

date of any excuse for the physical force argument. We believe a peaceful solution of international and other differences would be hastened if the mothers, wives and sisters had the use of the vote against the useless and unnecessary waste of human life.

The Women's University Club and the Question

Among other impressions received at Mr. Irving's meeting a visitor could not fail to be struck by the quiet, efficient and persistent way in which the women of Vancouver and British Columbia generally are conducting their fight for the removal of the disability under which they rest. That impression was strengthened on a later evening at the King Edward High School, when we were among the auditors at the mock parliament held there. In the speeches of the members of the Women's University Club, the cause of Woman's franchise received an able though indirect vindication. The leader of the opposition was Mrs. McConkey who, previous to Mr. Irving's address in Wesley Church, made a clear and comprehensive reference to the laws of British Columbia as they affect women and children, and also related the steps already taken—alas, almost fruitless—in seeking for their modification by the Government at Victoria.

We do not need militant methods in Canada, and we hope we may not need them. Our women are in deadly earnest in their fight for the very highest interests of the home and to that end they *need the vote*. It is a significant fact that among the most active workers in this campaign are women in our city whom we all know and honor as amongst the most capable of our home makers. We wish them success with our legislators who surely must soon concede the claim.

Probably the most valuable result of these meetings is that many who, like the writer, have hitherto held aloof from any active co-operation in this important matter, may have been led to realize that the duty of working to obtain the franchise devolves upon every woman. Every woman should give at least her sympathy and approval to those who are so unselfishly giving time, strength and means to this work. Women may not bring in the millenium through the vote, but the franchise would be an effective weapon in the fight which many of them have so long and so patiently carried on against some of the evils sapping our national life—the liquor traffic, for instance.

Concerning Social Service—Just a Glimpse (By E. E. Gordon)

A telephone message a few days ago took me into a three-roomed cottage prettily situated well up a hill-side. In its first room I found so much of discomfort and uncleanness evident in the large