

But in speaking of woman's intellectual inferiority let us understand one another. The most insane and bigoted old bachelor does not dream that the most brilliant woman is in mind the inferior of the stupid man, that Cleopatra, Sappho, Madame de Stael and Mrs. Somerville did not outrank by far in mental strength the great majority of the ablest men of their day. The comparison must be a fair one. Suppose we divide men in accordance with their intellectual merits into one hundred classes and women likewise. Then would class one of the women pair with class one of the men? Would the ablest representatives of womankind compare favorably in mental vigor with Thales, Pythagoras, Plato, Newton, Bacon, Kant or Hamilton? Would not class thirty of the women pair perhaps with class forty of the men? If man be the stronger minded of the two it affirms that he is the wiser not the better. If he has received ten talents from heaven let him thank heaven for them and not credit himself; let him mark well to honor the trust, but not plume himself upon the possession. There is no more excuse for self glorification because one is endowed with rich mental gifts than because one possesses physical strength, noble blood or great wealth. He may well rejoice in gifts so precious, but should in no wise grow vain over them. If providence had given humble Mr. Brown Shakespeare's talents and surrounded him with Shakespeare's circumstances Mr. Brown would certainly have written a second Hamlet. What better right therefore has Shakespeare to grow vain than Mr. Brown? The great poet began life with natural advantages incomparably grander than Brown why should he not excel? But men have been entrusted with a special mental strength to enable them to fulfil their special mission and we have seen that in every sense these possessions are but gifts and therefore in no sense the just occasion of pride. There is yet another consideration that interferes with man's proclaiming himself the superior of woman. She upon her part possesses powers that are denied, in any like, to men. The beauty of person and face, the indescribable charm of manner, the sprightliness of mien, makes the Cleopatra and Madame de Stael of the world exercise an influence and a power over her subjects that a mere intellectual superiority rarely obtains. And the voice of woman! so divine is the song of our prima donnas that be they as Jenny Lind, with a character as chaste, as stainless, as charitable as an angel's, or be they like M. Patti, with a reputation blasted, alike they sway the heart, arouse the soul to raptures and ecstasies and with a melody that is heavenly as far as the earthly may judge, weave the spell of the enchantress. Such powers Demosthenes and Cicero would have envied to exercise. Therefore let us recognize all factors in the problem and not declare man superior *in toto* because his mind is stronger, but hasten to gladly and proudly acknowledge her equality and recognize in her mind, heart, character and life the supplements of man's.

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PROGRESS IN SCIENCE.

Owing to constant progress in science, a continual modification of former theories is necessary. How ever it is not often that established theories are demonstrated to be wholly false; they may be defective in some of their details, but in essential particulars they are usually in accord with observed facts before they receive the endorsement of scholars, scientists and investigators. Hence sen-

sational announcements of discoveries subversive of current theories should not be accepted readily without proof or question. Investigation, demonstration, and time, are important if not indispensable factors in determining the truth or falsity of theories. Therefore new theories should be presented as tentative and probable, not as absolutely true and immutable; and our judgement upon them should be suspended until we are able to render a deliberate and intelligent opinion as to their merits.

Concerning the constant evolution of theories a scientific exchange says: Professor Huxley gained a brilliant reputation, which he still maintains, by announcing that he has discovered *protoplasm* to be the source of all organic life. But soon after Dr. Lionel Beale, the great English Microscopist, denied the truth of Professor Huxley's theories, and asserted that *bioplasm* must be put in the place of *protoplasm*.

The eulogies over Mr. Darwin's grave are yet fresh. They lifted him to a place among the immortals, for his wonderful discovery of progress in creation by the law of natural selection.

But now comes a Mr. Towne, who has for years been studying with the best naturalists and biologists of Europe and announces that life is not due to *protoplasm*, but to *atomized charges of electricity* conducted into the system by the oxygen of respiration. Variations, he says, are caused not by natural selection, but by the action of electricity on reproductive germs. Mr. Towne holds to the theory of evolution, but not to the form which gave a world-wide reputation to Mr. Darwin. The famous Prof. Helmholtz, one of the highest authorities in Europe, is said to agree with Mr. Towne. When the scientists disagree, time and investigation must decide.—*Guide*.

Canto I.

Boy
Gun
Joy
Fun.

Canto II.

Gun
Bust;
Boy
Cussed.

—*Er.*

LABOR.

Success is labor's prize.
Work is the mother of Fame,
And who on a "boom" shall rise
To the height of an honest name?
The bee by industry reapeth
The stores which enrich the hives;
All that is thrifty creepeth,
For toll is the law of lives.
And he who reaps without sowing
A bitter harvest reaps,
The law of gradual growing
Is a law that never sleeps.

The State University College Association of Minnesota at Minneapolis, opened Tuesday, November 19th, the closing day of the week of prayer. The meeting was long and enthusiastic. At the close one gentleman offered \$100. for a building for the University Association.