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either turn over a new leaf -
or give up the work altogether
for if we remain half-hearted,
[& no one can do the work;
unless she put her whole
heart in it.] We are taking
up the room of better
women, better workers.

The eyes of England &
perhaps of a still farther
larger world are
upon us & pick out our
inconsistencies & short-comings
Many sneering remarks are
made unworthy of notice
But (let this old woman
whisper, just between ourselves:
I have got my profit all my
life out of sneering remarks).
is there not some

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