

special attention to the branch of Domestic Science. The recognition of the scientific importance of this subject will do much to raise the status of the hitherto "looked down upon" domestic help, and make it worth while for our efficient and educated girls to take up housework as a sphere of employment that does not carry with it the stigma of degradation. In thus raising domestic work to the dignity of a scientific study, we not only educate the housekeepers and homemakers of the future, but provide a stimulus to the production of a class of helpers sadly needed in British Columbia.

OUR ORGANIZER.

Miss Dorothy Davis left Victoria on the 20th of September on a propagandist tour, her object being to organize branches of the Political Equality League throughout the interior of the Province.

Her first meeting was held in Vernon, where she addressed a large number of earnest men and women, who appeared to be most enthusiastic in their conviction that women should no longer be disqualified from voting. As a result of her efforts in this district, a good League was organized, which promises to work actively for the development of suffrage sentiment.

Miss Davis has proved herself an enthusiastic and convincing speaker. She rouses her audiences by her intense earnestness and personal magnetism, answering argument with argument, ridicule with humor, sarcasm with reason. The League has been particularly fortunate in securing Miss Davis to take up the work, and anticipates for her great success in organization.

OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The following objections to women being given the vote have been re-

ceived by the president of the Political Equality League.

1. "While the suffrage might be safe in the hands of some women, on general principles I am opposed to it being granted to women."

2. Politics **might** be degrading to the female sex, therefore I am opposed to it."

3. "Of the evils of political power being in the hands of men we know, but of those, if that power be placed in the hands of women, we know nothing—

These three objections can be answered together, as they cover largely the same ground. Whenever woman has had power she has shown herself capable of using that power without degrading either herself or the work she has undertaken. In Victoria, in municipal elections (as old timers will remember), the improved conditions at the polls and the better moral qualifications of the men who were elected to civic positions were very noticeable after the municipal vote was granted to women. Since Seattle women have had the vote the lowest element of that city has had to get other places of abode. Since California women have had the vote the mayor of Santa Monica has appointed seven women as an advisory council without regard to party, to make suggestions for the good of the city. As a result not only the mayor but the newspapers say "more improvements have been made in the last few months than in the previous six years." They are gradually but steadily beautifying and raising the moral tone of the city, while the protection of children is greater.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph George Ward, K.C.M.G., Premier of New Zealand, said: "New Zealand women who were enfranchised in 1893 have not shown great activity in initiating special legislation. They appear rather to constitute themselves an examining board and their influence is undoubtedly felt in all legislation. It is a sane,