

woman was legally and socially man's equal. She carried on business in her own name, and possessed not only her own property but her husband's also. In return she promised to provide him with food and clothing and to see that after death his body was properly embalmed." The American women of to-day stand ahead in ability to earn money, and, aside from its great natural resources, the United States has made the most remarkable progress of any country in the world. The French women are noted financiers, and but for political revolutions, France could not be surpassed in the intellectual attainments. The German women are bringing themselves into notice and what country is more great in every department of knowledge?

England, the mistress of the world, is governed by a woman. When her political greatness is gone, she will yet live in the enlightenment her daughters have shed over the kingdom on which the sun never sets.

Then give willing hands to help woman in her enterprises. If Lydia will be a merchant, let her sell purple. If Portia is able to demand justice from Shylock, open the doors of our law-schools for her to study. If Rose Bonheur likes to paint animals, let her make the Horse Fair. If Mrs. Frank Leslie can retrieve her husband's fortune by writing, pay her well for her work. The world of merchandise, mechanism, and finance has been girdled by more than one Nellie Bly. In the nursery and the home, a lovely glow is cast by the intelligent, capable woman. The Church and State will reflect her glory. And now, the world's history will be written by a woman, enriched by her own marvellous progress.

### \*Commencement Exercises.\*

#### ALUMNÆ "AT HOME."

THE spacious parlors and corridors of the Wesleyan Ladies' College were thronged by young people on Friday, June 13th, the occasion being the annual "At Home" of the Alumnae Association. There was a quiet reunion among the large number

of former graduates of the College, and the affair was one of the most successful gatherings of the kind every held in the College. Mrs. Burns, wife of the Principal, and Mrs. Pratt, President of the Alumnae, discharged the duties of hostesses in a very acceptable manner, and contributed largely by their efforts to the pleasure of the evening. The Citizens' Band, under the leadership of Mr. W. M. Sheppard, rendered the following programme:

March—Hector..... Seaman  
Fantasia—Evening Revels, Richards  
Waltz—La Gitana..... Bucalossi  
Galop—Bacchanal..... Rollinson  
Waltz—Marabella..... Keller  
Polka—Saucy Nell..... Dufresne  
Waltz—Adela..... Prendiville

During the evening light refreshments—ices, ice-cream and cake—were served in the large dining hall. In one of the parlors, Miss Cummings, the accomplished pianiste, played several selections in an effective manner. Mrs. Martin-Murphy also delighted those present with two solos, sung in her usually charming style. Altogether the evening was very enjoyable.

#### ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the College parlors—Saturday, the President, Mrs. T. H. Pratt, in the chair. Thirty-eight members responded to the roll call, many of whom had come from a distance to participate in the re-union. The minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were then read by the Secretary, Miss Minnie H. Moore, after which Miss L. Hardy, Corresponding Secretary, presented the annual report, showing the progress made by the Society during the past year. An address of welcome was then read by Miss Morton and responded to by Miss Millar, Thorold. The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. H. Pratt; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Livingstone; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. F. Lazier; Recording Secretary, Miss A. McInnes; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lillie Hardy. The graduates of 1890 were then received into the Association.

At 1 p.m. an adjournment was made and a DEJUNER was partaken of, Mr. Edwards catering a sumptuous repast. Business was resumed at 3 p.m., and the session consisted of the reading of prize essays. The Alumnae prize of \$25 for the best essay on "Woman's Financial Capabilities," was awarded to Miss