

Eva meanwhile was located in far away Kansas, giving music lessons—for she was a fine musician—and carrying on a millinery establishment, which was the finest in the city. She made money as fast as she cared for, but her thoughts often went back to poor Max and his Eastern friends. When, at last, a letter came from her husband, saying: "Come back to me, my Eva. I have never tasted of strong drink since you went away, and I have a home for you now," she gave up her lucrative business and hastened homeward, and no happier family can be found in all Norwood than the Reisenburgs.

A sad message came to them not long after they were reunited. Kate Sternberge cast herself into the cistern with her baby in her arms, as a refuge from her brutal husband. The papers were full of the "sad casualty," which was attributed to insanity. The "insanity" was the direct result of overwork and the abuse of a drunken husband. Eva's beautiful eyes were filled with tears; while Max said devoutly, "Thank God for a wife who took her own way to bring me to reason. Whisky will destroy love unless love drives out whisky."—*National Reformer*.

### Ladies' Department.

#### FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN.

A deputation from the Canadian Women's Suffrage Association waited upon the Council last Monday evening with the object of getting its support to their petition to be shortly presented to the Ontario Legislature for the extension of the municipal and parliamentary franchise to women. The deputation was composed of Mrs. McEwan, President of the Association, Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. T. B. Wylie, Mrs. W. I. Mackenzie, Mrs. Adam Miller, Dr. Emily H. Stowe, Miss McMaster, Mrs. Kerr, and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton.

Ald. BAXTER stated that considerable attention had been given by the press of late to the question of extending the franchise to women. At present the women who were possessed of property were disfranchised, and their property was not represented. This question was not at all new to the Council, as it came before the members last year, and he believed that the Council was favourable to the extension of the franchise to women. He had always been of the opinion that property should be represented. He had thought that it was unjust to disfranchise women of property who paid taxes which added to municipal revenue. The President of the Association had sent him a letter stating that the ladies were moving in the matter, and they intended to present to the Ontario Legislature at its next session a petition embodying their views. He moved, seconded by Ald. Love,—"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Council the municipal and parliamentary franchise should be extended to women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote, and that His Worship the Mayor be requested on behalf of this Council to sign the petition now being prepared to be presented to the Legislature at its next session."

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. MCEWAN was then introduced by Ald. Baxter, and that lady on coming forward was received with loud applause. She appeared before the Council because she believed she was performing a duty to all women. They might wonder at her going before them, but if the gentlemen whom she addressed were a little more forward in granting to women those things which were simply just, she and her friends would not have required to come before them in that way. (Hear, hear.) She came, as the President of the Canadian Woman's Suffrage Association, to ask the Council to bestow upon those women who possessed the necessary qualifications the municipal and Parliamentary franchise. She believed that it was unnecessary to enlarge upon the municipal franchise before such a powerful body of men who were conversant with the matter. There were many women in this city who owned property in their own right, and who took as deep an interest in all things which pertained to their city's welfare as the members of the Council did, and who would like to have some little say in matters which come before the Council, for instance with regard to sanitary and educational matters, and all moral questions. They were now barred from doing so in the only way which was weighty—the exercise of the franchise. She was right, and the members of the Council knew it. (Hear, hear.) With reference to their asking the Parliamentary franchise, she did not need to remind them that the Premier of the Dominion had made this a most respectable question, and the City Council, in assisting them in their petition to the Ontario Legislature would help them in laying their cause before Hon. Mr. Mowat, Premier of Ontario. His hands would be strengthened by the Council giving them a unanimous vote in favour of supporting their petition. (Loud applause.)

Ald. WALKER said this was a very important question. It had the effect of changing the constitution of the country. He thought

the members of the Council had not had sufficient time to look into the matter; and he moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, that Ald. Baxter's resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Ald. DOWNEY, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, thought Ald. Baxter was taking the wind out of his sail. This matter had come before the Council in February last, when it was referred to the Legislative Committee, and it was intended to have reported upon the matter at the next meeting of the Council. However, he was a strong advocate of the franchise for women.

Ald. RYAN was not in favour of sending the resolution to the Legislative Committee, as a matter of this kind was very simple, and could be decided at once. They were simply asking that the franchise be extended to women the same as it was to men. They had no time to lose in the matter, not even two weeks. They should do it as strongly as possible, as he believed that the extension of the franchise to women would be of the greatest benefit to the people socially, morally, and in every other good sense.

Ald. BAXTER denied the charge made by Ald. Downey that he was taking the wind out of the worthy alderman's sail. He had only received the letter from Mrs. McEwan in the morning, and was acting in good faith. No doubt if the Council supported the petition of these women other municipalities would follow their example, and it would strengthen the ladies very much when they approached the Legislature. This was why the president of the society was anxious that no time should be lost.

Ald. HALL could see no reason why the matter could not be delayed for two weeks.

Ald. TURNER thought the Council could take the initiative in the matter, as they were not bound by the Legislative Committee.

Ald. DAVIS considered that it was a very serious question, and objected to their being asked to vote upon it on five minutes' notice. He thought the proper place for the resolution was in the hands of the Legislative Committee.

Ald. CLARKE explained that the ladies were not only asking for the municipal franchise, but they were also asking for the Parliamentary franchise. What they were asking was nothing new as they had been voting for some time upon municipal affairs in England, and they were agitating for the higher franchise. He had no doubt but they would have it in the course of a few years. He had seen by the demonstration just given by Mrs. McEwan that there were some women sufficiently intelligent and sufficiently acquainted with public affairs to be entrusted with the franchise. He was quite willing to make an admission of that sort. He did not know how he was going to vote on the question. The ladies were fighting for equality. Women now exercised the franchise in the election of school trustees. If they had manhood suffrage and womanhood suffrage, he did not know what the consequences would be. He did not feel inclined to support Ald. Baxter's resolution at the present time, and did not think that either men or women could exercise the franchise intelligently without being educated to it.

Mrs. MCEWAN felt sore at Ald. Clarke's remarks when he twitted women with having no knowledge of public affairs, and being unable to cast an intelligent vote. She reminded Ald. Clarke that the bestowment of the franchise would to a large extent be an educator for women. It was not so many years ago since Great Britain extended the franchise to all men. What had been the consequence? How much had it educated the people to become better citizens? She held that in bestowing the franchise on women they did away with frivolity in their characters. This would educate women to be the noble and earnest companions such as they required. (Hear, hear.) She was a citizen of Canada as much as any man who sat around the Council Board. She had always taken an earnest interest in everything that had to do with her country's welfare; had taught her children to do the same. (Hear, hear.) When woman was represented their Governments would be representative Governments. She worked hard last year in the getting up of a petition bearing upon women and education, and obtained a grand petition, which was duly presented at the House of Parliament, but that was the end of it. If women had had the franchise that petition would not have been laid aside.

The division was then taken with the following result:—

YEAS.—Ald. Baxter, Blevins, Carlyle, Crocker, Denison, Downey, Evans, Hall, Hastings, Irwin, Leslie, Love, Millicamp, Murray, Pape, Piper, Ryan, Saunders, Steiner, and Turner.—20.

NAYS.—Ald. Allen, Clarke, Davies, Sheppard, and Walker.—5.

Ald. RYAN then moved, seconded by Ald. CARLYLE, "That the following be a deputation to present the petition of the Council in favour of women suffrage:—Ald. Downey, Carlyle, Hall, Turner, and the mover." Carried unanimously. The deputation withdrew.