

WHERE ARE WOMEN NOW?

"Where are women now?" the editor asks the question. "Everywhere," I should answer if it is of their activities she is talking, as I suppose. "Everywhere" literally; millions in industry; in almost everyone of the five hundred and fifty trades - even to blacksmithing; a million and a half in clerical life, even at the top, bossing the boss; a million in the trades of the farm and the forest, the gardens, among them lumbermen, stock herders, fishermen, they are in the ^{task} ~~business~~ to stay. They are practicing with success every profession. They are making great scientists of themselves - witness Dr. Florence Sabin and Dr. Annie Jump Cannon. "Everywhere and with success - even ⁱⁿ brigandage, bootlegging and politics!

This "invasion" as it is called, built on the important and well-developed activities of pre "Industrial Revolution" days is the fruit, not of today, not of yesterday but of close to a hundred years of conscious adaptation to the shifting ways of doing things, the shifting ideas, born of the machine and of democracy.

The most significant fact today is that ~~at least~~ certain things seem to be settled:-

- 1) The right and desirability of a trade or profession for all women - for a double reason - that she may have a channel of self-expression, something in which she can lose herself and that she may feel sure of an independent income.
- 2) The recognition by women that an activity elected requires training and apprenticeship - that it must be looked on with

