

betrayed by the gilded saloon, temptations on every side form a chain not to be broken. Then she feelingly depicted a recent occurrence where a woman sat with glad expectancy saying: "I shall have news of Mike to-night." News came—drowned in the outlet; strong drink had done its terrible work.

Another lady had an essay on prohibition, the substance of which was as follows: We have heard enough of the evils of intemperance; what we now want is a remedy; plenty of remedies have been tried, with only partial success; prohibition is the only sure remedy; we are in the midst of transition times; the old parties are dying, but they will not be entirely dead until all the good there is in them is transposed into the new; the Republican party is already largely transposed into the prohibition party; the labor party must ultimately be swallowed up in the prohibition party; it is time for the conscience of the people to be aroused; the aim of governments has been to place the man of intellect at the head; now a step higher must be taken, and morals must be added to intellect; moral education is the need of the present age; women are more conscientious than men, and their influence is needed in public affairs; the Woman Suffrage plank in the platform of the Prohibition party is a step in the right direction; the untiring labors of the women have already done much towards creating public sentiment against the liquor traffic; give her the ballot and she will do more; in a national contest she will vote for principle and right embodied in the platform of the Prohibition party.

Next was read an article signed by Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Joslyn Gage—a protest that one-half of the citizens should be denied representation; that it is unjust and in opposition to the constitution that women should have no voice in executing its provisions. The next speaker, as she

stepped to the platform, remarked one could almost believe this to be a woman's suffrage meeting. She felt like saying amen and leaving the rest, but two or three thoughts suggest themselves from woman's standpoint. This is her era: They have been distinguished as rulers, and this half of the 19th century has seen the effective work of the organization of women. They are no longer contented to stay at home and "shed influence;" they are invited to go abroad and "shed influence." "The Woman's Crusade" formed by the unthinking spirit to do good, found that presently their work came to naught. They all returned to their sin. Then came the idea of woman's suffrage; an influence to be felt and made effective by the ballot. The liquor interest is alarmed as women reach out for the ballot. There is no surer sign that woman's vote will do important work. They are not at fault in seeing who will be their foe. All the virtue is more than equal to all the vice. We want to muster this virtue where it will tell effectively. This continent is preeminently the battle ground for reform in this direction; so much of the strength of other nations is taken to keep back the encroachments of their neighbors. Here the blue coat has its minimum of recognition. In the old countries the burden falls on women to raise the crops to feed the army. Women and dogs have the weight of burden, and find no time to "shed influence." This, then, is the true battlefield. We need all the moral element joined to all the virtue to battle with the condition of things at the present time; we need the ballot in the hands of women. It will be the sign and type of prohibition.

A brother then spoke, of whose remarks I will try to give you some idea. He said for sixty years a variety of plans have been proposed to cure this evil, or keep it in check. All