

sisters, let us press onward in this which is pre-eminently woman's work, faithful in the performance of every duty, until the time when our great white ribboned army shall gather around the throne, receive our crowns and, kneeling before our Saviour as we lay them at his feet, may we hear him gently say, as of Mary of old, "She hath done what she could."

Y's EQUIPMENT.

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If we are to do good service we must be "thoroughly furnished" for our work. What is our work? That of builders, building up a wall of prevention and protection around the homes and the children.

Perhaps you will better understand about this building if I illustrate my remarks by the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, recorded in Nehemiah.

We find in the far off palace of Shushan surrounded by luxury and every thing to please the eye and sense that an Oriental court could provide, a captive Jew, but occupying a position of high standing, being the King's cup-bearer. But his heart is not in his surroundings. Why? He has heard of the troubles of his people, and the broken down walls and desolation of his dear Jerusalem. Sad of heart and face, he prays to his God for three months. Then comes the answer, and by the King's permission he leaves the luxury and turns his steps to his beloved land. We ask why he went. He felt the *need* of work; and there will be no depth or earnestness in our labors without we feel and realize this need. How then, can we get a grasp of this? Surely, by

Self Education—our first equipment. The day for mere sentiment has passed away; we have facts and figures to deal with. Let us study these and take an example from Nehemiah, who, when he arrived in Jerusalem, rode all around the city, that he might know for himself just its condition of desolation. We must thoroughly inform ourselves as to the scientific aspect, the moral aspect, and the national aspect of this great temperance question. For this purpose I recommend to you Alex. Gustafson's book "The Foundation of Death," a most comprehensible work, and one that has caused a great stirring of hearts amongst the deep thinking men of our day. A good plan is the forming of a Normal Class—a course of lectures to be delivered in a simple conversational manner by gentlemen who have studied the subject, a synopsis of each being taken by the members, thus grounding ourselves that we may work intelligently and systematically.

Love for Souls.—Nehemiah realized, as shown in his prayer, that those whom he sought to raise from their degradation were souls whom God had redeemed by His great power, and he was filled with love for them; and if we are to accomplish anything in this cause we must not stand afar off and stretch out the hand to help, but with hearts full of the fire of love, take our place side by side with the suffering ones, and with heart beating with heart, reflect the love of Jesus.

Faithfulness.—It is with this the best work is done—the comfort and support to the Union of those members who are always to be found at their posts,—those "secretaries" who never say "I forgot." How well we know the value of them; "they are faithful every one against his own house," and God will reward such labor with His richest blessings. Far more important than talents, or means, or position, is this equipment.

Earnestness.—The work of the wall grew rapidly and steadily because they "earnestly repaired," and "the wall was joined together unto the half thereof,"

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Brightness—their labors were stood by their Let us bring j but how it wi show to the w Master's work

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