

misquotes him; but really it isn't our fault! And our best thanks are due for an excellent advertisement—gratis! ✓

It is interesting to note that out of 70 replies received from different clergy to a letter addressed to them recently by the president of the Political Equality League, asking their views on Woman Suffrage, ONLY FIVE are in the negative; that is to say, only 7 per cent of the clergy who have so far answered at all are opposed to the granting of the Vote to Women. We very much hope that those who have not yet told us their opinion on the question are soon going to put on record their adherence to one of the first principles of the faith they profess; and that in the coming political campaign our League may have the valuable active co-operation of each one of them.

FIRST CONVOCATION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA UNI- VERSITY.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

We take up newspapers each day in this Western country and cast our eyes over the headlines that tell of our material progress, of the progress in construction made by the great railways, of the great steamships to come to our ports, of new industrial plants to be established in our midst, and greater than all, our hope of what prosperity may come to us with the opening of the Panama Canal. We hope that through our ports may pour the golden harvest of the North-West. This is as it should be; but there took place in the South Park Street School on August 21st an event of far greater importance for the future welfare of B.C. than any of these, the meeting of the First Convocation of the University of British Columbia.

There met men and women holding degrees from Canada and from the Mother Country, all filled with the keenest enthusiasm at the thought of

the great occasion for which they were gathered together. I doubt if ever before in Canada did women with men convene for such a purpose. It is a matter for congratulation that the Government gave to the women graduates of British Columbia all the privileges granted to men, and this (I think I am right in saying) without any request of the kind being made by any women's organization. Other Universities have felt most generous when they reluctantly, in many cases, and after great pressure being brought to bear upon them, opened their doors to women; but the University Act of this province makes no distinction between the sexes, but even goes further and definitely states that "women may serve on the Board and Senate," and another section says, "The Senate shall make all provision for the education of women in the University in such manner as it shall deem most fitting, provided, however, that no woman by reason of her sex shall be deprived of any advantage or privilege accorded to the male students of the University," thus putting it quite beyond the power of the governing body of the University to thwart the good intentions of the government in regard to the women of the province. Also, the Minister of Education, in his address, made the definite statement that "women were not debarred from holding any position in the gift of the University;" so the very foundations of this great University are justice and equality.

Both the Premier and the Minister of Education stated that they hoped to make this university one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in Canada, so they did well to enlist the co-operation of the men and women of the province with this aim. In the family is it not always the parents working and planning together to give their children the best education consistent with their means? And if these means are small is it not always the mother who will deny herself and strain every