

the notice of a lady ; " and she might have added or gentleman. Mrs. Farrar wrote a small work on " Letter-writing," in which she said, " It is well to find out the best way of doing everything, since there is a pleasure in doing things in the best way, which those miss who think any way will do."

Cicero, who was master of the Latin language as well as of eloquence, boasted that his epistles were

as carefully constructed as his orations. And he said, also, " Whatever may be the subject of my letters, they still speak the language of conversation."

Teachers know just how to write, fold, and address a letter ; why not impart this knowledge to the pupils ? It can be done as a supplementary exercise without encroaching upon the time devoted to regular studies.—*Common School Education.*

WOMAN'S WORK.

WOMAN'S work in the church still obeys the law of Paradise. Here, as there, she is the helper of man, not his rival nor antagonist.

Eve was doubtless a better companion and a more meet help to Adam than another Adam would have been. Woman's entire equality in the church does not divest her of her womanhood ; does not obliterate the distinction between the masculine and the feminine. The sanction of inspiration is added to the discrimination which " nature itself teaches." A church with no woman in it would be like Eden without Eve. A church which should have lost all the natural differences between its masculine and feminine membership would be like Eden with two Adams and no Eve.

Much that has been said and written on this topic seems to imply that woman needs help to find her place and her work. Is not this a mistake ? In the family and in social intercourse a woman who is ever anxiously and nervously seeking for her place and trying to get into it is sure to make the impression that she lacks something of feminine character. She who never seems to be out of her place has not all the while been con-

sciously trying to keep in it. She evermore gravitates to it by a spontaneous tendency.

In this respect woman is greatly superior to man. She has finer and truer instincts, or rather quicker and surer intuitions. She knows more things by feeling them than man does. If this power be dulled and lost, she is not likely to win, in place of it, man's power of logic, of knowing things by proving them.

Shall any man attempt to define woman's place and work, or to set them forth in logical or rhetorical forms ?

Doubtless we shall all agree that the feminine element of humanity is the more refined, the more subtle element. It is just that which, left to itself, most easily finds its own place and does its own work, breathes forth its own influences. The land may be measured and bounded, and may need to be graded, but not the fluid air. Leave it unobstructed, and it will find its place. Its invigorating effects will report its presence. It will not be in man's way, to hinder his emotion. It will be ever with him, to strengthen and enliven.

There are many happy and useful