

The Guide was a monthly—a mere infant. The women are going to help bring it to pass. Now I foresee their Alexandria Riding in Alberta in the near future having not only the first and second institutes for women, but having a District Institute with many branches. Streamstown is almost near enough to reach our "glad hand" extended in welcome. If Bell Camp, some of whose women and girls belong to us, would organize a separate branch, then we could reach from the 4th meridian to Vermilion, yes, and beyond, for one of our members (a man) also belongs to Dewberry U.F.A. in Range 4. Now, which will be next Bell Camp or Dewberry? I would suggest that the secretary of Streamstown send her list of officers and directors to Mr. H. A. Craig, Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes, Edmonton, and have the name recorded there. Mr. Craig will be glad to welcome more. Since writing last week I have been notified that an institute speaker will be sent some time during the winter. We would be glad then to entertain a deputation from Streamstown when we might discuss a district meeting and more branch organizations. I notice the Manitoba women at Morris have adopted the Ontario motto—For Home and Country. We adopted the Ontario "objects," and added, "also to promote sociability." We also adopted the Ontario name, Women's Institute, although we have several men members. In view of the latter fact we would cover the whole ground perhaps if we adopted the Illinois name, "Domestic Science Association." "A rose by another name, etc."

M. E. GRAHAM.
Note.—It begins to look as though I'll really have to "toe the line" more carefully or—take the consequences. As to the charge of neglecting to read The Guide of August, 1909, I must plead guilty. At that date I was doing a trip down among the Pacific coast cities and had not then become associated with the Woman's Page—my very first paper being "Canada's Pre-eminence Demonstrated," which appeared on Page one of The Guide, October 27, 1909. It is, however, extremely gratifying to find those in the community who follow The Guide so closely, and are so active and interested in keeping things straight.

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Great credit is due to pioneers in any movement which promises aid and assistance in working out the problems of the women of the West. The women of the West are about to have great problems to solve. As the West forges ahead by leaps and bounds in every other department of endeavor, so the women's movement must and will keep pace.

Shall you attend the women's convention which is being prepared at Regina for January 31 to February 31?

Let every woman who can possibly do so attend this big convention and justify the growing faith of our men folk who, slowly but surely, are conceding the possibility, even probability, that we women, given a chance to learn and to improve conditions, are ready to appreciate them and to be improved.

Your proposition to make The Guide the official organ of the Women's Institutes was a happy idea. What organ could be more likely to advance and protect the interests of Western women than the organ that has "won out" so well for Western men?

GEMS FROM JULIA WARD HOWE

The government of our country formed itself upon the axiom that intelligence should govern. Now, intelligence has no sex.

If the suffragists are a minority, it should always be remembered that the remonstrants are a much smaller minority.

In women the interests of good government are more deep and intense, because parentage in woman is a fact more vital and intimate than with men.

We shall not obtain suffrage simply because we want it, nor shall we fail to do so because others do not want it. We shall get it because it is right that we should. The development of civilization, which makes our tutelage in the past an anachronism in the present, will sweep away these barriers, so evidently a relic of absolute barbarism.

What women need is a larger point of view. We tend to intense affections and intense interests, and therefore we are in danger of being narrow. No matter how closely she is shut in by the four walls of her own kitchen or parlor, let every woman remember that she is also a citizen of the world, and be interested in other nations. She never knows what other nation's fate may be interwoven with that of her own country.

When collegiate education was first opened to women, I said to myself, "This will be the death-blow to superstition." But many, even of college women, tend merely to accept the views of their professors. The chief source of mischief and of a low level of thought among women lies in what has been looked upon as one of women's special virtues—submissiveness and a willingness to believe what we are told. Women have been asleep; but now we are waking up, like the enchanted princess when the right man came. We are going to know how the world is governed, and help to make the crooked places straight.

It is related that the Japanese government many years ago sent a commission to the United States to study the practical working of Christianity, with a view to introducing it into Japan as the State religion if the report of the commission proved favorable. The commission saw many evils rampant in America, and went home reporting that Christianity was a failure. The opponents of woman suffrage argue in the same way. They find evils in the enfranchised states, and straightway draw the conclusion that woman suffrage is a failure. But it may be said with truth of woman suffrage, as of Christianity, that these evils exist not because of it, but in spite of it; and that it has already effected a number of improvements, and is on the way to effect yet more.

MRS. HOWE'S INFLUENCE

How happens it that, in so many of the newspaper articles about Mrs. Howe, no mention is made that she was a strong champion of woman suffrage? Is it because Mrs. Howe championed so many good things that it has been hard to enumerate them all, or because the fact that Mrs. Howe has been a suffragist for so many years was considered too well known to need repeating? Several incidents at the woman suffrage booth at Mechanics' Fair in Boston during the week of her death lead one to suspect that it is not the latter.

One evening last week a man approached the woman suffrage booth, smiling

rather inanely. "Woman suffrage!" said he contemptuously, "that's all some women can think about!"

The attendant at the booth asked: "Have you studied the woman suffrage question? We usually find that the men who speak as you do are not thoroughly informed on the subject. If you are against us, I should be interested to know at least one of your reasons."

The man was not interested to argue or explain. He had simply come to scoff. Thinking perhaps the best argument for him would be the Julia Ward Howe number of the Woman's Journal, the attendant said: "Have you seen the Woman's Journal—the suffrage paper in which Mrs. Howe was interested for so many years?"

"Julia Ward Howe! There's a woman for you. She stood for all that was noble and just and right. She was a glorious, womanly woman. Show me one of your suffragists that can compare with her, and I will talk with you."

The attendant at the booth held the Julia Ward Howe number of the Woman's Journal up, pointing to her significant words on suffrage: "In the experience of many years, I have always found the advocates of woman suffrage occupying higher moral ground than that held by their opponents." She then pointed to the words "National American Woman Suffrage Association," "Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, contributing editor," and the article, "Mrs. Howe Takes Census."

The man was too astonished for words, and he wisely refrained from any. He simply bought a "Votes for Women" button, and went off wearing it on the lapel of his coat.

A. E. R.

A LA MODE

They say the Rat that maids delight in
Will be taboo in autumn fashion;
And puffs, that matrons look a sight in,
Will be disbarred by race Caucasian.

So when you meet Pauline, whose hair
You wrote sonnets to—'twas so amazing—
Let not her altered headgear scare you,
Though now she's not worth the praising.

Or when you pass those once admired
Whose tresses raised you to elation;
(How could you know they were acquired ones?)
Pause at your lack of observation.

Remember Omar's words on faction,
"A hair divides the false and truth-
ful";
And when you find your real attraction,
Though she be sweet and coy and youthful.

Tell her that woman's crowning glory
Is ev'ry glossy lock she's heir to,
And see if she'll complete the story
By saying: "Count 'em if you care to."

HOUSEHOLD

Delicious Loaf: Order a veal shank; boil, with a handful of rice and an onion, until the meat falls from the bones and the broth is nearly all cooked away. Take the meat and chop fine in a bowl or granite pan and pour over it the remaining rice, broth and onion in the kettle, salt and pepper, and set to cool and congeal. When perfectly cold slice.

Chicken Pie: Cut chickens into pieces and put on to boil in cold water enough to cover and cook until tender. When done remove meat from the liquor to a deep pudding dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Thicken the liquor left in the kettle with flour wet smooth in a little cold water and pour over the meat in the dish after having seasoned it with salt and pepper, and cover with crust.

HER REASONS

Dear Isabel,—I have been waiting my turn before calling in at your hospitable "Fireplace," but as I see so few of our friends have "gathered in" since our strenuous summer's work I have answered your request, viz., to give my views re Woman's Suffrage. My reasons are as follows:

1. The extinction of the White Slave traffic, as I believe, with many others, that only woman's united vote will exterminate this iniquity.
2. To reform the divorce laws, which



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are made by men, for men. We women who are in happy comfortable homes should be the first to stretch out our hands to help those of our sisters who are suffering and need assistance.

3. To adjust the wage scales whereby at present a woman, because she can get no redress, is obliged to accept a moiety for her work, which, up to a