

from man and man's help for woman. Nor can we agree with those who propose to stake the future of female culture upon this University 'experiment'; because we have a lurking suspicion that it is foredoomed to failure, from its unstable and essentially incomplete character. Any plan, to carry with it the elements of permanent success, must be '*totus, teres, atque rotundus*'—not fragmentary and unsubstantial. The Minister of Education could not better signalize his tenure of office than by framing a measure which would place the interests of higher female education on a sound, equitable, and permanent basis.

A Southern journal has shrewdly observed that President Hayes adopted his Southern policy with the view of dividing the Democrats, and that by it he has only succeeded in dividing his own party, the Republican. Congress has met, and has not proved quite so refractory as was expected. The Democrats have a majority in the House, and Mr. Randall was elected Speaker, but their party, notwithstanding some temporary chagrin at the success of the frauds by which Tilden was deprived of the Presidency, are favourably disposed to Hayes, on account of his Southern policy, and with the Administration Republicans can easily control the House. It was in the Senate, however, that the most serious trouble was anticipated. The Upper House in the United States is a most important body, confirming or rejecting all Executive appointments, accepting or refusing to accept all treaties, and, in addition, discharging the ordinary duties of a co-ordinate branch of the legislature. The Republican majority there is small, and it was feared that the Democrats, aided by the recalcitrant Republicans under Conkling, Blaine, and others, would embarrass the President and bring business to a deadlock as in Andrew Johnson's time. That danger, however, has been tided over by the adhesion of a few carpet-baggers and one negro from Mississippi, who, in plain language, have been bribed by select places on favourite committees. Ohio, at its recent elections, was gained by the Democrats, and yet, singularly enough, the result was a triumph to the President; whereas in Iowa, where the Republicans were successful, he was distinctly censured by a

large majority of the people; so completely are the old parties disintegrated. Mr. Hayes has announced in advance his intention not to seek a second term, so that he is practically independent of popular clamour. Yet he has virtually abandoned 'Civil Service Reform,' and under Secretary Sherman's management will probably play fast and loose with the specie question. Gen. Terry's abortive mission to Fort Walsh, as described by a correspondent of the N. Y. *Herald*, is of singular interest, even though it resulted in failure. The *l'auteur* of Sitting Bull and his brother chiefs, their odd appearance and strange speeches, their appeals to the 'White Mother,' whose subjects they claim to be, and the appearance of a squaw as an orator—the crowning insult to the American Commission—read like a chapter in Drake or Parkman. 'You have told us lies, and we have been deceived too often. Go back to the other side where you belong; we belong here and intend to stay here. Go back and take it easy in going,' *i.e.* be so long in going that you will never come back. These were, in brief, the replies of Sitting Bull and his friends, accompanied by much hand-shaking of the British officers, and a series of studied insults to the Americans. The journals on the other side are profuse in their acknowledgments of Canadian courtesy and international good faith; but what is better, they are seriously contrasting our Indian policy with the iniquitous system which has too long been upheld by the cupidity of ministers and agents.

As we anticipated, France, by the decisive majority of one hundred and eighteen, has pronounced in favour of the Republic and against the usurpation of the 16th May. Notwithstanding the vile means to secure a triumph for the motley coalition of Monarchists and Imperialists, the Opposition has triumphed without violence and with a singular abstinence from abusive or turbulent language. The President's personal appeals, Fourtou's prefectorial and police machinery, episcopal, sacerdotal, and even Papal influence, partial judges, tyrannical edicts, the gagging of the press, the prison and the fine, have all been in vain. The question is—What next? And here all is rumour and uncertainty. According to some, the Ministry, or at least De Broglie