THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

Twelve Reasons Why Women Want to Vote.

By Alice Stone Blackwell in the Union Signal.

1. Because it is fair and right that those who obey the laws should have a voice in making them, and that those who pay taxes should have a voice as to the amount of the tax and the way in which it shall be spent. Harriet Becher Stowe says: "If the principle on which we founded our Government is true, that taxation must not be without representation, and if women hold property and are taxed, it follows that women should be represented in the State by their votes. I think the State can no more afford to dispense with the aid of women in its affairs than the family."

2. Because it is the quietest, easiest, most dignified and least conspicuous way of influencing public affairs. It takes much less expenditure of time, labor and personal presence to go up to the ballot box, drop in a slip of paper and come away, than to stand all day at the polls offering coffee and entreaties to a miscellaneous crowd of voters. Above all, the ballots would be effectual; the coffee and entreaties too often are not.

3. Because it would elevate and broaden women's minds to take part of the spare time which they now spend on fancy work, wax flowers, crazy quilts and gossip, and devote it to the study of public questions. It would make them more intelligent companions for their husbands, and broader-minded mothers for their children. If women understood politics a man would not be obliged to leave his wife and go down to the store of an evening in order to find some one with whom to talk over the questions in which he is most interested.

4. Because it would increase women's influence. Mrs. Zereida G. Wallace, "the mother of Ben Hurr," lately said, speaking of the exclusion of women from all voice in regard to public affairs: "Think of the effect of this dishonor upon the boys of the land. The mother tries to teach her boy that he must be pure, and temperate, and honorable. That boy goes out from his mother, and the first thing he meets with neutralizes and gives the lie to all his mother's teachings. He says to himself, 'Why, mother says so and so; but he finds men in high places violating all those teachings, and he begins to conclude that his mother does not know much about it. From that minute the boy discounts his mother's judgment, and though she must still have a hold on his affections, she does not have a hold on him in any other way. There is where you wrong us, gentlemen, and cripple us in training men who will make the statesmen of this nation. If you want us to make statesmen, you must give the women an interest in the Government, and you must count their opinions.

5. Because it would result in the election of better men to office. In Wyoming, soon after the passage of the woman suffrage law a man was elected who was popular with his party, but who was a secret drinker. After his election he grew more careless, went into saloons openly, and was several times seen on the street the worse for liquor. The politicians of his party did not care. When his term was out they renominated him. A man came home from the caucus, and his wife asked him who the candidate was. He told her. "Why," she said, "that man cannot possibly be elected." "Why not?" asked her husband, in surprise. The wife made no answer, but she put on her sunbonnet and went out and talked with the woman next door over the fence. The woman next door put on her sunbonnet and went out and talked with her next neighbor; and so they passed the word all through the town. The women held no caucus, made no public demonstration, but when election day came the intemperate candidate found himself defeated. He knew he had done nothing to make him lose caste with his party, and he could not understand his defeat until one of his lady friends said to him very quietly, "We could not let you back; you were setting a bad example to our boys." In Wyoming, both parties have come to recognize the necessity of nominating their best men, or, at least, not nominating bad men, if they wish to succeed.

6. Because, under our present system, bad women have too much influence in politics. A member of the Michigan Legislature once told Rev. Anna Shaw that if women voted the bad women would have to vote. She answered: "There is a certain row of houses close to the capitol at Lansing, and you know by what sort of women those houses are occupied every year during the session of the Legislature; and you know that their influence is a formidable factor in determining legislation. If women could vote a class of men would be chosen to office who are not so susceptible to the influence of bad women." The bad women are too few in number, in comparison with the good women, to exert much influence merely by their votes. But our public officers are elected by men alone, and are responsible for their official acts to a constituency composed of men alone. Public opinion on social questions is comparatively lax among men. Hence, men of notoriously immoral character are often chosen to positions of high public trust, and they appoint others like themselves. Witness the case of Sheriff Flack, of New York. Such men of course, are open to the influence of bad women, who are thus able to exert a power out of all proportion to their numbers. Let the great mass of good mothers, wives and sisters have a voice in choosing our representatives, and a higher class of men will be chosen, who will not be under the sway of bad women. Women want to vote in order that the good women may have more influence in politics than the bad ones.

7. Because women want to protect their business interests. As farmers need votes in order that they may represent the farming interests, and manufacturers in order that they may represent the manufacturing interests, so women need votes in order that they may represent the interests of the home. For instance: A few years ago the Mayor of Louisville made an effort to enforce the city ordinances against gambling houses. He was met by a petitiom from leading citizens, lawyers, doctors and merchants, begging him to desist, on the ground that his action would injure the business interests of the city. Men who came to Louisville to trade expected to have "a good spree" after transacting their business. If they could not do this in Louisville, trade would go elsewhere. Not long after, the Mayor of St. Paul made an effort to enforce the city ordinances against houses of ill fame, and he was met with a similar petition from prominent citizens, protesting on the same ground—that it would injure the business interests of the city. How many of the wives of those prominent citizens do you suppose you could have got to sign such a petition? Probably most of the men who signed it were not themselves gamblers, or patrons of the other places. But they were business men, their minds were fixed on making money, and they looked mainly at the money side of the question. The mothers, too, were in business. Their business was bringing up the boys and girls to be good men and women. They knew that the gambling houses and similar places interfered with their business—which is really the most important business of all, and the one for the sake of which all the others exist. And every mother of them would have supported the mayor—if she could. But every gambler, every loafer, every man who is absorbed in material interests to the exclusion of moral interests, has a vote with which to intimidate a mayor who tries to do his duty. The good wives and mothers have no votes with which to sustain him. Is it any wonder that city officials so often wink at violations of law, when it is not the shops or factories of a city that are endangered, but only its homes?

8. Women want to vote because politics are so corrupt. For years good men have been trying in vain, unassisted, to purify them. They need the help and co-operation of women. The corruption of public life sets a bad example to every woman's husband; it assails the morals of her son as soon as he steps across her threshold; it takes the tax money contributed by women, and refuses to apply it to purposes which women think most useful and desirable, such as police matrons, and squanders it lavishly for things which women regard as useless or even harmful, such as great quantities of champagne at inauguration balls. It is idle to say that the political world is too corrupt for women to touch it, when it inevitably touches women at so many points. It is as if a man, in a mistaken spirit of chivalry, should refuse to let his wife lift a hand to do any house cleaning, on the ground that the house was too dirty for her to touch it, and at the same time should expect her to go on living in that same dirty house. When she saw her husband and children suffering from the effects of dirt, she would be sure to ask to be allowed to help clean things up. And to fancy that a woman can purify politics better by abstract moral disapprobation than by voting for good men and against bad ones, is like fancying that she could cleanse her house more effectually by frowning at the dirt than by taking a broom in her hand.

9. Because, in the laws now upon our statute books, the reasonable wishes of women are not adequately represented. Witness the laws which license the sale of intoxicating liquor; the laws in relation to the age of consent, which regard a little girl as mature enough to consent to her own ruin at 10 or 12 years of age—in Delaware at 7; the law by which a married mother has no right to her own children as long as she lives with her husband; the law by which the husband can, by will, bequeath the custody and guardianship of the children away from their mother; the law of Massachusetts which provides a heavier penalty for stealing a fine cow than for ruining a virtuous woman by fraud and deceit. These laws were not enacted because men meant to be unjust or unkind to women, but because they looked at things simply from their own point of view. That is human nature. If women alone had made the laws, no doubt the laws would have been just as one-sided as they are now, only in the opposite direction. As we need two eyes to get a correct perspective, so we need to have both the masculine and the feminine points of view represented in legislation in order to reach a just result.

10. Because actual and cruel wrongs are every day inflicted upon women, to which woman suffrage would put an end. We have all shuddered over Dr. Kate Bushnell's account of the stockaded dens of vice in the lumber camps of Michigan and Wisconsin, where women are compelled to lead a life of shame against their will. Dr. Bushnell and others who have tried to do away with the evil all testify that the reason such things are allowed to continue is that the officers of the law are in league with the wrong-doers. How long would such officers remain in power if their tenure of office depended in any degree upon the votes of women? No woman has all the rights she ought to want until she has the right to say with authority that such things shall cease.

11. Because it is a maxim in war, "Always do the thing to which your enemy particularly objects." The Brewers' Convention at Chicago passed this resolution by a unanimous vote:

Resolved: That we are opposed to woman suffrage everywhere and always; for when woman has the ballot, she will vote solid for prohibition; and woman's vote is the last hope of the Prohibitionists.

You may persuade a church member that the majority of mothers would vote for dramshops, but you will never make the liquor interest believe it. "The children of darkness are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

12. Because we are more and more coming to realize the truth of Frances Willard's empatic assertion: "The ten commandments and the sermon on the Mount are voted up or voted down upon election day." When such interests are trembling in the balance, every woman must long to cast a vote into the scale that represents purity, sobriety, and honor.

THE MAD DOG.

When spreads abroad the hydrophobia scare,
And people grow alarmed everywhere,
'Tis well to know the signs that indicate
Your cur is mad, ere yet it's all too late.
Rabid dogs I've seen on many a time,
So will describe their case in doggerel rhyme.
For causes of its origin will only say that
One is from bite of infuriated cat.
As oft in winter as in summer season,
And its name of "hydrophobia" has not any reason.
That long before the worst stages have begun
The greatest harm is most often done.
Avoidance of being bitten is better far than cure,
And will save you all that bother of going to Pasteur.

Symtoms: First around as usual he is not
But sleeps for hours in some secluded spot;
Next, missed for one or for two days,
To distant neighborhood from home he strays,
Appears to notice no objects in his track,
Nor for ten days dead crow will he turn back.

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Heard in some yard between a bark and yelp,
And there distempered looking mongrel whelp,
Who snaps at fowl and bites the hog.
His owner not at hand, a stranger dog
Comes home again, shows signs of gladness
Oft quickly changed to looks of sadness,
Searches hurriedly around, laps water from the pans,
Affectionately licks his master's hands,
But whines as if instinctively he knows
His shortened days are drawing to a close.
No froth upon his mouth as yet, but hark!
There is a strangeness in his bark.
His neck looks thin, a slight fishy stare,
And now be careful not to raise a scare,
Most especially do not him unwisely hit
As it might result in rabid fit.
For with these facts and signs combined
Its the genuine rabies, as you will find,
But when you've safely mounted on the table
Then shout "The dog is mad!" for all your able.

In his last stage he seeks the darkened path
With swollen jaws, his mouth besmeared with froth,
Until within some nook or ditch he lies
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WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Essex law library has ordered $300 worth of new books.

A choir has been organized in the Wingham Presbyterian Church.

An escaped lunatic is said to be wandering about Malden township.

The Blyth Council has lately purchased a Ronald fire engine and 2,000 feet of hose.

Delhi's civic holiday will be held on the 24th inst., and most of the villagers will visit Port Stanley.

Elaborate preparations are being made in Arthur for a Foresters' demonstration to take place there on July 31.

Lightning came in over the wires and damaged one of the telegraph instruments at St. Pauls the other evening.

Sarnia and Port Huron people are agitating a celebration on the completion of the tunnel under the St. Clair River.

Plans and specifications are being prepared for the erection of a four-room addition to the St. Marys central school.

Isaac Cowell, aged 17 years, residing near Woodslee, has been arrested on the charge of throwing stones at passing M. C. R. trains.

Mr. Platt, manager of the Sarnia Oil Works, has been fined $25 and costs for allowing deleterious substances to pollute St. Clair River. Mr. Platt settled.

Miss Dotty and Hattie Irwin, recently members of the teaching staff of Tilsonburg public school, passed the Normal School examinations in Toronto, taking high honors.

The men at the tunnel were paid nearly $20,000 in wages last week at Sarnia for their month's work. This is the largest amount yet paid in wages by the tunnel company.

The St. Thomas branch of the Traders' Bank has been closed, Mr. Coleman, the late manager, going to Toronto. Deposits not withdrawn are transferred to their Aylmer branch.

The residents of Simcoe and Brantford, together with two or three in Hamilton, have about $25,000 invested in Port Dover in summer residences, with a prospect of still more capital coming.

Private Dawson has been dismissed from the Dufferin Rifles, Brantford, for insubordination in refusing to sign the roll. This is the first instance of the kind on record in that battalion.

During the quarter ending June 10, P. M. Hare, Tilsonburg, made seven convictions as follows: Disturbing worship, 3; profane language, 1; dangerous lunatic, 1; larceny, 2.

Wm. Moynehan was arrested at St. Thomas on No. 3 M. C. R. express by Constable Baker on Sunday morning. He was bound for Detroit. He got ten days for trespass and stealing a ride.

The body found floating in the river at Colchester on the 14th inst. has been identified as that of Christian Klasen, of Detroit, who committed suicide by jumping off a ferry steamer two days previous.

Thomas Webster, inspector of customs at Brantford, who was staying with his brother in Montreal, died suddenly of heart disease on Sunday night. A verdict to that effect was returned by the coroner's jury.

Five hotel-keepers of St. Marys appeared before his Worship the Mayor and Squire Box for infraction of the License Act. Four of them pleaded guilty and were fined $20 and costs. The fifth defended the suit.

Mr. Samuel Cleaver, of the township of Brantford, has been appointed by the Surrogate Court of Stratford sole executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah Cleaver, of the township of Logan, county of Perth.

James Lambert, an old and much respected resident and merchant tailor of Sarnia, died a few days ago, in his 63rd year. The funeral was largely attended. Deceased leaves a wife and grown-up family.

The water in the Grand River at Galt this week has fallen to the level of the dam, and but little or none is now running over. It is probable that manufacturers on its banks will soon have to call upon their reserve power of steam.

Brandon Sun: Mr. Morgan, of Ailsa Craig, Ont., arrived in the city on Friday last. This is his first trip west of the Laurentians. He is highly pleased, and if he can only induce himself to return to the effete east, he will carry back a good account.

Mrs. Cliffe, wife of the editor of the Brandon Mail, passed away the other morning after a lingering illness. Much sympathy is manifested by the numerous friends for the bereaved husband. Mr. Cliffe was formerly connected with a Kincardine journal.

David Turner, employed in Still's handle factory, St. Thomas, was putting a belt on a pulley in the factory on Monday with a fork handle. The handle caught in the spokes of the pulley and struck him over the abdomen. It is feared he is badly injured internally.

A. Dale, principal of the Drumbo public school, who was recently fined for alleged excessive punishment of one of his pupils, has published a letter in which he states the castigation was not severe. The fine and costs were collected and paid by a few of the teacher's friends.

The dwelling house of Mr. P. Speardown, Credition, was burned on Monday during the absence of all the family except Mrs. Speardown's mother, an aged lady, who was asleep in bed. The neighbors discovered the fire and carried the lady from the burning building. Loss, $450.

Some time ago "Dr." Levi Tillison, of Dunnville, formerly of Burford, was charged before the St. Catharines Police Magistrate for practicing medicine and was discharged, it being proven that he only professed to be a herbalist. He intends to enter an action for $1,000 damages for his arrest.

Little Willie Duggan, 11 years old, went to Burlington Beach with the Sunday school excursion, and missing the train at 5 p.m. by which the excursionists returned to Milton, set out for home on foot, getting there at midnight. Twenty miles in seven hours was pretty good for a small boy with an empty stomach.

The Arthur Enterprise says: "It is rumored that an elopement took place last week. The principals to the affair were a youth of perhaps 18, a graduate of one of the homes established by Miss Rye or Dr. Barnardo, who has been working for a gentleman here for some time, and a 15-year-old girl named McNeill."

Miss Rose Revell, daughter of R. M. Revell, of Woodstock, carried off five first prizes at the examination for nurses at the Philadelphia training school for nurses the other day. Miss Ethel E. Stark also passed a very creditable examination after one year's course at the Grace Hospital training school for nurses, Detroit.

The recent garden party on the rectory grounds of St. James' Episcopal Church, St. Marys, was the most successful one held there this season. The enterprise of the management in illuminating the grounds with electric light, and the delightful music of the 28th Battalion Band, tended largely to its great success.

Among the appointments to office noted in the Canada Gazette are John Walsh, of Ottawa, to be chief clerk in the Postoffice Department and superintendent of the dead letter branch; G. Rennie, to be inspector of gas and gas meters for Stratford, and Mr. Shanacy, deputy collector of inland revenue, to be inspector of gas and gas meters at Barrie.

Brantford Courier: "During the absence of the Rev. J. C. Tolmie from the manse a few days ago, a number of the ladies of the church invaded his rooms and most tastefully decorated them up with cream lace curtains and cream and blue ornaments. The ornaments and ribbons holding them in place are most tastefully painted and give his rooms a pretty appearance. 'Tis better to be born lucky than rich, apparently."

Judge Wood, of Stratford, held a court at St. Marys on Friday for the hearing of appeals from the assessment roll. The main feature of the day was the hearing of the appeals of the farmers living within the corporation limits, who are seeking to be reduced to a basis equal to the farm lands outside the limits. They succeeded in getting a partial reduction. After the final revision was completed the assessment of the town stood at nearly $1,250,000. The corporation incloses 3,200 acres of land.

The other night at Embro Michael Whiteman went on a spree, and calling at John Blair's house demanded some money which he said Mr. Blair owed him. Payment was refused, whereupon Micheal tore down a fence and allowed 30 head of cattle to get out on the road. Mr. Blair then summoned him before Magistrate Thorne, who ordered him to pay $5 damages and furnish sureties to keep the peace for a year. This he was unable to do, and Constable McKay took him to Woodstock jail.

Mrs. Hollinshead, an old and well-known resident of Guelph, died suddenly on Friday night. She had been visiting at the residence of a friend and arrived home about 9 o'clock and went to the pump for a jug of water. Evidently she became suddenly sick, as she left the vessel on the platform of the pump and returned to the house. Scarcely had she done so before she was heard calling for help, and was found lying unconscious. By the time a doctor arrived the woman had expired. Heart disease was the cause of death.

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There are two well-kept hotels in the place, one by Mr. Wm. Collins and the other by Mr. John Turnbull, who also has a general store in which he keeps the postoffice. Mr. Albert Abbott is the leading blacksmith, and Mr. A. Scott the carriage builder and wagon maker.

The principal business done in this village is cheese-making and cattle shipping. The cheese factory is under the management of Mr. S. A. Smith, and he says the make of cheese this season will be about 70 tons. That is ten or twelve tons more than last year.

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