

zanship, we feel, like all women, we are in process. We have but recently begun to realize that we are individuals. Protection of adults weakens them, and causes arrested development. Power, we find, is not a gift, but is the result of wide exercise. With more exercise of the ballot, we expect to be a greater power in our State for good.

THE TIDES

"So vain is the cry of the Masters,
And vain the plea of the hearth,
As the ranks of the strange New
Woman

Go sweeping across the earth.
They have come from hall and hovel;
They have pushed through door and
gate.

On the world's highway they are
crowded today—

For the hour is the hour of fate.
Many are hurt in the crowding;

The light of the home grows dim—
And man is aghast at the changes,
Though all can be traced to him.

They sat too long at the hearthstone
And sat too oft alone,
And the silence spoke, and their souls
awoke,

And now they must claim their
own.

Let no man hope to hinder;

Let no man bid them pause;
They are moved by a hidden purpose.

They follow resistless laws,
And out of the wreck and chaos

Of the order that used to be,
A strong new race shall take its place

In a world we are yet to see.

Oh, ever has man been leader,
Yet failed as woman's guide.

It is better that she step forward,
And take her place at his side—

For only from greater woman

May come the greater man.
Through life's long quest they should
walk abreast

As was meant by the primal plan.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

PERHAPS!

Mrs. Chapman Catt.)

Perhaps you paused to think that the laws under which you live, and which control the whole environment of your life, are the direct or the indirect results of the averaged opinions which are put into the ballot box, you would incline to study the questions which pertain to the right of voting.

Perhaps, if you realized that law guarantees, or restricts, your own personal liberty; protects, or jeopardizes your health, your home, your happiness; regulates the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the books you read, the amusements you enjoy; in fact permits, or prohibits, your every act, you would feel a serious obligation to enquire into the nature of such authority over you.

Perhaps if you paused to think that law will never represent the highest intelligence or morality since intelligence and morality must always be averaged at the ballot box with ignorance and immorality, you would perceive that whenever intelligence and morality predominate over ignorance and immorality, the trend of civilization must be upwards, and you would search for such factors.

Perhaps, if you knew that women are also voting upon all questions in Australia, a country nearly as large as our own, New Zealand, Norway and Finland, and in municipal affairs in Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and England, you would awaken to the knowledge that other lands are passing us in the race toward liberty for all people, and you would ask why the United States hesitate to live up to its own principles of "equal rights for all special privileges for none."

Perhaps if you knew that the book-sellers of Denver reported that they had sold more books on Civil Government and Political Economy in six months after women were enfranchised than in ten years before, you would be convinced that women appreciate the responsibility of voting, and prepare