

they are intelligent and have courage and energy and perseverance and fortitude.

"It takes much to convince the average man of anything."

Now I am not responsible for what Mark Twain says here, and I do not say I agree with him, but I have a high opinion of the intellect and wisdom of women. There is not a shred of the anti-suffragist about me.

"Perhaps," Mark Twain goes on, "nothing can ever make him realize that he is the average woman's inferior, yet in several important details the evidences seem to show that this is what he is.

"Man has ruled the human race from the beginning, but he should remember that up to the middle of the present century—it was a dull world and ignorant and stupid.

"This is woman's opportunity—she has had none before. I wonder where man will be in another forty-seven years!"

Woman as Fully Equipped as Man.

Now again I have a gleam of comforting light—

The North American Review says: "It was natural to expect, but none the less gratifying to record—that the first and most earnest response to our proposal that the time has arrived when the interests of the country can be best conserved by conferring upon women the right to vote—comes from our chief western city."

The Chicago Evening Post says plainly:

"The Review takes a distinctly sane view of woman's suffrage. Woman is fully equipped now to exercise the same political rights as man. Her exercise of these rights is essential to the welfare of the nation. She can vote with as much judgment and intelligence and with much more moral responsibility than any man; therefore let her vote. She would fill public offices as efficiently as man fills them, therefore let her have the offices. The country needs the vote of our women, it needs the morality of our women exercised in places of public trust.

"Give her the ballot, if she wishes to cast it; give her the office, if she can win it.

"Wisdom consists largely in perceiving the inevitable, and then