

# The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In Him meet South and North;  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth."—John Oxenham

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## THE WORLD CONVENTION, 1947

### EDITORIAL

We are glad to be able to furnish a condensed and perhaps somewhat inadequate report of the main features of the great World Convention held in June of last year at Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A. at last. We are greatly indebted to various publications, especially the "White Ribbon Bulletin" and the "Union Signal" for our information; and must also thank Mrs. Kasper, whose return from America was made soon after the conclusion of the Convention, for much interesting detail. While this cannot claim to be a full, or perhaps even perfectly reliable report, we hope that at all events, it will serve to bring some idea of the happiness, warmth, and inspiration enjoyed by the 2,000 delegates who attended. It may also help to strengthen our own devotion to the great cause of Temperance by giving us a small picture of the outstanding events. It is a fine thing to realize that we are an actual part of the World Union, and that we would have found ourselves quite at home even those many thousands of miles away, as our sisters, Mesdames Kasper and Mackie, did. "One in heart" with our fellow-members in every land we can feel that we are indeed "Drops in an ocean of infinite love"; and that "We all belong" in very deed.



Mrs. Boole

Mrs. Boole's parting words at Asbury Park:

"It is satisfying to be devoted to a cause that is longer than one's life. As I have been standing here, as it were, on a mountain peak of experience, looking at the problems of today, recalling the past, I pass on to you the heritage of the principle and policy of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the co-operation, the friendship, and the loyalty that have come down through the years. Here is the torch—it is yours to hold high!"

### A GREETING FROM

Mrs. J. Forrester-Paton, new World President:

Dear Friends and Fellow Workers all over the World,—

I send you warm greetings on taking over office, and ask that you will remember me in prayer as I assume new responsibilities. We have had a most happy and really inspiring Convention at Asbury Park, New Jersey. The friends in U.S.A. loaded us with kindness and hospitality, and we felt at home with them at once. We are only sorry you all could not have shared in the fine experience, but we were remembering you.

May we go forward now to new endeavours and to work in God's strength for the coming of His Kingdom as we strive for Temperance, Purity, and Peace in all countries.

Yours cordially,

NORA M. FORRESTER-PATON.

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