduous and self-sacrificing labours.