

Let America follow the example of England (unless, like Mr. Forney, all the men would be so "startled" that the hotels would be unoccupied) and give the light work, now performed by strong men, to women.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE CHURCHES.

A CINCINNATI correspondent complains that we misrepresented the action of the Methodist General Conference towards their colored membership. We published and commented upon just exactly such reports as the newspapers brought us from day to day while the Conference was in session. It is no part of our purpose to misjudge or misrepresent the position of any portion of the community. On the contrary, we lose no opportunity of registering in "THE REVOLUTION" every sign of advance, however slight, in the right direction, and have more than once adverted with much pleasure to the course of the Methodist Church, particularly its organ, *Zion's Herald*, and Bishop Simpson for friendly utterances towards both the rights of the people of color and of woman.

So also the Baptists. The Boston *Watchman and Reflector*, the best newspaper of the denomination in the country, thinks that one of the most unreasonable and unreasoning prejudices of the day is that which would exclude women from the medical profession. The Pennsylvania Medical Society, by a vote of 37 to 45, has refused to admit female physicians. Conservatism, it says, is a good *brake*, but when it is thus used to prevent progress it becomes a folly, not to say a nuisance.

In the same paper is this also:

Men oppose the women's movement not so much from a conviction that its tendency is evil as from a "dread of losing their idol—the woman of their dreams." But the question is asked by many cultivated and refined women, Is the idol of men the ideal woman? And those many thousand women who are not idols and are seldom dreamt of by men, are not satisfied with the customs of society and the laws of the state, because they hinder them in their attempts to have their own way in working out their vocation and supporting themselves. Will the feminine element, they ask, acknowledged to be influential for good in domestic life and society, change its nature and lose its power when its sphere is so enlarged that women may compete with men in secular pursuits and in the state? If Julia does much for James at home, can she do nothing for him when abroad? Is a woman's life exhausted when she has "cockered" her husband and petted her children? It may be so, but how is it with those who have neither children nor husbands? Grave questions these; they go down to the very foundations of our civilization, and over them we must scratch our heads for many years before they are answered. But answered they will be, for Providence has laid the burden of their solution upon the intellect and conscience of us all.

CANADA FOUNDLING HOSPITALS.

A REPORT from a foundling hospital in Montreal shocks all humanity with its disclosures. Of 652 infants received last year, 619 had died. Of these deaths 38 were under a week; 368 under a month; 583 under one year; 617 under five years; leaving only two deaths among all the foundlings in the establishment between the ages of five and twelve. The report further shows that 424 infants were received only half clothed; 8 were absolutely naked; 18 had not even been washed, and 15 were bleeding for the want of necessary attentions at birth; 46 were tainted by a special disease of infancy; 8 had been wounded by instruments; 7 were more or less frozen, and a number covered with vermin. One was sent from the United States in a

carpet bag; another in the bottom of a basket; another in a water bucket; two came squeezed and bruised; another strongly nailed up in a box; another with a pin stuck through the flesh. The sufferings of eight infants, as well as their chance of life, had been lessened by doses of opium. It is no wonder, therefore, that three were dead when received, twenty-eight dying, and 157 in actual disease. Most of the remainder perished through the wretched constitution inflicted on them by their parents. This institution is in charge of the ladies of the Grey Nunnery, and Doctors Larocque and Carpenter, of the Sanitary Association, who promulgated this report, repeat their assertions that the Sisters do their very best to preserve the lives of these unfortunate beings, who have struggled into the world against the will of their unnatural parents.

MR. JONATHAN BUFFUM of Lynn, Mass., died on Monday 22d of last month, aged seventy-four years and eight months. Probably no man has ever been more intimately associated with every philanthropic enterprise than Mr. Buffum. In religious inquiry and progress he was distinguished before Temperance, Anti-Masonry, Anti-Slavery, Woman's Rights, Peace and Spiritualism were inaugurated as branches of Reform. But in these also he was eminently a pioneer. In official stations, in private positions of trust and responsibility, in the neighborhood and domestic circles, he commanded universal respect and esteem, and has left behind him a record and an example worthy the study of all who would deserve well of mankind.

NEW NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.—In another column will be found a notice for a People's Independent Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. To this Convention, every Equal Rights and Woman's Rights Associations should send delegates. We hope that without delay every such association will take measures to be represented there by their ablest and truest women. For almost a hundred years our Presidents have been nominated and elected, and, except for a brief period in one or two states, woman has been as really ignored as though she had no existence.

WHO ARE THE WISE MEN?—Ministers were once supposed to be teachers, and preaching meant teaching. But a Scotch clergyman at the recent General Assembly told some pretty hard stories of the ignorance of divinity students; stories which would not be believed, told by anybody but a minister. One of the candidates in reply to a request to define "hypothesis," said it was a "machine for raising water," and another gave as a definition "something that happens to a man after his death." One thought that Galileo was a man who had committed five murders; another that Galileo and Copernicus were two gentlemen who had fallen together in some battle, and a third said that Copernicus "was a compound of two metals!"

The lady who translated the article headed "The Grave of the Billion," in this day's issue, is a resident of this city, and desires employment as a translator (of French or Italian). Her address can be had by inquiry at the office of "THE REVOLUTION."

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

We are informed by the Chairman of the Committee of Co-operative Reformers, that arrangements are made to hold a Convention in Chicago on the fifth day of August next, for the purpose of nominating independent people's candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the United States. All inquiries may be addressed J. M. Reynolds, P. O. Box 488, Chicago.

All papers friendly to Freedom, Peace and Progression are respectfully requested to copy this notice.

PORTUGAL REACHED.—Portugal like Bethlehem, small among the nations, is catching the inspiration of the age. The women of Lisbon have inaugurated a movement for their education if not for rights of citizenship. They have also a paper called *Voz Femina*, conducted by women and devoted to their interests. The chief editor is Madame Francisca D'Assis Martinz Wood, the Portuguese wife of an English gentleman. Space is given to fiction, poetry, music, history and fashions; but it does not appear that the Portuguese women have yet asked for the right of suffrage.

STILL IN SLAVERY.—Miss Sarah Skinner, a teacher in Galveston, in a Report dated June 3, says:

No longer ago than yesterday I saw a woman from the interior of the state who, until within a week, was not aware of her freedom. She had been kept daily in the harness, performing the work of an animal. Her only food was beans, and her shelter at night the blue sky. She stated that her case was the common lot in her part of the state. All the horrors of slavery continue.

MOUNT VERNON VILLAGE NEWS.—Our young friend, A. W. Macdonald, has commenced a handsome little newspaper with the above title, in our suburban village of Mount Vernon, at one dollar a year; issued every Saturday. The first number is well printed and conducted; and we sincerely wish it and its enterprising young editor and proprietor a long and prosperous existence.

A PRACTICAL WOMAN.—Mrs. Dr. Wildman, of Vineland, N. J., painted the outside of her house last week, and on Sunday preached for the Unitarian Minister, giving excellent satisfaction to a large and appreciative audience. In the medical profession Dr. Wildman is among the oldest and most eminent of the female practitioners.

DIVORCES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Boston *Traveller* says there are fifty divorce cases now pending in the single county of Hillsborough to grant the whole of which would be the part of wisdom, provided no injustice were done thereby to children and other parties.

THE Yates County *Chronicle* nominates Horace Greeley for Governor of New York. Hurry him up, then, friend *Chronicle*, before woman gets the ballot, for he surely will never be elected afterwards.

"THE ballot is only a slip of paper," say some. If so worthless, why refuse it to us?

BACK NUMBERS OF "THE REVOLUTION."—We regret to say we can no longer supply them.