

platform ladies are avowed Atheists. The late Mrs. Emma Martin, a Deistical writer of considerable ability, defended Woman Suffrage in a well-written article in the *Westminster Review*, July, 1854. The late J. S. Mill adopted implicitly his wife's views on Woman Suffrage. The most consistent advocate of Woman Suffrage I ever heard, is Mrs. Harriet Law. She openly repudiates the Bible, on the consistent and logical ground that its teachings oppose that liberty of speech and action which she demands as a representative woman. A lady advocate of Woman Suffrage, signing herself "Ierne," writes that whatever good Christianity may have achieved, it is now an obstacle in the path of progress! (*Examiner*, 18th Oct., 1873). Mrs. Besant, an avowed Atheist, at the Co-operative Institute, said: "If the Bible and religion stood in the way of woman's rights, then the Bible and religion must go. The Bible forbade a woman to speak, and that being so, the Bible must stand on one side, for we are going to speak." Here the trumpet gives no uncertain sound! These, and other repudiators of Christianity, are consistent Woman Suffrage advocates.

#### *Purpose of Woman's Formation.*

We might expect to find a perfect analogy between God's will revealed in Scripture, and manifested in the physical, mental, and moral structure of His creatures. If the Bible distinctly declares man's supremacy, and emphatically repudiates those