

of July or the coming of Christ." Female Colleges, such as Vassar, Elmira, and Wells, have not, so far as we are aware, declined in favour. But let Cornell carry on its founder's experiment, which it is doing under the most auspicious circumstances, with a beautiful, though as yet poorly filled, boarding-house for the female students, and beneath the eye of the most generous of foster-fathers. Experimentation on the relations between the sexes is more costly and perilous than experimentation on the Edison light.

—There is one feature of the Presidential Election which the more sober-minded even of the vanquished party will recognise as good—the result is decisive: all mutterings about a Protest and a Count have died away. We surmised that, the Ohio and Indiana elections having indicated an inclination of the balance to the Republican side, Commerce, to avoid the fell possibility of a dispute, would be likely to throw her weight into that scale. The danger of a count, with passions at fever heat, was perhaps greater than Americans knew. They have had so many escapes that they are in rather a happy-go-lucky frame of mind. But once they did not escape. People do not go, they are drawn, into civil war. Matters come to a deadlock, amidst frenzied excitement, and then the hand is laid upon the sword.

The American people were doing well: their trade had revived, their finances were flourishing, their debt was being reduced: they shrank from a revolution in government which would have put all this to hazard. They knew that whatever Mr. Bayard or Mr. Tilden might say, and however sound the policy of such Democrats might be, Tammany and other sinister elements were behind, and that rule would be really in the hands of the imperious South. The Republican party had shown too clearly the bad effects of a long tenure of power, though far less under Mr. Hayes than under General Grant: many would have been willing to consent to a change on this account as well as on the general principle that, under the party system,