

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

## Thought for the Month.

"The standpoint of the child is the only one from which we can safely face the future of the country and of the world. It can never be well with the world until it is well with the child."—Dr. George Thorne.

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## Is it Well with the Child?

Down through the centuries this question still rings in our ears. Never in history has there been more organised effort towards securing for the child things to which he has a right, even before he comes into the world. To work towards his physical well-being is the aim of the Plunket Society in our own land; and that of kindred societies in practically every civilised country to-day.

It is a long time since the wife of Manoah received her instructions from the angel visitant, regarding the child she was to bear later on. No wine or strong drink, or any unclean thing was to pass her lips, she was told. Today the Plunket Society gives the same instruction to the mother to be, only

one among many others. It is highly significant that it was the only one given to the mother of Samson. Warnings, suggestions, and the accumulated wisdom of the ages are at the service of the prospective mother. Great anxiety is shown by all the other mothers she knows as to her health and well-being, and even more as to that of her child. If she follows out all she is told, her baby should be, and usually is, healthy, strong, and beautiful.

But, more is to follow. Health, and all that makes for it, may be safely ensured for the child. How about the psychological conditions in which he is slowly developing? The dark

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**THE BOMB.**—*When it comes to Ruin and Destruction, you have't a thing on ME, my friend."*

**THE BOTTLE.**—*"That's just where you make your biggest mistake — I destroy BODY AND SOUL!!!"*