

with love to God, that we each in our humble sphere may go forth to work more earnestly in this great Temperance Reform, knowing that our labour will not be in vain in the Lord. The question may be asked, why this interference of women? are the men not able to contend with this evil? We would simply answer the question, women are the innocent sufferers. How can christian women sit still and be quiet, while women's cries for help are in their ears. Holy women whose hearts have bled over the wrongs of others, have tested the power of prayer, as Hagar in the wilderness, and fountains have gushed forth and rocky hearts have been smitten and broken, and have sent forth streams which still run on to bless the nation.

Dear Sisters, do we not need daily to come to the fountain in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to work more efficiently for God and home and native Land. Though we are not permitted yet to poll our votes, "are we not a power." It has been admitted by the opposition that they were more alarmed by those praying women, than by the sterner sex. We frequently hear very eloquent denunciations of Ladies becoming unwomanly by the active part taken by them in the Temperance work. In doing so we think they have forgotten our good Queen Victoria who for more than forty years has stood at the head of the most powerful empire of earth, without even awakening the slightest suspicion that she has in any degree abdicated or abandoned her womanhood by discharging the various duties of her position as Sovereign of the realm. And descending to a more humble sphere, of a Florence Nightingale, and of many others, who like her, forsook elegant homes to dwell in camps and hospitals to alleviate the carnage of civil war. It may be said, this was in order to care for the sick and wounded soldiers, such is women's peculiar sphere, as an angel of mercy to suffering humanity. If women can properly leave their homes on errands of benevolence and dwell amid the thunders of battle and scenes of mortal distress, why may they not if need be leave their homes on other errands of mercy and beneficence. What if it should be her mission to remove stumbling-blocks out of the way of the feeble or bind up the wounds inflicted by a giant evil far worse than war. Or to rescue women and children from the lowest depths of degradation and wretchedness, or to pluck helpless, struggling, immortal spirits from the eternal burnings, or to ransom the drunkard from his bonds of living death, and bring him back to hope and joy. May she not go forth to such labours as these. Or who would say that Elizabeth Fry became unwomanly by carrying messages of light and salvation into the horrible dungeons of Europe. All honor then we say to our noble, zealous, persevering and indefatigable lady president who has for several years through difficulties and opposition sustained not only with acceptance but with so much success her important position. We have learnt to regard her as our Deborah to lead us on to victory. We rejoice to

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