

a living, is not saying much. She has not time. The women who are making the disturbance are women who have time of their own, who have time for observation. Women have more leisure than men now and the question is what are they going to do with it. Custom and conventionality recommends amusements, social functions intermixed with kindly deeds of charity, the making of strong and durable garments for the poor, visiting the sick, comforting the sad, advising the erring, all of which women are doing, but the trouble arises here,—is this, while women do these things they are thinking, they wonder about the causes, the underlying conditions,—must they always be.

Women have never yet lived in their own world. Man has assigned woman her sphere. Woman's sphere is anything a man does not wish to do himself. This is a simple distribution of labor and easily understood and very satisfactory to half the population. Men have given a great deal of attention to women. They have told us exactly what we are like. They have declared us to be illogical, hysterical, impulsive, loving, patient, forgiving, malicious, vindictive, bitter, not any too honest, not very reliable. They have given us credit for all the good in the world and yet blamed us for all the evil. They are very prone to speak of women, as a class, of women—women in bulk, making each individual woman responsible for the sins of all.

Recently when members of the W. C. T. U. went before our law makers in Ottawa, pleading for a much needed reform, the prohibition of cigarettes, pleading in the name of our boys, who are every day being ruined in body and soul, one of the members of Parliament rose in his place and told these women to go home and reform their own sex before they came looking for any reforms from men. He said women were the slaves of fashion and should not look for any measure of reform from men until their own sex was emancipated. No one would have dared to speak so illogically to men. Think of telling half-a-dozen men to go home and reform all mankind! Quite a large order, too,—yet women have constantly to listen to such unjust and unreasonable criticism. This insult to womanhood