

unlimited and as full of successes for her as it had formerly been for man. No longer should her wealth of generous impulses, her inexhaustible fertility of resource, her dauntless persistency of action, her fearless and instinctive recognition of right, her latent powers of persuasion, her unused fund of logical reasoning, and her persuasive eloquence either remain unused and almost unknown, or, if exercised at all, be exercised solely in the narrow sphere of a contriver of comforts, and servant of all work for the home, or in the pitiful sham and pretence of fashionable life.

Do not misunderstand me. I do not deny that it is woman's duty to shine at home. But I affirm that it is equally man's duty to do a little of the shining in the home economy. Woman is to be sweet and pleasant, careful and neat, alive to the comfort and happiness of the home. But I declare that it is just as much a man's duty to be in all these points equal with the woman. Woman must care for, watch and educate the children in the home; but a man is neither chivalrous, manly, nor fair if he throws all this on the wife and lazily shirks all the inconveniences while he imperiously demands all the comforts of the family. It is just as depressing and dwarfing for a woman to be confined to a narrow circle of routine duties, to be shut out from the quickening influences of a wider range of thought and association, and to be debarred from the exercise of her faculties in any direction they may lead her, as it is for a man. Avenues of knowledge, spheres of action, opportunities for development, should be as free to her as to men; and the world should no longer be robbed of the work and thought and influence with which woman, free to choose and act, would certainly enrich it.

And so the Temperance work opened a new field to her.

She could help the good, and deal sturdy blows against the evil.

She must arm herself for the work, and so began to think and read and plan as never before.

Her pen was demanded, her voice was needed, her work told, and, as she felt the power stirring within her, beheld the result of her efforts, and measured herself with men in work and counsel, she felt the awakening of a nobler life and the call to a wider usefulness. Nor in the meantime did she love home less or become less efficient therein. Home gained a new significance as she linked it with society and country, and beheld in it the recruiting place for the greater field of endeavor and warfare. We have to-day in our country hundreds of women who are the equals in logic and eloquence of the men—veterans of pulpit and platform—and who draw and hold and mould the people as the same number of men cannot do. We have