

"Though woman's hands are weak to fight,
Her voice is strong to pray,
And with fingers of faith she may open the gate
To a brighter, better day.

Work till every woman's name is on the roll-book of the association, and be ready for any and every form of work. Saloon visiting, if need be, Gospel Temperance Prayer meetings, scattering temperance literature, or circulating petitions. It is often said that the temperance reformation will advance no faster than there is public sentiment to sustain it. Let us set about making temperance sentiment. We cannot expect to change all the old heads and hearts, but we can mould the minds of the children, and they are to be the men and women of the next generation. We cannot overestimate the importance of this work, and we would therefore say, organize the little ones into Bands of Hope. Their little minds are easily impressed,—full of love for the right and hatred for the wrong. Let us take advantage of this, and lay broad the foundations for the next generation.

We would say also, enlist the young people, especially the young ladies. Let young ladies refuse to associate with tipping young men and the work would soon be done. Let them resolve never to marry a man to reform him. The experiment has been tried often enough to prove it a failure. O, how my heart has ached to see pure and beautiful young girls, give the keeping of their hands and hearts to young men reeking with tobacco and rum. We have long enough tolerated two standards of morality, one for men, and another for women. What mother would think of allowing her daughter to smoke and chew, and frequent saloons and gambling dens, and prowl about the street till the small hours of the night. But we allow our sons to do all these things and worse, and we smile and say, "O, they are sowing their wild Oats." If society demands purity of our young women, let us teach them to demand purity of young men. The young women of the land could soon crush this false standard to earth.

It needs but little knowledge to conclude, that she who has such an influence, could by her assertion of what she believes right, crush this false standard of morality. For she who can keep but one unchanged love for God and humanity, who does just the work nearest her door, (as God may direct,) will achieve great things in the cause of social reform.

It is a remarkable fact that women's influence in the Church is greater than man's. We may deny it, but history asserts it with triumphant tones. The dark ages were dark, because women yielded to its superstition. The Reformation became a fact when out of the night of superstition and idolatry, the morning of the true religion dawned, and women awakened to her real position where God had placed her, and asserted her rights as a help-mate to man, and his equal,—for it was not only what Luther did that made the Reformation so strong and powerful but because with the growing light women came to his side, and