

it is to-day, its member, their ability and views as represented at the recent Congress and the public opinion of their work.

In the appearance of the ladies what naturally impressed one most was the strong intellectuality of their faces. The elder ladies were dressed with a marked disregard of fashion, a privilege of age. Among the younger ones while the same strength of purpose was written on their intelligent faces, their dress showed them to be not entirely oblivious to such matters. From caring everything about dress, many of the women to take the Higher Education, went to the other extreme and cared nothing about it. The cultivated women of today seem to have reached the golden mean.

The voices of the ladies were clear, their articulation distinct. Their words were well chosen and their replies to addresses of welcome that were delivered by prominent men of the city, were in advance of the welcomes themselves. The honored president of the Association for the Advancement of women, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, has been at its head about sixteen years. Though advanced in years, being the same age as our beloved Queen, Mrs. Howe shows a remarkable intellectual strength. Her opening address was inspiring, thoughtful and practical.

Mrs. Kennard's paper on "Housekeeping as a Profession" lacked system. In places the remarks were not relative to the subject. In the discussion which followed, poor or "chance" housekeeping was principally attributed to the fact that it had no money equivalent. This point was well made and the discussion was unusually interesting.

The paper on the "Bicycle" by Miss Channing was one of those that showed the difference between the older and younger women. In it we could see and follow a plan. In many of the others there was no plan. This difference may I think, be ascribed to the fact that the training of the younger women is different from that of their mothers. Systematic literary work is required in our Colleges and hence a systematic mode of thought and writing becomes habitual.

The first impression made by Mrs. Kate Gannet Wells was unfavorable. Her voice was shrill and unpleasant, her ideas were disconnected and unpractical. Her second address was very much better, when she spoke on "Arbitration" and she was heartily applauded.

Mrs. Bray's paper on "Value of Habits of Early Observation to Women" was excellent and very suggestive. Her gesticulation, however, was poor. In one place mentioning the "starry heavens," she pointed to the lowest part of the