

Those we trusted yesterday, disappoint us to-day. It is through such instability of purposes and changes of plan, that valuable interests, and truly noble enterprises, suffer.

Did mankind feel the solemnity of a promise—did *all* feel that, after a promise, the obligation to execute was imperative, and that these obligations could not be laid on and off at pleasure, but must run parallel with the circumstances which called for their being made, things would be different. Promises should claim the whole heart; and especially this should be so, when great and good ends are to be attained. This is the object of this Degree. By it we wish to reach your *heart*, and fix upon you a sense of your obligation to the cause of humanity, which shall attend you while you live. Are you prepared to take an obligation, and enter into covenant with us on this subject, with your *whole heart*?

*Candidate answers*—I am.

W. C. T. You will then proceed with the