

new woman. The train that bears her proudly to the goal of her ambitions has a through permit and a level-headed engineer, and has, geared on, a track cleaner that will make a short work with every obstruction of old-fashioned rubbish.

Our compliments to all our opponents. We hold toward them the most kindly of feelings, and have no doubt but that every honest doubter amongst them will some day be a supporter of the reform he now derides.

In a recent franchise debate, a clerical gentleman agreed to take the negative side of the question. The following day he telephoned that, after thought and consultation with the new standard dictionary, he could not in conscience take his place with those arrayed against the movement. Think of it! A conversion following *one night's consideration of the pros and cons*. Oh that there were a standard dictionary in every home!

The practical side of the Department just now, however, is the Petition Work committed to us by our Dominion Superintendent. Dear sisters, it is a mockery for us to sigh, or groan, or pray after the ballot if we do not also work for it, and if we truly believe that its possession would hasten the overthrow of wrong and the reign of righteousness are we not under obligation to do our utmost to secure it?

We shall look for some helpful suggestions for this winter's campaign from our Provincial Superintendent.

In the American Methodist Church, the controversy over the ecclesiastical enfranchisement of women is at its height, with a bright prospect of success. English Methodists are just girding on the armor for the fray that must terminate in a self-governed or, as of old, a man-governed church. Canadian church members are thus far quiescent on the subject.

Says a recent writer: "If the man is the head the woman is sometimes the neck that turns the head around," and St. Paul advises that one part of the body should not exalt itself above another; co-operation will produce the best results.

We are weary of hearing of our "small brains," with their "inferior grey matter" that is distributed just where it ought not to be. At least, it must be conceded that we have made the most of our poor endowments and are certainly creeping up with our better equipped brothers. Superior grey matter soaked in alcohol and nicotine cannot keep pace with inferior grey matter in a normal condition.

Listen to the following quotation from the *Silver Cross*: "From a certain high school in Illinois last year there graduated a class of fourteen girls. A banner on the stage bore the question, 'Where is our boy to-night?' Soon after came the graduating exercises of the high school of a neighboring town, the class consisting of eleven girls and one boy. Their banner bore the inscription, 'We've got him.'"

You will be glad to hear that the labor organizations, united under the name of "The Industrial Brotherhood of Canada," are in favor of the ballot for woman. Their constitution gives as one of their aims, "To secure to all, regardless of sex, color, or creed, equal opportunities and rights, moral, intellectual and political.

PRISON AND POLICE.

Under this Department, our Superintendent, Mrs. Brownell, of Toronto, has been co-operating with the Prisoners' Aid Association in circulating petitions for the