

Because we have put our trust in wealth rather than in human nature.

What about the women?

Politically the women are nowhere. They have no part in government. Nothing to do with the taxes—but pay them. Nothing to do with the laws—but obey them.

Ought women to have the vote?

Women need the vote as much as men. They are as closely concerned with law and government as men are. Much of the worst paid labor is women's labor; as parents, women have an equal place; and their personal rights need the protection of the vote. Property and tenancy qualifications are much more unfair to women than to men, because women's earnings are smaller, and because the working housewife, though her labor is truly self-supporting, does not receive money payment.

What then is to be done?

Money, houses and land ought not to give votes. Let men vote as men, women as women, and both as human beings. Let us have *no sex disqualification, no marriage disqualification, no poverty disqualification, but one man, one vote; one woman, one vote; that is adult suffrage.*

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LLOYD-GEORGE ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN 1908.

Points from the Speech of the Right Hon. D. Lloyd-George, M. P. Chancellor of the Exchequer, At the Royal Albert Hall, December 5, 1908.

I am here as a Cabinet Minister, not merely to make clear my own personal position in the matter, but to declare what I conceive to be the attitude of the Government towards this problem, and their intention towards it. . . .

I should like to explain why I support the cause of woman suffrage. Before you can carry any measure of women's suffrage you must go through a process of educating the country, and therefore every appeal from every quarter, every argument addressed from anybody who can get a hearing on behalf of women's suffrage, is a contribution to the cause. . . .

You must prepare the ground; you must get every assistance that is possible in order to convert and to convince, and I am simply taking my share in this very essential work. . . .

I have come to the conclusion that it is fair, that it is just, that it is equitable, that it is essential, in the interests of the state, that the suffrage should be granted to women. . . .

To-day you have 5,000,000 women who earn their daily bread. . . .

This is the first time a Cabinet Minister has ever appeared on a women's suffrage platform. . . .

Brilliant and cultured women are deemed to be more unfit for the franchise than a sandwich-man

carrying an advertisement. Well, now, that is indefensible; it is irrational, and it must come to an end. There is nothing exceeds the stupidity of such a position except its arrogance. . . .

The real practical difficulty is that it is not a party measure. . . .

You have got a majority, and a great majority, of the Liberal party—a majority inside the Cabinet and a majority outside the Cabinet. . . .

The declaration made by the Prime Minister in May of this year—its real significance for women's suffrage—is this: That, for the first time in the history of this country, a Prime Minister has declared it to be an open question not merely for his party, but for his Cabinet as well. . . .

The Prime Minister attached two conditions. One is that the measure must be a democratic one—that it shall enfranchise not property, but womanhood; and the second is that there must be a clear demonstration that it is the wish of the women of this country to be included in the franchise.

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EDUCATING WOMEN FOR SUFFRAGE.

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It seems to me that girls are more miseducated than boys, especially now that every girl is destined to come forward as a citizen. It is natural to think at some time in her life every woman will fulfill her normal destiny, that of a wife and mother; but in these days, whether that be so or not, she will soon be exercising the privileges of citizenship. Are the girls and women of America prepared for this? I am asked. No, far from it, but they are no more lacking than all boys and some men. It is incomprehensible to me, in view of the fact that suffrage will soon be given to women, both in this country and Great Britain, that all the girls' schools and colleges do not have instruction and training in parliamentary law.

American women are going to be a wonderfully potent element in politics when they have the ballot, for women will realize that the machinery of politics means less than men think it does. The latter mistake the means for the end. Women will take a much more human view of politics. They will never cease working until they have divested politics of the sham and complications which men have invented to conceal graft and throw dust in the eyes of the public. American men are so overworked, so engrossed in business, that I believe the whole future of America lies in the hands of women, and when women have the franchise they will shake the foundations of gov-

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