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## The White Ribbon.

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### LOVE SUPREME! FAITH TRIUMPHANT.

We think and speak, sometimes too lightly—of a crucifixion. We hear every Sabbath of Jesus "crucified under Pontius Pilate," but familiarity oft-times dulls our sensitiveness to its far-reaching causes and results. That event, from which modern history dates (Anno Domini 1942) was the outcome of Love Supreme! Love Divine! God so loved that He gave. Gave of His best and dearest. His only Son. And that Son, as He hung on Calvary's cross, in words which have echoed, and still echo down the ages, voiced His love even for His murderers. Father! forgive them; they know not what they do." From the cross he went to the tomb, and from that tomb he rose on that first Easter morn. Faith triumphant broke death's chains and sent throughout the world the spirit of life and immortality. Now the world is passing through its crucifixion and if it meets that ordeal with the supreme love and the triumphant faith of its Lord and Master, then indeed we will rise from the tomb of a dead world to a new world wherein dwelleth righteousness. The Easter Dawn is coming nearer, when the second coming of the Christ in spirit shall descend upon our war-worn planet. In enemy lands are many who suffer. The evil must be fought, but in the words of Edith Cavell we will realise that love can conquer death and every evil thing.

The last words of that martyr: "This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I believe patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

In south-west Los Angeles 3,300 Japanese residents were to be evacuated at 6.30 a.m. No provision had been made to feed these people until the evening meal at the camp. The Methodist churches in that district called for volunteers to pack 3,300 lunch-boxes and one was delivered to each Japanese. One clergyman was on hand before 6.30 a.m. so that a Japanese mother and four-days-old baby might travel in comfort in his automobile instead of the busses or trucks furnished by the army. And so they obeyed the Master's command, "If thine enemy hunger feed him." And as surely as we follow Jesus so surely will this crucifixion be followed by a glorious Easter. Let each one of our White Ribbon Army keep the faith triumphant. Let us fight the enemy without, and also the enemy within. By faith and works may we hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom. We pray "The Kingdom come." Do we expect it? Banish every defeatist thought. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and the final triumph of evil is unthinkable.

The hour is coming when men's holy church shall melt away in ever-widening walls, and be for all mankind; and in its place a mightier church shall come whose covenant shall be the deeds of love. Not **Credo** then **Amo** shall be the passport through its gates. Man shall not ask his brother any more. "Believest thou?" but "Lovest thou?" and all shall answer at God's altar, "Lord I love."

For hope may anchor, faith may guide; but love,  
Great love alone, is captain of the soul.

There is no disease in the world for which alcohol is a cure. More to the point is the fact that it does undeniably cause thousands of cases of disease, all of them fatal in the long run. All this has been proved by innumerable tests. Even in tennis or chess, or a mountain climb, one glass of beer has defeated a man. It has been shown that a spoonful of liquor lessens the ability to form quick judgment and act upon that judgment.—Prof. Howard A. Kelly, John Hopkins University, U.S.A.

### PARENTS, BEWARE.

Parents and guardians, your attention is again called to the reports which show that there is a most alarming increase in cases of venereal diseases dealt with at the various clinics. Have you noticed also the increasing tendency on the part of those in authority to place the whole of the blame on the girl or woman concerned? She must be sent to prison and her name published in the daily papers. The names of the men concerned are not mentioned, although they surely are also blameworthy in so much that if they had not held rather loose moral standards they would not have consorted with alleged prostitutes. All that happens to the men is that they are given the satisfaction of knowing that the woman is sent to prison and they are again assured that all that can be done to make immoral living "safe" will be done. What are YOU doing towards teaching the boys and girls in your home moral and physical self-control? The following figures, quoted from a recent report published by the Wellington Society for the Protection of Women and Children, will make clear to you the horrifying fact that many parents and guardians have failed to give their sons and daughters the vitally necessary standard of morality and decency.

Increase in number of cases dealt with first time in V.D. clinics:—

	1938.	1941.
Auckland	88	159
Wellington	30	159
Christchurch	28	46
Dunedin	10	39

Don't let your girl or boy grow up with the same lack of training in decency. Now is the time to train. God expects you to do your duty by the youth entrusted to your care.

C. E. Kirk, Supt. of Dept.

Chief of Staff of U.S.A. Army in a public appeal said: "It is in this field, in the communities in the vicinity of our troop concentrations, that the war department urgently desires the assistance of every welfare organisation in the country."—Feb., 1941.