

Committed to his Charge

with working and giving the woman's privilege ceased. She listened to St. Paul and kept silent in the church—unless in such functions as choir service, at which St. Paul is supposed to wink. But there are ways and ways, and a Past-Grand-Mistress-of-Ways was Miss Sweeting.

It never entered her mind that with one change might come many, that the time for revolt had arrived and that the parish to a man, or rather to a woman, had determined to have no bachelor, but to have a pastor safely married and out of harm's—that is out of her—way. Even those who had profited most from her work, and presumably liked her best, felt that some effort for freedom should be made. It would be a bad initial step, be his views ever so worthy, if he wished—if she wished—to convert Miss Sweeting into Mrs. Rector.

So it turned out that when the meeting to decide all things finally was called, High and Low forgot their animosities and met on a common ground, some compromise by which they might be delivered from Miss Sweeting.

It was easy of accomplishment. Each side gave up its man and let the choice fall on one of a middle variety, one who would leave the