

We sometimes hear the objection, that "Organizations are not necessary," and some have said "not in accordance with the Bible." We are commanded in the Bible to "serve God and to love our neighbor as ourselves;" and we know that we can best serve God by serving humanity; we know that terrible evils exist and that reform is needed; we believe that reform can best be effected by concentration of the influence for good. It has been truly said: "In our separate individuality we are a rope of sand; united, we are a cable to the pulling down of strongholds." We have learned that in union there is strength, and the Bible says: "Associate yourselves and take counsel together." This is the Bible warrant for the W.C.T.U. For general directions read Collosians iii. 13-16. The church is an organization, and all efficient Christian work must be organized work. There was a time when women were content to work within the home, thinking only "If mine are safe and undefiled, it matters not what woe betide my neighbor's child." But when the home was threatened, when no walls were found high enough, no gates secure against the home destroyer; then came the earnest thought, and earnest women found that "new occasions teach new duties." In a listening attitude, they harkened unto solemn warning; "Tremble, ye women that are at ease; Be troubled, ye careless ones. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers, yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city." Surely we have seen the fulfilment of the prophesy; for into how many houses of joy do we find the stinging thorn of intemperance—the coarse brier of impurity? DeLogneville said: "Life is neither a pleasure nor a pain, it is a serious business to be entered on with courage and in a spirit of self-sacrifice." Truly, this is so in our temperance work. It is neither a pleasure nor a pain, but a very serious business. One that demands great self-sacrifice, and from which our hearts often shrink, we have felt "assailed with doubts alway." We shrink from duty and its thorny path, and cry: "Let work be given to him that hath, and from us kept away." But thank God there has been a "fountain stirred" in the breast of many thoughtful women—"whose waters never more shall rest." We have listened

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