

books teem with legislation of the paternal type—trespassing upon personal liberty. There remains much of slavery of the soul to public opinion of an unenlightened type. Walk in the narrow groove laid down for you or suffer the pangs of a martyr. You may not, as of old, be killed outright but your persecutions will be galling. Every man should fight for his personal rights to the last ditch.

Women are slowly evolving from an inferior position to that of man. This is a movement that will grow and expand until she is in every respect man's equal before the law. The franchise is but one of many rights to be extended to her. Why not?

While marriage is no doubt a noble institution it is far from being wholly so. Perhaps this is because man is such an imperfect being. He may be to blame, not the institution. But marriage is shockingly a cloak to cover intemperance and excesses that in large measure are the ruination of the race. The study of nature should be welcomed in this connection. For sex is the divinest thing in nature. A man can hardly observe the temperance of the hitherto despised animal world in regard to sex and continue in a course of excess that has no parallel among the beasts. And, is not this very fact of intemperance a strong argument for just divorce laws? Surely a woman is not to be forced to give up her very soul, as so many do, for some traditional notion that marriage is of heavenly origin. I never have been able to understand why a person is forced to submit to a complete failure of life because he is married to one with whom it is impossible to live in harmony. The thing is preposterous.

Life has within it a saving force of its own—a vitality that should lead to continued progress upward. The