

THE DEAD FORERUNNER

By C. W.

Do you hear the women marching,
 little mother,
 Where you slumber in your narrow
 bed apart,
 With your little hands locked fast,
 Icy, motionless, at last,
 Above the ashen crater of your heart?
 You, the passionate forerunner of the
 morrow,
 You, who died before the breaking of
 the light,
 Frail, Promethean foe of hoary wrong
 and sorrow,
 Can you hear the women marching
 through the night?

Not so piteous the lot of those who
 perished
 Long years before the breaking of the
 day—
 Who took into their graves the vision
 cherished,
 With fruition still millenniums away!
 But the army you awaited, Banner
 Bearer,
 Was just around the corner of the
 years!
 O little dauntless ghost,
 Was it you who led the host,
 When I watched it flashing past me,
 through my tears?

Can you hear the women marching,
 little mother,
 In the narrow little bed wherein you
 sleep?
 All the crowding, hurrying feet,
 Marching with victorious beat
 Above the graves of sowers—these
 who reap?
 Oh, I think my heart could bear its
 memories better,
 Recall without so passionate a tear
 Your soul's unconquered wearing of
 the fetter,
 If only you could know the day is here!

They are coming, they are coming,
 little mother,
 Some with fierce fanatic sword and
 foolish spear,
 But the many girl with love of son and
 brother,

Mother tolerance, and sturdy mother-
 cheer.

But I wish that you could see them
 thronging, singing,
 Up the lonely path the lantern-bearers
 trod,
 On the journey of the soul
 Toward the ever-luring goal
 Of man, the tireless traveler to God.
 —Scribner's.

CLUB WOMEN SEE HOW VOTE
HELPS

Find They Can Effect Reforms With
 Suffrage Which Were Impossible
 Before

Some of the reasons why club women are coming over to woman suffrage in shoals are well set forth by Alice Curtice Moyer in the St. Louis Dispatch. She says:

"Club women as a class are intelligent, and are quick to see what they ought to do, what they wish to do and what prevents their doing it. They see that disfranchisement hinders them.

"For instance, club women east, west, north and south have unceasingly prodded the authorities for better sanitation. In the midst of it, they have seen with what ease the women of Chicago tackled the garbage question the moment they became voters.

"They have seen the women in all the enfranchised States doing with ease and dispatch the things which they have tried, unsuccessfully, to do by indirect influence, and, seeing all this, they are more and more realizing their need of the greatest and the most practical influence ever put into the hands of the citizens of any country—the influence of the ballot."

"I hope you know enough to keep your wife's relatives at a distance." "Hum. My wife's maiden aunt is going to live with us." "Good gracious! Send her away." "I can't. She's going to live with us in her house."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.