

possible was thought to be a public school education, followed by a high school or collegiate institute course, and then the university.

Many women in Toronto and the rest of the province thought the same thing. But some of these same women to-day tell me they cannot let their daughters go to our public or high school.

They say it is not fair to their girls, for they will not meet the nice girls of our city if they do.

In the name of all that is just and right, what does this mean? In the name of a Christian city, preaching the brotherhood of man, what does this mean? Has snobbery become rampant? or, are our city schools not fit places for refined girls? Is it not too bad that in a glorious young country like Canada, we should follow in the footsteps of the older countries, and introduce a caste system that has demoralized the social structure of empire after empire? When Dr. Robertson, with his rich Scotch accent mingled scathing sarcasm with brilliant wit, and all with justice and common sense, he suggested that our housekeepers be called "Miss," and that the status of the domestic be raised to that of a trained nurse, did he realize that he had a class of employers to deal with that would first need a long course in ethical training and character building, before they would be big enough to consider such a proposition?

### *The Caste System*

Yet, if our whole social structure is built on a caste basis, if women have been taught from time immemorial that they are higher in the social scale if they keep a servant than when they do their own work; and the one with a retinue at her beck and call is on the top round of the social ladder; why, what can be expected than just what happens?

At any social function, listen to the conversation of any two women, and, nine times out of ten, you will soon know all about the maids and the men they employ.

We admit that it is humiliating that our social structure is on no higher level; that achievement, endeavor, social betterment and the ability to do and become, is not more discussed.

Dr. Robertson had a vision. He spoke of the example of Florence Nightingale, whose life was a peak away above the average life, and hoped for the day when the average life would be level with the peak where Florence Nightingale lived and worked and helped humanity.

I am afraid the Lady with the Lamp will long remain on her