

great respect of the newspaper press, for verily it is a power in the state, but we must at the same time be allowed to express our conviction, that newspaper writers very rarely treat this question in a manner corresponding to its intrinsic importance. In the present condition of society, the spectacle of women agitating for woman's rights presents a strong temptation to banter and ridicule. A spicy paragraph, or column of paragraphs, can be readily served up from it, which our humorous public exceedingly enjoy. Yet there are very grave social consequences involved in this question — consequences which touch us all at some point or other. Some of the higher periodicals have already recognised its importance, and devoted their pages to its consideration. The *Westminster Review* has given it a lengthened and ably reasoned article. On this side the Atlantic, the *Christian Examiner* has spoken in its last number, in a manner which seems to us, on the whole, quite just and discriminating, and which certainly contrasts favorably with an article on the same topic which had a place in the same journal some two years since.

We are of those who believe that this question of Woman's Rights and Wrongs is one which ought to be fairly met and honestly considered by the public. It ought not to be hustled aside, or hid away, either in jest or earnest. A multitude of facts stare us in the face which require to be investigated — a multitude of evils which require to be removed. The position of woman now is one of sheer dependence. She ought to have a wider sphere for her activity, to the end that she may become more self-reliant and self-dependent. Without touching the higher questions which would reasonably