

bounded, not fettered even by the confines of this world, but stretching on through the ever-widening circles of eternity.

How shall we use this influence ? What shall our work be ?

To help man back to the state from which he fell ; to use this power which has raised us, to help the weak, instruct the ignorant, and lift our fallen fellow-creatures up to the place God designs them to occupy. To prove in our active efforts to do good, that we are helps-meet for the work.

How shall we help ?

The field is all around us. It begins in our own homes. Neglect there is perilous, and no public work can atone for it. Napoleon Bonaparte said, "They who rock the cradle, rule the world." The nation will be what the homes are, and woman is the conservator of home.

We may not enter the halls of legislation and say what our laws shall be, but the power of our influence can send our husbands, brothers, sons to do the work, which is man's to perform. We can reign by the strength of those whom our love can command.

John Quincy Adams said, "Such as I have been, whatever it was, such as I am, whatever it is, and such as I hope to be in all futurity, must be ascribed, under Providence to the precepts and example of my mother." And hundreds and thousands of the world's best men and women, to-day say the same thing.

How shall we help ?

By looking around us, when our home work is done, for other brothers and sisters less cared for, perchance homeless, friendless and feeling even God-forgotten, and extending a helping hand to them.

Their "name is legion,"
Their wants are many.

It would be impossible in the limits of this paper to touch even upon the many branches of Christian work which open to the woman who is seeking for it. I can name but one. There is none which perhaps has greater claims upon the sympathy than work among the intemperate—for none have suffered more than woman through the effects of intemperance. None know the depths of helplessness, which it occasions better than she. It has this terrible fact connected with it, that it does not stand alone as a vice, but saps all the virtues and undermines the moral character. Where it gains the mastery, its victims will lie, or cheat, or kill, or break any or all of the laws of the Decalogue; mother, wife, child, home, all will be sacrificed. Here, woman's love, and patience, and eloquence, find ample scope, and in the name of Christ, with the story of Christ and His Salvation, she has been, and is to-day, a successful helper to her sin-burdened and fallen creatures,