

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God."—The Sermon on the Mount.

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"THE OUTLOOK"

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All of us today look at the world with great fear for the future of mankind. We read and hear of more and more terrible weapons of destruction that are being perfected with feverish haste. Only now are being revealed the most horrible effects of the atomic bombs that were dropped in Japan eighteen months ago, and a fortnight ago we read of a new gas discovered in America, the capacity of which for destroying human beings is perhaps greater even than that of the atomic bomb. We know that many countries are maintaining and training vast armies, and are possessing themselves of strategic areas of the earth.

It is clear to all that unless there is a complete change of outlook, mankind cannot survive.

What then can be done? In what way can we women of the W.C.T.U. most effectively work while there is still time? It seems to me that the two changes most desperately needed—apart from the basic need to feed the hungry everywhere—are the development of what I call a "World Loyalty," and drastic measures of disarmament.

This is not something new to us as Christians, as we teach that all members of the human race are brothers, children of God. What we need to-day

is for this teaching to be put into practice. We must begin to feel our kinship with other peoples as with English.

One organ of the United Nations that gives most hope, and whose work I urge all to support, is UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The aim of this body is to cultivate the world loyalty I have mentioned, particularly through the ways mentioned in the title. It will

strive by means of radio, films, and printed matter to make peoples of the world better known to one another. We now seldom hear of the good attributes of other peoples; far too often we hear of the bad things they do.

UNESCO is to make a survey of the textbooks used in schools in different countries to find out how far they teach wrong ideas or facts about other nations, and have them eliminated if possible. We know that some history books contain teaching that tends to inflame national hatreds and passions, rather than to lead to peace.

Sometimes history books contain false information, or derogatory facts about other peoples. UNESCO will try to alter this. The question of an international language is being explored, so that all peoples will be able to understand one another, and not be separated by the language barrier as at present, and it is hoped to set up a World University which will help to develop a world culture.

All these activities promise much in the way of removing misunderstandings among peoples and promoting world peace. They are perhaps more tangible ways of seeking world peace than the

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