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ADAM AND EVE AND THE WORLD GOD MADE

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THERE are those who believe that in the world God is making Adam and Eve must help each other if either is to achieve a respectable and comfortable life. In many formal activities, such as employment, education, religion, organization and politics, the share of women has been greatly enlarged. A question may be asked whether there is some increasing purpose common to such changes. To what desire are we marching, consciously or unconsciously? What was sometimes known before the War as the woman question is now one of the problems of higher statesmanship.

Probably all over the world, and certainly in English-speaking countries, the numbers of women who earn a living in a paid occupation of some kind are increasing. This development has not been fitful and it began long before the War. Nor has the social and political position of women suffered on account of the greater

numbers of wage and salary earning sisters. But rather the contrary is true. In the United States of America, one out of every four girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one was at work in 1910. In the next group of women workers, from twenty-one to forty-four, the census of that year gave the same proportion. After forty-five one woman in seven was a paid worker. The eighteen per cent. of American women over ten years of age engaged in gainful occupations in 1900 had grown to twenty-three per cent. in 1910, an increase of 2,756,375. Progress in the employment of women and girls in Canada before the War was comparatively slow but noticeably steady. In 1891, there were one hundred and eleven women workers in each one thousand of the female population of ten years of age and over; in 1901, the number had grown to one hundred and twenty; in 1911, the proportion was one hundred and forty-three. But the great American and Canadian increase be-