

house, and immediately afterward, in referring to the earth, pointed to the ceiling. Here we saw revealed the need of elocution in all training.

The best papers presented were those on "Literature a Precursor of Reform," by Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney and "Rudimentary Art in Relation to High Art," by Miss Fletcher. Scarcely too high praise can be given these. A knowledge of the subjects, careful preparation and a good delivery marked these speakers.

Another valuable address was that of Dr. Moody on the "Use of Anaesthetics." She rather discouraged their use and provoked a lively discussion.

The most pathetic paper was on "The Condition of the South after the War." The style was graphic and dramatic, while the incidents and illustrations were intensely pathetic.

The Symposium on "International Amity a better Protection than Standing Armies" showed plainly a desire for peace on the part of the Association. They wanted arbitration or almost anything, except war. Many of the speakers advocated the hanging together of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes, and teaching school children to salute them both.

The discussion was admirable and showed the cleverness of the ladies in extemporaneous speaking.

At the closing session, Mrs. Howe's address on "Women the Guardians of Social Morals" touched on one of the most prominent reforms of the day and was admirable in design and execution.

Fifty years ago a congress of this nature would have been ridiculed as "unfeminine, unworthy of a true woman." Now the large and intelligent audiences show the complete revolution in the idea of Woman's Work. As one woman of the A. A. W. writes: "It is rather amusing to notice the desire of the press to have the public believe that they have always been willing to accord a generous recognition and encouragement to the sex." All the leading papers of St. John gave a full report of the Congress and one even devoted editorial space to it.

One of the noticeable features was the entire absence of invective against poor, abused man and his privileges. The whole spirit of the Congress was broad and tolerant even in this particular. One of the speakers said in effect,—"Whatever our brothers have which has proved helpful and good for them we want too." But the theory that women's clubs do nothing but complain and clamor for their "rights" was broken down by this Association.