

WOMAN'S MISSION.

Woman's mission lies in the instruction and the elevation of mankind. When one reflects what might have been accomplished had but one-half the effort bent upon securing the elective franchise to women been expended in revealing to them their true mission, one is ready to exclaim against the blindness that has prevented such aspirants from seeing the magnificent field of their legitimate labor, stretching as it does before them into eternity.

What do women want with votes when they hold the scepter of influence with which they can control even votes, if they wield it aright? It is by woman that nature writes indelible lessons on the hearts of man—not only when she fills the sphere of wife, mother, sister, teacher, friend—but in every State of life it is woman who has it in her power to influence for good or for evil the man with whom she is thrown.

The Sphere of Her Influence.

The silent influence of example in her home does much; the precepts that flow from her lips clothe themselves with power because of her example; then what does she want with the elective franchise? What would she gain by it? Absolutely nothing, but much would be lost. The evils under which we are now suffering would be intensified four-fold. It is the ignorant and the deprived among men who too often crowd away from the polls the intelligent and the high-minded. Would women of no education and no character stay away to make room for women of cultivated minds and pure hearts? To improve our legislation we stand in need of the votes of the educated classes, not of the illiterate, and yet it is votes of the latter class that would be increased in number by woman suffrage.

The Shadow for the Substance.

Women are neither warriors, magistrates nor legislators. They form one-half of the human race which, on account of its very weakness, has escaped the corruptions of power and of our glory. Oh, let them cease to regret that they have no share in those fatal passions, let them leave to us legislation, the political arena, war! Were they to partake of our fury, would there be no earth to appease it? Herein lies their empire, here woman's mission reveals itself. In their souls much more than in the halls of legislators repose the futurity of the world and the destinies of the human race. Every woman has a share in this work; let her see that it is done to the best of her ability.

If a man's pen is mightier than his sword so also is a woman's pen mightier than her vote. If her domestic avocations do not engross all her time and she has the gift of the pen, she can use it, though ever so feebly, in behalf of some one of the great educational movements of the day. This is unquestionably the age of social reform, and may it be spoken of by a future generation as one of educational reform in which women learned that their strength lies, not in the ballot-box, but in their influence as daughters, sisters, wives, mothers, friends, teachers, and writers.

The weakest woman, by concentrating her powers and using them steadily on a single subject, can accomplish something. "Work for some good, be it ever so lowly. Labor; all labor is noble and holy," and "in due time you shall reap, if you faint not." No good seed ever dies. When the hand that has planted it is cold in death, the fruit will ripen for an immortal harvest.

Talents and Responsibilities.

According to the talents intrusted

to our care is the weight of our responsibility. As yet few are those from whose sight the scales have fallen, so that they are able to discern that woman's true field of labor lies all around her—not at a distance from her, but where providence has placed her.

The future destiny of a child is always the work of its mother. What is a child to the preceptor? It is an ignorant being to be instructed. What is the child to the mother? It is a soul which requires to be formed. Good teachers make good scholars, but it is only mothers that form men. This constitutes all the difference of their missions.

We know that good statesmen are needed to regulate our laws and make new ones which will protect the rights and ameliorate the wrongs of woman, but it is woman's lofty privilege to mold and form the minds of statesmen. Let her never forget that, although armies are required to conquer nations, it is the diffusion of knowledge and morality that civilizes and saves them.—Selected.

A HUMORIST'S VIEW OF IOWA.

George Fitch, the well-known writer of humorous fiction, sizes up Iowa (in the Chicago Record-Herald) as follows:

"Iowa is a large and happy corn field, speckled with Carnegie libraries and half-ton hogs, which are exchanged by their owners, when ripe, for automobiles and piano players. The field is bounded on the east and west by the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, but barbed wire is used on the north and south. The State has 2,200,000 people, almost all of whom scan the editorial pages and market reports in the daily papers with the deepest interest.

"Iowa has no romance in its story. Its history could not be dramatized, even in a high-brow theatre, with any success. About seventy years ago people began going into Iowa from Illinois to raise crops, and they have been doing it ever since. Iowa leads the world in farm products. Its corn cribs have elastic sides, and the Iowa pig, after he has fed on Iowa corn for a few months, has to be hauled to and from meals on a truck. The tourist who crosses Iowa during mid-summer complains of the dense forests and the early twilight, but he is going through three hundred miles of Iowa crops which are getting their full growth. After an Iowa farmer has set out on his porch on hot July evenings and has heard his corn grow for twenty-five years, it is hard to interest him in such piffish music as grand opera produces.

"Next to its crop, Iowa is the most famous for its politics. The high tension, four-syllabled brand of politics is used throughout the State, and while over a dozen campaigns heated to 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit have been pulled off in the last ten years, they have all been decided without the use of brass knuckles or bribery investigations. There is twice as much politics per cubic yard of conversation in Iowa as there is in any other State, and the standpaters and dam-spatters, as the insurgents are called, carry their arguments into weddings, prayer-meetings, and funerals. But they associate freely together without hiding their watches, and talk issues instead of appointments. In consequence, Iowa produces several statesmen per thousand politicians, and her Senators are remembered for their mental and not their financial prominence.

"Iowa is singularly blessed in its lacks. It has no trusts, no great metropolis, no smart set, no slums, no country estates, and no abandoned farms. It also has no vast increase of population to assimilate and educate; in fact, it showed a decrease of



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