

a year longer obtains its nourishment from her breasts; and then begins to depend on its own resources. It may live for 100 years more, but it is not more really living at thirty than at one; no more at one than at birth, for even then it was nine months old. All scientific research, all analogy, all reasoning, prove this beyond doubt; and it is accepted as the voice of truth by all who study the phenomena of life.

Let me quote the words of an able colleague. "The point and time where and when the work of independent organization begins is from the fusion or junction of the male and female principles, represented by the ovule and the spermatozoa. From that hour, soul and body, the subjective and the objective, in their mysterious union, are being created. The pure instinct of primal Christianity voiced itself in the grand words of Saint Augustine—'Homo est, qui futurus est.'—'What will be a man, is a man.'"—(Dr. W. H. Holcombe.)

In view of this great truth, every wilful abortion is a murder. Alas! that mothers should plot against and destroy the precious life which God has bestowed, and which He alone can take away! Some do it in ignorance; but there are those who do it despite of warnings and of better knowledge. How will they dare to lift up their eyes in the Great Day, before Him who has said, "Thou shalt not kill!" while their hands are reddened and defiled with stains that "Neptune's ocean cannot wash, nor all the perfumes of Arabia sweeten!"

IT IS A CRIME AGAINST HEALTH.

There are some, devoid of principle, to whom a more selfish plea must be presented. If you doubt the truth, that abortion is murder, or believing it still heed it not, then know this, to which every physician of experience can testify, that abortion is ruin to health. Here are two facts which physicians *know* to be true. More women die during an abortion than in consequence of delivery at full term; and a much larger proportion become confirmed invalids. Do you say you never heard of a woman dying in abortion? Very likely. Is the sick woman going to trumpet to the world the cause of her sickness? Are those who aided her, who are cognizant of her condition, and *who are liable to a criminal prosecution* under the laws of the land, going to speak of it to any one? Of course not. She is supposed to die of hemorrhage, dysentery, peritonitis, inflammation of