

The womanhood with folded hands,
That may not dare to strike or break
Conventions, customs, or the laws,
For other women's sake.

The womanhood that dainty is,
And will not risk its pride or name
For other women's agonies,
Or other women's shame.

The womanhood that waits and hopes,
That charms and coaxes, or that pleads,
Till men may find the time and mood
To deal with women's needs.

But she who sits within the cell,
For other women cannot wait;
Better to break a thousand laws
Than leave them to their fate.

Better to break a thousand laws,
Defy traditions old and dear,
Than let the shame of shameful things
Go on year after year.

The shame of all the shameful things,
The knowledge that can stand apart,
This is the shame that bends her head,
And burns within her heart.

And because men, and women too,
Can know these things and let them be,
She sits within a convict cell
Covered with contumely.

She sits within a convict cell,
Despised and splendid, great, defamed,
Shame close about her, and withal,
Shameless and unashamed.

"PROGRESS"

To the Editor:—In the course of a sermon delivered by Father O'Doyle, which you print in yesterday's Times, the reverend Father says that the harsh judgment accorded to morally weak women is because the purity of the Virgin Mary has been set as the standard for all womanhood. On the same principle, why then has not Christ been set as a standard for men? Was he not equally pure?

Father O'Doyle asserts that woman's vocation is the same as it was 2,000 years ago. According to him, then

there is no such thing as "progress" for women. "Progress" may conquer the air, perfect diabolical instruments of war, invent new diseases, may even exempt hens from hatching their own eggs; women alone must not change; the lords of creation have so willed it.

Several years ago, when women took to cycling, how horrified were some people at the unfemininity of it, and an elderly lady has told me that in her girlhood it was considered unladylike for a woman to play the violin.

The countries where women have the vote have not yet gone to the demeriton bow-wows.

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WOMEN'S POLITICAL UNION IS RECEIVED

Delegates to Revelstoke Convention Guests at Smoking Concert Last Night

Revelstoke, May 31.—When the convention reassembled yesterday afternoon a delegation of twelve ladies, members of the British Columbia Women's Political Union, was received. The speakers for the delegation were: Mrs. Sturdy, Revelstoke; Mrs. H. H. Coursier, Revelstoke; and Mrs. J. C. Kemp, Vancouver.

They were courteously and cordially received by the convention, which sang "For they are Jolly Good Fellows," as they retired.

A very pleasant hour and a half was spent by the delegates last night as the guests of the Revelstoke Liberal Association, when the convention resolved itself into a smoking concert. Dr Sutherland, as president of the association, took the chair and an excellent musical programme was tendered by the Revelstoke band and a number of singers. F. T. Congdon and W. W. Baer made short humorous speeches. The hosts were thanked by Mr. Brewster. The coast delegates leave for home this evening.