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After close to one hundred years of almost steady agitation, for what at the start was called the "rights of women," comparative calm has settled on the feminist. Having now what she demanded, she now is learning to use it - a stage of revolutions frequently not bargained for by revolt<sup>ε'</sup>

There is no manner of doubt but that valuable, if unforeseen, results are developing - one of the most significant and interesting is the new type of woman produced by a conscious grafting of the acquired "rights" on the fine old feminine tradition? It is a broadened, energized, humanized type which if it multiplies and fulfills its promise will justify all the bother of the long and militant campaign which has made it possible.

Whatever this genuinely new woman <sup>lays</sup> puts her hand to soon takes on a novel, <sup>difficult</sup> intensive quality. She not only "puts new life" into it, she develops its unrealized possibilities. Who would have supposed fifty years ago that any woman would ever make something distinctive and freshly useful out of as highly conventionalized position as that of the wife of a governor of one of these United States - particularly an old state, like that of New York - yet that is what Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Governor Franklin D.

Roosevelt is doing. She is demonstrating in a degree that I, at

*Handwritten notes:*  
...and she is doing it by her own...  
...the world...  
...no spirit...  
...at present...

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least, have never before seen done - the possibilities of usefulness to the people of a state, which lie in the way of a Governor's wife - and at the same <sup>time</sup> she is carrying on her individual pre-governorship activities - the things that as she says "belong to me" - good things for a woman to have

Not long ago at her invitation, I went up to Albany to talk all this over with her. *a delightful & piercing interview*

*visiting* ~~As all the world knows Eleanor Roosevelt is a perfect hostess, also~~ there is no self-conscious nonsense about her when she has consented to an interview. She makes it easy and *pleasant*.

*and the guests a piece had retired for their confab with a friend is over and she has led the way to her upstairs sitting room and settled herself before the fire with her knitting - white wash cloths, I think!*

"How about this business of being a Governor's wife? What changes has it made in your ~~former routine~~ *daily life?*"

It is interesting to see how, without hesitation, she plunges in - has something to say at once - says it easily - freely - without self-consciousness - evidently interested.

"To begin with there has been an enormous increase in my correspondence. People - women particularly - seem to feel that that is my business to consider their needs, their wants, to act if necessary as an emissary with the Governor - with the various departments. There are many women asking pardons for men. Curious

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# It would be difficult to put your  
finger on a woman anywhere in  
our public life who can add  
a more perfect blend of the best  
of the old & the best of the new  
She has won a fine reputation  
on every side in her country  
is not only a Roosevelt by marriage  
but by birth, her line like of her  
husband dating back to somewhere  
in the 12th century - divergent lines  
through the 3rd & 4th centuries which  
~~the~~ Germans & our wife's lineage is  
widely recognized -  
Eleanor Roosevelt is a niece of

Elephant Roosevelt is a niece of  
President-Roosevelt - the daughter of  
~~who died when she was a child~~

a young woman who died when she was  
but a child. Those who recall presi-  
dential monuments as far back as  
1905 - will remember that in that year  
Pres. T.R. left his desk at the White  
House to dash off to Tripoli - on the Had-  
son River

a woman  
given an  
whole the president of the U.S. - to a  
Roosevelt! For days a curious public  
figured on the relationship!

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how a woman will insist that if a man is only given another chance he will reform, even though he may have had repeated chances and always as soon as he was released committed the same crime. They are very insistent. I look into all these cases, have investigations made. The pity of it is that as a rule I have to say that there is no reason to suppose that it will be wise to release their man.

~~But I cannot see how can I not~~ *clever*  
~~"Many people write me from insane asylums. They have~~ *A*  
~~all sorts of manias - that of persecution the most common. I have~~ *de sensitivity to make e.g. mine would be for*  
~~one regular correspondent, a mother, very touching. Her boy in~~ *she by all by making me*  
~~an institution and after one or two letters from me she begged that~~ *when she found? could not solve the case*  
 I go to see him which I did. Now she begs that I go weekly and read the bible to him.

"And the farmer's wives! We have a pension for the old now, you know. And these women seem to feel that through me they can get their <sup>money</sup> more quickly, surely, than by regular channels. The other day I had a letter beginning, 'I am the farmer's wife that wrote you two years ago. You remember I laid out my case then. Will you now see that I get my pension?' The farmer's wife, when there are dozens of them daily!" *I can*

*his* Her reputation for always replying to a request - for *finding a way to grant it if that is possible* taking trouble to see what she can do, seems to have spread from the state and literally to have crossed the Continent. At the time of my visit she was much interested in a correspondence she had been having with a woman in California, who after reading an interview *clearly*

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*she has definite views - growing which she has well tested*

*Mr B in the matter of her - 4 boys & girls  
also a grand daughter*

with her on the education of children had written a pathetic letter telling of her ambitions for her own brood and her perplexities in rearing them on practically no money.

'How can I do anything for my children? It is all I can do to keep them fed. I cannot keep them properly clothed. I have a boy who is ambitious. He might do something if he could get started in a little business - raise chickens - rabbits. He wants to do it, but I have no money to start him.'

"It was not a begging letter," said Mrs. Roosevelt. "It rang true and I wrote her saying that her desire to do for her children was in itself a great thing to pass on to them, that I was interested in the boy that wanted to start a rabbit farm. How much money would it mean? Possibly I could help her."

"It was sometime before I had an answer and then it came. Here in part is what she wrote -

'Your wonderful letter came to me as a great surprise. The children and I have been talking over your offer to loan us the money to help with the rabbitry and for getting started with squabs. I wonder if you realize it would take close to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to do what we would like. That seems like a very large amount to borrow of anyone. If we borrowed it and couldn't make good as fast as we'd like we'd feel terribly chagrined and always under obligation. If we began it and couldn't make as much of a success as we'd like, we'd have only ourselves to suffer for it. We don't know what's ahead of us. Maybe you would be needing that money at a time when we didn't have it to pay. We have tried to think of it from every standpoint and we do appreciate from our hearts your expressions of love and generosity. All the more so, when we remember you do not know us personally. But we feel that it wouldn't be right of

us to borrow from you when financial conditions are so close with us as they are.

P.S. As a little family we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmastide and a happy New Year season.\*

"That pleased me better than if she had accepted the money," says Eleanor Roosevelt.

At present the greatest demands upon her and the Governor come from the unemployed.

~~While we are sitting by the fire, after dinner, a long distance call comes. A man wants to speak to the Governor, but the Governor has had his grilling day - his~~

~~physician prohibits evening work his orders to see no one on business.~~

So it is Mrs. Roosevelt that answers. She has some difficulty in making the man understand that it is really the Governor's wife, Mrs. Roosevelt, that is talking to him. That is an honor he has not conceived, but convinced he opens his heart. He has been four months out of work - he must have something - he must have it right away. He had had a promise

from somebody in Albany to do something for him. Will not the Governor see that the promise is kept? ~~She will see to it herself,~~

she insists. She will do it the first thing in the morning and you know, from listening to her, that she will do it, the first thing in the morning. Also that her gracious and kindly interest ~~will go~~

a long way to put heart into a disheartened man. Multitudes of people of New York State - not only regard Mrs. Roosevelt as their particular friend at Court - whatever

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are no class will be in they are.

1.2. AS a little likely we with you and your  
family I very much appreciate and a  
happy New Year season.

What pleased me better than...

*Late in the evening  
after we had joined the summer*

W. M. Tarbell

Dear Mr. Tarbell,

I am glad to hear that you are well and hope

you will have a very successful year.

I am sure you will find the summer

very enjoyable and I hope you will

have a very successful year.

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but -  
 their need or distress-the women seem to consider her in addition  
 as a ~~kind of~~ <sup>their particular official</sup> special councillor to be called in whenever they  
 want a speech. ~~She does a great deal of talking for clubs and~~  
 at conventions of all sorts.

2 do not often ~~go to~~ <sup>to</sup> the big places, "rarely that," she says, "but  
 often ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> the little places where they ~~have~~ <sup>difficultly security speakers</sup> few coming to them.

I don't do it as well as I wish I did but after all what they want  
 is to see the Governor's wife. They feel in a way that I belong  
 to them, that it is my duty to come and talk to them and they take  
 what I say."

With her rich background - her hourly contacts with  
 what is important in public life - <sup>her</sup> familiarity with the world -  
 she cannot but be stimulating and helpful. Indeed she is an unusually  
 acceptable speaker - natural, apt, sincere.

It is interesting, as she talks, to realize that ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup>  
<sup>make no</sup> reference is made to social obligations, once supposed to absorb a  
 governor's wife. I have to bring up the subject.

"Oh," she laughs, "that does not trouble me much."  
 But if ~~that~~ does not trouble her much she really does all that  
~~should be expected of a Governor's wife in the way of receiving.~~  
 Every Wednesday afternoon she is home to all the world. Once a  
 week there is a big formal dinner. There are innumerable special  
<sup>receptions</sup> ~~tea~~ to this or that group, there is ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> constant procession of  
 people who come to talk about <sup>over</sup> some special thing and are invited  
<sup>matter</sup> for lunch - for tea - for the night. Someone always there. But

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this procession seems to be little or no care to her. "Everything is done for me," she says. "I simply give the orders." She means she makes the program of the week. Monday morning the program is in the hands of the major-domo - a remarkable man who has been in the Executive Mansion for several terms and who runs the house with dignity and ease.

well well

By

she has put for her

she has the menus for

She assigns the coming and going guests to their rooms -

with to one or another of the

⑨ ~~great woman in the executive mansion - direct which car should meet them~~ directs how they shall be received and when, if by any chance she is not to be in the house, at the time they are arriving.

Deftly, quietly, efficiently, she lays out the plans and you know that she will know whether they are properly executed or not.

~~Very interesting to see how this big machine functions.~~

~~Each guest is conscious of a personal care for his comfort and his needs from the hour his invitation arrives until his visit is at an end. The woman has a capacity for carrying an enormous amount of detail in her mind, of seeing that this detail is executed without~~

~~fluster. Indeed you see rarely a person carrying a big job with such early-will complete ease, such lack of bustle, hurry.~~ The thing is the more remarkable when one remembers that Mrs. Roosevelt is not only a

~~Governor's wife but a friend at Court of every troubled soul in the State - a school teacher - spending three mornings of every week, in term time, teaching in New York City. - It rather startles~~

~~you when you have reviewed the work of the Executive Mansion to know this.~~

may select she lay out of

not only manages the business of her own life but that she also is

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etc "No 2" etc - arrange cur they  
shall be received if in cleaner state  
is not in the at time of the com  
y arrival, all this is done

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Every Sunday night of her life she <sup>comes</sup> ~~comes down~~ to

New York where the Roosevelt town house is always open and the

next morning at nine o'clock she <sup>appears</sup> ~~is~~ at the Todhunter school, <sup>for</sup> ~~where~~

which she with two of her friends, Marion Dickerman and Nancy

Cook, <sup>now she has taught - American</sup> ~~undertook~~ several years ago. Here she teaches a weekly

<sup>current event class</sup> ~~current event class~~. <sup>she has a class in addition to</sup>

<sup>she has a class in addition to</sup> ~~This current event class~~ is something more than a re-

hash of news, <sup>she has a class in addition to</sup> ~~This last year~~ the girls asked to study the Govern-

ment of the City of New York and wisely Mrs. Roosevelt said, "well <sup>do</sup> ~~it must be done~~ in the field."

So weekly <sup>she</sup> ~~she~~ goes from one point

to another showing ~~these favored young women things that they~~

~~probably never would have known about - the Women's Court - the~~

Children's Court - the Probation Court - the Tombs - the City Hall -

schools, like that of Anglo Patri's. <sup>It is a way of meeting</sup> ~~To understand all sides of~~

<sup>she has always</sup> ~~life is one of her requirements for the~~ educated woman. <sup>she has always</sup>

<sup>she has always</sup> ~~Mrs. Roosevelt is almost painfully conscientious about~~

keeping these engagements with her classes. She laughs a little at

her own persistency. "I am afraid I am a nuisance to my friends

sometimes. Certainly it is sometimes difficult to satisfy both

the school and Albany." A few months ago Governor Roosevelt in a

spirit of mischief, I imagine, hearing that the National Convention

of Republican Women of the State of New York were to meet in Albany,

sent a cordial invitation to their Chairman, <sup>Sarah</sup> ~~Louisa(?)~~ Schuyler

Butler, to come to tea at the Executive Mansion. The invitation was

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for one of Mrs. Roosevelt's school days, but it did not disturb her. She finished up her classes in the morning, took a train to Albany and was presiding ~~at her tea table~~ in the best manner, when the Republican ladies overflowed the Mansion. That night she came back to New York and was smiling calmly at nine o'clock when her pupils came in for their first class.

How does she do it? You get the answer in watching her function. Apparently her mind is always entirely occupied with the matter in hand - tea table - her classes - her committee - the call for help. "Mrs. Roosevelt <sup>was</sup> ~~has been~~ on our Board," the Editor of the Woman's Journal <sup>me</sup> told me. "She always had a multitude of other engagements ~~always~~ but when she came to us there was never a sign that her day had been hard, that there was work ahead. She was the same smiling, keen person that you always see. She knew our problems and her mind was on them. She did not hurry her departure - none of the frustrations that you see in the woman that does not know how to manage her business. But she went promptly."

The point is that when she went so promptly she did it easily, smilingly. It is not only a management of time but a management of mind. She has that excellent intellect of hers fully under control and she doesn't allow outside matters to hamper and bewilder. Also she conserves her time. Those weekly trips back and forth from Albany are always utilized. As soon as she goes into the car up goes a table and on it she spreads her papers. They are

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or prepared to give up - or

*making me*

~~Constance I. Wood was in December 1911~~

a sign to people who do not use their time on the train that she wants to be let alone, otherwise she would be surrounded by a crowd of talkers. So the hours are used to plan, to read, to study.

Then she keeps her schedule up to the minute. That costs her something sometimes. Spending a night with her in Albany, after a long evening of constant talk of which she did more than her share, we separate - I to bed. But the next morning she tells me over our coffee that she sat up, she's afraid a little too late, to do her accounts. For it is she who supervises the paying of the bills of this big establishment, bills that must be

heavy enough. *There here is no* This New York establishment, *unnumberless* all these outside interests, *demanded in 2 outside of* demands from the State, takes a lot of money she admits. But she gets a *real satisfaction* great deal of joy, I think, keeping the budget somewhere in shape and knowing that out of it probably the largest item goes towards the happiness of others.

"The happiness of others," is an instinctive concern of hers. *That is Miller all over her character of taste* Take the Roosevelt Christmas. *not only for the family but 2 friends but for* They are the kind who believe in Christmas. It has always been a great day for them and now that they are in the Executive Mansion *it is something that* *stagger the ordinary mind* it is something that *stagger the ordinary mind* So many different groups is it made to cover outside of the family. *see 11 A*

*see 11 B*  
There are the ~~cupans~~ - one hundred and fifty of them from the Asylum, just back of the Executive Mansion's green houses.

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on Ball

They have made it a part day for family see  
 it has always been a part day for family see  
 2 friends but for selected a good  
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 if it had not been for their money  
 have had no rejoicing - their money  
 an inhibition as their own here is  
 see me that the Roosevelt boys  
 engineer annually - see p 2

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It was like Governor and Mrs. Smith to have remembered those orphans at Christmas time, always to have given them a party and it is equally like Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt to have carried on. It is a great party. They come in relays, seventy-five at a time taking two nights of holiday week, enjoying the family tree and receiving from ~~it~~ <sup>Roosevelt hands</sup> every one of them, a present wrapped up and tied by Roosevelt hands.

The Roosevelt Christmas tree and its trimming is one of the great functions of their year. Governor Roosevelt, himself, usually superintends from his chair the placing of every light, every ornament, every gift. This last year he was not <sup>well enough</sup> able to <sup>superintend</sup> the trimming. It had to be done by the less competent hands of the family and it is going to be a long time before he gets over his grievance that this joyful task was snatched out of his hands by a cruel Doctor and nurse.

The Governor has, with many other people, the feeling that the modern Christmas tree is not what it used to be since electric lights replaced candles, but <sup>he</sup> does confess that when as in the Executive Mansion at Albany the tree has to be used over and over again it is convenient to be able to turn the lights off and on, <sup>over</sup>

Mrs. Roosevelt buys all the presents, herself for the successive groups and it seems to <sup>be</sup> one of the continuous interests of her year. I fancy that there is many a charity in New York City that is the richer for the things she picks up at bazaars and sales.

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# If the jinks the Tree seems in Albany  
the most exciting are the Alphans -  
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One item that helps out her Christmas tree is the large number of children's books that she receives from publishers and authors, for in addition to other activities Eleanor Roosevelt is a specialist in books for children and youth. In one large New York publishing house she has been a consultant on this type of literature for a good many years - she is also one of the members of the committee selecting the books for the Juvenile Club. She tells you with pride that this is a paid job, the only paid job that I know of her having. She is very proud of the \$100.00 a month that comes to her from that. One wonders who profits by it. You can be sure it does not go into gee gaws for herself.

*not a job at all if it were*

~~Beside the Christmas celebration in Albany there is~~

~~also one in New York City. Very interesting how it came about.~~

Mrs. Roosevelt has always been <sup>deliberate</sup> anxious that her children should know all sides of life. But it was not easy to manage. She, herself,

~~had gone out as a young girl of eighteen into settlement work - had allied herself with the Consumers' League - the Trade Union League -~~

~~so that she knew <sup>the</sup> world of the poor, its hardships, its battles, its ambitions, its bravery and she wanted her boys to know it.~~

*not so easy to manage for the*

*used of the new*

One way she took was to ask her friends of the Woman's Trade Union League to provide her with thirty-five or so children from families where otherwise there would be Christmas whatever - the poorest of the poor - to bring them to her house Christmas Eve for a Christmas tree of their own. And she put it up to her own

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young sons to be the hosts - trim the tree - buy the presents and acquaint themselves with the stories of their young guests.

This has become a regular Roosevelt Christmas function and this last year when Christmas came on Thursday and ~~Monday and Tuesday~~

*The family had a full weekday week in Albany*

~~must be given to the Albany orphans,~~ the Roosevelts were all down

Saturday night entertaining the lucky unfortunates in the New York house, the boys themselves had as usual prepared the tree.

"A lot of work," I said. "Oh yes, but you must remember how kind all our people are, young and old who carry on our households. We have had good luck with our people always, haven't we Franklin?" she said aside. "I do not remember that there is anybody that was ever anything but kind and helpful."

And the Governor said, "Yes, that is true."

You could hardly have a better recommendation for the heads of a great household than that.

A habit of regular work and an active, well-regulated brain, interested in ~~all sides~~ of life does not explain it all.

*an whenever you find it fully*

~~A great deal of Eleanor Roosevelt's efficiency, if we call it that, comes from her joy in doing the things she does. She gets a lot of~~

*ally if it is a sluttish*

fun out of a ~~great deal~~ that the outsider might consider hard. For instance, two years ago Governor Roosevelt went out on a tour of

*much cause she finds it so absorbing*

inspection of the New York State asylums and hospitals - places which it had been known for years were desperately overcrowded - he wanted to see for himself. And Mrs. Roosevelt went with him. They went by car or by boat however it was convenient into all the highways

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Then in these latter years she is finding fun & health - in ~~an~~ out-of-door activities. She has not ~~as~~ a young girl greatly interested in sports & later it ~~and~~ byways of the State, he in his wheel chair, she on her light sled ~~much~~ preferred a toboggan - but today she is going ~~time~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~halls~~ of the institutions.

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"Oh, we had a lot of fun," she will tell you. No doubt this leisurely junket among the wards of the State laid the foundation of the trust they have in her sympathy and explain in part at least the many calls which come to her for help and advice. They had seen her face and knew her to be kind.

Franklin Roosevelt was no mean sportsman before ~~with a few~~ ~~years ago~~ ~~badly a few years ago~~ ~~putting an end for the time being~~ ~~to that.~~ ~~But~~ his incredible bravery and determination is conquering his handicaps and little by little he is again taking up active ~~exercise~~ ~~ideal companion that she is~~ ~~in the way best for him.~~ ~~They swim - and a swimming pool has been added to the Executive Mansion in Albany.~~ Visitors coming in to dinner hear them telling that how after the day's work, never ended I think before six, they have had their swim together.

Years ago she tells you that she used to ride horseback, but marriage, city life, Washington, children, ended that. ~~Four or five years ago, however, Mr. Roosevelt~~ ~~took up horseback riding again under the watchful care of the members of State police who are so devoted to him.~~ Mrs. Roosevelt looking on said to herself, "The day may come when Franklin will not be in the New York State Government. There will be no State police to ride with him. I must make ready." And she is now giving to the Governor the

also held

and she is ready ~~if public help~~ ~~arrives~~

would end for him - a ~~quite~~ ~~notable~~  
 as such is highly reputable - Mr  
 Roosevelt will be able to see at his  
 side knowing if ~~the~~ ~~cause~~ ~~just~~  
 what a surprise he should learn  
 how to give it - a far-seeing lady  
 Eleanor Roosevelt,



to people on all the islands some occupations for the winter  
that was needed they said each one of the industries in villages and  
growth in the country for winter work. It was later a thing  
people in the great factories some along there was better  
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started the history of the old historical places - many times the  
most interesting being from the history of the place - no more  
some, so convenient and so calculated to make the winter the better  
upon them entirely.

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and the winter industry, and the winter industry, and the winter industry  
will be the best for the winter industry, and the winter industry.

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it.' For days I would be turned loose in Florence, Rome, Paris, finding my way about, seeing what interested me and then going home and talking it over with Mademoiselle."

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Eleanor Roosevelt awakened to the hard realities of life under Mademoiselle and when she came back to New York she immediately attached herself to the Rivington Street Settlement where she taught classes with the same regularity that she does now at the Todhunter School. Other young women from her set <sup>joined the</sup> ~~used~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~teach~~ <sup>but usually</sup> with enthusiasm and good-will for a few days only to be ~~diverted~~ <sup>thus was</sup> by this or that function. But nothing could divert Eleanor. <sup>to</sup> ~~And~~ when she tells you about it she is apt to say again, "I am afraid I was something of a nuisance."

At twenty she was married. Naturally her husband's position in public life interrupted her social work. There came five children but with their transfer into schools she <sup>again took</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>up</sup> ~~social~~ <sup>work - some she was deep into for by her time</sup> as well as political activities, ~~taken them up for their~~ <sup>own</sup> ~~sakes as well as her own too~~ <sup>and she had</sup> as that incident of the Christmas tree in the New York house shows. <sup>realized the</sup>

The paralysis which came to Franklin Roosevelt a few years ago compelled her again to revolutionize her life. She has been a splendid success in this fight, fitting in easily, naturally, smilingly, determined to take events as a chance to help him use his talents.

A gallant lady this and a charming one. There are two things I shall always remember about her and about the Governor of

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penicillin to  
the job.  
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too - there was a relation between the two -  
the coded alphabet: the other. <sup>she gave</sup> ~~she gave~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~  
~~she governed in state & national~~ ~~committee~~ ~~she was~~ ~~the~~ ~~ev~~

and she gave time & thought to  
write. admirably placed she was too,  
for political work - the rest of a rapidly  
rising young administration where <sup>ambitions</sup> ~~ambitions~~  
points of view she shared.

~~Franklin D. Roosevelt~~  
~~two~~ ~~two~~ ~~year~~ ~~ago~~ ~~Franklin~~ ~~Roosevelt~~,  
was elected gov of N. Y. state - ~~that~~  
new election for Eleanor R. - well to be  
late - on earlier said - but it did not  
late news long to see she was <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~  
place in the state - giving something

All of this she does deftly, quietly, efficiently.

Mrs. Roosevelt has a capacity for carrying an enormous amount of detail in her mind and of seeing that this detail is executed without fluster. Indeed you rarely come across a person carrying a big job so free from bustle and hurry.

This is the more remarkable when one remembers that she is not only the manager of this many sided business of being a Governor's wife, the friend of every distressed person in this state, but that she is also a school teacher - not an intermittent school teacher - a substitute - but a regular one.

Every ~~Saturday~~ Sunday night of her life she comes down to New York where the Roosevelt town house is always open and the next morning at nine o'clock she appears at the Todhunter school for girls where for several years <sup>she</sup> ~~now she has not only been one of the~~ <sup>at Todhunter</sup> active managers <sup>but has taught regularly - classes in English literature and American history.</sup> <sup>in several years</sup>

~~At the~~ This Todhunter School is worth knowing about. It was originally started by Miss Joanna Davidge, who for many years exerted a great influence over many girls in New York City. When she married and became Mrs. Randall McKeever, Miss Todhunter, an English woman, took over the school with Miss Marion Dickerman as her Vice-Principal. After the death of her brother, Miss Todhunter offered the school to Miss Dickerman and she offered Mrs. Roosevelt an opportunity of joining with her in what has proved to be a very interesting piece of work. It came at an opportune time, just as the last of the Roosevelt boys was going off to boarding school.

her great interest in each individual child. She has tried to keep an intimate, personal contact with the needs and capacities of each pupil and to develop the best that is in her. This would not be possible in a large school and, therefore, the limit set is one hundred pupils, and the desire of both Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Dickerman is to use the best there is in modern progressive educational methods combined with the best that experience can teach in the past, and adapt it to each individual personality that comes under their care.

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In addition to this she runs a weekly current event class. Not a current event class which is merely a re-hash of news but one which gets down to cases. Last year the girls asked to study the Government of the City of New York and wisely Mrs. Roosevelt said, "Very well, but we will do it in the field." So weekly she goes from one point to another showing these favored young women what it is all about - visiting the Women's Court - the Children's Court - the Probation Court - the Tombs - the City Hall - schools, like that of Angelo Patri's. Is is a way of carrying out Mademoiselle Souvestre's requirement for an educated woman - that she see and understand all sides of life.

Mrs. Roosevelt is almost painfully conscientious about keeping the engagements with her classes. She laughs a little at her own persistency, and again she says, "I am afraid I am a nuisance to my friends sometimes." Certainly it is sometimes difficult to satisfy both the school and Albany. A few months ago Governor Roosevelt ~~was~~ ~~appointed~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~position~~ ~~of~~ ~~Chief~~ ~~Justice~~, hearing that the National Convention of Republican Women of the State of New York were to meet in Albany, sent a cordial invitation to their Chairman, Sarah Schuyler Butler, to

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