

towards the man who protected and supported her. This whole story of woman's position in the world must be kept in mind when we undertake to pronounce judgment on the struggle of women for larger independence in the present day.

Is this growing independence, then, likely to be a good thing? When I go on to answer this question in the affirmative I do not mean to say that all the consequences of the movement are good or will be good. It has never been given to any great movement to do good and good only. Out of the life and teachings of Jesus, *e. g.*, there grew an ecclesiastical organization which held all Europe in its tyrannical grasp, and kept back the moral and intellectual progress of the Western world for hundreds of years, but no one doubts that in spite of this development the Western world has been profoundly enriched by the life and teachings of Jesus. Out of the Protestant Reformation there came wild, lawless sects which used the new religious freedom as an occasion for loose living and thinking, and a new critical spirit, which resulted often in scepticism and atheism, but no reasonably unprejudiced person can doubt for a moment that the Protestant Reformation was a great stroke for the higher life of man, and that the moral and intellectual progress of North Europe and North America go back to the dramatic moment when Luther stood alone but undaunted before Bishop and Emperor in the famous Diet of Worms. Out of the enfranchisement of the labor-classes in England there has come now and then a lawless revolutionary spirit which has done something to unsettle the peace of the country and divide the people into hostile parties, but no thoughtful student