

and present. I would place a ready weapon in the hands of temperance soldiers, by giving facts and figures showing that licensing sin does not pay. I would cultivate the gift of oratory, by making myself indispensable at medal contests. I would arouse the true spirit of patriotism. I have short, easy 'pieces' for the little ones, and carefully classified selections for the departments of the W. C. T. U., not forgetting the Departments of Mercy and of Peace and Arbitration. And in all this I would keep ever in view the value of time, and have therefore a special topical index, that each busy worker or student may readily find what is best adapted to the occasion. In such ways I would, with your kind permission, be helpful to those who are seeking to uplift the world."

*The Public*: "If you can do all this, you are indeed just what is needed. But how am I to know that what you say is true? And aren't you a little egotistical and over-ambitious — not to say conceited — for a new-comer?"

*Platform Pearls*: "If I seem so, it is because I have tried to answer your questions. The one who sent me would give me no introduction, but said I must speak for myself, and I have done so. Suppose you kindly read me through, and then judge."

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