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The Woman's Congress recently held in connection with the Columbian Exhibition, Chicago, is a marked indication of the great advance which women have made in the recent past. Woman, in spite of the many difficulties in her path, is taking with remarkable rapidity, her proper place *beside* man in the varied affairs of life. The *women's* congress is a great step upward, but it is not the *top*. We hope to see the day, and that not far distant, when we shall not hear of *women's* congresses or female colleges or women's meetings or of unequal franchise between the sexes, but when men and women shall stand equal in church and state and in the advocacy of all matters pertaining to the advancement of mankind; fitness and ability alone being the test of qualification.

The recent session of the Ontario Legislature will be remembered particularly as (1) its first sitting in the new and commodious building in Queen's Park, Toronto. The structure is probably the second finest in the Dominion. (2) Its granting a plebiscite vote to be taken in the Province in first mo. next, to test the feeling of the people in reference to the prohibition of the liquor traffic, its promise to test in the Courts the right of the Province to pass prohibitory laws, some contending that that power is alone vested in the Dominion Parliament, and the pledge of the Government to enact a prohibitory law if it is decided that they have the power, and the result of the plebiscite vote favors prohibition. This, we think, is a decided gain in the temperance movement in the Province. And (3) the defeat of a private bill to give women equal franchise with men.

The prospectus of the George School at Newtown, Penn., the buildings for which are now under way and are likely to be ready for opening in 10th mo. next, has been received. The school is for both sexes. The courses of study—scientific, classical and literary—are likely to be efficient and thorough fitting for college. The legacies given by John M. George for such school amount to about (\$750,000), seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The income of a large proportion of this amount will be devoted towards reducing the rates to Friends' children. George L. Maris, A. M., has been appointed principal, and we are pleased to note that this is likely to be a *Friends' School*, and not merely a school for Friends' children.

Advance pages of "*A Standard Dictionary of the English Language*," to be published by Funk & Wagnalls, New York, Toronto and London, have been received. From this prospectus, we would predict its general use. Its low price, its comprehensiveness, its