

thousands of women who ten years since were buried in the flippancy and foolishness of fashionable life, but who have now found out the better way, and are influential factors in the teaching, saving and betterment of society.

In the broad light of a great national cause, and the threatening danger of a great national curse, life, home and children take on a new significance and a deeper meaning. Association with people of thought and action have quickened and widened their ideas, and stirred in them powers which are now blessing the world, but which would otherwise have remained dormant.

We can never estimate the worth of the Temperance Reform in the wealth and force of womanhood which it has developed and drawn out to the world's work.

*(b) It means Temperance teaching for the children.*

The full force of this comes to us when we remember that these 60,000 women are mothers and sisters in our families. Little hands are held in theirs, little ears listen to mothers' teachings, and little lives are gradually being moulded by these loving and skilful builders. Add to the anxious love for her own, the widened idea, that, to conquer the enemy of the country, children must be grown up into Temperance men and women, and you have in these Christian Temperance mothers a constant incentive to watchful care lest the tempter beguile, and to a continual teaching of the truth and nobility of Temperance life.

At the knee, at the cot side, and about the cheerful home circle, by word and appeal, by picture and book, by example and precept these women cease not to implant the hatred for the evil and the love for its opposite, which shall go far to compass the end steadily held in view,—safety for their own, deliverance for all. The more intelligent the view these mothers have of all that alcohol does, the more enduring the influence they have on the growing ones. And all the while the mothers are studying, finding out the deeper scientific facts, and supplementing their teaching by authority and experiment. Who can estimate the results? Only in the next generation of men and women shall we be able adequately to gauge the mothers' influence upon the children they are to-day leading up and out to the future work. And in addition to this home work, temperance schools and Bands of Hope are carried on in thousands of places, where children are gathered for an hour's teaching per week, and the seeds thus sown must grow into a harvest of good.