

mation. About 800 leaflets and 300 pledge cards have been distributed during the year. These must be followed with prayer if we are to look for fruit. But, oh! the laborers are so few. "The seeds are ripening and the grain will fall; the fields are whitening, an ill wind blows o'er all." Sometimes it seems "there is no rain nor dew," and we are led to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Anna Garlin Spencer says: "I am moved to say to all women who speak upon social purity or any related theme, to remember that for this service only their best, their highest, the sweetest, must be consecrated, not only the armor of virtue must breathe from the platform but that most delicate perfume of exquisite womanhood which we more than all else mean when we speak that word feminine. Only a flower of womanhood can reveal the heart of motherhood." While it is most desirable that a local superintendent of White Cross work should be appointed in each Union, the greatest care should be exercised in the appointment of a superintendent. It will usually be found that the woman who shrinks most from the work is the one best adapted for it. She must, as Miss Willard says, be able to "say what she wants to say without saying it." Her nature must feel it a cross, which "only the dignity of love can give her courage to assume." Some one has said that "no woman is fit to talk on social purity who does not respect and understand men." We think it is equally important that she should understand women. It needs the heart to be filled with love and with Christ-like compassion.

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If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

It requires something more than moral courage for a woman to reach forth her hand to a fallen sister. To see her "dwarfed and wronged and stained with ill," and yet to recognize that she is "a woman still." It is hard to overcome all scornful loathing for one who has degraded her woman-