

improvements which are necessary to our national stability and future greatness.

I have said nothing about the labor of women, simply because in explaining a system it is not necessary, but nothing is more important than to place them in possession of the facilities and opportunities that men would enjoy. They should have their share of the benefit by a female department in every office, and blackboards devoted to them alone. Much is said, much written, and many lectures delivered on the subject of employment for women; but all this is as useless, practically, as a passing cloud. We must find all the demand there is for them, and show them by it in what they should try to qualify in order that they may be useful. Equally wholesome would it be for them also to see that they cannot guess at what to do, or they may find themselves like the fifty-two applicants to the advertisement in the *Witness*. We ought to *know positively* what demand there is, and for whom, and be able to encourage and guide them aright into such occupations as they can fulfil. Generalities serve no purpose whatever either for men or for women; we have to come down to the single individual, and to know how to dispose of him or of her, as the case may be. We have a great deal of benevolence in our midst, and a great deal of charity,—far too much of both. Let us make all useful and independent by their own exertions, and the charity will not be needed, nor its depressing influence felt. All the elements of prosperity exist in Canada, and the only thing necessary is a system of bringing them together, so as to produce the desired result.