

WOMEN AND PROGRESS.

many there might not at first applear to be any necessary ction between women and is to the condition of a slave, the gengerally degraded is the natio in ; thus the degree of her dignificant of a country's rheme of progress ever sucede and became lasting which not include the advancement of

man epually with man The oldest and best known nation antiquity was Egypt. In her day he was the most polished and most wilized of peoples. Her learning, er science, her military and politicabilities, her handicrafts and echanical appliances, amaze the tudent of to day. He rubs his eyes and asks, Was this really an ancient a modern country, this land of ineleenth century conveniences, his home of established govern ment boary with antiquity and of astitutions venerable with age, this preceptress and mother of art and earning throughout the whole of he known world? The answer is imple: She was the first to recogize the equality of the sexes. Her larriage contracts prove that an hyptian wife then was in many restects in a better position than a

try s geon of the old school. The refuse him never!" fictiothat amuses and surpises the novel eading English of this tail end othe nineteenth century, was most framently the vehicles of the divine setes. They contributed tional lit at ore, and even in Plato's to its people-or for steady durability? But there, in that remote day, the wife was almost as free as the husband and had similar social in various stages of intoxication. American song goes :-While monogamy was the rule, polygamy, though exceptional, was also lawful, and the double system to have worked well. The reformation of Mahomet excluded women from its system, denied them education and civil rights, shut them out from

more miserable class ever existed.

In Greece the doctrine of the natural equality of the sexes was indulged in only by a few philosophers, particularly Plato. Education and free intercourse of women were left to courtesans. Toil and seclusion and abundant ignorance formed the condition of the mothers and sisters of the citizens.

With all her masculine vigour and glory, Greece fell, gradually atroph ied, because one half of her had been, of set purpose, intellectually and politically paralysed. Not long ago the wife of a wealthy Greek peasant sought protection against the cruelty of her husband. He had bound her almost naked to a stake otherwise can the male half of the in the street in cold weather, and urged the passers-by to strike her. chastising them when they refused. husband on the ground of the Jeremy Bentham laight down that wife's insuburdination. "We can not afford," it said, "to teach a wo. man to disobey the commands of her husband." And Rome, proud Rome, ress, yet a slight study of the is sufficient to show that the gion of the order. The moral and fical status of any country has are dependently upon the position thy woman there. The nearer that the status is the status of the order of the position of the order of the position of the order of the status of the position of the order of the status of the position of the order of the status of the position of the order of the order of the status of the order began nobly but ended in degradapurity of her young daughters were things of the past. Female ignorance became a virtue, and every accomplishment in art of learning was durability. No people regarded as fit only for women of loose morals. Music, dancing, singing, reading, were all interdicted. Under Christianized Rome and the institution of the Canon Law, the but throughout ali Christendom, was still further degraded. All pretence to equal rights was swept away. The Church held and taught, that woman was created to serve man and to submit to his desires. Even to-day the English law, in the spirit of the Canon Law, holds that

a wife is the servant of her husband. Official Christianity described the most innocent relations of the sexes as naturally corrupt. Nature was subordinated to a de-

praved theology. Kingsley says, 'The Christian Church was swamped by hysteria from the third to the sixteenth century." The Reformation left woman little better than before. Luther gave as his opinion and that of six other great reformers that polygamy was nowhere conwis most European countries demned by the Bible. As to educa-The medical profession was tion, "No gown or garment." he thirty practiced by women, and said, "worse became a woman than Ware find that the mortality of that she should be wise." That popthers, of infants, and children, ular clergyman, the Rev. Knox Litsurprisingly small. In that the, in his "Sermon to Women," 1850. chaing little story "The Doctors says, "There is no crime that a man of ovland," by Dr. Conan Doyle, can commit which justifies his wife we we a case where a gifted and in leaving him. It is her duty to hady practitioner absolutely subject herself to him always, and annilated those common prejudic- no crime that he can commit justigainst female doctors, even fies her lack of obedience. If he be whe entertained by a sore male a bad and wicked man, she may complete, one Dr. Ripley, a coungently remonstrate with him, but

It is not to Christianity, but to science, not to our preachers, but to our thinkers, that the race owes its a com on matter of every-day fact progression, and that the bonds of in Latin ore than four thousand women are being loosened. No great yeer Women also occupied English woman has ever appeared conspicous positions in the State but some dignitary of the Church Char As Priestesses they offici- has attempted to smother her or her ated a lits ceremonies and were schemes of reform. Mary Somerville was publicly denounced by Dean Cockburn of York, and as late largely t the founding of the na- rs April 24th, 1884, Dean Burgon wrote in a Liberal paper, "The Daily days the tered books of Isis were News," against the proposed admisconsidere to be about ten thousand sion of women to examinations for years old A Greek sage, when in honours at Oxford University. He Egypt having boasted of the divine described it as "a moral revolution descent of he mushroom royalty of disastrous to a woman's best interhis country the high prist rebuked ests." He went on to give the purhim by exhibiting the statues of 300 pose of Creation, how she was deof his oredenssors in that office in signed to be "the complement of one long thoroken line, all high man's being," "his chiefest earthly priests and sons of men. What joy," "but all this will be brought to other states if the world ever sur-passed this good government— that is, a good diment most suitable come) man's equal, much less man's superior. Henceforth she will have to be kept down," and so on according to the old formula. Do these good gentlemen really believe that rights. Contary to all modern us- their Christian offices require them ages of the Eat, she could dine in to oppose, tooth and nail, every atpublic with him, and facetious tempt towards woman's advanceprinters occassionally depicted her ment? We suppose they do. An

"There was a man what had a clock, His name was Mathew Mears, He wound it reg'lar every night For four and twenty years, And when this precious time-piece proved An eight-day clock to be A madder man than Mathew Mears

You wouldn't wish to see." So when the end comes and Wo its churches and immortal Paradise, man's cause prevails, will they not and ranked them with the lower ani- feel like Mr. Mears, that they have mals. The result was a rapid and been mistaken in their time-piece fatal degradation of the race, and national improvement both mentally and materially. The descendants of a learned, wealthy, and high-spirit mens of manhood who would keep ed people, the most distinguished in ancient history, became the ignormal and feeble fallaheen of Egypt, in progress, the late Professor Hux-

than whom, under Turkish rule, no ley. In his "Lay Sermon" he says "What is the first step towards a better state of things? We reply, emancipate girls. Recognize the fact that they share the senses, perceptions, fee lass, reasoning power, and emotions of boys, and that the mind of the average girl is less different from that of the average boy, than the mind of one boy is from that of another. Let those women who feel inclined to do so, descend into the arena of life; let them, if they so please, become merchants, barristers, politicians. Let them have a fair field."

The last sentence contains the whole secret of social progress: "Let them have a fair field!" How community endure in freedom and preserve the integrity of their manhood? "Man, be it yours to help them on to good!" And although "No government ever yielded a right unless builted into it," Heaven forbid that the same be said of our brothers and husbands. Let them yield in good time and give the woman's cause a far field, for her cause is not hers only, but man's also. Whatever uplifts her will ele vate him. Her increase of useful ness will stimulate him. As was remarded by a powerful writer: "Society is raised by every new right that we non gaid.

Let us have a fair field! This is all we as a not we will be content with nothing less. The flager of evolution, which touches everything, is last ten briv up o, women. They have on their site all the elem ats of progress, and its spirit stars with position of women not in Rome only in them. They are fighting not for themselves alone, but for the future of humanity. Let them have a fair

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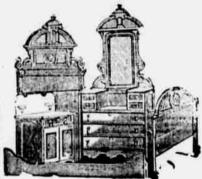
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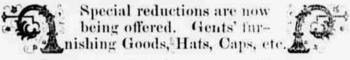
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