

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month. . .

"What we can do for another is the test of power; what we can suffer for another is the test of love."

—Bishop Westcott.

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"HEADQUARTERS"

On page 10 of the Report Book and page 26 of the Handbook for this year is published the report of Headquarters Committee. It is interesting reading. The closing paragraph reads thus: "The Committee ask for increased interest in Headquarters from all in the coming year. Your prayers and practical sympathy are needed in order that our desired objective—the liquidation of the mortgage—may be reached."

Have you ever paid a visit to Headquarters? It is a pretty place. Situated at the corner of Elizabeth and Brougham Streets, well up from the road, a graceful group of trees shading house and garden, it has an appearance of steady, pleasant

dignity and a sort of awareness of its own importance. The care with which it is kept is evident everywhere. The garden, somewhat windswept of course, is always in good order. The windows shine brightly. The doorbell is a joy in itself, so brightly is it polished. Of the floor coverings inside, so much has been said that one hesitates to add more; but that mirror-like surface is really a very special feature. No visitor can ignore it. And the dustless, exquisite state of the rooms sometimes causes the question to be asked, "How is it done?"

Well, a lady who lives there, and to whose meticulous attention this perfection of order and condition is



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due, answers smilingly, and with a glint of humour, when she is asked this. She will not say much, but it is impossible not to feel that it is indeed a labour of love to her, to preserve our National Headquarters in such a way. And this care and pride have brought to all who use it, who visit it, and take pleasure in calling when in Wellington, something of the same sense of pride and satisfaction. We love to enter, and to feel, "This is our W.C.T.U."

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