

ment of four lady commissioners, on the Board of the Free Public Library which, through the efforts of the ladies, we have just established in our city."

**WOMEN AS DOCTORS.**—The plan for employing female doctors in India, one of the few thoroughly sensible plans recently started by philanthropists, seems likely to be a success. A sum of £4,000 has been raised in Bombay to guarantee salaries for two or three years to English ladies—one of them is Miss Perhey, M. D., a most successful student, who fought through the great Edinburgh fight—and £20,000 to start a native hospital for women; while in Madras four ladies have been admitted to practice by the local medical college. One of these is that remarkable woman, Mrs. Scharlieb, who came to England to perfect her medical education, and distanced all competitors at the London University. Lastly, Mr. Rivers Thompson, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, in a minute full of clear sense and sympathy for native suffering has overridden the opposition of the Council of the medical college, and ordered the admission of female students, if qualified by general education. The number of entrances is certain to be large, and in a few years each of the Three Presidencies will have a staff of female doctors thoroughly familiar with the language and inured to the climate. They will reduce the sum of human misery far more than a dozen orders admitting lads with an English veneer on them to positions for which they are hopelessly disqualified. We are glad to notice also that the new doctors intend to make a business of their work, to claim fees from those who can pay, and to earn if they can a good income for themselves. One fortune made by a woman as a doctor in Calcutta will keep the supply more regular than any amount of philanthropy in individuals who after a few years die out.—*London Spectator*.

**WOMEN AT THE POLLS.**—If the tactics introduced into Ohio yesterday at the polls be adopted generally, it will make our elections more exciting, not to say entertaining, than they have ever been before. The temperance ladies rallied in force, peddled tickets, treated their partisans, or those who they hoped to win over, to coffee and cakes, waved high their banners of "down with the saloons and up with the homes," and altogether worked like beavers for their cause. What the result of their efforts has been will be seen by the vote cast for the second amendment. That they succeeded in bringing out a large vote, however, is apparent at this writing, without waiting for the detailed returns. Men enjoy the excitement of campaign, and it is not strange that women should also, and though defeated over and over again it can hardly be doubted that the temperance ladies will find enough encouragement in their work to keep them active in their cause. A delegation of women at each of the voting places in Chicago would be a strange sight, but we need not be surprised to see it at an early day.—*Daily News*.

It has often been asserted that women are unable to learn the higher mathematics, because their minds are unable to keep up so sustained a course of thinking. This fiction has met its death-blow, as two of the greatest triumphs of modern engineering have been partly planned and carried on by women. The wife of General Charles Ellet, who was the builder of the suspension bridges across the Ohio and Niagara Falls, was greatly aided by his wife who, at a mature age, studied the higher mathematics in order to help her husband and sons in their work and became a skilled engineer. Then it will be within the memory of all how when the health of Roebling, the great engineer who was carrying on the work of building Brooklyn bridge, failed, and he was no longer able to walk to the bridge, or to carry on the vast and intricate calculations necessary to the work, his wife took upon her the task and actually performed the duties of chief engineer, controlling the large corps of subordinates and looking after everything pertaining to the erection of the great bridge.

### OPINIONS.

The opponents of woman's enfranchisement claim that she is represented by men. The very law of principal and agent is that the agency shall be established by the principal. The ballot is the only means by which women can possibly delegate authority to anybody to make or execute the laws by which they are to be governed.—*Boston Times*.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, we accept the inequality of the sexes as one of nature's immutable laws; call it a fact that women are inferior to man in mind, morals and physique. How or why should this settle or materially affect the subject of so-called

Woman's Rights? Would not this very inferiority be a reason why every advantage should be given the weaker sex, not only for its own good, but for the highest development of the race.—*Huxley*.

### Our Casket.

#### JEWELS.

#### SYMPATHY.

Oh, mothers whose children are sleeping,  
Thank God by their pillows to-night;  
And pray for the mothers now weeping  
O'er pillows too smooth and too white;  
Where bright little heads have oft lain,  
And soft little cheeks have been pressed;  
Oh mothers who know not THIS pain,  
Take courage to bear all the rest.

For the sombre-winged angel is going  
With pitiless flight o'er the land,  
And we wake in the morn, not knowing  
What he, ere the night may demand.  
Yes, to-night while our darlings are sleeping,  
There's many a soft little bed  
Whose pillows are moistened with weeping  
For the loss of one dear little head.

There are hearts on whose innermost altar  
There is nothing but ashes to-night;  
There are voices whose tones sadly falter,  
And dim eyes that shrink from the light.  
Oh mothers whose children are sleeping,  
As ye bend to caress the fair heads,  
Pray, pray for the mothers now weeping  
O'er pitiful, smooth little beds.

—*Selected*.

"Right for ever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne.  
But the scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Ever watching for his own."

The poor man with right ideas of poverty is better off than the rich man with poverty of right ideas.

True glory consists in doing what deserves a place in history, writing what deserves to be read, and in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living in it.

If you are looking at a picture, you try to give it the advantage of a good light. Be as courteous to your fellow-beings as you are to a picture.

Don't let us be afraid of enthusiasm. There is more lack of heart than brain. The world is not starving for need of education half as much as for warm, earnest interest of soul for soul. We agree with the Indian who, when talked to about having too much zeal, said, "I think it is better for the pot to boil over than not to boil at all."

### BITS OF TINSEL.

There are few things in the world more rasping than a file of unpaid bills.

An Indian chief bears the name of "Looking Glass." He is the terror of the plain.

A missionary says he only saw one poem illustrated in Fiji, and that was "Nothing to Wear."

Who says it is unhealthy to sleep in feathers? Look at the spring chicken, and see how tough he is.

"He shot himself in the woods," is an Indiana paper's account of a suicide. The bullet, of course, must have taken effect in the lumber region.

"I declare!" exclaimed Mrs. Tidnice, "I never saw a girl like our Sary Jane. I worked almost two hull days on her new bathin' dress, and don't you think, she got it wringin' wet, the fust time she put it on!"