# W. C. T. U. Department.

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### Social Purity.

This very important subject should receive more attention from Canadian Christian temperance women than it has hitherto. Our sisters in some of the Western States have brought about legislative enactments for the better protection of young girls, which have had a tendency to enforce a purer state of morality in society.

I shall direct your attention principally to the education of children in the things pertaining to social purity.

You will acknowledge, after careful consideration, that in our Christian civilization "there is a double standard of morality, one for man, another for woman." Society tolerates in man what it will not tolerate in woman. Women are cast out and ostracised, both by the church and the home, for what is overlooked and forgiven in man. Is drunkenness in God's eyes worse in woman than in man? Yet if a woman is a drunkard her friends are

The same question may be asked in regard to the use of tobacco. What man would appear in society with a woman who uses strong drink or tobacco? Yet a man may use both, to excess, and society will not frown on

Other leading evils might be enumerated and answered in the same way. Now, I ask you, is this double standard of morality right and just? I am sure you will agree that it is not. The motto of every Christian woman should be, "a pure, clean life for both man and woman," and it should be demanded in every social relation.

How shall we obtain this is the important question? We must first begin at the very root and foundation of all social life, which is the "hometraining." Solomon said: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Lady Somerset in one of her meetings said: "Woman is the lifegiver and the law-giver, she gives the moral tone to society." Oh, woman, sister mother, it is for you to teach purity of thought and action to the young souls intrusted to your care.

How carefully you will watch the development of your daughter's mind; you will shield her from all associa tions that might even suggest impurity. You take every precaution to have her grow up pure and virtuous. You select the books she reads, you read them with her, you choose her companions and you are her confidential friend. You explain to her the physical laws of life and teach her the importance of following them and the shame and suffering that must follow their disregard. Many good, noble mothers have erred through a feeling of false delicacy, and failed to teach their daughters these things, and have had to suffer as a consequence.

But daughters are not the only souls intrusted to your care and training. You have your sons who should be reared just as carefully as your daughters, even more so, for their temptations are so much greater because of the lax state of morality permitted by society.

While the mother plans and exhausts every human device to make the home attractive, so that the daughters may be contented and happy, how much more important it is that she should do so for the sons. Home is the center of every true life; all its associations should be of the purest

Young people must have society, must have amusements, and these must be provided for them. Do not to one of my views the outcome was introduce to them any games that simply amusing. might lead them into temptation. In everything you do take counsel with the Lord Jesus. Invite him into your home as an honored guest, tell him you will not countenance that in which he cannot participate, for any other course would be the ruin of your boy. Keep your boys with you at night. Look well after their associations. They cannot possibly choose as their friends those who tipple, those who puff a cigar, or whose conversation is full of impure suggestions, without being contaminated. Familiarity with not contempt.

It should be impressed upon the to know. Brothers are very jealous as replies, but, of course, the men did all regards the purity of their sister's char- | the talking. acter; teach them to be equally careful make any difference in the degree of guilt for the same act.

"Then shall your sons be as plants grown up in their youth, and your daughters as corner-stones, polished always and everywhere be found cookafter the similitude of a palace." AMELIA E. POLDON,

Oxford County,

Superintendent of Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity.

within the city proper 97,220 muni- he dominion. cipal electors, of whom 16,808 are women. In the annexed districts, just outside the parliamentary area, there are 18,207 municipal voters, of whom 3,162 are women.

Woman and the Methodist Church (Mrs. Huldah Rockwell, Picton.)

In reading the reports of the General Conference just closed (as all good Methodists have been doing of late), it was the most natural thing in the world that the superintendent of the franchise department should view the doings and sayings of this great legislative body from the standpoint of the so-called "strong-minded" woman. And so, after scanning the first day's proceedings, my thoughts ran after this fashion: How can this conference, composed entirely of men, imagine that they really represent the whole Methodist Church of Canada, the church of Susanna Wesley, and Barbara Hick, with its thousands of intelligent and godly women mem-

If, as we do not for one moment deny, women are intended to move in a different "sphere" from men, how can they be properly represented except by those of their own sex? Or, supposing that they are, as Hon. John Dryden has proven from Scripture, not only different from, but inferior to, their brethren, should not a few at least of these inferior being be sent to conference to legislate for their own class. From either point of view, therefore, it is clear that the great "better half" of the Methodist Church had no voice in its law-making.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society reports its work through the corresponding secretary, who comes in like any other outsider, reads her paper and retires. Instead of such being the case, why should not these | Lincoln. In any state legislature, when women sit side by side in the conference with their brethren, their work it is noteworthy how all the 'lewd felforming a part of the grand whole?

was a Woman's Missionary Society ne- a number of well-meaning but fossilcessary in the first place? Could not ized conservatives, while the affirmathe women have been satisfied to do tive vote is made up of men of a disthe hard work of the general society as | tinctly higher class, morally and intelthey have been doing for years, viz., lectually. "The basal conviction" of collecting the funds, and be content our worst manhood is everywhere with that work? We answer, no. against equal suffrage. The represent-They felt that they could guide and atives of the liquor interests, in parmanage this work as well as men, and ticular, are always loud in their fears as they could not do so within the that it will injure the happiness of the boundaries of the existing organization home. they formed one of their own.

ing, but it is a fact, and a lamentable one, that the churches are slow to discover their great weakness in this regard. Contrast their policy with that of the two latest great religious movements of Christendom, viz., the Salvation Army and the Christian Endeavor Societies, and do we not find here a most significant sign of the times in the fact that in both these great organizations women are placed on exactly the same footing as men! And then I fell to wondering what would happen if the women of this church were to go "on strike" for a while and leave the brethren to do the work of the church that the attendance at the prayer meetings would be small, and the class meetings would thin out wonderfully, Sunday school teachers would be at a premium, too, and missionary collections nowhere to be found.

had been done, and without asking for representative relations and functions suggestions or advice of any kind by virtue of which each sex depends simply unloaded the work on their upon and is exhalted by the other." willing and obedient shoulders, the On the contrary, it is an endeavor to committee appointed being composed bring about the fuller recognition of entirely of the women, with the excepthat fundamental principle and to tion of one old gentlemen who had so carry it to its logical conclusion. much spare time that he really was Bishop Vincent says equal rights glad to help for the want of something

I forgot to state that I noticed that there was one thing the women did do in connection with the conference, evil too often breeds approval, and and I hasten to mention it in order that the omission may not be considered idea that women need the ballot a willful one. They fed the delegates, as a protection and says, "when one yet will rule! minds of boys, from their earliest years and their efforts in that direction were of understanding, that they should go evidently much appreciated. We read, nowhere and listen to nothing they also, that upon that occasion addresses would not wish their mother or sister of welcome were given with suitable

Ever since Eve gave Adam of the of their own, and that sex does not forbidden fruit, which he found pleasparticular mission to cater to man's physical wants, until, even our wisest and best men seem to think she should

ing and washing dishes.

Mind, it is our best work that He wants, must prefer quality to quantity.—[George possible for a woman fully to put herself Reformer writes: On Thursday the positive cure. Soothing, cleansing,

## Suffrage.

(By Alice Stone Blackwell in the Union

Miss A. S. Biackwell continues her reply to the arguments of Dr. Buckley as presented in the Century against equal suffrage. Dr. Buckley quotes Bishop Vincent, a well-known conservative, on the woman question, and Miss Blackwell proceeds to weigh the bishop's arguments for whatever they may be worth as follows:

Bishop Vincent says that "the instinct of motherhood" is against equal suffrage. It is a grave fact that the Hindoo women have had it drilled into them for ages that for a woman to be educated would be to be unsexed, to forfeit the love of her husband, to lose her womanly influence, etc. Naturally, most of them believe it. American women have had it preached to them for generations by press, pulpit and forum that the same results would follow if they voted; and, naturally many of them believe what they have been taught. It is no more 'womanly instinct" in one case than in the other. If it were "the instinct of Toronto, is now a practicing lawyer of motherhood," we should not find it conspicuously lacking in those mothers who possess, in addition to tenderness and purity, breadth of mind and exceptional intelligence-mothers like Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone and Mrs. Zeralda G. Wallace, from whom Gen. Lew Wallace says that he drew the portrait of the mother in "B en Hur." There is even less warrant for Bishop Vincent's assertion that "the basal con- client."

viction of our best manhood is against it." It would not be easy to find better specimens of American manhood than Bishop Simpson, Bishop Bowman, Bishop Hurst, Bishop Gilbert Haven, George William Curtis, Wendell Phillips, Whittier, Longfellow, Emerson, Charles Sumner, Abraham a vote is taken on woman suffrage, lows of the baser sort" form a solid To go back to first principles, why phalanx in the negative, together with

In 1891 Florence Huntly collected We say this in no spirit of fault find- the opinions of 50 members of Congress on this question, for a symposium in a New York paper. Col. W. P. C. Breckinridge declared himself unalterably opposed to woman suffrage, because "it would affect the present relations between husband and wife."

Many years ago, before imprisonment for debt was abolished in England, the rumor of a projected French invasion threw the country into commotion. The excitement extended to all classes. An imprisoned debtor was discussing the news through the bars of his window with a street beggar and a soldier, who was considerably more than half intoxicated. "If the as well as make its laws. I imagine French effect a landing on British soil what will become of our liberties?" cried the imprisoned debtor. "Yes, and of our property?" echoed the tattered beggar. "Oh, --- our liberty and our property!" vociferated the A certain charge in this Province our religion?" Whenever the equal recently had a change of pastorate, and suffrage question comes up it is hard the new minister being anxious to stir to tell which is the more edifying, the things up called the officials together anxiety of the liquor interest for the and a committee was appointed to happiness of the home or the tender divide the town into districts for a solicitude of men of the Breckinridge systematic canvass among the sick, the stripe for the sanctity of the marriage poor and those who did not attend any relation. If there is any one position place of worship. At this point it was a good man can take in which he may of course found necessary to call in the be sure of the unanimous and enthusiwomen to help. This was done, and astic support of all rascaldom, it is in opposing woman suffrage.

Bishop Vincent says: "The move-The pastor told the sisters of what ment is at root a protest against the "must make man less a man, and woman less a woman." But we do not find that men are less manly or women less womanly where women

have been voting for years. Bishop Vincent protests against the sex is compelled thus to protect itself against the other, the foundations of society are already crumbling." Goldlists of Glasgow, Scotland, there are them, and to them (not to him) gave unkindness or tyranny on the part of had become wise and worthy enough women, but against the one-sidedness to have her for a friend." which must inevitably result when one sex undertakes to legislate for both.

impossible for a man fully to put himself in a woman's place and look at street. It was resolved to purchase a things from her standpoint.

## York County Convention.

Annual convention of York County W. C. T. U. was held last week at Weston and was very well attended. ing with such cases is both inefficient The reports show that a good deal of and pernicious, and that short terms good work has been done during the of incarceration are more productive year, though there were no specially of harm than good. Every effort will new features. The officers-elect for be made to render the home really atthe new year are: President, Mrs. Gilchrist, Toronto Junction; vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Irwin, Weston; cor-Wiley, Richmond Hill; treasurer, Mrs. Woodrow, Pottageville. The next annual convention will be held at

## About Women.

CANADIAN WOMEN LAWYERS.-Women are now coming to the front as successful lawyers as well as doctors -the first in Canada, we believe. She had her first case in the Toronto Division Court last week and was successsays: "Miss Martin was just as comher hat and proceeded to argue the case. The attorney on the other side was no match for her, and judgment was given in favor of Miss Martin's

A WOMAN SAILOR.—An English Exchange says: Hon. Mrs. Eliott Yorke, the only woman member of the Union | heart. des Yachts Francias, is one of the enthusiastic philanthropists of the day. Her yacht, the "Garland," may almost be described as a peripatetic temper- magazine, says: In the "early days" ance temple. Every member of the crew is an abstainer, and any satiated ago) the "Woman's Right" ladies toper belonging to the yachts or merchantmen in the harbors in which she anchors, who has been disgusted with his revelries, may be assured of finding there a sailing-master who will be only too ready to accept his temperance many brothers she might have, was

Field, the well-known Washington king. The wife's rights of separate editor and lecturer, says: "I do, most | property were respected by law-she emphatically. I believe there should be an educational, moral and property on her own account. In case of diqualification for the franchise and that vorce, her dowry was to be repaid to men and women should stand a uniform her with interest at a triple rate. Takwoman and that she cannot adapt herself to the study of them, much less the practice? Some of the shrewdest politicians I have ever known are women; history tells what women have done as rulers."

A SWEEPING CHANGE.—Russell Sage, the great New York financier, has long been known as a successful man of affairs, but has seldom been heard of as a political reformer. That he has right views on one great reform will be seen by the following extract: "I believe when women vote we shall have wiser government, cleaner politics, more ballots and fewer bullets. I have not formulated my views as to what reforms woman suffrage would effect, but I fancy good would accrue, not only to women, but to men. When men and women labor together there is compactness, completeness, thoroughness, in the result that is often wanting when the sexes work separately."

NEW YORK POLITICS.—Miss Frances E. Willard and Lady Henry Somerset attended the recent New York State Republican convention at Saratoga, when candidates for governor and other officers were selected. Miss Willard closes an interesting letter to the Union Signal regarding it with these words: New York has 1,300,000 voters; over 600,000 of these are foreigners, the majority of them illiterate; both parties bid for these-that is the situation in a nutshell, so far as our ethical reform measures are concerned. "The communism of pelf" in votes is the bond that unites the two old parties against the two new ones. The new ones have not sense enough to "get together," and there we are. But evils tend to their own cure; the boss will be bombarded-and the people

MOTHERS DIFFER.—Harriet Martineau, the great French authoress, wrote: win Smith once wrote an article de- "I have observed that the mothers who nouncing the notion that men and are most admirable at some seasons of women could have any separate inter- their children's lives, fall off at others. ests, yet he declared in the same article I have seen a mother who had extrathat if women voted they would make ordinary skill in bringing out and trainant to the taste, it has been woman's laws in their own interest and against ing her children's faculties before they that of men." Women love their hus- reached their teens, and who was allbands and sons fully as much as men sufficient for them then, fail them sadly love their wives and daughters; yet as a friend and companion in the imwould Bishop Vincent be willing to portant years which follow 17. And have all the laws made for him by a I have seen a mother who could make legislature consisting of women alone, no way with her children in their early when woman will assume her true and responsible for its acts to a con- years, and who keenly felt how nearly position of equal and helpmeet to stituency composed of women alone? indifferent they were to her, while her man, the position which God gave her, He would certainly feel that he and whole soul and mind were devoted to and which he intended her to occupy other men needed votes to protect them-I have seen such a mother when male and female created he them, not against any intentional un-

ENGLISH WOMEN'S WORK .- The not the dregs of our exhaustion. I think He He would say, and truly, that it is im- London correspondent of the Scottish in a man's place and look at things National British Women's Temper- healing.

Bishop Vincent vs. Equal from his point of view. It is equally ance Association held a special meeting at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon house and farm within easy distance of London to be used as an industrial home for women who have fallen victims to drink. In the opinion of the association the present system of dealtractive, and a great variety of healthful and amusing occupations will be provided. The committee desire to responding secretary, Miss Foster, have the home placed under Govern-Toronto; recording secretary, Miss ment inspection, and to have it frequently visited by medical men who are in no way connected with the in-

> Lady Henry Somerset, who is an active member of the Liberal party in England, after attending the New York Republican nominating convention, gave some of her ideas of the respective methods of the two countries as in Canada. Miss Clara Brett Martin, follows: "We have another advantage; we can turn out our Government at once if they do not sustain the action of the people; the appeal is swift, sharp and decisive, and this uncerful, too. The Empire's report of it tainty of tenure holds our representatives nearer to us. You have the posed as the judge when she removed form, but, to my thinking, we have the reality of republican government; it matters little whether a tyrant, an oligarchy or a boss controls the State, and I feel sure that by the reterenduminitiative and the abolition of these nominating conventions (a thing unknown in England) you will simplify your methods, and bring them more who has now the distinction of being closely to the people's confidence and

BRITISH AND AMERICAN POLITICS.-

WOMEN'S STATUS IN EGYPT .- A writer in Belgravia, a leading English of Egypt (some thousands of years would all have been out of work; a woman's social status in the Egypt of those days was as high, nay higher, than it is now-even in Europe. The eldest daughter of a king, however heir to the throne, and the man she elected to marry, although he might Women as Politicians. — Kate not be of royal descent at all, became could buy and sell and trade entirely test before being allowed to vote. The ing all these well-attested facts into consideration, it seems a very extraorwoman's purity is laughable. Who dinary thing to see the Egyptian can be adopted which does not force knows that politics are not natural to women of today treated as mere beasts of burden or upper class slaves, while design." That is, whoever rejects the low opinion Arabs have of them evolution must believe in a God! has almost passed into a proverb. The decay of Egypt—once one of the grandest, if not the grandest, country tive address was that of Lord Salisbury. in the world—the moral decadence of its people, and the shattering of the any similar paper in many years. Some shrine of reverence and consideration in which the ancient Egyptians placed their women, has all followed in due

JAPAN'S IDEAS.—The Japanese Government is said to be much more advanced in its ideas of civil government revealed religion was on trial, and has than any other government of the east, urged that its own principles, which but it evidently yet clings to the oldtime notion that women should no- of the observed facts of nature than do where be seen or heard of in connect the literal words of Scripture, be subtion with the affairs of a country's stituted for them. government. One of the demands it made for reforms in Corea, about which been made consistent with what our it went to war with China, was that eyes see, it cannot complain if it is women must be put farther in the back-

Here is a part of the formal demand made by the Japanese Minister at Seoul, the capital of Corea, during negotiations preliminary to the war: "I must respectfully recall your Majesty's attention to one more subject, a subject to which I would fain avoid any allusion. I refer to the necessity that all interference of the ladies of the court in politics should be strictly prohibited. In my country, as in all other civilized countries, the household department is strictly kept apart from politics. This is a measure absolutely necessary for the permanent prosperity of your Majesty's dynasty."

Prof. Blackie's Four Heroes.

An interview with the venerable Scot, now 85 years old, is reported in the Woman at Home, by Mr. Arthur Warren. The conversation, which was of a strictly unconventional order, included lunch:

While we ate the professor talked, burst into snatches of melody, rippled in Greek, alternating with thunderous German, laughed-and wore his hat! Prof. Blackie is not what the anecdotemongers call a "conversationalist." He does not converse; he explodes. His talk is volcanic. There comes an eruption of short sentences blazing with the philosophy of life. There is a kindly glow in it all, and the eruption subsides quickly with a gentle troll of song. I well remember the explosion that followed some reference to education. The table shook under a smiting hand, and these words were shot at me: "We are teaching our young men everything except this: To teach themselves, and to look the Lord Jesus Christ in the face!"

Later in the day he ejaculated to his guest, "Aristotle, Shakespeare, Goethe, and the Apostle Paul-these are my

Catarrh-Use Nasal Balm. Quick,

### A Striking Address.

One of the most striking events of the year in England is-not a debate in parliament, nor the birth of an heir to the throne, nor some great happening in the world of trade-but an address delivered one evening before an assembly of ladies and gentlemen in the university town of Oxford.

The speaker was Lord Salisbury, lately prime minister, and the leader of one of the two great political parties; his audience was the British Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he was president; his topic was the unsolved problems of science.

Mr. Gladstone lays aside his Blue Book and takes his Homer, or turns to writing a learned treatise on Christian ethics. His great opponent in the political world is chancellor of the University of Oxford, and president of the greatest scientific association of the country.

The lesson is that politics need not draw its votaries from the class of men who can do nothing else to earn a living; as though the public should put up with services which all private employers have rejected.

But the substance of Lord Salisbury's address was vastly important. It was a call to science to remember that it is not omniscience. In this generation science has done so much, has advanced so far into previously unexplored realms, that it was in real danger of losing its head, through arrogance. It was Herod's courtiers who cried, "It is the voice of a God, and not of a man." But science has been setting up itself instead of God.

Lord Salisbury makes a portentous list of matters which baffle scientific men, and of others which are not so clearly proved as they would have us believe. What are chemical elements? Are oxygen and sulphur and gold and chlorine simple bodies or compounds? And what is an atom? Chemistry has learned much about the behavior of matter, but it still knows nothing about the ultimate constitution of matter. The fundamental mystery re-

Light comes to us from the sun. Light is a mode of motion, but a motion of what? Of the luminiferous ether, replies science. And what is the ether? No one knows. No one has ever learned anything whatever about it except that it "undulates," that is, transmits waves. In fact, the very existence of the ether is only surmised,

Evolution presents many difficulties -so many that one distinguished biologist says that it is accepted merely because there is no other theory that

We have given, in the barest outline, enough to show what a deeply sugges-It has caused more discussion than writers have thought that the noble marquis was ill-advised in throwing doubt upon the conclusions of modern

But is not that precisely what science has done to religion? It has demanded a verdict of "not proven" when we may admit agree better with some

Now that all its principles have not summoned to give more convincing testimony, or itself submit to be condemned by the "not proven" verdict.

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