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Daughter of the ancient Eve,
We know the gifts ye gave and give;
Who knows the gifts which you shall give,
Daughter of the Newer Eve?

—Francis Thompson.

Towards a Christian Social Order

BY CHRISTINE SPENDER

We have recently had an interesting correspondence with Captain T. W. C. Curd, promoter of a new movement "Towards a Christian Social Order," who sent us the programme of this scheme for our consideration. Two points impinged on feminism and our comments appeared in letter form in the *Catholic Herald*, and were subsequently published in the September number of the *CATHOLIC CITIZEN* (C.f. p. 79). Captain Curd, in answer to our queries, stated that he used the word "man" in the encyclical sense "in the general understanding of the word," i.e., to include "woman." We had asked that this should be specifically defined since the history of woman suffrage makes us wary about "the general understanding of the word."

We had also asked that the words "equal opportunity" should be added to the statement for equal pay between the sexes. Captain Curd did not quite understand what we meant by "equal opportunity" and suggested that, in any case, "if it were a choice between a married man with a family to support and a single woman with no-one but herself to support . . . unhesitatingly . . . the man should be given the preference," and that "all-round equality without some further stipulation regarding the Just Wage or Family Allowance, would penalise the married man, since the woman could probably be engaged at a lower wage." We explained that we meant by "equal opportunity" equality of education and of training for, and conditions of, entry into the professions and industry so that the person best qualified for the job could obtain it, with equal rights of promotion, whether man or woman. We pointed out that a single woman often had dependents and that if a married man's obli-

tions were taken into consideration so also should those of the single or married woman. But we thought that in any case family obligations should not obviate the necessity of choosing the person best fitted for the job and that too much enquiry into family circumstances might lend itself to "a perpetual means test." We remarked that one of the reasons why we worked for equal pay was so that a woman should *not* "be engaged at a lower wage" than a man, i.e., on other grounds than her fitness for the job in question.

To this Captain Curd replied asking us to consider a proposition "that the Pay for any work whether done by man or woman should be regarded as made up of the Basic wage payable for the job and the additional payment made in respect of the worker's family obligations; e.g., the married man's family, the single woman's dependent relative, etc. . . . In this you would have your principle of Equal Pay for Equal Work fully recognised. . . . In fact the employer's *only* concern would be to get the *person best qualified* for the job." . . . He went on to elaborate the working out of the scheme. We replied to Captain Curd that we were in complete agreement with him "as regards an equal basic wage (the rate for the job) and that any scheme of Family Allowances should include a woman's dependent relatives." We also agreed that such a scheme should be worked out to prevent any kind of undercutting or exploitation. We pointed out, however, that the question of Family Allowances, though of great interest to us, is definitely outside the scope of our work so that the detailed working out of the scheme outlined above would also be outside our scope.

We read this last letter of Captain Curd's

with great pleasure, feeling that he had grasped clearly the principles of equal pay and opportunity, and that the scheme would henceforth incorporate these principles.

We pointed out in our September issue, that as regards the Section FAMILY in Captain Curd's statement, "where *division of work* is concerned it is a matter for members of the Christian family themselves to decide, according to their conscience, what is the most satisfactory division of labour within that family." The Encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* points out that "Mothers of Families, because of the insufficiency of the father's salary, should not be forced to engage in gainful occupations outside the domestic walls, to the neglect of their own proper cares and duties." It is obvious that everything should be done to enable mothers to remain in their homes, but obvious also that to *force* them to stay there is a denial of human liberty and defeats its own ends.

We beg anyone who is working out schemes for a new Social Order to remember that a woman, married or unmarried, is a human person, with all the rights of personality. Let her not be subordinated, in these schemes, to whatever consideration, but let the instigators remember that a woman has as much right to freedom of choice in her way of life as has a man. Indeed no "vocation" either of man or woman should be stunted in its growth by ignorance or prejudice.

The Police Chronicle of March, 1940, defines "the official attitude of the Police Federation, as expressed before official Committees in 1920 and 1924, which was then and still is (16 years later) against the general employment of women police." In May of this year, police forces employing women were circularised on the subject of representation and this apparently is regarded as a crime by the federation, which refuses to recognise any rights of women members of the force to make known their views. But the Secretary reports "with a deep feeling of regret that he has not been successful in convincing the offending Board that their attitude is definitely wrong!" It is surely time for the Home Office to give a ruling maintaining, in the words of the Police Act, 1919, the right of *all* members of police forces below the rank of Superintendent to vote at their election of the Branch Boards and be represented at the Conferences and on the Committees.

To-day we are fighting for democracy, and it is indeed surprising to find the front line defenders of the Civilian Army—the police—capable of such injustice to their women colleagues.—*Women in Council Newsletter*.

We deplore the fact that the Watch Committee of the Birkenhead Town Council has decided against the employment of women police in spite of representations received from various bodies, including a deputation from the Women Citizens' Association, and despite information received as to the employment of women police by other local authorities.

Dom Gilbert Higgins C.R.L.

We ask the prayers of our readers for the soul of our good friend and member, Dom Gilbert Higgins, C.R.L., who died on November 18th, R.I.P. We shall always hold his memory in gratitude and affection. Dom Gilbert had a great devotion to St. Joan and was proud of being an honorary Canon of Rouen. Right to the end of his long life he was our staunch supporter and we should like to pay a tribute to his championship of Votes for Women during the stormy days of that agitation. He was an early and keen member of the Catholic Woman's Suffrage Society and never missed an opportunity of backing, by voice or pen, the cause of women's enfranchisement.

During his long association with the Alliance Dom Gilbert sent us many beautiful letters, attended our functions, contributed articles to the CATHOLIC CITIZEN and several times called on our Secretary at the office. He showed a touching humility in his relations with us as though it were the Alliance which conferred a favour on him in his membership instead of, as was indeed the case, the privilege being ours. He was a regular subscriber to the CATHOLIC CITIZEN which he read from cover to cover, often saying there was not enough of it. We quote some of his valued sayings.

From an article entitled, "What the Church has done for Women": "All classes of women experienced the beneficial result of the Apostolic teaching and the female sex was placed in an independence of man unthought of before. The unmarried woman counted for something. She acquired value and rank. Her true independence was assured by the immediate personal relations which Baptism set up between her soul and her Maker—an independence denied in Milton's characteristically un-Christian line, 'He for God only, she for God in him.'" From letters written at various times: "I want to leave it on record that St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance has always had my appreciation and best wishes. May its membership ever go on growing in numbers and power. The CATHOLIC CITIZEN will extend your wholesome influence . . ." (1925). "Success to your efforts in the cause of justice and liberty." (1926). "God bless your efforts to bring to your sisters at home and abroad the full fruits of the Incarnation." (1932).

Quite recently Miss Fedden went to visit Dom Gilbert in Bath, where he died, and found him as she expressed it "as saintly as ever" and full of interest in our work. As late as December, 1939, he sent us a (last) letter in his own writing, enclosing a Christmas gift, and saying that he was "tired after 90 years and six months." He asked us to say an "Ave" sometimes for him, and said he always remembered St. Joan's Alliance. His last message to us, written on the envelope reads: "Nought that is joyless can endure."

Notes and Comments

Members will be glad to have the following message from our French President: "Much love, all wishes, faithful thoughts and friendship."

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We offer our sympathy to those of our members who have been "bombed out" of their homes and obliged to change their address. We in the office have had the minor annoyance of windows blown out. It is a consolation to feel how well women are standing up to the front line attack. After the war will men ever again be able to treat us as the sex to be protected, and sponsor special legislation for "women and young persons"? We hope not.

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Many of our members have moved to different areas owing to the Blitz, and must be making many fresh contacts in their new surroundings. Cannot they show these new friends the CATHOLIC CITIZEN and obtain more subscribers to our paper before the end of this Jubilee year? It would be a great encouragement to the editorial staff who do a good deal of plodding in order to get the paper out to time. An influx of subscribers would certainly refresh us.

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The woman students of Oxford can now rejoice in having an officially appointed chaplain to take charge of their spiritual welfare, especially as Father Vernon Johnson, the newly-appointed Chaplain, has lately had valuable experience of the special problems of undergraduates, in London.

All those who have worked so long for the principle of full recognition of the women as part of the Catholic body at both the older Universities, have a special cause for satisfaction. They welcome the appointment with all it implies of official recognition and the fulfilment of the Board's promise to "make itself responsible for the spiritual welfare of the women students."

We trust that before long all the Catholic students at Oxford and Cambridge may, as in all the other Universities in the country, be brought under the care of one Chaplain, and thus form a corporate body within the University.

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Under a Ministry of Labour scheme, prepared by Miss Caroline Haslett, who was recently appointed adviser to the Ministry on the training and employment of women, half a million

women, the majority unemployed, are to be absorbed into British munitions production by the end of the summer. They will be trained for eight weeks at technical schools and in engineering works, and will then be employed on the work for which they are best fitted, being absorbed in relays to ensure a constant flow of additional labour. During training they will receive allowances at the following rates:

Age 18 to 20, 20s. per week, plus 15s. for an adult dependant if being trained locally. If away from home, a lodging allowance, plus 5s. pocket money, plus 30s. for an adult dependant.

Age 21 upwards, 24s. per week, plus 15s. for an adult dependant, if being trained locally. Away from home, lodging allowance (usually 19s. per week), plus 7s. pocket money, plus 30s. for dependant.

These allowances are practically the same for men, except that the pocket money for women over 21 is 1s. less, which seems a stupid and meaningless distinction for the Ministry to make.

Women wishing to be trained can register at any employment exchange, and must be prepared to go wherever they are sent for training, and to work. We rejoice that the woman of 40 to 50 is eligible for training. Miss Haslett told the Press that the Ministry of Labour had given everything that women could expect from them. "Now," she declared, "it is up to the women, and my greatest anxiety is that they shall respond."

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We congratulate our member, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, C.B.E., on her appointment as woman medical adviser to the War Office and also on being appointed a member of the A.T.S. Council with the relative rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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We congratulate our member, Mrs. Acres (née Jessie O'Connor) on the birth of a daughter, Margaret Mercy, named after Mrs. O'Connor, our late Committee member. R.I.P. We wish Margaret Mercy all happiness, and peace in her time. Her mother writes: "I wondered if in the future she would sell dips at the fair as we did of old. I hope she'll carry on the old traditions!"

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Heartiest congratulations to our Geneva friend, Miss McGeachy, on her appointment as attaché to the British Embassy in Washington to look after public relations aspects of the work of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in the U.S.A. and Canada. The right man in the right place.

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We Will Remember

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a day always kept in special commemoration by St. Joan's Alliance, members assembled to do honour to the memory of Gabrielle Jeffery who, on December 8th, 30 years ago, first conceived the idea of a Catholic Women's Suffrage Society. At St. Patrick's, Soho Square, the 12 o'clock Mass was said for peace and all those killed in the war and for the repose of the soul of Gabrielle Jeffery. In his sermon, Canon Reardon said that Mary, the greatest of God's creatures, should be the inspiration of those women who strove for social and political freedom for their sex. They should look to Mary as their Mother and their Guiding Star. Women were now right in the forefront of the fray, in the Services and carrying out civilian work in an extraordinarily efficient manner. Mary, the all-fair, the beloved with no stain of original sin in her, must be their example. At the end of the Mass the *De Profundis* was said for Gabrielle Jeffery.

A goodly number of members and friends afterwards gathered at the Berners Hotel for the unveiling of the portrait of Gabrielle Jeffery, painted by Mr. W. Lee Hankey, R.W.S., R.O.I. At lunch the guest of honour was Madame Wanda Grabinska, the first woman judge of Poland, a member of the League of Nations Advisory Committee on Social Questions, and pioneer worker for the cause of delinquent children.

Miss P. C. Challoner, presiding, said that we were gathered together first of all for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day on which the "Fairest of Women" is honoured, and secondly to honour the memory of Gabrielle Jeffery. She wished to stress certain points about her; her consistency—she joined the W.S.P.U. when very young and for 30 years her first thought had been for St. Joan's Alliance which she founded in order that Catholic women should take their full part in the great national movement of Votes for Women, for which some 2,000 women went to gaol; her two ideals were unswerving loyalty to Holy Mother Church and uncompromising feminism. Miss Challoner recalled Gabrielle Jeffery's message to the last Annual Meeting—sent from what proved to be her death-bed—that St. Joan's peace terms were complete social, political and economic equality. She suffered no opposition or diversion to deflect her purpose and caused St. Joan's Alliance to concentrate on its own particular aim. In the modern world it was a difficult thing to concentrate on one aim and feel there was none better, but we could not doubt, declared Miss Challoner, that there was a "pattern of the world" and in God's mind

there could be no blurring of the lines—we each have a part to play and if we deviate then there is confusion. Gabrielle Jeffery realised this and was certain that the organisation she founded must stick to its own particular pattern; other aims, though often admirable, belonged to other organisations. Gabrielle Jeffery showed her allegiance to the Church in an intelligent manner, a difficult thing; it was easy to be obedient unintelligently as was evident in the world to-day.

Miss Challoner then asked those present to stand in silence in memory of Gabrielle Jeffery. Canon Reardon prayed for her soul and Miss Challoner unveiled the beautiful portrait by Mr. Lee Hankey.

Madame Grabinska received a great ovation. Paying tribute to Gabrielle Jeffery, she said that though she had not known her in life she knew her in the work of St. Joan's Alliance. In a moving speech she described the triple persecution in her unhappy country; the persecution of religion, closing of the churches, deprivation of the sacraments, expulsion and massacre of priests and religious; the persecution of the body, transference of the population in the most cruel circumstances, the impossible marriage laws; the persecution of the intellect shown by the treatment of the professors and those in places of learning. The aim of all this was to destroy the nation; above all the women must be destroyed because they handed on the traditions of Poland to their children. But, declared Madame Grabinska, the Polish soul is invincible, there are no Polish "Quislings," and Poland will rise again.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Miss Kathleen FitzGerald, who said, after listening to Madame Grabinska's speech, she realised all that Poland stood for in the present day, and that we must stretch out the hand of friendship to a suffering land. Throughout her long association with Gabrielle Jeffery, Miss FitzGerald had noted her sincerity of purpose and her unobtrusiveness. Unflinching and sure, she made straight for her goal. We could ask no greater gift than a share of her courageous serenity. Mrs. Laughton Mathews, seconding, said how glad she was to meet Madame Grabinska and the compatriots who came with her—"these great Polish women." The Polish struggle for freedom made one realise the value of all struggles for freedom and so the work of Gabrielle Jeffery and St. Joan's Alliance must go on.

In conclusion Canon Reardon thanked Mr. Lee Hankey, though absent, for the beautiful portrait which would be a solid reminder of their founder



GABRIELLE JEFFERY

Founder of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society
now

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance
Painted by W. Lee Hankey, R.W.S., R.O.I.

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from which the Alliance could draw inspiration. In thanking Madame Grabinska for her touching speech, he said "the soul of Poland can never die." It was fitting for the Alliance to entertain a woman judge when through their work women had been enabled to enter the legal professions. To the delight of the gathering, Canon Reardon begged the Alliance never to become too respectable but always to remember the 2,000 suffragettes who went to prison for their principles and to retain their burning zeal for the freedom of women. The magnificent young women now in the Services, for their country's sake, should be compelled to come into the movement and give it greater strength for the re-building of the post-war world on sound principles.

Mrs. and Miss Sowerby, sister and niece of Gabrielle Jeffery, were present, and among other guests, besides Madame Grabinska of Poland, were Madame Zaleska, the only woman member of the Polish National Council; Madame Poznanska also of Poland; Madame Berensvillerova of the Czech Catholic Mission in Paris and Miss Jabloner from Austria. Also several members of Women's International and National Organisations.

Gabrielle Jeffery Memorial Fund

We are happy to announce that the fund has reached the sum of £104 9s. As our Chairman remarked at the dinner on December 8th "it would be churlish not to make this 100 guineas." A welcome gift of thirty half-crowns "covering the thirty years since St. Joan's Alliance was founded by Miss Jeffery," was sent by Mrs. Graham, asking us "to accept them on this auspicious day in memory of her." Gifts have recently been received from: The Australian Section (£1); Mrs. Aylward (2s. 6d.); Dr. Victoria Bennett (2s. 6d.); Miss Blood (2s. 6d.); Miss C. Carter (5s.); Miss Davies (2s. 6d.); Very Rev. Bernard Delany, O.P., Provincial (10s.); Miss Fedden (5s.); Miss Gertrude Gaffney (10s. 6d.); Mrs. Hallaway (2s. 6d.); Miss A. J. Musson (£1 1s.); Mrs. Belloc Lowndes (5s.); Miss Page (10s.); Miss Villiers Raynes (2s.); the Misses Seabourne (4s.); Mrs. Shaw (5s.); Miss Daisy Solomon (3s. 6d.); Mrs. Smiley (2s. 6d.); Miss Gabrielle Sowerby (5s.); M. Sowerby, Esq. (10s.); Miss B. M. Walshe (2s.); Miss R. W. Williams (5s.); Mrs. Fox (£1 1s.).

St. Joan's Alliance in Australia

We have just received a welcome letter from Miss Flynn, Secretary of St. Joan's Alliance in Australia, written in September, and giving us good news of their activities there.

She tells us that the corporate Communion and celebration of St. Joan's Feast "took on international significance at the time, as it was given over the air as the first item of international news. I hoped Headquarters or some members of it might hear the broadcast." On the second Sunday of each month a special Mass is offered for the Mother Country and many members attend. The Alliance participated in an Australian-wide week of prayer, arranged by the National Council of Women, commencing on June 23rd. Dame Enid Lyons, President General, Miss Margaret Flynn, Secretary, and Miss Anna Brennan, Deputy President, appealed to women, in a statement issued to the Press, to attend their churches and pray for "the guidance of our leaders and the triumph of Christian principles." His Grace, Archbishop Mannix gave his sympathetic approval to this "movement to promote additional prayers in these difficult days."

Miss Anna Brennan has been elected President of the Lyceum Club and in August she gave a splendid address on the Australian Nationality Act to the National Council of Women. The Alliance is now affiliated to the N.C.W., sending two delegates to their meetings—Miss Brennan and Miss T. Wardell. The latter, one of our Vice-Presidents, is now in charge of the Catholic Social Service Bureau.

Re the issue of Prophylactic Packets to the troops, the Alliance had approached Mr. Street, M.P., protesting against this, before his death, and hopes to influence other organisations for action in the same direction. Representatives of the Alliance also attended a Conference with Sir J. Harris, Minister for Health, re amendments to the V.D. Act. Previous to this Miss Anna Brennan did good work by speaking on the subject at several meetings, among others to the Women Justices' Association. The Conference with the Minister was not confined to women and several specialist men doctors took part. It distinctly leaned to the view-point of the Alliance.

In August a social meeting was held to raise money for the Alliance. In September the renowned Father Lockington, S.J., gave the Alliance a fine lecture on "The Women of the Old Testament."

The Alliance contributes cigarettes, literature

and games each month to the Catholic Welfare Organisation for the troops.

Miss Flynn tells us that Dame Enid Lyons has just become a grandmother, since her daughter Sheila has had a little girl, Elizabeth.

We take this opportunity of congratulating both Dame Enid and her daughter on this event. We also congratulate Dame Constance D'Arcy who has recently received a papal honour. Miss Flynn writes: "The President is very busy these days doing public work. She is an invaluable asset to the Empire."

REVIEW

The International Women's News (14 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. 6d.)

This paper is a result of the taking over by the Women's Publicity Planning Association of "Jus Suffragii" organ of the International Women's Alliance for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship. The Association began life as a Committee "to provide women overseas with a picture of what women in Great Britain were doing . . ." and intended in May to launch a paper which would be "a platform . . . from which democratic women everywhere, irrespective of race or creed, might express their views on all questions. . ." Owing to current events it was impossible to launch such a paper but later the taking over of a paper already in existence was made possible.

In a circular recently issued by the I.W.S.A. we are glad to note the statement that:

" . . . we have not in any way sold our rights in the paper, but have made this arrangement for the duration of the war because of the very special difficulties we had to face. When the war is over it will be possible for us to resume the full direction of the paper, and we shall hope that there will be an occasion for the Alliance to discuss in an international meeting what policy will then seem best. Both as regards the equality basis of the paper and its control our agreement with the Women's Publicity Planning Association has been designed to safeguard our traditions . . . the object will, as always, be 'to promote, encourage and further the interests and influence of women in the community, based on a real equality of liberties, status and opportunities and responsibilities between men and women.' "

In this first issue the History of the "Alliance" (see above) is described by Mrs. Corbett Ashby. It is a worthy and interesting record of the linking up of women all over the world in their efforts to obtain suffrage and equality, not even daunted by the last war. "To the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919, Allied women sent representatives" and the declaration of equality between men and women in the

Covenant of the League, was secured. "All Paris rang with the amazing story that the Allied women, given half an hour by the much harassed statesmen, had presented their case in five points in 29 minutes and got what they wanted—on paper!" The description ends with the Congress of the I.W.S.A. held in Copenhagen in July of last year—just before the outbreak of another world war.

The article by Miss McGeachy seems too propagandist in purpose for an "independent" and international paper, and not quite far-seeing enough. We are surprised that Dr. Susan Stebbing, in her definition of the word "Realist" (the paper is described as "Realist, Independent and Democratic") should combine the word "jesuistical" with "ruthless or brutal." Reading the review of "Peaks and Llamas" (by Marco Pallis), we regret belittling references to "forms of religion" . . . and "traditional teachings of the Western World," by which is obviously meant Christianity.

There is an interesting article on "French Women and the War," by Daniele Werlin, besides much other matter of less specialised interest, and a message from Madame Chiang Kai Shek to the women of the Democracies.

C. S.

International Notes

Mrs. Corbett Ashby, President of the International Alliance for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship, writes to the Presidents of Auxiliaries in various countries and gives the good news that through the generosity and forethought of Mrs. Chapman Catt, founder of the International Alliance, money is safely lodged in a neutral country to enable the Alliance to hold an international meeting "just as soon as communications are once more possible."

"I know that this letter, if it comes at all, will come to many to whom war has brought not only personal hardship, but the cessation of every possibility of work for our cause. To almost all, war has brought all sorts of difficulties. But knowing that, I am asking you to keep alive, in your mind and heart and in the minds and hearts of your closest colleagues, the hope and the determination that the seed of the woman's movement shall remain alive, ready to germinate when spring comes again . . . to ensure that in whatever new order may emerge, women shall play their rightful part."

The object of the first meeting, writes Mrs. Corbett Ashby, would be (1) To ensure that at the first possible moment women are able to exercise their influence in securing a just settlement; (2) To secure justice and equality for themselves within the national and international framework of society.

Australia. Miss Anna Brennan, Deputy President of St. Joan's Alliance in Australia, recently spoke to the N.C.W. of Victoria on the National Security Act (1940). Some of the provisions of this Act were a contravention of the 1936 amendments of the 1920 Commonwealth Act, relating to Nationality, amendments which had been publicly discussed with special reference to war conditions. These had now been overthrown by the recent Act. The 1936 amendments laid down that when the country was at war it was lawful for a British woman married to an alien to make a declaration that she wished to resume her British Nationality; and that the wife of a naturalised person was deemed to be a naturalised person of enemy origin. "Something written by somebody's pen in someone's office," declared Miss Brennan, "and promulgated in the Government 'Gazette'—which is not part of our every-day reading matter—has become legislation and is driving a coach and four deliberately through Commonwealth-made legislation." She urged all women to take earnest steps to see that rights hardly gained after many years were not snatched away. "We were now flung back to a position which was rather worse than the previous one."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Leonora de Alberti in the "Catholic Suffragist," December 15th, 1915:

Of all the disguises assumed by anti-suffragism, the cloak of pious chivalry is, I think the most ill-fitting. Of this false chivalry, the following extract from Stella Maris is a fair sample.

"Woman must not be brought down to the level of our equal: she must always be a queen. She will be either looked up to or looked down upon. There is danger in the vulgarising struggle to be treated as an equal. It is not so much votes as crowns for women that are needed to-day. We do not wish to see her judging in the County Court the sordid sins of the borough. We fear for her royalty if she is seen 'stumping' the country at election booths. We are not anxious to see her soiling her fingers or her soul on the 'problems' of an unclean day. We want to do homage; to fight for her and not with her; to worship at her shrine and not to meet her at the Stock Exchange; to climb up to her balcony and not to walk with her in the gutter of life. . . . And you, my Child of Mary, keep your place; do not come down when we look up to you."

I like that keep your place. We will not ask the writer to define what that place should be (should the Queen be in the parlour, eating bread and honey?)—but keep your place has a true British ring.—*Knights and Ladies. A Gem from Stella Maris.*

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