

country. As far as I can find, however, this society is by no means popular in its methods or very aggressive, though its object is most laudable. For its platform, the following five principles were adopted :

"1. To treat all women with respect, and endeavor to protect them from wrong and degradation.

"2. To endeavor to put down all indecent language and coarse jests.

"3. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.

"4. To endeavor to spread these principles among my companions and to try to help my younger brothers.

"5. To use very possible means to fulfil the command, 'Keep thyself pure.' "

The Christian ideal is expressed by St. Paul in one sentence: "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh." The moment the Gospel ideal of purity flashes upon the soul, the Gospel acquires an immediateness and directness of application that makes it the most real thing in the world. I firmly believe its greatest triumphs will yet be achieved in bringing to men everywhere an inner peace, and harmony, and strength.

It must be confessed that at present most men are satisfied with a very low

standard of living. Their hearts are much like the garments they wear, neither altogether polluted, much less immaculate. And just as some men would feel decidedly uncomfortable in spotless linen and a new coat, so the possession of a clean heart would embarrass them greatly. They are of the earth, earthy—preferring to trudge in the mire than occupy the high places of the earth. Then the imagination is so treacherous and the will so weak, the unnatural passions are so strong and the spiritual nature so undeveloped, that no wonder poor human nature falls an easy victim to its most relentless foe—licentiousness. The White Cross movement must necessarily appeal to the spiritual nature in man, to his intelligence, self-restraint, foresight, patience, and higher manhood; and I do not see how anything can be here accomplished without the aid of the divine Spirit. Purity of thought and life form a fair test of one's piety, just as the grade of family life is the best test of civilization. It is not until Christ has placed the crown of purity upon the brow of His disciple that the latter enters upon his truest and noblest life, and we can point to such a one and say to all the world: "This is a man."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Dead Autocrat.

WHILE, doubtless, there are thousands of men in Europe and America who would rejoice in the announcement of the death of the Autocrat of Russia, irrational and inhuman though such a sentiment would be, we are very sure we may say without fear of contradiction that the announcement of the death of America's Autocrat on the 8th of last month brought universal sorrow wherever his name was known. Upright in life, genial in temperament, brilliant in intellect, reverent in faith, liberal in opinion, sturdy in conviction,

Oliver Wendell Holmes, in passing over to the majority, left a gap in the ranks of the minority which will long, if not forever, remain unfilled. His death is a nation's loss, as his life was a nation's benediction. Little fear need there be that he will fulfil his own prediction of going "into the solemn archives of Oblivion's Uncatalogued Library."

To some of his criticisms and to a portion of his creed an evangelical ministry may be inclined to take exceptions. At the same time, making allowance for the liberty of his humor, there was much of truth in the language put by him into the lips of certain of his char-