

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."

—Luther Burbank.

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FIRST DOMINION OFFICER

Probably some of you will receive your copy of this issue actually at Convention, if you are able to attend. Some may have had it in time to bring it with them.

The retirement from this office of our beloved president of the past eleven years makes the choice of a new president necessary. This choice is in the hands of the members of our unions. They should all send their delegates, with power to vote for them, having found out the wishes of the majority. It is to be hoped that they will all exercise their privilege. It is a comfort to know that both of the ladies nominated are experienced, ardent, able and highly esteemed throughout the Dominion in their own district and local unions. Either of them will have the most loyal support and gratitude of our members everywhere; for it is realised that much courage, much love, and much devotion to our great cause are demanded of those who stand in this high place at the call of their fellow-members. We know that the hand of God will direct and guide, and that both ladies accept the possibility of election, or non-election, in the true spirit of democratic belief that the will of the majority is the only rule by which our officers can be chosen. We earnestly pray that all delegates will understand the importance of their vote, not only

in this matter, but regarding the many things on which a decision will have to be made.

Those unrepresented unions can pray for the presence of God in all the meetings of the Convention, and their thoughts will be felt.

In Mrs. Hiatt we have had a president of most unusual gifts. In every way she was suited to the position.



Mrs. J. Hiatt

Her natural dignity and presence are such as to inspire the utmost respect and confidence. Tact and gentleness combined with firm handling of difficult situations, which are not always avoidable, have characterised her chairmanship. Her deep spirituality has pervaded the atmosphere and has been a very profound influence at each Convention, and we all owe her sincere thanks for this.

In her impassioned utterances on the occasions when public functions have required her to speak about our chosen work, and in her presidential addresses at Convention, we have been proud of and thankful for her. Splendidly she has represented us on these occasions, and her words have been eagerly awaited. Her fearless denunciation of

evil custom, her inspired and inspiring challenge to the powers of darkness have never failed. Her retirement will not erase them from our memories. Those who have heard her voice and seen her face illumined with the intensity of her convictions, will never forget.

Through yet another avenue her influence has been deeply felt. Who, reading her monthly message in our paper, could fail to be helped? It has been as though a strong hand had reached out from the darkness and lifted us to new planes of devotion and faith in our declared aims. How great this help has been, would be difficult to compute. In a day when we have had to face the defection of many whom we had hitherto regarded as staunch supporters of our platform, we have had very special need for just the kind of message which has come to us unfailingly each month.

God bless her! God keep her! And may He give her opportunity in His own way, for the exercise of her consecrated powers through the channel of the W.C.T.U. in the days yet to be.

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NECESSARY CONDITIONS

What is a "safe speed?" The National Safety Council answers that a safe speed takes into account the condition of the car, the condition of the highway, and the ability of the driver.

How about his condition? It might be well to check that also. If he happens to be a user of alcoholic beverages his normal ability is definitely impaired. Drinking does not spell safe driving.—From "The Union Signal," January 5, 1946.

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CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE

That he was not responsible for his actions because he had been drinking beer all afternoon and evening, was the excuse given by a University of Washington student after he attempted to assault a young woman in Seattle. The judge thought otherwise and sentenced him to six months in the county jail.—From "The Union Signal," January 5, 1946.