

meet and make merry. And now and again there will be the theatre, the concert, the athletic show, and so forth—as much of all these delights, it may be hoped, as each man or woman is able to enjoy and digest. But of “visiting,” of paying calls in the afternoon, of attending crowded receptions, formal lunches and dinners, and other such horrors there will be a blessed cessation. Think of the time that will be gained! No woman can engage in social life of that kind and at the same time deal properly with house-work and the bringing-up of a family or with professional work either; and the fact will have to be recognized.

That is the real change that has to take place in woman's life, and it means that the genuinely boring occupations will be exchanged for the genuinely amusing ones. For in good truth this social life has got to be a perpetual nightmare for the majority of women; as they say they *have* to return calls, they *have* to spend money on useless things in order to keep up with their neighbours, they *have* to go out to teas and lunches and dinners, and they *have* to ask the people back again; and these illusory obligations leave them no time for all the genuine interests they ought to be attending to. That will be the great change—a perfectly simple and an overwhelming one. They will find that after all they *haven't*