

vote. The South Australian Wesleyan Conference passed a vote in favor of parliamentary suffrage for women. Mr. Caldwell, M. P., introduced a bill last session which passed the second reading in the lower House, that is, the Assembly, by a majority of two, but it had to be laid aside because it amends the constitution, and this can only be done by an absolute majority of the whole House, and similarly of the upper House or Senate. Our Legislature meets every year, and the bill will be introduced again almost directly, and this is now June, 1889.

At present woman suffrage has the strongest hold on South Australia of any of the Australian States, and it is likely to become law in this State first. South Australia always leads the van in radical politics, for she was founded by Congregationalists and Baptists, and so is full of the notion of human rights.

The religious journals of Australia, as a whole, are largely in favor of woman suffrage, and all the temperance papers, as might be expected, are strong for the women. The granting of the county vote to women in England and Lord Salisbury's speeches have greatly affected Australian public opinion. There can be no doubt that the movement makes rapid way. I think the women have the municipal vote throughout Australia, and the people look upon it as a matter of course. We have a splendid system of public primary schools and compulsory attendance throughout Australia, and the girls are equally instructed with the boys; so that all stands fair for equal suffrage. I. C. Kirby.

NOTES FROM KENTUCKY.

The agitation of woman suffrage has been the cause of the following instructions from State Superintendent Pickett to teachers in the public schools in this State: "No person shall be deemed qualified to teach any common school unless such person shall obtain no less than sixty-five per cent. on the elements of civil government in addition to the standard required on the present subjects of the common school course." This has long been a law in this State, and is now to be rigidly enforced. It is a fact that this has been brought about through the efforts of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

The State Organizer, Mrs. Farmer, for the Association in this State, has been actively engaged in organizing branch associations in different cities, and has met with every encouragement.

The Equal Rights Association will have candidates for school trustees in every second district in the city of Covington. It was the intention to nominate in every ward, but it was thought a wiser plan to place only one-half the number in nomination, and concentrate the work. Many leading men in both political parties have promised not only their vote, but to work for the success of the movement. EUGENIA B. FARMER.

"THE FEMINE STANDARD IN MEDICINE."

Editors Woman's Journal: Your correspondent in the JOURNAL of July 27th, in referring to the strategy resorted to by the Chicago Times to discover whether certain physicians would be willing to aid or abet in certain criminal practices, says it is "encouraging to observe that not one woman was unprincipled enough to prostitute the dignity of her profession to such base uses;" and from these premises concludes as follows: "Women do not sink to the lowest levels of the occupations they enter. In medicine they have adopted the highest standards of the profession. Have we not good reason to believe their course in politics would be similar?"

This is defective logic. The only stable argument for the admission of woman into politics must rest upon the eternal justice and right of such a course; upon her citizenship. Men are not disfranchised because of immoral practices. But we must not forget that women have no monopoly of morality; and that there never was and never can be a case of criminal abortion in which there is not a woman who is not only accessory before the fact, as well as after, but who is actively participating criminally, and an equal partner in the guilt with whomsoever she tempts to do the deed, either for money or for sympathy. And while we seem to rejoice that the Times found no blood of unborn infants upon the skirts of any woman physician, we feel the hot current of indignation rising when we reflect that any woman (or any man) should be expected to be pleased at being damned by the faint praise of being placarded—"This woman (or this man) is not a murderer."

It is not the woman question, but the human question; it is not to advance woman, but to advance the race, that we desire her recognition everywhere as the equal and counterpart of man. The race is a unit of which man and woman are

inseparable, integral parts. Let there be no "feminine standards" in medicine or elsewhere. The standards to be elevated are all human standards. There is not, nor should there be, any strife for place or honor between men and women. And if women are not the equals of men in any respect, this should form no part of an argument against, but rather for, woman's enfranchisement. She should be advanced for the sake of the race of which she forms an equal part, Grant Allen's foolish talk to the contrary notwithstanding. Chicago, Ill. JUSTITIA.

"MANLY WOMEN"

A recent article in the London Saturday Review, entitled "Manly Women," asserts that there is a dangerous tendency among English women to imitate men in betting on horse-races, attending hunts and witnessing with indifference the wholesale slaughter of innocent birds and animals, etc., etc. The Boston Globe repudiates the charge of the Saturday Review that this alleged degeneracy of morals among English women is due to the influence of American women, and adds: "But, on larger and general grounds, all men would do well to reflect that their anxiety lest women should imitate them is an open self-condemnation of the habits imitated, but which they as men parade before the world as very manly and not immoral. If it is manly to slaughter poor birds for idle sport, and sit down in the English country house to lunch besmeared with innocent blood, then it is womanly. If it is not womanly to be there, it is not manly, unless morality can be justly sexed. And here lies the vital point, for which American women deserve the thanks of all who believe in equal rights and equal measures in morals. For many years the English journals sneered at some of the noblest of American women for demanding equal standards of justice for both sexes in politics and morals. Now their English sisters, who have been frightened out of talking, have taken to deeds, and appear boldly at Ascot, Sandown and other racing localities, betting on the runners and stopping at the lanches to talk horse and tattle with the men. It is ungenerous to charge this latter-day new departure to American women. It is rather chargeable to disregard of the advice of a few noble American women whom, not so many years ago, journals like the London Saturday Review were berating as 'short-haired Amazons.'"

GOSSIP AND GLEANINGS.

Of four special prizes for orations or essays on special subjects, offered to graduating students in American colleges, two were won by Ohio students, and of these two winners one is a girl. In counting up the greatness of Ohio men, it should be borne in mind that their better halves are women.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

All great onward movements, revolutions, emancipations in the history of mankind, have been accomplished by the implanting and nourishing of great moral ideas in the human mind. Slavery was not overthrown by the conversion of individual slave-owners. Woman was not exalted from a state of degradation and abuse through the private conversion of individual Bluebeards by individual philanthropists. But the process has always been this: great ideas have been set going among large bodies of men, and so have worked out their own large revolutions and salvations.—James Buckham, in Zion's Herald.

Mrs. Sallie Joy White, of the Boston Herald, claims the distinction of being the first woman journalist to have a position upon a Boston newspaper. Mrs. White began her journalistic career in 1869, and has been steadily at work ever since, stopping only long enough to get married. Her home is in Ascroft, just out of Boston, where she lives in a house two hundred years old, and where two daughters, aged ten and twelve, are laying the foundation of a good New England education. Mrs. White is a believer in woman suffrage, and is the president of the New England Women's Press Association.—Harper's Bazar.

The parade that was made with the names of eminent English women who did not favor woman suffrage is quite outdone by the publication in the Fortnightly Review of 400 names of women of high social and literary distinction who do favor the enfranchisement of their sex, these selected from 2,000 names sent in to signify their approval of female suffrage. The cause has made great progress in the country where the grandest of statesmen—we mean Gladstone, of course—gives his unqualified and powerful support. Women will vote in parliamentary elections, we predict, before even Massachusetts corrects herself.—Greenfield Gazette and Courier.

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HUMOROUS.

"Why," asked an examiner, "does the sea so seldom overflow the land?" "Because a merciful Providence has created sponges to grow in it," was the reply.

Mr. Winks (looking over the paper)—"Cheap, Drug & Co. are selling all sorts of patent medicines at half-price." Mrs. Winks: "Just our luck! There isn't anything the matter with us."

Doubtless the authorities of the Philadelphia "Zoo" meant to please, but it may be questioned whether the President is particularly gratified by their action in naming their new-born donkey Baby M'Kee.

A New Hampshire woman has a husband who is addicted to secret societies. One of her exasperated outbursts is thus reported: "Jine! He'd jine anything. There can't nothing come along that's dark and sly and hidden but he'll jine it. If anybody should get up a society to burn his house down, he'd jine it as soon as he could get in, and if he had to pay to get in, he'd go all the suddener."

A little girl in Albany, whose family was about to move to New Jersey, and who had heard Jersey spoken of as a forlorn and particularly God-forsaken place, was saying her prayers at her mother's knee the night before their intended departure. She said all that had ever been taught her, and then, with peculiar emphasis and solemnity, added, "And now, good-by, God, for to-morrow we go to New Jersey."—N. Y. Sun.

Gen. Lafayette, during his second visit to America, shook hands with 8,000 men in one day, says the legend, and used but seven words in all. He asked each one: "Are you married?" If the answer was yes, he exclaimed, "Happy man!" If no, "Lucky dog!" After a long levee, a friend asked the General how he could reconcile his congratulations to wedded and single men alike. The Frenchman laughed and answered, "Why, my dear boy, can you not perceive the vast difference between a happy man and a lucky dog?"

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