

Good women in India threaten to drown themselves if a Hindu proposes to educate his daughter.

7. "*The basal conviction of our best manhood is against it.*"

Not so! The majority of the members of the British House of Commons voted to give all women, married and single, the right to vote and be elected in all school and municipal elections. Bishop Simpson, Bishop Bowman, Bishop Hurst, Bishop Gilbert Haven, Longfellow, Whittier, Wendell Phillips, George William Curtis, Emerson, Abraham Lincoln and Charles Sumner labored earnestly for it. The majority of Protestant ministers are in favor of it. The great Prohibition Convention held in Toronto in 1893 passed a strong resolution in favor of it. The National Grange of the United States did the same thing. Patrons of Industry and labor associations are almost universally in favor of it. It is stupendously impudent for an occasional man of ability to assume that because his prejudices will not let him see the light, therefore all good men are blind. One thing is certain, however; all bad men are against it. Lewd men and liquor organizations will oppose it to the last.

8. "*Bad women will vote.*" Do not bad men vote? Is there any greater danger in allowing bad women to vote than in allowing bad men to vote? If a moral standard could be fixed and a moral test practically applied, it would be wise to exclude both bad men and bad women. In any case, they should be treated alike. To allow bad men to vote, and at the same time experience a shock at the thought of allowing bad women to vote, is illogical and ridiculously inconsistent.

9. "*Women cannot claim the suffrage as a class, since they are not a class, but a sex.*" The injustice of refusing the suffrage to a sex is much greater than refusing it to a race or a class. No race or class includes half the people in the world. But women do not claim the suffrage either as a class or a sex. They claim it as individuals, as beings created by God, and held responsible for their acts quite as much as men are. They realize their power to think, and they ask the right to crystallize their thoughts into effective agencies against evil. They deny that the fact of being women destroys their individuality or relieves them of responsibility. Women do not think it