

license on the streets, at the dram shops, but I should hope the walls of this church, dedicated to the worship of Him whose chief doctrine is the Golden Rule, would never echo to sentiments that sorely wound the great Teacher in the house of His friends."

She closes her admirable address with this injunction: "Here I stand—I can do no other God help me. Amen."

I want to say just a word or two to you: I trust you will not grow discouraged in your good work. We have not learned yet to make sufficient preparation for our Conventions, but before the next meeting of the Maritime Union, we will have learned the usefulness of the little *Telephone* so adapted to our needs, and there will be no lack of good words and good deeds for this "child of our Union."

Yours Fraternally,

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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, OCT. 20TH.

DEAR SISTERS AT THE TELEPHONE.

Last night about mail time I heard a succession of rings from the "Central Office." As I readily recognized familiar voices at the eastern end of the line, I was glad to be called up in such an emphatic manner, and at once thought to myself, "I must be connected with the "Central Office." I am truly interested in this *Telephone*, and want to hear it speak louder and longer.

I am sure we never appreciate any good cause or good work until we put something of ourselves into it, and the more of ourselves we put into it, the more we sacrifice for it, the keener our appreciation of its worth, and the clearer it becomes to us. Now I am going to put fifty cents into this *Telephone*, and own a line leading to the "Central Office;" and if you knew how large a part of my present *financial self*, fifty cents is, you would believe that I not only appreciate the organ and its

cause, but the courage and faith of the Publisher. And if we who want to be helpers in this good work, each own a line leading to this "Central Office," I am sure we shall *help* tho' in a *small* way, to strengthen the hands of her who has started out so courageously. I am greatly pleased with what I learned of your work through the *Telephone*. You are certainly growing stronger and wielding more influence, although you may not be able to see it. Our Sisters on this coast are doing the same. They are trying in various ways to grow in knowledge concerning the question. In many ways, they have more to contend with than you have. The great wine-making interest in this country, has such a hold of a considerable portion of the population, as to make the work of creating a strong temperance sentiment a more difficult task than with you.

The question, "How can the grape-growing land be made to produce more money in raisins than wine?" is agitating the minds of the temperance men and women here, and even *some few* of the *women* are making noble efforts to work out a *practical* solution to the question.

The struggles which many people have in coming to this country to make a home, incline them to plant their land to that which will bring the quickest and surest returns, with the least outlay of money and labor; and the wine business has thus far offered such flattering inducements, that many who would not from choice select this mode of earning a living, have soothed their consciences by persuading themselves that the hard times and increase of profit justified the business. I was greatly surprised and pained not many months ago, to hear a christian man, one of the leading Educational men of the State, urge the wisdom of planting those varieties of grapes that could be sold for table use, raisins or wine, so that they could be turned to advantage in the best market. He said he was a temperance man,