

the same soul. The place of women in the world is changing so rapidly that men cannot help asking in some trepidation where they will next find them. They have flown from the fireside to the factory and from the factory to the public service and the House of Commons; they have entered the laboratory, the operating theatre, and the Courts of law, and are heading straight for the Pulpit and the Bench.

To a very great extent they have already made good. They have had a certain success in all their experiments. Will they succeed as Judges? Will they do indifferent justice as men do it?—by which of course we only mean will they come as near to doing it as men come? The question is important. Recent events and the summoning of women to serve upon juries press it before our eyes. Is the instinctive partisanship of women innate and incorrigible? The reply of most men to the question will be, we feel sure, a fervent "I hope so." That hope comes, we believe, from the bottom of the human heart and is, we think, independent of sex. Women want to be partisans and men want their partisanship. How often does a woman use the expression "I want to think," or "I cannot bear to think?" Certainly twice as often as a man uses it. Does any man really love his wife or any boy his mother who does not in his heart of hearts know that she is a partisan? Most women are aware of this, and know that if they were called to be Judges they would be as untrustworthy as they would be incorruptible. Partisans do not take bribes.

Of course we shall be told that a tendency to partisanship is to be found in all persons of strong feeling irrespective of sex. That is true. Without it loyalty, and we had almost said love, could not exist. How far it influences people in conviction and action is largely a matter of self-control; and women, who have in so many ways more self-control than men, have, we cannot help believing, in this particular rather less. It is, we admit, quite arguable that they are better judges of character than man. It is probable, seeing that in their children they watch character in the making more closely than men watch it; but the intuition necessary for the clear discernment of the human heart does not presuppose the cool reasoning power necessary for the weigh-