

WOMAN'S DRESS.

* **T**HREE social changes have made woman's dress a question of the day:

1st. The entrance of women upon work hitherto considered outside their sphere.—The majority of industrial and professional pursuits have been thus invaded. •It was inevitable that to compete in labor with men should draw attention to disadvantages peculiar to sex which otherwise might have passed unnoticed. The evils of a mode of dress which lowers the general health by interference with normal physiological action and a useless expenditure of energy were thus forced upon the view.

2nd. The higher education of women and the more common dissemination of scientific knowledge.—Ignorance often hides an abyss of irrational action. The general features of woman's dress have long been accepted as a matter of course. Now wider knowledge challenges them from physiological, practical, æsthetic and even moral points of view.

3rd. Organization among women.—Beginning with