

conditions self-mastery is produced—an invaluable human asset. Pride, Idleness and Selfishness are a trio that ruin the individual as well as the State.

We must remember, however, that mere negations will not produce an ideal life. We must take into consideration Him who was the one perfect man, who gave the world a new idea of humility and toil and charity. Those who follow Him can know no failure.

The Woman's Page

Concerning Woman's Suffrage

(Impressions by O. E.)

A large company crowded Wesley Church to hear Mr. Laurence Irving on Woman's Suffrage. Possibly the fact that he is a distinguished actor, had something to do with the attendance; but many were no doubt drawn by a desire to hear what the *man*, Mr. Irving, had to say on this question. His address to the Women's Canadian Club on "The Drama as a Factor in National Life" revealed him as a man of large sympathies, an earnest student of present-day conditions.

Mr. Irving's announcement on this matter of such vital moment to women was heard by a representative audience, and, judging by the close attention accorded the speaker, one needed not to be told of what the women of Vancouver are thinking, of what occupies a very appreciable share of their interest and endeavor.

To the writer the meeting was a new experience, for, with the exception of the able debate some months ago between Mrs. Ralph Smith and Rev. Father O'Boyle, this was the first time we had listened to a public vindication of the right of women to vote.

In a few sentences Mr. Irving dismissed the contention as to women not being man's equal. It was well that he did not waste speech upon it. The time for discussing that so-called argument is long past, and many believe that that fact should settle the matter of the vote once and for all. Granted the equality, it is not for man to deny to woman the right to vote because he, rightly or wrongly, has no confidence in the use she might make of it.

Mr. Irving dwelt at length upon the question of physical force, as represented by army service, etc., thereby conceding as worthy of discussion the only point which might possibly be left as an argument against woman franchise. He showed the unfairness of this one argument being allowed to outweigh in the minds of so many men the unnumbered advantages which would undoubtedly result were the vote given to women. One of these would be the elimination at no distant