

was simply expounding something they had never thought of before. And he.r talk made them reflective.

"The prostitutes need the ballot infinitely much more than the good women of the country," she continued. "I feel they will vote right because I'm sure most of them want to make restitution to society. And you can be sure that only those who are trying to make good will vote.

"The other ones won't bother. And the ones who do vote will fight for laws that will give them a boost upwards. Laws that will help upbuild the womanhood of the nation. And the class of women I speak of would not only try to enforce legislation that would drag them from the mire, but legislation the little girls wandering in the darkness, and who might go astray, need to protect them.

"The men who live from the profits of these women's sins are allowed to vote. We let the disreputable man vote. Why shouldn't we let the so-called disreputable women vote and sweep away the economic conditions that are the root of sin.

"The men are getting awfully afraid of us. They can't quite figure us exactly. They can't be certain what we are going to do now that we have the vote. I have been offered the candidacy for alderman from the 21st ward by two political parties. Men have come to me—political bosses—and have asked me how many votes I thought the women of the 21st ward would cast. And I told them I was not at all certain.

"They say to me, 'Of course all the ladies who live on the Lake Shore drive will vote.' I was forced to tell them I was not certain of that.

"But I tell them I do know of one class of women that are certain to vote. And I mean the working girls, the girls from the Woman's Trade Union League. They are sure to vote, because they can see clearly the things they need to bring them the comfort that people need, the things they need to bring a little more happiness into their lives. And I tell the men who asked me that these girls will vote and their votes are going to make a vast difference in the relation of capital to labor.

"But I'm not so sure of the fashionable women, even though fashionable women have been very instrumental in winning the fight for equal suffrage. But I sometimes wonder if they can sustain the vital interest in the movement that they feel now.

"I mean in the future when equal suffrage is no longer the question of the hour, but a working fact. I wonder if all the women who are now fighting will go to the polls on election day.

"You see, the rich people don't feel the necessity of voting themselves. They haven't anything that they need that's a pressing necessity at stake. But the working women have and the politicians will have to reckon with their power."

CHURCHES FIGHT SALOONS

Lincoln, Ill., Jan. 9.—The campaign of the Lincoln churches against Lincoln's 26 saloons has begun. Twenty petitions have been placed in prominent parts of the city for the signature of the "drys." Realizing that the strength of the women's vote will largely determine the result of the election the leaders are holding nightly council to devise plans for securing the fullest women support.

Though they will fight, the saloon owners have expressed themselves as having little hope in case the women's vote stands, and some are negotiating for the sale of their property.

"I hear your wife is going to lead all the fancy dances at the charity entertainment?" "Oh, yes! She's used to that sort of thing. She's led me a dance all my life."