

passed have not made man more sufficient in himself than when God pronounced, "It is not good for man to be alone."

The ballot in the hands of women will aid greatly in the solution of the dark problem of the liquor traffic, we cannot, therefore, *afford* to do without *this* department.

We must not forget that our work is as much, indeed more, educational or preventive as reformatory. All our evangelistic work is classed reformatory, including work in police stations, gaols, fire halls, among soldiers, sailors, lumbermen, etc., etc.

All efforts to relieve suffering and distress are praiseworthy and not to be neglected, still there is something *better* to be done, viz.: seek to raise humanity to a higher plane, and so we have our so-called preventive work. The betterment of the race from generation to generation is the one object supremely worthy of Christian effort and self-sacrifice.

It grieves me to have so little attention paid to the department of "Heredity and Hygiene." A proper study of Heredity will awaken in any breast the deepest reverence to the holy office of motherhood, and is, we believe, the best method a woman can adopt to reach a just conception of the responsibilities of womanhood. I hope the strong utterances of the Prison Reform Commission will open the eyes of our women to the importance of this department of our work.

Temperance work in the Sunday-schools and day-schools is also preventive, and full of promise for the years to come.

With regard to our White Cross and White Shield work, we must endeavor to bring society up to the standard of Bible purity; purity for the individual, regardless of sex, or, as quaint Samantha Allen puts it, "teach people that purity is both masculine and feminine."

The eighty Japanese girls of Nagasaki, Japan, composing the Y. W. C. T. U., give special attention to this work of social purity, and it is said form the strongest organization of the kind in the empire. Our young ladies can circulate both the pledges and literature of this department without any danger of becoming demoralized. All the departments specified on our plan of work are important, and we would not dispense with any one of them; and while each superintendent should be particularly interested in her own department, there should be the heartiest sympathy manifested for every other department, so shall we aid and strengthen each other and best conserve the interests of the whole Society.

We believe intensely in individual work, and we also believe intensely in doing our utmost to help forward every social, political and educational movement that tends to better the condition, physical, mental or moral, of any class or classes of society. I sometimes wonder if we apprehend how much it means to be engaged in this battle for God and home and native land. Do we understand how the work and influence in the home and society is going to bear on time and on