

indignation bursting all barriers. Its occasion was an essay in your last issue on "Women to the Front." When we saw the evidences of the same spirit, when we heard the same hypocritical cry of "Womens' Rights," our blood boiled, and rushing on we tore the occasion limb from limb. We present to you a few of the lifeless fragments:

"Yet still we hear the question, 'But why should the daughters prophesy?' A conclusive answer to this has been given by Mr. J. F. Willing:

"It is said that women are too weak. Weak in what? In physical endurance? Every woman who stands at the head of a family has endured enough to kill a half-dozen men." We might answer this by saying that every man who stands at the head of a hundred-acre farm, every Darwin, every Kant has endured enough to kill a half-dozen women. What does this convince us of? Why that it is the natural order for a woman to stand at the head of a family and a man at the head of the other departments. It would also be great economy in labor to have one woman and one man doing what six men and six women would have to do in a reversed order of things.

"In voice? You can hear the soprano as far again as the bass." This is apt, and proves conclusively that woman is fitted to take and should take all the leading parts—in a quartette. We do not, however, see why the writer should lay stress on this for we men have never denied it, or attempted to deprive woman of the place. We are all homage when a woman sings, when, as a lady poet expresses it, divine harmony drops forth "like linked pearls of sweetness from her palpitating throat."

"In will? It has passed into a proverb, 'When a woman wills she will and you may depend on it?' Let us finish the proverb, 'and when she wont she wont and there's an end on it.' Is this creature, whom an ungarbled quotation represents as so unconsciousable, fitted to take the reins of power and avoiding the false drive on to the goal of the true?

"In reason? Any candid man will tell you that when he has toiled up the stairs of his argument he finds a woman at the top. * * * Her rapid reasoning has watched the conclusion far ahead of him with his more clumsy methods." Not to belie the high opinion expressed of us in the word "candid" we feel bound to say that we have not yet climbed sufficiently high on this particular set of stairs to know whether her statement would or would not be our conclusion. Coming down to a point of expression we would suggest that the meaning would be more clear if the words "more clumsy" were left out, the last then reading "with his methods."

"Weak in scholarship? How does it happen that the women bear off so many of the prizes of our colleges and universities?" A faculty for making 75 per cent. on examinations is not executive ability nor originating and constructive power—In like fragments lay the whole. We need present no more. But to show that we have not misrepresented the case nor woman's attitude toward man, we would like to make the following quotations: "Good men * * * are trying to get us into the government that we may be tried by our *peers*." "But we must be up and doing if we expect the co-operation and fealty of men in politics," i. e., women must do something more if they expect the men to lend them a hand in governing the nations and to be faithful to them.

"Then they have the best chance of success, for God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty." Here at last, my down-trodden fellow-man, we may draw some comfort and encouragement. One woman is as strong as six men, therefore we men are weak, therefore we have the best chance of success. We suppose our author has added this last sentence to prevent absolute despair, but why she should wish to dispel the gloom which had settled around us by this assurance of success, we cannot see—another pair of stairs we have not climbed. Had the