

Many of the most eminent workers for God to-day, in home and foreign lands, have learned this secret, that consecration to God promotes successful work.

2nd. *By finding our special work ; recognizing God's special call.*

Elizabeth Fry felt this when she devoted her means and self, and succeeded in improving the condition and hearts of the women and children in the jails of her own and other lands. She believed that this was *her special mission*, and her's was a remarkable success. Few great reforms in the moral or religious world have been accomplished by the many; until these first has been the call of the one, the inspiration to one, the recognized demand of God upon one. The Bible and profane history furnish innumerable instances of this ; and it is no less needful, whether the work be great or small, a public or a private one, a combined or a personal one, connected with temperance, or with some other great cause—that the doer shall know this is God's special work for me. It is not to judge what God has intended others to do, but what does He will I should do. He who gave the gifts, can best tell how to use them. I cannot tell my sister's work, but if I listen to God's voice, I can know my own. And whatever the work may be, bringing renown or contumely, if it is God's chosen work for me, then it should be my chosen work for God.

*How to promote our influence—2 ways.*

1st. By our example always being ahead of our precepts. Our practice of our professions.

The sinful world likes consistency, and while it listens with apparent respect to the teachings of the good, it is really more intent upon observing their character. Let our words and deeds all have the setting of a thoroughly consistent life.

2nd. *By a patient persistency in any work we undertake.*

Many reforms suffer for want of the undaunted courage and constancy which is content to plod on year after year thro' evil and thro' good report ; yet no work perhaps more demands steady continuance and unwavering faith than that amongst the temperance people.

DEAR SISTERS,—As I appeal to you, I say also to my own heart, we owe our unbounded influence as women to-day to what Christ has done for us. In return, shall it not be our work to preach Christ to others, and help to lift them up to Him ?

Let us consecrate ourselves ourselves to His service, find His special work for us, aim at a consistent life ourselves, and then perseveringly press on, until He shall say, "It is enough, come up higher," and meet us with the glad recompense of "Well and faithfully done."