

are quite uninterested and have no particular place or principle.

We claim that every true woman should belong to some Temperance organization, and with her sympathies and her influence, yes, even her name, help the movement forward in its blessed mission.

We are aware that we quite shock the delicate sensibilities of some of our sisters with this proposition, and from our hearts we pity them.

We pity the women in this age and land who have no interest in this matter. We pity the women who think "taking the pledge" is quite beneath them, and only necessary for drunkards—that ladies should have nothing to do with it. Ay, and we pity those women who in the face of facts which are only too glaring, are steadily and persistently helping to make drunkards.

What shall become of the women who today, in this age of enlightenment on the Temperance question, are found putting liquor to the lips of young men? Shame on the women who have not the womanliness and moral courage to banish this evil from their parties and entertainments!

What shall we say, with what voice and persuasive power can we speak to influence such?—for the field of their influence is large; they sow a bad seed and the harvest will be sure and rich for ruin.

There always will be two classes in society—those who adopt right principles from conscientious motives, and abide by them, fighting for them through all adverse influences; and those who, because of no decided principles or opinions of their own, follow in the lead of what is generally conceded to be *fashionable*—that is, the customs of those in a higher scale of society than they. Now, because of this well-understood fact, we claim, dear sisters in high places, that it is your prerogative to introduce for once a fashion which shall win enduring fame.

We call upon you, women in prominent positions in the society of our Dominion, because of the influence your positions give, because of the many who will follow what is called fashionable, because of the great responsibility thus devolving upon you: we call upon you to set a noble, bold, example in this matter of Temperance—

ay, *total abstinence*. We pray you to open your eyes to the giant evil about you and be womanly enough, be brave enough, be Christian enough, to take the right stand for your country, and your country will have cause to be grateful to you in all its time to come.

Hear no longer the accursed conventionalities of society, which rule that wines and liquors are indispensable to the proper maintenance of your houses, and resolve, God helping you, that you will battle in your own circles, with the mighty weapons of influence and example, against this dread foe.

How many married men in this Dominion are "licensed to sell wine and spirituous liquors"? Not a city, town, or village—nay, the most sparsely populated district of our land, but is cursed with this "license to sell." Shame to such Government! Far greater would be the revenue if every drunkard were a sober citizen. Oh for the men and generation that will grapple with this evil, and purge our land from these licenses to deal out death—temporal and eternal! But here, women, wives, you have a work to do. Said a wife to us a few days since, "When my husband went into business he resolved to deal in liquor, and I resolved he should not; and night and day, with tears and prayers, I rested not till I had succeeded in persuading him." A wife's influence can thus do much. Oh wives, be not clothed and fed with the purchase of human misery! Be no longer ambitious of houses and lands at the expense of poor ruined souls. Be no longer forgetful of the "woe" of the Word of God pronounced against the man that "putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips."

And now, women, everywhere throughout the land, mothers, wives, and daughters, in all circles and in all employments, in your life and practice and influence we do beseech you serve your day and generation in a firm, strong, steadfast allegiance to the cause which, under God, will open up the way to the true prosperity of our land.

Every woman enlisted in the Temperance movement: this is what we want to see. God speed the day!

Then children, the hope of the country,