

"Too busy—many giving beyond their means."—This Systematic Giving Department is not a side track. It lies near the heart of our Temperance work. God cannot fully own the efforts of those who obey not His distinct command: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Our W. C. T. U. work could be expanded a thousand-fold had we money to expand it. We should have the money had we the faith to espouse scripture methods of giving. Will not our women who *are* giving faithfully (and there is a blessed company of them) help to spread the wholesome light, by *taking time* to organize a department of Systematic Giving? Some day these golden beacon fires will spread, and their light will help to usher in the Christ of our Union work.

"Difficult for women who do not control the family purse."—I seem to feel that just at this point lies the real soul of my year's message. There is a mighty host of these "purseless" women, and my heart goes out toward them. There are many of them *God's heroes*, and I thankfully remember, as I look at their courageous grasp upon ammunitionless guns, that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal," but spiritual. *And yet the thing is wrong, and because it's wrong it must go.* We women are responsible for the death of this evil. If we kill it, it may be gone before another generation comes upon the scene. The boys and girls are ours to train. *They* can right this wrong. Shall we give them a chance? Shall we declare to our girls a standard of financial equality? Shall we saturate our boys with the *simple justice* of our claim? If we do, they will respond, and this thing that is crippling our W. C. T. U. work, and putting its blighting finger upon every corner of the Master's vineyard, will be gone. I would that I could pour a mighty flood of earnestness into this part of my year's message. Here are some brighter bits of experience:

"I have practiced it for twelve years, and could not be induced to give it up. God has blessed me both spiritually and temporally."

"I believe it to be the right way."

"Many of us have adopted this principle, *being persuaded*, that we have no right to use the Lord's portion for our temporal necessities."

"I believe in it—have followed it for years, and *would on no account* return to the old haphazard way of giving." These extracts need no comment; they are strong enough to stand alone.

What do I suggest? Just five things:

1st. If you *can't* get a first-class Systematic Giving Superintendent, get a second-rate one. God can do wonders with a *willing* second-rate woman.